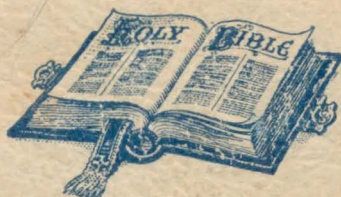




MINUTES
70th Annual Session
OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA
YEARLY MEETING



OF THE
Free Will Baptist Church

IN SESSION WITH
Horse Creek Free Will Baptist Church
At Naoma, W. Va., August 20, 1954



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Rev. J. L. Patterson
Ministerial Moderator
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Bro. Raymond Sutphin, Clerk



Treasurer—Bro. E. B. Legg,



REV. R. L. BRADLEY
Moderator
of General Session



Minutes of the 70th Ministerial Session of the West Virginia Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists in session with the Horse Creek F. W. B. Church at Naoma, W. Va. Aug. 20, 1954.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional by Deacon Walter Williams. Song: Some Day. Prayer by Rev. Carl Asbury. Service given to Rev. R. L. Bradley. Scripture reading 62nd Psalm. Song: I'm on the Rock.

Good short message given by Rev. M. F. Eskew. Song and handshake. Assignments made. Benediction by Rev. A. A. Collins

FRIDAY EVENING

2:00 p. m. Devotional by Rev. M. F. Eskew. Song: Wonderful Jesus. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Patterson. Solo by Bro. Helmick, I saw Jesus when I prayed last night.

Called to order by Y. M. Clerk. Rev. J. L. Patterson was selected Ministerial Moderator. Scripture reading 1st Psalm.

Minutes of next previous Ministerial session were read as information.

The following were chosen for Business Committee;

Rev. R. L. Bradley, Rev. M. F. Eskew, Rev. Carl Asbury.

It was decided to leave the reading of minister's reports until night session. Business was suspended until 7:00 p. m.

Song, Hold to God's unchanging hand. Evening speaker, Rev. Carl Asbury, text, John 3:16, a good message was given by Bro. Asbury. Song and handshake. Assignments were made. Benediction by Rev. R. L. Bradley.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:00 p. m. Devotional by Moderator. Song; Sweet hour of Prayer. Scripture reading 40th Psalm. Song, Old time Christian. Altar of prayer Rev. R. L. Bradley leading.

Business was convened. Reports of ministers were read and approved. Business committee reported no business.

Report accepted and committee was released.

Remarks by Rev. R. L. Bradley and Rev. A. A. Collins.

Minutes of this 70th Ministerial session were read and approved. Ministerial business was properly adjourned until next annual session.

Horse Creek Duet sings, Walking the Sea. Rev. Bradley sings Heaven. Rev. Stephenson sings, Hick's Fare well Rev. M. F. Eskew introduced Rev. Walter Patterson who brought the annual message. Patterson Family sings, Lord I'm in your care. Rev. Patterson reads from 3rd chapter of Eccleas. Text from Rev. 3:8; Behold, I know thy works. Behold I set before thee an open door that no man can shut. A good message was given by Rev. Patterson and a good conclusion by Rev. J. L. Patterson.

Song; Who at my door is standing. Announcements and assignments. Benediction by Rev. Paul Scarbrough.

Rev. J. L. Patterson, Moderator Raymond Sutphin, Clerk

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

Minutes of the 70th General Session of West Virginia Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists in session with the Horse Creek F. W. B. church at Naoma, W. Va. August 21, 1954.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:30 a. m. Devotional by Rev. J. L. Patterson. Song, In the Shadow of the Cross Altar of prayer with all Christians praying. Song, Amazing Grace. Scripture reading 1st. John, 1 chap.

Called to order by Y. M. clerk. Rev. R. L. Bradley was chosen Moderator with Rev. A. A. Collins as assistant.

Committees were elected from the floor as follows;

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. W. M. Peters, Chr., Rev. Elias Michaels, Rev. Deward Jarrell, Rev. Walter Patterson, Dea. E. B. Legg.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE

Delegates from the various Quarterly Meetings with Bro. F. R. Combs as chairman.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. C. R. Curry, Chr., Rev. R. H. Cook, Rev. F. H. Stephenson.

Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers were welcomed and invited to seats as advisory members.

The following Quarterly Meetings reported with finances as follows;

Boone.....	\$96.00
Geodwill	\$27.00
Raleigh	\$38.00
Union	\$22.00
Total ----- 4 Quarterly Meetings.....	\$186.00

(Statistical record of Quarterly Meetings will be found
under Statistics.)

