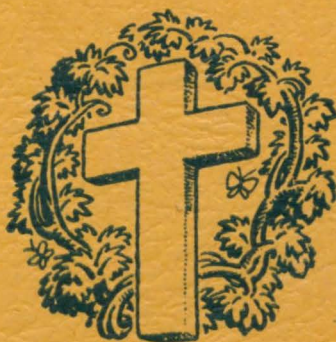


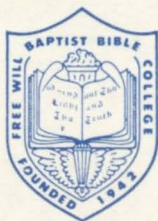
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The West Virginia
Yearly Meeting



OF THE
Free Will Baptist Church

IN SESSION WITH
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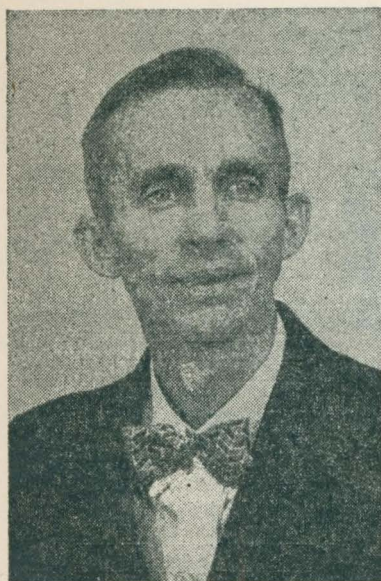
At Packsville, W. Va., August 24 - 25, 1951



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd



Bro. Raymond Sutphin
CLERK



Rev. John Henson
Moderator
MINISTERIAL SESSION



Deacon E. B. LEGG
Treasurer

Rev. H. W. SCOTT
Moderator
GENERAL SESSION
(Picture not on hand)

The 67th Ministerial session of the W. Va. Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists in session with Packsville F.W. B. church at Packsville, W. Va., August 24, 1951.

Friday Morning

Devotional by pastor Rev. Wade Webb. Song, What a friend we have in Jesus. Prayer led by Rev. J. M. Henson, devotional reading 33rd Psalm.

Called to order by clerk, selection of ministerial moderator; Rev. J. M. Henson was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Ministerial Business Committee was elected from the floor as follows; Rev. Wade Webb, Chr., Rev. Mont Pettry, Rev. Herbert Cook, Dea. Odie Bailey, Dea. M. C. Kidd.

Pulpit Committee — The Packsville Church and it's pastor.

Obituary Committee — Left for the general session selection.

Minutes of the next privous ministerial session read as information. Reports of ministers called for and those on hand were read and approved. Morning business suspended for preaching services.

Song, Since Jesus came into my heart, prayer by Bro. Clifford Kidd, morning speaker Rev. H. H. Rumburg, text: Let your light shine. A good short message conclusion by Rev. Wade Webb from the subject - An inside experience with the Lord. — Text; Overlay it within with pure gold. A good spiritual message. Song and Christian handshake. Solo by Sis. Bonnie Lou Henson, Under His wing. Services recessed until 1:30 p. m. No benediction. Lunch served in the church basement.

Friday Evening 1:30 p. m. —

Devotional by moderator, The wonderous story, scripture reading 88th Psalm. Prayer led by Rev. R. L. Bradley. Song Face to face.

Business resumed at 1:45. Reports from ministers read and approved. Business Committee retires to transact business. Time spent in singing.

Business Committee Reports— We recommend that the note given us on unity by Rev. Rumburg be read to the assembled body for their approval or disapproval. Signed — Rev. Wade Webb, Rev. Mont Pettry, Rev. Herbert Cook, Dea. Odie Bailey, Dea. M. C. Kidd. Report stood approved and the committee was released.

The note by Rev. Rumburg was read as follows; "We recommend that there be more co-operation between pastors and other members especially preachers of good report that are not pastors and more unity in the church in general." This recommendation stood approved by vote of the assembled body.

Business was suspended for evening preaching. Song by Rev. R. L. Bradley "Heaven", Song by Sis. Gibson "Sweet memories of Mother." Song, Send the light. Evening speaker Rev. L. C. Hewlett. Subject - A work well done. An able message that was enjoyed by all. Song and handshake.

Short talk by Rev. Henson. Good testimonies given by several in the assembly. Benediction by Rev. H. W. Scott.

Evening lunch served in church basement.

Friday Night 7:00 p. m. ———

Devotional by moderator. Song, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Scripture reading 2nd chapter Phillipians. Prayer led by Rey. Sharp Estep.

