

The Inauguration August 18, 1957

On August 18, 1957 representatives from Black Log Free Will Baptist, Crum Free Will Baptist, Marrowbone Free Will Baptist, New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist and Webb Free Will Baptist with a Committee of five from the WV State Association met at the Crum Free Will Baptist church house in Crum WV to organize The Wayne County Conference of Free Will Baptist. The meeting opened with songs and prayer. Then called to order by Br. Nathon Conn who introduced Br. Samuel Stevens to preside over the meeting. Br Frank Johnson was among those representing the State Association. It was voted to abide by the Free Will Baptist treatise and The WV State Association by laws. Br. S.J. Perry was elected moderator, Br. Walter Raines was elected clerk and Br. Nathon Conn was elected treasurer. Executive Committee elected was Br. Everett Conn for three years, Br. Flem Stepp for two years and Br. Walter Raines for one year. It was voted that the conference meet the Friday before the first Sunday every three months, with the first one to convene with the Crum Free Will Baptist On August 31, 1957. An offering was lifted which amounted to \$13.00 for the treasury. Services were closed with prayer. Clerk Br. Walter Raines

First Quarterly Meeting of Wayne County Conference -August 31, 1957.

The Wayne County Conference convened with the Crum Free Will Baptist Church at Crum WV on August 31, 1957. After a song the service was opened by prayer. Br. Sam Perry read a scripture from Matthew.

The conference was called to order and Br. S. J. Perry was elected as moderator. A motion was carried to retain the other officers as elected by the previous meeting on August 18, 1957.

Visiting brothers were invited to sit with us.

Walter Raines, Nathon Conn, Everett Conn and Elmer Perry were selected to visit the Webb Church and ask them to letter up if they intend to stay with the conference.

Walter Raines, S. J. Perry and Nathon Conn were selected to draw up a set of By-Laws to be voted on at the next conference.

It was voted to permit the clerk and treasurer to spend any necessary to pay for supplies.

It was voted that each church send in to the conference any money possible with their letter.

It voted that the conference convene on Friday night before the first Sunday and to close on Saturday night by a communion service.

It was voted to hold the next conference at the Marrowbone Free Will Baptist church on Route 1 in Kermitt WV.

S. J. Perry-Moderator

Walter Raines-Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF WAYNE COUNTY CONFERENCE

- November 2, 1957.

The Wayne County Conference convened with the Marrowbone Free Will Baptist on November 2, 1957. Service was opened with song and prayer.

Br. Walter Raines called the conference to order in absence of the moderator, Br. S. J. Perry.

Due to sickness caused by the Asiatic flu there were only a very few delegates present and a short business session held in which a report was made on the Webb Church and a motion carried that the Webb Church be dropped from the conference due to their lack of cooperation.

Br. Frank Johnson from the Tug River Conference gave a report on their conference. Br. Raines, Br. Lambert and Br.Noah Finley volunteered to visit their conference at the Parsley Bottom in December.

A report on the dues to be paid to the State Board as described by Br. Johnson was tabled until the next conference.

Business was adjourned until the May Conference.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF WAYNE COUNTY CONFERENCE

- May 2&3, 1958.

The Wayne County Conference convened with the Crum Free Will Baptist church in Crum WV May 2&3, 1958. Saturday morning service was opened by song and prayer. Br. Nathan Conn presided in the absence of Br. S. J. Perry. He read scripture from John 15:1-12.

Br. Nathan was elected as the moderator for the next three months.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were read and approved.

Br. A. J. Lambert was elected to the Business Committee for a two year term to replace Br. Flem Stepp; Br. Noah Finley was elected as Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

Delegates to the State meeting were A. J. Lambert, Nathan Conn, Elmer Perry, Walter Raines, Noah Finley and Walter Damron.

Pulpit Committee elected was Bascom Hossier, Noah Finley and Roscoe Conn.

The letters were read and approved for the following churches: New Jerusalem, Crum, Blacklog and Marrowbone.

The report made by Br. Frank Johnson in November conference was dropped.

Voted the next conference to be at the New Jerusalem church.

Br. Henry Gohel, Br. Nath Conn and Walter Raines were selected by the Pulpit Committee to preach.

Saturday afternoon May 3, 1958.

Business approved next conference at New Jerusalem.

Ordaining Council approved Br. Henry Gohle to be ordained.

Br. Everett Conn was selected to preach the introductory sermon at the next conference with Walter Raines as alternative.

Br. Henry Gohle Jr. was ordained by laying on of the hands and prayer. Br. Nath Conn gave him the charge.

Business session closed with song and prayer.

Moderator- Nathan Conn

Clerk- Walter Raines

Third Quarterly Meeting of Wayne County Conference, May 2 and 3, 1958

The Wayne County conference convened with the Crum Free Will Baptist Church at Crum, W.VA. May 2-3, 1958.

Saturday morning services were opened by song and prayer. Bro. Nathan Conn presided in the absence of Bro. Perry the moderator. He read the scriptures John 5th Ch. Verse 1 to 12.

Nathan Conn was elected as moderator for the next three months. The meeting was called to order and the minutes read and approved.

Bro. A. J. Lambert was elected to the business committee for 2 yr. Term to replace bro. Flem Stepp.

Bro. Noah Finley was elected as treasurer of Foreign Mission.

Delegates to the State meeting were A. J. Lambert, Nathan Conn, Elmer Perry, Walter Raines, Noah Finley and Walter Dameron.

Pulpit com. Elected or appointed.. Bascum Hoosier, Noah Finley and Roscoe Conn.

The letters were read and approved from the following Churches: New Jerusalem–Crum–Blacklog–and Marrowbone.

The report made by Bro. Frank Johnson in November conference was dropped..

Voted the next conference to be at the New Jerusalem church.

Bro. Henry Gobel, Bro. Nath Conn and Walter Raines was selected by the pulpit supply committee to preach.

Saturday afternoon, May 3rd, 1958

Bus. Committee decided to hold next conference at New Jerusalem Church.

Ordaining Council approved Bro. Henry Goble to be ordained.

Bro. Everett Conn was selected to preach the introductory sermon at the next conference with Walter Raines as alternate.

Bro. Henry Goble, Jr. was ordained by the laying on of hands and prayer. Bro. Nathan Conn gave him his charge.

Business session was closed by song and prayer.

Moderator–Nathan Conn

Clerk–Walter Raines

Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Wayne County Conference Aug.1st and 2nd of 1958

The Wayne County Conference convened with the New Jerusalem Church at Well's Branch Aug. First and Second 1958.

Saturday morning service was opened by song and prayer.

Bro. Nathan Comm, the Moderator, gave a nice talk on "Love and Fellowship." Then he read a scripture lesson from the 2nd chapter of I Jn. Gospel beginning at verse 12 and including verse 23.

The Conference was called to order, peace and fellowship was found among those present.

There was a motion and second to invite all our visiting brethren to a seat with us to help, aid, or assist in transacting any and all business that should come before the Church.

The minutes of the last meeting was read by the Clerk and accepted by the Conference. The Conference proceeded to transact its business. Brother Conn was duly elected as Moderator for the next 3 months. Bro. Perry was elected as Assistant Moderator. Bro. Canterbury was elected Clerk of the Conference for 1 yr. Bro. Skaggs and Bro. Stacy was appointed to fill the vacancy of Bro. Raines and Bro. Everette Conn on the Business Committee. Bro. Canterbury and Bro. Lester were appointed to fill vvacancy of Bro. Raines and Bro. Conn on the Ordaining Council. The Finance Committee was elected. Bro. Rosco Conn for 1 yr. Bro. Lester 2 yrs. And Bro. Skaggs for 3 yrs.

