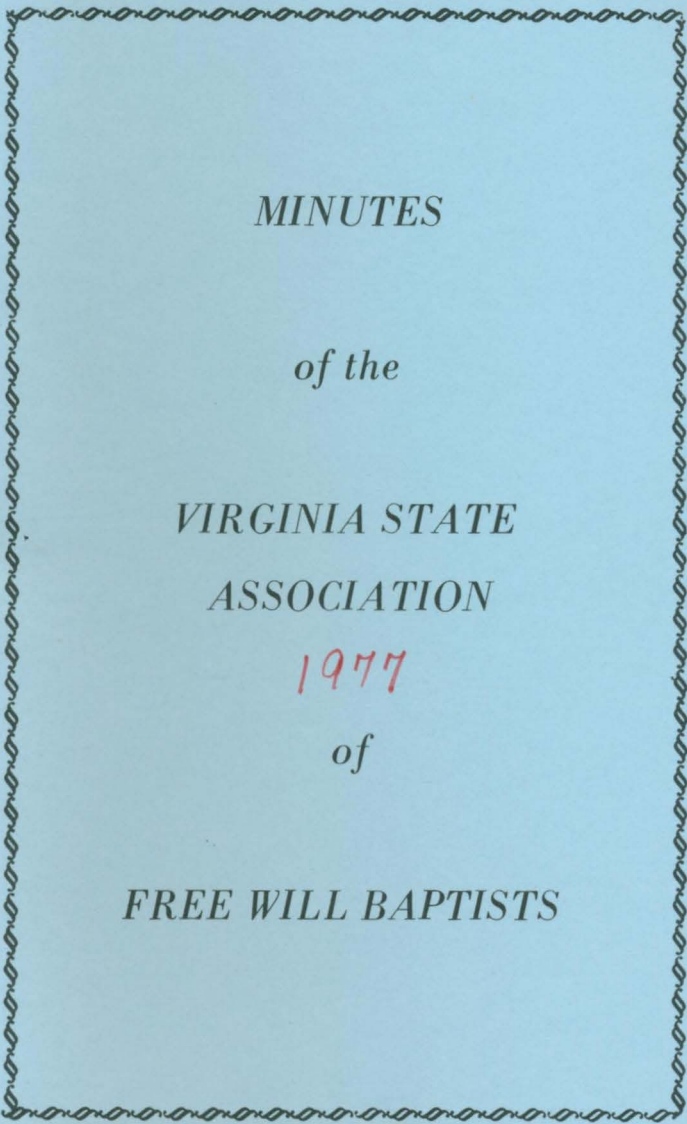


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Thirty-Ninth Session Held with the
Bull Run Free Will Baptist Church
Coeburn, Virginia
June, 1977

The next session will be held with the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, on the Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1978.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator—Rev. Don Hanna

716 North Barton, Arlington, Va. 23701

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Hobart Addington

Box 414, Wise, Va. 24293

Clerk—Mrs. Lottie Cardwell-1979

Route 2, Box 88, Saltville, Va. 24370

Assistant Clerk—Rev. G. C. Sizemore

Box 521, Abingdon, Virginia 24210

Treasurer—Rev. Ralph Flanary

Dungannon, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Raymond Baird-1980

W. H. Dail-1978

3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Billy Morris-1979

913 Burksdale Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Walter Statzer-1980

Rev. Galen Dunbar-1978

4624 Larkin St., Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Charles Brown-1979

Portsmouth, Va.

W. H. Dail-1979

3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Walter Statzer-1977

238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va.

Treasurer of Home Missions-Rev. Jim Cox

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Billy Stover
Rev. Denver Dean
Elmer Minor

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams-Western Section
Route 2, Box 190, Wise, Virginia
Mr. Blaine Hughes-Eastern Section

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Mr. Paul Sams

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Rev. Galen Dunbar-1978

39TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 39th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Bull Run Gap, Coeburn, Virginia on Friday, June 16, 1977.

