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OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator	Dale Burden
Assistant Moderator	Eckel Herron
Clerk - 1996	Walter Statzer
Assistant Clerk - 1996	Donald White
Treasurer	Jack Blanton
Assistant Treasurer	Home Mission Treasurer

Executive Board:

J. D. Kilgore 1995
Pound VA 24279

Earl Sutton 1996
805 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23320

E. T. Darnell 1997
Rt. 1 Box 232, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250

Raymond Baird 1998
Rt. 4, Jonesville, VA 24262

Jennings Dotson 1999
416 Winding Way Rd., Bristol, VA 24201

Home Mission Board:

Richard Barnes 1995
734 E. Little Back River Rd., Hampton, VA 23669

Jeff Crabtree 1996
1019 Gus Nicks Blvd., Roanoke, VA 24012

Walter Statzer 1997
238 Meadowcrest Dr., Bristol, VA 24201

Children's Home:

Donald White 1995

National Association Board:

Richard Barnes 1995

Promotional Secretary:

Jeff Crabtree 1995

CTS Representative:

Donna Crabtree 1995

56TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 56th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke on Thursday evening, June 16, 1994, at 7:30 p.m.

The session was opened by singing "Heaven's Jubilee". Prayer was offered by Jack Blanton.

Welcome was extended by the host pastor, Jeff Crabtree. Response was given by the clerk, Walter Statzer, who then introduced the officers of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, concluding with the Moderator, Dale Burden. Brother Burden then called the meeting to order and proceeded with the business. The program was accepted by consent.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Nominating Committee: Donald White (Chairman), Glen Johnson, Jeff Crabtree.

Registration Committee: Raymond Baird (Chairman), Jennings Dotson, John Burgess.

Credentials Committee: Richard Barnes (Chairman), E. T. Darnell, J. D. Kilgore.

Offering was received in the amount of \$92.07. Offertory music was an instrumental presented by Ben Crabtree and Donna Crabtree. Offertory prayer was led by Danny Baer.

The Worship service was opened with the congregation singing "Face To Face". Special music was rendered by Donna Crabtree. Roy Thomas brought a message on the subject of "Back To Our Basic Mission".

Meeting was closed with prayer by Raymond Baird.

The Friday morning session was opened by singing "Love Lifted Me". Lee Statzer conducted the devotions using scripture from John 14:1-6 and concluded with prayer. Moderator's remarks were given by Dale Burden using scripture from Acts 15.

The minutes of 1993 session were read for information.

The report from the Credentials Committee was received and ap-

proved. All Associations (5) belonging to the Virginia State Association reported. Delegates were seated by the Moderator.

The following National Association of Free Will Baptists reports were given and received as information:

- Home Missions by Roy Thomas
- Foreign Missions by Jeff Crabtree & Mirial Gainer
- Randall House by Alton Loveless
- Free Will Baptist Bible College by Bob Shockey
- Executive Office by Melvin Worthington

Other Reports received as information were:

- Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College by Danny Baer
- Greenville Children's Home by Roger Hood
- Virginia State C.T.S. by Jeff Crabtree
- Virginia State Promotional Secretary by Jeff Crabtree
- National General Board Member (VA) by Jeff Crabtree
- Harvest Child Care Ministry by Martha Stone
- General Board Member by Jeff Crabtree
- Camp Jacob by Jack Blanton

Report from the Virginia FWB Home Mission Board along with the Home Mission Treasurer's report were given by Walter Statzer and accepted by vote.

Friday worship service began with the congregation singing "Send The Light". An offering was received in the amount of \$72.15. Offertory prayer was offered by Fred Bates. Special music was offered by Donna Crabtree. A message "Back To Basic Biblical Methods" was delivered by John Reed. Prayer of dismissal and giving thanks for noon meal was led by Dale Burden.

Friday afternoon session was opened with singing "At Calvary".

Devotions were conducted by Tim Blakney using scripture from Phillippians 4:4-7.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was passed to take item concerning certain Constitutional changes, and changes in by-laws off the table.

Following constitutional changes were adopted:

ARTICLE V, SECTION 11, ADD the following after "STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES". When needed, etc.