Morning business was adjourned for preaching services.

Patterson Family sings, Lord I'm in Your Care. Bro. Helmick sings, I saw Jesus when I prayed last night.

Morning speaker [Rev. Deward Jarrell. Scripture reading St. Luke chapter 10, Subject, Compassion. A good message was given by Rev. Jarrell with a good conclusion by Rev. J. O. Sizemore. No benediction was given but the congregation retired from the church, out to some shade trees where a wonderful dinner was enjoyed.

SATURDAY EVENING

1:30 p. m. Devotional by host pastor Rev. A. L. Thomas. Song, Anywhere is Home. Scripture, 1st Psalm and from Hebrews 1st. chapter. Reading with comment. Song, Amazing Grace. Moderator resumes business.

Report of the Yearly Meeting's official staff was heard concerning their meeting with Rev. E. E. Morris, (National Association's Moderator) at Henlawson, W. Va. on February 1, 1954 in regard to the organizational set up of Free Will Baptists in W. Va. This report was approved by the Yearly Meeting's assembled body.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE

We your committee have agreed for the next session of the Y. M. to be held with the Kenova F. W. B. church at Kenova W. Va. beginning at 10 a. m. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August 1955. This report approved as read and committee was released. **HOW TO GET THERE.** Drive to Kenova to Route 75, turn left under viaduct, then turn left to church.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report the following deaths in our membership during the past year and recommend that the assembled body stand for one minute in silent prayer and Rev. A. A. Collins close the tribute with a short prayer.



DECEASED	CHURCH	POST OFFICE
Dea. John K. Adkins	Cazy	Jefferu, W. Va.
Dea. R. H. Sullivan	Laurell City	Clothier, W. Va.
Bro. Mathew Burgess	" "	Ottawa, W. Va.
Bro. C. R. Kiser	" "	" "
Sis. Alberta Chambers	" "	" "
Sis. Dellie Hunley	" "	" "
Bro. J. P. Adkins	Bull Creek	Van, W. Va.
Bro. Thomrs Smith	Prenter	Seth, W. Va.
Bro. Ora LeMaster	Cazy	Barrett, W. Va.
Sis. Emma Smith	McCorkle	McCorkle, W. Va.
Sis. Rachell Hawkins	East Fork 14 Mile	Ranger, W. Va.
Sis. Florence Mays	Spruce Laurell	Clothier, W. Va.
Bro. John Stanley	First F.W.B.	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Bro. Grady Pettry	Bethel	Fine Knob, W. Va.
Bro. Quincy Webb	Hazy	Hazy, W. Va.
Bro. Lee G. Webb	New Hope	Pine Knob, W. Va.
Sis. Ida Webb	"	" "
Bro. Geo. T. Williams	Horse Creek	Naoma, W. Va.
Sis. Opal Turner	Delbert	Pine Knob, W. Va.
Bro. Penelton Ward	Kenova	Kenova, W. Va.
Sis. Orpha Ellis	"	" "
Sis. Alma Sizemore	Sunshine	Huntington, W. Va.

The report of the Obituary Committee was approved as read and committee released. Tribute of respect was given as recommended.



Business Committee was not ready to report so the following routine business was taken care of.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Rev. Wade Webb was elected to a term on the Executive Board to represent Raleigh Q. M. Members whose terms were expiring on the various other boards were reelected.

Rev. J. L. Patterson was chosen to bring the next Annual Message on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in August 1955 with Rev. Wade Webb as alternate.

Business was suspended and Rev. Richard Cremeans of Brotherhood Q. M. was introduced to bring evening message.

Text: With burnt offerings and sacrifices God was not well pleased, but a Body thou hast prepared me.

An excellent message was given by Bro. Cremeans.

Business Committee returned and Moderator resumes business.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved and supported to read and act upon report item by item.

We your business committee recommend the following items;

- 1- That this Yearly Meeting will not recognize the W. Va. State Meeting under present set up. Item approved as read.
- 2- That By-Law No. 1 be stricken out of our By-Laws and our By-Laws be renumbered with No. 2 becoming No. 1 and so on. Item approved as read.
- 3- That the \$3.03 in the F.W.B. League fund be transferred to the general fund. Item approved as read.
- 4- That \$10.00 each be given to Bro. A. A. Collins and Bro. R. L. Bradley from Y. M. treasury. Item approved as read.

It was moved and supported to supplement item 4 by a free will offering and \$20 was received in this offering.

It was moved and supported to release the committee.