John Murry, Missionary to France, read from Titus 1:7-9 for the devotions and prayer. The welcome was given by Ralph Flanary, pastor of the Bull Run Church. The clerk gave the response and introduced the officers of the association concluding with the moderator, Rev. Don Hanna, who called the Association to order and proceeded with the business. The program was presented and adopted.

Walter Statzer served on the Executive Board in the Absence of Ray Goode and Dan Merke served in the absence of Billy Morris.

The moderator appointed Dan Merke, W. H. Dail, and Ralph Flanary as Nominating Committee.

The association letters were called for, read, and approved:

Southwest Virginia letter and \$50.00 for state work

Clinch Valley letter and \$150.00 for state work

Tidewater letter and \$100.00 for state work

John Wheeler letter and \$100.00 for state work

Sandy Valley letter and \$30.00 for state work

The moderator called for the reports from the National Association offices. Roy Thomas gave the report of the Home Missions Board, Delbert Wood gave the report from the Sunday School Department and Layman's Board. The CTS report was given by James Henderson, and John Murray gave the report of Foreign Missions. Reports were sent in from the Insurance and Retirement Board, the Bible College, and the Executive Department Office. Jim Cox gave a report on the Home Mission of Virginia and A. B. Brown gave a report on the Gateway Bible College. Ralph Flanary gave a report on the treasury and the Minister's Conference.

The session was declared in recess for the Morning Worship Service. The worship began with the hymn, 'I Shall not be Moved'. Prayer was offered by W. H. Dail. Offering was \$117.95. Bro. James Earl Raper brought the message using scripture from Acts 18:24-28 and he emphasized the characteristics of "Faithful Men":

1. Eloquence
2. Instructed in the Word
3. Fervent in spirit

4. Willing to receive instructions
5. Recommended by the brethren
6. Effective in his work.

The following people were recommended by the Nominating Committee and received by the body. Don Hanna was retained as moderator. Hobart Addington was elected as assistant moderator. Ralph Flanary was retained as treasurer. Raymond Baird was elected to serve on the Executive Board. Walter Statzer was retained on the Home Missions Board and Elmer Miner was elected to the Superannuation Board. Galen Dunbar was elected to the National Association Board. Jim Cox was retained as treasurer of the Home Missions Board. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams were retained to serve the CTS Board in the west and Blaine Hughes in the east.

A motion was made and carried that the duties and offices of the Minister's Conference be transferred to the Executive Board to avoid duplicity.

A motion was made by Dan Merke, seconded by Jim Cox, and carried that the Executive Board and the Moderator promote the work of the Virginia State Association.

A motion was made by Ralph Flanary, seconded by Jim Cox, and carried that a suggested fee from a District Conference to the State Conference be \$150.00.

A motion was made that 1000 copies of the minutes be printed.

The Executive Board reported that the next meeting of the Virginia State Association will be held at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Bull Run Church for their wonderful hospitality and delicious food they served throughout the conference.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. Jim Cox closed out the conference with the memorial prayer in memory of Mack Fall.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Walter Statzer
 Elmer G. Cardwell, Jr.
 Galen F. Dunbar
 A. B. Brown
 Daniel J. Merkh
 George C. Sizemore
 J. H. Estep
 Don Hanna
 Elmer Miner, Jr.
 Lars C. Denton
 Ralph Bostic
 Jim Cox
 Raymond Baird
 Eritt T. Darnell
 Jack R. Shuler
 Ralph Flanary

VISITING MINISTERS

James Henderson
 John Murray
 John H. Reed, IV
 Roy Thomas
 Mack Gedeon

MINISTERS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 37.10
RECEIPTS	
	51.89
	58.25
	30.00
	47.50
	187.64
	\$224.74
EXPENSES	
	39.14
	39.05
	35.00
	45.40
	\$158.59
BALANCE	\$ 65.15

