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PROCEEDINGS

The 81st Session of the Clinch Valley Freewill Baptist Association met with the Orebank Freewill Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, August 9-10, 1957 at 10:00 a.m.

The conference was opened by Rev. James A. Boatright, in the absence of the clerk, by reading from the 4th chapter of John. The services were then turned over to the moderator, Brother Tom Hall. P. H. Duncan was elected to serve as clerk pro tem.

The following ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association were present: Rev. James A. Boatright, Fort Blackmore, Virginia; Rev. Walter Glover, Dante, Virginia; Rev. Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tennessee; Rev. Johnny Hooker, Blountville, Tennessee; Rev. Leonard Cross, Kingsport, Tennessee; Rev. Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tennessee; Rev. John Smith, Jr., Kingsport, Tennessee; Rev. Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tennessee; Rev. Eritt Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Virginia; Rev. Doyle Collier, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Deacons present: Carl Perry, Floyd Starnes, Cecil Pearson, Oscar Hartsock, E. H. Cox, Ray Williams, P. H. Duncan.

Executive Board: Carl Perry, Dewey Worley (pro tem), Floyd Starnes.

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Midway Quarterly Meeting

To the 81st Annual Session of the Clinch Valley Freewill Baptist Association now in session with Orebank Church, Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee, August 9-10-, 1957, our standing is as follows: Eight churches with a total membership of 245; state of religion is good. Five churches have 212 enrolled in Sunday School. Spent for literature, \$141.35. Paid pastors, \$499.89. Paid to visiting ministers, \$394.40. Home for children, \$166.70. Buidling and repair, \$388.70. Home mission, \$53.00. Charity, \$63.25. Enclosed for association fund \$20.00. Delegates: Bro. John Stewart. Names of ministers belonging to our quarterly meeting: James A. Boatright, Eritt Darnell, Tom Hall, Willie Ashworth, A. F. Puckett, Luther Lane, Walter Brickey, Otis Darnell, James Cassell, George Osborne, Ernest Carter, and Lawnial Salling. Licensee: Everette J. Carter.

Rev. James A. Boatright, Moderator
Bro. Floyd Starnes, Clerk

Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting

To the 81st Annual Session of the Clinch Valley Freewill Baptist Association now in session with Orebank Church, Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee, August 9-10, 1957, our standing is as follows: State of religion, good. Members received this year,

47; number baptized, 30. Number dismissed by letter, 16. Number deceased, 1. Resident members, 287. Total membership, 287. Number of prayer meetings, 6. Number of Sunday Schools, 6. Average number of pupils, 67. Number of officers, 41. Amount paid pastors, \$3,790.72. Evangelistic work, \$693.98. Building and repairs, \$4,194.14. Home missions, \$326.14. Education, \$81.00. Publication of S. S. Literature, \$106.94. F. W. B. Home, \$528.50. Budget, \$49.00. Incidentals, \$110.79. Total paid, \$9,881.21. Names of ministers belonging to our quarterly meeting: Bill Gardner, Bill Vaughn, Frank McCann, Leonard Cross, R. C. Hammond, Ray Sharp, J. C. Barnette, John Smith, Jr., Elmer Ball, Frank Smith, G. C. Clark. \$25.00 enclosed for association. Brother W. I. Grills, Delegate (Alternate).

Rev. Leonard Cross, Moderator
Sister Helen Brown, Clerk

Orebank Quarterly Meeting

To the 81st Annual Session of the Clinch Valley Freewill Baptist Association, our standing is as follows: State of religion, fair. Number of members, 128. Members received, 17, baptized 3. Condition of prayer meeting, fair. Condition of Sunday School, fair. Average number of pupils, 162. Number of officers, 11; number of teachers, 14. Paid pastors, \$565.16. Paid evangelist \$8.00. Offering to needy, \$29.60.

Amount enclosed for association, \$25.00. Names of ministers belonging to our churches: Earl G. Austin, C. J. Flanary, Johnny Hooker, Manse Leonard, Sam Welch, Edward Ray, George Willis, Selman, Bowen, Doyle Collier, Rufus Hood. We recommend Rev. Roy Sampson be ordained at this association.

