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PROCEEDINGS

The 88th session of the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Hilton Free Will Baptist Church at Hilton, Virginia on May 8th and 9th, 1964.

The session was opened by singing "I'm Going That Way", under the direction of Elder Earl Austin. In the absence of the clerk, the senior minister Elder James Boatright called the conference to order, the conference granting Brother Boatright power to appoint a clerk pro-tem, he appointed Sister Sophie Darnell to this office, assisted by Sister Fronie Belle Myers. Sister Darnell read the 5th chapter of II Corinthians for devotions, prayer was led by Elder Frank McCann. The clerk then introduced the moderator, Elder Erritt Darnell.

Brother Darnell then proceeded to introduce Elders James Boatright, Willie Vickers, and Brother Jim Pierson who gave a early history of the organization.

All members of the executive board were present, Brother Guy Culbertson, Brother Carl Perry, and Elder Roy Sampson. The treasurer, Jim Pierson, and assistant moderator, Eugene Minton, were also present.

The following ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association were present: Elders Earl Austin, J. C. Barnett, James A.

Boatright, Erritt Darnell, Kelley Estepp, C. J. Flanary, Harold Hawkins, Rufus Hood, Frank McCann, Eugene Minton, Lee Clark, Eschol Herron, Lowman Umbarger, Milligan Herron, G. A. Minton, B. D. Profitt, Roy Sampson, John Smith, Jr., Bill Vaughn, Talmage Wallen, Arthur Luster, Bobby Ray Lane, Carl Bowser, Ray Weatherly, Willie Vickers, Joe Leonard, Lee Smith, Marvin Winkly, Clint Proffitt, John Pierson, Luther Lane, Harold Free, Willie Jennings, Writley Lane, Walter Brickey, Willie Ashworth, and Pat Bishop.

Visiting ministers were Elders Hershel Ramey and Robert L. Ramey, whom the moderator seated as advisory council.

Deacons present were Brothers Guy Culbertson, Arlie Sanders, A. D. Steffey, Pat Duncan, Stencil Gardner, George Hall, Charles Nelms, Charley Barr, Carl Perry, Ray Booker, Troy Dingus, Charlie Lane, Ezra Lane, Jack Churchwell, E. R. Ashworth, Ralph McCammie, Fred Nelms, and James Myers, Jr.

The moderator called for letters from the quarterly meetings, the letter from the Midway Quarterly Meeting was read, the letter approved, and the delegate seated.

The executive board was dismissed to select messenger for the worship hour. Elder Harold Hawkins was chosen.

The morning service was called together

by singing, "I Never Shall Forget the Day", under the direction of Bro. Darnell, Sister Myers led "Calvary", Brother Hawkins, read for scripture lesson, I Corinthians, Chapter I, verses 10 thru 25 and brought an inspiring message on "Brotherly Love".

Afternoon service was called together by singing "I've Seen the Light", clerk read I Peter, 2nd chapter, prayer was led by Brother Boatright. The moderator then took charge of the service and asked for the remaining letters from the quarterly meetings.

The letter from the Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting was read, the letter approved, and the delegate seated.

The letter from the Orebank Quarterly Meeting was read, the letter approved and the delegate seated. Orebank sent last years letter back, that was returned to them in last session for correction. Brother John Smith, Jr., made move, seconded by Brother Bill Vaughn that letter be read after a discussion, conference carried, and letter was read.

The letter from the Sunbright Quarterly Meeting was read, the letter approved and the delegate seated.

The moderator called for delegates to the state conference. The conference selected Sisters Fronie Belle Myers, Jessie Smith, June Luster, Sophie Darnell and

Lillie Barnett. Alternates chosen were Sisters, Neomia Umbarger, Jean Weatherly, Gwendolyn Pierson, Minnie Bowser and Madeline Austin.

Elder Earl Austin made move that this conference send \$50.00 to the State Association with letter, seconded to move by Brother Jessee Rogers, conference carried.

