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PROCEEDINGS

The 89th session of the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Pendleton Church at Fort Blackmore, Virginia, on May 7th and 8th, 1965.

The session was opened by singing "Press On It Won't Be Long" and "Living By Faith". The clerk read from the 21st. chapter of Revelations vs. 1 thru 7; and chapter 22 vs. 1 thru 5. Prayer was lead by Brother Guy Culbertson. The clerk then proceeded to introduce the moderator Elder Erritt Darnell.

Brother Darnell introduced Elder John Pearson the pastor of the host church who welcomed the conference in behalf of the church and the Midway Quarterly meeting.

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

The following ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association were present: Elder James Boatright, John Pierson, A. F. Pucket, W. E. Vicars, Johnny Hooker, Eckel Herron, John Smith, Jr., Roy Sampson, G. A. Minton, Arthur Luster, Lowman Umbarger, Lee Smith, Willie Jennings, Frank McCann, J. C. Barnett, Carl Bowser, Bill Burchett, Rufus Hood,

Bill Vaughn, Luther Lane, Lee Clark, Sam Welch, Joe Leonard, Earl Austin, Wrightly Lane, Robert Parker, Ray Weatherly, Eugene Minton, Richard Cassell, Milligan Herron, Harold Hawkins, Walker Darnell, Bob R. Lane, Walter Brickey, Marvin Winkell, William Lane, Harold Free, Willie Ashworth, Pat Bishop, Eritt Darnell.

Deacons present were Brothers: James Myers, Jr., Carl Perry, Arthur Gardner, Charlie Lane, A. D. Steffey, Guy Culbertson, Arlie Sanders, Ronald Puckett, John Dingus, Troy Dingus, Ernest Fletcher, Stancel Gardner, Clyde Presley, Fred Nelms, Lee McClain, Charlie Lane, Marvin Lane, Roy Barker, Orbin Lane, Emory Ashworth.

Visiting Deacon James Allison, Old Fort North Carolina.

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

The executive board was dismissed to select messenger for the worship hour, Elder Arthur Luster was chosen.

Morning worship service was opened by singing "Calvary" led by Sister Myers, and accompanied at the piano by Sister Boat-

right. Brother Boatright led "Press along to Gloryland." Brother Darnell led "Fill My Way with Love." Brother Boatright then led in prayer. The moderator introduced Elder Arthur Luster who read from the 4th chapter of Mark vs. 35 thru 41. He brought a soul stirring message on "What Manner of Man Is This?" Prayer of thanks for the service and food was given by Brother John Pierson.

A wonderful meal was served by the host church and the Midway Quarterly Meeting.

Afternoon session was opened by singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Clerk read from the 20th chapter of II Kings vs. 1 thru 7. Prayer was led by Brother Bill Vaughn. The moderator then took charge of the service and called for the remaining letters.

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

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

The Clinch River Quarterly Meeting report was called for by the moderator, no report was presented.

Roy Sampson made move, seconded by Carl Perry that the Clinch River Quarterly Meeting be dismissed from this association, conference carried.

The conference approved the printing of 600 minutes.

James Myers made move, seconded by Frank McCann that Brother Carl Perry be retained on the executive board, conference carried.

James Boatright made move, seconded by Arley Sanders to send an investigating committee to check on preachers that are pastoring churches that are not organized Free Will Baptist Churches or which do not belong to a quarterly meeting. Conference carried. By request of the association, the moderator appointed Elders John Smith, Jr., John Pierson, and Frank McCann to this committee.

Executive board selected Elder J. C. Barnett to bring the evening message. The first day of the conference was then adjourned by prayer from Rufus Hood.

Evening service was opened by singing "Heaven's Jubilee," "Rock of Ages Keep My Soul," "God Holds The Future In His Hands." An alter prayer was called for. Special singing was rendered by the Darnell Trio and Harmony Four Quartet. Elder Barnett read from the 2nd chapter of Hebrews vs. 9. His text "But We See Jesus, Who Was Made A Little Lower Than the Angels." He brought an inspiring and timely message, fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Saturday morning service was opened by singing "I'll Meet You By The

River," "At Calvary," and "The Life Boat." The clerk quoted the first five verses of the 24th Psalms, prayer was led by Earl Austin. The clerk proceeded to introduce the moderator who then called for business.

John Smith, Jr. made move, seconded by Bob Lane that Sister Fronie Belle Myers be elected assistant clerk. Conference carried.

John Smith, Jr. made move, seconded by John Pierson that the investigating committee that was appointed yesterday to examine ministers that are pastoring churches that are not organized Free Will Baptist Churches or do not belong to a quarterly meeting be extended until the next association when a complete report can be given, conference carried.

