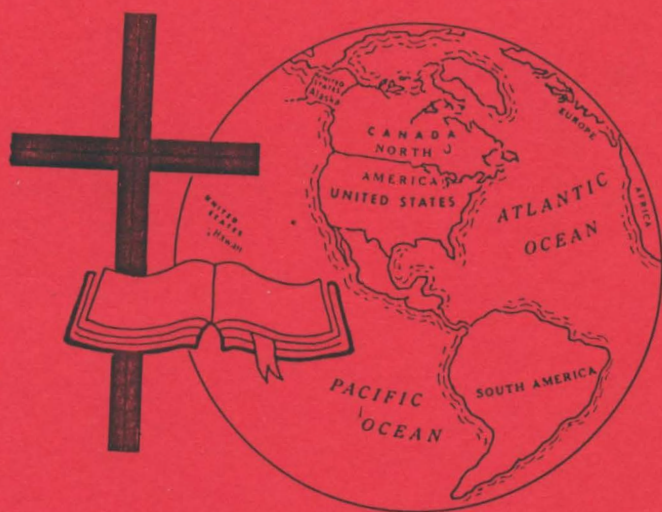


**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
32ND ANNUAL SESSION
JUNE 25-27, 1998**



**Member of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists**

*The Thirty-Second Annual Session
Of the Maryland State Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

Convened on June 25-27, 1998 at

Mt. Calvary FWB Church

1413 Cranberry Road

Post Office Box 128

Perryman, Maryland 21130-0128

Host Pastor.....Rev. Dennis Keen
Moderator.....Rev. David Reece
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. William Steele

*The Thirty-Second Annual Session
Will Convene on June 24-26, 1999
Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church
2425 1st Street
Post Office Box 153
Middletown, Virginia 22645*

Host Pastor.....Rev. Roger Mullins
Moderator.....Rev. David Reece
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. William Steele

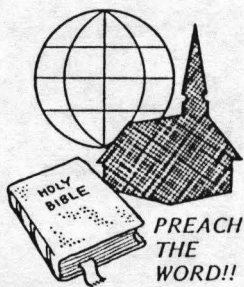
*General Board Meeting
Thursday, June 24th 1999
7:00 P.M.*

*Maryland Women Nationally Active for Christ
Business Session
Thursday, June 24th 1999
7:00 P.M.*

*Maryland State Youth Conference and Competition
Thursday, June 24th, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.
Friday, June 25th, 1999 at 9:00 A.M.*

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

*Bethel FWB Church
Bloss Memorial FWB Church
Calvary FWB Church
Chestnut Hill FWB Church
Comertown FWB Church
Crosskeys FW Fellowship
Elkton FWB Church
Fairwood FWB Church
First FWB Church of Bedford, VA
FWB Church of New Castle, De
FWB Church of Townsend, De
Grace FWB Church
Heritage FWB Church
Hope FWB Church
Manassas FWB Church
Meadowbrook FWB Church
Mt. Calvary FWB Church
Park Lane FWB Church
Shiloh FWB Church
Stafford FWB Church
Stanley FWB Church
Waldorf FWB Church
Welcome Home FWB Church
Woodland Heights FWB Church
Yorkshire FWB Church*



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Executive CommitteeTerms Expired

Rev. Richard Atwood	2000
Rev. Todd Tennant	2001
Rev. William Steele	2001
Rev. Billy D. King	1999
Rev. Lestor Horton	1999

State Home Missions Board

Rev. Clayton Cordell	2000
Rev. Jim Fairchild	2001
Rev. Lonnie Salyers	2001
Rev. Dave Nobles	1999
Rev. Greg Bevan	1999

State Youth Committee

Bro. Dock Hoilman	2000
Rev. Richard Wright	2000
Rev. Bill Reynolds	2001
Rev. Jim Fairchild	1999
Rev. Tim Moody	1999

Historical Committee

Rev. William Steele	2000
Rev. Roger Mullins	2001

National Association General Board Member

Rev. Lester Horton	1999
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met as part of The All Boards and Committee Meeting on February 16, 1998 at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Woodbridge Va. At 10:30.

Members Present: Rev. David Reece Moderator
Rev. Bill Steete Assistant Moderator
Rev. Jay Baines Clerk
Rev. Dennis Keen State Treasurer
Brother Stanley Parnell Assistant Treasurer
Rev. Richard Atwood
Rev. David Nobles
Rev. Lester Horton

Rev. Doug King was absent due to sickness.

The program was planned and speakers chosen for the 1998 state meeting. "Be Thou Faithful" from Revelation 2:10 was chosen as the theme.

Committees Present: Executive Committee
Home Mission Board
Youth committee
Maryland State Women Nationally Active For Christ

Respectively Submitted,

Rev David Reece
Moderator / Promotional Director
Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptist

General Board Report
June 25, 1998
7:00 P.M.
Mt. Calvary F. W. B. Church

Executive Committee Members Present:

Rev. Bill Steele
Rev. Lestor Horton
Rev. Billy King
Rev. Richard Atwood
Rev. Dave Noble
Rev. Dennis Keen

At Large Delegates:

Northern Virginia- Bro. Russ Detherage
Northern Virginia- Bro. Clarence Robertson
Central Virginia- Bro. Jack Horsley
Central Virginia- Bro. Charlie Goff

Ordained Ministers:

Rev. Dennis Keen	Rev. David Austin
Rev. Roger Mullins	Rev. Lonnie Salyers
Rev. Richard Wright	Rev. Jim Fairchild
Rev. Murray Southwell	Rev. Rick Gatten
Rev. Richard Atwood	Rev. Dave Nobles
Rev. Bill Reynolds	Rev. Don Hellms
Rev. Billy King	Rev. Lestor Horton
Rev. Bill Steele	Rev. Todd Tennant
Rev. Clayton Cordell	Rev. Jay Baines
Rev. David Reece	

