

MINUTES

of the

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Forty-sixth Session held with the

First Free Will Baptist Church

Roanoke, Virginia

June 1984

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, 1985.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator - Rev. Bob Surber
Route 2, Saltville, Va. 24370
Assistant Moderator - John Burgess
634A Dogwood Road, Powhatan, Va. 23139
Clerk - Lottie Cardwell
Route 2 Box 88, Saltville, Va. 24370
Assistant Clerk - James Myres
416 Montezuma Drive, Kingsport, Tenn. 37664
Treasurer - Ralph Flanary
Dungannon, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

J. D. Kilgore - 1985
Pound, Va. 24279
Hobart Addington - 1986
Wise, Va. 24293
Jeff Crabtree - 1987
Route 2 Independence Dr. Kingsport, Tenn. 37664
Raymond Baird - 1988
Route 4, Jonesville, Va. 24262
Wilton Dail - 1989
1132 New Market Dr. Virginia Beach, Va. 23464
Jim Cox - Secretary and Treasurer

HOME MISSION BOARD

Eritt Darnell
Rt. 1 Box 132, Ft. Blackmore, Va. 24250
Walter Statzer
238 Meadowcrest Dr. Bristol, Va. 24201
Wilton Dail
1132 New Market Dr. Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

C. T. S.

Paul Samms and Dennis Wiggs

CHILDREN'S HOME

E. T. Darnell

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jack Stallings

46TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 46th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Roanoke, Virginia on Thursday evening June 14, 19 84.

The session was opened by singing, "I Would Not Be Denied". The singing was led by James Myres with Donna Crabtree at the piano.

Bro. Jim Cox, pastor of First Free Will, gave the Welcome Address. The response was given by the clerk who then introduced the officers concluding with the moderator, Bro Bob Surber. Bro. Surber gave his remark using Scripture from Matt. 5:13-16. He called the meeting to order and proceeded with the business and the appointing of committees. Bros. Jim Cox, Fred Ramsey, and Pete Peeden served on the Registration Comm. Bros. Walter Statzer, E. T. Darnell, and Dan Merkh served on the Nominating Committee.

An offering was received in the amount of \$62.16 as the congregation sang "Tis so Sweet To Trust In Jesus". Bro. Kyle Sexton gave the offeratory prayer.

Special music was offered by the Southeastern College Quartet singing, "Love is Why".

Bro Connie Carriker brought the message using Psalms 126 with an emphasis on "They that sow in tears". He spoke on the following points:

- I. Outline your plan.
- II. Define your purpose.
- III. Shape up your personality.
- IV. Warn them of false prophets.
- V. Help them see our prosperity.

The service closed with altar prayer led by J. D. Kilgore

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The morning service opened with the hymn, "At Calvary". David Reese read from John 4:34, 35 and remarked that the mind of Christ was on His work and His thoughts toward the laborers.

Letters from the district were read. Bro Ralph Flanary moved that the clerk be empowered to include the Tidewater letter in the minutes and anticipate the \$600.00 reported to be coming. This was received by the body.

Southwesr Association	\$650.
Tidewater	600.
John Wheeler	320.
Sandy Valley	100.
Clinch Valley	480.

The moderator called for the reports from the National Association. Don Sexton reported for the Forleign Mission. Connie Cariker gave the report for Home Mission. Ronald Creeck reported for the Bible College. Larry Wood gave the report for the Sunday School Department.

State reports were as follows: Joe Haas reported for the Southeastern College. Jim Cox reported for the Home Mission Board. He reported that 4 missions are now in progress. E. T. Darnell gave the report for the Children's Home. Ann Heberlin gave the report for the Women's Auxiliary.

Following the reports the congregation sang, "When we All Get To Heaven". The Quartet from Southeastern College sang, "I Will Glory in the Cross". Bro. Lorenzo Stox brought the message using Scripture from Matt. 28:19,20 and II Tim. 2:2.

He brought a stirring message from the thoughts, a given command, the great responsibility, a gracious privilege, the grand finale. The message was closed with a prayer of commitment.

Bro. Ralph Flanary thanked the Lord for the food and the conference recessed for lunch.

Following lunch the conference reassembled with the hymn, "Walking in Sunlight". Devotions were given by John Reed using Acts 26:24 and Phil. 3:7. He spoke of three things that keep us from being effective.

