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OFFICERS ELECTED - 2002

Moderator (2003)	Dave Nobles
Assistant Moderator (2003)	Marty Puckett
Clerk (2004)	Vergel A. Maness
Assistant Clerk (2006)	Wayne Perry
Treasurer (2003)	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer (2003) Home Missions Board Treasurer	David Reece

Executive Board:

Don Jones	2003
David Reece	2004
Dave Nobles	2005
Fred Bates	2006
Roger Bevins	2007

Home Mission Board:

Jerry Grey	2003
David Reece	2004
Jack Blanton	2005
Richard Barnes	2006
David Neitch	2007

Children's Home:

Jo Ann White	2004
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson	2003
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Promotional Secretary:

Paul Collins	2004
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CTS Representative:

Contact the State Promotional Secretary

..... Paul Collins (540) 434-5734

THE 64TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS:

The 64th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Esserville Free Will Baptist Church, Norton, Virginia on Thursday, June 13, 2002.

The official services of Virginia State Association were preceded Thursday morning and afternoon by worship services on the adopted theme of **"In Times Like These."**

Rev. Gary Hill, Rev. Glen Jones, and Rev. Bob Surber preached during these services and presented their assigned subject well. Good spiritual services were experienced.

THURSDAY SESSION JUNE 13, 2002:

The official opening ceremony of the Virginia State Association began at 7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened by the State Clerk introducing the State Officers and presenting the Moderator as per the Constitution and By Laws. "Power in the Blood" was sung by the congregation, lead by Bro. Bob Ketron. He and his wife were in charge of the congregational singing during the 64th session and did a great job during the entire meeting.

Bro. James Kilgore gave the opening prayer and Bro. Wayne Perry sang the special music.

The Moderator remarks were presented by Rev. Dave Nobles who spoke concerning our challenge to "Take the Bible Truths to the World."

Appointment of Committees:

Nominating Committee:

Glen Jones - Chairman

Rick Gatton

Don Hellms

Registration and

Credentials Committee:

Jack Blanton - Chairman

Wayne Perry

Marty Puckett

Old business was called for by the Moderator and a motion to change the dates of the Virginia State Association meeting, Article VI, was introduced. A motion was carried to "**Table the Motion**" for review and discussion during the next session on Friday.

Following a short adjournment, the services were called to worship by singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There" lead by Bro. and Sis. Ketron. An offering of \$144.76 was received. The Victory Ladies Trio from Victory Free Will Baptist Church from Pennington Gap and the Munsey family from Tennessee sang several spiritual songs of worship. The theme of "**In Times Like These...We Need to Count the Cost of Serving**" was continued by Rev. Lonnie Salyers. He read from Matthew 24:37 and Luke 14:25-35. An altar call was presented and several came for a time of prayer.

Announcements were made followed by prayer of dismissal.

FRIDAY SESSION JUNE 14, 2002

Opening song was lead by Bro. Ketron, "Just Over In Glory Land." Opening prayer by was lead by the Moderator. The host pastor, Rev. Jimmy Smith, welcomed us. Special songs, "I'm a Winner Either Way" and "The Lighthouse" were presented by Sis. Cindy Dingus. The theme for this 64th session

was continued **"In Times Like These...We Need to Concentrate on Our Cause"** by Rev. Jay Summerlin reading from 1 Samuel 17:29 and Luke 2:41-52.

The Moderator called the meeting to order for business. Reading of the 63rd session by the Clerk was called for. A motion was carried to approve the reading.

Rev. Gary Hill presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was carried to approve the report.

The National General Board Member's Report by Rev. Glen Johnson was given and approved.

The Credentials Committee Report was called for and presented by Rev. Jack Blanton. A motion was carried to receive the report and seat the delegates. Standing Delegates were seated, followed by all delegates being seated as read and presented by the letters from the various Conferences, Quarterly Meetings, Associations, and local Churches.