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

No. of Auxiliaries Reporting—17
 No. of Districts—3
 Enrollment Beginning of Conference Year—218
 Present Enrollment—301
 Attendance at General Meeting—119
 Number of Visitors—30
 Attendance at Group Meeting—53
 Number of Visitors—20

Gladys Findley

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1, 1976 - April 30, 1977

Cash Balance on Hand May 1, 1976 \$ 89.12

RECEIPTS

Designated Contributions:	
Co-laborer contribution offering	\$ 257.71
WNAC Emphasis	259.98
Home for Children, TN	116.94
VA State Home Missions	180.75
National Home Missions	123.02
Foreign Missions	361.58
Mollie Barker, Account	1,062.01
FWBBC (Various Accounts)	610.75
Ron and Linda Calloway	1,743.50
Gifts to Missionaries and	
Mission Objectives	438.53
	\$5,174.77
Membership Fees (301 members)	451.50
Convention Offerings	105.00
Offerings, other	39.02
Love Offering	44.20
	\$ 639.72
Total Receipts	\$5,814.49
Total to be Accounted For	\$5,903.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Designated	\$5,174.77
WNAC membership fees	301.00
Retreat Expenses (Betty Hill)	15.00
Bethany FWB Church (Sec'y expense)	6.30
Love Offering (Calloways)	44.20
Travel Expenses (Calloways)	150.00
Home for Children (Gen. Fund)	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$5,791.27
Cash Balance on hand April 30, 1977	\$ 112.34

Gladys J. Findley
Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT
VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
May 1, 1976 to May 1, 1977

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS:

Cardwell Town	\$ 5.00
Cardwell Town Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
Central (Norton)	80.00
Bryans, Robert and Judy	90.00
Bethany (Norfolk)	331.31
Emmanuel (Norfolk)	240.00
Fairmount Park (Norfolk)	70.00
Fairmount Park (St. John's Class)	125.00
Glamorgan (Wise)	120.00
Doran Addition (Kingsport)	120.00
Shiloh (Bristol)	218.50
Shiloh (Young Adult League)	110.00
Hurricane Bethel Church	20.00
E. J. Kilgore, Sr.	50.00
Bill Stidham	10.00
Willard Mabey	4.00
James M. Barnes	100.00
John Overman	15.00
First FWB (Roanoke)	5.00
Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary	180.75
Trinity (Newport News)	100.00
Tidewater Association	100.00
Wilson's Chapel	20.00
Anchor Book Shop	150.00
Hyde Park (Norfolk)	25.00
Copper Creek	40.11
	\$2,354.67

LINK RECEIPTS	264.00
TOTAL COMBINED RECEIPTS	\$2,618.67

Repayment of Loan to Roanoke	5,500.00
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TOTAL	\$8,118.67
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First FWB of Richmond \$200.49 to Great Bridge (did not go through our books).

EXPENDITURES:

Office Supplies	\$ 82.25
Promotional Expense	65.95
Competitive Awards	46.08
Link Postage	163.40
Link Printing	229.71
Link Mailing List	43.80
Roanoke (designated)	82.00
Roanoke (Rent for June 1976)	100.00
Great Bridge (designated)	150.00
First Federal Savings & Loan	6,500.00
Fidelity American Bank	735.76
Fidelity American Bank	500.00
Miscellaneous+	34.06
TOTAL	\$8,733.01

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,129.68
INCOME for 1977	8,118.67
TOTAL	\$9,248.35
Less Expenditures	8,733.01
BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1977	\$ 515.34

+Out of balance in the amount of \$11.70 for the year. This is included under Miscellaneous.