2. "EXECUTIVE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: The State Association can have at its discretion a Promotional Secretary. If a volunteer, he will be voted in annually. If salaried, he will be employed by the State Association and elected every two (2) years and will work under contract with the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI, 3 from "Executive Committee" to "Executive Board"

BY-LAW CHANGES

ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 and 3 from "Executive Committee" to "Executive Board"

ARTICLE III, SECTION VI, add #7:

The Executive Board will oversee the office of the State Promotional Secretary.

ARTICLE IV: Change from "DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES" To "DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE AND PROMOTIONAL SECRETARIES"

Insert the following (after the article title):

"The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the VA State Association according to the direction of the Executive Board"

Motion was passed to accept the budget of the Virginia State FWB Finance Committee.

Motion passed to remove from table item concerning incorporation of Virginia State Assc. of FWB work.

Motion passed to receive the report of Planning Committee concerning incorporation of Virginia State Assc. of FWB work, deleting the word "creed" from articles of incorporation. (section six)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion passed to receive Registration Committee report. This committee reported 23 ordained ministers, 4 deacons, 13 lay delegates and 37 visitors for a total of 77 registered.

Motion passed to receive Virginia State Assc. of FWB treasurer's report.

Motion passed to adopt State Budget for following year as presented by Jeff Crabtree.

Motion passed to accept Resolutions #1 and #2.

Motion passed for Clerk to send a letter to each District Woman's Auxiliary explaining resolution #2.

The following names were submitted for the memorial prayer: Rev. David Powers, Gary Martin, Sid Shepherd, Carl Perry, Cecil Godwin, Bob Jones, R. C. Doran, William Lester, Lewis McCurry. Memorial prayer was led by Eckel Herron.

Following delegates were elected to the National Meeting in Little Rock Ark.; Henry Hunter, Martha Stone, Glenna Slemp, Roberta Blanton, Ernestine Lester.

Following officers of Va State Assc of FWB were elected:

Moderator	Dale Burden
Asst. Moderator	Eckel Herron
Treasurer	Jack Blanton
Asst. Treasurer	Home Mission Treasurer
Executive Board - 5 years	Jennings Dotson
Home Mission Board - 3 years	Walter Statzer
Promotional Secretary	Jeff Crabtree
C.T.S. Representative	Donna Crabtree
National Association Board 2 years	Richard Barnes
Greenville Children's Home Board 1 year ..	Donald White

Rising vote of thanks given to host church.

Motion passed to receive minutes.

Motion passed to adjourn, closed with prayer by Rachel Rogers.

Moderator: Dale Burden
Clerk: Walter L. Statzer

RESOLUTION #1

Whereas the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists has directed the Fellowship of Encouragement (F.O.E.) not to host any more banquets at the National Association of Free Will Baptists, believing that such meetings are divisive, and

Whereas the F.O.E. has defiantly continued to host such meetings disregarding the directive of the Executive Committee and plans to hold such a banquet again this year.

Be it resolved that the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as condemning the action of the F.O.E., and that we forward a copy of this resolution to our National body encouraging them to do the same.

RESOLUTION #2

Whereas the book "Of Mice and Men" clearly violates Biblical principles of morality and decency, and

Whereas said book was recommended by the WNAC Co Laborer editor, and

Whereas a personal apology has not been forthcoming from either the editor or the Executive Secretary of WNAC,

Be it resolved that our State go on record as condemning the endorsement given to the book, and insisting that personal apologies be made to the National Association by the editor of Co Laborer and the Executive Secretary of WNAC, and that the WNAC members of the State of Virginia be encouraged to with-hold paying their National dues until this matter is resolved.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Don White
Jimmy Combs
Eckel Herron
Walter Statzer
Richard Barnes
Raymond Baird
Howard L. Bass
Jack Blanton
John Burgess
John Reed
Earl Sutton
Thomas Slemp
Dale Burden

Jennings Dotson
Lester Horton
Jimmy Hopson
Lee Statzer
Roy Lester
Jeff Crabtree
Bill Steele
J. D. Kilgore
Bob Breeder
Larry Russell
Eritt Darnell
Fred Bates
Glen Johnson