The moderator called for delegates, to the state association. The conference selected Sister Fronie Belle Myers, Sister Sophie Darnell, Sister Betty Ruth Lane, Sister Smith and Sister June Luster.

Treasurer's report of \$242.00 was given by Brother Jim Pierson. John Smith made move, seconded by Lawman Umbarger that the treasurer's report be received, conference carried.

Earl Austin made move, seconded by Carl Perry that this conference send \$50.00 with our letter to the state association, conference carried.

Sister Gradine Kennedy from the Virginia State Home Mission Board gave her report to the conference. She spoke on Daily Bible School and Youth Camp, and left applications for use by this body.

Executive board was dismissed to select messenger for the worship hour. Elder Frank McCann was chosen.

The morning services was called together by singing "Not Made With Hands." Brother and Sister Myers sang "I'll Really Be Free." Sister Joyce Rice sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Brother & Sister Myers, and Brother and Sister Darnell sang "Searching for Me." Elder Frank McCann read from the 20th chapter of Jeremiah vs. 9. He brought an inspiring message "Burning in Our Hearts." After fellowship, prayer of thanks was given by Brother Jim Pierson.

A wonderful dinner was served by the host church and the Midway Quarterly Meeting.

Afternoon sessions was opened by singing "Victory in Jesus," clerk read 1st Psalm. Prayer was led by Brother Rufus Hood.

Reports of ministers were received, all that were approved were granted a card. Earl Austin made a move, seconded by Harold Hawkins that the clerk be given power to send names of ministers who have not reported for two years to

Quarterly meeting so that the Quarterly Meeting can check. Conference carried.

Harold Hawkins was elected moderator and J. C. Barrett assisted moderator.

Complete treasurer report was \$270.00 less \$50.00 for state meetings, leaves \$220.00. Move made to accept report by John Smith, Jr., seconded by Harold Hawkins, conference carried.

The next association was sent to the West View Church in Kingsport, Tennessee on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1966.

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

TRI-CITIES QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.....	Sister June Luster
Number of churches	6
Number of ordained ministers	18
Number of licensed ministers	1
Number of ordained deacons	20
Number of Sunday Schools	6
Number prayer meetings	6
Number of church training schools	4
Number of women's auxiliary	4
Church membership	399
Members received	32
Members dismissed	20
Members deceased	2
Sunday School enrollment	622
Church training school enrollment	110
Women's Auxiliary enrollment	46
Total offerings received	\$23,133.14
Pastors salary	7,661.56
Evangelistic work	549.40
Building and repairs	12,418.75
Literature	704.06
Charity	1,082.34
Janitor service	925.00
Free Will Baptist home	1,133.46
Misc. expense	645.75
Total expenditures	25,263.77
Foreign missions	203.45
Home missions	50.00

Bible college	16.00
Value of church property	109,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter	75.00

Ministers belonging to Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elder Arthur Luster, Route 1, Rosetree
Lane, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Blaine Morgan, Route 3, East
Holiday Lane, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder F. M. McCann, 205 W. Charlemont
Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Reece Bowser, Route 1, Idle Hour
Road, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Richard Castle, 1912 Heather Lane,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Lowman Umbarger, 1535½ Park
Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Bill Burchett, 1102 Catawba St.,
Kingsport, Tenn.

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

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

Elder Harold Hawkins, Route 4, Kings-
port, Tenn.

Elder William Vaughn, Box 117, Old
Fort, North Carolina

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

Elder John Smith, Jr., Moderator

Elder Harold Hawkins,

Assistant Moderator

James Myers, Jr., Clerk

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.....	Sister Lakie Ross
Number of churches.....	8
Number members received.....	32
Members dismissed.....	3
Members deceased.....	3
Total membership.....	306
Number of Sunday Schools.....	6
Average attendance.....	269
Number of prayer meetings.....	2
Number of ordained ministers.....	10
Number of licensed ministers.....	1
Number of ordained deacons.....	15
Paid pastors.....	\$ 461.00
Paid visiting ministers.....	298.55
Building repairs.....	2,857.59
Value of church property.....	53,000.00
Literature and education.....	338.25

Bible school expenses.....	123.50
Charity	168.50
Home Missions.....	47.28
Children's home at Greeneville	297.63
Electric Bill	115.90
Janitors	35.00
Flowers	159.75
Miscellaneous expenses.....	281.61
Total expenditures in churches....	5,213.26
Enclosed with letter.....	60.00

Churches and pastors:

- Midway Church—Luther Lane, Route 1,
Clinchport, Va.
- Starnes Bend Church—Elder Eritt T.
Darnell, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
- Copper Creek Church—Elder Eritt T.
Darnell, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
- Pendleton's Church—Elder Clifford Pier-
son, Kingsport, Tenn.
- Pine Grove Church—Elder Walter Brickey,
Kingsport, Tenn.
- Cassell's Chapel—Elder Joe Osborne,
Dungannon, Va.
- New Buffalo Church—Elder Echol Herron,
Hiltons, Va.
- Valley Creek Church—Elder Fred Lane,
Clinchport, Va.

