

MINUTES

of the

VIRGINIA STATE

ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Forty-first Session held with the

Victory Free Will Baptist Church

Jonesville, Virginia

June 1979

The next session will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1980.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator - Jack Stalling
1030 City Park Avenue
Portsmouth, Va. 23701
Assistant Moderator - Walter Statzer
238 Meadowcrest Drive
Bristol, Va. 24201
Clerk - Mrs. Lottie Cardwell
Route 2, Box 88
Saltville, Va. 24370
Assistant Clerk - Rev. George C. Sizemore
Box 521
Abingdon, Va. 24210
Treasurer - Ralph Flanary
Dungannon, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Raymond Baird - 1980
Route 4
Jonesville, Va. 24262
W. H. Dail - 1981
3322 Lens Avenue
Norfolk, Va.
Hobart Addington - 1982

HOME MISSION

Rev. Walter Statzer - 1980
238 Meadowcrest Drive
Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Eddie Sturgill - 1981
Jenkins, Kentucky
Rev. Bob Lewis
Box 1696, Warwick Station
Newport News, Va. 23601

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Billy Stover
Denver Dean
Lawrence Honeycutt

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams
Route 2, Box 190
Wise, Va.

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Paul Sams

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jack Stallings

AWARDS

Lisa Culbertson - Bible Sword Drill

Danny Culbertson - Kindergarten Bible

Sonja Sturgill - 1st grade Bible Mem.

David Culbertson - 2nd grade Bible Mem.

Kathy Profitt - Tic Tac Toe

Carla Bowling -

Randy Sturgill -

41st SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 41st session of the Virginia State Association met at the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Jonesville, Virginia on June 15, 1979. The session was opened by singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye". Singing was led by Jack Stallings with Amanda Kilgore at the piano.

Rev. Jim Cox read from I Peter, Chapter 5, for the devotions. Prayer was offered by Fred Green. The welcome was given and the clerk gave the response and introduced the officers of the Association, concluding with the moderator, Hobart Addington, who called the Association to order and proceeded with the business. The program was presented and adopted.

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

Southwest Virginia - letter and \$100 for state work
Sandy Valley - letter and \$30 for state work
Clinch Valley letter and \$150 for state work
John Wheeler - letter and \$150 for state work
Tidewater - letter and \$150 for state work

The moderator called for reports from the National Association offices. Larry Hampton gave the report from the Sunday School Department. Lloyd Olson gave the report for the Master's Men. Tryman Messer gave the report for the Home Mission. Dr. Thigpen gave the report for the Bible College. A. B. Brown gave the report for the Board of Retirement Insurance, Foreign Mission and the Gateway Bible College.

Wilton Dail gave the following report from the Executive Board: That the body accept the recommendation that the State Association be held each year in Roanoke because it is centrally located and that each association take turns in financing the food. J. D. Kilgore moved that this recommendation be accepted. This was seconded by Ralph Flanary and carried.

Jim Cox gave the following report from the Nominating Committee:

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Assistant Moderator - Walter Statzer

Clerk - Lottie Cardwell

Assistant Clerk - G. C. Sizemore

Treasurer - Ralph Flanary

Children's Home Board - Paul Sams

State CTS - Paul Sams, Nate Ange

Board of Superannuation - Billy Stover, Denver Dean,
Lawrence Honeycutt

Executive Board - Hobart Addington

Home Mission Board - Bob Lewis

Elected delegates to the National Association are Madge Statzer, Faye Sams, Lawrence Honeycutt. Jack Stallings was empowered to appoint as needed to fill vacancies.

James Meyers made the motion that each association be sent a letter requesting that they send \$200 with the letter to the Association each year to help with the cost of the Association. This was seconded and carried.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by Ralph Flanary and received as information.

The worship service opened with the Stone Mountain Singers and a beautiful song, "Just Another Hill". Prayer was offered by Raymond Baird. The message was brought by Bob Lewis, missionary in Williamsburg, using Exodus 2:11 - 14 and for a text, "The Two Sides of Moses". He spoke of the man of God who used the wrong motive, the wrong method, and the wrong moment.

The host church served a delicious lunch.

Minutes were read and received as read.

Jim Meyers made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Bro. Kilgore and carried.

Closing prayer was by Wilton Dail.