There was a motion and second to receive all ministers and Delegates from other churches. The letters from the various Churches were read and accepted: Lower Blacklog, Crum, Marrowbone, Good Hope and New Jerusalem. Ten Dollars received for Foreign Missions and \$22.00 for the General funds.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Business of the Conference until 1:30pm. The Pulpit Committee selected Bro. Sam Perry to preach during the morning session.

Saturday afternoon session Aug.2, 1958.

Afternoon session was opened by song and prayer. Bro. Conn read the scripture less from the 12th ch. Of Heb. From verse 1-14.

The Conference was called to order.

Report of the Business Committee: The Committee agreed to let the Conference go to the Crum Church beginning Oct. 31, 1958. This was also agreed by the Conference. Bro. Sam Perry was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon and Bro. Lambert his alternate.

New Business called for:

There was a motion and second for each church to send to Quarterly Conference in the Church letter \$2 for Home and Foreign Mission and 10 cents for each member for the General funds.

There was a motion and second to pay to the Clerk \$5 quarterly for service rendered beginning Aug.2, 1958.

There was a motion and second to elect an Evangelist for 1 yr. To be paid expense from the Church who calls him for a Revival. Bro. Nathan Conn was elected.

The Pulpit Committee selected Bro. Canterbury to preach during the afternoon session.

There was a motion and second to close business part of the Conference until our next regular Conference except when called to order by proper authorities.

Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

Fifth Quarterly Meeting of Wayne County Conference, Oct.31 and Nov.1, 1958

The Wayne County Conference convened with the Crum Free Will Baptist Church at Crum, W. Va. Oct.31 and Nov. 1, 1958.

Sat. morning session was opened by song and prayer.

Bro. Nathan Conn, our moderator, opened up Conference by reading Hebrews 4 from verse 1-6 inclusive. He then extended a hearty welcome to all Delegates and Corresponding Messengers. He also informed them as to their work in this Conference.

The Conference was called to order by Bro. Conn and peace and fellowship was found among those present.

There was a motion and second to invite all our visiting Brethren to a seat with us to help, aid or assist us in all business that should come up before Conference.

Bro. Nathan Conn and Bro. Walter Raines was nominated for moderator.

Bro. Conn was unanimously elected for moderator and Bro. Raines as assistant moderator.

Bro. Canterbury was appointed to fill vacancy in Bro. Lambert's place on Business Committee.

Bro. Columbus Stacy was appointed to fill vacancy in Bro. John Lester's place on Finance Committee.

Bro. Canterbury was also appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. Perry on Ordination Council.

Bro. Elmer Perry, Bro. McCoy and Bro. Skegges was appointed on pulpit committee.

Letters from the following churches were read and accepted by the conference: Crum, Marrowbone, New Jerusalem and Good Hope. Eight dollars rec. for Home and Foreign Mission and \$13.80 rec. for general funds, making \$21.80 in all..

The Fort Gay Church was unanimously accepted into the Conference.

There was offered a suggestion by Bro. Conn to use \$1.00 for Foreign Mission and \$1.00 home Mission to be used for the benefit of the churches needing it to send out the Gospel. This money was under the supervision of the Moderator and the Clerk.

This suggestion was carried by the unanimous vote of Conference.

Conference adjourned until 1:30 pm. The pulpit committee announced that Bro. Garland Jackson should preach the first discourse and Bro. Charles McKenzie follow.

Afternoon Session

Conference was opened by song and prayer.

Bro. Conn read the scripture lesson from 15 Ch. Of Romans, beginning from verse 1-14. He also brought a warm message from this scripture read. Then the Conference was called to order again to transact business.

The report of the business Committee: The Conference was to go to Fort Gay Church and Bro. Jackson was to preach the introductory Sermon, Fri. Night Jan. 30th 1959.

Report of Ordaining Council: Bro. McKenzie was licensed to preach for 12 months under the watch care of the Fort Gay Church. Bro. Jackson was given Ordination papers in exchange for Certificate of License granted him by Brotherhood Quarterly Conference.

New Business: It was agreed from now on that each Church would ordain their own deacons.

Bro. Raines and Bro. Conn was sent to investigate the Blacklog Church.

The next Conference to be at Ft. Gay. Treatise ordered by Clerk
Nathan Conn (Moderator) Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

Sixth Quarterly meeting of the Wayne County Conference when convened with the Fort Gay Church at Fort Gay, W. Va. Jan.30th and 31st, 1959.

Saturday morning session was opened by song and prayer.

Bro. Nathan Conn our moderator read scripture lesson from 5th chapter of St. John's gospel verse 1-12 inclusive.

Bro. Conn called the conference to order. Peace and fellowship found among those present. There was a motion and second to invite all our visiting brethren to a seat with us to aid, help, or assist us in all business that should come before this conference.

There was a motion and second to elect a moderator for the conference.

Bro. Conn was unanimously elected moderator and Bro. Sam Perry was appointed Clerk protem.

Ordaining Council appointed were as follow: Bro. Nathan Conn, Bro. Garland Jackson and Bro. Walter Raines.

Business Committee appointed were: Bro. Albert Lambert, Bro. Walter Raines and Bro. Curtis Evans.

Finance Committee were: Bro. Van Hatcher, Bro. Bill Rowe and Bro. Noah Finley..

Pulpit Committee were: Bro. Ed McKinzie, Bro. Orval Maynard and Bro. Walter Johnson.

Letters from the various churches were read and accepted by the conference: New Jerusalem, Fort Gay and Marrow Bone.

The following churches did not report: Black Log, Crum, and Good Hope.

There was \$6.00 rec. for Home and Foreign Mission and \$8.90 for general funds. Making a total of \$14.90.

Bro. Raines made his report about the Black Log Church which was accepted by the conference. Corresponding messengers and conferences received by this conference were: Bro. Elmer Belcher from Brotherhood Conference and Bro. Wetzel Ball of Guyan Valley, and Bro. Grant York of Lawrence Co. Conference.

Suggestions given by Bro. Garland Jackson as to how this organization should be built to grow. This was substantiated by Bro. Walter Raines. There was motion and second to accept suggestions.

There was a motion and second to receive Bro. Walter Johnson of Lincoln Co. Conference into the Wayne Co. Conference and that the clerk mail to him Ordination papers.

There was also a motion and second to prepare a letter to be sent to State meeting at Beckley, W.Va. Delegates volunteered to go were Bro. Nathan Conn, Bro. Garland Jackson, Bro. Walter Raines and Bro. Ed McKinzie.

There was also another motion and second to let treasurer of Conference pay \$10 toward expenses.

It was also agreed by the business committee and the conference to let next conference convene with the Rosetown Church on Marrow Bone Creek.

The pulpit committee chose Bro. Grant York to bring the evening message. The title of his subject was "If I Be Lifted Up".

There was a motion and second to close business part of meeting until our next regular conference, unless called to order by proper authorities.

Bro. Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Bro. Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

Seventh Quarterly Meeting of the Wayne Co. Conference when convened with the Rosetown Church on Marrow Bone Creek, W.Va. May 1st and 2nd 1959

Saturday Morning session was opened by song and prayer.

Bro. Nathan Conn, our Moderator read scripture lesson from Matthew's Gospel, from verse 13-21. He then gave a warm and inspiring talk on "The Trinity of the God Head."

Bro. Conn called the conference to order. Peace and fellowship was found among the brethren present. There was a motion and second to invite all our visiting Brethren, Delegates and Corresponding Messengers to a seat with us to help, aid, or assist us in all business that should come before the conference.

Minutes of the last conference meeting and also conference letter to State meeting was read by the clerk and accepted by the conference.

