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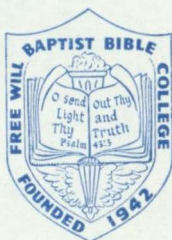
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PROCEEDINGS

The 82nd Session of the Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association met with the Howard Hill Free Will Baptist Church at Kingsport, Tennessee, August 8th and 9th, 1958, at 10:00 A. M.

Conference was opened by Assistant Clerk Sister Vonda Davis reading John 21: 15-25.

Services were turned over to Moderator, Elder James A. Boatright.

Members of Executive Board present:

Bro. Carl Perry

Bro. Floyd Starnes

Bro. E. H. Cox to serve as protem in absence of Bro. Guy Culbertson.

Treasurer Bro. Jim Pierson, present.

The following Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association were present: Elder James A. Boatright, Elder Tom Hall, Elder Earl Austin, Elder Walyand Owens, Elder Eritt Darnell, Elder Bill Vaughn, Elder Frank McCann, Elder Carson Barnette, Elder Lonnie Brown, Elder John Smith, Jr., Elder Doyle Collier, Elder Harry Whitaker, Elder Willie Ashworth.

The following Deacons belonging to the Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association were present: Bro. Floyd Starnes, Bro. Cecil Pierson, Bro. John Pierson, Bro. E. H.

Cox, Bro. Oscar Hartsock, Bro. Carl Perry.

Visiting Ministers present: Elder Harley Brown, Elder Will Hicks and Elder Dewey Bernard.

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Letters were received from the following Quarterly meetings:

Midway Quarterly Meeting

Delegate	Sister Sophia Darnell.
State of religion	Good
Number Churches	8
Membership	264
Sunday Schools	7
Sunday School Enrollment	308
Paid Pastor	\$521.70
Paid Visiting Ministers	\$204.18
Home for Children	\$245.33
For Building and repairs	\$356.29
For education	\$102.19
For home missions	\$ 62.55
For Charity	\$ 91.00
Enclosed for Association Fund	\$ 20.00

Names and addresses of Ministers that belong to our Quarterly meeting:

Elder James A. Boatright,

Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Willie Ashworth,

Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Luther Lane, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Erritt T. Darnell,

Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.

Elder A. F. Puckett,

Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Elder Lawnial Salling, Gate City, Va.

Elder George Osborne, Gate City, Va.

Elder Earnest Carter, Gate City, Va.

Elder Walker Darnell,

Rt. 1, Dungannon, Va.

Erritt T. Darnell, Moderator

Floyd Starnes, Clerk

Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting

Delegate	Bro. Edd Crowder
State of religion	Good
No. Churches	6
Members received this year	75
Number Baptised	52
Number dismissed by letter	15
Number deceased	2
Total membership	340
Number of Prayer meetings	6
Number of Sunday Schools	6
Average Number of Pupils	494
Number of Officers	19
Number of Leagues	3
League membership	151
Paid Pastors	\$4,395.62
For Evangelistic Work	\$ 901.44
For Building and Repairs	\$9,165.03
For Foreign Missions	\$ 61.94

For Home Missions and Charity	\$ 339.36
For Education	\$ 531.50
Home for children	\$ 714.79
Enclosed for Association	\$ 25.00

Names and addresses of Ministers belonging to Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Bill Gardner, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Leonard Cross, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Ray Sharpe, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder J. C. Barnette, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder John Smith, Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Elmer Ball, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder G. C. Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Garland Hammonds,
 Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder L. S. Scalf, Rt. 6, Church Hill, Tenn.
 Leonard Cross, Moderator
 Helen Brown, Clerk

Clinch River Quarterly Meeting

Delegate	Bro. Robert Ring
State of religion	Fair
Number of churches	4
Number of Sunday Schools	4
Average number of Pupils	189
Total church membership	152

Saber's Chapel Letter was rejected at the last Quarterly Meeting due to an un-

qualified Pastor's election. He had never been ordained.

Castlewood Church was also dropped. Reason not given.