Business resumed at 7:12. — More reports from ministers read and approved. Solo by Bro. Hauley, Some Day.

Minutes of this session were read and approved. It was moved and supported to adjourn the business of this ministerial sessions until the next annual session at a place designated by the General Session. Song by Packsville choir, When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way. Prayer by Rev. Ernest Bias Song, Alone in the Garden. Annual message by Rev. A. A. Collins. Text : And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. A very able message enjoyed by all.

Announcements and assignments were made. Benediction by Rev. Charles Gray.

Rev. J. M. Henson, Ministerial Moderator

Raymond Sutphin, Clerk

Minutes of the 67th General Session of the W. Va. Year'y Meeting of F. W. B. in session at Packsville F. W. B. church at Packsville, W. Va., August 25, 1952.

9:30 a. m.—— Devotional by pastor Rev. Wade Webb, song I am thine O Lord, prayer led by Rev. Charles Gray, Scripture 116 Psalm.

Called to order for business by clerk. Rev. H. W. Scott was chosen moderator. Moderator welcomes all visiting brethren. Voting power was assembled in a designated portion of church.

Committees were elected from the floor as follows;

Business Committee — Rev's. Ernest Bias, Chr., Charles Gray J. M. Henson, J. W. Cooper, J. L. Patterson.

Obituary Committee — Rev's Joe Thomas, Chr., Wade Webb, R. L. Bradley.

Next Session Committee — Delegates from the various Quarterly Meetings with Bro. Jarvis Combs as chairman.

Pulpit Committee — Packsville church and pastor.

Quarterly Meeting Reports ——

Q. M.	Finance with report
Boone.....	\$ 96.00
Brotherhood	24.00
Elk River	12.00
Fayette.....	24.00
Raleigh.....	35.00
Good Will	12.00
Total	\$203.00

Committees retire to do their work. Business was adjourned for preaching. Morning speaker, Rev. Deward Jarrell, text: It's later than I thought. A very spiritual message. assignments were made for dinner. No benediction given.

Saturday 2:00 p. m.—— Devotional by moderator. Solos by Rev. F. P. Cooke and Rev. R. L. Bradley. Devotional reading 23 Psalm, prayer led by Rev. J. M. Henson. Solo by Sis. Bonnie Lou Henson, God will lead His dear children on home.

Business reconvened at 2:15 p. m. Other reports were read. Some time was spent in singing while waiting for committee to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE

We have have given the next session of Yearly Meeting to Bias' Branch Chapel F.W.B. church, to be held on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August 1952, church is located on U. S. route 119 about 1 mile below Jeffery, W. Va. Signed — Jarvis Combs, chr. Report approved and committee was released.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We your committee recommend the following items:

Item 1 - That the Brotherhood Q. M. be given a letter of dismission and recommendation from this Yearly Meeting at their request.

Item 2 - That the Fayette Q. M. be given a letter of dismission and recommendation from this Yearly Meeting at their request.

Item 3 - That the Elk River Q. M. be given a letter of dismission and recommendation from this Yearly Meeting at their request.

Item 4 - That all ordained ministers in the above Quarterly Meetings be granted good standing cards for 1 year and other members of these Q. M. be considered in good standing for 1 year in this Yearly Meeting, since some are opposed to withdrawing from this Yearly Meeting and that they be given 1 years time to adjust themselves to the withdrawal action.

Item 5 - That the Good Will Q. M. be received in this Yearly Meeting and be given the right hand of fellowship.

Item 6 - That the clerk be paid for this years service but at the same time thank him for his generous offer to donate his years service.

Item 7 - That new members be elected to the various boards to replace members on the boards from Q. M's that are taking letters from this Yearly Meeting.

Rev's. E. Bias, chr., C. Gray, J. M. Henson, J. W. Cooper
J. L Patterson.

The first 6 items recommended by business committee were approved by the General Assembly as read. Item 7 was rejected and it was voted to permit the members on the various boards from the withdrawing Q. M's. and whose terms had not expired, to continue to serve for 1 year during the adjusting period.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your committee submit a report of the following deaths within our membership during past year.