DEACON REGISTRATION

Maurice Brimer
Kyle Sexton

Gary Slemp
Steve Fahety

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Juanita Kilgore
Margie Blevins
Roberta Blanton
Donna Crabtree
Sophie Darnell
Vida Baird
Doris Duncan

Elsie Herron
Glenna Slemp
JoAnn White
Ernestine Lester
Phyllis Combs
Phyllis Bass

Virginia State Association
Treasurers Report 1993 - 94

Balance Forward	\$ 2192.75
Receipts June 93 May 94	\$ <u>640.36</u>
Total June 94	\$ 2833.11

Expenses

Treasurer's expenses	\$ 27.90	
State Promotional Sec.	\$ 126.63	
Gen. Board Member expense	\$ 490.24	
Printing of Minutes	\$ 630.80	
Incorporation fees	\$ 75.00	
CTS Awards (State)	\$ 39.60	
Executive Board Expenses	\$ <u>762.24</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 2152.41	- \$ 2152.41
Balance		\$ <u>680.70</u>

VA. STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

June 10, 1994

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1993 - 1994

Period covered in this report June 1993 thru May 1994

RECEIPTS:

Gateway Free Will Baptist Church	744.12
John Wheeler (SW Quarterly)	268.17
Pugh Mountain Free Will Baptist Church	400.00
First Free Will Baptist Church (Richmond)	1,395.00
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church	3,245.59
First Free Will Baptist Church (Roanoke)	1,643.12
West Main Free Will Baptist Church	1,200.00
Park Lane Free Will Baptist Church (paid on loan)	1,200.00
Abingdon Bible church (rent on pews returned)	90.00
Total Receipts	10,168.00
Balance June 1, 1993	17,151.46
Total to Account for May 31, 1994	27,337.46
Paid Out June 1, 1993 thru May 31, 1994	11,649.38
Balance as of May 31, 1994	15,688.08

Expenditures June 1, 1993 thru May 31, 1994

(West Main Free Will Baptist Church, Abingdon, Va.)

Pews (Purchased for Abingdon Bible Church)	6,000.00
Church Payments (National Home Missions Board)	4,863.78
Designated Gifts (After January 1994)	400.00
Total For West Main F.W.B.	11,263.78

Checks	9.00
Richard Barnes (Travel Expense)	203.18
First FWB (Roanoke) Newsletter 11-93	75.14
Jeff Crabtree (Travel Expense)	<u>98.28</u>
Total Expenditures	11,649.38

Submitted By
Walter L. Statzer, VA. State Treasurer

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Proposed Expenses June 1993 - May 1994	Expenses
Executive Board Expense	1,500.00
Promotional Secretary	15,000.00
National Association Dues	2,150.00
Moderator	50.00
Clerk	50.00
Treasurer	50.00
Speakers	150.00
Printing Minutes	375.00
Food - First FWB State Meeting	300.00
CTS Awards-State and National,	250.00
National entry fee	
General Board Member Expense to	<u>425.00</u>
December meetings in Nashville	
Total Expense	20,300.00

Projected income - June 1993 - May 1994	
Member Association dues and offerings	5,300.00
State Promotional Office (includes	<u>15,00.00</u>
Wilton Dail offering)	
Total Income	20,300.00

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Executive Committee Report
Planning Meeting 1-25-94
First Free Will Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia

Members present:

Raymond Baird, E.T. Darnell, Jeff Crabtree, Walter Statzer, Jack Blanton, Jennings Dotson, Earl Sutton, Dale Burden, J. D. Kilgore, Jeff Crabtree.

Dale Burden presiding.

