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The Tri-State Association is composed of the following: Scioto Yearly Meeting, Big Sandy Yearly Meeting of Kentucky, West Virginia Yearly Meeting of West Virginia.

Big Sandy Yearly Meeting is composed of three Quarterly Meetings: Johnson County Quarterly Meeting, Lawrence County Quarterly Meeting and Tug River Quarterly Meeting.

The Johnson County Quarterly Meeting is composed of the following churches: Paintsville Church, Prestonsburg Church, Rock House Church, Japan Church, Robinson Church, Betsy Layne Church, Toms Creek Church, Sandy City Church, Little Blaine Church and Hayman Church.

Ministers as follows: H. B. Conley, Jess Hampton, Isaac Stratton, Wyse Reed, F. S. VanHoose, Farris VanHoose, Millard VanHoose, Jim VanHoose, Burns Castle, Jim Prince, Scott Daniel, Irvin Rice, J. F. D. Borders, A. L. Jackson, Farrell Williamson, Adron Davis, Henry F. Castle, Malcolm Hubbard, George Patrick, W. H. Horn, L. H. Winchell, Everet Edwards, L. E. Colliver, J. Duball, W. M. Sudeth, Alonzo Dixon, James T. Fraley, K. L. Patton, Daniel Hughes, Marion Davis, Roy Bellomy, C. Z. Cavin, Arlie Blackburn, Gilbert Miller.

Lawrence County Quarterly Meeting is composed of the following Churches: Walnut Grove Church, Bells Chapel Church, Charley Church, Cando Church, Cordell Church, Blaine Chapel Church.

Ministers as follows: G. H. Young, D. A. Hayes, G. C. Bevins, J. Preston, Trigg Friley, John VanHoose, John E. Conley, Fred Rowland, J. C. Brown, Scott Thompson, H. W. Williams, Carl Senters.

Tug River Quarterly Meeting is composed of the following churches: Glen Hayes Church, Spriggss Church, Pawpaw Church,

Peter Creek Church, Poplar Church.

Ministers as follows: C. S. Pennington, L. D. Coleman, J. W. Janey, J. M. Young, William Sparks, Frank Widner, Frank Walter, Frank Maynard.

The Scioto Yearly Meeting is composed of three Quarterly Meetings: Lawrence County Quarterly Meeting, Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting, Porter Quarterly Meeting.

Lawrence County Quarterly Meeting is composed of the following churches: Lagrage Chapel Church, Woodland Chapel Church, Pleasant Valley Church, New Hope Church, Russell Chapel Church, Mount Olive Church, Symes Valley Church.

Ministers as follows: I. N. Russell, John Kimble, W. M. Coyle, S. Miller, Peter Bamhart, Jess Sizemore, Jacob Fox, W. M. Wisenbarger, G. D. Webb, Alfred Artis, U. L. Pane, Henry Messer.

Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting is composed of the following churches: Union Church, Sciotodale Church, Campbell Church, Mount Hope Church, Antioc Church, Bloom Church, Pine Creek Church, Bethlehem Church.

Ministers as follows: W. J. Shepherd, J. A. Kemper, J. S. Yealey, J. F. Yealey, Sullivan Persell, L. Hall, Harrison Vanbebber, Lawrence Kemper, Mart Toland, Robert Fiffe, Jacob See, Frank Haney, George Radabaugh, R. Radabaugh, James Shunkwiler, J. J. Upton, Milford Riddlebarger, Charles McCain, S. Morrell.

Porter Quarterly Meeting is composed of the following churches: Bethasda Church, Porter Church, Huston Hollow Church, Owl Creek Church, Salt Creek Church, Wakefield Church, Providence Church.

Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting is composed of the following churches: Kenova Church, Eighth Street Huntington Church, Guyandotte Church.