NAME	CHURCH	POST OFFICE
Rev. Steve Hogg	Anstead	Anstead, W. Va.
Bro. Fitzwater	Bickmore	Bickmore, "
Sis. Lydia Barker	Bull Creek	Van, "
Bro. Orton Price	Bull Creek	Van, "
Bro. James Pauley	McCorkle	McCorkle, "
Bro. Jordan Graley	McCorkle	McCorkle, "
Sis. Della Browning	Coal Valley	Clothier, "
Sis. Lena Meadows	Blooming Rose	Blooming Rose, "
Sis. Lucy Haspel	Mt Herman	Comfort, "
Bro. P. F Pettry	Mt Herman	Comfort, "
Bro. Ray Foster	Mt Herman	Comfort, "
Bro. Orville Fowler	Monclo	Sharples, "
Bro. A.B. Morrison	Thomas Memorial	Huntington, "
Sis. Elsie Cremeans		"
Bro. James Rondant	Signal Gap	Hurricane, "
Bro. Tom Stover	Packsville	Packsville, "
Sis. Edna M. Morris	Delbert	Pine Knob, "

We wish to extend our sympathy to all those who have been bereaved because of these deaths, and recommend that this assembled body stand in silent prayer for one minute as a tribute of respect to our deceased members.

Rev's.- Joe Thomas, chr., Wade Webb, R. L. Bradley.

Report approved as read and committee released, and assembled body stood in silent prayer in respect to the deceased.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Rev. T. C. Morgan was elected to serve on the Yearly Meeting Executive Board for Good Will Q. M.

Rev. D. E Bias was elected to serve on the Y. M. Executive Board for Brotherhood Q. M.

Notice Of Intended Change In By-Laws ———

It was moved and snpported to file notice of intended change in by-law No.1 governing this Yearly Meeting and elect a committee of 3 to work out the necessary changes during coming year and present same to 1952 session of Yearly Meeting for their adoption or rejection.

Election of committee to work out by-law change —

Rev. D. E. Bias, chr., Rev. T. C. Morgan, Dea. E. B. Legg.

Board Vacancies Filled —

The following persons were elected to 3 year terms on the respective boards replacing those whose terms had expired.

Rev. Ernest Bias	-----	Superanuation Board
Rev. Kenneth Skeens	-----	Education Board
Rev. L. C. Hewlett	-----	Home Mission Board
Rev. Roy Parsons	-----	F. W. B. L. Board
Rev. R. L. Bradley	-----	Foreign Mission Board

The Good Will Q. M. was given the right hand of fellowship as a new member of this Yearly Meeting.

The hand of friendship and good will was extended to those Quarterly Meetings that were withdrawing from this Y. M.

A rising vote of thanks was given Packsville church and the community for their hospitality toward this Yearly Meeting.

Rev. Ernest Bias was chosen to bring the next annual message on Friday night of next Yearly Meeting at Bias' Branch church with Rev. Wade Webb as alternate speaker.

Minutes of this session of the Yearly Meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and supported to adjourn the business of this Yearly Meeting.



Song, Blessed Assurance, evening speaker Rev. T. C. Morgan
Subject: The cross roads of life. A good strong message. Song,
God be with you till we meet. Christian handshake.

It was announced that Rev. J. L. Patterson would bring a
Saturday night message. Benediction by Rev. R. L. Bradley.
Rev. H. W. Scott, moderator Raymond Sutphin, clerk

OFFICIALS OF THE YEARLY MEETING

Moderator, Rev. H. W. Scott, (Term expires August 1952.)
Sugar Creek Drive, Charleston, W. Va.

Treasurer, Deason E. B. Legg (standing official), 409
Water Street, Huntington, W. Va. Box 3006

Clerk, Bro. Raymond Sutphin (standing official), Van,
West Virginia. Box 22

YEARLY MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires

Rev. D. E. Bias, (Brotherhood Q. M.) Rock Creek W. Va.	1952
Rev. G. T. Brown, (Elk River Q. M.) Clay, W. Va.	1953
Rev. Cecil Blair, (Fayette Q. M.) route 2 Fayetteville W. Va.	1954
Rev. Edgar Spencer, (Boone Q. M.) Ranger, W. Va.	1955
Rev. Ernest Bias (Raleigh Q. M.) Coal City, W. Va.	1956
Rev. T. C. Morgan (Good Will Q. M.)	1957

288- Smith Street, Huntington, W. Va.