For repairs\$1,542.59

For literature\$ 132.74

Paid Evangelists, Pastors, and
visiting ministers\$1,039.71

Home for Children\$ 167.00

Enclosed for Association Fund\$ 25.00

Names and addresses of Ministers be-
longing to Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Walter Glover

Elder J. T. Hartsock

Elder Harry Whitaker

Elder Jeff Salyer

Elder Emory Cook

Jeff Salyer, Moderator

Lucille Justice, Clerk

Sunbright Quarterly Meeting

Delegate Sister Pauline Stallard

State of religion Fair

Number of churches 8

Number received this year 10

Number dismissed by letter 2

Total Membership 192

Number of Sunday Schools 7

Average Attendance 307

Number of Prayer Meetings 7

One Youth meeting with average of 35

Number of ministers

in Quarterly Meeting 19

Paid Pastor	\$ 589.09
Paid visiting ministers	\$ 269.60
Education and publication	\$ 157.49
Home for children	\$ 265.25
Building and repairs	\$ 753.42
Miscellaneous expenditures	\$ 131.51
Total expenditures	\$2,166.36
Treasurer's report	\$ 197.85
Amount with letter	\$ 25.00

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to Quarterly Meeting:

Elder W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Va.
Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.
Elder Earnest Bowen, Duffield, Va.
Elder Luther Collier, Orton, Va.
Elder Wayland Owens, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Roy Jenkins, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Carson Bishop, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Robert Ramey, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder W. E. Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Elmer Barker, Dayton, Ohio
Elder Willie Jennings, Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.
Elder William Jones, Gate City, Va.
Elder Carl France, Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.
Elder George Rhoton, Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.
Elder Oscar Ray Calhoun,
Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.
Elder Fred Lane, Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.
Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
Elder William Lane, Gate City, Va.
Elder R. L. Anderson, Big Stone Gap, Va.

R. L. Anderson, Moderator
Vonda Davis, Clerk

Orebank Quarterly Meeting

Delegate	Bro. George Trussell
State of religion	Good
Number received this year	30
Number deceased	1
Number Baptised	26
Number dismissed	3
Number of churches	4
Total membership	159
Condition of Prayer meetings	Good
Condition of Sunday Schools	Good
Average number of pupils	164
Number of Officers	9
Number of Teachers	16
Paid Pastors	\$ 253.97
Paid Evangelists	\$ 156.41
Building and repairs	\$1,276.46
Home for children	\$ 40.56

Names and addresses of Ministers belonging to our Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Earl Austin,

Rt. 3, Johnson City, Tenn.

Elder Johnnie Hooker,

Rt. 1, Blountville, Tenn.

Elder C. J. Flanary,

1302 Frank St., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Roy Sampson,

Rt. 8, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Doyle Collier,

Rt. 8, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Selman Bowen,

Rt. 8, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder B. D. Proffitt,
Indian Springs, Tenn.

Elder Gordon Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Roy E. Jennings, Gate City, Va.

Elder Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder George Willis,

Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.

Elder Charles E. Jennings,

Rt. 4, Gate City, Va.

Elder Rufus Hood, Clinchport, Va.

Amount enclosed with letter\$ 20.00

Doyle Collier, Moderator

Jessie Rogers, Clerk

By vote of Conference that Elder Roy Jenkins be withdrawn from Orebank Quarterly Meeting, due to his being a member of a Church in the Sunbright Quarterly Meeting and therefore not dismissed from that church.

Earl Austin made the motion, seconded by W. H. Frazier that Roy Jenkins be taken off the Orebank Ministers list and left with the Sunbright Quarterly Meeting. The vote was taken and carried. Carl Perry made the motion, which was seconded by Erritt Darnell and John Pierson that the Orebank letter and delegate be accepted with the afore mentioned amendment. Vote was taken and carried.

The preceding letters were read and received with their delegates. All delegates were seated.

At this time, motion was made that the

Association adjourn for a short intermission and stand thus till the 1:00 hour; was seconded and by vote adjourned.

Following this motion, the moderator asked that the following ministers meet in Sunday School Rooms during intermission, with Tom Hall as chairman of this council: Earl Austin, Erritt Darnell, Bill Vaughn, Doyle Collier and Bill Gardner.

The Executive Board selected Tom Hall to preach at 11:00 A. M.

The 11:00 o'clock service began by singing "Just Over In The Glory Land".

Prayer by Erritt Darnell

Scripture—Jeremiah

Theme—Be A Man

Prayer—Tom Hall

Message by Tom Hall, followed by Inspirational talk by James A. Boatright.