By the passing away of one of the ministers, Elder Mance Leonard, during the year, this conference rose to a minute of silent prayer.

The executive board selected Elder Frank McCann to bring the evening message. The treasurer requested it be recorded that \$90.00 was received in today's letters.

Brother Jessee Rogers made move that this conference have 500 minutes printed, seconded to move by Brother Jim Pierson, conference carried. The conference was then adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The evening meeting was enjoyed by all. Elder Frank McCann used Psalms 46, and Luke 18, his text "Impossibilities of Men, are Possible with God." This was a very timely message.

Saturday morning session was opened by singing "Life Boat" and "Calvary" under the direction of Sister Myers, scripture by Clerk James Myers, Jr., Romans 5th chap-

ter verse 1 thru 10, prayer was led by Brother Garney Minton.

The moderator took charge of service. He then proceeded to call for business. Elder James Boatright read the resolution that was passed under controversy in the last conference. "Whereas, The controversy within this Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptist brought about by the creeping in of a so called doctrine known as "premillenniumism". We believe it is time for the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptist to take its stand against this so called doctrine by adopting the following resolution. Resolution: We, the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptist being in Conference this the 10th day of May 1963, Do hereby and hereon declare the doctrine of "premillennialism" to be absolutely contrary to the doctrine of the Bible. That it has no place or part in the scriptures, principals, and practices that Free Will Baptist are founded upon. Signed Floyd Starnes, Carl Perry." He then proceeded to make move that this resolution be null and void, seconded to move by Brother A. D. Steffey, conference carried by standing vote, none opposed.

Brother Culbertson selected Brother Stencil Gardner to fill the executive board chair in the absence of Brother Carl Perry.

Elder John Smith, Jr., made move to

investigate to see if we have constitution and by-laws, other than recorded in treatise, if we don't have any, adopt some, seconded to move by Elder Frank McCann, the move was defeated by 24 to 19.

Elder Darnell granted the clerk permission to record constitution in minutes of association.

The worship service was opened by singing "Victory in Jesus", under the direction of Brother Darnell. A special song was done by Brother and Sister Myers, and Sister Malone, "The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow", prayer was led by Brother Hart. The moderator introduced the speaker Elder Reece Bowser who read, St. John, 3rd chapter, verses 14 thru 21, his text, "Jesus the Light".

Afternoon session was opened by singing "I Can Tell You the Time", "I Know My Name is There". Scripture I Samuel, 2nd chapter, verse 1 thru 9, prayer was led by Elder Bill Vaughn. The moderator then took charge of the service and proceeded with the business. Elder Joe Leonard sang a song, "On Calvary", and gave a wonderful testimony.

Move made by Brother Jessee Rogers, seconded by Brother Roy Sampson that the following change in Section II, article 4 of Business of Yearly Meeting be changed to read as follows: "At each session preceding the convening of the State Association,

delegates are chosen to represent the yearly meeting in the State Association, letter to be carried by delegate", conference carried.

The moderator asked for representation from the Clinch River Quarterly Conference, first move by Brother Jessee Rogers, seconded to move by Brother Walter Brickey that it be recorded that this Quarterly meeting did not report, conference carried.

All ministers reports were read, and all that were approved were granted a card.

Treasurer report was given by treasurer Brother Jim Pierson of \$134.00 after \$50.00 was sent with state letter. Elder Earl Austin made move to accept treasurer report, seconded to move Brother Harold Hawkins, conference carried.

Brother Guy Culbertson's time expiring on executive board, Brothers Earl Austin made move he be retained, seconded by Brother Walter Brickey, conference carried.

Elder Erritt Darnell was elected moderator for next session, Elder B. D. Proffitt elected assistant moderator, the executive board sent the next session to the Pendleton Church, Friday and Saturday, before the second Sunday in May, 1965.