Following motions were passed by this committee:

- 1 - To have "Altar Prayer" for meetings at State level.**
- 2 - That Lawrence Taylor be invited to the Virginia State Meeting this year to Minister with his music and an honorarium of \$200.00 be given to him.**
- 3 - That Lester Horton be invited to Preach in the Virginia State Meeting this year and an honorarium of \$100.00 be given him.**
- 4 - CTS competition at the State level will be May 28, 1994 at the First FWB Church in Roanoke at 10:00 am.**
- 5 - That Jennings Dotson return the incorporation papers for the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists to the Attorney for corrections (the work "creed" is to be omitted).**

Walter L. Statzer, Clerk

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Churches	30
Churches - City/Town	5
Churches - Rural	25
Churches reporting	30
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	9
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	21
Members Added	67
Members Lost	93
Total Membership	1531
Value of Church Property	\$2,182,337.00
Ordained Ministers	85
Licensed Ministers	1
Ordained Deacons	94
Sunday School Enrollment.....	1,378
CTS Enrollment	515
WNAC Enrollment	194
Master's Men Enrollment	8
Representation fee	\$1,010.00

Moderator: Rev. Paul Benfield
 P.O. Box 172
 Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
 Clerk: James V. Pochodzay
 P.O. Box 7
 Rose Hill, VA 24281
 Southwest Association Ministers

EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LISTING OF CHURCHES/PASTORS' ADDRESSES

- | | <u>Ordained</u> |
|--|---|
| 1. Beech Grove F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Lawrence Rutherford
Rt. 1
Keokee, VA 24265
<u>(703) 546-3727</u> |
| 2. First F. W. Baptist Church
of Bull Run | Rev. Paul Benfield
P.O. Box 172
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(703) 523-0625 |
| 3. Central F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Jack Blanton
306 Crystal Lane
Wise, VA 24293
(703) 328-8243 |
| 4. Davis Chapel F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Danny Mullins
Rt. 2, Box 495E
Pound, VA 24279
<u>(703) 796-4085</u> |
| 5. Flatwoods F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Fred Carty
P.O. Box 1701
Mount Carmel, TN
(615) |
| 6. Liberty F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Donald Lambert
114 Harding St.
Appalachia, VA 24216
<u>(703) 565-0690</u> |
| 7. Mary's Chapel F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Leslie Ritchie
HCO5 Box 590
Coeburn, VA 24230
(703) 395-6945 |
| 8. First F. W. Baptist Church
of Pennington | Rev. J. D. Kelgore
P.O. Box 1
Pound, VA 24279
(703) 796-4243 |

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|--|---|
| 9. Pine Grove F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Willie Stanley
P.O. Box 714
Pound, VA 24279
Phone Unavailable |
| 10. Pippin's Chapel F. W. Baptist Ch. | Rev. Nolan Stanley
P.O. Box 714
Pound, VA 24279
(703) 796-5603 |
| 11. Ramsey F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Fred Ramey
P.O. Box 165
Norton, VA
(703) 679-0485 |
| 12. First F. W. Baptist Church
St. Paul | Rev. Thomas Slemp
Rt. 3, Box 659
Coeburn, VA 24230
(703) 395-3697 |
| 13. Tacoma F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Cecil McConnell
P.O. Box 564
Coeburn, VA 24230
(703) 395-2940 |

**LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
MINISTERS AS REPORTED ON APRIL 16, 1994**

Hoover Hill F. W. Baptist Church	Rev. Judson Shuler Rte. 1 Box 19 Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9706 (703) 546-1023
	Rev. Bruce Brewer Rte. 2, Box 234 Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Ocoonita F. W. Baptist Church	Rev. Jack B. Cope Rte. 2, Box 117 Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9623 (703) 546-4079
Sigma F. W. Baptist Church	Rev. Paul T. Maness Rte. 1, Box 370 Keokee, VA 24265-9734 (No Phone)
Victory F. W. Baptist Church	Rev. Donald Jones Rte. 2, Box 140 Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9626 (703) 546-4369
Willis Chapel F. W. Baptist Church	Rev. Raymond Baird Rte. 4, Box 270 Jonesville, VA 24263-9229 (703) 346-1244

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	12
Churches - Rural	5
Churches Reporting	10
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	14
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	1
Ordained Ministers	18
Licensed Ministers	4
Ordained Deacons	48
Churches with Day Care Centers	1
Churches with Kindergartens	2
Churches with Christian Day Schools	2
Baptisms	63
Members Added	81
Members Lost	14
Total Membership	1,833
Value of Church Propersy	9,736,214.00
Sunday School Enrollment.....	1,375
CTS Enrollment	200
WNAC Enrollment	140
Master's Men Enrollment	18

