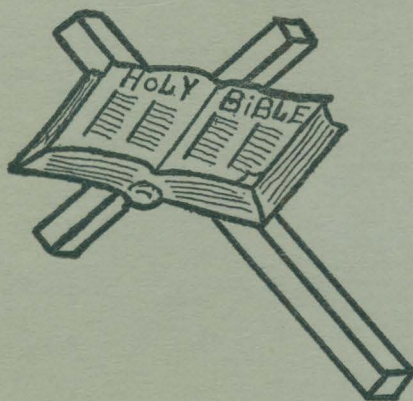


Minutes
OF THE
81st Annual Session
OF
The West Virginia
Yearly Meeting



Free Will Baptist

In Session At The

RIVERVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. ALBANS, WEST VIRGINIA

AUGUST 20, 21, 1965

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THE WEST VIRGINIA YEARLY MEETING OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The first Free Will Baptist Church in West Virginia was organized at Hampden, W. Va., (now East Bank) on July 19, 1879, with four members. These four members were E. M. McVey and his wife, Fannie; A. C. Shaver and James Shaver, (brothers). This church was organized by Rev. W. J. Fulton and Rev. C. J. Chase, Ministers from the state of Ohio. Rev. Fulton continued to serve this church monthly and in May 1883, it had a membership of fifty.

In May 1883 the Rev. John E. Cox came into this state to evangelize. He was a General Baptist Minister, but came to work for the Free Will Baptist Church. He began holding revival meetings and organizing churches, preaching his first sermon in W. Va., at the old East Bank Church (now Kanawha 1st Free Will Baptist), on the fourth Sunday in May 1883. According to Rev. Cox's Autobiography and the session numbers on our Yearly Meeting Minutes, our West Virginia Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist was organized sometime during the year 1884, with four Quarterly Meetings composing it. These Quarterly Meetings were Kanawha, Boone, Raleigh and Lincoln or Union. The Yearly Meeting represented in the General Conference of Free Will Baptist Marion, Ohio, by letter and delegate (Rev. John E. Cox, delegate), in 1886. Before there was a National Association of Free Will Baptist, this Yearly Meeting was a member of the Tri-State Association of Free Will Baptist. This Tri-State Association was composed of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio Yearly Meetings, with Rev. A. A. Collins being its first Clerk. Rev. Jeff Thomas served as Tri-State evangelist. This Tri-State Association continued until the National Association was organized.

In 1939, the West Virginia Yearly Meeting sent delegates to meet with delegates of the Logan Yearly Meeting for the purpose of organizing a West Virginia State Association. These delegates met at Chesapeake, W. Va., in September 1939, and organized the first West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist. Then the battle for destruction of Yearly Meetings in West Virginia began. Shortly after the State Association was organized it persuaded the Logan Yearly Meeting to dissolve and give its records and treasury to the State Association. They tried to do the same thing in the West Virginia Yearly Meeting, but this Yearly Meeting wouldn't dissolve, and soon withdrew from the State Association. The Treatise of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist, clearly sets forth a four point organizational system within a state. Namely—FIRST, local churches; SECOND, Quarterly Meetings or Associations; THIRD, Yearly Meetings or Associations, and FOURTH, the State Association.

So the battle was drawn around the THREE or FOUR point or-

ganizational system with the West Virginia Yearly Meeting standing on the Treatise of Faith and Practice and supporting the FOUR point program, while the State Association wanted a THREE point program in violation of the Treatise of Faith and Practice, so they could be a combination of the THIRD and FOURTH organizations and do away with Yearly Meetings.

By 1945, the first State Association of West Virginia, was practically dead and Rev. R. B. Crawford came into West Virginia to work to bring various bodies of Free Will Baptist together. Rev. Crawford at this time was secretary of the National Association. He worked for or at least spoke for the four point system assuring the people that no Free Will Baptist bodies should be dissolved.

Two meetings were held at Greenview, W. Va., in the Greenview Free Will Baptist Church in behalf of bringing the people together under one State Head. This first meeting was held on Sunday, April 22, 1945. It was decided that a New State organization was needed and its name should be the West Virginia State Meeting. A committee was elected to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the new organization—the same to be acceptable to the various bodies. This committee met in the second Greenview meeting on Sunday, May 13, 1945. In drafting the Constitution and By-Laws for the New State Meeting, the Old State Association crowd insisted on a Constitution permitting Quarterly Meetings to represent direct to the State Meeting (a violation of the Treatise of Faith and Practice) and not be affiliated with any Yearly Meeting or direct body. At this point the entire Yearly Meeting delegation bolted the meeting and would have nothing further to do in the making of this Constitution and By-Laws. The State Association crowd proceeded to draft the Constitution and By-Laws to suit themselves and when they came to the Yearly Meeting for approval, all the West Virginia Yearly Meeting representatives' names had been signed to this Constitution and By-Laws without their consent. Rev. Crawford came back into W. Va. and attended our Yearly Meeting session in August 1945. We feel he was influential in changing enough minds in two of our Quarterly Meetings to cause the Yearly Meeting to accept this Constitution and By-Laws by a four vote margin.