Then he proceeded to have a moderator nominated for the conference. Bro. Conn and Bro. Raines was both nominated. Bro. Conn received the majority of the votes given. Therefore he was elected for moderator and Bro. Raines assistant Moderator.

Other officers were elected or appointed to fill vacancies.

Bro. Raines was elected to fill vacancy on Business Committee for 1 yr.

Bro. Garland Jackson was appointed to fill vacancy on Ordaining Council in Bro. Sam Perry's place.

Pulpit Committee appointed was Bro. John Lester, Bro. Van Hatcher, and Bro. Hoosier.

Bro. Ervin Spaulding and Bro. Flem Hoosier was accepted as Corresponding Messengers from Mingo No.2 Conference.

Bro Nathan Conn and Bro. Walter Raines also volunteered as Corresponding Messengers to Mingo County Conference #2.

Letters from the following churches were read and accepted: Ft. Gay, Crum, Blacklog, Good Hope, Rosetown and New Jerusalem.

The Williams Church was also accepted into the conference.

Business adjourned until 1:30 PM and Bro. Spaulding and Bro. Jackson preached wonderful messages. Bro. Spaulding on "Let Not Your Heart be Troubled" and Bro. Jackson on "The Foundation".

Afternoon session was opened by song and prayer. Bro. Raines called the Conference to order. Reports of Committees.

Finance Committee Reported about money sent to State Meeting, money paid to clerk for Treatises ordered, and money paid to clerk for service rendered.

Business Committee Reported that Conference was to go to Blacklog Church at Inez, Ky. beginning Fri. Night before 1st Sunday in Aug.

Reported also that the Webb Church came back into the Conference.

Bro. Nathan Conn was to preach the Introductory sermon and Bro. Everette Conn his alternate..

There was a motion and second to close business part of meeting until our next regular Conference, except when called to order by proper authorities.

Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

Eighth Quarterly Meetings of the Wayne Co. Conference when convened with the Black Log Church at Inez, Ky. July 31 and Aug. 1st 1959.

Conference was opened by song and prayer.

Bro. Nathan Conn gave a warm welcome to the Conference and then read a scripture lesson from the 3rd chapter of 1st John.

Conference was called order and peace and fellowship found among the Brethren present.

Then he proceeded to have a moderator elected for the next three months. Bro. Conn was unanimously elected for Moderator as no one else was nominated.

Minutes of the last Conference was read by the Clerk and accepted by the Conference.

There was a motion and second to invite all Correspondent Messengers and delegates to a seat with us to help, aid, or assist us in all business that should come before the Conference.

All officers that was elected or appointed were as follows: Marion Canterbury was unanimously elected for Clerk of the Conference for the coming year. Bro. Garland Jackson was unanimously elected for Evangelist for the coming year. Bro. Hoosier was elected to Finance Comm. for 1 yr. Bros. Jackson and Bro. Hossier was appointed to fill vacancy on Business Comm.

Bro. Bill Bowling and Bro. Jr. Copley appointed to fill vacancy on Finance Comm. Bro. Jackson and Bro. Canterbury appointed to fill vacancy on Ordaining Council.

Delegates from other Conferences were: From Mingo No.2: Bro. Erwin Spaulding, Bro. Dameron, and Bro. Hammons. From Tug River Conference: Bro. Frank Johnson gave a nice report. From State Association was Bro. Bill Samms.

Letters from the various churches were read and accepted: Good Hope, **One I could not read**, Crum, New Jerusalem, Fort, Gay, Marrowbone and Lower Black Log. Delegates appointed or volunteered to go to other conferences were. Mingo Co. No2: Bro. Nathan Conn, Bro. Jim Stacy, and Bro. Tommy Copley. To Tug Rive: Bro. Nathan Conn, Bro. Howard McCoy. There was a motion and second for the clerk to prepare letters to be sent to these Conference giving no. of ministers, no. of churches, etc. Pulpit Comm. Appointed were Bro. Hoosier, Bro. Copley and Bro. Hatcher. They selected to preach the morning discourse, Bro. Samms from Charleston, who brought an inspiring message on "Love". And Bro. Garland Jackson from Fort Gay a wonderful message on "The Depth of the Unity of Christ." Conference was adjourned until 1:15 in the afternoon.

Afternoon session was opened by song and prayer. Bro. Conn called the Conference to order. Peace and fellowship found among those present, then he read a scripture that was found in Romans chapter 8 from verse 1 to 9 and gave a warm talk to the conference. He called for reports of Comm.

The Committee reported that the next Conference would convene with the Webb Church and Bro. Nathan Conn to preach the Introductory sermon. New Business called for: There was a motion and second to change Conference to Fri. Night before the Second Sun. In every three months and the clerk to notify each church of same.

There was also a motion and second that there would no money sent to the conference from the churches for Home and Foreign mission and each church would send to the Conference 10 cents for each member, not to exceed \$5.00 from any church. Churches who had a membership of 55, 60, or 65 would only send in \$5.00.

There was a motion and second to close business part of conference until Fri. Night Nov. 6, 1959 except when called to order by proper authorities.

Nathan Conn (Moderator) Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

Nineth Quarterly Meeting of the Wayne Co. Conference convened with the Webb Church at Webb, W.Va. Nov. 6th and 7th 1959.

Conference was opened by song and prayer. Then Bro. Nathan Conn, the Moderaator, gave a hearty Welcome to all Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates and Visiting Brethren. He also gave instructions to be given to the different churches as their duty toward God and the way churches should work with each other.

Brother Conn also read a scripture lesson from 1st John Chapter 1 from verse 1-10.

Then he called the Conference to order. Peace and fellowship found among those present. Then he proceeded to have a Moderator elected for the next three months. Bro. Conn and Bro. Raines was nominated. Bro. Conn was elected unanimously for Moderator and Bro. Raines was elected Assistant Moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting was read by the clerk and accepted by the conference.

Officers appointed or elected. Business Committee: Bro. Jackson to fill vacancy of Bro. Everette Conn. Finance Committee: Bro. Van Hatcher for 1 yr. Ordaining Council: Bro. Canterbury and Bro. Jackson to fill vacancy for Bro. Sam Perry and Bro. Everette. Pulpit Committee: Bro. Hoosier, Bro. Hatcher and Bro. Hammons.

There was a motion and Second to invite all Delegates and Correspondent Messengers to a seat with us to help, aid or assist in all business that should come before the Conference.

Letters from the following churches were read and accepted: Webb, Lower Black Log, Good Hope, Marrowbone, New Jerusalem and Crum..

Motion and second to close business part of meeting until 1 pm. Pulpit Committee selected Bro. Lambert to preach the first discourse. He brought a wonderful message on "A Perfect Gift". This was followed by Bro. Walter Raines on "Love", who also brought an inspiring message.

Afternoon session was opened by song and prayer. Bro. Conn read the 37th Chapter of Psalms and gave a warm talk.

He then called the church to order and peace and fellowship was found among those present.

There was a motion and second to invite all Correspondent Messengers and Delegates to a seat with us to help, aid or assist us in all business that should come before the Conference.

Report of Committees: Bro. Raines reported that the next conference would convene with the Crum Church at Crum, W.Va. Bro. Jackson was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Bro. Canterbury was appointed his alternate. Bro. Jackson reported that Bro. Lambert was to be ordained as a minister. Bro. Jackson made a suggestion that each church should have some form of Gospel entertainment for the Young People in that Community. This was also endorsed by Bro. Raines. Bro. Jackson also made a suggestion that Christian Literature of the Free-Will Doctrine should be scattered among the people in every Community.

New Business called for: Bro. Canterbury brought in a bill of \$4.56 for Letter Heads that had been ordered. This was paid by the Conference.