OTHER BOARDS

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Deacon E. B. Legg, chr. Box 3036, Huntington. W. Va.	1952
Rev. Herbert Cook, Arnett, W. Va.	1953
Rev. Ernest Bias, Coal City, W. Va.	1954

EDUCATION BOARD

Bro. Raymond Sutphin, chr. Box 22 Van, W. Va.	1952
Rev. M. J. Fortner, 523 Richmond St. Huntington W. Va.	1953
Deacon K. M. Skeens, Bob White, W. Va.	1954

F. W. B. LEAGUE

Rev. Ray Crum, chr., Fayetteville, W. Va.	1952
Rev. Deward Jarrell, Chesapeake, W. Va.	1953
Rev. L. R. Parsons, Box 193 Route 7, S. Charleston, W. Va.	1954

HOME MISSION

Rev. D. E. Bias, chr., Rock Creek, W. Va.	1952
Rev. P. A. Manning, Oak Hill, W. Va.	1953
Rev. L. C. Hewlett, Mount Hope, W. Va.	1954

FOREIGN MISSION

Rev. J. W. Cooper, chr. Route 1 Fayetteville, W. Va.	1952
Rev. F. E. Nicholas, 1717 Brewer Ave. S. Charleston W. Va.	1953
Rev. R. L. Bradley, Peytona, W. Va.	1954

The Yearly Meeting of F. W. B. meets in annual session on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August of each year. It is composed of the following Quarterly Meetings: Boone, Raleigh and Good Will.

STATISTICS BY QUARTERLY MEETINGS

BOONE

Boone—Quarterly Meeting dates—Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October. Q. M. Clerk, Raymond Sutphin, Van, W. Va.

CHURCHES OF BOONE Q. M.

Name	Location
Cazy	Bim, W. Va.
Freedra	Van, W. Va.
Van	Van, W. Va.
Bull Creek	Van, W. Va.
Quinland	Uneda, W. Va.
Star of Bethlehem	Twilight, W. Va.
Oldest Martha	Bandytown, W. Va.
Elizabeth	Gordon, W. Va.
Blair	Blair, W. Va.
Monclo	Monclo, W. Va.
Coal Valley	Clothier, W. Va.
Laurel	Clothier, W. Va.
Laurel City	Ottawa, W. Va.
Bias' Branch	Jeffrey, W. Va.
Greenview	Greenview, W. Va.
Powell Creek	Star Route, Madison, W. Va.
Willow Grove	McCorkle, W. Va.
McCorkle	McCorkle, W. Va.
Scary	Winfield, W. Va.

Estep	Ridgeview, W. Va.
Droudy	Peytona, W. Va.
Toney's Br. Chapel	Blooming Rose, W. Va.
Mt. Hermon	Comfort, W. Va.
Hopkin's Fork	Seth, W. Va.
Nelson	Seth, W. Va.
Prenter	Prenter, W. Va.
Morning Star	Keith, W. Va.
Jarrells' Valley	Star Route 2, Madison, W. Va.
Ameagle	Ameagle, W. Va.
Guiding Light	Danville, W. Va.
Lick Creek	Danville, W. Va.
14 Mile Creek	Ranger, W. Va.
Wills Memorial	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Magazine	277 Garrison Avenue, Charleston, W. Va.

These churches have a combined membership of 1227 and a combined Sunday School enrollment of 1461.



ORDAINED MINISTERS OF BOONE Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. J. B. Workman	Clothier, W. Va.
Rev. W. H. Howell	Ottawa, W. Va.
J. W. Jeffrey	Jeffrey, W. Va.
Rev. Roy R. Hager	Ramage, W. Va.
Rev. John Abbott	Van, W. Va.
Rev. Deward Jarrell	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Rev. James Ramsey	Uneeda, W. Va.
Rev. E. L. Gibson	Van, W. Va.
Rev. M. L. Kuhn	Van, W. Va.
Rev. Edgar Spencer	Ranger, W. Va.
Rev. S. C. Fraley	Ranger, W. Va.
Rev. R. L. Bradley	Peytona, W. Va.
Rev. F. H. Meadows	Blooming Rose, W. Va.
Rev. Elias Michaels	Comfort, W. Va.
Rev. Taylor Munsey	Comfort, W. Va.
Rev. Sharp Estep	Comfort, W. Va.
Rev. Ray Crum	Fayetteville, W. Va.
Rev. W. D. Porter	Seth, W. Va.
Rev. Richard Hill	Prenter, W. Va.
Rev. L. C. Hewlett	Mt. Hope, W. Va.
Rev. Virgil Sharp	Ridgeview, W. Va.
Rev. S. E. Kyle	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Rev. H. W. Scott ..	Sugar Creek Drive, Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. Lonnie McNeely	Clothier, W. Va.
Rev. Charles Gray	Madison, W. Va.