Rev. Earl Austin, Moderator
Jessie L. Rogers, Clerk

Sunbright Quarterly Meeting

To the 81st Annual Session of the Clinch Valley Freewill Baptist Association, our standing is as follows: State of religion, fair. Number of churches in quarterly meeting, 8. Number members received this year, 3. Number members deceased, 2. Number members baptized, 1. Total membership, 209. Seven Sunday schools average attendance, 286. 7 prayer meetings. 1 Youth meeting, average attendance, 35. Number of ministers in quarterly meeting, 19. Paid pastors, \$518.48. Paid visiting ministers, \$153.92. Education and publication expenditures, \$193.15. Home for children, \$160.78. Building and repair expenditures, \$243.15. Miscellaneous expenses, \$91.45. Total expenditures, \$1,356.23. Treasurer's report, \$220.85. Amount enclosed for association, \$20.00 Brother Jim Pearson, delegate. Brother Howard Anderson, alternate.

Rev. W. H. Frazier, Moderator
Sister Vonda Dorton, Clerk

Clinch River Quarterly Meeting

To the 81st Annual Session of the Clinch Valley Freewill Baptist Association, our standing is as follows: Number of churches, 6. Number of Sunday Schools, 5. Total membership of churches, 294. Total average pupils in Sunday School, 238. General state of religion, fair. Building and repairs, approximately \$3,000.00. Education, \$350.00. Evangelistic efforts, \$300.00. Paid pastors, \$800.00. Paid children's home, \$200.00. Amount enclosed for association, \$25.00. Brother Dewey Worley, delegate. Names of ministers belonging to our quarterly meeting: Walter Glover, Emory Cook, J. T. Hartsock, Jeff Salyer, Lonnie Brown, L. E. Sexton. Licensee: J. H. Patrick, Harry Whitaker,

Rev. Walter H. Glover, Moderator
Bro. William E. Hale, Clerk

All above reports were read and received with their delegates. All delegates were seated. At this time a motion was made by Brother Glover to adjourn for a short intermission. The motion was seconded by Brother Earl Austin.

At 11:00 the Executive Board selected Brother James A. Boatright to bring the message. The meeting opened by singing and with the reading of scripture from 1st Corinthians, second chapter. At 12:00 services were dismissed and dinner was served for all.

At 1:00 the meeting was called to order by singing, and Scripture was read from the First Chapter of St. John, by the clerk, P. H. Duncan, with prayer by Brother J. W. Morelock. The services were then continued by Brother Tom Hall, Moderator.

Delegates as follows were elected to attend the State Association which convenes with Valley View Church, Russell County, Virginia on Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in June, 1958 at 10:00 a.m. EST: Brother John Stewart, Brother Ralph McCamey, Brother W. I. Grills, Brother George Trussell, Sister Erit Darnell.

It was voted to send \$50.00 to the association—this was approved by a standing vote.

A motion to retain Brother Floyd Starnes on the Executive Board was made by Brother James A. Boatright. This was seconded by Brother Austin. The motion carried.

Brother Eritt Darnell was selected by the Executive Board to bring the message at 7:30 on Friday night. Service was opened by Brother James A. Boatright. Prayer was by Brother Bill Vaughn. Brother Darnell read several scriptures, using part of the 2nd Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles as a text.

On Saturday morning, August 10th, 1957, services were opened by singing

"Lord Send Me" and "Where We'll Never Grow Old". Scripture was read from the 12th Chapter of John. The services were then turned over to Moderator Tom Hall. The following ministers were present: Walter Brickey, J. C. Barnett, George R. Rhoton, James A. Boatright, Earl Austin, Tom Hall, Willie Jennings, Frank Smith, A. F. Puckett, W. E. Vicars, J. T. Hartsock, Pat Bishop, Frank McCann, W. H. Frazier, Milligan Herron, L. W. Salling, Jeff Salyer, Bill Gardner, Carson Bishop. Deacon's present: Guy Culbertson, Charlie Barr, Clyde Winkle, A. E. Gentry, Cecil White, Fred Nelms, Ray Williams, P. H. Duncan. Members of the Executive Board present: Carl Perry, Guy Culbertson, Floyd Starnes. Visiting ministers: Dewey Bernard, L. J. Fields, Jim Akers. Licensee: Sam' Welch, Roy Sampson, Willie Jennings, Walker Darnell. Corresponding messenger present: Brother Leonard Fields of South West Virginia Association.

P. H. Duncan was nominated and elected to serve as clerk by Brother James A. Boatright. The motion was seconded by Brother Jim Pearson and Brother Johnny Hooker. He was elected to serve as clerk.

A motion was made by Brother James A. Boatright that the conference be closed until eleven o'clock. Motion seconded by Oscar Hartsock. The motion carried and the conference was dismissed with prayer by Brother Bill Gardner.