The first session of the State Meeting was held at Switzer, W. Va., on June 7, 8, 1946. During this session the rules of order were suspended and a verbal report was given for the Yearly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting was accepted as a member. This was illegal. The Yearly Meeting did not vote to become a member, did not elect any delegates to represent it, did not prepare a letter to the State Meeting and did not authorize anyone to represent it or speak for it. However after being dragged into the State Meeting illegally we remained in until our August 1950 session, continually fighting efforts to destroy us. In our 1950 session an effort was again made to dissolve

our Yearly Meeting, and we withdrew our membership from the State Meeting and have remained out ever since.

The Rev. D. C. Dodd became promotional secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and came into West Virginia conducting Christian Workers Institutes and working in behalf of the National Organization. One of the text books he used in these Institutes was the National Year Book (1951-1953) which pictured the organizational setup within a state. It was in perfect harmony with the Treatise and Faith and Practice showing fourth the four points system and his teaching was credited thru the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee.

In our August session of 1952 we decided to go back to the State Meeting if it would get on the four point program. Our Yearly Meeting elected an organizing committee to set up district bodies or Yearly Meetings of the Quarterly Meetings which were representing direct to the State Meeting if and when the Quarterly Meetings so desired to be organized. We also elected delegates to represent at the State Meeting provided they got on the four point program, and if the State Meeting failed to adopt the four point program, our delegation was instructed to not go to the State Meeting but on to the National Association and appeal for district recognition by the National body. The State Meeting made no effort to get on the four point program. And our Yearly Meeting delegates went on to the National Association at Mount Vernon, Illinois, in July 1953, and made our appeal for recognition with our reasons for the appeal and had records available to substantiate our appeal and reasons. Our appeal was read in the General Board of the National Association July 1953. A member of the West Virginia State Meeting disputed our reasons for appeal and the board would not allow the West Virginia Meeting representative to speak in behalf of the Yearly Meeting and would not even look at the substantial records.

Our request for recognition was turned down. Our petition for district recognition was returned shortly after the National Association of 1953 from the General Board with an explanation that they would come to West Virginia to arbitrate the differences between the State Meeting and the West Virginia Yearly Meeting if both parties requested it. The Yearly Meeting promptly requested such a meeting. Several months went by and we finally got word from Rev. W. S. Mooneyham who had succeeded Rev. Dodd as secretary of the National Association. We were informed that he (Rev. Mooneyham) and Rev. Dodd and someone else would meet with us at Henlawson, W. Va., on Feb. 1, 1954. Then later we received a second message that they could not come due to another important meeting and had turned our request over to Rev. E. E. Morris, who at that time was Moderator of the National Association and also a member of the General Board. Rev. Morris came and met with the two groups at Henlawson, W. Va.

on Feb. 1, 1954. Nothing was done in this meeting to improve the organizational set up in W. Va. Rev. Morris publicly stated that the National Association was not complying with either the Treatise of Faith and Practice nor the National Year Book.

He took the Yearly Meeting delegation aside and told us WE WERE NOT WRONG, but tried to persuade us to go back into the State Meeting. But we cannot go back and still be a Treatise of Faith and Practice Free Will Baptist, since the State Meeting refused to comply with the organizational pattern of the Treatise.

In 1956 some members of the State Meeting wishing to bring both factions together in the interest of State Unity proposed another meeting between representatives of the State Meeting and The West Virginia Yearly Meeting. A meeting was arranged and held at Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Chelyan, W. Va., on Sunday, September 29, 1956.

In this meeting the Yearly Meeting offered to go back into the State Meeting if they would set their organization in line with the Treatise of Faith and Practice and the four point program. This they refused to do and the meeting ended in failure.

We do not feel that we are an obstacle to progress. We do not feel that Treaty of Faith violation is progressive leadership. We do not feel that National recognition is a pre-requisite for admission at the Pearly Gates. But to turn our backs on our integrity and what we know to be the truth and willfully become violators of our Treatise of Faith and Practice is something we do not choose to do so.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE WEST VIRGINIA YEARLY MEETING OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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 the Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist 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 500 members, two delegates and one additional delegate for every additional 500 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 doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith, and the Minutes of the National Association, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at anytime, 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 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 each Quarterly Meeting of which this Yearly Meeting is composed to represent themselves by letter and by delegates, and report their standing, prospects and statistics; at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act upon such questions and topics as

may be referred to 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 interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings, within the limits of the 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 further the 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 alterations having been given in writing, and recorded at the 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

Bro. Raymond Sutphin, Clerk

BY - LAWS
of
THE WEST VIRGINIA YEARLY MEETING
of Free Will Baptist

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 2

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

ARTICLE 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 of which belongs to it and for the same reason. This Yearly Meeting cannot reverse the decisions of a Quarterly Meeting nor labor with individual churches, but can labor with a Quarterly Meeting as a body in the case of the Quarterly Meeting pursues and unscriptural or disorderly course.

ARTICLE 4

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

ARTICLE 5

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

ARTICLE 6

All licensed and ordained ministers, in good standing; ordained deacons in good standing, Clerks of the Quarterly Meeting composing the Yearly Meeting and duly elected delegates shall have voting privilege and voice in the Yearly Meeting.

ARTICLE 7

All corresponding messengers and all visiting Ministers, in good

standing in the denomination, shall be invited to a seat with us as advisory members.

ARTICLE 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 business like manner, and his decisions can only be changed by two thirds majority.

ARTICLE 9

The Clerk shall be a standing officer. His or Her duties shall be to record and keep all records of 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.

ARTICLE 10

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

ARTICLE 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 to change location of place of the meeting, should emergency arise where a change would become necessary, and any other duties that the assembly may deem necessary to empower them to do so. 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.