Ministers belonging to our churches:

- Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
- Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.
- Elder A. F. Puckett, Ft. Blackmore, Va.

Elder Erritt T. Darnell, Route 1, Ft.
Blackmore, Va.

Elder John Clifford Pierson, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.

Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.

Elder Joe Osborne, Dungannon, Va.

Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder J. B. Quillen, Kingsport, Tenn.

Licensed minister: Brother Robert Mathis,
Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.

Erritt T. Darnell, Moderator
Sophie Darnell, Clerk

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.....	Ruby Stanley
State of religion.....	Fair
Number churches received this year.....	1
Total number of churches.....	9
Number members received this year.....	52
Number members dismissed.....	17
Number members died.....	1
Number conversions.....	52
Number baptized.....	6
Total membership.....	261
Number Sunday Schools.....	9
Average attendance.....	304
Number prayer meetings.....	8
Number of ministers belonging to Quarterly meeting.....	22
Number of deacons listed.....	9

Paid pastors.....	\$ 934.72
Paid evangelists.....	253.18
For education.....	140.30
Charity	15.35
Foreign Mission.....	107.68
Free Will Baptist home.....	217.35
Miscellaneous expense.....	675.34
Treasurer's report.....	1,708.17
Total expenditures.....	4,102.96
Amount to accompany letter.....	50.00

Ministers belonging to Sunbright Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
Elder Harold Free, Clinchport, Va.
Elder William Lane, Hiltons, Va.
Elder Pat Bishop, Route 1, Duffield, Va.
Elder William Jones, Gate City, Va.
Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Rufus Hood, Route 3, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Carson Bishop, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Talmage Walling, Route 1, Gate City, Va.
Elder Oscar Calhoun, Route, Gate City, Va.
Elder Carl France, Gate City, Va.
Elder George Rhoton, Weber City, Va.
Elder Roy Jennings, Weber City, Va.
Elder Roy Jenkins, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Willie Jennings, Weber City, Va.
Elder Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Hubert Hammonds, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Fred Lane, Clinchport, Va.

Elder W. J. Frazier, Duffield, Va.
 Elder Joe Taylor, Grundy, Va.
 Elder Wrightly Lane, Gate City, Va.
 Elder M. D. Hyatt, Route 4, Church Hill,
 Tenn.

W. E. Vicars, Moderator
 Lillie Kern, Clerk

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.....	Sister Faye Winkle
Number of churches.....	3
State of religion.....	Good
Members received this year.....	26
Number dismissed.....	17
Number baptized.....	30
Number deceased.....	1
Total membership.....	240
Number Sunday Schools.....	3
Condition of Sunday Schools.....	Good
Average number of pupils.....	243
Number prayer meetings.....	3
Condition of prayer meetings.....	Good
Number church training services.....	1
Condition	GOOD
Average number of pupils.....	41
Number of officers.....	9
Number of teachers.....	14
Paid pastors.....	\$1,750.00
Paid evangelists.....	538.59
Missions—Home	85.50
Foreign	80.00

Children's home.....	526.00
Education—Sunday School, Bible School, training service	541.27
National Church Board.....	21.23
Building and repairs.....	3,088.31
Summary of Vacation Bible School	
Enrollment	143
Average number.....	101
Amount enclosed with letter.....	\$25.00

Ministers belonging to our church:

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

Elder Gordon Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Lee Clark, Route 2, Blountville,
Tenn.

Elder C. J. Flanary, Kingsport, Tenn.

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

Elder Johnny Hooker, Route 2, Blount-
ville, Tenn.

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

Elder Joe Leonard, Route 2, Blountville,
Tenn.

Elder B. D. Proffitt, Route 4, Blount-
ville, Tenn.

Elder Carter Proffitt, Jr., Blountville,
Tenn.

Elder Roy Sampson, Route 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder Lee Smith, Hiltons, Va.

Elder Sam Welch, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.
 Elder Marvin Winkle, Route 3, Church
 Hill, Tenn.