He also explained that deceased members be turned in every 3 months. This was accepted by the Conference. The Conference proceeded to lay hands on Bro. Lambert and Bro. Raines gave him the charge. The Clerk gave him his ordinating papers.

There was a motion and second to close business part of Conference until Feb.12,1960 unless called to order by proper auth.

Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

Tenth Quarterly Meeting of the Wayne Co. Conference when convened with the Crum Free-Will Baptist Church at Crum, W. Va. On Feb. 12 and 13, 1960.

Conference was opened by a song and prayer. Then Bro. Nathan Conn, our beloved moderator gave a hearty welcome to all present. He read a scripture lesson from Psalms 52 verses 1 to 13 inclusive. Then he gave a warm talk to the Conference.

The Conference was called to order and peace and fellowship found among those present. Then Bro. Conn gave a warm invitation to all Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Correspondent Messengers.

The Conference proceeded to elect a Moderator for the coming three months. Bro. Nathan Conn and Bro. Raines was nominated. Bro. Conn was elected by majority votes for Moderator and Bro. Raines was elected assistant Moderator.

Minutes of the last meeting was read. There was a motion and second to give the Moderator power to appoint all officers to fill vacancies that may occur. Bro. Rosco Conn to fill vacancy of Bro. Everette Conn on the Business Committee. Bro. Skaggs to fill vacancy of Bro. Lester and Bro. Brown to fill vacancy of Bro. Copley on Finance Committee. Bro. Lambert to fill vacancy of Bro. Perry and Bro. Canterbury to fill vacancy of Bro. Everette on Ordaining Council. Pulpit Committee appointed was Bro. William Conn, Bro. C. T. Brown and Bro. Roseco Conn.

Letters from various churches were read and accepted: Good Hope, New Jerusalem, Rosetown, and Crum. Churches that failed to report were Lower Blacklog, Webb and Fort Gay.

There was a motion and second to have a 10 minute break in the Conference to give each Committee time to finish its business and then go on with all business before closing for noon session on account of bad weather.

Report of Committies: Business Committee reported that the Conference would convene with New Jerusalem Church beginning Friday night before 2nd Sunday in May. Bro. Raines was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Ordaining Council reported they decided to license Bro. Dewey Hatcher to preach for one year, then give him his ordination papers. Finnance Committee reported that they had decided to give to the Rosetown church \$20.00 for repairs.

New Business called for. There was a motion and second to have the clerk fix out a letter to be sent to state meeting in June at Huntington W.Va. Delegates who volunteered to go were Bro. Junior Copley, Bro. Willie Conn, Bro. Noah Newsome, Bro C.T. Brown, Bro. Lambert and Bro. Claude Marcum. Bro. Canterbury brought in a letter he had received from the Clerk, Bro. Jeff Copley of the Fort Gay Church asking for a letter of dismissal from the Wayne Co. Conference. The Conference decided to have the clerk inform the Fort Gay Church to send a letter to the Conference "Stating why they wanted to leave this conference and to report to the Conference by Delegates". The Conference also agreed to give the Business Comm. \$5.00 for expenses when called in a business meeting with the State. The Conference agreed to accept Bro. Raines suggestion to promote young peoples League in all the Churches. Motion made and Seconded to close the business part of the Conference until May 6, 1960.

Bro. Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Bro. Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

Eleventh Quarterly Meeting of the Wayne County Conference when convened with the New Jerusalem Church at Well's Branch on May 6th and 7th, 1960.

The Conference was opened with song and prayer. Then Bro. Conn, the Moderator, read a scripture lesson from I John, 2nd chapter, verses 1-12. He also gave a nice talk and also a warm invitation to the Delegates of the different churches and Correspondent Messengers.

The Conference was then called to order and peace and fellowship found among those present.

Then the Conference proceeded to elect a Moderator for the coming three months. Bro. Conn, Bro. Raines and Bro. Perry was nominated, but Bro. Conn receiving the majority of votes was elected.

There was a motion and a second to invite all our visiting Brothers and Sisters to help, aid, or assist us in all business that should come before the church.

The minutes of the last meeting and the letter to the State Association was read by the clerk and accepted by the church.

The members of all Committees were present except Bro. John Lester of the finance Committee was absent and Bro. Harles Evans was appointed to fill vacancy.

Appointed for Pulpit Supply Committee were Bro. Boens, Bro. Finley and Bro. Hatcher.

Letters from the various churches were read and accepted: New Jerusalem, Crum, Black Log, Rosetown, Good Hope, Webb and Ft. Gay.

Ft. Gay Church asked for a letter of Dismissal. This was handed over to the business committee for consideration.

There was a recess of five minutes to give the Committees time to make their reports.

Conference convened after recess with song and prayer.

Report of the committees.

Pulpit Committee slated Bro. Same Perry and Bro. Garland Jackson to preach the morning discourse.

Business Committee: Reported to give the Ft. Gay Church a letter of dismissal in good standing. Also that the Conference would convene with the Black Log Church at Black Log, Ky.

Aug. 12, 13 of 1960 and Bro. Sam Perry to preach the Introductory sermon and Bro. A.J. Lambert his alternate.

New Business called for but there was none.

There was a motion and second to close business part of conference until our next regular conference, except when called to order by proper authorities.

Bro. Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Bro. Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

The Twelfth Quarterly Meeting of the Wayne County Conference convened with the Black Log Church at Black Log, Ky. On Aug. 12 and 13 of 1960.

The Conference was opened with a song and prayer. Then our beloved Moderator, Bro. Nathan Conn gave a nice talk to the Conference in regard to lost souls and eternity. He also read a scripture from the 3rd chapter of Timothy beginning with verse 3 to 17.

The Conference proceeded to elect a moderator for the next 3 months. Bro. Nathan Conn was unanimously elected. There was a motion and second to invite all our visiting brothers and sisters to seat with us to help, aid, or assist us in business that should come up before the Conference.

The following Committees were elected or appointed:

Business Committee: Brother Raines elected for 1 yr. Bro. Lambert elected for 2yrs and Bro. Everette Conn elected for 3 yrs.

Ordaining Council: Bro. Dewey Hatcher was appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. Perry.

Finance Committee: Bro. Boens was appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. Skaggs. Bro. Hossier was appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. Lester.

Pulpit Committee: Bro Van Hatcher, Bro. Liss and Bro. Hoosier was appointed.

Bro. Marion Canterbury was unanimously elected Clerk of the Conference for 1 yr and Bro. Walter Raines was elected Evangelist for 1 yr.

The following churches reported by letter and accepted by the Conference: Good Hope, Rosetown, Webb, Crum, New Jerusalem, and Black Log.

The Conference took a break of 5 minutes to give the committees time to transact their business.

Conference was called to order by the Moderator.

Reports of the Committees:

Business Comm. Reported that the Conference would convene with Good Hope Church. This was agreed by the Conference.

Pulpit Comm. Reported that Bro. Hatcher and Bro. Lambert would preach the morning discourse.

Unfinished business called for but there was none.

New business was called for: Bro. Conn brought up a suggestion about the Communion and feet washing on Sat. Night. He also suggested that all minister should in their appointments on Fri. And Sat. Night and attend the Conference until closed. The Conference voted to accept Bro. Conn's suggestion.

Bro. Raines gave a good talk on the growth and the love one Conference should show for another. He also suggested that the Moderator appoint Delegates to the other Conferences. Bro. Conn also suggested from no on to find out when and where other quarterly meetings would be held and to send Correspondent delegates to them.

The Conference also voted to accept this plan.

Bro. Everette Conn was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and bro. Dewie Hatcher was appointed his alternate.

There was a motion and second to close business part of the Conference until our next regular session, except when called to order by proper authorities.