1. love of sin
2. fear of others
3. cost of discipleship

The moderator called for old business. There was none.

Dan Merhk reported that the Tidewater Association had revoked the credentials of Don Pegram. He further stated that there had been no appeal made by Pegram. Bro. Merhk moved that this be made a matter of record. This was carried by the body.

Bro. Jeff Crabtree moved that the Virginia State Association write a letter to Contact voicing our disapproval of their continued support of Pegram since they are aware that his credentials have been revoked. This was carried by the body.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows. Rev. Bob Surber, moderator, John Burgess was elected assistant moderator. Bro. Ralph Flanary was retained as treasurer. Bro. Wilton Dail was elected to serve another term on the Executive Board. Bro. Jack Stallings was elected to serve on the General Board. Bro. Paul Sams and Dennis Wiggs were elected to serve as C. T. S. Leaders. Bro. Wilton Dail was elected to the Home Mission Board. Bro. Jim Cox was retained as Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Board. Bro. E. T. Darnell was elected to the Children's Home Board.

Following a discussion on the reporting of the associations, Bro. John Burgess moved that a representative be sent to the Sandy Valley Association to explain our new rules. This was carried by the body.

Bro. Wilton Dail moved that a representative be sent to the John Thompson Association to invite them to join our State Association. This was carried by the body.

Bro. Jim Cox moved that the Executive Board take care of this. This was carried by the body. James Myres will visit the Sandy Valley Association and John Burgess will visit the John Thompson Association.

Bro. Pete Pete Peeden gave the following report for the Registration Committee.

- 44 visitors
- 14 delegates
- 21 ministers
- 79 total

Treasurer's report was given by Ralph Flanary and is included in the minutes.

The following delegates were elected to represent the Virginia State Association at the National. Margie Blevins, Beulah Flanary, Glenna Slemph, Donna Crabtree, and Barbara Haas. Jack Stallings was empowered to fill any vacancies.

Bro. Dan Merhk moved that 500 copies of the minutes be printed. This was carried by the body.

The awards were presented and are included in the minutes.

The Memorial Prayer was offered by Jack Stallings in memory of J. V. Estep and his wife, Walter Brickey, and Ben Powers.

The minutes were read by the clerk. Jim Cox moved that the minutes be received as read. This was carried by the body.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the conference until June of next year. The conference closed with prayer offered by Dan Merhk.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

J. D. KILGORE	DON SEXTON
FRED RAMEY	BOB SURBER
EDDIE STURGILL	LORENZO STOX
RALPH FLANARY	DENNIS WIGGS
ERITT DARNELL	GREG BEVAN
PETE PEEDIN	JOHN BURGESS
JACK STALLINGS	JOHN H. REED IV
RONNIE WILSON	DANIEL H. MERHK
JEFF CRABTREE	JOE R. HAAS
WALTER STATZER	DAVED REESE

DELEGATES

SOPHIE DARNELL	LARRY LOVELL
BEULAH FLANARY	ELIZABETH BURGESS
ANN HEABERLIN	GLENNA SLEMP
FAYE SAMS	MARGIE BLEVINS
DONNA CRABTREE	SHARON SLEMP
JOANN MYRES	WILTON DAIL

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 15, 1984

Balance Brought Forward		\$ 404.89
Receipt		
Clinch Valley	\$480.00	
Sandy Valley	100.00	
John Wheeler	320.00	
Southwest	650.00	
Tidewater	600.00	
Offering	<u>63.16</u>	
		<u>2,212.16</u>
		\$ 2,617.05
Expenses		
Promotional Work	\$ 500.77	
Moderator	25.00	
Clerk	25.00	
Treasurer	25.00	
National Dues	980.00	
Printing By-laws	122.88	
Printing Minutes & Supplies	19.70	
Food	300.00	
Youth Activities	177.50	
Bank Charges	<u>8.00</u>	
	\$ 2,183.85	
		<u>- \$2,183.85</u>
		433.20

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

15 Auxiliaries reporting

3 Districts - Tidewater, John Wheeler, and Wise County

Beginning Enrollment	249
New Members	51
Members Lost	38
Present Enrollment	262
Average Attendance	250
Group Meetings	98
No. Visitors	105 - Locals
	39 - Group Meetings

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

No. Churches - 38
Membership - 2130
No. Sunday Schools - 38
Sunday School Attendance - 2451
No. C. T. S. - 32
C. T. S. Attendance - 569
No. Women's Auxiliaries - 14
Auxiliary Membership - 204
Church Members Received - 130
Church Members Dismissed - 51
Members Deceased - 11
No. Ordained Ministers - 81
No. Ordained Deacons - 121
Amount enclosed for fee - \$650.00

Rev. Ray Goode, Moderator
Rev. Harold Kilgore, Asst.