SUPERANNUATION TREASURER'S REPORT

April 78 - April 79

RECEIPTS

Inman	\$300.00	Beckner	30.00
Pennington	20.00	Bethel	30.00
Dry Fork	20.00	Hopkins	27.16
Lonesome Pine	109.50	Mt. Olive	35.00
Mary's Chapel	20.00	Mt. View	25.00
Pippins Chapel	30.00	Esserville	25.00
Ramsey	90.00	Stevens	25.00
Rock Lick	40.00	Martha's	29.68
Bull Run	25.00	Glamorgan	41.60
Davis Chapel	40.00	Indian Creek	54.08
First F.W.B.	20.00	Brians	12.66
Flatwoods	51.00	Wilsons	25.00
Valley View	20.00	Hoover	25.00
Durham	60.00	West Norton	20.00
	<u>818.50</u>		<u>405.18</u>

Ministers Conference	100.00
East Side Conference	500.00
East Side Churches	818.50
West Side Churches	<u>405.18</u>
	\$1,823.68
Balance Forward Carried Over	<u>375.45</u>
	\$2,199.13

EXPENSES

Rev. Ben Powers	370.00
Rev. William Kilgore	320.00
Rev. Orville O'Quinn	370.00
Rev. Tyler Tate	155.00
Rev. Emmett Mullins	<u>50.00</u>
	\$1,265.00

Balance in Treasury	\$924.13
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
VIRGINIA FREEWILL BAPTIST
HOME MISSION BOARD
1978 - 1979**

INCOME

Wilson's Chapel	\$ 35.00
Doran Addition FWB	120.00
Bethany FWB	319.25
Robert and Judy Bryan	105.00
Shiloh FWB	484.60
State Woman's Auxiliary	326.49
Tidewater Association	100.00
Glamorgan Chapel	150.00
Hurricane Bethel FWB	25.00
St. John's Bible Class	30.00
Mrs. Alberta Barnes	200.00
Fairmont Park FWB	5.00
Central FWB Church	60.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,383.64</u>

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,972.83
INCOME FOR 1978	<u>1,960.34</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,933.17</u>
Less Expenditures	<u>2,383.64</u>
Balance on Hand, May 15th	<u>\$1,549.53</u>

SAVINGS

Money Market Certificate	\$14,400.00
Statement Savings Account (3-31-79)	279.13
TOTAL	<u>\$14,679.13</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT 1978

Blance brought forward (deficit)	(\$53.63)
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RECEIPTS

Southwest Association	\$100.00
Clinch Valley Association	150.00
John Wheeler Association	100.00
Tidewater Association	150.00
Sandy Valley Association	30.00
Offerings	66.36
Offerings	37.63
	<u>\$633.79</u>

EXPENSES

Printing (Dan Merkh)	87.66
Moderator	25.00
Clerk	25.00
Treasurer	25.00
Promotional Work	
W. Dail	75.00
R. Baird	60.00
R. Flanary	60.00
Deficit	53.63
National Dues	110.00
L. Cardwell	45.00
Youth Registration	50.75
	<u>\$617.04</u>

Balance	\$16.75
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STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Southwest Virginia Association

No. of Quarterly Meetings—3
No. of Churches—36
Church Membership—2,007
No. of Sunday Schools—36
Sunday School Membership—2,178
No. of C.T.S.—19
C.T.S. Membership—513
Church Members Received—156
Church Members Dismissed—60
No. Ordained Ministers—79
No. of Licentiates—11
No. of Ordained Deacons—115
Pastors' Salaries—\$42,202.75
Evangelistic Work—\$14,751.86
Home for Children—\$3,221.92
Home Missions—\$5,956.44
Foreign Missions—\$3,388.93
Literature and Publications—\$7,662.30
Buildings and Repairs—\$55,082.17
Superannuation—\$1,109.93
Enclosed for Fees—\$100.00

Ministers Belonging to Southwest Virginia Association

Evert Mullins, Wise, VA
Munroe Hale, Wise, VA
Vardee Bolling, Pound, VA
Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, VA
Melvin Moore, Wise, VA
Perry Honeycutt, Dungannon, VA
Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, VA
Danny Mullins, Pound, VA
G. T. Francis, Pound, VA
Ray Goode, Wise, VA