The Executive Committee selected Bro. Leonard Fields to bring the message at 11:00 a.m.

At eleven o'clock the services were opened by Assistant Moderator Brother Earl Austin. The service was opened with singing and with Scripture from the 3rd chapter of 1st Timothy.

Brother Fields read from the 1st chapter of the Book of Joshua for a Scripture Reading.

Services were dismissed at 12:00 with prayer by Vonda Dorton.

Services resumed at 1:00 with the singing of "I'm So Tired I Want To Go Home" and "Wonderous Saving Power". The 10th chapter of Matthew was read for a Scripture reading. Brother Tom Hall, Moderator, then took charge of services.

A motion was made by Brother Leonard Cross and seconded by Brother Earl Austin to have the minutes of the 81st session of the Clinch Valley Freewill Baptist Association printed. The motion carried. Brother Earl Austin was elected to help in having the minutes printed.

The Executive Board presented Brother Erritt Darnell's suggestion that the ministers enclose an offering with letter to the association in order to have money to pay for having minutes printed of the association.

Brother Earl Austin approved the idea but did not make a motion.

Brother Walter Glover suggested that it be left to the individual minister whether or not this be done.

Brother Bill Gardner approved Brother Glover's suggestion. Stating that if a letter is received without a donation it should not be discussed from the pulpit. Brother Glover further suggested that the donation not be revealed. This suggestion was approved by Brother Hartsock.

Brother Guy Culbertson suggested that the money to print the minutes be taken from the treasury. No vote was taken.

The Executive Board presented a request to change the meeting date of the Association from Friday and Saturday before the second of August to Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May. A motion was made by Brother Walter Brickey that the date be changed. It was properly seconded by Brother Earl Austin. The suggestion to change the date of the Association in order to convene before the State Conference which meets in June.

Brother James A. Boatright recommended that this suggestion be tabled until next Association date.

Brother Leonard Fields requested information as to why this suggestion should be tabled. Brother James Boatright explained that it must be tabled because the state conference rules that people be given a year to decide rather than adopt the change hurriedly. This later was ex-

plained by Brother Austin.

Brother Walter Glover further explained that according to the constitution this association has the authority to change the date without considering the state conferences practices. He advised we wait the year in order to co-operate with the state conference. This suggestion was tabled until the next session of the association which convenes in August, 1958.

Brother James A. Boatright made a motion that Brother Tom Hall and Brother Bill Gardner be retained on the Ordaining Council and that Brother Bill Vaughn be elected to replace Brother Walter Glover. The motion was seconded by Brother Frank McCann. A standing vote was taken. The vote was unanimous.

Brother Bill Gardner expressed appreciation for the work and co-operation Brother Walter Glover gave as they worked together. He also welcomed Brother Bill Vaughn as a member of the Ordaining Council.

A motion was made by Brother Austin that 1,000 copies of minutes be printed. The motion carried.

Brother Walter Glover made a motion that Brother James A. Boatright serve as the next moderator. The motion was seconded by Brother Austin. Brother Carl Perry made a motion that Brother Walter Glover serve as assistant moderator. This motion was seconded by Brother Austin.

Both were properly elected and accepted by vote.

\$25.00 was enclosed by the ministers in their letters to the association.

\$115.00 was enclosed by the Quarterly meetings for the Treasury.

The Executive Board presented the following: "As our treaty sets forth that a minister who does not have a certificate from the association to which he belongs should not be received as a minister, we suggest that this association do something about those who do not report".

Executive Board

Guy Culbertson, Carl Perry,
Floyd Starnes

Reported balance in treasury, \$19.15. \$140.00 was turned over to Brother Jim Pearson, Treasurer, at the association making a balance of \$159.15 in the treasury. Candidates for ordination were asked by brother Tom Hall to wait until a later date to be ordained. This was requested due to lack of time for thorough examination.

Brother Sampson agreed to this request and asked that the ordination service be on a Wednesday night at the Orebank Freewill Baptist Church, August 14th, 1957.

The other candidates to meet August 21, 1957, at Hills Chapel to be ordained (Brother Willie Jones, Brother Willie Jennings, Brother R. L. Anderson).

Brother Glover invited everyone to at-

tend services to be held at the Dingus Memorial Church near Hamblin in memory of Brother Robert Dingus.

A motion was made by Brother Glover and seconded by Brother Boatright that Vonda Dorton be assistant clerk of the association. This was duly voted and carried that she serve.