AWARDS

BIBLE MEMORIZATION COACH - DIANNE BAKER

Amy Brummitte	1st Grade	Wilson Chapel
Roberta Baker	3rd Grade	Wilson Chapel

SWORD DRILL COACH - BONNIE DORTAN

Bobby McAmish	4th Grade	Mt. Olive
Bridget Baker	5th Grade	Wilson Chapel
Angela Roberts	6th Grade	Wilson Chapel

TICK TAC TOE COACH - CLARA ROBERTS

Gina Wells	Wilson Chapel
Lori Sturgill	Wilson Chapel
Kim Dortan	Wilson Chapel
Stephanie Wells	Wilson Chapel

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

No. Quarterly Meetings - 2
 No. churches - 16
 Church Membership - 1305
 No. Parsonages - 3
 No. Ordained Ministers - 32
 No. Licensed Ministers - 4
 No. Ordained Deacons - 49
 Sunday School Attendance - 1429
 Church Training Attendance - 122
 Women's Aux. Attendance - 130
 Master's Men Attendance - 20
 Mid-week Service Average Attendance - 503
 Pastor's Salaries - \$74,951.79
 Evangelistic Work - \$10,210.43
 Building and Repair - \$85,885.05
 Literature - \$7,394.88
 Other - \$17,831.97
 Foreign Mission - \$3,150.84
 Home Mission - \$6,797.15
 Education - \$1,156.25
 Children's Home - \$1,681.07
 Value of Church Property - \$800,000.00
 Enclosed for Association - \$320.00

Howard Campbell, Moderator
 Donald White, Clerk

MINISTERS

Rev. Herbert Adams	Route 6, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Roger Ball	1046 Rich Valley Road, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Ronald Balwin	R 4 Box 80C, Bluff City, Tenn. 37618
Rev. Andy Blevins	R 5, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Howard Campbell	R 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Elmer Cardwell, Jr.	R 2, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. Bobby Collins	R 2, Box 108A, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. Jim Cox	1019 Vinton Road, N. E., Roanoke, Va. 24012
Rev. Leroy Fleenor	R 3, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Rev. Kyle French	Box 87, Chilhowie, Va. 24319
Rev. Clarence Frye, Sr.	R 1, Box 62, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. Clyde Gamble	540 Willow Branch Road, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Homer Goodson	R 5, Box 654, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Robert Harless	R 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Curtis Haven	R 1, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. Lula Henley	264 Lowland Street, Abingdon, Va. 24210
Rev. Johnny Hooker	R 1, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Rev. Charles Lovelace	R 7, Box 86, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Rev. David Neith	R 5, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Shelton Norris	Box 3078, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Orville O'Quinn	1121 McNeil St., Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Willis Osborne	Saltville, Va. 24370

Rev. Cecil Presley	Drawer D, Chilhowie, Va. 24319
Rev. Jim Queen.	R 5, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Cecil Rouse	R 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Clifton Rush	R 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Kenneth Shaffer	1208 Virginia Ave., Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Lee Statzer	238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Walter Statzer	238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Bob Surber	R. 2, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. John Taylor	R 1, Box 77, Cleveland, Va. 24225
Rev. Clifton Vanover	103 Nita Street, Bristol Tenn. 37620
Rev. James White II	1629 Gate City Highway, No. 8, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Jennings Wilson	Box 71N, Chilhowie, Va. 24319

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

No. Quarterly Meetings-- 3
 No. Quarterly Meetings Reporting - 3
 No. Churches - 12
 Church Membership - 420
 No. Sunday Schools - 10
 No. Ordained Ministers - 33
 No. Licentiates - 4
 No. Ordained Deacons - 41
 Paid Pastors - \$17,056.47
 Paid Evangelists - \$2,579.76
 Literature - \$1,548.90
 Charity - \$381.73
 Building and repair - \$11,610.95
 Value of Church Property - \$332,469.00
 Enclosed for Association - \$100.00