Credentials Report

District Association	Number of Churches	Fees Required (\$75.00/church)	Fees Presented	Variance
Central*	3	\$ 225.00*	\$ 0.00	-\$225.00*
Clinch Valley	11	\$ 825.00	\$ 900.00	+\$75.00
Harmony	4	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	+\$50.00
John Wheeler	14	\$1050.00	\$1050.00	0
Northern	15	\$1125.00	\$1125.00	0
Sandy Valley	3	\$ 225.00	\$ 275.00	+\$50.00
Southwest	26	\$1950.00	\$1950.00	0
Tidewater	17	\$1275.00	\$1275.00	0
		\$6975.00	\$6925.00	-\$50.00

Credentials Report

Title	Thur	Fri	Total
Minsters & Deacons	52	10	62
Delegates	49	6	55
Visitors	16	5	21
	16	5	21

*Received in September
\$225.00 Central Va. Assoc.

Registered both days

Visitors from outside the State were recognized and welcomed to the Virginia State Association meeting. Several responded including several from the National Association Offices.

A brief adjournment was given. The session was called back to the auditorium by the Southeastern Free Will Baptist College Quartet with several songs. The Moderator introduced Rev. Wayne Perry to preach from James 1:19-27 developing the theme **"In Times Like These...We Need To Check Our Character."**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION JUNE 14, 2002:

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" lead by Bro. Ketron and pianist, Sis. Ketron. Rev. Jerry Gray gave opening prayer. The Moderator introduced and presented Rev. David Neitch to preach the message from the theme **"In Times Like These...We Need Convictions."** Rev. Neitch read from Genesis 3:7-12 and presented a fine message.

Reports from various Boards, Departments, and Committees:

Minutes from the January 2002 Planning Meeting and the June 13th Executive Board meeting was called by the Moderator. The Minutes were read and recommendations were dealt with item by item.

February 18th 2002 Executive Board Minutes:

The meeting was held in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va.

Present were: **Moderator:** Dave Nobles; **Board Members:** Hal Jones & David Reece; **State Promotional Secretary:** Paul Collins; **Treasurer:** Gary

Hill; Former State Clerk: Donald White; Present State Clerk: Vergel A. Maness.

The meeting was opened by prayer and devotion by the Moderator. Bro. Nobles read John 18:5-6 and commented on the power of "I AM" as reflected in the passage and reminded us of the title given in Exodus 3:14 when Moses was called to serve in the Lord's will and work. We were challenged to do the will and work of the LORD in that power.

Special prayer requests were shared and a special time was given to prayer.

Guest speakers for the program at the Virginia State Meeting June 13th & 14th 2002 were discussed. Following a lengthy process of discussion, those names considered were adopted.

Several themes were discussed. It was generally agreed upon that the Moderator would have a good understanding of possible themes and given the responsibility to make the final choice for the Virginia State Meeting 2002 and assigning each topic to the chosen speaker for the various services.

Discussion as to a change in the dates for the Virginia State Association as directed by the minutes of the 2001 session. The Pigeon Forge Tennessee meetings are held at nearly the same time frame as the Virginia State Meetings and several have noted the difficulty in attending both. Several alternatives were discussed and will be presented to the State Meeting in June 2002 as directed by the minutes of the 2001 session.

The next meeting is to be on Thursday, June 13th during the State Meeting.

Adjournment by prayer.

June 13th Executive Board Minutes:

Recommendations to the body:

Recommended: Change the dates for the Virginia State Association to the "the Thursday before the third (3rd) Sunday in June" to the Monday after the third Sunday in June."

Recommended: The 65th Session of the Virginia State Association will be held at the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va. on June 16-17, 2003, based on their kind invitation.

Recommended: Blank forms to be filled out for the State Association Meeting should be sent to each Local Association by the State Clerk at least thirty (30) days before the State Meeting.