Ministers as follows: T. S. Young, L. D. Ridenor, Rufus Fridley, C. F. Harper, N. C. Cremens, John Henson, N. Borders, J. T. Powell, C. F. Ferguson, J. C. Wilcox, Ora Pennington, Claud Nichols, T. B. Curnutte, A. C. King, Jonas Ashworth, Ottis Ellis.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Tri-State Association is designed to comprise all the quarterly

meetings and yearly meetings in the States of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia, belonging to the Freewill Baptist denomination, and to unify more completely the churches work.

The Tri-State Association sustains the same relation to the Yearly Meetings. Yearly as Yearly Meetings sustains to the Quarterly Meetings to the churches.

This body was organized October 4, 1919, and adapted the following Constitution and By-Laws, to govern its mission and work.

This organization shall be known as the Tri-State Association of the Freewill Baptist.

The object of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various Yearly Meetings in the aforesaid states of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia, and to advise means for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in these states.

Each Yearly Meeting composing this association shall be entitled to representation by one delegate for each Yearly Meeting, and one additional delegate for every three hundred members or major portion thereof, together with all ordained ministers in good standing.

This association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or government usage, coming before it properly from any of the bodies composing this organization, or act upon any appeal that may be made from any body belonging to the association.

The officers of the association shall consist of the following: Who shall be elected at each regular session, and serve until their successor is elected and qualified. The Clerk and Treasurer accepted, a Moderator and an Assistant, an Executive Board of five members, a Clerk who shall serve at the will of the Association. A Treasurer who also shall serve at the will of the association. He shall furnish such bond as the body requires. Duties of the Moderator: He shall preside at all regular association meetings, and have general supervision of all the church work during his term. He is to appoint all committees for the association, that the business be properly brought before the body. His assistant accepts his responsibility in his absence.

Duties of the Clerk: He shall keep a correct record of all meetings, and read them for approval at each session. He shall keep a



record of all finance coming into the treasurer, and settle with him at each session for comparison.

**Duties of the Treasurer:** He shall keep a correct account of all the finance coming into his hands and read his report at each session for approval.

**Duties of the Executive Board:** There shall be elected from persons in good standing in the association an Executive Board of five members, each regular session, who shall hold office until the next session, or until the place is made vacant by death or removal. Then the board shall appoint one to fill the vacancy. To this board power is given to act on any and all legal business coming properly before it between sessions. They shall have power to collect funds from the members as is needed for the work and employ and superintend such workers from the association as may be needed in field work. This board shall have a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and shall keep a correct record of all work done and money received and spent and make a full and complete record to each regular session of the association. The board shall meet once each year before each session of the association and transact its business and prepare its report.

**Meeting time of the Association:** Regular sessions shall be held each year beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, at ten o'clock a. m., and continue until Sunday night.

**Alteration:** The Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended at regular sessions of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that notice shall have been filed with the Clerk at the preceding session showing the change that is desired.

### FRIDAY MORNING

The Tri-State Association met with the Sandy City Church in regular session and called to order by Clerk F. S. VanHoose at 10:30 A. M., Friday morning. Song by congregation. Prayer by Elder G. H. Young and Elder R. H. Ferguson. Scripture lesson 23rd chapter Psalms by F. S. VanHoose. Preaching by Elder H. B. Conley, who was selected at our last Association as W. J. Shepherd, alternate, was not there. Elder H. B. Conley preached from 15th chapter Psalms. Benediction by Elder John Yealy.

Met back at 2:15 P. M. Song by congregation. Scripture lesson 3rd Chapter 1st Timothy by F. S. VanHoose. Prayer by Elder C. C. Carrell. Motion made and carried to elect Elder Millard VanHoose Moderator. He called Elder H. B. Conley as assistant Moderator. Corresponding messengers are invited to a seat and extended to them the right hand of fellowship. Names of ministers present: Elder Millard VanHoose, F. S. VanHoose, G. H. Young, H. B. Conley, J. S. Yealy, A. C. King, Jeff Thomas, I. M. Collins, L. E. Colliver, G. D. Webb, C. S. Pennington, C. Z. Cavin, W. J. Shepherd, John Henson.