SAVINGS:

Fidelity American Bank	\$4,774.23
First Federal Savings & Loan	6,500.00
TOTAL	\$11,274.23

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Southwest Virginia Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—2
 No. Churches—357
 Church Membership—1,915
 Members Received—259
 Members Dismissed—125
 Members Deceased—45
 No. Sunday School—57
 Sunday School Enrollment—1,999
 No. CTS—13
 CTS Enrollment—542
 No. Ordained Ministers—49
 No. Ordained Deacons—115
 No. Licenctiates—13
 Paid pastors—\$35,600.09
 Paid evangelists—\$6,621.66
 Literature—\$13,021.92
 Foreign Mission—\$2,725.53
 Home Mission—\$3,848.80
 Superannuation—\$545.00
 Home for Children—\$5,415.22
 Building and Repairs—\$115,620.30
 Value of church property—\$990,000.00
 Enclosed for fees—\$110.00

Moderator: Harold Kilgore
 Clerk: Ralph Flanary

Southwest Virginia Association Ministers

Hobart Addington, Box 414, Wise, Va. 24293
 C. B. Addison, Route 1, Wise, Va. 24293
 Bernard Berosky, P.O. Box 371, Norton, Va. 24273
 Jeff Bevins, Route 1, Box 109B, Wise, Va. 24293
 Palmer Blevins, Route 1, Box 245, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 J. R. Cowden, 101 8th St. S.W., Norton, Va. 24273
 E. R. Davis, Pennington Gap, Va.
 Denver Dean, Box 565, Wise, Va. 24293
 J. V. Estep, Route 1, Box 71A, BigStone Gap, Va. 24219

Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, Va.
 G. T. Francis, Route 2, Box 524, Pound, Va. 24279
 Roger Freeman, Route 2, Box 318, Pound, Va. 24279
 Ray L. Goode, Box 1304, Wise, Va. 24293
 Monroe Hale, Wise, Va. 24293
 Milam L. Hall, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Theodore Holmes, Route 1, Box 197A3, Keokee, Va.
 Perry W. Honeycutt, Dungannon, Va.
 Vestus Jessie, P.O. Box 662, Wise, Va. 24293
 C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 J. D. Kilgore, Box 1, Pound, Va. 24279
 J. Harold Kilgore, Box 785, Wise, Va. 24293
 William Kilgore, Route 2, Box 211, Wise, Va. 24293
 J. E. Leonard, Route 1, Box 164, Big Stone Gap, Va. 24219
 Richard McFarland, Eolia, Kentucky
 William C. Mannes, Route 1, Box 21, Big Stone Gap, Va. 24219
 Hobert Martin, Jonesville, Va.
 Elmer Miner, Sr., Route 1, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Danny C. Mullins, P. O. Box 284, Pound, Va. 24279
 Everett J. Mullins, Wise, Va. 24293
 Hansford Mullins, Route 2, Box 259, Wise, Va. 24293
 Leroy Mullins, Route 1, Box 236C, Wise, Va. 24293
 B. R. Powers, Wise, Va. 24293
 David D. Powers, 326 Kentucky Ave., Norton, Va. 24273
 James J. Ramey, Norton, Va. 24273
 Donnie R. Rutherford, Route 1, Box 179A, Pound, Va. 24279
 Jeff Salyers, Nickelsville, Va. 24271
 Billy R. Stover, 915 Kentucky Ave S.E., Norton, Va.
 Eddie Sturgill, Box 705, Jenkins, Kentucky 41537
 Garland H. Summers, Route 1, Box 122, St. Paul, Va. 24283
 Tyler Tate, P.O. Box 705, St. Paul, Va. 24283
 C. G. Turner, Wise, Va. 24293
 Verdell Sturgill, Eolia, Kentucky
 Thomas B. Slemp, Coeburn, Va.
 Jim Smith, Coeburn, Va.
 M. L. Thompson, Pennington Gap, Va.
 Cecil A. McConnell, Jr., Coeburn, Va.
 Hoyer F. Thompkins, Pound, Va.
 Donald W. Lambert, Appalachia, Va.
 Robert Bevins, Wise, Va.

Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—4
 No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—4
 No. of Churches—20
 Church Membership—1018
 Members Received—29
 Members Dismissed—27
 Members Deceased—5
 No. of Sunday Schools—19
 Sunday School Enrollment—1109
 No. of Women's Auxiliaries—3
 Women's Auxiliary Enrollment—75
 No. of Leagues—1
 League Enrollment—6
 No. of Master Men's—1
 Master Men Enrollment—15
 No. of Ordained Ministers—51
 No. of Licentiates—0
 No. of Ordained Deacons—49
 Paid Pastors—\$18,483.47
 Paid Evangelistics—\$3,014.35
 Literature—\$2,985.17
 Charity—\$3,575.07
 Foreign Missions—\$1,680
 Home Missions—\$608.83
 Paid to Children's Home—\$3,034.96
 Building and Repair—\$33,440.75
 Total Expenditures—\$66,822.60
 No. of Parsonages—1
 Value of Parsonages—\$40,000
 Enclosed for Association—\$150

David Luster, Moderator
 James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association

David Luster, 4303 Harbor Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Leonard Begley, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 William Bise, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Walter Brickey, 113 Beason Well Road, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Eckle Carter, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Erritt T. Darnell, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Orsen Jenkins, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
 J. B. Quillen, Rt. 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport, Tennessee

L. W. Sallings, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Robert Mathis, Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia
 W. J. Ashworth, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Lubert Hammond, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Ronald Puckett, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Charles Puckett, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Terry Rhoton, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Roy Lester, Rt. 1, Duffield, Virginia
 William Jones, Gate City, Virginia
 Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, Virginia
 Rufus Hood, Rt. 3, Clinchport, Virginia
 Billy Tignor, Gate City, Virginia
 Thurman Holcomb, Rt. 1, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Hugh Arrington, Church Hill, Tennessee
 Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tennessee
 George Coomer, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Robert Ramey, Rt. 1, Fall Branch, Tennessee
 Harold Gilley, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Milligan Herron, Gate City, Virginia
 Kenny Hammonds, Rt. 3, Gate City, Virginia
 Oscar E. Qualls, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Eckel Herron, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
 Lonnie Townsend, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Willie Jennings, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
 M. D. Hyatt, Jonesboro, Tennessee
 Carl France, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Jimmie Combs, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
 George Hubbard, 1309 Cranshaw Dr., Kingsport, Tennessee
 Carson Bishop, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Vernon McDavid, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Kyle Akers, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Billy Dingus, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Donald McDavid, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Orson Jenkins, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Stanley Sims, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Warren Meade, Rt. 6, Kingsport, Tennessee
 B. D. Proffitt, Box 271, Blountville, Tennessee
 Jerry Davenport, Kingsport, Tennessee
 James Owens, Blountville, Tennessee

Sandy Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—3
 No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—3
 No. of Churches—10
 Church Membership—457
 Members Received—36
 Members Dismissed—8
 Members Deceased—6
 No. of Sunday Schools—9
 Sunday School Enrollment—428
 No. of Ordained Ministers—25
 No. of Ordained Deacons—26
 Paid Pastors—\$9,647.60
 Paid Evangelistics—\$1,149.12
 Literature—\$325.44
 Home Missions—\$3,640.25
 Paid to Children's Home—\$1,383.36
 Building and Repair—\$1,198.39
 Miscellaneous Expenses—\$349.77
 Value of Church Property—\$46,000.00
 Enclosed for Association—\$30.00

Rev. Earl James, Moderator
 Gladys Compton, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association

Earl James, Rt. 2, Honaker, Virginia
 Perry Reynolds, Rowe, Virginia
 Lester L. Gilley, Honaker, Virginia
 Luther Hubbard, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Elmer Hess, Honaker, Virginia
 A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Dewey Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Worley Harris, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Marion Harris, Honaker, Virginia
 Herman Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Ralph Bostic, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Kelly McCoy, Richlands, Virginia
 Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
 Holland Miller, Gate City, Virginia
 Bill Shoak, Rt. 1, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
 Samuel Altizer, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

