

MINUTES OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Forty-eighth Session held with the
First Free Will Baptist Church

Roanoke, Virginia

June, 1986

The next session will be held with the First Free
Will Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia, on
the Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1987

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator - Dennis Wiggs

151 Winston Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Ronnie Floyd

446 Independence Drive, Kingsport, TN 37664

Clerk - Lottie Cardwell

Route 2, Box 88, Saltville, VA 24370

Assistant Clerk - James Myers

416 Montezuma Drive, Kingsport, TN 37664

Treasurer - Rev. Ralph Flanary

Dungannon, VA 24245

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jeff Crabtree - 1987

1019 Gus Nicks Boulevard, N.E., Roanoke, VA 24012

Raymond Baird - 1988

Route 4, Jonesville, VA 24262

Wilton Dail - 1989

1132 New Market Drive, Va. Beach, VA 23464

J. D. Kilgore - 1990

Pound, VA 24279

Terry Beck - 1991

913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

HOME MISSION BOARD

Walter Statzer

238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, VA 24201

Wilton Dail

1132 New Market Drive, Va. Beach, VA 23464

Jeff Crabtree

1019 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Roanoke, VA 24012

C.T.S.

David and Debra Kilgore, Dennis Wiggs, Jim Cox

CHILDREN'S HOME

E. T. Darnell

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jack Stallings

48th Session Proceedings

The 48th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Roanoke on Thursday evening, June 12, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

The session was opened with congregational singing, "At Calvary". The singing was led by James Myers with Judy Meador at the piano and Donna Crabtree at the organ. The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Jeff Crabtree. The response was given by the Assistant Clerk, James Myers, who then proceeded to introduce the officers, concluding with the Assistant Moderator, Ronnie Floyd, who served in absence of the elected moderator. Brother Floyd declared this 48th session in order and proceeded to make his introductory remarks. Prayer was offered by Eugene Waddell.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve on the Nominating Committee: They were Walter Statzer (Chairman), John Burgess, and Jack Stallings. The Registration Committee was also appointed. It consisted of Jim Cox (Chairman), Ronnie Wilson, and Russell Sanders.

Donna Crabtree blessed our hearts in singing, "People Need the Lord." The congregation made a joyful noise in singing, "The Sweet By and By." Jack Stallings then sang, "The Wayfaring Stranger." The Moderator introduced the speaker, Jim Cox, who spoke using the general theme of the meeting, "Unity in Spirit Through the Bonds of Peace." He read from the second chapter of Acts, verses 22 through 41, using as his subject, "Holy Spirit Empowered Evangelism." Following the challenging message, the Moderator extended an altar call while the congregation sang, "Just as I am." Prayer of dismissal was by Paul Ketterman.

Friday Morning

The Friday morning session was opened by singing, "There is Power in the Blood." The Clerk read the 150th Psalm for devotions. Following prayer by the Clerk, the Moderator proceeded with the business.

The minutes of last year's session were read.

The letters from the five Associations were read and approved, and their delegates seated. The Conference approved adding statistics from the Northeastern Quarterly Meeting of the John Wheeler Association when they are received.

The Moderator called for reports from National Association representatives. Paul Kettenman gave the Free Will Baptist Bible College report. Joe Haas gave the Southeastern Bible College report. These reports were received as information.

Jim Cox gave the Virginia State Home Mission report. This report was voted and approved by the body.

The morning worship service was opened by congregational singing, "Near the Cross." James Raper led in prayer. Earl Sutton sang, "Amazing Grace", to the tune of, "America the Beautiful," accompanied at the piano by Donna Crabtree. Jack Stallings read from the 27th chapter of Matthew, verses 45 through 54, and stirred our hearts with the subject, "Christ's Work on the Cross." Prayer of dismissal and thanks for the food was offered by Earl Sutton.

Friday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "The Lilly of the Valley." The host church was given thanks for the food and fellowship. Don Jones read the 100th Psalm for devotions and followed with prayer.

Dennis Wiggs presented the awards to the winners of the Church Training Service competition. Winners were:

Bible Memory: Lindzie Bentley
 T. J. McAmis

Sword Drill: Michelle Stidhorn
 Bobby McAmis

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe: Heather Rosnick
 Angie Roberts

Bible Bowl: Kim Dorton
 Gina Wells
 Randy Meade

These young people will represent the State Association at the National Convention in July.