Tyler Tate, Castlewood, VA
Elmer Miner, Sr., Coeburn, VA
Readford Meadows, Norton, VA
Clifford Bevins, Pound, VA
Jonah Shoop, Big Stone Gap, VA
Hoye Tompkins, Pound, VA
Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, KY
Jeff Bevins, Wise, VA
David Powers, Norton, VA
Roger Freeman, Pound, VA
Frank Freeman, Address not given
M. L. Thompson, Pennington Gap, VA
B. R. Powers, Wise, VA
Ethel Robbins, Norton, VA
Jeffrey Reynolds, Norton, VA
C. B. Addison, Kingsport, TN
Lars Dorton, Wise, VA
Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, VA
J. D. Kilgore, Pound, VA
James Kilgore, Wise, VA
Jess Cowden, Norton, VA
J. Harold Kilgore, Wise, VA
William Maness, Big Stone Gap, VA
Cecil McConnell, Coeburn, VA
Palmer Blevins, Coeburn, VA
Bill Slemp, Coeburn, VA
Garland Summers, St. Paul, VA
Ray Gardner, Wise, VA
LeRoy Mullins, Wise, VA
Donald Lambert, Wise, VA
Denver Dean, Wise, VA
Noon Kiser, Coeburn, VA
William Harrison, Abingdon, VA
Jimmy Smith, Norton, VA
Glenn Murray, Wise, VA
Carl Lawson, Jonesville, VA
Raymond Baird, Jonesville, VA
Bernard Beroskey, Norton, VA

Fred Ramey, Norton, VA
J. E. Leonard, Big Stone Gap, VA
Willie Adams, Big Stone Gap, VA
James Ramey, Norton, VA
Harless Powers, Norton, VA
Donald Bolling, Jonesville, VA
Hobart Addington, Wise, VA
J. V. Estep, Big Stone Gap, VA
C. G. Turner, Wise, VA
Billy Stover, Norton, VA
Claude Stoce, Norton, VA
Robert Bevins, Wise, VA
Theodore Holmes, Keokee, VA
Donnie Rutherford, Pound, VA
Hansford Mullins, Wise, VA

Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—4
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—4
No. of Churches—20
Church Membership—893
Members Received—29
Members Dismissed—48
Members Deceased—11
No. of Sunday Schools—19
Sunday School Enrollment—1,175
No. of Women's Auxiliaries—2
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment—55
No. of Leagues—2
No. of Master's Men—1
Master Men Enrollment—20
No. of Ordained Ministers—51
No. of Licentiates—0
No. of Ordained Deacons—49
Paid Pastors—\$26,976.96
Paid Evangelistics—\$3,373.80
Literature—\$3,061.14
Charity—\$5,109.55

Foreign Missions—\$2,310.10
Home Missions—\$913.70
Paid to Children's Home—\$3,111.11
Building and Repair—\$41,072.73
Miscellaneous Expenses—\$1,764.67
Total Expenditures—\$87,693.76
No. of Parsonages—1
Value of Parsonages—\$50,000.00
Enclosed for Association—\$150.00

Rev. Jack Shuler, Moderator
James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Ministers Belonging to Clinch Valley Association

Fred (Jack) Greene, Rt. 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport, TN
Jimmy Combs, Gate City, VA
Robert Ramey, Rt. 1, Fall Branch, TN
M. D. Hyatt, Jonesboro, TN
Willie Jennings, Rt. 4, Gate City, VA
Hugh Arrington, Kingsport, TN
Vernon McDavid, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA
Milligan Herron, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Eckel Herron, Rt. 4, Gate City, VA
Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, VA
Carson Bishop, Kingsport, TN
Lonnie Townsend, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, TN
Carl France, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Kyle Akers, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
Donald McDavid, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
Orsen Jenkins, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
Kenny Hammonds, Rt. 4, Gate City, VA
Rickie Kinsler, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
Gary Brooks, Big Stone Gap, VA
B. D. Proffitt, Box 271, Blountville, TN
Jerry Davenport, Blountville, TN
James Owens, Kingsport, TN
Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton DR., Kingsport, TN

Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Dr., Kingsport, TN
Stanley Sims, 240 Virginia St., Kingsport, TN
Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, TN
Warren Meade, Rt. 6, Kingsport, TN
Leonard Begley, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
William Bise, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Walter Brickey, 113 Beason Wells Road, Kingsport, TN
Eckle Carter, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Eritt Darnell, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace St., Kingsport, Tenn
J. B. Quillen, Rt. 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport, TN
L. W. Salling, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
W. J. Ashworth, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
Lubert Hammond, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
Ronald Puckett, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Terry Rhoton, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
William Jones, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Luther Lane, Nursing Home, Dryden, VA
Glen Hillman, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Paul Presley, Rt. 2, Clinchport, VA
Nathan Jackson, 400 Woodcrest Dr., Kingsport, TN
Jessie L. Rogers, Rt. 8, Box 105, Kingsport, TN
Pat Bishop, Duffield, VA
Rufus Hood, Clinchport, VA

Sandy Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—3
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—3
No. of Churches—11
Church Membership—515
Members Received—8
Members Deceased—3
No. of Sunday Schools—10
Sunday School Enrollment—56
No. of Ordained Ministers—25
No. of Licentiates—3
No. of Ordained Deacons—30

Paid Pastors—\$12,116.43
Paid Evangelistics—\$3,305.71
Literature—\$1,100.58
Charity—\$1,863.90
Home Missions—\$21,333.00
Building and Repair—\$2,120.58
Value of Church Property—\$252,000.00
Enclosed for Association—\$30.00
Church Treasurer—\$2,440.73

Bro. Perry Reynolds, Moderator
Sister Gladys Compton, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association

Russell Harris, Venia, VA
Earl James, Rt. 2, Honaker, VA
Perry Reynolds, Star Route, Rowe
Arthur Lee Sullivan, Bee, VA
Roy Lee Wilson, Bee, VA
Lester L. Gilley, Rt. 2, Honaker, VA
A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, VA
Worley Harris, Swords Creek, VA
Kelley McCoy, Richlands, VA
Elmer Hess, Honaker, VA
Marion Harris, Honaker, VA
Herman Dye, Swords Creek, VA
Burke Hess, Honaker, VA
Hobert Bostic, Swords Creek, VA
Kenneth Skeens, Richlands, VA
Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, VA
Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, VA
Sylvia Price, Swords Creek, VA
Ralph Bostic, Swords Creek, VA
Samuel N. Altizer, Cedar Bluff, VA
Roy Lee Smith, Bluefield, VA
James H. Sargent, North Tazewell, VA
Rober Barnett, Amonate, VA
Grady McGlothlin, Raven, VA

John Wheeler Association

No. of Quarterly Meetings—2
Number of Churches—16
Church Membership—1,340
Number of Parsonages—3
Number of Ordained Ministers—40
Number of Ordained Deacons—61
Enrollment of Sunday Schools—1,424
Enrollment of Church Training Service—204
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries—148
Master's Men Clubs—2
Mid-week Service Average Attendance—203
Pastor's Salaries—\$51,451.69
Evangelistic Work—\$9,355.31
Building and Repair—\$45,646.44
Literature—\$6,694.55
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Other—\$28,376.64
Foreign Missions—\$3,254.22
Home Missions—\$2,656.31
Education—\$1,071.20
Orphanage—\$2,673.28
Value of Church Property—Over One Million
Value of Parsonage Property—\$105,000.00
Amount enclosed for fees—\$150.00

Ministers Belonging to John Wheeler Association

Orville Trivett, Rt. 4, Bristol, TN 38620
Rev. Clifton Rush, Rt. 3, Bristol, TN 37620
Levi Arnold, Rt. 9, Jonesboro, TN
Clifton Vanover, 103 Nita St., Bristol, TN 37620
John Taylor, Rt. 1, Cleveland, VA
Jennings Wilson, Box 711, Chilhowie, VA 24319
Clyde Gamble, 540 Willow Branch Road, Bristol, VA 24201
Edd Pendergrass, Rt. 1, Bristol, TN 37620
Elmer Adkins, Rt. 4, Blountville, TN 37617