Moderator: Rev. David Reece

The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator.
The General Board joined in singing "Amazing Grace" lead by Rev. Dave Nobles.
Rev. David Reece gave a devotion from Isaiah 60 and Rev. Clayton Cordell lead in prayer.
The Clerk, Rev. Jay Baines, explained the Packet of Information.
A Welcome was given by the Host Pastor, Rev. Dennis Keen of the Mt. Calvary FWB Church.
The following reports were given: (all were MSC)

The Executive Committee Report- Rev. Jay Baines, Clerk
The Moderator's Report- Rev. David Reece

The Home Missions Report- Rev. Murray Southwell
The Home Missionary Report- Rev. Jim Fairchild
The Home Missions Treasurer Report- Rev. Dave Nobles
The Promotional Secretary's Report- Rev. David Reece
The Randall House Publications Report- Rev. David Reece(Board Member)
The Maryland Treasurer's Report- Rev. Dennis Keen
The Harvest Child-Care Ministries Report- Rev. Rick Gatten
The Executive Secretary's Report- Rev. David Reece for Dr. Melvin Worthington

Committee's Appointed by the Moderator were:

Nominating Committee: Rev. Richard Atwood, Rev. Todd Tennant, Rev. Clayton Cordell

Budget Committee: Rev. Roger Mullins, Rev. Dennis Keen, Rev. Jack Horsley

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Rick Gatten, Bro. Stanley Parnell, Rev. Don Hellms

Miscellaneous Business:

Discussed the possibilities of directing funds through the FWB Foundation. Recommended to invite Bro. Bill Evans to next years State Meeting.

Their was a discussion about a different approach to supporting our Foreign Missions Department and the Foreign Missionaries.

Men's Retreat Dates/Cost were given- The dates are October 29-31, 1998 at the Blackrock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pa. The cost is 60.00 dollars. The speaker is Rev. Randy Sawyer from Gastonia, NC.

MSC to give Moderator the latitude to change the program if need be.

MSC to recommend the 1999 State Meeting be held at Meadowbrook FWB Church in Middletown, VA on June 24-26, 1999.

MSC at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn until the General Session on Friday, June 26, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

Total in Attendance: 25

Ordained Ministers: 19

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jay Baines
Clerk, MD State Association

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SESSION

Friday, June 26, 1998

9:15 A.M.

Bro. Jack Horsley opened the Service by asking the congregation to sing "Standing on the Promises". A welcome was given by the Host Pastor, Rev. Dennis Keen of the Mt. Calvary FWB Church. Devotional thoughts were given by Rev. Todd Tennant, Pastor of the Bloss Memorial FWB Church in Arlington, Virginia. The Scripture was read from I Corinthians 3:9-11 and the theme expressed was that of "teamwork" in the work of God. Rev. Todd Tennant closed in Prayer.

The Clerk, Rev. Jay Baines, called the 32nd annual session of the Maryland State Association to order and introduced the Moderator, Rev. David Reece. The Moderator then proceeded to seat the delegates :

Ordained Ministers: 18

Ordained Deacons: 4

Elected Church Delegates: 12

MSC to seat the delegates. The Moderator, Rev. David Reece then recognized the guest from various denominational departments. The following Reports were given:

The General Board Report- Clerk, Rev. Jay Baines

The Executive Committee Report- Clerk, Rev. Jay Baines

The Moderator's Report- Rev. David Reece

The Maryland State Treasurer's Report- Rev. Dennis Keen

The Maryland State Home Missions Report- Rev. Murray Southwell

The Maryland State Home Missions Treasurer's Report- Rev. Dave Nobles

The Maryland State Home Missionary Report- Rev. Jim Fairchild

The Promotional Secretary's Report- Moderator, Rev. David Reece

The National Home Missions Report- Rev. Richard Adams

Home Missionary Report of Thanksgiving and Praise- Rev. Paul Collins from Harrisburg, VA

All reports MSC. It was MSC to recess from the business session to the worship service.

Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Presiding:

Rev. Bill Steele

Song Leader:

Bro. Jack Horsley
"Leaning on The Everlasting Arms"

Special Music:

Dena Cordell
"Master of The Wind"

Message from God's Word:

Rev. Dennis Keen
"Faithful To The Saints"
Judges 19-21

Afternoon Business Session

The Moderator declared the meeting in session. The following reports were received.

The Foreign Missions Report- Rev. Eugene Wadell

The FWB Family Ministries- Miss Dawn Sweeney

The Southeastern FWB College- Rev. A. B. Brown

The FWBBC Report- Rev. Roy Harris

The FWB Board of Retirement/FWB Foundation- Ray Lewis

The Randall House Publications- Rev. David Reece

The Harvest Childcare Ministries- Rev. Rick Gatten

The Maryland Women Active For Christ- Mrs. Dena Cordell

The Home Missionary to Pennsylvania Report- Rev. Vergel Maness

The National Executive Secretary's Report- Rev. David Reece for Dr. Melvin Worthington

The Fairwood FWB Radio Ministry Report- Rev. Lester Horton

All report were MSC.

MSC to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, June 27, 1998.

MARYLAND WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Presiding
Song Leader
Song
Special Song

Sister Pat Mullins
Bro. Jack Horsley
"He Abides With Me"
Rev. Jay Baines
"Five Rows Back"

Secretary Dena Cordell reported on the year's activities. The special project for the upcoming year is Rachel Munsey Medical Expenses. Rachel is the daughter of James and Mitzi Munsey of the Mexico Ministries.

An offering was taken for the guest speaker and Rev. Elzo Bevan was introduced as the speaker. Rev. Elzo Bevan's message was based on the Theme, "Fret Not But Rejoice" from Psalm 37: 1a.

Friday Evening Youth Fellowship Service

Fellowship Meal	5:30 P.M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P.M.
Presiding	Rev. Richard Wright
Prayer	Rev. Todd Tennant
Special Presentation	Rev. Jay Baines Rev. Murray Southwell Rev. Dennis Keen
Special Music	Girls Trio Courtney Fairchild Mt. Calvary Men's Trio
Message from God's Word	Dr. Richard Adams
Presentation of Awards	Bro. Doc Hoilman
Dismissal Prayer	Bro. Tim Moody

State Youth Report

Spring 1998

The Maryland State Youth Committee sponsored our second annual Whitewater rafting trip. This year, however, we turned the trip into a "Raft-a-Thon" to benefit Waldorf FWB Church. The trip was great fun, but our X-mission church also benefited as young people from Heritage FWB Church raised \$400.00 in support. We ran into scheduling difficulty as some churches had to drop out of the trip, but God was faithful and blessed the youth and adults who participated.