Bro. Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

The Thirteenth Quarterly Meeting of the Wayne County Conference convened with the Good Hope Church at Parsley, W.Va. On Nov. 12th and 13th, 1960.

Conference was opened with song and prayer. Then our beloved Moderator, Bro. Nathan Conn, gave a nice talk to the Conference and also a hearty welcome to all present. He proceeded to read a scripture lesson from I John's Gospel, verse 1 to 11 inclusive.

The Conference was called to order and peace and fellowship was found among those present. Bro. Conn was unanimously elected for the next 3 months as Moderator of the Conference.

There was a motion and second to invite all our visiting Brethren to a seat with us to aid, help, or assist us in all business that should come before the Conference.

Minutes of the last conference meeting was read by the Clerk and accepted by the Conference.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Business Comm., Bro. Dewey Hatcher to fill the vacancy of Bro. Lambert. Bro. Canterbury to fill vacancy of Bro. Everette Conn.

Finance Comm.: Bro. Bill Boen to fill vacancy of Bro. Lester. Bro. Van Hatcher was reelected for 1 yr.

Ordaining Council, Bro. Jackson to fill vacancy of Bro. Perry. Bro. Canterbury to fill vacancy of Bro. Everette Conn.

Pulpit Comm., Bro. Hatcher, Bro. Liss Boens and Bro. Bill Boens.

Reports of all correspondent delegates: Bro. Ervin Spaulding gave a nice verbal report from Mingo Co. No. 2 Conference. Bro. Frank Johnson also gave a nice verbal report concerning the Tug River Conference.

The following Delegates volunteered to be Correspondent Messengers to the following Conferences. Tug River, Bro. Walter Raines. Mingo No.2, Bro. Copley and Bro. Nathan Conn.

The following churches reported by letter and were accepted by the Conference: Good Hope, Crum, Webb, and Marrowbone. Bro. Spaulding was selected to preach the morning discourse. He brought forth an inspiring message from: Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ I born of God. Bro. Johnson followed him with another inspiring message from: If you love me you will keep my word.

There was a motion and second to adjourn until 1:30 in the afternoon.

Afternoon session was opened with song and prayer.

Unfinished business called for, but there was non.

New business called for:

Reports of Comm. Business Comm. Reported that Bro. Henry Parsley be reinstated in Conference and be recommended for Minister's Card. Conference go to Webb Church. Agreed to give Bro. Walter Johnson a letter of Dismissal and also to give Bro. Jackson a letter of Dismissal.

Bro. Walter Rains was selected to preach the introductory sermon at Webb Church Feb. 10, 1961 and Bro. Henry Parsley his alternate.

Bro. Frank Johnson gave a talk concerning the W.Va. Cottage of the orphanage at Greenville, Tenn. And urged all churches to send in a donation. It was agreed to let all pastors take up this work with their churches and mail all contributions to Bro. Frank Johnson, Box 393 Williamson, W.Va. Or add to the Conference letters all contributions and let the Clerk of the Conference notify all churches of the same. It was agreed by the Wayne Co. Conference that our National Association would meet yearly and the clerk to notify all churches of the same. Bro. Adkins gave a talk about organizing Leagues in the various churches. Agreed to accept Bro. Adkins report and let churches contact Bro. Adkins at Nolan, W.Va.

Bro. Nathan Conn and Bro. Canterbury were selected to preach on Communion and Feet Washing on Sat. Night. Motion to second and close business part of the Conference until Feb.11, 1961 at Webb Church, Webb, W.Va.

Bro. Nathan Conn (Mod.)
Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

The 14th Meeting of the Wayne County Conference convened with the Crum Church at Crum, W.Va. Feb. 11, 1961.

Conference was opened with songs and prayer. Then our beloved Moderator Brother Nathan Conn gave a wonderful talk to the Conference and a hearty welcome to Delegates, visiting Brethren and to all who were there. He proceeded by reading the first chapter of John's Gospel verses 1-10 inclusive and bringing a very warm and inspiring message.

Bro. Conn called the Conference to order and peace and fellowship was found among those present.

There was a motion and a second to invite all visiting Brethren to a seat with us to help, aid, or assist in any and all business that should come before the Conference.

Then the Conference proceeded to elect a Moderator for the coming three months.

Bro. Sam Perry was elected Moderator and Bro. A.J. Lambert his assistant.

The minutes of the last conference meeting was read by the clerk and accepted by the Conference.

Bro. Nathan Conn explained the reason why the Conference was held with the Crum Church instead of being held with the Webb Church as was agreed to by the Conference when convened with the Good Hope Church in Nov. 1960. The reason was due to bad road conditions and also the weather, making it almost impossible for delegates from other churches to be there.

The following Committees were appointed or elected. Finance Comm.: Bro. Jr. Copley appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. John Lester. Pulpit Comm: Bro. Noah Newsome, Bro. Rosco Conn, and Bro. Copley.

The following churches reported by letters and were accepted by the Conference: Rosetown, New Jerusalem, Webb, Good Hope, and Crum. For some reason the Black Log Church failed to report.

There was a recess of 10 minutes call for so all comm. could get ready to give their reports.

Conference was called to order by the Moderator to resume business.

New Business called for. The report of the Business Comm.: The Webb Church asked for a letter of dismissal to take up fellowship with the Lawrence Co. Conference. Bro. Walter Raines asked for a letter so he may take up fellowship with the Tug River Conference. These permissions were granted by the Conference and the Clerk was instructed to write such letters. The Wayne County Conference was to convene with the New Jerusalem Church at Well's Branch Friday night May 12, 1961 and Bro. Conn was selected to preach the Introductory sermon and Bro. Canterbury his alternate.

Finance Comm. Reported to let the New Jerusalem Church have \$20 to help pay on a stove.

Pulpit Comm. Selected Bro. Canterbury and Bro. Perry to preach the morning discourses.

The Conference agreed to have the Clerk to prepare a letter to be sent to Sat Meeting. Convene with the Shamrock Church in June. Delegates selected to attend this meeting were Bro. Nathan Conn, Bro. Marion Canterbury, Bro. Dewey Hatcher and Bro. Van Hatcher.

There was a motion and second to close business part of Conference until convened with the New Jerusalem Church or called to order by proper authorities.

Bro. Sam Perry (Mod.)

Bro. Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

The 15th Meeting of the Wayne Co. Conference when convened with the New Jerusalem Church at Will's Branch May 13, 1961.

Conference was opened with song and prayer. Then our assistant Moderator, Bro. A.J. Lambert, in the absence of our Moderator Bro. Sam Perry, gave an inspiring talk to the Conference and a hardy welcome to all delegates, visiting brethren and Correspondent Messengers.

He proceeded to read a scripture lesson found in the 34th chapter of the Psalms.

Conference then was called to order by Bro. Lambert and peace and fellowship found among those present.

There was a motion and second to invite all our visiting brethren to a seat with us to help, aid, or assist us in all business that should come before the Conference.

Then the Conference proceeded to elect a Moderator for the next three months. Bro. Nathan Conn was elected for Moderator and Bro. A. J. Lambert was elected assistant Moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting and also Conference letter to State meeting was read by the Clerk and accepted by the Conference.

Committees that were elected or appointed were as follows:

Business Committee: Bro. Dewey Hatcher was elected to fill vacancy of Bro. Walter Raines for 1 yr. Bro. Finley was appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. Everette Conn.

Finance Committee: Bro. C.T. Brown was appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. Skaggs, Bro. Finley was appointed to fill vacancy of Bro. Johnnie Lester.

Ordaining Council: Bro. A.J. Lambert was elected for a two year term to fill vacancy of Bro. Walter Raines.

Pulpit Comm. That was appointed was Bro. Brown, Bro. Finley and Bro. Claude Marcum.