ARTICLE 12

SPECIAL MEETING

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 the time and place and purpose who in turn shall notify each member of the Executive Board together with the Moderator and Treasurer, notice not to reach each person not later than ten days before special meeting date. This special meeting shall be presided over by the Moderator, and in case of his absence, by the Chairman of the Executive Board and designated persons shall constitute a quorum. The Clerk shall attend these meetings and keep record of same.

ARTICLE 13

The Yearly Meeting shall have the following Standing Boards in addition to the Executive Board, and may add others 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 will expire each year.

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

ARTICLE 14

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

ARTICLE 15

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

ARTICLE 16

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

Drafting Committee:

Elder D. E. Bias, Chairman

Elder D. W. French

Elder W. M. Peters

Elder Elias Michaels

Bro. Raymond Sutphin, Clerk

**MINISTERIAL MINUTES OF THE 81ST SESSION OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA YEARLY MEETING OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
IN SESSION AT THE RIVERVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AT ST. ALBANS, W. VA., AUGUST 20, 1965**

7:30 FRIDAY NIGHT

Devotional was conducted by Pastor, Rev. Zack Browning.
Songs: "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," and "The Great Reaping Day."

Fellowship was manifested by Christian handshake.

Prayer was led by Rev. J. A. Tackett.

Scripture was read from the 2nd Chapter of 2nd Peter by Pastor Rev. Browning.

Meeting was called to order by Y. M. Clerk.

Rev. George L. Smith was elected as Ministerial Moderator.

Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers were welcomed and invited to seats as Advisory Members.

Minutes of the next previous Ministerial Session were read and approved.

Report of Ministers were called for and all on hand were read and approved.

Business was then properly adjourned until the next Ministerial Session.

Song: "Zion's Hill."

ANNUAL SPEAKER: REV. WALTER PATTERSON.

Scripture Reading from the 5th Chapter of 1st Peter.

Text: Jeremiah 13:20. "Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north; where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?"

Rev. Patterson brought a good doctrinal message.

Announcements and assignments were made.

Benediction by Rev. Don Coleman.

Rev. George L. Smith, Moderator
Raymond Sutphin, Clerk.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES OF THE 81ST SESSION OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA YEARLY MEETING OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
IN SESSION AT THE RIVERVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AT ST. ALBANS, W. VA., AUGUST 21, 1965.

SATURDAY—10:00 A. M.

Devotional was conducted by pastor, Rev. Zack Browning.

Song: "Glad Reunion Day"

Fellowship manifested by handshake.

Prayer was led by Rev. John R. Frame.

Scripture was read from the 1st Chapter of St. John.

Called to Order by Yearly Meeting Clerk.

Rev. John R. Frame was elected to serve as General Session Moderator, with Rev. Edgar Spencer as assistant Moderator.

Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were welcomed and invited to seats as advisory members.

Minutes of the next previous General Session were read and approved.

Committees were elected from the floor as follows:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—

Rev. Roy Parsons, Chairman, Good Will Quarterly Meeting

Rev. Walter Patterson, 2nd member, Harmony Q. M.

Rev. Edgar Spencer, 3rd member, Boone Q. M.

Sis. Elaine Lambert, 4th member, Raleigh Q. M.

Bro. Thomas Pack, 5th member, Union Q. M.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—

Rev. F. B. Mitchell, Chairman

Bro. E. P. McMinn, 2nd member.

Sis. T. Patterson, 3rd member.

Bro. Oshel Tribble, 4th member

Rev. W. V. Perrine, 5th member.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE—

All the delegates with Rev. Don Coleman serving as chairman.

Quarterly Meeting reports were called for and all five of our Q. M's. reported

Boone Q. M. -----	\$72.00
Goodwill Q. M. -----	\$30.00
Harmony Q. M. -----	\$24.00
Raleigh Q. M. -----	\$36.00
Union Q. M. -----	\$25.00

Total ----- \$187.00

Morning business was properly adjourned.
 Solo by Rev. J. A. Tackett.
 Morning Speaker: Rev. George L. Smith.
 Scripture Reading from the 5th Chapter of James.
 Text: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
 Rev. Smith brought a good strong doctrinal message.
 Song: "When They Ring the Golden Bells."
 Everyone was directed to go to the Fire Department building, where the ladies of the church served an excellent dinner.
 Benediction by Rev. J. A. Tackett.

SATURDAY—1:30 P. M.

Devotional was conducted by pastor Rev. Zack Browning.
 Song: "Just A Little Talk With Jesus."
 Prayer was led by Rev. John R. Frame.
 Song: "Jesus I'll Follow Thee Thru."
 Scripture Reading, 133rd Psalm.
 Moderator convened business.
 Some time was spent in song and praise service while waiting for committees to complete their work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

NEXT SESSION

The next session committee sends the next session of the Yearly Meeting to Horse Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

Signed, Rev. Don Coleman, Chairman.

This report was approved and the committee released.

This church is located on Horse Creek in Raleigh County, off Route 3, not very far from Naoma, W. Va.