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting

Delegate_____	Brother Marvin Lane	
Number of churches _____		6
Number of ordained ministers _____		15
Number of licensed ministers _____		4
Number of ordained deacons _____		19
Number of Sunday schools _____		6
Number of prayer meetings _____		6
Number of youth leagues _____		3
Number of women's auxiliary _____		3
Church membership _____		391
Members received _____		49
Members dismissed _____		30
Members deceased _____		3
Sunday school enrollment _____		696
League enrollment _____		132
Womens auxiliary enrollment _____		44
Total offerings received _____	\$21,495.12	
Pastor's salary _____	6,518.61	
Evangelistic work _____	573.26	
Building and repairs _____	6,863.04	
Literature _____	538.81	
Charity _____	1,418.38	
Janitor service _____	840.00	
F. W. Baptist home _____	1,279.52	
Miscellaneous expenditures _____	2,551.44	
Foreign Missions _____	60.00	
Total expenditures _____	20,617.27	
Value of church property _____	110,400.00	
Amount enclosed with letters _____	\$25.00	

**Name of ministers belonging to Tri-Cities
Quarterly Meeting:**

Elder John Smith, Jr., 1421 Tyler St.,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Clint Proffitt, 2212 Westmoreland
Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Robert Parker, 740 Clouds Ford
Road, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Ray Weatherly, 861 Pace St.,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Kelly Estepp, 1621 Lake St, Kings-
port, Tenn.

Elder C. J. Ewing, Rt. 6, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder J. C. Barnette, 728 Howard Hill,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Eugene Minton, 1621 Clouds Ford
Road, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Bill Vaughn, 1225½ Lynn Garden
Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Leonard Cross, Doughoregan
Manor, Ellicott City, Md.

Elder Harold Hawkins, Rt. 4, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder F. M. McCann, 1917 Bloomingdale
Pike, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Lowman Umbarger, 1735½ Park
Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Carl Bowser, Rt. 1, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder Richard Castle, 1229 North Broad-
way, Indianapolis, Ind.

Elder Arthur Luster, Rt. 1, Rose Tree
Lane, Kingsport, Tenn.

The moderator called a special meeting today, May 8, 1964. The conference passed a motion to put the ordination of ministers and deacons under the jurisdiction of the Tri-Cities Quarterly Conference.

Elder Eugene Minton, Moderator

Elder Frank McCann,

Assistant Moderator

James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Orebank Quarterly Meeting

Delegate.....	Brother Jessie L. Rogers
State of religion.....	Good
Members received	33
Number baptized	39
Number dismissed	5
Number deceased	1
Number of churches of	
Quarterly meeting	3
Total membership	231
Conditions of prayer meetings—Good...	3
Conditions of Sunday schools—Good...	3
Average number pupils	212
Number of officers	8
Number of teachers	15
Number of leagues	1
Conditions of leagues	Good
Average attendance	37
Paid pastors	\$1,272.84
Paid evangelist	312.16
For buildings and repairs	8,338.73
For education	280.92
For publications	7.50

Donated to childrens home 477.25
Amount enclosed for yearly meeting
treasurer \$25.00

Pastors names and addresses:

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Dr.,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Roy Sampson, Rt. 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder B. D. Proffitt, Rt. 4, Blountville,
Tenn.

**Names and addresses of ministers be-
longing to our churches:**

Elder Eckel Herron, Rt. 4, Gate City, Va.

Elder Bob R. Lane, Rt. 4, Gate City, Va.

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Dr.,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Roy Sampson, Rt. 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder B. D. Proffitt, Rt. 4, Blountville,
Tenn.

Elder Joe Leonard, Rt. 1, Blountville,
Tenn.

Elder Lee Clark, Rt. 2, Blountville, Tenn.

Elder Sam Welsh, Rt. 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder Carter Proffitt, Jr., Blountville,
Tenn.

Elder Johnny Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.