Visiting ministers from the Enterprise Baptist Association: R. H. Ferguson, G. C. Carrall, Butler Hall. Members of the Enterprise Association: M. C. Bradley, Charley Brickley. Visiting ministers of Mount Carmel United Baptist Association: John Eldridge, Furba Elkins. Visiting brother from Mount Pleasant Association of the Regular Baptist, A. J. Robinson. Name of delegates present: H. S. Hatfield, Bascom VanHoose, Elder A. C. King, John Ferrell, W. A. Strehle, W. A. Blanford.

Reading of our last years minutes and approving committee appointed on business, Elder G. H. Young, A. C. King, Jeff Thomas, C. Z. Cavin and G. D. Webb. Motion to adjourn from business for preaching by Elder C. C. Carroll and closed by Millard VanHoose. Benediction by Elder R. H. Ferguson.

Met back 7 P. M. Song by congregation., Scripture lesson 2nd Ephesians read by Brother Bascom VanHoose. Prayer by Brother Bascom VanHoose. Committee to supply the pulpit, Brother Bruce Litteral, Harry Howery, Kindall Jenkins. Report of pulpit committee, Elder John Yealy, Friday night, Saturday morning, R. H. Ferguson; Saturday night, G. H. Young and F. S. VanHoose; Sunday morning, H. B. Conley and Millard VanHoose. Benediction by Elder Jeff Thomas.

### SATURDAY MORNING.

Met at 9:30 A. M. Saturday morning. Song by congregation. Scripture lesson 12th chapter Romans, read by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Jeff Thomas and A. C. King.

Name of Committee on Obituary: Elder L. E. Colliver, W. J.

Shepherd, C. C. Carrell. Name of Committee on Next Session: Elder John Yealy, Bascome VanHoose, Brother Jim Gullett. Motion to adjourn from business for preaching by Elder R. H. Ferguson. Closed with outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. Benediction by Elder C. C. Carrell.

Met back at 2:00 P. M. Called to order by Moderator. Song by Congregation. Prayer by Brother A. J. Robinson. Letters called for and handed into the Clerk. Moderator called Elder H. B. Conley to read the letters. Letter from the Big Sandy Yearly Meeting read and was received; cash in letter \$10.00. Letter from Scioto Yearly Meeting was read and approved; cash with letter \$10.00. Letter from the West Virginia Yearly Meeting was read and received, cash with letter \$10.00. Verbal report by Guyan Valley Yearly Meeting by Elder A. C. King, was received. Letter from Mount Carmel Association of the United Baptist by the hands of Elder John Eldridge, was received. Report of the Enterprise Association by Elder C. C. Carrell, was received. Report of the Regular Baptist of Ohio by Brother A. J. Robinson, was received.

The report of F. S. VanHoose who was appointed to visit the Enterprise Baptist Association was received. Corresponding messengers appointed to the Enterprise Association, Elder G. H. Young, H. B. Conley, Millard VanHoose, and F. S. VanHoose. Corresponding messengers to the Mount Carmel United Baptist Association, Jeff Thomas and C. S. Pennington. Report of Committee on Obituary in looking over the roll of minutes we find that we have lost three S. Fisher, J. H. Hill and Elder H. B. Carter, who have gone out to try the reality of an unknown world. To us it can truthfully be said, "They have fought a good fight, they have finished their course, they have kept the faith, henceforth, there is laid up a crown for them." The entire family has our sympathy. Our loss is heaven's gain. L. E. Colliver, W. J. Shepherd, C. C. Carrell, Committee.

The Report of Business Committee: We your committee submit the following report: First, we recommend that the Association appoint one or two financial representatives in each state to raise funds for the Orphans Home. Second, we recommend that this as-

sociation appoint a committee to go out and locate the place to build the Orphans Home and to get busy at once. Third, we recommend that the financial representative of each state be allowed to take up offerings at each Quarterly Meeting that he attends during the year. Fourth, we recommend that we make a drive for \$6,000.00 and that we have pamphlets printed to furnish each representative some. Fifth, we recommend that we advise our pastors to adhere more strictly to our discipline with reference to church membership. Sixth, we recommend that this association extend a hearty invitation to any of our friendly Baptist denominations to unite their force with us at any time. G. H. Young, A. C. King, Jeff Thomas, C. Z. Cavin and G. D. Webb, Committee. Report of Committee on next session.