OBITUARY

We, your Obituary Committee, report the following deaths in our Yearly Meeting during the past year:

Name and Postoffice	Church
SIS. MARTHA STEWART—Pine Knob, W. Va.	Bethel
SIS. LOUISA COOK—Arnett, W. Va.	Flat Branch
BRO. BILTON DICKENS—Pine Knob, W. Va.	Bethel
BRO. BILL HIVELY—Sylvester, W. Va.	Sylvester
BRO. CLARENCE JARRELL—Pine Knob, W. Va.	Delbart
SIS. OSSIE WILLS—Arnett, W. Va.	Flat Branch
BRO. W. R. COMBS—Arnett, W. Va.	Flat Branch
SIS. MARY LILLY—McGraw, W. Va.	McGraw
BRO. JOHNNY BENNETT—Packsville, W. Va.	Packsville

SIS. GERTRUDE KUHN—Packsville, W. Va.	Packsville
SIS. MAUD McKENZIE—Kenova, W. Va.	Kenova 1st F. W. B.
SIS. CORDELIA STANLEY—Pennsville, Ohio	West Side
BRO. JESSE GRIFFITH—Columbus, Ohio	West Side
SIS. SHAREN DELANDER—Columbus, Ohio	West Side
SIS. GARNETT RUSSEL—Pomroy, Ohio	Rutland
SIS. JEANNIE McCORMICK—	Chesapeake
SIS. REBECCA COT—St. Albans, W. Va.	Riverview
BRO. JESSE MARTIN—Leewood, W. Va.	Leewood
SIS. BELL MICHAEL—Charleston, W. Va.	Community
REV. HOWARD TUCKER—	Chesapeake
SIS. REBECCA TUCKER	Chesapeake
SIS. MARY FISHER—So. Charleston, W. Va.	Bownemont
BRO. WALTER REESE—	Chesapeake
REV. S. L. SPAULDING — Florida	Edgewood
DEA. JONAS NAPIER—Ottawa, W. Va.	Laurell City
BRO. RICHARD MILLER—Danville, W. Va.	Cox's Fork
SIS. NANCY GREEN—Bim, W. Va.	Bim
SIS. NORMA THOMPSON—Danville, W. Va.	Bias Br.
SIS. NANCY BLEDSOE—Clothier, W. Va.	Coal Valley
SIS. CORA ADKINS—Unecda, W. Va.	Quinland
DEA. EARL WILLIAMS—Ameagle, W. Va.	Ameagle
SIS. RUBY BARKER—Twilight, W. Va.	Elizabeth
SIS. MAGGIE BURGESS—Comfort, W. Va.	Mt. Hermon
SIS. BERTIE STROUD—Big Creek, W. Va.	Daisy
BRO. PETE HUBBARD—Prenter, W. Va.	Prenter
DEA. VINSON MAYS—Clothier, W. Va.	Spruce Laurell
REV. TOLBERT DANIELS—Bob White, W. Va.	Freedie
REV. M. W. GRALEY — McCorkle, W. Va.	McCorkle
BRO. LEWIS FOX—Ottawa, W. Va.	Coal Valley
BRO. LUTHER ROOP—Bald Knob, W. Va.	Greenwood

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting stand in one minute silent prayer in memory of these forty deceased Brothers and Sisters and Rev. Calvin C. Martin to close in oral prayer.

Signed—

Rev. F. B. Mitchell, Chairman
 Dea. E. P. McMinn
 Sis. Trilba Patterson
 Bro. Oshel Tribble
 Rev. W. V. Perrine

This report was approved as read, Committee released, and tribute given as recommended.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We your committee submit and recommend the following:

1. We recommend the Yearly Meeting reimburse the Clerk \$8.40 postage money.

2. We recommend that the History of the Yearly Meeting be reprinted in this year's minutes.

3. We recommend that a space be allowed in the Minute Book of the Yearly Meeting for ministers to announce dates open for revivals.

4. We recommend that we elect a committee of three men, Bro. Raymond Sutphen as chairman, to investigate the International Association as to their standing and what they stand for and if it be possible this committee meet with the International Board and the Yearly Meeting pay their expenses.

5. We recommend to place in writing a notice of intended change in Article 6 of our Constitution to permit us to change our Yearly Meeting dates from Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August to Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June.

6. We recommend the By-Law change as recommended and recorded at last years session to permit licensed ministers a voice and vote in our Yearly Meeting.

Signed—

Rev. L. R. Parsons, Chairman

Rev. Walter Patterson

Rev. Edgar Spencer

Sis. Elaine Lambert

Bro. Thomas Pack

This report was approved and the Committee released.—Rev. Walter Patterson and Rev. Edgar Spencer were elected to complete the Committee as recommended in business item 4.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

It was moved and supported to correct an error in the financial statement as to the cost of printing last year's Minutes, statistics and history.

NEXT ANNUAL SPEAKER

Rev. Walter Patterson—Alternate Rev. J. A. Tackett.

BOARDS

All Boards were brought up to date by election or re-election.

Remarks by several ministers.

Vote of thanks was given Riverview Church for their hospitality toward the Yearly Meeting.

Business was then properly adjourned till next session.

Closing Song—"God Be With You."

Handshake.

Announcements were made.

Benediction by Rev. George L. Smith.

Rev. John R. Frame, Moderator

Raymond Sutphen, Clerk.

OFFICIALS OF THE YEARLY MEETING

MODERATOR

REV. JOHN R. FRAME (Term expires August, 1966)
Route 1, Box 391, Hurricane, West Virginia.

CLERK

BRO. RAYMOND SUTPHIN, (Standing Official)
Van, West Virginia

TREASURER

REV. EDGAR SPENCER (Standing Official)
Route 2, Madison, West Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REV. NOEL HERRMANN, Chairman, (Harmony Quarterly Meeting)
Middleport, Ohio. Term expires August 1966.