Moderator: Larry Russell
8985 Hungary Rd.
Richmond, VA 23294

Clerk: Bill Lovell
1550 Deborah Ln.
Powhatan, VA 23139

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meetings	2
Quarterly Meetings reporting	2
Churches	14
Membership	420
Sunday Schools	8
Ordained Ministers	18
Ordained Deacons	27
Paid Pastors	\$2,997.84
Paid Evangelists	\$3,534.51
Building and Repair	\$10,208.96
Representation Fee	\$300.00

Moderator: Guy Harris

Clerk: Gladys Compton

Sandy Valley Association Ministers

** not
pastoring*

✓ Rev. Guy Harris, Vinea Chapel Church, Rt 1, Honaker, VA 24260

✓ Rev. Donald Harris, Vinea Chapel Church, Rt 2, Honaker, VA 24260

Rev. Kyle Ratliff, Tiller Town Church, Council, VA 24260

✓ Rev. Avis Ratliff, Tiller Town Church, Heltons Chapel Church, Davenport, VA 24239

✓ Rev. Emory James, Heltons Chapel Church, Rt 2, Honaker, VA 24260

✓ Rev. Jackie Perkins, Gents Chapel Church, Vansant, VA

✓ Rev. Perry Taylor, Vinea Chapel Church, Rt. 1, Honaker, VA 24260

✓ Rev. Earl Reynolds, Heltons Chapel Church, Rowe, VA 24648

✓ Rev. Charlie Peck, Gents Chapel Church, Rt 1, Honaker, VA 24260

✓ Rev. Burk Hess, Gents Chapel Church

Rev. Gilbert Roten, Heltons Chapel Church

Tazewell County

Rev. Samuel N. Altizer, Bandy Free Will Baptist, Bandy, VA 24802

Rev. Roger Barnett, Amonate Free Will Baptist, Amonate, VA 24601

Rev. John Cochran, Lake Park Free Will Baptist, Richlands, VA 24641

**Rev. Ed Hankins, Yost Chapel Free Will Baptist, Cedar Bluff, VA
24809**

✓ **Rev. Russell Honaker, Amonate Free Will Baptist**

Rev. Jess Crouse, Linkous Chapel Free Will Baptist

✓ **Rev. Danny Starling, Bandy Free Will Baptist, Cedar Bluff, VA 24809**

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	4
Churches - Rural	11
Churches Reporting	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	6
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	9
Baptisms	34
Members added	136
Members lost	23
Total Membership	1300
Total Income	\$423,614.72
Churches with Budgets	7
Churches with Parsonages	3
Value of Church Property	\$1,745,000.00
Ordained Ministers	28
Licensed Ministers	4
Ordained Deacons	49
Sunday School Enrollment	1009
CTS Enrollment	192
WNAC Enrollment	137
Master's Men Enrollment	41
Representation Fee	525.00

Moderator: Walter L. Statzer
238 Meadowcrest Dr.
Bristol, VA 24201

Clerk: Donald White
1762 Pittstown Rd.
Bristol, VA 24201

John Wheeler Association Ministers

Rev. Mike Abel
393 Sinking Springs Road ext.
Bristol, TN 37620
Phone # 878-6385
Church: Friendship

Rev. Roger Ball
1026 Rich Valley Road
Bristol, VA 24201
Phone # 466-2806
Church: Shiloh

Rev. Johnny Burton
416 Broyles Lane
Bristol, TN 37620
Phone # 878-2891
Church: Cornerstone

Rev. Howard Campbell
1097 Bristol Caverns Rd.
Bristol, TN 37620
Phone # 878-3953
Church: Rooty Branch

Rev. Roger Carter
835 VI Ranch Road
Bristol, TN 37620
Phone # 878-6913
Church: Landmark Mission

Rev. Bob Collins
Rt. 2; Box 651
Saltville, VA 24370
703-496-4330

Rev. Jeff Crabtree
1019 Gus W. Nicks Blvd. N.E.
Roanoke, VA 24012
703-344-7379

Rev. Jennings Dotson
410 Winding Way Road
Bristol, VA 24201
Phone # 466-2893
Church: Cornerstone