MYC 1998

The annual Maryland State Youth Conference began at 11:00am Thursday, June 25th, 1998. The Lord blessed the competition portion with a total of 25 youth entries! Participants in both the Bible competition and the Music and Arts competition bless all who were here.

All awards were presented Friday Evening during the banquet and we thank each youth for having the commitment to dedicate their talents to the Lord.

29 Present @ Thursday Competition

<i>W Diane Hadsell</i>	<i>4th grade</i>	<i>Sword Drill</i>
<i>W Krystie Pearson</i>	<i>5th grade</i>	<i>Sword Drill</i>
<i>W Shawn Hayes</i>	<i>6th grade</i>	<i>Sword Drill</i>
<i>H Joshua Detherage</i>	<i>7th grade</i>	<i>Harversters Tic Tac Toe Team</i>
<i>H Betty Stamey</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>Harversters Tic Tac Toe Team</i>
<i>W Diane Berringer</i>	<i>1st grade</i>	<i>Vocal Solo</i>
<i>W Jamie Claro</i>	<i>6th grade</i>	<i>Waldorf Girls Trio</i>
<i>W Diana Hadsell</i>	<i>4th grade</i>	<i>Waldorf Girls Trio</i>
<i>W Krystie Pearson</i>	<i>5th grade</i>	<i>Waldorf Girls Trio</i>
<i>W Courtney Fairchild</i>	<i>2nd grade</i>	<i>Waldorf Ensemble</i>
<i>W Diane Hadsell</i>	<i>4th grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Krystie Pearson</i>	<i>5th grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Jamie Claro</i>	<i>6th grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Matthew Berringer</i>	<i>4th grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Eric Berringer</i>		<i>"</i>
<i>W Diane Berringer</i>	<i>1st grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Shawn Hayes</i>	<i>4th grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Matthew Hayes</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Gregory Hadsell</i>	<i>2nd grade</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>W Courtney Fairchild</i>	<i>2nd grade</i>	<i>Piano Solo</i>

W Matthew Berringer	4 th grade	Piano Solo
W Shawn Hayes	6 th grade	Painting
W Matthew Hayes	8 th grade	Painting
W Matthew Hayes	8 th grade	Graphics
Y Katherine Brown	8 th grade	Photography

H- Heritage FWB Church

W- Waldorf FWB Church

Y- Yorkshire FWB Church

Maryland State Youth Treasurers Report

Account opened 8/6/97	1000.00
Heritage FWB Youth Fund 8/7/97 (State Youth Activities)	62.00
Heritage FWB Youth Fund 10/21/97 (25 Guidelines @ 6.99 each) (25 CTS Guides @ 2.95 each)	245.55
Alpine Bible Camp(State Rafting Trip)	<u>685.20</u>
	7.25
Deposits From Rafting	<u>490.00</u>
Balance	<u>497.25</u>

General Session Reconvenes

Saturday, June 27, 1998

Bro. Jack Horsley lead the congregation in singing "At the Cross". Bro. Stanley Parnell gave the devotional thoughts and led in prayer. The Moderator, Rev. David Reece took Charge and conducted the Business Session.

The following Reports were given and MSC:

Resolutions Report

Youth Committee Report

Nominating Committee Report

Budget Committee Report

The following people were elected as Delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptist in Tulsa, OK.:

Dock Hoilman

Brenda Hoilman

Venda King

Lottie King

Russ Dethrage

Miscellaneous Business

Dock Hoilman presented a motion to amend the Constitution in relation to the Youth Committee responsibilities. The motion was read and tabled until the 1999 session.

It was MSC to give the Moderator the latitude to change the program if need be.

It was MSC for the Meadowbrook FWB Church in Middletown, VA to host the Maryland State Meeting, June 24-26, 1999.

MSC to adjourn the 32nd Annual Maryland State Association of FWB.

Worship Service

Presiding

Special Music

Message

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Jay Baines

Rev. Allen Joines

"Faithful to the Savior"

Invitation

*Adjourn until the 33rd Annual Maryland State Association
Of Free Will Baptist, June 24-26, 1999*

Thirty-eight women from ten churches and ministries were present for the business session of the Maryland State Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ held at 7:00 p.m., June 25, 1998; at Mount Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Perryman, Maryland.

Sister Brenda Hoilman led the women in singing "He Set Me Free."

Sister Pat Parnell led in prayer.

Sister Louise Wampler extended a welcome and brought a devotion concerning "Have you not known, walk and not be weary" from Isaiah 40.

Sister Pat Mullins, President, took charge of the meeting.

Sisters Marian Reece and Phyllis Detherage sand "Ten Thousand Years."

MSC to seat delegates.

Our visitor, Dawn Sweeney of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Nashville, Tennessee, was recognized.

MSC to accept the Secretary and Treasurer's report.

MSC to accept minutes as printed.

Sister Pat Mullins read a letter from Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart, who stated she was sorry she could not meet with our ladies.

A testimony and short report was given by Sister Dawn Sweeney.

During New Business, MSC that direct giving be added to the report to the State Association. Sister Dena Cordell, Secretary/Treasurer is to draw a form for the direct giving.

MSC that due to the illness of Rachel Munsey that the Munsey Medical Fund be the State Project for the year of 1998 - 1999. \$2,500 is the total goal for the project.

The following were elected as officers.

President
(3 yr term
elected '96)

Pat Mullins
1236 Timberlake Road
Strasburg, VA 22657
540-465-4061

MSC to give Sister Horton \$100.00 to help defray expenses to the National Association.