REV. DONNIE WEBB, (Raleigh Quarterly Meeting)
Naoma, West Virginia. Term expires August 1967.

REV. L. R. PARSONS, (Goodwill Quarterly Meeting)
Route 2, Box 353 B, Charleston, W. Va. Term expires August 1968.

REV. EDGAR SPENCER, (Boone Quarterly Meeting)
Route 2, Madison, West Virginia. Term expires August 1969.

BRO. THOMAS PACK, (Union Quarterly Meeting)
1805 Pine Street, Kenova, W. Va. Term expires August 1970.

BOARD OF SUPER ANNUATION

REV. E. F. BIAS, Chairman, Salt Rock, West Virginia
Term expires August 1966.

REV. WALTER PATTERSON, Mason, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1967.

REV. WILLIAM V. PERRINE, Route 1, Box 262, Hurricane, W. Va.
Term expires August 1968.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BRO. GEORGE POLK, Chairman, Route 3, Hurricane, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1966

REV. GEORGE L. SMITH, Bob White, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1967.

REV. J. A. TACKETT, Route 1, Box 715, St. Albans, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1968.

LEAGUE BOARD

REV. L. R. PARSONS, Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 353B, Charleston, W. Va.
Term expires August 1966.

REV. DON COLEMAN, Route 1, Box 744, St. Albans, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1967.

BRO. CECIL CARPENTER, Charleston, West Virginia
Term expires August 1968.

HOME MISSION BOARD

REV. EDGAR SPENCER, Chairman, Route 2, Madison, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1966.

REV. CHARLES R. BOWMAN, 3654 Skyline Drive, Worthington, Ohio.
Term expires August 1967.

REV. DON COLEMAN, Route 1, Box 744, St. Albans, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1968.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

REV. GEORGE L. SMITH, Chairman, Bob White, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1966.

REV. CHARLES R. BOWMAN, 3654 Skyline Drive, Worthington, Ohio.
Term expires August 1967.

BRO. THOMAS Pack, 1805 Pine Street, Kenova, West Virginia.
Term expires August 1968.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1965

Amount in Yearly Meeting Treasury at the beginning of 1965 session

after correcting an error in the 1964 statement ----- \$841.13

Amount in Building Fund ----- 75.00

RECEIVED DURING 1965 SESSION:

Boone Quarterly Meeting ----- \$ 72.00

Goodwill Quarterly Meeting ----- 30.00

Harmony Quarterly Meeting ----- 24.00

Raleigh Quarterly Meeting ----- 36 00

Union Quarterly Meeting ----- 25.00

Total Receipts ----- \$187.00

Receipts for 1965 Session of ----- \$ 187.00

Plus Amount in Funds of ----- 841.13

Gives Total in Yearly Meeting Treasury of ----- \$1028.13

Amount in Building Fund ----- 75.000

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1965 SESSION

Clerk's Salary ----- \$20.00

Yearly Meeting Postage ----- 8.40

Printing of Yearly Meeting Minutes, Statistics

and History, 1965 ----- 145.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ----- 173.40

Leaves following balance:

Yearly Meeting Fund ----- \$ 854.73

Building Fund ----- \$ 75.00

This Yearly Meeting is composed of five Quarterly Meetings—Boone, Goodwill, Harmony, Raleigh and Union. It has a total of 57 churches with a total membership of 1,790. It has a total of 56 Sunday Schools with a total average attendance of 2,201. It has 102 Ordained Ministers and 15 licensed Ministers. It meets in annual session on Friday night and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August each year.

STATISTICS BY QUARTERLY MEETINGS

BOONE

Boone Quarterly Meeting dates, Friday night and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Quarterly Meeting Clerk, Bro. Raymond Sutphin, Van, W. Va.

CHURCHES OF BOONE Q. M.

Name	Location
GREENWOOD	Bald Knob, W. Va.
BIM	Bim, W. Va.
CAZY	Bob White, W. Va.
FREEDIE	Van, W. Va.
VAN	Van, W. Va.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	Twilight, W. Va.
ELIZABETH	Gordon, W. Va.
JARRELLS VALLEY	Rt. 2, Madison, W. Va.
QUINLAND	Rt. 2, Madison, W. Va.
POWELL CREEK	Madison, W. Va.
GREENVIEW	Greenview, W. Va.
BIAS BRANCH	Jeffrey, W. Va.
LAURELL CITY	Ottawa, W. Va.
SPRUCE LAURELL	Clothier, W. Va.
COAL VALLEY	Clothier, W. Va.
DRAWDY	Foster, W. Va.
EASTEP	Ridgeview, W. Va.
TONEY'S BRANCH CHAPEL	Blooming Rose, W. Va.
PRENTER	Prenter, W. Va.
MORNING STAR	Keith, W. Va.
AMEAGLE	Ameagle, W. Va.
COX'S FORK	Danville, W. Va.
RUMBLE	Ashford, W. Va.
MT. HERMON	Comfort, W. Va.
DAISY	Big Creek, W. Va.

These Churches have a total membership of 906 and a total average Sunday School attendance of 1157.