Rev. Eddie Foster
Rt. 1; Box 241
Marion, VA 24354
703-783-8642

Rev. Kyle French
Box 87
Chilhowie, VA 24319
703-646-3824

Rev. Scott A. Greene
Rt. 8; Box 606; Apt. 9
Johnson City, TN 37601
615-926-5159

Rev. Jimmy Hopson
Rt. 4; Box 202
Sparta, NC 28675
919-372-8855

Rev. David Neitch
Rt. 5, Box 5448
Marion, VA 24354
703-783-2926

Rev. Willis Osborne
Rt. 3; Box 364
Saltville, VA 24370
703-496-7017

Rev. Tim R. Rouse
622 Henson Road
Bristol, TN 37620
Phone # 878-7218
Church: Rooty Branch

Rev. Gary Michael Rowlette
1693 Paperville Road
Bristol, TN 37620
Phone # 878-7153
Church: Friendship

Rev. Marty Sheldon

Rev. Sam Slomp

Rev. C. F. "Jack" Sprinkle

310 Oak Lawn Dr.

Bristol, VA 24201

Phone # 669-9570

Church: East Bristol

Rev. Walter L. Statzer

238 Meadowcrest Dr.

Bristol, VA 24201

Phone # 669-1805

Church: Shiloh

Rev. Lee Statzer

Box 126-D; Rt. 1

Damascus, VA 24236

Rev. Bob Surber

Rt. 2; Box 539

Meadowview, VA 24361

703-944-5412

Rev. Tim Surber

Rt. 2

Saltville, VA 24370

703-496-3339

Rev. Jimmy Taylor

Rt. 2

Saltville, VA 24370

703-496-5423

Rev. James White II

1321 Newhampshire Ave.

Bristol, VA 24201

Phone # 669-8577

Church: East Bristol

Rev. Donald White

1762 Pittstown Road

Bristol, VA 24201

Phone # 669-3604

Church: Shiloh

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Churches	19
Churches - City	0
Churches - Rural	19
Churches Reporting	19
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	1
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	18
Baptisms	42
Members added	106
Members lost	31
Total Membership	1048
Total Income	\$112,446.87
Churches with Parsonages	1
Value of Church Property	\$1,957,159.00
Ordained Ministers	50
Licensed Ministers	3
Ordained Deacons	63
Sunday School Enrollment	911
CTS Enrollment	80
WNAC Enrollment	20
Representation Fee	\$800.00

Moderator: Jimmie Combs
Rt 1, Box 424
Gate City, VA 24251

Clerk: Erritt Darnell
Rt 1 Box 1265
Fort Blackmore, VA 24250

Clinch Valley Association Ministers

Midway Quarterly Conference Ordained Ministers

Rev. Ronald Prickett, Route #1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250

Rev. Charles Puckett, Route #1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250

Rev. Joe Greer, Rt. #1, Coeburn, VA

Rev. James Mann, Dungannon, VA 24245

Rev. Steve McNew, Rt. #1, Dungannon, VA 24245

Danny Keith McNew, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250

John Henry, Gate City, VA 24251

Terry Rhoton, Rt. #1, Fr. Blackmore, VA 24250

Fletcher Fraysier, Rt. #1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250

Willie Ashworth, Rt 4, Clinchport, VA 24244

Lubert Hammonds, Rt 4, Clinchport, VA 24244

Marvin Winkle, Kingsport, Tenn. 37660

Nathan Jackson, Kingsport, Tenn. 37660

Glen Dockery, 1080 Oak Dr. Circle, Kingsport, Tenn. 37660

Sam Hileman, Castlewood, VA

Sam Bowen, Duffield, VA 24244

Donald McDavid, Clinchport, VA 24244

Hugh Arrington, Church Hill, Tenn. 37642

Paul Presley, 203 Patterson Road, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660