A rising vote of thanks was given Horse Creek Church and members of other Raleigh Q. M. churches for their hospitality shown the Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of this 70th General Session were read and approved. It was moved and supported to adjourn business of the Yearly Meeting until next annual session. Song, God be with you. Parting handshake. Announcements were made

Benediction by Rev. C. R. Curry.

Rev. R. L. Bradley, Moderator

Raymond Sutphin, Clerk



OFFICIALS OF THE YEARLY MEETING

MODERATOR

Rev. R. L. Bradley, Comfort, W. Va. (term expires Aug. 1955)

Assistant Moderator, Rev. A. A. Collins, Milton, W. Va.

(Term expires August 1955)

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

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. L.R. Parsons, Chr. So. Charleston, W. Va. (Good Will Q. M.) term expires August 1955.

Rev. Edgar Spencer, Twilight, W. Va., (Boone Q. M.) term expires August, 1956.

Rev. J. O. Sizemore, West Road Huntington, W. Va., (Union Q. M.) term expires August 1957

Rev. Wade Webb, Arnett, W. Va. (Raleigh Q. M.) term expires August 1958.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Dea. E. B. Legg, Chr., 409 Water St. Huntington, W. Va. Term expires August 1955
 Rev. R. H. Cook, Edwight, W. Va. Term expires August 1956
 Rev. E. F. Bias, Salt Rock W. Va. Term expires August 1957

EDUCATION BOARD

Bro. Raymond Sutphin, Chr Van, W. Va. ----- 1955
 Rev. J. O. Sizemore, Huntington, W. Va. ----- 1956
 Dea. K. M. Skeens, Bob White, W. Va. ----- 1957

F. W. B. LEAGUE

Rev. Ray Crum, Chr. Fayetteville W. Va. ----- 1955
 Rev. Deward Jarrell, Chesapeake, W. Va. ----- 1955
 Rev. L.R. Parsons So. Charleston, W. Va. ----- 1957

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. D. E. Bias, Chr., Huntington, W. Va. ----- 1955
 Rev. Deward Jarrell, Chesapeake, W. Va. ----- 1956
 Rev. L. C. Hewlett, Mount Hope, W. Va. ----- 1957

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Freeman Roberts, Chr. Winfield, W. Va. ----- 1955
 Rev. Arnold Mollett, Huntington, W. Va. ----- 1956
 Rev. R. L. Bradley, Comfort, W. Va. ----- 1957



This Yearly Meeting is composed of four Quarterly Meetings Boone, Good Will, Raleigh and Union and has a total of 64 churches with a total membership of 2309. They have 59 Sunday schools with a total average attendance of 3276. This Y.M. of F. W. B. meets in annual session on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August of each year and has 107 ordained ministers and 7 licensed ministers.

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
Bim	Bim, W. Va.
Cazy	Bim, W. Va.
Freeda	Van, W. Va.
Van	Van, W. Va.
Bull Creek	Van, W. Va.
Quinland	Uneeda, W. Va.
Jarrells' Valley	Star Route 2, Madison, W. Va.
Star of Bethlehem	Twilight, 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.
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.
Ameagle	Ameagle, W. Va.
Lick Creek	Danville, W. Va.
14 Mile Creek	Ranger, W. Va.
Wills Memorial	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Scary	Winfield, W. Va.
Magazine	277 Garrison Avenue, Charleston, W. Va.
Cove Gap	Cove Gap, W. Va.

These churches have a combined membership of 1144 and a combined average Sunday School attendance of 1615.

Total property valuation \$100,000. Expenditures during the past year; Pastorial services \$8,557.11. Evangelistic services \$5,924.80 Bldg. and equipment \$8,258.47. Christian Education \$253.13. Home Mission \$134.85. Foreign Mission \$140.54. Benevolence \$285.00.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF BOONE Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. J. B. Workman	Clothier, W. Va.
Rev. J. W. Jeffrey	Jeffrey, W. Va.
Rev. Roy R. Hager	Ramage, W. Va.
Rev. John Abbott	Van, 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	Twilight, W. Va.
Rev. S. C. Fraley	Uneeda, W. Va.
Rev. R. L. Bradley	Comfort, W. Va.
Rev. Elias Michaels	Comfort, W. Va.
Rev. Sharp Estep	Comfort, W. Va.
Rev. F. H. Meadows	Blooming Rose, 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	Elkview, W. Va.
Rev. H. W. Scott ..	Sugar Creek Drive, Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. Lonnie McNeely	Clotheir, W. Va.
Rev. Charles Gray	Madison, W. Va.
Rev. C. O. Messer	Julian, W. Va.
Rev. M. W. Graley	McCorkle, W. Va.
Rev. O. V. Hill	Alum Creek, W. Va.
Rev. Herman Adkins	Van, W. Va.
Rev. Nathan Gibson	Uneeda, W. Va.
Rev. Elmer Flannery	Sharples, W. Va.
Rev. Auldie Jarrell	, Danville, W. Va.
Rev. A. W. Wilson	Salem, Ohio
Rev. James Harper	Seth, W. Va.
Rev. B. W. Burns	Cinco, W. Va.
Rev. S. W. Estep	Van, W. Va.