Licensed ministers:

Ellis Hammond, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Virgil Winkle, Route 8, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elbert Wallen, Route 8, Kingsport, Tenn.

Lee Smith, Moderator
 Jessie L. Rogers, Clerk

MINISTERS REPORTS

ELDER W. J. ASHWORTH

Churches pastored	2
Revivals held	1
Conversions witnessed	25

ELDER EARL AUSTIN

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	10
Sermons preached	150
Conversions witnessed	30
Received into the church	6
Marriages	3
Funerals	4
Offering received	\$1,200

ELDER J. C. BARNETT

Churches pastored	1
Baptized	2
Sermons preached	83
Conversions witnessed	5
Received into church	2
Marriages	2

Funerals	7
Quarterly meetings attended	6
Offerings received	\$595.06

ELDER JAMES A. BOATRIGHT

Sermons preached	44
Memorial services	14
Quarterly meeting	7
Funerals	16
Offerings	\$101.97

ELDER CARSON BISHOP

Witnessed conversions	3
Offerings received	\$72.00
Been sick seven months	

ELDER PAT BISHOP

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	200
Baptized	165
Funerals	5
Sermons preached	100
Received in church	10
Ordination deacons	3
Offerings received	\$90.00

ELDER CARL R. BOWSER

Revival helped in	4
Sermons preached	55
Conversions witnessed	30
Quarterly meetings attended (because of working conditions)	1
Offerings received	\$19.21

ELDER WALTER BRICKEY

Sermons preached	95
Churches pastored	3
Revivals	1
Funeral	1
Conversions witnessed	Several
Offerings	\$250.00

ELDER BILLY BURCHETT

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptized	1
Sermons preached	20
Conversions witnessed	8
Quarterly meetings attended	1

(I was ordained February 20th,
1965 — 3 months)

ELDER RICHARD L. CASTLE

Revivals	3
Sermons preached	55
Conversions witnessed	18
Quarterly meetings attended	6
Offerings received	\$43.75

ELDER LEE CLARK

Sermons preached	50
Conversions witnessed	24
Offerings received	\$35.58
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Revivals	3

ELDER ERITT T. DARNELL

Churches pastored	2
Revivals	2
Baptized	8
Sermons preached	55
Conversions witnessed	Several
Received into church	14
Marriages	4
Funerals	6
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$200.00

Served as member of Executive committee of Board of Trustees of Home for Children, Greeneville, Tenn.

ELDER WALKER DARNELL

Revivals	2
Sermons preached	82

Conversions witnessed	8
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$120.00

ELDER KELLY ESTEP

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	100
Conversions witnessed	4
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$300.00

ELDER HAROLD FREE

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons preached	45
Conversions witnessed	10
Received into church	5
Funerals	1
Offerings received	\$116.00

ELDER LUBERT HAMMOND

Revivals	2
Baptized	8
Sermons preached	Several
Conversions witnessed	208
Funerals	48
Quarterly meetings attended	1

ELDER HAROLD HAWKINS

Churches pastored	2
Revivals	14
Baptized	18
Sermons preached	178
Conversions witnessed	Several
Received into church	12
Marriages	1
Funerals	5
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$1,219.99

ELDER ECKEL E. HERRON

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons preached	33
Conversions witnessed	43
Received into church	2
Marriages	1
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$6.86

ELDER MILLIGAN HERRON

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptized	5
Sermons preached	66
Conversions witnessed	14
Received into church	2
Funerals	2
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$148.16

ELDER RUFUS HOOD

Revivals	2
Baptized	7
Baptized	7
Sermons preached	80
Conversions witnessed	20
Funerals	4
Offerings received	\$417.41

ELDER JOHNNIE HOOKER — 1964

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	6
Sermons preached	65
Conversions witnessed	23
Marriages	1
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	2

ELDER JOHNNIE HOOKER — 1965

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptized	14
Sermons preached	71
Conversions witnessed	33
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings attended	2

ELDER M. D. HYATT

Sermons preached	130
Conversions witnessed	33
Baptized	6
Offerings	\$235.53
Revivals	4
Funerals held	1
Churches pastored	1
Received into church	1

ELDER ROY E. JENNINGS

(wife sick)

ELDER WILLIE JENNINGS

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	9
Baptized	24
Sermons preached	132
Conversions witnessed	98
Received into church	5
Marriages	Several
Funerals	8
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$82.89

ELDER WILLIAM H. JONES

Sermons delivered	25
Conversions witnessed	10
Revival	1
Baptized	1
Offerings	\$12.75

ELDER BOB R. LANE

Revivals	2
Baptized	8
Sermons	52
Conversions witnessed	15
Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$8.00