The Children's Home Report was given by the Director, James Raper. The Women's Auxiliary Report was given by their Secretary, Ann Heaberlin. These reports were received as information.

Mark Gideon spoke to the Association on his missionary commission to Bolivia. He is sponsored by the Latin American Professional Outreach (LAPO).

The Executive Board report was received and approved by the body with the exception of item number four.

- 1) We recommend that the Executive Board continue to plan each State Association meeting.
- 2) We recommend that the Clerk mail each individual church clerk and pastor a notice of the State Meeting dates three to four weeks in advance noting that each local church is allowed one voting delegate at the State Meeting.
- 3) We recommend that each local church participate in Target 90.
- 4) We recommend that each officer vacancy be filled by those who regularly attend the State Meeting.

Item number four was tabled.

Jeff Crabtree spoke concerning the Advance Celebration. Only ten churches are participating in the project.

The Registration Committee gave their report that was received by vote of the body.

Ministers: 18

Deacons: 5

Delegates: 13

Visitors: 44

The Treasurer's report was given by Ralph Flanary, approved, and is included in these minutes.

The Nominating Committee gave their report. This was received by the body. The following officers were elected:

Moderator:	Dennis Wiggs
Assistant Moderator:	Ronnie Floyd
Treasurer:	Ralph Flanary
Executive Board:	Terry Beck - 5 years
Home Missions:	Jeff Crabtree, Walter Statzer, Wilton Dail
Children's Home:	E. T. Darnell
C.T.S.:	David and Debra Kilgore, Jim Cox

The following delegates were elected to the National Association: Donna Crabtree, Jane Burden, Bob Berry, Tony Smith, Donna Thomas. The Association approved Dennis Wiggs to fill vacancies as needed.

The following names were submitted for the Memorial Prayer: Laura Hensley, Mrs. O. C. Combs, Claude W. Arrey, Cecil Ramey, G. T. Francis. The prayer was led by Dale Burden.

The host church was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

These minutes were read and approved.

The Executive Board was given power to determine the number of minutes to be printed, and the Clerk is to distribute the minutes so they will be delivered prior to the next State Meeting.

Prayer of dismissal by Paul Ketterman.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

J. D. Kilgore
Don Jones
Earl Sutton
Walter Statzer
Lonnie S. Osborne
Ralph Flanary
Joe R. Haas
Dale Burden
Jack W. Stallings

Joe R. Haas, Sr.
Ronnie Wilson
Ronnie Floyd
John Burgess
Jim Cox
Terry Beck
Dennis Wiggs
Jeff Crabtree
Paul Presley

DEACON REGISTRATION

James Myers
Russell Sanders
Shirell Haas

Wilton Dail
Gerald Dockery

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Sandra F. Jones
Madge Statzer
Jean Haas
Bobbie Sanders
Joann Myers
Margie Blevins
Gladys Dockery

Glenna Slempe
Beulah Flanary
Ann Heaberlin
Faye Sams
Juanita Kilgore
Mary Ann Presley

VISITOR REGISTRATION

Gay Sutton
Georgie Johnson
Heley Byrd
Jonathon Cox
Clara Dail
Doris Raper
Cathy Schanz
Kim Lyke
Gary Peters
Angela McAnis
Eric Crabtree
Randy Meade
Eugene Waddell
Kim Dorton
Rick Preece

Hugh Johnson
Mrs. Joe Haas, Sr.
Glenda Cox
Daniel Floyd
James Earl Raper
Donna Crabtree
Patricia Bentley
Margaret Hunter
Bobbi Marie McAnis
Benjamin Crabtree
Lydia Ison
Mary Nell Beck
Dianni Baker
Diana Preece

Paul Ketterman
Paul Johnson
James Byrd
Steven Cox
Mark Gideon
Denise McAnis
Henry Hunter
Lindsay Bentley
Jennifer Schanz
T.J. McAnis
Leslie Cook
Gina Wells
Judy Meador
Sherry Dorton

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches Belonging to Association	14
Ordained Ministers	30
Quarterly Meetings Held	4
Church Membership	2,608
Members Received	239
Average Sunday School Attendance	1,064
CTS Attendance	306
Woman's Auxillary Membership	120
Master's Men Membership	12
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$3,293,414.00
Total Receipts	\$952,016.82
Foreign Missions	\$18,840.54
Home Missions	\$33,627.96
Home Missions Joint Projects	\$25,134.61
Bible College (Southeastern and Nashville)	\$35,304.27
Children's Home	\$376.68
Other	\$2,791.00
Annual Due (Va. State Association of FWB)	\$600.00