REPORTS FROM MINISTERS

W. J. Ashworth, Clinchport, Virginia, Box 53: I pastored 1 church, preached several other sermons, been in some revivals. I have witnessed several conversions, conducted several funerals. Offerings very liberal.

Earl Austin, 709 Hamlen St., Kingsport, Tennessee: Pastored 3 churches, preached 225 sermons, baptized 16, took 17 into the church. I have held 15 funerals, held 2 revivals, witnessed 50 conversions. Received \$552.43 in offerings.

Pat Bishop, Duffield, Virginia: I have preached 60 sermons, been in 1 revival, witnessed 5 conversions, conducted 1 funeral, pastored 1 church. I have received \$25.00 in offerings. I could have been in several revivals but I am on the night shift all the time. I can only be in a revival once a year when I am on vacation.

Lonnie Brown, "No address shown": I have pastored 2 churches, preached 92 sermons, traveled more than 2,000 miles. Attended 2 funerals, received \$127.60 for pastor work and \$95.05 for evangelistic

work. I have witnessed 9 conversions, held 6 revivals. I am still pastor of 2 churches for the incoming year, Bowens Chapel, and Sabras Chapel, my home church.

Selman Bowen, Route 8, Kingsport, Tennessee: I have preached 12 sermons, witnessed 10 conversions, gave \$25.00 to the needy, taught 1 Sunday School Class.

J. C. Barnette, 728 Howard Hill, Kingsport, Tennessee: Preached 100 sermons, witnessed 20 conversions, baptized 26, married one couple. Received \$500.00.

Carson Bishop, Clinchport, Virginia: I have preached several sermons, received liberal support. I have helped in 3 revivals, witnessed several conversions, baptized 5. I have helped in 3 funerals, married 6 couples. I have had a broadcast at Church Hill for the past eight months, Sunday at 8:00.

Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tennessee: Preached 50 sermons, conducted 1 revival, performed 1 marriage, pastored 2 churches, conducted 1 funeral. Offering received, \$100.00.

James A. Boatright, Fort Blackmore, Virginia: Pastored 1 church, preached 33 sermons, married 5 couples. Conducted 17 funerals, received donations of \$450.00.

Oscar Ray Calhoun, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia: Held 4 revivals, 8 souls saved, preached 92 sermons, 5 appointments a month. Received \$6.03 in money.

Leonard Cross, 110 Holly St., Kingsport, Tennessee: Pastored 1 church, conducted 1 revival, conversions and renewals 28, preached 56 sermons, baptized 14, held 3 funerals, received liberal offerings.

A. H. Dillard, 1659 Garden Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee: Preached several sermons, baptized many. Married 3 couples, held 4 funerals, received small amount of money.

Eritt T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Virginia: Preached 27 sermons, held 7 funerals, 18 regular appointments, held 1 revival. Pastor of 1 church. Witnessed several conversions, served on the Executive Board of State Association. Received \$75 in offerings.

Charles Darnell, Wabash, Indiana: Preached several sermons, held 3 revivals, helped in several revivals, baptized 15. Received \$25.00 offering. Attended Sunday School very regular.

C. J. Flanary, 1302 Frank Street, Kingsport, Tennessee: Pastor of 1 church at Hilton's, Virginia, preached 80 sermons, held 1 revival, helped in 2 revivals, witnessed 21 conversions, baptized 9, held 1 funeral. Received \$14.00 in offerings.

W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Virginia, Route 1, Box 302: Preached 83 sermons, helped in 3 revivals, witnessed 5 conversions, pastored 2 churches, received \$123.45 in offerings.

Elwood B. Gardner: Pastored 2 churches, helped in 5 revivals, witnessed 45 conver-

membership received, 10. Held 5 funerals, offerings were good. sions, helped baptize 30, preached 6 funerals, married 2 couples. Number of messages preached to churches pastored, 84. Total messages, 126. Contribution for service rendered, liberal.

Walter H. Glover, Box 458, Dante, Virginia (Phone 4628): Pastored 3 churches, conducted 2 revivals, baptized 6, received 12 into the church, preached 16 funerals, preached approximately 100 sermons. Witnessed 8 conversions. Received about \$400.00 in offerings.

Milligan Herron, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia: Preached 42 sermons, held 1 communion service, helped in 2 revivals, witnessed 8 conversions, baptized 5. Received \$14.98 in offerings.

