

MINUTES OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

JUNE, 1987

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, 1988.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator - Rev. Ronnie Floyd
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Assistant Moderator - Rev. Danny Baer
151 Winston Drive, Williamsburg, Va. 23185
Clerk - Lottie Cardwell
Route 2 Box 88, Saltville, Va. 24370
Assistant Clerk - James Myres
416 Montezuma Drive, Kingsport, Tenn. 37664
Treasurer - Rev. Ralph Flanary
Dungannon, Va. 24245

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Raymond Baird - 1988
Route 4, Jonesville, Va. 24262
Wilton Dail - 1989
1132 New Market Drive, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464
J. D. Kilgore - 1990
Pound, Va. 24279
Terry Beck - 1991
913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk, Va. 23502
Erit Darnell - 1992
Route 1, Box 232, Ft. Blackmore, Va. 24250

HOME MISSION BOARD

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Wilton Dail
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Jeff Crabtree
1019 Gis Nicks Blvd., Roanoke, Va. 24012

C.T.S.

Lars Dorton and Connie Dorton

CHILDREN'S HOME

E. T. Darnell

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jeff Crabtree

49th SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 49th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke on Thursday June 18, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

The session opened with the congregation singing, "When we All Get to Heaven". The singing was led by Danny Baer with Judy Meador at the piano. The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Jeff Crabtree. The response was given by the Clerk, Lottie Cardwell, who then proceeded to introduce the officers, concluding with the Assistant Moderator, Ronnie Floyd, who served in the absence of the elected moderator. Bro. Floyd declared the 49th session in order and proceeded to make his introductory remarks. Prayer was offered by Jack Stallings.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve on the Nominating Committee: Jack Stallings, Danny Gray, and Walter Statzer. He appointed Don Jones, Eritt Darnell, and Danny Baer to serve on the Registration Committee.

Special music was offered by the Roanoke Church Trio, Jeff and Donna Crabtree and Rick Preece singing as the offering was received. John Burgess gave the offertory prayer. The offering was \$69.30.

The congregation sang, "I Am Resolved". Jack Stallings blessed the people with the song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus". The message of the evening was brought by Bro. Dale Burden. Using Scripture from II Chron. 30, he spoke on the text, "Concern for Souls". He commented that a concern for souls demands:

1. That people work together.
2. That people take a firm stand against the world.
3. That people have a faith that is ready for the storm.

He closed the message with a call to the Christian. Altar prayer was led by Bro. Bob Shockey.

Announcements were made concerning the Friday session. The evening service closed with prayer.

FRIDAY SESSION

The Friday morning session opened with the hymn, "Power in the Blood". Reading Scripture from Matthew 28:18-20 Bro. Don Murray gave the devotions.

Standing delegates were seated. The letters from four Associations were read and approved and the delegates were seated.

A letter was received from the Mountain Empire Association requesting membership in the Virginia State Association.

The Executive Board recommended that any decision concerning this letter be postponed until after a delegation of 3 people, elected by the body, meet with the West Wise Quarterly to try to clarify this issue.

Jeff Crabtree moved that this recommendation be received by the body. This was seconded by Jack Stallings and carried. Walter Statzer, John Burgess, and Dale Burden were elected to serve on this committee.

Jeff Crabtree moved that the Association underwrite the expense of this committee. This was seconded by Raymond Baird and carried.

The Moderator called for the reports from the National Association representatives. Ron Murray gave the report for Foreign Mission. Bob Shockey gave the report for the Bible College. A. J. Looper gave a report for the Children's Home as information.

Jim Cox gave the report for the Virginia Home Mission. Jeff Crabtree moved that this report be received. This was seconded by Wilton Dail and carried.

The morning worship service opened with the hymn, "Joy Unspeakable". Prayer was offered by Danny Baer. Bro. Jeff Crabtree brought the message using Scripture from II Chron. 30. He spoke from the topic, "The Effects of Spiritual Growth on the Unsaved World". Prayer of dismissal and thanks for the food was offered by Jim Cox.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with Jack Stallings singing, "The Wayfaring Pilgrim". Don Jones read Psalms 1 for devotions and followed with prayer.