Information was given on the State Retreat to be held on October 2 - 3, 1998 at Camp Little Crossroads at Lowesville, VA.

MSC to elect as delegates for the National Association which meets in Tulsa, Oklahoma: Lottie Horton, marian Reece, Phyllis Detherage, Brenda Hoilman, and Venda King.

MSC to adjourn.

Vice President
(2 yr term
elected '96)

Lottie Horton
6415 Little Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
703-250-3102

Sec'y-Treasurer
(3 yr term
elected '97)

Dena Cordell
280 Woodhaven Road
Martinsville, VA 24112
540-632-2339

FW/Mbr-at-Large
(1 yr term)

Betty Goff
1760 Dowdy Crossing
Huddleston, VA 24104

FW/Mbr-at-Large
(1 yr term)

Laura Hamm
7 North Independence
New Castle, DE 19720
302-322-4164

FW/Mbr-at-Large
(1 yr term)

Marian Reece
• 12525 Chewning Lane
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Nat'l Nom. Cmtee
(2 yr term - elected
on odd numbered yr
to serve 1997 and 1998)

Lottie Horton
6415 Little Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22309

Retreat Committee:

(3 yr term
expires 1998)

Marian Reece
12525 Chewning Lane
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

(3 yr term
elected in '96
expires 1999)

Pat Mullins
1236 Timberlake Road
Strasburg, VA 22657

(2 yr term
elected in '97
expires 1999)

Dottie Steele
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MARYLAND STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
1997 - 1998 GIVING

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Bloss</u>	<u>Cen. VA Dist.</u>	<u>Ches. Hill</u>	<u>Fairwood</u>	<u>1st Bedford</u>	<u>1st New Cast.</u>	<u>Heritage</u>	<u>Meadow Brk.</u>	<u>Nor. VA Dist.</u>	<u>Wood Hgts.</u>
<u>FOREIGN MISSIONS:</u>											
General Fund										100.00	
Dale Bishop											40.00
Robert Bryan									15.00		
Anthony Edmond	50.00	300.00		75.00	115.00		100.00	75.00	225.00		80.00
Howard Gwartney	50.00	70.00			55.00			100.00	150.00		
LBB Missions Offer.					65.00						58.83
Mexico Ministries	50.00	70.00			65.00			75.00	75.00		
Alice Smith									100.00		
Teague Account				15.00							
Abijan Club Ivory Coast							50.00				
<u>HOME MISSIONS:</u>											
General Fund							86.00				
Jim Fairchild Account										120.00	120.00
Waldorf Land Fund (Project)	150.00	57.90			183.50	117.50		37.50	150.00		137.50
Lizzie McAdams Offering					70.00						
<u>WNAC:</u>											
Co-Laborer		120.00			120.00				90.00	120.00	
Dues	80.00	90.00			80.00	60.00	120.00	90.00	120.00		70.00
Emphasis Month					50.00						
Wischart Retirement					100.00		25.00				
<u>COLLEGES:</u>											
Southeastern						120.00					
<u>CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:</u>											
Greenville TN Child. Home											30.00
Harvest Child Care Min.			88.00			257.50					
Dawn Sweeney	50.00	165.00			50.00			75.00	100.00		
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>											
David Welch			100.00								
<u>MD STATE WAC:</u>											
State Treasury						50.00				200.00	
Educ. Endow. (Proj.)	150.00	57.90			183.50	117.50		37.50	150.00	80.00	137.50
TOTAL GIVING:	580.00	930.80	188.00	90.00	1137.00	722.50	381.00	490.00	1175.00	620.00	673.83
GRAND TOTAL GIVING: 6988.13											

MODERATORS REPORT TO THE 32 ANNUAL SESSION OF
MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

It is my pleasure to meet together again with each of you as your moderator this year. We have seen a great year as a state. Our churches are seemingly growing for the most part and the attitude of our pastors is on a positive note. I have had the pleasure to visit with many of you in quarterly meetings and other special events. I have represented you at the National Association of Free Will Baptist in Cincinnati Ohio and the leadership conference in Nashville. I moderated the meeting for the All Boards meeting in February at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia.

I see a stronger and more energetic Maryland State emerging. I feel that the future is bright and that our accomplishments together will give glory to the Lord and Savior. Maryland State of Free Will Baptist is getting stronger as a unit and together we will accomplish more. I can see some of our churches stepping forward and setting the pace as leader among us. Our vision is greater and holds more for our churches.

I have enjoyed serving you this year and appreciate your confidence in me. God Bless each of you and your churches.

Sincerely,

Rev David Reece
Moderator
Maryland State Association

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY TO THE
32ND ANNUAL SESSION OF MARYLAND STATE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

I would like to thank the Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the State meeting and their pastor, Rev Dennis Keen for his capable leadership in arranging the many detailed events that make up the normal state associational meeting. They have done a wonderful job.

As your promotional secretary I have had the privilege of holding two positions. In that dual role I have tried to promote our churches as a single body in Maryland State. I see us drawing closer together and doing a greater work for the Lord.

I have had the pleasure of being in all of the quarterly conferences and visiting with the people. My wife and I have been a part of two Couples Retreats, one in the North and one in the South. We should be well equipped by now. I have visited the new building in Townsend Delaware and praised the Lord for such vision and anticipation of the blessing of God. I have preached in our newest mission church in Madison County Virginia and rejoiced at the excitement found in worship among them. I was invited to participate in the organizational service of Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Port Royal Virginia where Rev. David Thame is the pastor. I have had the opportunity to visit, interview, and write the articles for two of the founding fathers of Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptist and one of our leading pastors of present. I have enjoyed the position of Promotional Secretary and the editor of the Maryland State Newsletter.