J. H. Sargent, Rt. 1, North Tazewell, Virginia
 Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Virginia
 Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Virginia
 J. C. Johnson, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
 Roy Lee Smith, Bluefield, Virginia
 Burke Hess, Honaker, Virginia
 Grady McGlothlin, Raven, Virginia
 Roger Barnett, Amonate, Virginia

Tidewater Association

No. of Quarterly Meetings—4
 Number of Churches—12
 Church Membership—3973
 Members Received—474
 Members Dismissed—203
 Number of Sunday Schools—12
 Number of Women's Auxiliaries—12
 Women's Auxiliary Enrollment—223
 Number of Master Men's—2
 Master Men Enrollment—23 (One)
 No. of Ordained Ministers—24
 Paid Pastors—\$66,509.08 (Incomplete)
 Foreign Missions—\$26,814.74
 Home Missions—\$11,055.07
 Bible College—\$7,053.48
 Children's Home—\$3,244.69
 Value of Church Property—4 Million
 Number of Parsonages—6
 Sunday School Average—3,642
 Enclosed for State—\$100.00

Rev. Galen Dunbar, Moderator
 Edward H. Curtis, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Tidewater Association

Fred Bates, Jr., Rt. 4, Box 4189-A, Virginia Beach, Virginia
 Glen Batten, 462-F, Thornhill Drive, Newport News, Virginia
 A. B. Brown, 3232 Brest Ave., Norfolk, Virginia
 Charles Brown, 452 Mount Pleasant Rd., Chesapeake, Virginia
 Dale Burden, 3232 Brest Ave., Norfolk, Virginia
 John Burgess, Rt. 5, Box 1634-A, Powhatan, Virginia

I. J. Carter, (Unknown at this time)

C. H. Denton, Dom. No. 52, Kecoughtan VA Center, Hampton, Virginia

Galen Dunbar, 4624 Larkin Street, Norfolk, Virginia

Ed Greene, P.O. Box 1696, Warwick Sta., Newport News, Virginia

Don Hannah, 719 North Cleveland, Arlington, Virginia

Edwin Hill, 8501 Chesapeake Ave., Norfolk, Virginia

David Issac, 8501 Chesapeake Ave., Norfolk, Virginia

Bob Lewis, P.O. Box 1696, Warwick Sta., Newport News, Virginia

Lewis McCurry, (Unknown at this time)

Daniel J. Merkh, 2401 Arrington Ave., Richmond, Virginia

Billy Morris, 913 Burksdale Ave., Norfolk, Virginia

David Nobles, P.O. Box 9128, Hampton, Virginia

Gene H. Parisher, P.O. Box 9128, Hampton, Virginia

Don Pegram, 692 Lucas Creek Rd., Newport News, Virginia

Cecil Ramey, 3901 Genacre Lane, Richmond, Virginia

Jack Stallings, 1058 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, Virginia

Rodney Wilson, 5756 University Pl., Virginia Beach, Virginia

Tim Young, 725 Antrim Dr., Apt. F-1, Newport News, Virginia

Robert Smith, P.O. Box 615, Williamsburg, Virginia

John Wheeler Association

No. of Quarterly Meetings—2

No. of Churches—18

Church Membership—1525

No. of Parsonages—2

No. of Ordained Ministers—48

No. of Licensed Ministers—2

No. of Ordained Deacons—53

Enrollment of Sunday Schools—1525

Enrollment of CTS—211

Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries—150

Enrollment of Master's Men—26

Average Attendance of Master's Men—19

Pastor's Salaries—\$45,105.70

Evangelistic Work—\$4,844.80

Building and Repair—\$32,145.05
 Literature—\$4,822.76
 Other—\$16,429.14
 Total spent for local causes—\$103,347.45
 Cooperative Plan—\$323.74
 Foreign Missions—\$2,144.44
 Home Missions—\$2,643.70
 Education—\$1,053.62
 Orphanage—\$1,874.88
 Superannuation—\$2.50
 Associational Projects—\$170.30
 Total spent for outside causes—\$8,213.18
 Total Expenditures—\$111,560.63
 Value of Church Property—\$1 Million (Partial Value)
 Value of Parsonage Property—\$60,000.00 (2)
 Amount enclosed for fees—\$100.00