Service closed and dinner was served to all.

At 1:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by singing "Revive Us Again";

Prayer—Oscar Hartsock

Scripture—Psalms 8:1-9

Moderator then took charge:

Elders belonging to Clinch Valley Association present: James A. Boatright, Tom Hall, Bill Vaughn, Earl Austin, Jeff Salyer, John Smith, Jr., Erritt Darnell, Lonnie Brown, Doyle Collier, Frank McCann, Harry Whitaker, Carson Barnette, Wayland Owens.

Visiting ministers present were: Dewey Bernard, Harley Brown.

Deacons belonging to association present: Floyd Starnes, E. H. Cox, Oscar Hartsock, Carl Perry, Ralph McCamy.

The moderator reminded the association that last year's suggestive new date for conference was tabled with the idea of a definite decision to be made at this session. Earl Austin made the motion, second by Carl Perry, that the date be changed to Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

Discussion was as follows:

Erritt Darnell brought up the question of electing Pastors in June. James A. Boatright suggested this be settled by electing Pastors in March.

Tom Hall asked what a Pastor was to do if he were Pastor in Union Association, which elects their Pastors to hold Pastorships until August, and then was elected Pastor of one of Clinch Valley Association Churches. He made it clear that he was bound to one Church and thus was not free for a period of approximately three months to start work in his new Pastorate.

E. C. Cox mentioned the early date being so inconvenient to feed the people.

Bill Vaughn made the motion the discussion cease and come to a vote. The vote was taken by a standing vote and carried. Thus the new Association's meeting date will be hereafter on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

John Stewart, Prince Hall, Viola Bevins, Sophia Darnell and Della Greear volunteered to go as delegates to the State Conference which will meet at Dungannon Freewill Baptist Church next session.

Motion made by Bill Vaughn, seconded by Oscar Hartsock, and acclaimed satisfactory by vote that \$50.00 be sent with letter to State Conference.

Jeff Salyer made motion, seconded by Floyd Starnes, that Guy Culberson be retained on the Executive Board. The motion carried by vote.

Bill Vaughn made motion, seconded by Jim Pierson, that the same number of Minutes of the association be printed that was printed last year, which was 1,000. Vote was taken and carried that 1,000 be printed.

James A. Boatright reminded the Conference that the Covenant, By-Laws and Articles of Faith of the Freewill Baptist be included in the Minutes.

Sophia Darnell made the motion, seconded, by John Stewart, that Earl Austin help Pat Duncan prepare the necessary material for the printers of the Minutes.

Executive Board chose James A. Boatright to bring message at 7:30 p.m.

Carl Perry made motion, seconded by Oscar Hartsock, that conference adjourn and stand thus until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Conference was closed with song, "Just Over In The Glory Land"

and Fellowship.

Saturday Morning, August 9, 1958

The association met with the singing of "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," followed by "It Won't Be Very Long, and "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Prayer—Bill Gardner

Scripture—Psalms 8-1, I Cor. 10:13, and I Peter 5:1-7.

James A. Boatright, moderator, took charge and proceeded with the following business: Executive Board, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, present.

Enrollment of elders present, belonging to Clinch Valley Association: Bill Vaughn, John Smith, Jr., Earl Austin, Luther Lane, R. C. Hammonds, Bill Gardner, Doyle Collier, Walter Brickey, J. T. Hartsock, Pat Bishop, Lawnial Salling, Emory Cook, Oscar Ray Calhoun, Walter Glover, Eritt Darnell, Jeff Salyer, J. C. Barnette W. H. Frazier.

Deacons present belonging to Clinch Valley Association: Cecil Pierson, Ralph McCamy, E. C. Cox, John Pierson, Oscar Hartsock, Carl Perry, G. D. Bennett, Emory Ashworth, James Myers, Lloyd Tolly, Elmer Lawson, Worley Simms, Guy Culbertson, James Barnes, Cecil White, Charles Lane, Ezra Lane.

Visiting deacons present: A. C. Sanders, J. A. Whitson, D. W. Campbell, Roscoe Shepard, Gilbert Abel, Selmer Garland.

Visiting ministers present: Elders Dewey Bernard, Harley Brown, Bobby Olterman.