Ca James, Moderator
 Gladys Compton, clerk

Ministers belonging to Sandy Valley Association

Rev. Grey Harris	Route 1, Box 172 Honaker, Va.
Rev. Jackie Perkins	Route 1, Box 121, Vansant, Va.
Rev. Randall Ward	R 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. C. A. James	R 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Emory James	R 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. A. L. Sullivan	Bee, Va.
Rev. Kyle Ratcliff	Council, Va.
Rev. Roy Lee Wilson	Bee, Va.
Rev. Donald Sullivan	Bee, Va.
Rev. Larry Tiller	Bee, Va.
Rev. Roy Sullivan	Bee, Va.
Rev. Denver Barton	Bee, Va.
Rev. Frank Crabtree	Bee, Va.
Rev. Russell Harris	Venis Rural Station, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Billy Harris	R 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Samuel Altizer	Cedar Bluff, Va.
Rev. Roger Barnett	Amonate, Va.
Rev. James H. Sargent	North Tazewell, Va.
Rev. J. C. Dye	Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Kelly McCoy	Richlands, Va.
Rev. Herman Dye	Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Eddie Jubbard	Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Kenneth Skeens	Richlands, Va.
Rev. Randy Elswick	R 2, Box 107E, Cedar Bluff, Va.
Rev. Johnny Cochran	Richlands, Va.
Rev. G. C. Sizemore	702 Cliff St., Graceville, Fla.
Rev. Burke Hess	Honaker, Va.
Rev. Perry Taylor	Honaker, Va.
Rev. Harlan Perkins	Swords Creek, Va.
Sister Rhoda Dye	Swords Creek, Va.
Sister Sylvia Price	Swords Creek, Va.
Sis Louise Dye	Swords Creek, Va.
Sister Jetty Dye	Swords Creek, Va.

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

No. Quarterly Meetings - 4
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported - 4
No. Churches - 19
Church Membership - 861
Members Received - 20
Members Dismissed - 8
Members Deceased - 3
No. Sunday Schools - 19
Sunday School Enrollment - 915
No. Women's Auxiliaries - 3
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment - 70
No. Master's Men - 1
Master's Men Enrollment - 12
No. Ordained Ministers - 43
No. Licentates - 2
No. Ordained Deacons - 45
Paid Pastors - \$20,921.89
Paid Evangelist - \$3,238.16
Literature - \$5,581.47
Charity - \$8,186.32
Foreign Mission - \$3,748.82
Home Mission - \$3,328.02
Children's Home - \$4,317.79
Building and Repairs - \$21,257.04
Total Expenditures - \$99,180.69
Value of Church Property - \$1,040,000.00
No. Parsonages - 1
Value of Parsonages - \$60,000.00
No. Fellowship Halls - 2
Value of Fellowship Halls - \$80,000.00
Enclosed for Association Fee - \$480.00

Eckel Herron, Moderator
James Myres, Clerk

CLINCH VALLEY MINISTERS

Jeff Crabtree, Rt. #2, Independence Drive, Kingsport, TN
Ron Morrison, Rt. #16, Box 378, Gray, TN
Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, TN
Jessie L. Rogers, 320 Gaines Street, Kingsport, TN
Charles Puckett, Rt. #1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Glen Hillman, Rt. #1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Eckle Carter, Rt. #1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Eritt Darnell, Rt. #1, Box 132, Fort Blackmore, VA
Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, VA
Ronald Puckett, Rt. #1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Terry Rhoton, Rt. #1, Fort Blackmore, VA
John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace Street, Kingsport, TN
J. B. Quillen, Rt. #2, Independence Drive, Kingsport, TN
William Bise, Rt. #1, Gate City, VA
Lubert Hammond, Clinchport, VA
L. W. Sallings, Rt. #1, Fort Blackmore, VA
William Jennings, 206 Virgil Street, Kingsport, TN
Samuel Bowen, Rt. #1, Clinchport, VA
Lonnie Townsend, Rt. #1, Clinchport, VA
James Baker, Rt. #1, Duffield, VA
James McDavid, Rt. #1, Duffield, VA
Jimmie Combs, Rt. #1, Gate City, VA
Howard Bowen, Rt. #1, Duffield, VA
George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, TN
Eckel Herron, Rt. #4, Gate City, VA
Milligan Herron, P. O. Box 36, Gate City, VA
Kyle Akers, Rt. #1, Clinchport, VA
M. D. Hyatt, Jonesboro, TN
Robert Ramey, Fall Branch, TN
Rufus Hood, Rt. #3, Clinchport, VA
Pat Bishop, Rt. #1, Duffield, VA
Glen Dockrey, Kingsport, TN
Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, VA
Kenny Hammond, Rt. #4, Gate City, VA
Carl France, Rt. #1, Gate City, VA
Paul Smith, Rt. #3, Gate City, VA
William Bowen, Rt. #1, Duffield, VA
Rick Kincer, Rt. #4, Clinchport, VA
Lee Knowles, West Carters Valley, Church Hill, TN
Wrightly Lane, Rt. #1, Gate City, VA
Ronald Stapleton, Gate City, VA
Roy K. Wheelock, Rt. #12, Easy Street, Kingsport, TN