Name	Address
Rev. C. O. Messer	Julian, W. Va.
Rev. M. W. Graley	McCorkle, W. Va.
Rev. O. V. Hill	Alum Creek, W. Va.
Rev. H. K. Hilbert	Alum Creek, W. Va.
Rev. Herman Adkins	Van, W. Va.
Rev. Carl Davis	Milburn, W. Va.
Rev. Nathan Gibson	Jeffrey, W. Va.
Rev. Elmer Flannery	Clothier, W. Va.
Rev. Auldie Jarrell	Bim, W. Va.
Rev. A. W. Wilson	Logan, W. Va.
Rev. James Harper	Seth, W. Va.
Rev. B. W. Burns	Cinco, W. Va.
Rev. A. B. Slack	277 Garrison Ave. Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. Floyd Jeffrey	277 Garrison Ave. Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. Jasper Toler	Bald Knob, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS OF BOONE Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. Denver Ball	Greenview, W. Va.
Rev. Shady Estep	Bim, W. Va.
Rev. Oliver M. Smith	Sharples, W. Va.
Rev. V. G. Kessel	Seth, W. Va.
Rev. Earl Marcum	Ottawa, W. Va.
Rev. Clarence Adkins	Ottawa, W. Va.
Rev. Tommy Adkins	Ottawa, W. Va.
Rev. Hobert Johnson	Winfield, W. Va.
Rev. J. M. Rogers	Winfield, W. Va.
Rev. Cecil Curry	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Rev. Haskell Dotson	Jeffery, W. Va.
Rev. Vernon Coates	Ameagle, W. Va.

RALEIGH

Raleigh Quarterly Meeting dates—Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in February, May, August and November. Q. M. Clerk, Bro. F. R. Combs, Posey, W. Va.

CHURCHES OF RALEIGH Q. M.

Name	Location
Flat Branch	Arnett, W. Va.
Masseysville	Arnett, W. Va.
Dry Creek	Dry Creek, W. Va.

Name	Location
Horse Creek	Naoma, W. Va.
Packsville	Packsville, W. Va.
Bethel	Pineknob, W. Va.
Delbert.	Pineknob, W. Va.
Hazy	Hazy, W. Va.
Quarrier	Quarrier, W. Va.
New Hope	Pineknob, W. Va.

These churches have a combined membership of 407 and a combined Sunday School enrollment of 466.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF RALEIGH Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. W. M. Peters	Pineknob, W. Va.
Rev. Kenna French	Packsville, W. Va.
Rev. R. F. Perry	Colcord, W. Va.
Rev. F. P. Cook	Arnett, W. Va.
Rev. Herbert Cook	Arnett, W. Va.
Rev. Thomas Brodford	Dry Creek, W. Va.
Rev. Fred Robertson	Packsville, W. Va.
Rev. Glenneth Click	Lang, W. Va.
Rev. H. H. Rumbarg	Packsville, W. Va.
Rev. Denver Dickens	Arnett, W. Va.
Rev. Ernest F Bias	Naoma, W. Va.
Rev. Wade Webb	Arnett, W. Va.
Rev. Virgil Cook	Arnett, W. Va.
Rev. James Bone	Dry Creek, W. Va.
Rev. Mont Pettry	Pineknob, W. Va.
Rev. Eugene Miller	Naoma, W. Va.
Rev. Homer Taylor-----	Montcoal, W. Va.
Rev. James Todd-----	Pineknob, W. Va.
Rev. Lois D. Whitley-----	Daniel, W. Va.
Rev. Albert Miller-----	Naoma, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS OF RALEIGH Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. J. A. Taylar-----	Hazy, W. Va.
Rev. A. L. Thomas-----	Packsville, W. Va.
Rev. Corbert Wood-----	Edwight, W. Va.
Rev. Tissie Wood-----	" " "
Rev. Dollie Boeman-----	" " "
Rev. Carl Asbury-----	Dry Creek, W. Va.
Rev. C. C. McNeely-----	Packsville, W. Va.



GOOD WILL Q. M.

Good Will Quarterly Meeting Dates. — Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in March, June, September and December. Q. M. clerk, Sis. Trilba Patterson, Cabin Creek W. Va.

CHURCHES OF GOOD WILL Q. M.