L. W. Sallings, Rt. #1, Ft. Balckmore, VA 24250

Ertt T. Darnell, Rt. #1, Fr. Balckmore, VA 24250

J. B. Quillen, 109 Independence Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660

Licensees

Mike Gilliam, Rt. #3, Clinchport, VA 24244

Sunbright Quarterly
Ordained Ministers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. #'s</u>
Eckel Herron,	Rt. 4, Box 479, Gate City, VA 24251,	703-386-7562

[Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, VA 24251

[Joe Roberts, Rt 4, Clinchport, VA 24244, 703-940-2859

[Matthew Bishop, Rt 4, Box 331A, Duffield, VA 24244, 703-940-4032

[Daryl Hurd, Rt 2, Box 1A, Clinchport, VA 24244, 703-940-2709

[Bobby Rhoton, Rt 3, Box 288, Clinchport, VA 24244, 703-940-2280

[Timothy Rhoton, Rt 1, Box 288, Clinchport, VA 24244, 703-940-2280

[James Baker, Rt 5, Box 286, Duffield, VA 24244, 703-431-2722

[Howard Bowen, Rt 5, Box 255, Duffield, VA 24244

[William O. Bowen, P.O. Box 54, Duffield, VA 24244, 703-431-2533

[George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Dr., Kingsport, TN, 615-247-3508

Lonnie Townsend, Rt 4, Box 274-A, Clinchport, VA 24244, 703-431-4182

[Lee L. Knowles, West Carters Valley, Church Hill, Tenn. 37642, 615-357-7488

Milligan Herron, Rt 6, Box 142, Gate City, VA 24241, 703-452-4640

Paul Smith, Rt 6, Box 138, Gate City, VA 24241, 703-452-2215

Vernon McDavid, Rt 5, Box 184, Duffield, VA 24244

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CONSTITUTION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

(Adopted June 16, 1989)

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 By-laws for the government of the State Association of Virginia and upon its adoption void any previous rulings, customs, practices or patterns heretofore followed.

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 to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this world by all of our churches.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1

MEMBERSHIP

This State Association shall be comprised of those Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Associations who are in total agreement with the doctrines and system of church government of the Free Will Baptists as stated in the most current Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists, and who are in agreement with the declarations of this Constitution.

This Virginia State Association shall itself be a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and shall support all phases of the denomination's work as much as possible. This membership is voluntary, submits to no veto or dictatorial power, and can be discontinued at any time.

SECTION II

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Any organized Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Association desiring to unite with this association, which maintains gospel order and agrees with the position stated herein concerning doctrine and church government, which is in favor of our evangelistic enterprises as

stated in the final two paragraphs of our Free Will Baptist church covenant, may be received into this Virginia State Association in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Treatise, Part IV, Chapter III, Section V, A3, D, & E.).

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

A. Standing delegates:

1. "All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing belonging to the Virginia State Association upon registration become members in full standing and constitute the standing delegation of the Association." (Proposed 1965)

2. All duly elected officers and members of standing committees or boards of this association.

B. Elected delegates; Each association within the state shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local association (1981) and two (2) additional delegates for each quarterly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting (1989). Also, each local church shall be allowed one (1) delegate (1989) 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 I

- A. **OFFICERS:** The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and five member Executive Board.
- B. **OFFICERS' ELECTIONS:** The Moderator shall appoint a Nomination 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 (elected on leap year) or during good behavior, and the executive board which shall be elected according to a five (5) year rotation.

SECTION II

A. STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES: When needed, the state executive secretaries of department work shall be as follows: foreign missions, home missions, young people's work, Sunday Schools, and education, and shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

B. PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: The State Association can have at its discretion a Promotional Secretary. If a volunteer, he will be voted in annually. If salaried, he will be employed by the State Association and elected every two (2) years and will work under contract with the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. **Business Session:** This State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be at 7:30 P.M. on the Thursday before the third (3rd) 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 at least one (1) month prior to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting.
2. This State Association will sponsor a Bible Conference on the Thursday of the conference meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.
3. Adjourned sessions may be called by the moderator or the Executive Board when conditions demand.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: 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) majority vote of those members present and voting at any regular session; provided specific notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

BRINGING THE SESSION TO ORDER: Each session will begin with prayer and congregational singing. After the welcome address and response by the clerk, the clerk will introduce the officers concluding with the Moderator. The Moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, will then declare the session to be in order for business. If a quorum is present, he shall then proceed with the business. ("The quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called." Robert's Rules of Order Revised, 1971.)