ELDER LUTHER LANE

Churches pastored	2
Revivals	2
Sermons preached	40
Conversions witnessed	1
Funerals	2
Quarterly meetings attended	1
Offerings received	\$40.75

ELDER WILLIAM H. LANE

Baptized	1
Sermons preached	40
Conversions witnessed	4
Marriages	3
Funerals	4
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$250.00

ELDER WRIGHTLY K. LANE

Revivals	2
Baptized	2
Sermons preached	40
Conversions witnessed	25
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	Liberal

ELDER JOE LEONARD

Sermons preached	18
Revivals	1
Offerings received	\$20.00
Conversions witnessed	15
Quarterly meetings attended	4

ELDER ARTHUR LUSTER

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	83
Conversions witnessed	10
Funerals	8
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$1,200.00

ELDER F. M. McCANN

Churches pastored	2
Revivals	5
Baptized	6
Sermons preached	120
Conversions witnessed	17
Received into church	7
Marriages	1
Funerals	5
Quarterly meetings attended	5
Offerings received	\$1,845.00

ELDER EUGENE E. MINTON

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptized	5
Sermons preached	96
Conversions witnessed	15
Funerals	4
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$310.00

ELDER G. A. MINTON

Revivals	1
Baptized	10
Sermons preached	90
Conversions witnessed	23
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$261.00

ELDER BLAINE MORGAN

Sermons preached	12
Conversions witnessed	6
Quarterly meetings attended	2

ELDER ROBERT L. PARKER

Churches pastored	1
Baptized	3
Sermons preached	51
Conversions witnessed	6
Marriages	1
Funerals	6
Quarterly meetings attended	4

ELDER JOHN CLIFFORD PIERSON

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptized	5
Sermons preached	55
Conversions witnessed	21
Received into church	9
Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Quarterly meetings attended	7
Offerings received	\$126.11

ELDER B. D. PROFFITT

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	72
Revivals	3
Funerals	4
Marriages performed	1
Offerings received	\$125.00

ELDER A. F. PUCKETT

Sermons preached	1
(Has been sick)	

ELDER J. B. QUILLEN

Churches pastored	None
Revivals	3
Baptized	12
Sermons preached	65
Conversions witnessed	Several

Funerals	2
Quarterly meetings attended	2
Offerings received	\$75.00

ELDER GEORGE R. RHOTON

Revival held	1
Conversions witnessed	Several

ELDER ROY SAMPSON

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons preached	213
Baptized	23
Conversions witnessed	31
Funerals conducted	6
Quarterly meetings attended	3
Offerings received	\$600.00
Marriages	1

ELDER JOHN SMITH, JR.

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons preached	90
Conversions witnessed	38
Received into church	4
Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Offerings received	\$3,430.00

ELDER LEE SMITH

Baptized	11
Sermons preached	45
Conversions witnessed	35
Quarterly meetings attended	4

ELDER JOE TAYLOR

Revivals	2
Baptized	4
Sermons	100
Conversions witnessed	8
Offerings	Fair

ELDER W. S. VAUGHN

Received into church	12
Marriages	3
Funerals	6
Quarterly meetings	2
Offerings received	\$2,252.59

ELDER LOWMAN UMBARGER

Revivals	3
Baptized	2
Sermons preached	75
Conversions witnessed	Several
Marriages	1
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings	3
Offerings received	\$100.00

ELDER W. E. VICKERS

Sermons	18
Memorial services	1
Helped ordain	3 deacons
Offerings received	\$6.00

ELDER TALMAGE WALLEN

Revivals	6
Baptized	11
Sermons preached	100
Conversions witnessed	24
Offerings received	\$59.53

ELDER RAY WEATHERLY

Revivals	1
Sermons preached	61
Conversions witnessed	4
Funerals	1
Quarterly meetings	2
Offerings received	\$46.34

ELDER SAM WELCH

Sermons	5
Conducted prayer meetings	2

ELDER MARVIN W. WINKLY

Sermons	22
Conversions	Several
Quarterly meetings	3
Offerings received	\$10.00

Ministers who have not reported for two consecutive years:

Elder Carter Proffitt, Jr.
Elder Gordon Clark

Ministers who did not report this year:

Elder Lee Clark
Elder James Cassell
Elder Leonard Cross
Elder C. J. Flanary
Elder Carl Frank
Elder Roy Jenkins
Elder Fred Lane
Elder Joe Osborne

These minutes were read and approved.
Prayer of dismissal was given by Elder John Pierson.

Elder Eritt 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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