The Women's Auxiliary report was given by Ann Heaberlin as information.

The Executive Board report was received and approved to be voted on individually.

1. We recommend that the clerk mail each individual church clerk and pastor a notice of the State meeting dates one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one voting delegate at the State Meeting.
2. We recommend that:
 - a. The State Constitution and By-laws be revised in accordance with our present needs.
 - b. That it be presented to the Executive Board for approval before it comes to the floor of the Association.
 - c. The body elect someone to revise them this year.
3. Voted on in the morning session.

Raymond Baid moved that Jeff Crabtree revise the Constitution and By-laws. This was seconded by Jack Stallings and carried.

Ralph Flanary gave the Treasurer's report. J. D. Kilgore moved that it be received. This was seconded by Lars Dorton and carried.

The Nominating Committee gave the following report. The body received the report to be voted on individually.

Moderator:	Ronnie Floyd
Assistant Moderator:	Danny Baer
Clerk:	Lottie Cardwell
Assistant Clerk:	James Myres
Treasurer:	Ralph Flanary
Executive Board:	Danny Gray
National Assoc. Board	Jeff Crabtree

All recommendations were elected by the body except Danny Gray. Erritt Darnell was nominated from the floor. The body elected Erritt Darnell to serve a five year term on the Board.

Jeff Crabtree moved that Walter Statzer serve as Treasurer of the HOME Mission Board. This was received by the body.

Lars Dorton and Connie Dorton were elected CTS Directors.

Delegates elected to the National Association were: Beulah Flanary, Juanita Kilgore, and Glenna Slomp. J. D. Kilgore was given the authority to fill any vacancies.

The following names were submitted for the Memorial Prayer:

James Ramey
Billy Morris
Paul Kettleman
Orville O'quin
L. L. Arney

The Memorial Prayer was offered by Lonnie Osborne.

Lonnie Osborne moved that Item 4, from last year's minutes, be taken off the table. This was seconded by Ralph Flanary and carried. Item 4, that each office vacancy be filled by those who attend the State meetings regularly, was received by the body.

Danny Gray moved that the Virginia State Association go on record that we will urge our people not to vote for any elected official that favors the lottery. This was seconded by Lonnie Osborne and carried.

It was noted that 1988 would be the 50th anniversary of the Virginia State Association and we need to acknowledge that in our meeting in 1988.

Danny Baer moved the the Executive Board have the authority to promote and advertise our 50th meeting. This was received by the body.

Lonnie Osborne moved that the speakers for the conference be compensated in the amount of \$20. This was received by the body.

Walter Statzer was elected to serve another term on the Home Mission Board.

Jeff Crabtree moved that the letter from Sandy Valley be received when it arrives. This was received by the body.

Jack Stallings moved that 300 copies of the minutes be printed. This was received by the body.

Minutes were read and received as read.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

The conference closed with prayer by Danny Gray.

Winners in the Church Training Service Competition were:

Sword Drill:

5th grade

6th grade

Debra Naurat

Stephen Beck

Hyde Park

Hyde Park

Bible Memorization

Lindsey Bentley

Mount Olive

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Errit T. Darnell, Sr.
J. D. Kilgore
Eddie Sturgill
Ralph Flanary
Ronald Puckett
David Kilgore
Joe Haas
Jack Stallings
Dan Gray
Jeff Crabtree
Hobert Addington
Elmer Cardwell, Jr.
Paul Presley
Bob Surber

Don Jones
Raymond Baird
Lonnie Osborne
Ronnie Floyd
Walter Statzer
Dale Burden
Terry Beck
Danny Baer
John Burgess
Mike Jordan
Lars Dorton
Jim Cox
David C. Neitch
Willis Osborne

DEACON REGISTRATION

Wilton H. Dail
Shirell Haas
Kyle Sexton
Wallace B. Meade
Grady Dockery

Russel Sanders
W. F. Wright
William Riner
Ambrose Hayes
Clarence Ison

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Sophie Darnell
Merry Osborne
Pauline Wright
Glenna Slemp
Betty McReynolds
Joyce Sexton
Elizabeth Burgess
Mary Ann Presley