Our association shall be held at Sandy City next year. Motion made and carried to allow the Clerk write certificates to collect funds for the Orphans to Elder John Kemper, G. H. Young, Jeff Thomas and John Henson. Report of Elder G. W. Renfroe and G. W. Walford of the Kentucky Christian Baptist Church of Catlettsburg, Ky., was received and Elder L. E. Colliver was appointed as corresponding messenger to their association. Motion made and carried to empower the Clerk with the assistance of Millard VanHoose and Elder H. B. Conley to have minutes of our association printed at the best price and draw from the Treasurer sufficient amount to pay for same. Report of Elder Jeff Thomas, Tri-State Evangelist and collector, was received and he was still held for this coming year. Motion made and carried to give Brother Thomas the \$12.99 he had collected. It was turned back to him. Name of the committee to select a site for Orphans Home: H. B. Conley, Elder Jno. Yealy, and Brother Floyd Hatfield. Motion made and carried to have Brother Jeff Thomas to preach the introductory sermon at our association next year. He chose for his alternate C. S. Pennington. Motion to adjourn from business until tonight. Benediction by Jeff Thomas.

Met back at 6:45 P. M. Called to order by Moderator. Song by congregation. Prayer by Jim Gullett. Preaching by Elder G. H. Young and closed by F. S. VanHoose. Benediction by Elder H. B. Conley.



## SUNDAY MORNING.

Met back Sunday morning. Song by congregation. Prayer by Elder G. W. Remfroe. Preaching by H. B. Conley and closed by Millard VanHoose. Closed to meet with Sandy City Church at 10:00 A. M., Friday morning, third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1932.

MILLARD VANHOOSE, Moderator.

H. B. CONLEY, Assistant Moderator.

F. S. VANHOOSE, Clerk.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

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, who all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

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 in our ever present Savior and Lord.

The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

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.

The conditions of salvation are: Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. Faith or the unreserved com-

mittal 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. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

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.

The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

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.

All believers in Christ, who, through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; feet-washing, an ordinance teaching humility, or universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

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.

War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

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."

#### NAMES OF MINISTERS.

W. J. Shepherd .....	Sciotoville, Ohio.
J. A. Kemper .....	Wheelersburg, Ohio.
J. S. Yealy .....	Wheelersburg, Ohio.
G. F. Yealey .....	Wheelersburg, Ohio.
Sullivan Persell .....	Wheelersburg, Ohio.

L. Hall	Minford, Ohio.
Harrison Vanbiber	Sciotoville, Ohio.
Lawrence Kimper	South Webster, Ohio.
Mart Toland	South Webster, Ohio.
Robert Fyffe	Sciotoville, Ohio.
Jacob See	Wheelersburg, Ohio.
Frank Haney	Sciotoville, Ohio.
George Radabaugh	Lucasville, Ohio.
F. Radabaugh	Lucasville, Ohio.
James Shunkwiler	Waverly, Ohio.
J. J. Upton	Spargersville, Ohio.
Milford Riddlebarger	Lucasville, Ohio.
Charles McCain	Lucasville, Ohio.
S. Marwell	Columbus, Ohio.
J. T. Kelley	Pedro, Ohio.
W. M. Coyle	Ironton, Ohio.
Jacob Fox	Pedro, Ohio.
G. D. Webb	Ironton, Ohio.
Alpha Artis	Superior, Ohio.
Peter Brandhart	Pedro, Ohio.
John Kimble	Pedro, Ohio.
Isaac Russell	Pedro, Ohio.
Jess Sizemore	Pedro, Ohio.
H. J. Messer	Pedro, Ohio.
W. M. Weisenberger	Ironton, Ohio.
T. S. Young	S. Charleston, W. Va.
L. D. Ridenor	Guyandotte, W. Va.
Rufus Fridley	Guyandotte, W. Va.
C. F. Harper	Guyandotte, W. Va.
N. C. Cremens	Hurricane, W. Va.
John Henson	Scott Depot, W. Va.
N. Borders	Kenova, W. Va.
G. T. Powell	Kenova, W. Va.
C. F. Ferguson	Kenova, W. Va.
C. J. Wilcox	Huntington, W. Va.
Ora Pennington	Portsmouth, Ohio.