The following churches reported by letter and accepted by Conference: Rosetown, Good Hope, Crum, and New Jerusalem.

Conference adjourned for 10 minutes to let the various committees get ready for their reports.

Conference resumed for business and the following Committees made their Reports:

Pulpit Comm.: Bro. Hatcher was to preach first discourse and Bro. Lambert to follow him.

Business Comm.: Next Conference to convene with the Rosetown Church and Bro. Sam Perry to preach the Introductory sermon and Bro. A. J. Lambert his alternate.

New Business: Bro. Conn volunteered to see if the Webb Church wanted to come back to Wayne Co. Conference. He also volunteered to see if the Black Log church wanted to remain with this Conference. Bro. Conn also reported that a church at Tommy Hawk wanted to take up fellowship with this Conference. The Conference agreed to let them report in the next Conference.

The Conference agreed to have the Clerk write to Bro. McKinzie to report to the next Conference or some action would be taken.

The Conference also wanted the clerk to write to the press to see if we could obtain Deacon Cards to be given to deacons and to order 25.

There was a motion and second to close business part of Conference until convened with Rosetown Church.

Bro. Nathan Conn (Moderator)

Bro. Marion Canterbury (Clerk)

(Obs. There are 37 years of minutes that we don't have in hand. If you know where we can get them, we would appreciate hearing from you so we can include them.)

The one hundred sixty third session of the Wayne County, WV. Freewill Baptist Conference met at the Steele Memorial Free Will Baptist Church at East Lynn, WV. on November 7, 1998 in regular session. The pastor Bro. Y. V. Steele opened the services with song and fellowship, prayer request was taken and Bro. Scotty Puskas lead prayer. Bro. Steele read some scripture from the third chapter of Proverbs. then Bro. Steele turned the service over to the Moderator Bro. Luther Dingess,

Bro. Luther read from Proverbs 6:16 and preached a wonderful message.

The Conference was called to order by asking for peace and fellowship, that was found.

Visitors was recognized, motion & second to invite visitors to sit with us during this session, motion carried. Rules of Decorum was read, minutes of the last session was read, motion & second to accept minutes as read, motion carried.

Delegates was seated and counted (35 present).

Roll call of officers was made and absentees filled by the Moderator. Pulpit Committee was selected and Bro. Don Trogdon was asked to preach. The Conference adjourned for lunch and Bro. Herman Dingess asked the blessing on the food.

When reconvened the women were given a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal.

Bro. Don Trogdon was called to preach he took his text from the 23rd Psalm and done a good job and was given the right hand of fellowship.

Reports from the various committees were given.

Finance Committee : reported \$78.00 for the host church. Motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Business Committee : had three items of business.

Item #1 Recommendation to accept Bro. Boyd Little's resignation as Conference Clerk, motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Item #2 Recommendation to allow only two offices be held by any one person in our Conference excluding the Moderator and his assistant, motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Item #3 Together with the Finance Committee recommendation was made to give the Riverbend F.W.B. Church \$500.00 to help them on construction of rest rooms, motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Ordaining Council : had two items of business.

Item #1 Recommendation to accept Bro. Gary Miller as a deacon in the Big Lynn F.W.B. Church, motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Item #2 Recommendation to ordain Bro. Jeff Johnson to preach the gospel, motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

No reports from the other committees.

Nominations asked for to fulfill the vacant clerks job until May, 1999 Bro. Herman Dingess was nominated there were no other nominees, motion & second to elect Bro. Herman Dingess by acclamation, motion carried. Motion & second to dismiss this session until called to order at the Guiding Light F.W.B. Church on February 13th, 1999, motion carried.

The Conference was dismissed with prayer.

Moderator : Bro. Luther Dingess

Clerk : Bro. Boyd Little

The one hundred sixty fourth session of the Wayne County WV. Free Will Baptist Conference met at the Guiding Light Free Will Baptist Church at Fort Gay, WV. on February 13, 1999 in regular session.

The pastor Bro. Luther Dingess asked Bro. Rudolph Thompson to open the conference with prayer then the church choir sang, and prayer request was given and the conference gathered around the alter in family prayer.

Bro. Luther commented on some of the history of the conference and instructed the congregation to mind the lord. Bro. Luther also the Moderator called the conference to order by asking for peace and fellowship

that was found. The rules of decorum was read, delegates were counted (31 present) , roll call of officers

was made and absentees filled by the Moderator. Visitors were invited (none present), Minutes of the last session was read, motion & second to accept minutes as read, motion carried.

The conference decided to ask the two brothers that were to be ordained to preach Bro. William Copley to come and Bro. Allen Martin to follow, therefore no pulpit committee was needed.

The conference went into worship service, several of the congregation sang and gave testimony,

Bro. William Copley and Bro. Allen Martin preached and both done a good job, everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves in the presence of the lord.

After the service the conference adjourned for lunch.

When reconvened the conference went to the lord in prayer,

and the women were given a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal.

(one delegate registered late now 32 present.)

The conference proceeded with the reports from the various committee.

Treasurers report : the treasury report was read (beginning balance \$ 3,674.54 ending balance \$ 3,195.01)

motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Conference Evangelist : The Evangelist Bro. Ronald Lester stood and gave his report.

Motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Executive Board Member to the State : Bro. Luther Dingess gave his report.

Motion & second to accept this report, motion carried.

Finance Committee : Had two items of business.

Item #1 reported \$ 96.00 for the host church. Motion & second to accept item #1, motion carried.

Item #2 Recommendation to give Bro. Herman Dingess \$300.00 to help out with his financial needs

due to sickness. Motion & second to accept item #2, motion carried.

Promotional & Executive Board : Had no business.

Business & Credential Committee : Had no business.

Ordaining Council : Had five items of business.

Item #1 Recommendation to ordain Bro. William Copley to preach the gospel.

Motion & second to accept item #1, motion carried.

Item #2 Recommendation to ordain Bro. Jeremy Watts as a deacon in the Riverbend Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion & second to accept item #2, motion carried.

Item #3 Recommendation to receive Bro. Donald Trogdon as a member of the Wayne County Conference and be given ordaining credentials (**Pending Letter**). Motion & second to accept item #3, motion carried.

Item #4 Recommendation to ordain Bro. Herman Thompson as a deacon in the Gospel Free Will Baptist Temple. Motion & second to accept item #4, motion carried.

Item #5 Recommendation to ordain Bro. Dennis Allen Martin to preach the gospel.

Motion & second to accept item #5, motion carried.

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Nominations were asked for to fulfill the vacancy on the finance committee term ending May, 2001.

Nominated was Bro. Rodney Scott & Bro. Gazle Puskas Bro. Puskas declined his nomination.

Motion & second to elect Bro. Scott by acclamation, motion carried.

Then Bro. Rudolph Thompson assisted the ordaining council in ordaining Bro. Allen Martin,

Bro. Thompson gave him the charge and then Bro. Martin was ordained by prayer and laying on of hands.

(The other men to be ordained would be ordained at there home churches.)

Bro. Rodney Scott turn in a letter of resignation from the finance committee.

Motion & second to accept his resignation, motion carried.

Nominations were asked for to fulfill Bro. Scott's place on the finance committee, nominated was Bro. Gazle Puskas.

Motion & second that nominations cease and Bro. Puskas be elected by acclamation, motion carried.

Motion & second to ajure from bussness until the next session, motion carried.

(Next session to be held at the Big Lynn Free Will Baptist Church on May 8th, 1999)

Moderator : Bro. Luther Dingess

Clerk : Bro.Herman Dingess

Minutes of the 165th session of the Wayne County free will Baptist conference May 8, 1999

The 165th session of the Wayne County Quarterly Conference met in regular session at the Big Lynn Free Will Baptist Church, in East Lynn West Virginia on May 8, 1999, The Conference was opened with singing & prayer.