Roll Call Sunday this year brought us again the exciting results of committed Maryland State churches. We had 3290 people attend our Maryland churches on designated Roll Call Sunday. There were 69 people saved in those services and our Waldorf Church led the way with 34 of those decisions. Thank God for Brother Jim Fairchild and his wonderful wife and church. The eleven churches with the largest attendance's were as follows:

Townsend FWB Church with 592
Mt. Calvary FWB Church with 332
Waldorf FWB Church with 322
New Castle FWB Church with 280
Heritage FWB Church with 278
Bethel FWB Church with 187
Cross Keys FWB Church with 162
Elkton FWB Church with 138
Yorkshire FWB Church with 130
Shiloh FWB Church with 102
Stafford FWB Church with 102

Five of our churches made the list of Top 100 Churches in Attendance according to Missions Grams, June 1998.

Townsend FWB Church	592	listed as # 20
Mt Calvary FWB Church	332	listed as # 59
Waldorf FWB Church	322	listed as # 65
New Castle FWB Church	280	listed as # 84
Heritage FWB Church	278	listed as # 86

Maryland State Free Will Baptist Churches are great churches doing a wonderful job representing the Lord Jesus in their respective places. Thanks to all of you who have been an encouragement to me over this year.

My expenses will be reflected in the treasurers report.

Sincerely,

Rev. David Reece
Promotional Secretary

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION BUDGET REPORT

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

General Board Member Expense to National Association	\$1300.00
Delegates to National Association)	\$375.00
Honorariums (Clerk, Sec., Treas., Moderator, Speakers)	\$700.00
Youth Committee	\$1000.00
Moderator	\$500.00
Promotional Secretary	\$500.00
Newsletter	\$400.00
National Association Dues (\$30.00 per church)	\$660.00
Printing of minutes and Programs	\$650.00
Miscellaneous	\$850.00
Travel Executive Board	\$350.00
Host Church State Association	\$300.00
	\$7,585.00

Respectively submitted,
Dennis Keen
Roger Mullins
Jack Horsley

**MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HOME MISSIONS REPORT
JUNE 25, 1998**

The State Home Missions Board met three times since the last State Association Meeting to find ways and means of the Waldorf Free Will Baptists Church becoming self-supporting by this meeting.

The church held a stewardship campaign in December-January which helped the weekly income tremendously.

Funds that are in the "Waldorf Account" at the State level will be turned over to the Waldorf Church. (see financial report)

A final appeal has been made to the State Association pastors for one more good offering to help with their property and building loan. We have heard from several churches, but funds were not sent in time to make a presentation at this years meeting. Those funds will be distributed to the church as soon as is reasonably certain that all funds are in. We continue to encourage your participation in this offering. Brother Fairchild has been able to raise some funds outside the State Association toward this goal.

An organizational service that honors what God has done has been planned for Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM on June 28, 1998.

What has at times seemed a long and difficult task has now come to a joyful completion. Thank you Lord! The many that have been saved and will be saved in, this great church, will be praising Jesus eternally and thankful for you in Maryland State, who helped build a church in Waldorf. Congratulations to Brother Fairchild and the many wonderful folks in Waldorf for a job well done.

Sincerely

Murray Southwell

Murray Southwell
Chairman

Maryland State Home Missions Treasurer
Balance Sheet For All Accounts
Through 5/31/98

ASSETS

Account Balances:

Checking	\$30,853.29
Savings	\$15,756.77

TOTAL ASSETS	46,610.06
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LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
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EQUITY

Fund Balance

GWHope/Auxiliary Fund	\$2,671.99
General Oper. Fund	\$9,668.51
Waldorf Fund	\$34,397.32
Waldorf Loan Fund	\$0.00

TOTAL EQUITY	\$46,737.82
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$46,737.82
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Maryland State Home Missions Treasurer

Monthly Report For All Accounts

6/1/97 Through 5/31/98

INCOME

Income

Bank Interest Inc	\$365.99
General Oper. Inc	\$2,524.59
Land Loan Inc	\$1,514.90
One For Waldorf Inc	\$107.62
Waldorf Inc	\$27,021.05

Total Income: \$31,534.15

EXPENSE

Expense

General Oper. Exp	\$1,410.12
Land Loan Exp	\$1,750.28
Waldorf Exp	\$4,000.00

Total Expense: \$7,160.40

Net Profit or Loss: \$24,373.75

All Accounts Expenses For General Oper. Fund
6/1/97 Through 5/31/98

Date	Check#	Account	Payee	Debit	Credit	Category	Note
7/1/97	191	Checking	Jim Fairchild	\$600.00		General Oper. Exp	National Association Expenses (Part)
7/31/97	192	Checking	Central Fidelity	\$94.90		General Oper. Exp	Checks
8/14/97	401	Checking	Jim Fairchild	\$242.98		General Oper. Exp	National Association Expenses (Part)
8/23/97	402	Checking	Wilks, Artis, Hedrick (Lawyer)	\$187.50		General Oper. Exp	Problem with demonstrators - sent letter
10/2/97	404	Checking	Void	\$0.00		General Oper. Exp	
12/24/97	405	Checking	Travelers Bank	\$18.78		General Oper. Exp	Board Expense
2/16/98	406	Checking	Murray Southwell	\$47.88		General Oper. Exp	Phone and travel board expense
4/29/98	407	Checking	Clayton Cordell	\$90.00		General Oper. Exp	Board Expense
4/29/98	408	Checking	Roger Mullins	\$45.00		General Oper. Exp	Board Expense
4/29/98	409	Checking	Jim Fairchild	\$33.00		General Oper. Exp	Board Expense
4/29/98	410	Checking	Travelers Bank	\$50.08		General Oper. Exp	Board Expense

\$1,410.12

5/31/98

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

MD State Woman's Auxiliary

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
25	Waldorf Fund	\$671.40
25	Waldorf Loan Fund	\$454.90

TOTAL GIVING: \$1,126.30

Free Will Baptist Church

Townsend, DE

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
24	General Oper. Fund	\$133.33

TOTAL GIVING: \$133.33

Bethel FWB Church

Woodbridge, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
1	General Oper. Fund	\$100.00
1	Waldorf Fund	\$2,311.10
1	Waldorf Loan Fund	\$5.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$2,416.10

Bloss FWB Church

Arlington, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
2	General Oper. Fund	\$352.76