Elder Earl Austin made motion that the Association adjourn and stand thus until 1:00 p.m., seconded by Elder W. H. Frazier. Association adjourned for the 11:00 o'clock service.

The 11:00 o'clock service opened with singing, "There's A Crown For Your Cross," and "I'll Fly Away."

Prayer—Elder Walter Brickey
Congregation stood and sang "Amazing Grace," before the message.

Scripture—Acts 20:17-38

Text—Speak thou the things that become sound doctrine.

The service closed with song, "Amazing Grace" and fellowship of Christians with hand shake.

The 1:00 o'clock Conference opened with singing, "I'm Going That Way."

Prayer—Hubert Burgess

Elder Tom Hall as chairman of committee, called for the following ministers to meet with Committee: Elders Pat Bishop, Loyd Scalf, George Willis, Earnest Carter, Emory Cook, Willie Jennings.

Bro. Burgess, superintendent of Home at Greeneville, Tennessee, gave his personal testimony and brief comments on Home: 76 in Home, with State allowing only 74; \$35,000 indebtedness when he went there; now a \$20,000 debt. He invited our members to visit the Union Association to be

held at the Home next week, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Home opened in 1939 with one child, who is now a missionary in India, Mrs. Trula Gunter Crank. Offering for Home—\$101.03.

Elder Jeff Salyer made motion, seconded by Carl Perry, that the Ordaining Council be retained. Elder Bill Gardner asked to be released, due to over work. He made motion that Elder Earl Austin take his place. This was seconded by Carl Perry. Vote was taken and Elder Earl Austin became new member of the Ordaining Council. Elder Walter Glover made the suggestion that when a Church needs the Council, it should at least bear the expenses.

REPORT OF MINISTERS AS FOLLOWS:

Elder Elwood B. Gardner:

Churches pastored	3
Revivals held	5
Conversions witnessed	40
Funerals conducted	10
Marriages performed	2
Sermons preached	142
Bible Schools conducted	2
Received in offerings	\$1,393.52
Served on Ordaining Council	

Elder William Jones:

Sermons preached	24
Witnessed conversions	2

Elder J. C. Barnette:

Pastored churches	1
Sermons preached	125
Funerals	2

Baptized	12
Additions to church	19
Money received	\$450.00
\$1.00 enclosed in letter.	

Elder Tom Hall:

Sermons preached	150
Funerals	4
Members received into church	5
Baptized	20
Conversions witnessed	61
Pastored churches	2
Offerings very good.	
Ordained several Ministers and Deacons.	
\$1.00 enclosed in letter.	

Elder Rufus Hood:

Sermons preached	16
Funerals	3
Number saved	1
Offerings	\$10.00

Elder Eritt T. Darnell:

Sermons preached	55
Revivals held	1
Saved in revival	5
Baptized	4
Funerals	4
Pastored churches	1
Received into church	5
Witnessed several conversions.	
Received approximately	\$100.00
\$2.00 enclosed in letter.	

Elder Frank McCann:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals conducted	7
Funerals conducted	11
Marriages performed	1
Baptized	26
Money received	\$1,485.00

Elder Luther Lane:

Preached in two different churches
once a month.

Helped in 1 funeral.

Elder James A Boatright:

Sermons preached	24
Memorial services held	5
Marriages performed	4
Funerals conducted	19
Money received	\$275.00

Elder Bill Vaughn:

Pastored 1 full time church.	
Revivals held	10
Marriages performed	9
Funerals conducted	3
Baptized	28
Financial support good.	

Elder Walter Brickey:

Churches pastored	2
Witnessed several conversions.	
Revivals conducted	1
Sermons preached	40
Offerings	\$75.00

Elder Walker Darnell:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	13
Prayer services conducted	4
Witnessed conversions	6
Taught Sunday School Lessons	4

Elder Oscar Calhoun:

Revivals	3
Witnessed conversions	12
Money received	\$25.00

Elder Emory Cook:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	27
Baptized	7
Funerals	3

Elder W. E. Vicars:

Sermons preached	25
Witnessed several conversions.	
Memorial services	4
Homecoming sermons	1

Elder Earl Austin:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	175
Baptized	24
Accepted into church	15
Funerals	9
Revivals conducted	2
Conversions witnessed	101
Received liberal offerings.	
\$2.00 enclosed in letter.	