Recommended: A need to rewrite the Virginia State Constitution and By Laws. It was suggested a committee be appointed. It was further recommended that the Executive Board be given oversight of that Committee. Any suggestions for changes are to be submitted in writing.

A motion was carried that the rewriting of the State Constitution came to be under the directive of the Executive Committee for consideration and be brought back to the 65th Session in 2003.

A memorial prayer of the following names was presented:

Burchell "Birch" Cowden	Lee Greene
Jim Price	Florence Dever
Daniel Merkh	Charlie McCracken
Gwen DeLyn Pierson	Emory & Nancy Powers
Jake Aquino	Jerry Vaughn
Henry Kincer	Jim Neitch
Jim Kerr	Lawrence Honeycutt
Earnest Tritt	Earl Ely

Reports were received from the following:

Virginia State Promotional Secretary Paul Collins
Virginia State Mission Board Richard Barnes

1. Rev. Paul McKissick was introduced as the New State Missionary for the Spotsylvania Va. Area.
2. Bro. Paul Collins reported on the new property they are trying to purchase and other interests of his mission work in Harrisonburg, Va.

Camp Jacobs Report Tim Elkins
Harvest Child-Care Ministries Martha Stone
Family Ministries Greenville, TN James Kilgore
National Home Missions Board Report Paul Collins
Randall House Publications Ron Hunter
National Master's Men Ken Akins
National Board of Retirement Ray Lewis
National Foreign Mission Board ... Steve Lytle & Robert Bryan
Free Will Baptist Bible College Matt Pinson

All reports were received and adopted as information.

Old Business:

The motion to change the Virginia State Meeting dates was "Removed from the Table." The motion concerning the change of dates was discussed. Following a lengthy discussion of various conflicting dates, the motion was "Tabled Indefinitely."

New Business:

The concern of using the NIV Bible and its use during the National Association and Virginia State Association meetings was discussed. The body made no recommendation.

The Clerk gave the Nomination Committee Report:

Moderator	Dave Nobles
Assistant Moderator	Marty Puckett
Clerk	Vergel A. Maness
Assistant Clerk	Wayne Perry
Treasurer	Gary Hill
Executive Board Member	Roger Bevins
Home Mission Board	David Neitch
National Association General Board	Glen Johnson
Promotional Secretary	Paul Collins

All nominees were elected to the offices for which they were nominated.

Individuals who could serve as National Representatives from the Virginia State Association were discussed. The Moderator was given authority to appoint representatives as required during the National Association Meeting, as they were available. The motion was carried.

Minutes for the State Meeting was read by the Clerk:
Motion was carried to accept the minutes as read.

A rising vote of "Thanks and Appreciation" was given to the Host Church, Esserville Free Will Baptist and Pastor Jimmy Smith.

A vote to adjourn was carried by a standing vote. Dismissed by prayer.

ROLL CALL SUNDAY VA. TOP 20

1.	Gateway	1642
2.	Virginia Beach	512
3.	Shiloh (Bristol)	319
4.	Good News	318
5.	Stafford	308
6.	Great Bridge	303
7.	Esserville	285
8.	Heritage (Fredericksburg)	252
9.	Mt. Olive	225
10.	Yorkshire	209
11.	Bethel (Woodbridge)	205
12.	Hyde Park	201
13.	Rooty Branch	175
14.	Providence	174
15.	Unity	165
16.	Cornerstone	165
17.	Bethany	159
18.	Adwolfe	763
19.	Mary's Chapel	150
20.	First FWB (Richmond)	148
Total Va. Attendance		10,065
Total Decisions		130
Total Visitors		147