TOTAL GIVING: \$352.76

5/31/98 GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Chestnut Hill FWB Church

Big Island, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
4	General Oper. Fund	\$252.63

TOTAL GIVING: \$252.63

Elkton FWB Church

Elkton, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
5	General Oper. Fund	\$25.00
5	Waldorf Fund	\$460.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$485.00

Fairwood FWB Church

Fairfax Station, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
6	Waldorf Fund	\$170.00
6	Waldorf Loan Fund	\$60.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$230.00

First(Bedford) FWB Church

Bedford, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
7	General Oper. Fund	\$531.36

TOTAL GIVING: \$531.36

5/31/98

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Heritage FWB Church

Fredricksburg, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
9	Waldorf Fund	\$731.50
9	Waldorf Loan Fund	\$82.62

TOTAL GIVING: \$814.12

Hope FWB Church

Bridgeton, NJ

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
10	General Oper. Fund	\$26.66

TOTAL GIVING: \$26.66

Meadow Brook FWB Church

Middletown, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
12	General Oper. Fund	\$124.99
12	Waldorf Loan Fund	\$20.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$144.99

Mt. Calvary FWB Church

Aberdeen, MD

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
13	Waldorf Fund	\$2,521.68

TOTAL GIVING: \$2,521.68

5/31/98

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Stafford FWB Church

Stafford, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
16	Waldorf Fund	\$120.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$120.00

Stanley FWB Church

Stanley, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
17	Waldorf Fund	\$20.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$20.00

Waldorf FWB Church

Waldorf, MD

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
19	Waldorf Fund	\$15,577.96

TOTAL GIVING: \$15,577.96

Woodland Heights FWB Church

Martinsville, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
21	General Oper. Fund	\$577.86
21	Waldorf Fund	\$455.28

TOTAL GIVING: \$1,033.14

5/31/98

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Yorkshire FWB Church

Manassas, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
23	General Oper. Fund	\$183.34
23	Waldorf Fund	\$1,540.25
23	Waldorf Loan Fund	\$1,000.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$2,723.59

FWB Church Of New Castle

New Castle, DE

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
22	General Oper. Fund	\$166.66
22	Waldorf Fund	\$2,441.88

TOTAL GIVING: \$2,608.54

Nominating Committee Report

Moderator	Rev. David Reece	Annually
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bill Steele	Annually
Executive Committee	Rev. Todd Tennant	2001
	Rev. Bill Steele	2001
State Home Mission Board	Rev. Jim Fairchild	2001
	Rev. Lonnie Salyers	2001
	Rev. Greg Bevans	1999
Youth Committee	Rev. Bill Reynolds	2001
Historical Committee	Rev. Roger Mullins	2001
Clerk	Rev. Jay Baines	2001
Secretary	Mrs. Annette Baines	2001
Assistant Treasurer	Sis.. Terry Miller	1999

Respectfully Submitted,

Nominating Committee,
 Rev. Richard Atwood
 Rev. Todd Tennant
 Rev. Clayton Cordell

Resolutions Committee Report

June 26, 1998

Due to the many denominations of our day and the growing Ecumenical Movement that is promoting Unity instead of Truth. We acknowledge that there are other denominations that are teaching the Basics of Christianity and yet at the same time are critical of Free Will Baptists and our Biblical Doctrine, especially concerning "Conditional Security" and the "Washing of Saint's Feet". Therefore, be it resolved; that we encourage all our pastors and teachers to continually keep their congregations informed and in the practice of these Biblical Doctrines, Articles of Faith, Covenants, and History of our denomination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Resolutions Committee,
Rev. Rick Gatten
Bro. Stanley Parnell
Rev. Don Hellms

MD State Assoc. of Free Will Baptists

Treasurer's Report For >=6/17/97,<=5/31/98

Checking Balance From Last Report: \$3,702.13
Interest From checking: \$0.00

Receipts	Amount
1/3 MD State H.M.	\$1,935.31
2/3 General Fund	\$5,722.77
Benjamin Randall Club	\$500.00
Bobby Aycock	\$346.00
Carlisle Hanna	\$258.69
Children's Home AL	\$60.00
Children's Home TN	\$80.00
Cousineau's	\$1,081.26
Dave & Becky Franks	\$1,308.62
Dr. Kenneth Eagleton	\$208.69
Foreign Missions G.F.	\$423.47
Home Missions G.F.	\$298.01
Jeff Crabtree	\$500.00
Mark Wheatley	\$130.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00 -
Nat'l Assoc. Dues	\$690.00
Postage Reimb.	\$20.00 -
Waldorf MD.St. H.M.	\$2,023.18

Total Receipts: \$16,086.00

Grand Total : \$19,788.13

Expenses	Amount
Banquet Expenses	\$322.21
Checking Exp.	\$118.60
Children's Home AL	\$60.00
Children's Home TN	\$80.00
Deligates To Nat'l	\$375.00
Foreign Missions	\$3,626.73
Home Missions	\$1,428.01
Honorarium Etc...	\$300.00
MD State H.M.	\$3,958.49
Miscellaneous	\$75.28
Nat'l Assoc. Dues	\$575.00
Newsletter	\$375.00
Postal Exp.	\$53.15
Print Minutes	\$442.00
Speaker @ State	\$150.00
Telephone	\$181.25
Travel To Exec. Bd.	\$547.81
Trip To Nat'l Reimb.	\$500.00
Youth Fund	\$1,000.00
Youth Prizes	\$42.25
Youth To Nat'l.	\$200.00