Elder G. A. Minton, Rt. 11, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder Marvin Winkle, Rt. 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder Gordon Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder C. J. Flanary, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Lee Smith, Hiltons, Va.

Liscensee, Ellis Hammonds

Done by order of Orebank Quarterly Meeting assembled in Conference this 11th day of April, 1964.

Elder Earl Austin, Moderator

Jessie L. Rogers, Clerk

Remarks—Letter of last year enclosed and corrected.

Sunbright Quarterly Meeting

Delegate.....	Brother Bill White
State of religion	Fair
Number of churches	8
Number received this year	8
Number dismissed	2
Number deceased	2
Total membership	219
Number of Sunday schools.....	7
Average attendance	257
Number of prayer meetings	7
Pair pastors	467.37
Paid visiting ministers	151.65
For education	184.21
Home for children	112.32
Home mission	25.00
For building and repair	954.91
Miscellaneous expenses	284.05
Charity fund	31.75
Total expenditures for one year...	\$2,211.26

Ministers belonging to Sunbright Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield Va.

Elder Harold Free, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
 Rev. William Lane, Hilton, Va.
 Elder William Jones, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Rufus Hood, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Carson Bishop, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Talmage Wallen, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Oscar Calhoun, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Carl France, Gate City, Va.
 Elder George Rhoton, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Roy Jennings, Weber City, Va.
 Elder Willie Jennings, Weber City, Va.
 Elder Willie Vickers, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Lubert Hammonds, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Joe Taylor, Grundy, Va.
 Elder Fred Lane, Clinchport, Va.

Treasury report\$5.97

Enclosed is \$15.00 to accompany this letter.

Remarks: We the Sunbright Quarterly Meeting has adopted the rule of ordaining ministers and deacons according to our treatise.

Elder W. E. Vickers, Moderator
 Lillie Kerns, Clerk

Midway Quarterly Meeting

Delegate.....	Sister Becky Gillenwater
Number of churches	8
Members received	6
Number dismissed	2

Number deceased	4
Total membership	281
Number of Sunday schools	6
Sunday school enrollment	353
Number of ordained ministers	8
Number of licensed ministers	2
Number of ordained deacons	13
Paid pastors	\$ 406.20
Paid evangelists	274.27
Building repairs	2,604.81
Value of church property	51,000.00
Literature and education	284.43
Charity	28.85
Childrens home	667.19
Foreign missions	45.00
Flowers	119.00
Miscellaneous expense	347.05
Total expenditures in churches	4,678.16
From Midway Quarterly Meeting to Children's Home	99.00
Enclosed with letter	25.00
Pastors names and addresses:	
Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va., 2 churches	
Elder Eritt Darnell, Ft. Blackmore, Va., 2 churches	
Elder John Clifford Pierson, Kingsport, Tenn., 1 church	
Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn., 2 churches	
Elder Fred Lane, Clinchport, Va., 1 church	

Ministers belonging to our churches:

Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Eritt T. Darnell, Ft. Blackmore,
Va.

Elder Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder A. F. Pucket, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.
Elder John C. Pierson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.

Licensed ministers:

Bro. J. B. Quillen, Kingsport, Tenn.
Bro. Robert Mathis, Ft. Blackmore, Va.

Deacons:

Jim Edwards	Arle Sanders
Paul Collins	Guy Culbertson
Carl Perry	Orbin Lane
Troy Dingus	J. E. Thompson
Luther Sluss	Jim Hensley
Robert Quillen	Emory Ashworth

Jim Egans

The conference passed motion to put the Ordination of ministers and deacons under the jurisdiction of the quarterly conference.

Done by order of Midway Quarterly Conference in conference April 4, 1964.