Ministers belonging to John Wheeler Association

Junior Gobble, Rt. 5, Abingdon, Virginia
 Elmer Cardwell, Rt. 2, Saltville, Virginia
 Harold Rouse, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
 Ralph Carty, Rt. 5, Abingdon, Virginia
 Cecil Presley, Box 337, Saltville, Virginia
 Homer Goodson, Rt. 5, Bristol, Virginia
 Herman Cress, Rt. 1, Marion, Virginia
 Ralph Graham, Rt. 4, Marion, Virginia
 Kenneth Shaffer, 1208 Va. Ave., Bristol, Tennessee
 Orville Trivett, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
 C. C. Olinger, Box 274, Saltville, Virginia
 John Taylor, Cleveland, Virginia
 Herbert Adams, Rt. 6, Bristol, Virginia
 Robert Spears, Rt. 3, Abingdon, Virginia
 Jennings Wilson, Chilhowie, Virginia
 Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia
 Avery Sheets, Rt. 3, Marion, Virginia
 David Neitch, Rt. 3, Marion, Virginia
 Joe Powers, Rt. 2, Marion, Virginia
 Shelton Norris, Box 3078, Bristol, Tennessee
 Edd Pendergrass, Rt. 1, Bristol, Tennessee
 Bob Surber, Rt. 2, Meadowview, Virginia

Bobby Collins, Rt. 2, Saltville, Virginia
Howard Campbell, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Walter Statzer, 238 Meadow Crest Dr., Bristol, Virginia
John E. Floyd, Rt. 2, Marion, Virginia
George Sizemore, Box 521, Abingdon, Virginia
Johnny Hooker, Rt. 1, Blountville, Tennessee
C. F. Sprinkle, Rt. 1, Bristol, Virginia
Orville O'Quinn, 228 Crocket Street, Bristol, Virginia
Elmer Adkins, Rt. 4, Blountville, Tennessee
Arthur Rhymer, Rt. 3, Bristol, Tennessee
Otis Barker, Rt. 1, Marion, Virginia
Clyde Gamble, 2975 Lee Highway, Bristol, Virginia
Levi Arnold, Rt. 9, Jonesboro, Tennessee
Clifton Vanover, 103 Nita St., Bristol, Tennessee
Lula Henley, 264 Lowland St., Abingdon, Virginia
J. W. Chestnut, 520 Page Street, Bristol, Virginia
Calvin Baumgardener, Rt. 1, Damascus, Virginia
Paul Rouse, Jr., 2161 Bradley St., Bristol, Virginia

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of the
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
of the
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be called the Ministers' Conference of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained ministers and deacons in good standing who hold their membership in a Free Will Baptist church within the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE III

FINANCE: This Ministers' Conference will be financed by freewill offerings which will be received at each session of the conference.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE: The purpose of this conference is to promote unity and brotherly love; to promote the gospel; to promote intellectual and spiritual improvement; and to promote exegetical, doctrinal and homiletical study of the Scriptures.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS: The officers of this conference shall be a president, vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. These officers are to be elected annually.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES & COUNCILS

SECTION 1

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The executive committee shall be composed of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and two members elected from the floor.

SECTION 2

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Any special committee may be elected or appointed as needed.

SECTION 3

A COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CONDUCT AND IMPROVEMENT: This committee shall be composed of five (5) pastors elected by the body. Their term of office shall be 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. One new member to be elected each year.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS: The time of meeting of this Ministers' Conference shall be 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening before the third Sunday in June.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of the Ministers' Conference by a three-fourths ($3/4$) vote of the members present, provided that proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body at the last regular meeting.