J. T. Hartsock: Pastored 4 churches, conducted 3 revivals, baptized 8, married 3 couples, converts, 8. Received \$73.30 in offerings.

Johnie Hooker, Route 1, Blountville, Tennessee: Pastored 1 church part time, preached 97 sermons, held 2 revivals, witnessed 19 conversions, visited 41 sick rooms, visited 63 homes, held 36 prayer meetings. Money received for services, \$30.00. Helped organized Mullins Chapel Church and Sunday School. Enclosed \$2.00 for minutes.

Tom Hall: Pastored 2 churches, preached 175 sermons, 50 conversions, baptized 4,

Roy R. Jenkins: Preached 200 messages, baptized 15, held 1 revival, 7 conversions, married 2 couples. Received \$125.00 as offering.

Luther Lane, Fort Blackmore, Virginia: Preached at 2 churches once a month. Preached several sermons, helped in 2 revivals, received small amount of offering.

Fred Lane, Speers Ferry, Virginia: Preached 63 sermons, witnessed several conversions, pastor of 1 church, helped in 1 funeral, helped in 3 revivals, received liberal offerings. I have been ordained 6 months.

Manse Leonard, Route 1, Blountville, Tennessee: Preached 23 sermons, visited 13 sick rooms, visited 25 homes, held 12 prayer meetings, taught 1 adult Sunday School Class.

Frank McCann, Route 2, Kingsport, Tennessee: Conducted 8 revivals, baptized 7, married 1 couple, conducted 5 funerals. Pastored 1 church. Offerings, good.

Wayland Owens: I've helped in 5 revivals, have witnessed several conversions and renewals and received 2 into the church. Have held 5 funerals and have visited several churches. Donations have been liberal.

A. F. Puckett, Fort Blackmore, Virginia: Preached several sermons, helped in 2 revivals, witnessed 5 conversions, assisted in prayer services.

George R. Rhoton, Route 4, Gate City,

Virginia: Pastored 1 church, preached 24 sermons, held 2 revivals, witnessed 5 conversions, received 7 into church, visited several homes. Received liberal offerings.

Edward J. Ray, Madison St., Kingsport, Tennessee: Preached 200 sermons, held 4 revivals, helped in 2 revivals, witnessed 36 conversions, baptized 4, received \$75.00 in offerings.

Jeff Salyer, Route 1, Nickelsville, Virginia: Preached 31 sermons, held 3 revivals, helped in 4 revivals, witnessed 28 conversions, baptized 9, preached several funerals.

Floyd S. Scalf, Route 3, Church Hill, Tennessee: 41 appointments filled, 63 sermons delivered, conducted 4 revivals, witnessed 7 confessions, missed 5 appointments, held 5 church conferences, pastor of 1 church for 4 months. Held 4 prayer meetings. \$117.00 spent for travelling. \$11.00 received in offerings, travelled 3,328 miles to and from services.

Lawnial W. Salling: Preached 90 sermons, held 3 revivals, travelled 2,000 miles, witnessed several conversions. Received approximately \$10.00 in offerings.

John M. Smith: Pastor 1 church, held 3 revivals, 36 converts, and renewals, baptized 6, held 5 funerals.

Frank B. Smith, 1813 McGee St., Kingsport, Tennessee: Preached 45 sermons, held 4 revivals, 4 conversions, married 1 couple. Received very little money. Held

several prayer meetings.

Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tennessee: Conducted 10 revivals, 2 marriage ceremonies, conducted 5 funerals, baptized 8, pastor of 2 half-time churches last year, pastor of 1 full-time church for the coming year. Financial report, good.

W. E. Vicars, 1607 Lowel Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee: Preached 35 sermons, preached in 2 memorial services, baptized 3, helped hold 1 revival, witnessed several professions and renewals, offerings very liberal.

REPORT OF TREASURY

Balance in treasure 1956.....	\$ 69.15
Rec'd from quarterly meetings	140.00
Total	<u>\$209.15</u>
Paid State Association (1956)....	\$ 50.00
Balance in Treasury.....	159.15

A motion was made by Rev. Tom Hall and seconded by Rev. Walter Glover that the conference adjourn and remain adjourned until Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1958, when the conference will convene with the Howard Hill Freewill Baptist Church. The motion carried.

Done by order of Clinch Valley Association, this the 10th day of August, 1957.

Rev. Tom Hall, Moderator

Rev. Earl Austin, Assistant Moderator

Brother P. H. Duncan, Clerk

Sister Vonda Dorton, Assistant Clerk

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