The moderator Brother Luther Dingess call the conference to order by asking for peace and fellowship that was found. The rules of decorum were read, all delegates were seated and counted (43 present).

Visitors invited, none present. Pulpit committee was selected, the pulpit committee consisted of the following three men-Brother Boyd Little, Brother Daniel Sartin and Brother Bill Adams.

The minutes of the last session was read, motion and second to except the minutes as read, motion carried.

Pulpit committees report: Brother Greenway Parsley to preach the morning worship service.

During the morning worship service the moderator took some time and preached from the book of Joshua 1 also Brother Larry Collie read some scripture and gave a wonderful testimony, Brother Greenway was called to preach he also did a great job from Luke 24 the conference adjourned for lunch. When reconvened the conference went to Lord in prayer. The women were giving a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal.

The conference proceeded with the various reports from each board and/or committee.

Treasurers report: beginning balance \$3,195.01- ending balance \$3,053.00 motion given by Brother Ronald Lester second by Brother Y.V. Steele to except the treasury report, motion carried.

Conference evangelist: Brother Ronald Lester gave his report he told the various churches where he had preached motion was given by Brother Jack Adkins second by Brother Gazle Puskas to except the evangelists report, motion carried.

Executive board member to the state association: Brother Luther Dingess told the various items that were discussed at the meeting, motion was given by Brother Gazle Puskas second by Y.V. Steele to except

Bro. Luther's report, motion carried.

Finance Committee: report of \$161.01 for the host church, motion was given by Brother Sherman Price, second by Brother Rodney Scott to except the finance committee's report, motion carried.

Promotional and executive board: Had no business. Motion was made by Brother Luther Dingess to except this report second by Brother Sherman Price, motion carried.

Business and Credential committee: Had two item's of business **Item #1** We the business committee do recommend that the conference invite visiting preachers to preach at our conference and give preachers that show up opportunity to preach when we're not obligated to our young preachers at home, using the following guidelines **#1** That the preachers be selected by the ministers and deacons of our conference that meet before the conference three months prior, except for the visiting ministers that show up on conference day, then the pulpit committee will be asked to consider them. **#2** That the men selected be free will Baptist preacher's **#3** The moderator will contact ministers selected at the ministers and deacon's meeting. Motion was made by Brother Luther Dingess to except this recommendation second by Brother Keith Fortner, motion carried.

Item #2 We the business committee to recommend that the clerk of the Wayne County Conference be elected indefinitely with these restrictions: until he made desire to give up the office, or the conference sees just cause to ask him to resign, or the conference sees just cause to remove him from the office. Motion was made by Brother Rodney Scott to except this recommendation second by Brother Jack Adkins, motion carried.

Ordained counsel Had No Business. Motion was made by Brother Rodney Scott to except this report second by Brother Sherman Price, motion carried.

This concluded the reports from each board and/or committee.

The conference then proceeded with the annual election of officers.

Nominations were accepted for the vacancy on the **Promotional and Executive Board** nominated was Brother Greg Isaacs. Nominations were asked for three times. Motion was made by Brother Rodney Scott that nominations cease and Brother Greg be elected by acclamation, second by Brother Sherman Price, motion carried.

Nominations were accepted for the vacancy on the **Finance committee** nominated was Brother Jennings Jerrell. Nominations were asked for three times. Motion was made by Brother Greenway Parsley that nominations cease and Brother Jennings be elected by acclamation, second by Brother Gazle Puskas, motion carried.

Nominations were accepted for the vacancy on the **Business and Credential Committee**. Nominated was Brother Larry collie. Nominations were asked for three times. Motion was made by Brother Sherman Price, that nomination cease and Brother Larry be elected by acclamation, second by Brother Jack Adkins, motion carried.

Nominations were accepted for vacancy on the **ordaining council** the nominees were Brother Greenway Parsley and Brother Jim Moore. Motion was made by Brother Rodney Scott that nominations cease second by Brother Jack Adkins motion carried.

The vote was then taken and Brother Greenway Parsley was elected by majority vote.

Nominations were excepted for the vacancy of the **conference evangelist** nominated was Brother William Copley, Brother Copley was found ineligible according to our by-laws No. 7 (had not been ordained for one-year) Brother Scotty Puskas was nominated and declined. Brother Ronald Lester was nominated.

Motion was made by Brother Sherman Price that nominations cease and Brother Ronald be elected by acclamation second by Brother Ronnie Watts, motion carried. Nominations were accepted for vacancy of **executive board member** nominated was Brother Luther Dingess. Nominations were asked for three times.

Motion was made by Brother Y. V. Steele that nominations cease and Brother Luther be elected by acclamation second by Brother Gazle Puskas, motion carried. Nominations were taking for **moderator** the nominees were Brother Russell Watts, Brother Luther Dingess and Brother Y. V. Steele the nomination for brother Russell Watts was withdrawn. Motion was made by Brother Russell Watts that nominations cease second by Brother Jack Adkins. The vote was then taken and Brother Luther Dingess was elected by majority vote.

Nominations were then accepted for **assistant moderator**. Nominated was Brother Russell Watts nominations were asked for three times. Motion & second that nominations cease and Brother Russell be elected by acclamation, motion carried. Nominations were accepted for the **clerk and treasurer** nominated was Brother Herman Dingess. Nominations were asked for three times. Motion was made by Brother Gazle Puskas that nominations cease and Brother Herman be elected by acclamation second by Brother Jack Adkins, motion carried This concluded the annual election.

There was a motion by Brother Russell Watts that The Wayne County Conference send a letter for representation to the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist and that the clerk Brother Herman Dingess be given the authority to prepare the letter and send the appropriate fund's second by Brother Y.V. Steele, motion carried. Motion was made by brother Y. V. Steele to send Brother Herman Dingess name to the state association nominating committee second by Brother Bernie Napier, motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother Rodney Scott to adjure from this session until called to order at the next regularly scheduled session on August 7, 1999, at the 10 ½ Street Free Will Baptist Church second by Brother Gazle Puskas. The conference was dismissed with prayer.

Moderator: Rev. Luther Dingess
Clerk: Rev. Herman Dingess

**Minutes of the 166th session of the
Wayne County free will Baptist conference
AUGUST 7, 1999**

The Wayne County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist met in regular session on August 8th 1999 at The 10 ½ Street Free Will Baptist Church. The conference was opened up with singing and prayer the choir sung Victory in Jesus and Amazing Grace prayer was led by Brother Glenn Perry. Several of the congregation testified and sang and all done a great job. Brother Jerry Watts preached from John chapter 9 and Brother Clyde Pinson also preached about being someone that others could follow you to heaven both men done a good job. The moderator Brother Luther Dingess called the conference to order by asking for peace and fellowship that was found. Brother Luther also read some scripture and preached a while. The rules of decorum were read, all delegates were seated and counted.(35 present) Visitors were recognized motion and second was made to allow them to set with us during this session, motion carried. The clerk read the minutes of the last session there was a motion and second to accept the minutes as read, motion carried. The conference adjourned for lunch and Brother Y.V. Steele asked the blessing on the food. When reconvened the conference went to the Lord in prayer and the women were given a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal.

Then the conference proceeded with the various reports from our visitors and committees.