BYLAWS

1. Each meeting shall be opened with Scripture and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:
 - A. President: It shall be the duty of the president to call each meeting to order, preside over all meetings, maintain proper Christian order and discipline in each meeting, and to perform the various duties relating to his office.
 - B. Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform all the duties of the president in his absence.
 - C. Secretary-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to record minutes, maintain records, keep accurate account of all finances, and to perform such other duties as pertaining to his office. It shall further be his duty to notify all ministers in this conference of the time and place of each meeting three (3) weeks in advance of the meeting.
3. It shall be the duty and responsibility of each member to be present at each meeting if possible.
4. By a two-thirds vote of all the members present a ruling of the president may be over ruled.
5. Any person not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by a majority of the body.
6. The president shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
7. On any question of procedure, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be final.
8. No member of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than ten (10) minutes, nor more than twice (2) on the same subject without permission from the president.

9. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- A. Executive Committee: It shall have power to act in behalf of and for the Ministers' Conference from one regular session to another. Any action taken by the executive committee when the conference is not in session shall be reported in writing to the next regular conference for its approval.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher degree of cooperation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and Bylaws for the government of the State Association of Virginia.

ARTICLE I

Name: The name of this association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

ARTICLE II

Purpose: The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local associations of this state and adjacent territory.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1

Representation: All ministers and deacons in good standing in the denomination in the state shall, upon application, become members in full standing.

SECTION 2

Each association within the state shall be entitled to

five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local association and additional delegates for each quarterly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting. Also, each local church be allowed three (3) delegates to the state meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Discipline: The state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from any association, quarterly meeting or church composing said state association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies. Such appeals are to come before the state association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

ARTICLE V SECTION 1

Officers: The officers of the state association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board, each of which shall be elected as follows: the Moderator shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session. They shall select a nominee for each office that is vacant and present the list to the Moderator. The Moderator shall read the name that is nominated for each office, and declare the floor open for additional nominations. Each office shall be filled by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session, except the clerk and assistant clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years or during good behavior, and the executive board which shall be elected asherein after provided.

SECTION 2

The state executive secretaries of department work shall be as follows: foreign missions, home mission, young people's work, Sunday schools, and education, and shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

SECTION 3

Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1

Executive Board: An executive board of three (3) members shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body. The first member named shall serve one (1) year, the second member named shall serve two (2) years, the third member named shall serve three (3) years, and one elected annually as order requires, to serve for a three-year term.

SECTION 2

This executive board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the state association from one regular session of the association to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the state association.

SECTION 3

This executive board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any vacancies that occur in any department of work. It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the state association.

ARTICLE VII

Time of Meeting: This state association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be Friday before the third (3) Sunday in June each year, and shall continue in session until its work is completed—providing notice shall have been served to the clerk of each association composing the state association—said notice to have been given (10) days previous to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting. Adjourned session may be called when conditions demand.

ARTICLE VIII

Denominational Enterprised: It shall be the right and purpose of this state association to establish and maintain home missions, publishing houses, orphanages, aged ministers' homes, and summer camps for young people.

ARTICLE IX

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this state association of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that specific notice has been given at the last previous day.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I

The moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, shall call the association to order and if a quorum is present shall proceed with the business.

ARTICLE II

Any minister or deacon in good standing from any association composing the state association shall be eligible for membership upon application, and any delegate legally appointed or elected by any association and quarterly meeting of that association composed of the state association shall be eligible to membership in this association

ARTICLE III

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any local association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions will be considered dropped from this association.

ARTICLE IV

Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE V

By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of a moderator can be over ruled.

ARTICLE VI

This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

ARTICLE VII

This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

ARTICLE VIII

Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE IX

It shall be the duty of all the members of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

ARTICLE X

No member shall absent himself from the association

during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

ARTICLE XI

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

ARTICLE XII

The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

ARTICLE XIII

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

ARTICLE XIV

The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

ARTICLE XV

No member of this association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE XVI

It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

ARTICLE XVII

These bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this state association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