Name	Address
Rev. C. R. Curry	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Rev. O. M. Smith	Sharples W. Va.
Rev. Vernon Coots	Ameagle, W. Va.
Rev. Kermit Cook	Bob White, W. Va.
Rev. Ramsey Michaels	Orgas, W. Va.
Rev. Earl Marcum	Fulerton, Ky.
Rev. Clarence Adkins	Ottawa, W. Va.
Rev. Robert Rakes	Ferrellsburg, W. Va.
Rev. George Syner	Barrett, W. Va.
Rev. F. H. Stephenson	Owens, W. Va.
Rev. Ross Fox	Ottawa, W. Va.
Rev. Nathan Parsons	Prenter, W. Va.
Rev. E. T. Dyke	Barrett, W. Va.
Rev. Earl Stutler	Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. H. B. Carey	Wilkinson, W. Va.
Rev. Rufus E. Johnston	Jeffery, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS OF BOONE Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. Delford Berry	Ameagle, W. Va.
Rev. Clifford Ball	Cleveland, Ohio
Rev. Seibert Adkins	Comfort, W. Va.
Rev. Virgil Smith	Wharton, W. Va.
Rev. James C. Clark	Bim, W. Va.
Rev. Raymond Davis	Ranger, W. Va.

GOOD WILL Q. M.

Quarterly Meeting dates- Friday night and Saturday before the third Sunday in March, June, September and December
Clerk- Sis. Trilba Patterson, Cabin Creek, W. Va.

Churches of Good Will Q. M.

Name	Location
Bownemont	Bownemont, W. Va.
Rose Valley	Dunbar, W. Va.
First F. W. B.	Chesapeake, W. Va.
First Kanawha	East Bank, W. Va.
Republic	Jochin, W. Va.
Quarrior	Leewood, W. Va.
Laurel Fork	Laurel Fork, W. Va.
Red Warrior	Red Warrior, W. Va.
Riverview	St. Albans, W. Va.

These churches have a combined membership of 285 and a combined average Sunday School attendance of 430.

Property valuation \$56,503.02. Expenditures during past year - Pastorial services \$1,412.22, Evangelistic services \$1,057.78, Bldg and equipment \$2,970.34, Home Mission \$94.15, Misl. \$103.85.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF GOOD WILL Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. J. L. Patterson	East Bank, W. Va.
Rev. L. R. Parsons, Route 7	S. Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. Nile Coleman	Dunbar, W. Va.
Rev. Charles Johnson	Pond Gap, W. Va.
Rev. James Tackett	St. Albans, W. Va.
Rev. William Jones	Dunbar, W. Va.
Rev. Walter Patterson	East Bank, W. Va.
Rev. Stanley Barker	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Rev. Howard Pennington	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Rev. F. F. Roberts	Rt. 1 Winfield, W. Va.
Rev. Glenn Hayes	Dunbar, W. Va.
Rev. J. M. Rogers	Rt. 1 Winfield, W. Va.
Rev. J. E. King	Jochin, W. Va.
Rev. S. L. Spaulding	Rand, W. Va.
Rev. Lee Stevens	Boonsboro, Md.
Rev. Clad Hyceel	Gallagher, W. Va.

Good Will Q. M. has no licensed ministers at present time.

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
Delbert.	Pineknob, W. Va.
Hazy	Hazy, W. Va.
Packsville	Packsville, W. Va.
New Hope	Pineknob, W. Va.
Bethel	Pineknob, W. Va.
Flat Branch	Arnett, W. Va.
Dry Creek	Dry Creek, W. Va.
Horse Creek	Naoma, W. Va.

Name	Location
Masseysville	Rock Creek W. Va.
Coal City	Coal City, W. Va.
Shumate Chapel	Edwight, W. Va.
First F. W. B.	Sylvester, W. Va.