Total property valuation \$135,000.00

Expenditures during the past year:

Pastoral Services	\$ 7,038.66
Evangelistic Services	3,893.54
Building and Equipment	6,606.92
Benevolence	555.00
Christian Education	484.39
Home Missions	533.86
Foreign Missions	82.63
Miscellaneous	172.42

Ordained Ministers of Boone Quarterly Meeting:

Name	Address
REV. CLARENCE ADKINS	Ottawa, W. Va.
REV. E. L. DYKE	Barrett, W. Va.
REV. FARRY EVANS	Barrett, W. C.
REV. EMIL SUTPHIN	Madison, W. Va.
REV. LEVI SHEETS	Route 2, Madison, W. Va.
REV. A. W. WILSON	Holden, W. Va.
REV. ARVILLE MOORE	Barrett, W. Va.
REV. EDGAR SPENCER	Route 2, Madison, W. Va.
REV. C. W. GRALEY	Julian, W. Va.
REV. GEORGE L. SMITH	Bob White, W. Va.
REV. A. L. LACY	Van, W. Va.
REV. ARNETT PAULEY	Ashford, W. Va.
REV. CHARLIE CROSE	Ashford, W. Va.
Rev. M. L. KUHN	Gordon, W. Va.
REV. HOWARD WHITE	Route 2, Madison, W. Va.
REV. F. H. MEADOWS	Comfort, W. Va.
REV. SHARP ESTEP	Comfort, W. Va.
REV. GEORGE SYNER	Barrett, W. Va.
REV. ROY HAGER	Ramage, W. Va.
REV. ELIAS MICHAEL	Comfort, W. Va.
REV. BASIL BURGESS	Blair, W. Va.
REV. VANDAN COOPER	Madison, W. Va.
REV. CLYDE J. LEE	Twilight, W. Va.
REV. RILEY CALDWELL	Sharples, W. Va.
REV. JAMES E. WILSON	Blair, W. Va.
REV. DENNIS B. STOLLINGS	Route 1, Danville, W. Va.
REV. FREDDIE KINDER	Ridgeview, W. Va.
REV. HASSEL DOTSON	Jeffrey, W. Va.
REV. A. C. KISER	Ottawa, W. Va.
REV. JIMMIE RYAN	Route 2, Madison, W. Va.
REV. SELSUS DUTTON	Barrett, W. Va.
REV. EARL MARCUM	Ottawa, W. Va.
REV. JOHN HUDSON	Comfort, W. Va.
REV. J. R. O'DELL	Ottawa, W. Va.
REV. JAMES RAMSEY	Uneeda, W. Va.
REV. J. R. HILL	Melbourne, Fla.
REV. ALDERSON ADKINS	Ramage, W. Va.
REV. ARTHUR NAPIER	Ottawa, W. Va.
REV. SEBERT ADKINS	Comfort, W. Va.
REV. WILLIAM OSBORNE	Lake, W. Va.
REV. TOMMY MARCUM	Clothier, W. Va.
REV. J. P. MESSER	Julian, W. Va.
REV. OCIE CRADDOCK	Lake, W. Va.
REV. LONNIE McNEELY	Bob White, W. Va.
REV. J. B. WORKMAN	Clothier, W. Va.

REV. RUSSELL GIBSON	- - - - -	Wharton, W. Va.
REV. CHARLES GRAY	- - - - -	Oak Hill, Ohio
REV. ROBERT WORKMAN	- - - - -	Wharton, W. Va.
REV. J. D. TOLER	- - - - -	Bald Knob, W. Va.
REV. JOHN ABBOTT	- - - - -	Van, W. Va.
REV. HERMAN ADKINS	- - - - -	Van, W. Va.
REV. AULDIE JARRELL	- - - - -	Deland, Florida

LICENSED MINISTERS OF BOONE QUARTERLY MEETING

REV. ORVILLE E. SYNER	- - - - -	Barrett, W. Va.
REV. CHARLES WALLACE	- - - - -	Bim, W. Va.
REV. HORACE B. SITTON	- - - - -	Van, W. Va.
REV. CORBETT TURNER	- - - - -	Route 2, Madison, W. Va.
REV. J. LEE SHEETS	- - - - -	Madison, W. Va.
REV. JESSE WOODY	- - - - -	Lake, W. Va.

STATISTICS GOOD WILL Q. M.

Good Will Quarterly Meeting dates—Saturday before the third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Quarterly Meeting Clerk—Rev. Wm. V. Perrine.

Address: Route 1, Box 262, Hurricane, W. Va.

CHURCHES OF GOOD WILL QUARTERLY MEETING

Name	Location
1ST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	Chesapeake, W. Va.
1ST KANAWHA FREE WILL BAPTIST	East Bank, W. Va.
LEEWOOD	Leewood, W. Va.
BOWNEMONT	South Charleston, W. Va.
RIVERVIEW	St. Albans, W. Va.
HARPER	Davis Creek, W. Va.
BLACKLICK	Winfield, W. Va.
SCARY	Scary, W. Va.
COMMUNITY	(Sissonville Road) Charleston, W. Va.

These Churches have a total membership of 261 and a total average Sunlay School attendance of 376.

Total property valuation \$127,500.00.

Church expenditures for past year:

Pastoral Services	\$1,351.35
Evangelistic Service	362.88
Building and Equipment	1,148.55
Superannuation	164.53
Christian Education	1,070.10
Home Mission	189.23

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF GOOD WILL QUARTERLY MEETING

Entitled to Cards of good standing:

REV. ZACK BROWNING - 321 Walnut St., St. Albans, W. Va.