**COMPLICATION OF VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
REPORTS FROM ASSOC. TO STATE**

June 13, 14 2002

Clerk Vergel A. Maness

A. Church Characteristics		
1. Total # Assoc.	8	
2. Total # Assoc. Reporting	8	
3. Total Churches	93	
4. Total Churches Rep.	93	
5. Total Ch. In city/town	26	
Rural	67	
6. Total Churches with:		
full-time pastors	43	
Bi-vocational	50	
B. Membership Information		
1. Total # Baptisms	146	
2. Total Members added	225	
3. Total Members lost	156	
4. Total members	5679	
C. Stewardship Information		
1. Total Income all Churches	\$ 540,529.50*	
2. Total Churches with Budgets	12*	
D. Building Information		
1. Total # Churches with Parsonages	11*	
2. Total Value of Church Property	\$16,103,669.54*	
E. General Information		
1. Total # Ministers'		
Ordained	188	
Licensed	31	
2. Total # Ordain Deacons	238	
3. Total # Churches with:		
Daycare	1	
Kindergarten	1	
Bible Institutes	1	

	Colleges	0
4. Total S.S. Enrollment		3683
5. Total C.T.S. enrollment		502*
6. Total WNAC enrollment		539
7. Total Master's Men enrollment		169

Delegates elected: 1. Marion Reece 2. Venda King

*** All Churches did not report to their Association on these items.**

Virginia State Missions Financial Report

		Interest Year to Date	<u>264.39</u>
Beginning Balance	\$7,986.63		\$15,642.69
Total Deposits	<u>7,641.11</u>		
	\$15,627.74	General Fund	\$7,075.00
		Christmas - Paul Collins	-500.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,000.00	National	<u>-500.00</u>
			\$6,075.00
Balance	\$74,627.74		
CD	\$75,049.56	Paul Collins Land Fund	\$2,870.51
Interest 2001	<u>981.74</u>	Paul Collins General Fund	4,394.73
	\$16031.30	Virginia State Association	500.00
		Joint Mission Project N. Va	<u>787.50</u>
			\$14,627.74
Transferred to Collins	<u>653.00</u>		
Land Fund	\$15,378.30		

Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists Treasurers Report

May 31, 2001 - May 31, 2002

Balance Sheet As of 5/28/02

Account	5/28/01 Balance	12/31/01 Balance	5/28/02 Balance
ASSETS			
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Va. Assoc. Free Will Baptist	3,915.21	3,923.90	3,787.18
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	3,915.21	3,923.90	3,787.18
TOTAL ASSETS	3,915.21	3,923.90	3,787.18
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EQUITY	3,915.21	3,923.90	3,787.18

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,915.21	3,923.90	3,787.18
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Income/Expense
5/29/01 Through 5/28/02

Category Description	5/29/01 - 5/28/02
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INCOME

Clinch Valley	825.00
First FWB Richmond	578.85
Harmony	375.00
John Wheeler	975.00
Northern Va.	1,100.00
Offering	153.00
Sandy Valley	275.00
Southwest Va Fees	2,100.00
Stafford FWB	150.00
Tidewater	1,275.00
Yorkshire FWB	400.00

TOTAL INCOME	8,206.85
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EXPENSES

Uncategorized	0.00
Corp. Fee	25.00
Dues and Subscriptions	4,600.00
Executive Mtg Exp.	849.42
Misc	33.00
Missions	400.00
Moderator	50.00
Printing and Reproduction	1,065.09
Promo Office Reim.	592.37
Promo Salary	500.00
Secretary	50.00
Speaker	120.00
Treasurer	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	8,334.88
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OVERALL TOTAL	-128.03
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CENTRAL VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	3
Total number of churches in city/town	1
Total number of churches rural	2
Total number of churches reporting	3
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	3
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	0
Total Baptisms	2
Total members added	10
Total members lost	2
Total membership	147
Total income of all churches	NR
Total number of churches with budgets	3
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property	\$991,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	4
Total number of licensed ministers	0
Total number of ordained deacons	4
Total number of churches with Day Cares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day Schools	0
Total number of churches with Bible institutes	0
Total number of churches with colleges	0
Sunday School enrollment	102
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	18
Total Master's Men enrollment	0
Number of district association minutes requested	0
Number of state association minutes requested	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$0.00