These churches have a combined membership of 480 and combined average Sunday School attendance of 697.

Expenditures during past year - Pastorial services \$403.88, Evangelistic services \$699.62, Building & repairs \$3,002.89, Home Missions \$29.00. Foreign Missions \$153.48. Value of church property \$29,000.00.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF RALEIGH Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. Kenna French	Packsville, W. Va.
Rev. F. P. Cook	Matheny, W. Va.
Rev. Denver Dickens	Arnett, W. Va.
Rev. Wade Webb	Arnett, W. Va.
Rev. W. M. Peters	Pineknob, W. Va.
Rev. James Bone	Dry Creek, W. Va.
Rev. Mont Pettry	Naoma, W. Va.
Rev. Ernest F. Bias	Salt Rock, W. Va.
Rev. Corbert Wood	Edwight, W. Va.
Rev. Tessie Wood	" " "
Rev. Carl Asbury	Dry Creek, W. Va.
Rev. M. F. Eskew	Rock Creek, W. Va.
Rev. Albert Miller	Naoma, W. Va.
Rev. Lois D. Whitley	Daniels, W. Va.
Rev. R. H. Cook	Edwight, W. Va.
Rev. Bill Grey	Naoma, W. Va.
Rev. A. L. Thomas	Frame, W. Va.
Rev. R. F. Gunnoe	Coal City, W. Va.
Rev. Emmer Workman	Glen Daniel, W. Va.
Rev. Authur Underwood	Packsville, W. Va.
Rev. Buel Thompson	Coal City, W. Va.
Rev. Willie August	Stickney, W. Va.
Rev. Aubrey Webb	Naoma, W. Va.
Rev. W. J. Birchfield	Rt. 1, Lester, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS OF RALEIGH Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. Paul Scarbrough	Rock Creek, W. Va.

UNION Q. M.

Conference dates - Saturday before the first Sunday in
March, June, September and December. Q. M. Clerk, Rev.
Arnold Mollett Huntington, W. Va.

Churches of Union Q. M.

Name	Location
Bulger -----	Bulger, W. Va.
Berry's Branch -----	Cameo, W. Va.
Whittman -----	Whittman, W. Va.
Mount Zion -----	Hurricane, W. Va.
Kenova First F. W. B. -----	Kenova, W. Va.
Sunshine -----	Huntington, W. Va.
Pleasant Valley -----	Ona, W. Va.
Edgewood -----	Charleston, W. Va.
Little Creek -----	Chesapeake, W. Va.

These churches have a combined membership of 400 and a
combined average Sunday School attendance of 534.

Expenditures of these churches for the past year -

Pastorial services \$2,075.29 Evangelistic services \$2,088.98
Building and equipment \$1,054.78, Christian education \$355.72
Other purposes \$192.14, Value of church property \$34,110.00.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF UNION Q. M.

Name	Address
Rev. Glenn Pugh -----	Blooming Rose, W. Va.
Rev. Clell Elkins -----	Bulger, W. Va.
Rev. Sherdian Spracker -----	Ceredo, W. Va.
Rev. Arnold Mollett -----	Huntington, W. Va.
Rev. James O. Sizemore -----	Huntington, W. Va.
Rev. H. E. Hedrick -----	Milton, W. Va.
Rev. Harvey Black Jr. -----	Huntington, W. Va.
Rev. C. D. Harper -----	" "
Rev. John Dotson -----	Cameo, W. Va.
Rev. D. W. Wade -----	Griffithsville, W. Va.
Rev. Max Bays -----	Bulger, W. Va.
Rev. Clyde Dorsey -----	Charleston, W. Va.
Rev. Deward Jarrell -----	Chesapeake, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS OF GOOD WILL Q. M.

(No licensed ministers at present time)

Financial Report

Amount in treasury at beginning of 1954 session \$548.60

Receipts for 1954 _____

Boone Q. M.	\$96.00
Good Will Q. M.	27.00
Raleigh Q. M.	38.00
Union Q. M.	25.00
Transferred from League Fund	3.03

TOTAL \$189.03

Plus balance in funds gives the following totals;

Y. M. Fund \$737.63 Building Fund \$75.00

DISBURSEMENTS

By Y. M. official staff to Rev. E. E. Morris, National Association Moderator, for traveling expenses to special meeting at Henlawson, W. Va. February 1, 1954

Clerks salary	20.00
To Rev. A. A. Collins	10.00
To Rev. R. L. Bradley	10.00
To Printing Minutes	75.00

Total \$155.00

Balance in treasury as follows;

Y. M. Fund \$582.63 Building Fund \$75.00

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.