REV. DON E. COLEMAN - - - Route 1, Box 744, St. Albans, W. Va.
 REV. NILE COLEMAN - - - - - Box 250A, Elkview, W. Va.
 REV. CLYDE K. FLOWERS - - - - - Chesapeake, W. Va.
 REV. JOHN R. FRAME - - - Route 3, Box 191, Hurricane, W. Va.
 REV. LLOYD GIBSON - - - - - Box 101, Kimberly, W. Va.
 REV. RUPERT GIBSON - - - - - Kimberly, W. Va.
 REV. CALVIN C. MARTIN - - - - - Leewood, W. Va.
 REV. JAMES O. MEADOWS, 11840 McCorkle Ave., Chesapeake, W. Va.
 REV. L. R. PARSONS - - - Route 2, Box 353B, Charleston, W. Va.
 REV. W. V. PERRINE - - - Route 1, Box 262, Hurricane, W. Va.
 REV. KENNETH O. SHAFFER - Route 1, Box 185, Charleston, W. Va.
 REV. J. A. TACKETT - - - Route 1, Box 715, St. Albans, W. Va.
 REV. DELMAR YOUNG - - - - - Box 800, Dunbar, W. Va.
 No Licensed Ministers at present time in Good Will Q. M.

STATISTICS, HARMONY Q. M.

Harmony Quarterly Meeting dates—Saturday before the second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Quarterly Meeting Clerk—Sis. Trilba Patterson, Mason, W. Va.

CHURCHES OF HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING

Name	Location
RUTLAND	Rutland, Ohio
ASH STREET	Middleport, Ohio
PORTER	Porter, Ohio
ADDISON	Addison, Ohio
MADISON	Zaleski, Ohio
WEST STATE	Athens, Ohio
WEST SIDE	Columbus, Ohio
SOUTH HIGH	Columbus, Ohio

These Churches have a total membership of 277 and a total average Sunday School attendance of 210.

Total property value \$80,900.00.

Church expenditures for past year:

Pastoral Services	\$5,011.05
Evangelistic Services	478.31
Building and Equipment	2,685.52
Christian Education	591.93
Home Mission	308.06
Foreign Mission	556.18
Benevolence	602.25

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING

Entitled to Cards of good standing:

Name	Address
REV. WALTER PATTERSON	Mason, W. Va.
REV. NOEL HERRMANN	Sycamore Street, Middleport, Ohio

REV. F. B. MITCHELL	-	2802 Dolby Drive, Columbus, Ohio
REV. IRENE MITCHELL	-	2802 Dolby Drive, Columbus, Ohio
REV. RAYMOND FIFE	-	Route 1, Cheshire, Ohio
REV. PAUL TAYLOR	-	Route 1, Cheshire, Ohio
REV. PYRUS FIELDS	-	Route 2, Patoskala, Ohio
REV. CHARLES R. BOWMAN	-	3654 Skyline Drive, Worthington, Ohio
REV. LEE CURRY	-	885 Heyl Avenue, Columbus, Ohio
REV. EVERETT McKIBBEN	-	Zaleski, Ohio
REV. REO BLACKBURN	-	442 South Terrace Ave., Columbus, Ohio
REV. L. B. ROYSTER	-	615 Hillard Rome Rd., Columbus 4, Ohio
REV. PAUL GRIFFITH	-	300 South Burgess St., Columbus, Ohio
REV. DEARL PORTER,	-	Route 1, Harrisonville, Ohio
REV. GENE PORTER	-	422 S. Richardson Ave., Columbus, Ohio

LICENSED MINISTERS OF HARMONY Q. M.

REV. KENNETH McKIBBON	-	Zaleski, Ohio
REV. JOHN DELL	-	Middleport, Ohio
REV. FRANK MARCUM	-	2204 S. 5th Street, Columbus, Ohio

RALEIGH QUARTERLY MEETING

Raleigh Quarterly Meeting Dates—Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Quarterly Meeting Clerk, Sis. Linda Lambert, Sylvester, W. Va.

CHURCHES OF RALEIGH QUARTERLY MEETING

Name	Location
PACKSVILLE	Packsville, W. Va.
SYLVESTER	Sylvester, W. Va.
DAMERON	Dameron, W. Va.
McGRAW	McGraw, W. Va.
KILLARNEY	Killarney, W. Va.
DAWSON	Dawson, W. Va.
DELBERT	Naoma, W. Va.
BETHEL	Pine Knob, W. Va.
FLAT BRANCH	Arnet, W. Va.
COAL CITY	Coal City, W. Va.
HORSE CREEK	Naoma, W. Va.
NEW HOPE	Pine Knob, W. Va.
DRY CREEK	Dry Creek, W. Va.

These Churches have a total membership of 259, and a total average Sunday School attendance of 380.

Total property valuation \$53,525.00.