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES: 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. Letters and fees will be accepted from district associations with or without delegates (1965).

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I MODERATOR

1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call each session to order for business and to preside over all business sessions of this State Association.
2. He shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session as mentioned in Article V, Section 1B of the Constitution.
3. He shall appoint a credentials committee at the beginning of each session.
4. He is to see that all business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition).
5. He is to maintain proper Christian order and not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
6. He is to preside over any special called meeting between sessions whether called by himself or the Executive Board.
7. He shall seat the delegates in a body in a designated section

of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

8. He is to promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
9. He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.

SECTION II ASSISTANT MODERATOR

He will help the moderator perform the duties inherent to that office and in the absence of the moderator will perform all of the duties of the elected moderator.

SECTION III CLERK

1. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep clear, concise, accurate records of all proceedings of this body whether in special session or regular session.
2. The clerk is to compile the letters sent from member Yearly (or District) Associations so as to be sent to the National Association.
3. The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
4. The clerk will introduce the officers of this State Association at the beginning of each session.
5. The clerk is to mail each individual church clerk, pastor and association clerk a notice of the State meeting dates one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one (1) delegate at the State Meeting. (1986 & 1987)
6. The clerk will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Meeting programs and will keep records of these meetings.

SECTION IV ASSISTANT CLERK

The assistant clerk will help the clerk perform the duties inherent to that position and in the absence of the clerk will perform the complete duties of the elected clerk.

SECTION V TREASURER

1. The treasurer will receive and accurately record all money received by this State Association.
2. The treasurer will pay all dues and expenses of this association.
3. The treasurer will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Association programs.

SECTION VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The 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.
2. This 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.
3. This board shall consider whatever business placed upon it, or referred to it by this association or its membership.
4. This board shall promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
5. This board will plan each Bible Conference and State Association meeting (1986) along with the Moderator and Clerk.
6. This board will set the place for the State CTS competition each year (1988).
7. The Executive Board will oversee the office of the State Promotional Secretary.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE AND PROMOTIONAL SECRETARIES

The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association according to the direction of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The credentials committee will examine all letters to the State Association and the credentials of the various delegates. The committee shall make recommendations to the Association concerning the seating of delegates.

ARTICLE VI

Denominational Enterprises: 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 VII STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

1. This State Home Mission Board shall be comprised of three (3) members elected on a rotating basis yearly.
2. The treasurer of the Home Mission Board will be a member of the Board.
3. This board will promote home mission work in this state.
4. This board will have its own constitution and By-laws detailing its own responsibilities under the direction and authority of this Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII

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 IX RULES OF ORDER

1. Everything will be done in decency and in order. (1 Cor. 14:40)
2. This body will be governed as stipulated in the most current Treatise of the Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this Constitution and By-Laws.
3. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition) shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or the special rules of order of this society.
4. The moderator's rulings will stand unless challenged, seconded and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
5. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.
6. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of all 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.
8. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
9. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
10. 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.
11. The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
12. 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 X AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting at any regular session providing notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

STANDING RULES

1. The Association will pay the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer \$50.00 per year. (1989)
2. Representatives on the National Boards are to be active at the state level. (1974)
3. The moderator cannot succeed himself more than one year. (1976)
4. The State Association will pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition. (1976)
5. The Association will meet in Roanoke each year. (1983)
6. Office vacancies are to be filled by those who attend the State meetings regularly. (1987)
7. Each member Yearly (or District) Association is to send \$35.00 per church in its association to this State Association for National dues, plus an offering to help defray the expenses of this associational meeting and the printing of the minutes. (1993)
8. The State's recommendation to the National Association concerning who will serve as a General Board member of the National Association will be made and sent with the state report to the National on the even calendar years.
9. Speakers will be given a \$20.00 honorarium.
10. These Standing Rules can be changed in any fashion at any regular session by a simple majority vote.