Total Expenses: \$14,410.78

Balance In Checking: \$5,377.35

Saving Balance From Last Report: \$0.00

Savings Interest: \$0.00

Total Savings Balance: \$0.00

Total Assets (Checking +Savings): \$5,377.35

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	FWBBC Tenn.	South Eastern	Children's Home(s)	MD State Home Miss.	Treasury	Other	Total
Bethel							450.00		450.00
Bloss Memorial						200.00	400.00		600.00
Chestnut Hill		130.00			120.00	252.63	505.23		1,007.86
Elkton	300.00	500.00					300.00		1,100.00
First FWB of Bedford	813.38	500.00				531.36	1,062.72		2,907.46
FWB of New Castle						133.32	266.68		400.00
FWB of Townsend						66.67	133.33		200.00
Heritage						562.50			562.50
Hope FWB of NJ	1,864.72						50.00		1,914.72
Meadowbrook	60.00					119.99	340.01		520.00
Mt. Calvary						1,460.68	337.67		1,798.35
Stanley	20.00	20.00			20.00				60.00
Woodland Hqts.	568.63	278.01				531.34	1,062.69		2,440.67
Yorkshire						100.00	350.00		450.00
Mid-Atlantic Conf.							180.00		180.00
Central VA Conf.							90.00		90.00
Northern VA Conf.							884.44		884.44
TOTAL	3,626.73	1,428.01	0.00	0.00	140.00	3,958.49	6,412.77		15,566.00
Direct Giving:									
Bethel FWB	9,105.76	5,433.10		7,712.70					22,251.56
Chestnut Hill FWB	709.00	566.57			875.80			215.00	2,366.37
Elkton FWB	200.00	718.00		300.00	800.00	400.00			2,418.00
FWB Church of Townsend	13,252.12	2,875.00							16,127.12
FWB of New Castle	5,537.83	2,640.40	882.00	1,226.00		2,534.34			12,820.57
Fairwood FWB	2,360.00	540.00		150.00					3,050.00
First FWB of Bedford	3,747.34	10.00		5,390.00	2,175.00	1,000.00			12,322.34
Heritage FWB	1,175.00	3,987.61	1,036.00					7,608.95	13,807.56
Mt. Calvary FWB	6,219.97	3,466.50	300.00	2,865.26	1,542.10				14,393.83
Shiloh FWB	2,173.10	1,707.93		1,280.35					5,161.38
Stafford FWB	719.00	879.00		3,840.00	1,746.16	120.00		846.00	8,150.16
Waldorf FWB	100.00	1,546.46	120.00	320.00		7,537.32		500.00	10,587.78
Welcome Home FWB	175.00	225.00			677.94				1,077.94
TOTAL	45,474.12	24,595.57	2,338.00	23,084.31	8,281.00	11,591.66		9169.95	124,534.61

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CONSTITUTION

Of the MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a state association, and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination among us, do therefore adopt this Constitution for the purpose of better denominational government and to the glory of God.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND AFFILIATION

This yearly meeting shall be called the "Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists."

This Association shall voluntarily affiliate with the National Association of Free Will Baptists according to the provisions in its treatise.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

The membership of this Association shall be composed of properly organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings.

Each shall be composed of churches conforming to the usages and adopting the Doctrines and the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Association. Any Quarterly Conference desiring membership in this Association may at any time, upon application and by majority vote of this Association, become a member thereof.

The business of this Association shall be conducted by the ordained ministers, deacons, clerks who are members of a Quarterly Meeting within this Association, and elected delegates. Each Quarterly Meeting is entitled to three delegates from each church in addition to the standing delegates.

No minister or deacon will be recognized as a standing delegate who does not conform to all the qualifications of I Timothy 3 and Titus 1, including if he or his wife has a living companion from a previous marriage.

It shall be the duty of each Quarterly Meeting belonging to this Association to send a letter to each annual meeting of this Association reporting in the same its statistics and benevolent work.

This Association shall have authority to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for practices contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association. Any Quarterly meeting belonging to this Association may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

The officers of this Association shall consist of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and all boards and committees as elected by the body. These shall be elected for a term of three years, except for the Moderator and the Assistant Moderator which shall be elected annually at the close of the meeting of the Association.

A. Duties of Officers:

Moderator - It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings of the Association, General Board, and Executive Committee, and to perform all other duties incumbent to this office. He shall be chairman of the Executive Committee and the General Board. He shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

Assistant Moderator - It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator when-ever called upon, and assume the chair in the absence of the Moderator.

Clerk - It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record and maintain all minutes and records pertaining to this Association.

Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Secretary to be responsible for recording the minutes of the Association and to keep complete records of all business transactions. It shall further be the duty of the Secretary to assist the Clerk in the printing of the minutes of each Annual Association.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide means to enroll the ordained personnel and delegates to this Association who shall sign the register upon arrival with name, address, and Quarterly meeting represented.

Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, deposit, and disperse all funds at the discretion of this Association.

The Treasurer shall provide a quarterly report to the Moderator and Promotional Secretary, and shall give an annual report to the this Association in session.

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B. General Board:

1. The General Board of this Association shall meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday before the regular annual session convenes on Friday Morning, and shall consist of the following: Moderator, Clerk, Executive Committee, two members-at-large from each Quarterly Meeting, the Chairmen of all boards and committees, and all ordained ministers.

2. It shall be the duty of all members of this board to be present at the time appointed for each meeting. Proxy representation will be accepted upon presentation of a statement signed by the member.

3. All meetings of this board shall convene with open doors except when resolved into a committee of the whole. Any person not a member of this board may be allowed to take part in the discussion by obtaining permission from the Moderator.

4. It shall be the responsibility of this board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of this Association.

5. Should necessity arise between the annual sessions of the state association, this board shall be called into special session with the privilege to act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of this Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

6. This board shall review the annual reports and budgets of all boards and committees before these reports are presented to this Association.

C. Executive Committee:

1. This Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five[5] members elected by this Association to three[3] year terms.

2. This committee shall provide written reports of its work to the General Board. It shall not have power to commit this Association to any course of action or policy not authorized by this Association.

3. This committee shall have the responsibility of planning the program for the annual meetings of this Association.

4. This committee shall have authority to disburse funds as approved in the Association budget.

5. This committee shall act on behalf of this Association between annual sessions and make recommendation to the General Board.

D. State Home Mission Board:

1. This board shall consist of five[5] members elected by this Association to three[3] year terms, and shall be responsible for carrying out the desires of this Association in establishing and supporting mission churches in areas under the direction of the Maryland State Association. It shall report annually to this Association.