John C. Pierson, Moderator
Sophie Darnell, Clerk

MINISTERS REPORTS

Elder W. J. Ashworth

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2

Elder Earl Austin

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	19
Sermons preached	160
Conversions witnessed	40
Received into church	14
Marriages	2
Funerals	12
Quarterly meetings attended	12
Offerings received	\$600.00

Elder J. C. Barnett

Churches pastored	1
(Pastored 2½ months)	
Sermons preached	100
Marriages	1
Funerals	2
Quarterly meetings attended	6
Offerings received	\$477.89

Elder Pat Bishop

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	80
Revivals conducted	2
Conversions	21
Members received	10
Offerings	\$133.20

Elder James A. Boatright

Sermons preached	20
Memorials	6
Offerings received	\$64.00
Funerals	20

Elder Carl R. Bowser

Revivals	3
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Sermons preached	16
Conversions witnessed	13
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$6.00

Elder Walter Brickey

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	2
Sermons preached	60
Conversions witnessed	6
Marriages	1
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	Liberal

Elder Oscar Roy Calhoun

Revivals	3
Conversions witnessed	17
Baptized	2
Offerings received	\$66.15

Elder James M. Cassell

Sermons preached	Several
Sunday school class taught	1
Marriages	2
Baptized	2

Elder Lee Clark

Revivals	2
Baptized	15
Sermons preached	35
Conversions witnessed	15
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$14.00

Elder Leonard Cross

Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	3
Filled appointments	

Elder Eritt T. Darnell

Churches pastored	2
Revivals	1
Baptized	7

Sermons preached	52
Conversions	Several
Received into church	2
Marriages	3
Funerals	5
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	Liberal

Elder Walker Darnell

Churches pastored	2
Revivals	2
Baptized	2
Sermons preached	80
Conversions witnessed	6
Received into church	1
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$80.00

Elder Kelly Estep

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	85
Conversions witnessed	12
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$300.00

Elder C. J. Flanary

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	3
Sermons preached	57
Conversions witnessed	14
Received into church	5
Marriages	1
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$161.80

Elder Carl France

Sermons preached	50
Conversions witnessed	Several
Baptized	4

Elder Harold Free

Revivals	4
Sermons preached	37
Conversions witnessed	7
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$10.00

Elder Lubert Hammonds

Sermons preached	40
Conversions witnessed	51
Baptized	8
Revivals	2
Offerings received	Liberal

Elder Harold Hawkins

Revivals	6
Baptized	7
Sermons preached	160
Received into church	18
Marriages	1
Funerals	4
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$800.00

Elder Eckel E. Herron

Revivals	1
Sermons preached	12
Conversions witnessed	29
Quarterly meetings attended	1
Offerings received	\$34.45

Elder Milligan Herron

Churches	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	5
Sermons preached	63
Conversions witnessed	14
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$78.92

Elder Rufus Hood

Baptized	7
Sermons preached	100

Conversions witnessed	37
Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Offerings received	\$306.36
<i>Elder M. D. Hyatt</i>	
Sermons preached	3
Conversions witnessed	4
Ordained April 30, 1964	
<i>Elder Willie Jennings</i>	
Churches pastored	1
Revivals	8
Baptized	12
Sermons preached	160
Conversions witnessed	54
Received into church	3
Marriages	25
Funerals	12
Quarterly meetings attended	1
Offerings received	\$90.00
<i>Elder Roy Jenkins</i>	
Sermons preached	37
Funerals	8
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	3
Baptized	4
Marriages	6
Offerings received	\$9.62
<i>Elder William Jones</i>	
Sermons preached	13
Funerals	1
Offerings received	\$5.00
Conversions witnessed	1
<i>Elder Bob R. Lane</i>	
Revivals	1
Sermons preached	22
Conversions witnessed	29
Marriages	3
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$43.30

Elder Fred L. Lane

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	3
Sermons preached	55
Conversions witnessed	Several
Quarterly meetings attended	1
Offerings received	\$75.00

Elder Luther Lane

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptized	2
Sermons preached	35
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$32.42

Elder Wrightly K. Lane

Conversions witnessed	9
Ordained April 30th, 1964	

Elder Joe Leonard

Revivals	1
Baptized	3
Sermons preached	15
Conversions witnessed	28
Quarterly meetings attended	4