Moderator: Rev. Dennis Wiggs, Heritage FWB Church, Williamsburg

Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Rick Rasberry, Collinswood Church, Portsmouth

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION ROLE OF MINISTERS

Amick, James	Bevan, Greg
Barnes, Richard	Cannon, Steve
Bates, Fred	Collins, Paul
Beck, Terry	Dwyer, Danny
Burden, Dale	Haas, Joe
Burgess, John	McCurry, Lewis
Gray, Dan	Peedin, Pete
Hughes, W. B.	Lovell, Bill
Kilgore, Tag	Ramey, Cecil
Merkh, Dan	Rasberry, Rick
Sebastian, Bobby	Reed, John
Stallings, Jack W.	Thomas, Mark
Wiggs, Dennis	Stallings, Jack V.
Ange, Nate	Thompson, Tim
Baer, Danny	Stox, Lorenza

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Number of Quarterly Meetings	3
Number of Quarterly Meetings Reported	3
Number of Churches	17
Church Membership	792
Members Received	40
Members Dismissed	23
Members Deceased	6
Number of Sunday Schools	16
Sunday School Enrollment	820
Number of Women's Auxillary's	3
Women's Auxillary Enrollment	60
Number of Master's Men	1
Master's Men Enrollment	12
Number of Ordained Ministers	41
Number of Ordained Deacons	49
Paid Pastors	\$30,940.47
Paid Evangelists	\$9,683.00
Literature	\$5,331.33
Charity	\$7,948.03
Foreign Missions	\$6,410.63
Home Missions	\$3,604.09
Children's Home	\$1,074.55
Building and Repairs	\$53,082.63
Total Expenditures	\$108,074.73
Value of Church Property	\$998,000.00
Number of Parsonages	1
Value of Parsonages	\$60,000.00
Number of Fellowship Halls	2
Value of Fellowship Halls	\$80,000.00
Enclosed for Association	\$700.00
State Dues	\$170.00
National Dues	\$170.00

John Clifford Pierson, Moderator
James Myers, Clerk

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION ROLL OF MINISTERS

Ron Morrison
Route 16, Box 374
Gray, TN
Ronnie Floyd
446 Independence Drive
Kingsport, TN
Willie Ashworth

Clinchport, VA
Sherman Grace
216 Packing House Road
Kingsport, TN
Glen Hillman
Route 1
Fort Blackmore, VA
Lubert Hammonds

Clinchport, VA
Rick Kincer
Route 4
Clinchport, VA
Donald McDavid

Clinchport, VA
Paul Presley

Kingsport, TN
John C. Pierson
853 Pace Street
Kingsport, TN
Charles Puckett
Route 1
Fort Blackmore, VA
Ronald Puckett
Route 1
Fort Blackmore, VA
J. B. Quillen
Route 2, Independence Drive
Kingsport, TN
L. W. Sallings
Route 1
Fort Blackmore, VA

William Bise
Route 1
Gate City, VA
Eckle Carter
Route 1
Fort Blackmore, VA
Eritt Darnell
Route 1
Fort Blackmore, VA
James V. McDavid
Route 1
Duffield, VA
James Baker
Route 5
Duffield, VA
Milligan Herron
Route 6, Box 142
Gate City, VA
Lonnie Townsend
Route 4
Clinchport, VA
Kenny Hammond
Route 4
Gate City, VA
Lee Knowles
W. Carters Valley
Church Hill, TN
Rufus Hood
Route 3
Clinchport, VA
M.D. Hyatt

Jonesborough, TN
Carl France
Route 1
Gate City, VA
Pat Bishop
Route 1
Duffield, VA
Fred Gillenwater

Gate City, VA

Marvin Winkle
Route 1
Kingsport, TN
Terry Rhoton
Route 1
Fort Blackmore, VA
Willie Jennings
109 Virgil Street
Kingsport, TN
Howard Bowen
Route 5
Duffield, VA
Jimmy Combs
Route 1
Gate City, VA
George Hubbard
2309 Cranshaw Drive
Kingsport, TN
Eckel Herron
Route 4
Gate City, VA