Visitor Reports : **Brother Bob Legg** visitor from the Harvest Free Will Baptist children's home gave a report on all the wonderful work they're doing there, motion was made by Bro.Jerry Watts to except this report second by Bro.Rudolph Thompson, motion carried. **Brother Roger Watts** visitor from the Canaanland Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina gave his report motion was made by Bro.Jerry Watts to except this report second by Bro.Jeremy Watts motion carried. **Brother Jim Varney** the state promotional director gave his report and answered questions from the congregation motion was made by Bro.Rudolph Thompson to except this report second by Bro.Ray Tomblin, motion carried.

Treasurers report : Brother Herman Dingess gave the treasurers report with the balance of \$2,690.01 motion was made by Bro.Ronald Lester to except this report second by Bro.Russell Watts motion carried.

Conference Evangelist : Brother Ronald Lester gave his report motion was made by Bro.Herman Dingess to except this report second by Bro.Rudolph Thompson motion carried.

Executive Board to the State : Brother Luther Dingess gave his report of the WV state association meeting Brother Herman Dingess had went in his stead because he had to be with a ill relative Brother Herman Dingess was elected for a five-year term on the state publication board, Brother Jim Varney had already covered most everything else that had took place at the State Association and motion was made by Bro.Y.V. Steele to except this report second by Bro.Jennings Jarrell motion carried.

Finance Committee : had two items of business, **item # 1** \$107.52 for the host church. motion was made by Bro.Greenway Parsley to except this report second by Bro. Herb Vaughn motion carried.

item # 2 the committee gave the recommendation to give a widow in need \$ 300.00 motion was made by Bro.Allen Martin to except this report second by Bro.Greenway Parsley motion carried.

Promotional and Executive Board : had no business, motion was made by Bro.Greenway Parsley to except this report second by Bro. Jennings Jerrell motion carried.

Business in Credential Committee : had two items of business **item # 1** the committee had received from the Gospel Free Will Baptist Temple Brother Boyd Little's deacon credentials with an explanation that he had resigned and his name was remove from their membership. The committee recommended that we accept these credentials and also remove his name from our conference membership role. motion was made by Bro.Y.V. Steele to except this report second by Bro.Clyde Pinson motion carried.

item # 2 The credential committee had received an attendance report from the conference clerk showing the list of ordained ministers and deacons that had not been present at our conference, soon approaching one-year or over one-year, motion was made by Brother Allen Martin that this item of business be tabled until the next conference, second by Brother James baisted motion carried.

Ordaining Council : had two items of business **item # 1** We will ordaining council recommend that Brother Ronnie Watts receive Deacon credentials as a deacon in the Riverbend Free Will Baptist Church motion was made by Bro. Clyde Pinson to except this report second by Bro. Glen Perry motion carried.

item # 2 we the ordaining council recommend that Brother Paul Maynard be ordained as a deacon in the Riverbend Free Will Baptist Church motion was made by Bro.Clyde Pinson to except this report second by Bro.Glen Perry motion carried. There was a motion made by Brother Clyde Pinson that the conference have a fellowship service Friday night before each conference at the host church second by Bro. Ray Tomblin motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother Ronnie Watts to adjure the from business until called to order by someone in authority or at the next regularly scheduled session.

Moderator : Brother Luther Dingess
Clerk : Brother Herman Dingess

**MINUTES OF THE 167TH. SESSION OF THE
WAYNE COUNTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 13,1999**

The Wayne County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist met in regular session on November 13, 1999, at the Riverbend Free Will Baptist Church Crum, WV. The conference was opened with singing in prayer Brother Glen Perry led us to prayer. Brother Clyde Pinson preached a while, Brother Larry Collie sang us a song and gave a good testimony. The pastor gave way to the moderator Brother Luther Dingess and he took some time, and read from the book of Psalms. Brother Luther Dingess called the conference to order by asking for peace and fellowship that was found. The rules of decorum were read and all delegates were seated and counted. (30 Present) Visitors were recognized motion and second was made to allow them to sit with us during this session, motion carried. The clerk read the minutes of the last session, and there was a motion by Bro. Rodney Scott and second by Rudolph Thompson to accept the minutes as read motion carried. The clerk received one of the church letters late, from the Steele Memorial Church. This letter was read, and motion was made by Brother Rudolph Thompson, second by Clyde Pinson to accept this letter, motion carried. The moderator selected a pulpit committee the men selected were Brother Larry Collie, Brother Glen Perry and Brother Paul Maynard. When the pulpit committee had returned the men had selected Brother Clyde Pinson to preach, Brother Clyde did a great job. The conference then adjourned for lunch, and Brother Willie Dillon asked the blessing on the food. When the conference reconvened, there was singing and prayer. The women were given a standing vote of thanks for the fine meal. The conference then proceeded with the reports from the various boards and committees.

Treasurers report : The treasurer Brother Herman Dingess gave his report leaving the conference with the balance of \$2,496.38. Motion was made by Brother Rudolph Thompson, second by Brother Clyde Pinson to accept this report, motion carried.

Conference Evangelist : Evangelist Brother Ronald Lester reported and told of the different churches where he preached, revival at the Dunlow Church, also three other churches outside the conference, and one saved. Motion was made by Brother Herman Dingess, second by Brother Sherman Price to accept the evangelists report, motion carried.

Executive Board to the state : Board member Brother Luther Dingess said that this board did not meet since last conference therefore he had no report. Motion was made by Brother Clyde Pinson, second by Brother Sherman priced to accept this, motion carried.

Finance Committee : The courmittee reported today's offering \$107.67 for the host church, and host church decided to donate this offering to the Harvey Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, if accepted into the conference. Motion was made by Brother Clyde Pinson, second by Brother Ronald Lester to accept this report, motion carried.

Promotional and Executive Board : This board had received a letter from the Harvey Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, requesting Membership in the Wayne County Conference. We the Executive Board do recommend to accept the Harvey Memorial Free Will Baptist church, as a member in the Wayne County Conference. Motion was made by Brother Ronald Lester, second by Brother Sherman Price to accept this report. motion carried.

Ordaining Council : The ordaining council had five items of business.

Item No. 1 We the ordaining council do recommend that Brother Herb Vaughn be ordained as a deacon in the 10 ½ Street Free Will Baptist Church. Motion was made by Brother Glen Perry second by Brother Sherman Price to accept item No. 1 motion carried.

Item No. 2 We the ordaining council do recommend that Brother Jesse Watts be licensed to preach the gospel for six months in the Wayne County conference before receiving ordaining credentials. pending a letter to the Harvey Memorial Free Will Baptist. Motion was made by Brother Clyde Pinson second by Brother Sherman Price to accept item No. 2 motion carried.

Item No. 3 We the ordaining council do recommend that Brother Herman Berry be reinstated as a minister in the Wayne County Conference, and receive ordaining credentials. Motion was made by Brother Clyde Pinson second by Brother Sherman Price to accept item No. 3 motion carried.

Item No. 4 We the ordaining council do recommend that Brother Sidney Jordan be ordained as a deacon in the Harvey Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in our February conference at which time his one-year requirement of being set-aside in his home church is complete.

Motion was made by Brother Glen Perry second by Brother Sherman Price to accept item No. 4 motion carried.

Item No. 5 We the ordaining council do recommend that a new set of ordaining credentials be issued to Brother Clyde Pinson because his original credentials were destroyed by fire.

Motion was made by Brother Herb Vaughn second by Brother Sherman Price to accept item No. 5, motion carried.

Business and Credential Committee : This committee had one item of business.

We the business committee do recommend that the conference fellowship service on Friday night before the conference be completely voluntary to host or attend. Motion was made by Brother Jeremy Watts second by Brother Herb Vaughn to except this recommendation motion carried.

There was a motion and second made to adjourn this session of the Wayne County Conference until our next regularly scheduled meeting or until called to order by someone having authority, motion carried

Moderator : Brother Luther Dingess

Clerk : Brother Herman Dingess