DRAFTING COMMITTEE:

ELDER D. E. BIAS, Chairman,
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 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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

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.

5

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

6

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.

7

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

8

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.

9

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.

10

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.

11

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.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

12

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.

13

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.

14

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

15

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

16

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 D. W. French,
Elder W. M. Peters,

Elder Elias Michaels,
Elder P. A. Manning,
Bro. Raymond Sutphin, Clerk.

MINISTER'S REPORTS FOR YEAR

Ministers Reports for Year Ending August 1954	Sermons	Revivals	Confessions	Baptisms	Funerals	Marriages	Ch's Organized	Pastorates	Finance Received	Finance Paid Out
R. L. Bradley	135	9	112	3	1	2			200.68	20.00
H. W. Scott	12	0	0	1	1	1	0	1		
S. E. Kyle	23	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	44.00	
A. A. Collins	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	20.00	
S. L. Spaulding	34	0	5						50.00	60.00
Sheridan Spreacker	1	8	4	2		3	1	1	280.00	100.00
Arnold Mollett	50	2	12	4	1				100.00	40.00
Walter Patterson	95		15	10				1	240.00	
Deward Jarrell	200	30	75	50	10	6	3	2	1580.00	200.00
J. L. Patterson	80				1	6		2	125.00	125.00
Nathan Parsons	132	3	54	49				2	192.84	
C. D. Harper	120									20.00
Emmer Workman	54	1	1					1	97.25	
J. O. Sizemore	159	4	84	20	8	3	1	2	1927.00	813.75
W. M. Peters	50	1	10	2	2	3		1	123.77	
Rufus Johnson	77	3	19	10	2			3	99.70	65.00
Lois D. Whitley	34				2				40.83	
M. F. Eskew	50	2	6							
Carl Asbury	180	4	60	18		2		1	240.00	
R. H. Cook	50	1	2	2				4	113.03	
Kenna French	57		2		4	6		2		
Bill Gray	103	4	39	13				4	310.73	
E. F. Bias	46	1	8		3	3		1	433.82	
Corbert Wood	77	1	14	10		3		1	187.00	
Wade Webb	177	8	199	60	12					
Edgar Spencer	59	1		3	3			1	226.09	55.00
F. P. Cook	54	1		1	2			1	85.00	
Albert Miller	63	1	21	12	1	3		1	163.00	60.00
Willie August	150	4	69	20	7			4	500.80	
A. L. Thomas	51		7					1	10.20	
James Bone	34		6						22.30	
Denver Dickens	81	4	64	5		6		2	946.81	

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Ministers Reports for Year Ending August 1954	Sermons	Revivals	Confessions	Baptisms	Funerals	Marriages	Ch's Organized	Pastorates	Finance Received	Finance Paid Out
Vernon Coots	141	3	59	30	5			2	158.82	158.82
Robert Rakes	30	1	4	3				2	3.59	22.00
Ross Fox	65				1				36.64	
James Ramsey	23		18	10				1	43.11	15.00
B. W. Burns	61	1	48	24	3	3			81.50	40.00
F.H. Meadows	53	2	12		3				55.74	72.54
Elmer Flannery	65								50.00	60.00
L. C. Hewlett	93			3	1		1			
Herman Adkins	10									
Ray Crum	287	10	221	67	10	(3	1	3,651.71	1,508.48	
Roy R. Hager	41	3	20		5	3	1	92.90	3.40	
M.L. Kuhn	150	5	82	22	3	5	1	68.25	68.25	
E. T. Dyke	82	1	4		1		1	233.14		
Auldie Jarrell	39	1	12	14	6	3	1	563.60	222.00	
Kermit Cook	26	1	18	11	3	2		37.84	46.15	
Rich Hill	64	4	10		2		1	607.34	125.00	
Nathan Gibson	13									
H. B. Carey	27		3	3			1	20.00	8.00	
Tomie McNeely	28	1	10					8.00	3.00	
J.W. Jeffrey	10						8	30.00	2.00	
Virgil Sharp	121	1	15	12	4	4	2	1,092.15	575.00	4
O. M. Smith	49			3			2			
C. O. Messer	26		3	1		3	2	45.00		
F.H. Stephenson	10			1						
C. R. Curry	48			2	1	2		60.00	100.00	
Elias Michaels	84	2	13	22	2		2	516.00	100.00	
R. F. Gunnoe	25			2						