Paul Smith
Route 6
Gate City, VA
Wrightly Lane
Route 1
Gate City, VA
William Bowen
Route 1, Box 54
Duffield, VA
Glen Dockery

Kingsport, TN
Robert Ramey
Route 1, Box 258
Fall Branch, TN
Samuel P. Bowes
Route 4
Clinchport, VA

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

Number of Churches	37
Church Membership	2,200
Number of Sunday Schools	37
Sunday School Membership	2,239
Youth Leagues	16
Youth League Membership	673
Church Members Received	160
Church Members Dismissed	114
Ordained Ministers	97
Ordained Deacons	125
Licenses	6
Pastor's Salaries	\$114,627.71
Evangelistic Work	\$28,627.71
Children's Home	\$9,355.96
Superannuation	\$2,850.50
Home Missions	\$18,448.11
Foreign Missions	\$5,119.41
Literature	\$23,938.83
Building and Repairs	\$185,944.86
Camp Jacob	\$15,034.20
Wise Christian School	\$2,634.54
Value of Church Property	\$2,985,000.00
Amount Enclosed for Fees	\$600.00

Rev. Ramond Baird, Moderator

Rev. Ralph Flanary, Clerk

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Number of Quarterly Meetings	2
Number of Churches	14
Church Membership	1,400
Number of Parsonages	3
Number of Ordained Ministers	37
Number of Licensed Ministers	1
Number of Ordained Deacons	44
Enrollment of Sunday Schools	1,467
Average Attendance of Sunday School (1 Qtrly.)	603
Enrollment of Church Training Service (1 Qtrly.)	95
Average Attendance of Church Training Service (1 Qtrly.)	85
Enrollment of Woman's Auxillaries	153
Average Attendance of Woman's Auxillaries (1 Qtrly.)	47
Enrollment of Master's Men	61
Average Attendance of Master's Men (1 Qtrly.)	30
Mid-week Service Average Attendance (1 Qtrly.)	223
Pastor's Salaries (1 Qtrly.)	\$43,542.32
Evangelistic Work (1 Qtrly.)	\$3,602.08
Building and Repair (1 Qtrly.)	\$56,028.06
Literature (1 Qtrly.)	\$4,766.63
Other (1 Qtrly.)	\$23,217.10
Foreign Missions (1 Qtrly.)	\$1,402.56
Home Missions (1 Qtrly.)	\$1,269.68
FWB Home for Children	\$222.38
Other Education	\$1,076.34
Value of Church Property	\$1,185,000.00
Amount Enclosed for Fees	\$280.00
Food	\$100.00
Total Income of Churches (1 Qtrly.)	\$176,350.25
Number of Churches with Budgets (1 Qtrly.)	2

Rev. David Neitch, Moderator
Donald W. White, Clerk

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Number of Quarterly Meetings	3
Number of Quarterly Meetings Reported	3
Number of Churches	12
Church Membership	562
Number of Sunday Schools	9
Number of Ordained Ministers	27
Number of Licentiates	3
Number of Ordained Deacons	25
Paid Pastors	\$9,796.82
Paid Evangelists	\$3,254.20
Literature	\$2,615.90
Building and Repair	\$14,854.96
Value of Church Property	\$120,600.00
Enclosed for Association	\$150.00

C. A. James, Moderator
Gladys Compton, Clerk

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION ROLE OF MINISTERS

Kyle Ratliff	Gilbert Roten
	Route 2, Box 457
Council, VA	Honaker, VA
Herman Dye	Jim. C. Dye
Swords Creek, VA	Swords Creek, VA
Kelly McCoy	Eddie Hubbard
Richlands, VA	Swords Creek, VA
Edward Hubbard	Jackie Perkins
	Route 1, Box 121
Swords Creek, VA	Vansant, VA
Perry Taylor	Harlan Perkins
Route 1, Box 236	
Honaker, VA	Swords Creek, VA
Charlie Robert Peck	Rhoda Dye
Honaker, VA	Swords Creek, VA
Sylvia Price	Louise Dye
Swords Creek, VA	Swords Creek, VA

Jettie Dye

Swords Creek, VA
James H. Sargent, Jr.