Arthur Rhymer, Rt. 3, Bristol, TN 37620
 Ralph Carty, Rt. 5, Abingdon, VA 24210
 Bobby Collins, Rt. 2, Saltville, VA 24370
 Orville O'Quinn, 228 Crocket St., Bristol, VA 24201
 Curtis Haven, Rt. 1, Saltville, VA 24370
 Joe Powers, Rt. 2, Marion, VA 24354
 C. C. Olinger, Box 274, Saltville, VA 24370
 Avery Sheets, Rt. 3, Marion, VA 24354
 George Sizemore, Box 521, Abingdon, VA 24210
 Ronnie Snider, Chilhowie, VA 24319
 Otis Barker, 114 Crescent Ave., Marion, VA 24354
 Homer Goodson, Rt. 5, Bristol, VA 24201
 J. W. Chestnutt, 520 Page St., Bristol, VA 24201
 Douglas Offield, Rt. 5, Bristol, TN 37620
 Lula Henley, 264 Lowland St., Abingdon, VA 24210
 Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, VA 24319
 John Floyd, Rt. 5, Marion, VA 24354
 Bob Surber, Rt. 2, Meadowview, VA 24361
 Shelton Norris, Box 3078, Bristol, TN 37620
 Johnny Hooker, Rt. 1, Blountville, TN 37617
 Jim Cox, 1019 Vinton Road, N.E., Roanoke, VA 24012
 Robert Smith, Rt. 5, Bluff City, TN
 Harold Rouse, Rt. 4, Bristol, TN 37620
 David Neitch, Rt. 3, Marion, VA 24354
 Herbert Adams, Rt. 6, Bristol, VA 24201
 Howard Campbell, Rt. 4, Bristol, TN 37620
 Walter Statzer, 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
 Kenneth Shaffer, 1208 Virginia Ave., Bristol, TN 37620

Tidewater Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—4
 No. of Churches—12
 Church Membership—3,724
 Members Received—358
 Members Dismissed—132
 No. Sunday School—12
 No. Woman's Auxiliaries—11
 Woman's Auxiliaries Enrollment—172

No. Master's Men—1
Master' Men Enrollment—18
No. Ordained Ministers—1
Paid Pastors—\$70,635
Foreign Missions—\$41,416.24
Home Missions—\$7,326.58
Bible College—\$5,768.94
Children's Home—\$5,002.42
Total Expenditures—\$130,149.14
Value of Church Property—\$3,691,500.00
No. Parsonages—6
Value of Parsonages—\$291,500.00
Enclosed for State—\$150.00

Ministers Belonging to Tidewater Association

Charles Brown, 1048 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23701
A. B. Brown, 3241 Argonne Ave., Norfolk, VA 23509
John Burgess, 9810 Luscombe Lane, Richmond, VA
I. J. Carter
C. H. Denton, Kecoughtan VA Hospital, Dom. 52, Hampton, VA
Galen Dunbar, 4624 Larkin Street, Norfolk, VA 23513
Dale Burden, 2718 Chesapeake Ave., Norfolk, VA 23509,
Gene Parish, 133 Raymond Drive, Hampton, VA 23666
Don Pegram, 692 Lucas Creek Rd., Newport News, VA
Billy Morris, 913 Burksdale Ave., Norfolk, VA 23503
Ed Hill, 8501 Chesapeake Ave., Norfolk, VA 23503
Robert Smith, P. O. Box 615, Williamsburg, VA 23185
Dave Nobles, 107 Friendly Drive, Hampton, VA 23601
Louis McCurry
T. O. Terry
Tim Young, 725 Antrim Drive, Apt. F-1, Newport News, VA
Bob Lewis, P. O. Box 1696 Warwick Sta., Newport News, VA
Edd Green, 1030 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23701
Dan Merkh, 2401 Arrington Road, Richmond, VA 23229
Jim Cox, 326 Madduck Ave., Roanoke, VA 24012

Don Pegram, Moderator
Edward Curtis, Clerk

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 Enterprise: 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.

June 14, 1979

TO: Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists

Dear Virginia Free Will Baptists:

Thank you, Virginia Free Will Baptists, for the support you have given our ministry through the years. Last year you gave \$478.31 to our operating fund.

There are 11 Virginia pastors in the retirement pension plan. I hope this number will increase in 1979.

This year is the 10th anniversary of your Board of Retirement. We are calling it a "Decade of Caring." Our Free Will Baptist people have shown they care — and their concern is growing.

Assets of the retirement plan exceeded the million dollar mark on October 13, 1978.

More and more individuals are putting their savings into one of our Trust Funds. Their earnings income is good, but more importantly they make more funds available for loans to our churches. Churches and various denominational agencies have Trust Funds too. Write our office for details.

Thanks again. We need your continued concern, prayers and support.

May you have a blessed State Association.

Sincerely,
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