Name	Location
Bownemont	Bownemont, W. Va.
Milburn	Milburn, W. Va.
First Free Will Baptist	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Laurel Fork	Pond Gap, W. Va.

These churches have a combined membership of 118 and a combined Sunday School enrollment of 165.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF GOOD WILL Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. L. R. Parsons, Route 7	S. Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. J. L. Patterson	Burnwell, W. Va.
Rev. T. C. Morgan	288 Smith St. Huntington, W. Va.
Rev. H. C. Hicks	S. Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. Luther Mc Brarer	Burnwell, W. Va.
Rev. Charles Johnson	Address not listed

(No licensed ministers at present time)



Notes



— FINANCIAL STATEMENT —

Amount in treasury at beginning of session August 1951.

Yearly Meeting Fund	\$392.60
State Building Fund	60.00
F. W. B. League Fund	3.03

— RECEIPTS OF 1951 SESSION —

Q. M.	Yearly Meeting Fund	Building Fund
Boone	\$96.00	
Brotherhood	\$24.00	
Fayette	\$24.00	
Raleigh	\$30.00	\$ 5.00
Elk River	\$12.00	
Good Will	\$12.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$198.00	\$5.00

Plus balance in funds gives the following totals;

Y. M. fund \$590	State building fund \$65.00
F. W. B. League fund \$3.03	

Disbursements

Clerk's salary	\$ 20.00
Printing of Minutes	\$ 75.00
TOTAL	\$ 95.00

Leaving the following balances;

Yearly Meeting Fund \$505.60	State Building Fund \$65.00
F. W. B League Fund \$3.03	

Ministers Reports for Year Ending August 1951	Sermons	Revivals	Confessions	Baptisms	Funerals	Marriages	Ch's Organized	Pastorates	Finance Received	Finance Paid Out
D. E. Bias	200	12	175	50	3	4	2	2,825.00	282.50	
J. M. Henson	168	9	144	29	5	3	2	895.80	382.50	
Ernest Bias	150	3	73	5	10	3	1	2,500.00		
Mont D. Pettry	50							18.00	80.00	
Denver Dickens	150	5	70	25	5	10	1	1,030.50		
W. M. Peters	63		5	2	2	7		38.90	35.75	
H. H. Rumburg	16		6			8		30.00		
Herbert Cook	70	2	6				1	100.00	80.00	
H. W. Scott	20					1	1	50.00		
R. L. Bradley	200	9	67	2	2	3		305.00	35.00	
S. E. Kyle	7		7			1	2	138.00	138.00	
Edgar Spencer	31		8	8	3	2	1			
B. W. Burns	75	9	28	28	9		2	490.00		
Charles Gray	158	5	74	28	1		2	2,820.42		
Deward Jarrell	400	40	400	200	18	20	8	1	2,000.00	500.00
Marvin Kuhn	166	7	53	40	3	6	1	1	903.69	230.00
Ray Crum	333	20	370	162	16	9	1	5,011.33	1,530.04	
W. H. Howell	141	2	22	11	1		1	4	447.41	104.00
Auldie Jarrell	53		21	7	3				294.34	76.25
Sharp Estep	100	4	20	4			1	300.00	50.00	



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
WEST VIRGINIA YEARLY MEETING OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

As Adopted by the Yearly Meeting in its
64th Annual Session August 21, 1948



ARTICLE 1

This Yearly Meeting shall be called the West Virginia Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptists Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

ARTICLE 2

The Conference of this Yearly Meeting shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, every Quarterly Meeting being entitled to one delegate, every Quarterly Meeting containing five hundred members to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional five hundred members.

ARTICLE 3

The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a standing clerk and treasurer; and a moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting with assistants as may be found necessary.

ARTICLE 4

Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the practices, and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith, and in the Minutes of the National Association, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application, by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

ARTICLE 5

This Yearly Meeting shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE 6

The sessions of this Yearly Meeting shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August of each year, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which this Yearly Meeting is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standings, prospects, and statistics; at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor the practices of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and Quarterly Meetings, within the limits of this Yearly Meeting.

ARTICLE 7

This Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

ARTICLE 8

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Yearly Meeting at any regular session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at the next previous session.

ARTICLE 9

This Constitution shall supersede any previous Constitution which may have been adopted by this Yearly Meeting.

ELDER D. E. BIAS, Chairman,

DRAFTING COMMITTEE:

ELDER D. W. FRENCH,

ELDER W. M. PETERS,

ELDER ELIAS MICHAELS,

ELDER P. A. MANNING,

BRO. RAYMOND SUTPHIN, Clerk.