North Tazewell, VA
John W. Cockran
Route 1, Box 40
Bandy, VA
James W. Hutchinson
Box 40
Rosedale, VA
Grey Harris
Route 1, Box 173
Honaker, VA
C. A. James
Route 2, Box 458
Honaker, VA
Randall Ward
Route 2, Box 473
Honaker, VA

Samuel N. Altizer
Route 1
Cedar Bluff, VA
Roger Barnett

Amonate, VA
Randy Elswick
Route 2, Box 107E
Cedar Bluff, VA
George E. Hankins
Route 1
Cedar Bluff, VA
Russell Harris
Route 2
Honaker, VA
Emory James
Route 2
Honaker, VA

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward		\$ 434.96
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Receipts

Southwest Association	\$ 600.00	
Clinch Valley Association	700.00	
John Wheeler Association	380.00	
Tidewater Association	600.00	
Sandy Valley Association	150.00	
Community Free Will Baptist Church	20.00	
	<u>\$2,450.00</u>	\$2,884.96

Disbursements

Printing Checks	\$ 7.26	
Bank Charges	18.00	
Promotional Work	251.90	
Printing Minutes	279.50	
Moderator	25.00	
Clerk	25.00	
Treasurer	25.00	
Food	300.00	
National Dues	940.00	
CTS Awards	185.00	
	<u>\$2,056.66</u>	<u>\$2,056.66</u>

Balance in Treasury		\$ 828.30
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Ralph Flanary, Treasurer

VIRGINIA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS
1985-1986

Beginning Balance	\$3,812.61
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Income

Doran Addition F.W.B.	\$ 240.00	
John S. Overman	105.00	
St. Paul S.S. Class (Gateway)	403.00	
St. Johns S.S. Class (Gateway)	126.00	
Gateway F.W.B. Church	744.97	
Pathfinders Class (Gateway)	75.00	
Earl Jones	10.00	
M. L. Gibbs	5.00	
Loudon Piercy	5.00	
Wilton Dail	1,010.00	
Va. Beach F.W.B.	460.00	
Glamorgan Chapel	40.00	
Glamorgan Woman's Auxillary	225.00	
Hurricane Bethel Church	15.00	
Great Bridge F.W.B.	375.00	
First F.W.B., Roanoke	150.00	
Faith F.W.B., Carrolton	171.98	
Interest on Checking Account	201.84	
Charlottesville F.W.B. (loan payment)	825.00	
	\$5,187.79	\$9,000.40

Expenditures

Moving Expense (Charlottesville)	\$1,000.00	
Salary (Earl Sutton, Charlottesville)	7,650.00	
Bank Service Charge	15.00	
	\$8,665.00	\$8,665.00
Balance		\$ 335.40

VIRGINIA STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Number Districts Reporting	3
Auxillaries	18
Beginning Enrollment	297
New Members	64
Members Lost	54
Present Enrollment	307

Ann Heaberlin, Secretary

WVAC TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1, 1985 - April 26, 1986

Cash Balance on Hand - May 1, 1985 \$ 557.67

Receipts

Designated Contributions:

Co-Laborer Offering	220.66
WNAC Emphasis	181.50
Home for Children, TN	154.00
Memorial Student Loan Fund	60.00
Pre-Easter (Foreign Missions)	200.00
Thanksgiving (Nat'l. Home Missions)	32.00
John Reed	1,016.63
Randy Hill	959.65
Jerry and Janice Banks	179.86
Tim Coats	376.50
Cleo Purcell Retirement	165.00
WNAC Minutes	10.00
Pete Minor	569.10
Lonnie and Anita Sparks	70.76
Home Mission Board	54.96
Ron Calloway	782.34
Larry Inscoe	782.34
Retired Ministers	30.00
Steve Cannon	47.16
Greg Bevin	35.00
Hanna's	256.50
Bill Adkinson	50.00
Mable Willey	15.00

John Murray	59.87	
Christmas Week of Prayer	8.00	
Foreign Missions	20.00	
	<u>\$6,336.83</u>	
Membership (251 @ \$2.00 per member)	502.00	
Convention Offering	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$6,938.83	
Total to be Accounted For		\$7,496.50
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Designated	\$6,336.83	
WNAC Membership (\$1.50 per member)	376.50	
1985 Convention Expenses	150.00	
1985 Children's Home Gift	100.00	
1986 Convention Expenses	<u>196.00</u>	
	\$7,159.33	\$7,159.33
Interest Income		<u>14.36</u>
Balance on Hand - April 25, 1986		<u>\$ 351.55</u>