Elder Manse Leonard:

Sermons preached	33
Conversions witnessed	9
Sick room visits	1
Homes visited	7
Prayer meetings	25
Taught adult Sunday School Class.	

Elder J. T. Hartsock:

Churches pastored	2
Baptized	11
Marriages performed	1
Preached several sermons.	
Witnessed several conversions.	
Donations liberal.	

Elder A. F. Puckett:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	46
Helped in two revivals.	
Conversions witnessed	3
Received into church	7
Funerals	1
Marriages performed	6
Prayer service & Sunday School assistance.	
Donations small.	

Elder Johnnie Hooker:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	183
Revivals	5
Sunday Schools attended	101

Conversions witnessed	24
Received into church	4
Sick room visits	36
Homes visited	72
Prayer meetings held	51
Funerals	1
Money received	\$56.63
\$2.00 enclosed in letter.	

Elder George R. Rhoton:

Churches pastored	1 for 6 mos.
Sermons preached	40
Offerings	\$25.00

Elder W. J. Ashworth:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals helped in	3
Conversions witnessed	29
Offerings liberal.	
Preached several other sermons.	
Received some into church.	

Elder Leonard Cross:

Churches pastored	1
Messages delivered	75
Funerals	3
Revivals	1
Conversions and Renewals	17
Offerings	\$1,500.00

Elder John M. Smith, Jr.:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Conversions and renewals	15
Baptized	1
Funerals	4
Offerings	\$325.00

Elder Pat K. Bishop:

Sermons preached	80
Baptized	9
Received into church	7
Helped ordain	3
Donations	\$25.00
Churches pastored	2

Elder Harry P. Whitaker:

Sermons preached	40
Revivals	1
Baptized	12
Witnessed several conversions.	
Offerings	\$95.35

Elder Fred Lane:

Helped in revivals	5
Baptized	11
Funerals	1
Churches pastored	2
Sermons	82

Elder W. H. Frazier:

Churches pastored	3
Sermons	80
Funerals	3
Marriages performed	2
Money received	\$212.41

Elder Roy R. Jenkins:

Sermons preached	110
Baptized	26
Revivals	1
Number of conversions	37
Marriages performed	11
Funerals	16
Offerings	\$97.56

Elder Roy L. Sampson:

Sermons preached	100
Baptized	10
Funerals	1
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	50
Marriages performed	1
Received liberal offerings.	

Elder Walter Glover:

Churches pastored	3
Sermons preached	90
Revivals	3
Several conversions witnessed.	
Baptized	38
Received into church	33

Offerings	\$600.00
\$1.00 enclosed in letter.	
<i>Elder Milligan Herron:</i>	
Sermons preached	42
Helped in revivals	1
Offerings	\$24.03
<i>Elder Jeff Salyers:</i>	
Sermons preached	34
Revivals	1
Helped in several revivals.	
Witnessed several conversions.	
Funerals	11
Visited several sick homes.	
\$1.00 enclosed in letter.	
<i>Elder A. H. Dillard:</i>	
Preached several sermons.	
Funerals	2
Marriages performed	2
Money received, small amount	
\$1.00 enclosed in letter	
<i>Elder William H. Lane:</i>	
Sermons preached	35
Communion services conducted	2
Baptized	1
Funerals	2
Offerings	\$38.00
<i>Elder Carson Bishop:</i>	
Revivals conducted	2
Baptized	6
Funerals	2
Marriages performed	6
Witnessed several conversions.	
<i>Elder Lonnie Brown:</i>	
Revivals	4
Churches pastored	1
Conversions witnessed	15
Accepted into church	1
Baptized	1
Funerals	6
Sermons preached	200
Traveled about 1,600 miles.	

Liberal offerings.
 \$2.00 enclosed in letter.
 Elder Lonnie Brown's report was not
 accepted with issuance of Card, due to
 his withdrawal from former Church; and
 joining one in Southwest, Va. Associa-
 tion. This information was given by
 Elder Walter Glover, who had talked
 with Elder Brown this morning.

Elder James Cassell:

Churches pastored	1
Sunday Schools taught	1
Revivals helped in	3
Marriages performed	2

Elder Wayland Owens:

Churches pastored	1
Helped in revivals	3
Witnessed several conversions.	
Offerings	\$285.38

Elder Lawnial Salling:

Sermons preached	60
Revivals	1
Witnessed several conversions.	
Baptized a few.	