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1030 City Park Avenue
Portsmouth, Virginia 23701

Annual Report 1983

Churches belonging to Tidewater Association	14
Number of ordained ministers	31
Number of quarterly meetings held	4
Church membership	2227
Members received	218
Sunday School attendance	2702
C.T.S. attendance	430
Woman's Auxiliary membership	165
Master's Men membership	0
Value of churches and parsonages	6,516,414.00
Total receipts	830,912.05
Co-op program	0
Foreign missions	23,536.37
Home missions	15,831.84
Bible College	3,978.30
Executive Department	0
C.T.S.	0
State promotional work	0
State missions	587.86
Children's Home	454.25
Southeastern Free Will Baptist College	3,103.82
Other	125.00
Annual Dues (Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists)	600.00

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Clerk: Rev. Rick Rasberry
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Respectfully submitted,


Rick Rasberry
Clerk



Virginia Freewill Baptist Home Mission Board

1019 VINTON ROAD, N. E.
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA 24012

1983 - 1984

INCOME:

Tidewater Association	\$ 50.00
Tony Bentley	355.00
Doran Addition	240.00
Paul Sams	110.00
Hurricane Bethel Church	75.00
Glamorgan Chapel	200.00
Victory F.W.B. Church, Gate City	170.22
First F.W.B., Roanoke	170.00
St. Paul F.W.B. Church	45.00
Cardwelltown F.W.B. Church	501.35
Wilton Dail	250.00
Parker's Chapel F.W.B. Church	345.43
James Sawyers	25.00
Malcolm Whaley	10.00
Virginia Woman's Auxiliary	593.75
St. John's Bible Class	50.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
	<u>3,220.75</u>
Repayment on loan by Charlottesville Church	1,150.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,370.75</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Charlottesville Expense	295.00
Charlottesville	744.36
* National Home Mission	950.00
Lawyers Fee	242.86
Printing	23.19
Telephone	21.55
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,276.96</u>
BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 1, 1983	484.91
Income	<u>4,370.75</u>
	<u>\$ 4,855.66</u>
Less Expenditures	<u>2,276.96</u>
Balance on hand, June 6, 1984	<u>\$ 2,578.70</u>
Loans Outstanding	
Charlottesville Church	\$13,200.00

* Designated support for Home Missionaries

VWAC TREASURER'S REPORT
May 1, 1983 - April 28, 1984

Cash on Balance on Hand - May 1, 1982 \$346.17

Receipts

Designated Contributions'.

Co-Laborer Offerings 238.23

WNAC Emphasis 302.65

Home for Children, TN. 120.00

Va. State Home Missions 593.75

Pre-Easter Week of Prayer 125.23

Memorial Student Load Fund 160.00

* John and Pansy Murray 2,103.07

* Jerry and Janice Banks 2,231.86

Gifts to other Missionaries 668.35

\$6,547.14

Membership (264) fees 528.00

Total Receipts \$7,075.14

Total to be accounted for \$7,421.31

Disbursements

Designated \$6,547.10

WNAC Membership fees 396.00

\$6,943.14

Balance on hand - April 28, 1984 \$ 478.17

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys J. Findley, Treasurer