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Clerk: Brenda Burks
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 Big Island, VA 24526
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CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	11
Total number of churches in city/town	0
Total number of churches rural	11
Total number of churches reporTNg	11
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	1
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	10
Total Baptisms	8
Total members added	22
Total members lost	25
Total membership	464
Total income of all churches	\$41,895.72
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,274,169.54
Total number of ordained ministers	30
Total number of licensed ministers	6
Total number of ordained deacons	27
Sunday School enrollment	479
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	0
Total Master's Men enrollment	0
Number of state association minutes requested	50
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$825.00

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MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING MINISTERS

Willie Ashworth	Rt. 4 Box 61, Clinchport, VA 24244	(276) 940-2179
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Ray Frazier,	Rt. 4 Box 196-J, Duffield, VA 24244	(276) 995-2685
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Bobby Rhoten,	Rt. 3 Box 280-A, Duffield, VA 24244	(276) 940-2280
Tim Rhoton,	Rt. 4 Box 243-G, Duffield, VA 24244	(276) 431-4727
Paul Smith,	Rt. 6 Box 138, Gate City, VA 24251	(276) 452-2215
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CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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Valley View FWB Church Dungannon, VA 24245
Pastor L.W. Salling, Rt. 1, Box 290 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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Pastor Jerry McNew, Jr., Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250
Mabe's Chapel FWB Church Rt. 4 Duffield, VA 24244
Pastor Joe Townsend, Rt. 4 Box 326-A, Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 431-2331
Natural Tunnel FWB Church Rt. 3, Duffield, VA 24244
Pastor Fred Gillenwater, Rt. 1 Box 1506 Ft. Blackmore VA 24250 (276) 940-4499
Red Hill FWB Church Rt. 6, Gate City, VA 24251
Pastor Vernon McDavid, Rt. 4 Box 185, Duffield, VA 24244
Tipton's Chapel FWB Church Rt. 1, Gate City, VA 24251
Pastor M.D. Hyatt 183 Hilcrest Circle, Jonesborough, TN
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HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Churches	4
Churches - City/Town	0
Churches - Rural	4
Churches Reporting	5
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	0
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	4
Number Baptisms	2
Members Added	23
Members Lost	17
Total Membership	251
Total Income of Churches	\$51,646.64
Churches with Budgets	0
Ordained Ministers	13
Licensed Ministers	0
Ordained Deacons	18
Churches with Day Care Centers	0
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools	0
Churches with Bible Institutes	0
Churches with colleges	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Value of Church Property	\$ 425,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	275
CTS Enrollment	60
WNAC Enrollment	60
Master's Men Enrollment	0
Number of District Association Minutes Requested	0
Number of State Association Minutes Requested	20
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed	\$350.00

Moderator: Terry Begley
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Ordained Ministers - Harmony Association of Freewill Baptist Churches

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Steve McNew	Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
Terry Begley	Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
Ralph Begley	Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
Charles Puckett	Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA 24250
James Salling	Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA. 24250
Donald McDavid	Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244
Jackie Dorton	Rt. 2 Clinchport, VA 24244
Sam Hileman	Castlewood, VA
Larry Rick Kincer	Rt. 4 Box 251 Duffield, VA 24244

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches	14
Churches - City/Town	3
Churches - Rural	11
Churches Reporting	13
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	6
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	8
Baptisms	66
Members added	70
Members lost	44
Total Membership	1115
Total Income	\$382,340.00
Churches with Budgets	4
Churches with Parsonages	2
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,250,000.00
Ordained Ministers	26
Licensed Ministers	1
Ordained Deacons	48
Sunday School Enrollment	387
CTS Enrollment	70
WNAC Enrollment	59
Master's Men Enrollment	16
Number of State Association Minutes Requested	30
Representation Fees	\$1,050.00