Elder Charles Otis Darnell:

Preached several sermons.	
Revivals	5
Baptized	30
Visited hospitals often.	
Offerings	\$270.00

Elder Garland Hammonds:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	24
Funerals	3
Daily Broadcast.	
Witnessed conversions	300
Financial support good.	

Elder C. J. Flanary:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	72
Baptized	5

Took into church	2
Funerals	1
Revivals	6
Conversions witnessed	15
\$2.00 enclosed in letter.	

Elder Willie Jennings:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	75
Revivals	6
Revivals helped in	3
Conversions witnessed	21
Baptized	7
Funerals	1
Gave to needy	\$10.00
Offerings	\$200.00
Sunday Schools taught	4

Elder Lloyd Scalf:

Revivals	7
Prayer meetings conducted	4
Taught Bible class	20
Traveled miles	3,000
Offerings	\$15.25
Helped in revivals	2
Services attended	95
Appointments filled	35
Sermons preached	90
Conversions witnessed	20
Expenses	\$175.00

Elder R. C. Hammonds:

Conversions	29
Baptized	6
Revivals	4
Marriages performed	1
Funerals	1
Sermons preached	75
Offerings good.	

Elder Frank B. Smith:

Sermons preached	50
Revivals	4
Conversions	7
Marriages performed	1

Prayer meetings	25
Appointments per month	3
Money received	\$6.35

Elder Doyle Collier:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	65
Baptized	3
Accepted into church	2
Funerals	1
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	20
Offerings approx.	\$45.00
\$2.00 enclosed in letter.	

All letters, with exception to the one previously explained, were duly accepted by motion, second and vote. A goodly number of ministers belonging to Quarterly Meetings did not report. Elder Eritt Darnell made motion that the Association empower the clerk to write ministers who did not, and do not, report two years consecutively, asking them for their Ordination Papers. This was seconded by Lloyd Tolly, and passed on by vote.

Treasurer's report was as follows:

Last year's balance at the close of the Association was	\$159.15
For Minutes of Association	100.00
For State Association	50.00
Balance	9.15
Amount received from Quarterly Meetings in 1958	115.00
Amount received from ministers	29.00
Amount received from Free Will offerings	16.07
Balance of August 1958	\$169.22

Bro. J. W. Pierson made motion, seconded by Carl Perry, that Elder Walter Glover serve as Moderator in May 1959.

Elder Bill Gardner made motion, seconded by Elder Glover, that Elder Earl Austin serve. A standing vote was taken,

favoring Elder Walter Glover as next Moderator, Elder Austin to be assistant.

Executive Board reports next session to meet with the West View Freewill Baptist Church of Kingsport, Tenn., which will convene on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May 1959.

Elder James A. Boatright suggested that Elder Earl Austin and Elder Erritt Darnell serve as Publicity Agents of the work.

Elder Bill Vaughn made motion, seconded by Elder Emory Cook, that the Association adjourn and stand adjourned until Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1959. Carried by vote.

The Association adjourned by singing, "Some Day" with hand shake and fellowship of Christians. Dismissal prayer by Elder Bill Gardner.

James A. Boatright, Moderator

P. H. Duncan, Clerk

Vonda Davis, Assistant Clerk

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. *The Bible:* The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. *God:* There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. *Christ:* Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God; in His human nature truly man; the mediator between God and man. Once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. *The Holy Spirit:* The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. *The Government of God:* God exercised a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. *The Sinfulness of Man:* Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherits a fallen

nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

7. *The Work of Christ:* The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by Faith.

8. *The Terms of Salvation:* The conditions of Salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. *Election:* God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. *Freedom of the Will:* The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the Truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. *Salvation Free:* God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. *Perseverance*: All believers in Christ, who through Grace, persevere in Holiness to the end of life, have promise of Eternal Salvation.

13. *Gospel Ordinances*: Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetrated under the Gospel; feet washing, and ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. *Tithing*: God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)

15. *The Christian Sabbath*: The Divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. *Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution*: The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn Covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial faith, and good works, endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of our selves together for Church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the Ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds

of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will every where hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling, that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and Evangelistic efforts for the Salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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