Juanita Kilgore
Beulah Flanary
Bonner Eurs
Margie Blevins
Charles Hill, Jr.
Connie Dorton
Gladys Dockery

VISITORS

Donna Crabtree
Clara Dail
Bobbie Sanders
Leslie Cook
Kim Jones
Bob Shockey
Faye Sams
Wilma Stallings
Pansy Munay
Eric Crabtree
Jenny Preece
Barbara Neitch
Jared Meadow
Cathy Schanz
Angie Roberts
Lydia Isor
Suzie Shepherd
Steve Bery

Della Sturgill
Daniel Floyd
Faye Puckett
Saundra Jones
A. J. Looper
Mrs. Joe Haas
Ann Heaberlin
John Munoy
Benjamin Crabtree
Bill Preece
Landon Deel
Hannah River
Judy Meador
Jennifer Schanz
Cheryl Roberts
Ronnie R. Dorton
Clare Roberts
Ronald Coffey

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

No. Churches	38
No. Churches Reporting	38
Total Membership	2295
Members Added	165
Members Lost	104
No. Parsonages	2
No. Full-time Pastors	3
No. Part-time Pastors	35
No. Ordained Ministers	107
No. Licensed	7
No. Ordained Deacons	124
No. of Churches with Day Care	1
No. Churches With Kindergarten	1
Christian Day Schools	1
Combined Sunday School Enrollment	2311
Average Attendance	2251
Combined CTS Enrollment	587
Average Attendance	560
Combined Wnac Enrollment	339
Average Attendance	320
Combined Master's Men Enrollment	9
Average Attendance	7
Total Income of all Churches	\$338,654.79
Value of Church Properety Including Parsonages	\$2,850,000.00

Moderator: Eddie Sturgill, Hall Ave., Wise, Va. 24293 (703) 328-6535
 Clerk: Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, Va. 24245 (703) 467-2161

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

No. Churches	14
Churches With Full-time Pastors	5
Churches With Part-time Pastors	9
Total No. Baptisms	48
Total Members Added	72
Total Members Lost	89
Total Membership	1255
Total Income of Churches	\$170,207.63
No. Churches With a Budget	2
Total No. Parsonages	3
No. Ordained Ministers	32
Licensed Ministers	2
No. Ordained Deacons	41
Sunday School Enrollment	1390
CTS Enrollment	106
Wnac Enrollment	154
Master's Men Enrollment	34
Enclosed For Association	\$380.00

Moderator: Walter Statzer, 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201

Clerk: Donald White, 1762 Pittstown Road, Bristol, Va. 24201

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

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SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Churches belonging to Sandy Valley	11
Church Membership	516
Members Dismissed	10
No. Of Sunday Schools	9
No. Ordained Ministers	24
No. Licentiatees	2
No. Ordained Deacons	25
Paid Pastors	\$1,148.92
Building and Repair	\$18,136.14
Value of Church Property	\$378,528.00
Association Dues	\$150.00

MINISTERS BELONGING TO SANDY VALLEY

Guy Harris, Route 1, Honaker, Va.
 Randall Ward, Route 1, Honaker, Va.
 Donald Harris, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
 Ca Jones, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
 Emory Jones, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
 Gilbert Roten, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
 Kyle Ratcliff, Route A, Council, Va.
 Jackie Perkins, Route 1, Box 121, Vansant, Va.
 Perry Taylor, Route 1, Box 235, Honaker, Va.
 Charles Robert Peck, Route 2, Box 511, Honaker, Va.
 Harlan Perkins, Swords Creek, Va
 Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Sylvia Price, Swords Creek, Va.
 Louise Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Herman Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 J. C. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Eddie Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.
 Edward Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.
 Samuel N. Altizer, Route 1, Cedar Bluff, Va.
 James H. Sargent, Jr., North Tazewell, Va.
 Roger Barnett, Amonate, Va.
 John D. Smith, Route 1, Bandy, Va.
 John W. Cockran, Route 1, Bandy, Va.
 George E. Hankins, Cedar Bluff, Va.