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	
Churches - Rural	
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	7
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	8
Number Baptisms	
Members Added	
Members Lost	
Total Membership	909
Churches with Budgets	
Ordained Ministers	24
Licensed Ministers	
Ordained Deacons	18
Churches with Day Care Centers	1
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools	1
Churches with Bible institutes	0
Churches with Colleges	0
Total Number of Churches with Parsonage	3
Value of Church Property	\$ 4,500,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	700
CTS Enrollment	65
WNAC Enrollment	48
Master's Men Enrollment	9
Number of state association minutes requested	14
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed	

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Elkton FWB Church

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Heritage FWB Church

Rev. David Reece 12500 Chewning Ln, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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SANDY VALLEY

Churches	3
Churches - City/Town	0
Churches - Rural	3
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	3
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	0
Number Baptisms	0
Members Added	0
Members Lost	1
Total Membership	128
Churches with Budgets	0
Ordained Ministers	10
Licensed Ministers	0
Ordained Deacons	11
Churches with Day Care Centers	0
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools	0
Churches with Bible institutes	0
Churches with Colleges	0
Total Number of Churches with Parsonage	0
Value of Church Property	
Sunday School Enrollment	130
CTS Enrollment	0
WNAC Enrollment	0
Master's Men Enrollment	0
Number of state association minutes requested	30
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed	\$275.00

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Bro. Emory James,	Rt. 2, Honaker, VA 24260	1-540-859-9418
Bro. Earl Reynolds,	HC 65 Rowe, VA 24646	1-540-859-0540
Bro. Gilbert Roten,	Rt. 2, Honaker, VA 24260	1-540-859-2601
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Sis. Patsy McGlothin	Honaker, VA 24260
	Gents Chapel FWB Church

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	26
Total number of churches in city/town	26
Total number of churches rural	21
Total number of churches reporting	26
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	9
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	19
Total Baptisms	22
Total members added	55
Total members lost	23
Total membership	1380
Total income of all churches	*\$73,642.76
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,928,500.00
Total number of ordained ministers	65
Total number of licensed ministers	6
Total number of ordained deacons	87
Total number of churches with day cares	0
Total number of churches with kindergartens	0
Total number of churches with day schools	0
Total number of churches with bible institutes	0
Total number of churches with colleges	0
Sunday School enrollment	1083
Total CTS enrollment	307
Total WNAC enrollment	252
Total Master's Men enrollment	30
Number of state association minutes requested	67
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$1,275.00

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*Not reported by all churches

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Community F.W.B. Church	Rev. C. Wayne Perry
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Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church	Rev. Danny C. Mullins
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LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

as reported on April 20, 2002

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TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches	17
Total number of churches in city/town	17
Churches Reporting	11
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	14
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	3
Number Baptisms	49
Members Added	48
Members Lost	11
Total Membership	1326
Total Income of Churches	\$345,298.00
Value of Church Property	\$5,500,000.00
Churches with Budgets	8
Churches with Parsonages	2
Ordained Ministers	16
Licensed Ministers	9
Ordained Deacons	28
Churches with Day Care Centers	0
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools	0
Churches with Bible Institutes	0
Colleges	0
Sunday School Enrollment	730
CTS Enrollment	0
WNAC Enrollment	102
Master's Men Enrollment	54

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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 I 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 prior to 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. (2001)

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 prior to the beginning of each session as mentioned in Article V, Section 1B of the Constitution. (2001)
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 five (5) members elected on a rotating basis yearly. (2000)
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 other-wise 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 Bylaws 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 meeting will rotate around the state, alternating between east, central & west as much as practical. Location to be decided by vote at each proceeding session of the state meeting. (1998)
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 \$75.00 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. (2000)
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. The Executive Board shall determine the amount of honorarium that is to be given to speakers. (2001)
10. These Standing Rules can be changed in any fashion at any regular session by a simple majority vote.