BY-LAWS

1

This Yearly Meeting shall report by letter and delegates, with the specified amount of dues to the West Virginia State Meeting at all its regular sessions. Each Quarterly Meeting comprising this Yearly Meeting shall be entitled to one delegate and the dues to the State Meeting shall be not less than five dollars (\$5.00) for each Quarterly Meeting composing this Yearly Meeting.

2

This Yearly Meeting shall have the right to pass upon the Christian and Ministerial standing of all its ministers annually, and issue certificates of standing to such as are esteemed worthy, and if any are not worthy report such to the respective churches with which they are connected, and no man without such card of standing should be received as a minister.

3

When a Quarterly Meeting in good standing requests a letter to join another Yearly Meeting or Association, a letter of recommendation is granted, but it is contrary to the practices of the denomination for a Quarterly Meeting to dissolve its connection with the Yearly Meeting without consent of said Yearly Meeting.

4

This Yearly Meeting has the right to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed as the Quarterly Meeting has the right to discipline the churches which belong to it, and for same reason. This Yearly Meeting can not reverse the decisions of a Quarterly Meeting nor labor with individual churches but can labor with a Quarterly Meeting as a body in case the Quarterly Meeting pursues an unscriptural or disorderly course.

5

When a Quarterly Meeting fails to report itself, or becomes heretical or corrupt in practice this Yearly Meeting will pursue the same course of action with it as a Quarterly Meeting does with a disorderly church.

6

This Yearly Meeting will not receive a Quarterly Meeting that has been rejected by another Yearly Meeting or Association without a reconciliation.

7

All ordained deacons in good standing and duly elected delegates shall have voting privilege. All ordained ministers holding a card in good standing in the Yearly Meeting shall be standing delegates with voting privilege.

8

All corresponding messengers and all visiting ministers, in good standing in the denomination, shall be invited to sit with us as advisory members.

9

The Moderator shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the beginning of each session, and shall be released from office when his successor is elected. It shall be his duty to set the voting power in a designated section of the assembly room, and to conduct the business in an orderly manner. He shall have the right to close debate or discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit or businesslike manner, and his decisions can only be changed by two thirds majority vote.

10

The Clerk shall be a standing officer. His or her duties shall be to record and keep records of all business authorized by this Yearly Meeting. Amount of fees to be determined at the discretion of the Assembly. His or her term of office shall expire when deemed wise or necessary by a majority of the assembly.

11

The Treasurer shall be a standing officer. His or her duties shall be to receive all money coming into this Yearly Meeting and keep accurate records of same, also show receipts for all expenditures.

12

The Executive Board shall consist of one ordained minister from each Quarterly Meeting composing this Yearly Meeting whose duties shall be to arrange the programs of the Yearly Meeting, and change location of place of meeting should some emergency arise where a change would be necessary and any other duties that the assembly may deem necessary to empower them to do. The term of office of executive board shall be so arranged that one member's term expire each year. The oldest member on the board (in point of service) shall be chairman of the board.

13

SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Chairman of the Executive Board shall determine when a special meeting is necessary. He shall notify the clerk of the special meeting as to time and place and purpose, who in turn shall notify each member of the Executive Board together with the Moderator and Treasurer, notice to reach each person not less than ten days before special meeting date.

The special meeting shall be presided over by the Moderator and in case of his absence by the Chairman of the Executive Board. A majority of the board and designated persons shall constitute a quorum. The Clerk shall attend these special meetings to keep record of same.

14

The Yearly Meeting shall have the following Standing Boards in addition to the Executive Board, and may add other boards from time to time as the assembly deems necessary. These boards shall each be composed of three members with their term of office so arranged that one member's term expire each year.

1. Supernation Board.
2. Education Board.
3. Home Mission Board.
4. Foreign Mission Board.
5. The Free Will Baptist League Board.

15

Committees may be appointed or elected as deemed necessary by the Yearly Meeting.

16

These by-laws shall supersede any previous by-laws which may have been adopted by this Yearly Meeting.

17

These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Yearly Meeting at any regular session, notice of such intended alterations having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Elder D. E. Bias, Chairman,	Elder Elias Michaels,
Elder D. W. French,	Elder P. A. Manning,
Elder W. M. Peters,	Bro. Raymond Sutphin, Clerk.