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

No. Quarterly Meetings	3
No. Quarterly Meetings Reporting	3
No. Churches	18
Church Membership	831
Members Received	56
Members Dismissed	4
Members Deceased	6
No. Sunday Schools	17
Sunday School Enrollment	758
No. Auxiliaries	3
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	50
No. Master's Men	1
Master's Men Enrollment	12
No. Ordained Ministers	42
No. Licentiates	1
No. Ordained Deacons	60
Paid Pastors	\$35,028.80
Paid Evangelists	4,805.86
Literature	4,961.47
Charity	9,193.80
Foreign Missions	5,405.65
Home Missions	3,284.52
Children's Home	1,031.25
Building and Repairs	52,883.18
Total Expenditures	117,759.03
No. Parsonages	1
Value of Parsonage	50,000.00
No. Fellowship Halls	2
Value of Fellowship Halls	50,000.00
Enclosed for Association	500.00

Rev. James McDavid, Moderator
James Myres, Clerk

CLINCH VALLEY MINISTERS

Willie Ashworth,	Clinchport, Va.
William Bise,	Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.
Eckle Carter,	Rt. # 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Eritt Darnell, Sr. ,	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Sherman Grace,	216 Packinghouse Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.
Lubert Hammond,	Clinchport, Va.
Rick Kincer,	Rt. 4, Clinchport, Va.
Donald McDavid,	Clinchport, Va.
Paul Presley,	Kingsport, Tenn.
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Charles Puckett,	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Ronald Puckett,	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
J. B. Quillen,	Rt. 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.
L. W. Sallings,	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
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James Mann,	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Nathan Jackson,	Kingsport, Tenn.
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Lee Knowles,	West Carters Valley, Church Hill, Tenn.
Rufus Hood,	Rt. 3, Clinchport, Va.
Echol Herron,	Rt. 4, Gate City, Va.
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William O. Bowen,	P.O. Box 54, Duffield, Va.
Samuel P. Bowen,	Rt. 4, Clinchport, Va.
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TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches belonging to the Association	14
Ordained Ministers	29
Church Membership	2,638
Members Received	121
Average Sunday School Attendance	2,195
CTS Attendance	500
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	142
Master's Men Membership	12
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$3,006,414.00
Total Income of all Churches	\$837,525.21
Annual Dues	\$600.00

Moderator: John Burgess, 1562 Dogwood Road, Powhatan, Va. 23139
 Clerk/Treasurer: Rick Rasberry, 1030 City Park Avenue,
 Portsmouth, Va. 23701

Other Ordained Ministers in the Tidewater Association

Ange, Nate
Dwyer, Danny
Haas, Joe
McCurry, Lewis
Peedin, Pete
Rasberry, Rick
Thomas, Mark
Stallings, Jack V.
Stox, Lorenza
Lovell, William
Hampton, Larry
Burke, Al
Baines, Jay
Riggs, Mark

TREASURER'S REPORT

balance forward \$ 828.30

Receipts

Offering	\$ 69.30	
John Wheeler Assoc.	380.00	
Tidewater Assoc.	600.00	
Southwest Assoc.	600.00	
Clinch Valley Assoc.	500.00	
Indian Creek Church	20.00	
	<u>\$2,169.30</u>	
		\$ 2, 169.30
		<u>\$ 2,2997.60</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing Minutes	\$ 185.20	
Promotional Work	286.15	
Bank Charges	2.07	
Moderator	25.00	
Clerk	25.00	
Treasurer	25.00	
Food	300.00	
Postage for clerk	19.80	
	<u>\$ 568.22</u>	
		\$ 568.22
		<u>\$ 2,429.38</u>

Ralph Flanary, Treasurer

VIRGINIA STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

No. Auxiliaries	18
No. New Members	49
No. Districts	3
Beginning enrollment	317
Members Lost	66
Present Enrollment	300