Claud Nichols	Guyandotte, W. Va.
T. B. Curnutte	Kenova, W. Va.
A. C. King	Huntington, W. Va.
Jonas Ashworth	Huntington, W. Va.
Ottis Ellis	Chesapeake, Ohio.
H. B. Conley	Paintsville, Ky.
Jess Hampton	Paintsville, Ky.
Isaac Stratton	Banner, Ky.
Wyse Reed	Paintsville, Ky.
F. S. VanHoose	Paintsville, Ky.
Farris VanHoose	Paintsville, Ky.
Milalrd VanHoose	Paintsville, Ky.
Jim VanHoose	Mingo, Ky.
Burns Castle	Nippa, Ky.
Jim Prince	Mingo, Ky.
Scott Daniel	Nippa, Ky.
Irvin Rice	Paintsville, Ky.
J. F. D. Borders	Ulyssess, Ky.
A. L. Jackson	Harold, Ky.
Farrell Williamson	Betsy Layne, Ky.
Adron Davis	Hager Hill, Ky.
Henry F. Castle	Auxier, Ky.
Malcolm Hubbard	Prestonsburg, Ky.
George Patrick	Prestonsburg, Ky.
W. H. Horn	Auxier, Ky.
L. H. Winchell	Dunham, Ky.
Everett Edwards	Dunham, Ky.
L. E. Colliver	Catlettsburg, Ky.
J. Duball	Catlettsburg, Ky.
W. M. Suddeth	Catlettsburg, Ky.
Alonzo Dixon	Wittenville, Ky.
James T. Fraley	Williamsport, Ky.
K. L. Patton	Estill, Ky.
Daniel Hughes	Martin, Ky.
Marion Davis	Glo, Ky.
Roy Bellomy	Carmona, Ky.



C. Z. Calvin	Catlettsburg, Ky.
Arlie Blackburn	Norris, Ky.
Gilbert Miller	Norris, Ky.
G. H. Young	Ulysses, Ky.
D. A. Hayes	Georges Creek, Ky.
G. C. Bevins	Georges Creek, Ky.
J. Preston	Charley, Ky.
Trigg Friley	Cando, Ky.
John VanHoose	Ulysses, Ky.
John E. Conley	Thealka, Ky.
Fred Rowland	White House, Ky.
J. C. Brown	White House, Ky.
Scott Thompson	Norris, Ky.
H. W. Williams	Charley, Ky.
Carl Senters	Drift, Ky.

Names of ministers of Wyoming Quarterly Meeting, West Virginia—John Matney.

Raleigh County Quarterly Meeting—Ora Petrey, F. P. Cook, William Peters, Jim Peters, Jordan Peters, A. L. Cook, Franklin Dickens.

Kanawha Quarterly Meeting—John H. Sarratt, S. F. Wills, Tavis Pennington, R. C. Polley, Will Peters, Willis Commer, Carter Clark, McKinley Trail, L. E. Martin, George H. Cooper, D. H. Hedrick, Charley Ballory, A. J. Jenkins, Jeddy Huffman.

Boone County Quarterly Meeting—Jeff Thomas, Harrison Harper, William Dingus, R. L. Bradley, Ebb Gibson, Abe Hill, B. W. Sutphin, B. B. Green, Charley Atkins, Lafey Jarrell, C. H. Hicks, Jim Jeffrey, Joe Walker.

Logan County Quarterly Meeting—Lewis Ellis, Boonie Pride-more, Hamilton Spears Abe Sanson.