Elder Authur Luster

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	3
Sermons preached	6
Conversions witnessed	16
Received into church	8
Funerals	5
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$600.00

Elder Eugene E. Minton

Churches pastored	1
Baptized	3
Sermons preached	96
Conversions witnessed	25

Received into church	16
Funerals	5
Quarterly meetings attended	7
Offerings received	\$731.95

Elder G. A. Minton

Revivals	3
Baptized	1
Sermons preached	95
Conversions witnessed	30
Funerals	3
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$369.50

Elder Frank McCann

Churches pastored	2
Revivals	3
Baptized	8
Sermons preached	124
Conversions witnessed	14
Received into church	20
Marriages	2
Funerals	10
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$1,865.00

Elder Robert L. Parker

Ordained September 11, 1963	
Church pastored	1
Sermons preached	26
Conversions witnessed	3
Funerals	4
Quarterly meetings attended	3

Elder John Clifford Pierson

Baptized	3
Sermons preached	60
Conversions witnessed	7
Received into church	6
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	6
Offerings received	\$124.55
Associations attended	2
Revivals	1

Elder B. D. Proffitt

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptized	19
Sermons preached	62
Conversions witnessed	45
Received into church	13
Marriages	1
Funerals	6
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$195.40

Elder Clint Proffitt

Sermons preached	60
Conversions witnessed	5
Quarterly meetings attended	4

Elder Roy Sampson

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	9
Sermons preached	81
Conversions witnessed	21
Received into church	6
Funerals	2
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$637.00

Elder Lee Smith

Ordained one week

Elder John Smith, Jr.

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	11
Sermons preached	75
Conversions	28
Received into church	10
Marriages	1
Funerals	6
Quarterly meetings attended	5
Offerings received	\$2,900.00

Elder Lowman Umbarger

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	5
Baptized	12
Sermons preached	50
Conversions witnessed	25
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$47.00

Elder Bill Vaughn

Revivals	5
Marriages	3
Funerals	4
Quarterly meetings	3

Elder W. E. Vicars

Sermons preached	23
Quarterly meetings attended	6

Elder Talmage Wallen

Revivals	5
Sermons preached	57
Conversions witnessed	18
Offerings received	\$61.32

Elder Ray Weatherly

Sermons preached	18
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$13.00
Ordained in November	

Elder Marvin Winkle

Revivals	3
Baptized	5
Sermons preached	45
Conversions witnessed	Several
Funerals	1
Quarterly meeting attended	3
Offerings received	\$50.00

Ministers who have not reported for two consecutive years:

Elder Walt Glovier
Elder Harry Whittaker
Elder Jeff Salyer
Elder J. H. Patrick
Elder C. J. Ewing
Elder W. H. Frazier
Elder Roy Jennings
Elder Doyle Collier
Elder Joe Taylor
Elder Sam Welch

Ministers who did not report this year:

Elder Carter Proffitt, Jr.
Elder Johnny Hooker
Elder Gorden Clark
Elder William Lane
Elder Joe Taylor
Elder A. F. Puckett

As adopted by the 82nd Session of the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptist, a ministers failure to report for two consecutive years, his Ordination papers will be called for.

These minutes were read and approved.
Prayer of dismissal was given by Elder Roy Sampson.

Elder Erritt Darnell, Moderator
James Myers, Jr., 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 perpetuated 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.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Clinch Valley Association, 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 Association shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly Meetings of which it is

composed, every Quarterly Meeting being entitled to one delegate, every Quarterly Meeting containing five hundred members to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional five hundred members.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a standing clerk and treasurer and a moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Association, with assistants as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the practices, and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith, and in the Minutes of the National Association, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Association shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May, at which

time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standing, prospects, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of this Association.

Article 7. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular session; notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recording at the next previous session.

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