Church expenditures for past year:

Pastoral Service	\$2,024.58
Evangelistic Service	716.19
Building and Equipment	2,029.45
Home Mission	40.47
Foreign Mission	81.24
Miscellaneous	780.31

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF RALEIGH QUARTERLY MEETING

Entitled to Cards of good standing:

Name	Address
REV. MAJOR HOLT	Coal City, W. Va.
REV. ALBERT MILLER	Naoma, W. Va.
REV. MORT PETTRY	Naoma, W. Va.
REV. AUBRY WEBB	Naoma, W. Va.
REV. H. A. BARNETT	McGraw, W. Va.
REV. BILL GREY	Naoma, W. Va.
REV. ELBERT HALL	Route 3, Beckley, W. Va.
REV. BYRD COOK	Fairdale, W. Va.
REV. ALDIE COOK	Packsville, W. Va.
REV. KIPPLE E. BOLEN	Coal City, W. Va.
REV. PAUL SCARBRO	Prosperity, W. Va.
REV. W. A. BIRCHFIELD	Dawson, W. Va.
REV. LOIS D. WHITELY	721 So. Eisenhower Dr., Beckley, W. Va.
REV. A. L. THOMAS	Nitro, W. Va.
REV. WILLIAM MOORE	Sylvestor, W. Va.
REV. DONNIE WEBB	Naoma, W. Va.
REV. F. P. COOK	Matheny, W. Va.
REV. BASIL McDANIEL	Meadow Bridge, W. Va.
REV. JIM BEARD	Rupert, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS OF RALEIGH Q. M.

Name	Address
REV. DOROTHY McDANIEL	Meadow Bridge, W. Va.
REV. ROBERT F. BROOKS	Sabine, W. Va.
REV. D. E. PERRY	Pine Knob, W. Va.
REV. ROY HOLLAND	Route 3, Beckley, W. Va.
REV. LOIS JEAN KESTON	Hillsboro, W. Va.
REV. JESS KELLY	Hines, W. Va.

UNION QUARTERLY MEETING

Union Quarterly Meeting dates—Saturday before the first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Quarterly Meeting Clerk—Bro. Thomas Pack, 1805 Pine Street, Kenova, West Virginia.

CHURCHES OF UNION QUARTERLY MEETING

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST Kenova, W. Va.

Church membership 87.

Average Sunday School attendance 78.

Property value \$30,000.00.

Church expenditures for past year:

Pastoral Service \$1,575.00

Evangelistic Services 300.00

Building and Equipment	- - - - -	714.18
Christian Education	- - - - -	90.30
Home Mission	- - - - -	269.82
Miscellaneous	- - - - -	1,907.44

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF UNION QUARTERLY MEETING

Entitled to Cards of good standing:

Name	Address
REV. J. O. SIZEMORE	- 1651 West Road, Huntington, W. Va.
REV. C. D. HARPER	- 3619 Hilltop Drive, Huntington, W. Va.

Union Quarterly Meeting has no licensed Ministers at present time.

SPACE FOR MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. CHARLES R. BOWMAN

3654 Skyline Drive, Worthington, Ohio

(Available for Evangelistic or Revival services anytime)

MINISTERS' REPORTS
FOR YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 1965

SERMONS	REVIVALS	CONFESSIONS	BAPTISMS	FUNERALS	MARRIAGES	CHURCHES ORGANIZED	CHURCHES PASTORED	FINANCES RECEIVED	FINANCES PAID OUT
George L. Smith	114	2	55	7	6	—	1	\$ 178.00	.....
Edgar Spencer	55	1	28	6	7	—	1	753.70	\$ 202.00
M. L. Kuhn	21	—	17	—	6	—	—	.....	.....
H. W. Scott	44	—	13	1	1	—	—	15.00	.....
John R. Frame	58	1	4	1	—	—	1	120.00	200.00
Don Coleman	90	1	3	—	5	—	1	120.00	55.00
Zack Browning	50	—	7	1	1	—	1	300.00	200.00
Calvin Martin	38	—	1	4	—	—	1	35.00	.....
James A. Tackett	20	—	2	1	6	—	—	40.00	.....
Pyrus Fields	32	—	3	—	1	—	1	.....	.....
Reo Blackburn	40	1	—	—	1	—	—	5.00	.....
Eugene Porter	30	—	1	—	—	—	—	.....	.....
Paul Griffith	50	1	18	1	—	—	—	49.00	.....
Dearl Porter	42	—	3	—	1	—	1	200.00	160.00
L. B. Royster	40	2	2	—	—	—	—	.....	.....

Paul Taylor	40	—	—	3	2	1	—	1	180.00	.....
Charles R. Bowman	102	4	52	5	4	12	1	1	4,718.50	.....
Walter Patterson	112	2	28	5	—	1	3	2	547.87	.....
F. B. Mitchell	79	—	18	14	1	2	—	1	15.00	.....
Everett McKibbon	12	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	25.00	.....
Kenneth McKibbon	45	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	26.00	.....
Noel Herrmann	25	1	—	—	2	2	2	1	.....	.....
James O. Sizemore	142	2	20	4	3	6	—	1	1,975.00	1,204.00
W. A. Birchfield	38	1	18	—	—	1	1	2	142.00	.....
Basil McDaniels	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	.....
Aldie Cook	17	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	30.72	.....
Albert Hall	66	2	7	6	—	—	—	1	215.45	.....
H. A. Barnett	36	2	12	2	1	—	1	1	17.00	.....
William Gray	64	3	10	4	3	—	—	1	330.00	.....
Lois D. Whitely	51	—	7	—	—	6	—	—	.....	.....
Monte Pettry	47	1	14	—	1	—	—	1	68.04	.....
Kipple E. Bolen	65	2	15	—	3	—	—	1	225.00	.....
Paul Scarbro	126	2	58	14	1	3	—	1	652.00	.....
Aubrey Webb	28	1	4	1	3	—	—	—	.....	.....
William Moore	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.00	.....
Byrd Cook	57	1	3	1	1	—	—	2	75.29	.....