2. This board shall have authority to make decisions on location, personnel, and finance. Upon approval of this Association or the General Board, it shall be authorized to sign for loans of up to 80% of the bank value of the real estate property .

3. This board shall elect one of its members as the Home Missions Treasurer. He shall receive and disburse all Home Missions monies and shall keep proper records.

E. Youth Committee:

1. This committee shall consist of five[5] members elected annually to three[3] terms as needed.
2. This committee shall elect its officers which shall consist of the following: chairman, secretary, coordinator, and treasurer.
3. The purpose of this committee shall be three-fold:
 - a. To plan and promote the youth activity for each State Association Meeting;
 - b. To plan and promote the CTS youth competition among the local churches;
 - c. To plan and promote one state youth activity for each fall and spring season.
4. This committee will meet at the following times:
 - a. During each State Association Meeting to elect its officers and to set the exact date for the next meeting;
 - b. During Youth Camp to make plans for a state youth activity in November;

c. During the state youth activity in November to finalize plans and to prepare a report for the planning session of the Executive Committee concerning the youth activity at State Association. The report will include the following:

- 1) Friday Activity
- 2) Competition Schedule
- 3) Friday Night's Activity Schedule

d. During January to plan a state youth activity for the spring.

ARTICLE IV - General Session

The general session of this Association shall convene on Friday Morning at 9 O'clock before the fourth Sunday in June and shall be empowered to conduct business in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Each session shall be opened by Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with Prayer.

In the event of the dissolution of the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists, any assets of this organization then remaining shall be conveyed to such organizations then existent dedicated to similar objectives to those of this organization, selected by the General Board at the time of dissolution, which organization must be exempt under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended or under successor provisions of the code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution.

BY-LAWS

1. The Clerk, or in his absence, the senior minister in years, shall call the Association to order if a quorum is present. The Moderator (or in his absence the Assistant Moderator) shall take charge. If neither is present, a Moderator Pro-Tem shall be elected.
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4. This Association may correspond by letter or other wise with other religious bodies.
5. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in discussion by obtaining permission from the Moderator and properly identifying themselves.
6. Anyone desiring to speak shall stand and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

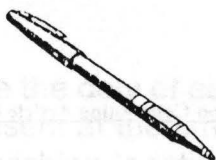
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11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat delegates in a designated section at the beginning of each session.
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Amendment to the Constitution Concerning Article III

Article III-E

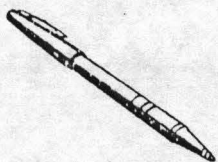
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- 4- This committee will meet as required to plan seasonal youth activities and the Maryland Youth Conference.
- 5- This committee will prepare an annual report for the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptist. The report will include a synopsis of the years youth activities, a financial statement, and plans for the Maryland Youth Conference.

****This is to be voted on at the 1999 Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptist, June 24-26, 1999.**



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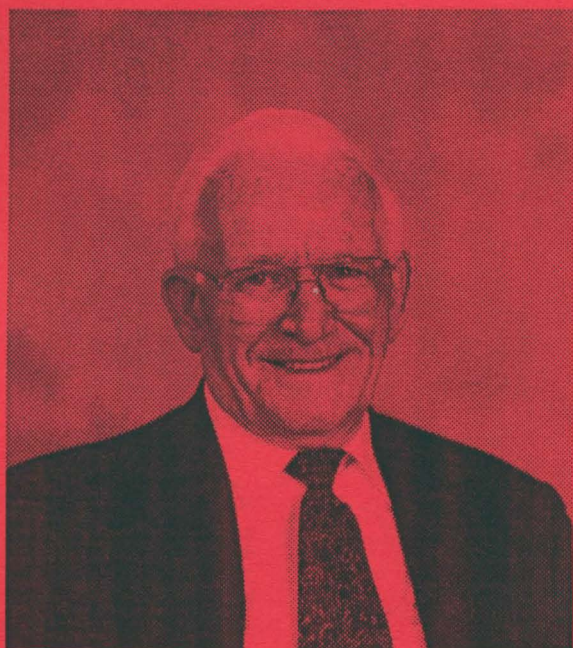
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REV. WILLIAM H. STEELE

Rev. William H. (Bill) Steele was born on the 8th day of November, 1924, to parents McKinley and Mattie Steele in Jenkins, Kentucky. McKinley Steele was a coal miner by trade. He chose to raise his family in Pound, VA.

Rev. Steele is a World War II Veteran. He served with the 17th Airborne Division and was discharged in July, 1943 with a service-connected disability that he still has to this day.

On a bus trip, Bill met Dortha Mullins of Pound, Virginia and they were married on March 18, 1944 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. God blessed this home with two girls and two boys. This family has now grown to include 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brother Steele was converted on August 29, 1955 in a Revival Meeting held by Kermit Childress at the Braddock Missionary Baptist Church. He was licensed in 1961 and ordained a Free Will Baptist Minister in 1962. His education includes studies at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Liberty Home Bible Institute (now Liberty University) from which he holds a B. D. degree. He graduated on the 7th day of May, 1980.

Brother Steele has held positions in local and State Conferences. Currently, he is the Assistant Moderator of Maryland State Association, and Member to the Executive Board of Maryland State Association. Other positions include Home Mission Board, member of Maryland State and Promotional Secretary of Maryland State and Editor of "Free State Progress."

Brother Steele was instrumental in the beginning of seven different churches. He has pastored two churches, Chestnut Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Big Island, Virginia and First Free Will Baptist Church of Bedford, Virginia where he is currently the Pastor,

Brother Steele and his lovely wife of 55 years currently live at 112 Whitcomb Lane, Goode, Virginia 24556.

Brother Steele, being one of the Founding Fathers of the Maryland State Association, is currently writing a History of Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists. He is a pioneer and Gentleman of the faith in Virginia and we ask God to Bless his ministry for years to come. His goal is to continue to win souls for the Lord.

Thank you, Brother Steele, for serving God.

*Thanks for the privilege to
serve our Saviour* *Rev. Bill Steele*

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