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OFFICERS ELECTED - 2003

Moderator (2004)	Steve Faison
Assistant Moderator (2004)	Marty Puckett
Clerk (2004)	Vergel A. Maness
Assistant Clerk (2006)	Wayne Perry
Treasurer (2004)	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer (2004) Home Missions Board Treasurer	(Unknown at this point)

Executive Board:

Wayne Perry	2004 (filling out David Reeses' term)
Dave Nobles	2005
Fred Bates	2006
Roger Sevins	2007
Don Jones	2008

Home Mission Board:

Dave Nobles	2004 (filling out Dave Reeses' term)
Jack Blanton	2005
Richard Barnes	2006
David Neitch	2007
Jay Surnmerlin	2008

Children's Home:

Jo Ann White	2004
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson	2005
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Promotional Secretary:

Paul Collins	2004
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CTS Rearesentative:

Contact the State Promotional Secretary Paul Collins (540) 434-5734

65TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS:

The 65th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia on Thursday, June 12, 2003. The business and official session was proceeded Thursday morning and afternoon by the annual Bible Conference.

The theme **Growing Toward Maturity** was developed by each speaker through expository preaching from the Book of James. Rev. Marty Puckett, Rev. Howard Bass, and Rev. Roger Bevins presented Chapters One, Two, and Three with great insight to the Spirit and Godly direction to believers. The musical presentations and congregational singing was appreciated by all.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION JUNE 12, 2003:

Rev. James Forlines, National Association Foreign Mission Board Director, opened the official session services with prayer. The congregation sang "At Calvary" and the host pastor, Rev. J.D. Norris welcomed the Association to the church and offered assistance to all the visitors. The State Clerk introduced the State officers and presented the Moderator.

Following brief remarks by the Moderator and appointment of the Nominating Committee, and Registration and Credentials Committee, a brief Business session was conducted. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the new Virginia State Constitution prepared and presented as directed to the Executive Board. A motion was made, seconded, & adopted to table till Friday's session.

Appointment of Committees

Nomination Committee:

Howard Bass - Chairman
Wayne Perry
Lonnie Salyers

Registration and Credentials Committee:

Danny O'Neal - Chairman
Terry Beck
John Johnson

During the evening service, Rev. David Neitch, the Virginia State Mission Board Chairman, presented plaques to those who gave special donations to the Harrisonburg Virginia Land Fund. Rev. Paul Collins stated his sincere appreciation for those gifts, as well as others that supported the mission work through their finances and prayer.

A musical presentation by the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Worship and Praise group was appreciated and a truly worshipful experience enjoyed. Rev. J.D. Norris expounded on the passage assigned to him from James 4. Rev. Norris developed the theme of "ENVY" that was presented in that chapter. A true time of worship was experienced. An invitation was presented with several responding.

One offering was received and the proceeds were placed in the Treasury for the State Association budget. Another offering was received during the Friday morning worship session. Both offerings totaled \$377.38.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION JUNE 13, 2003

8:30 AM: Rev. Larry Russell conducted Morning Prayer time

The session began at 9:15 AM when the Moderator presented Rev. Donald White for devotions. His message titled "The New Covenant" was from Hebrews 8. The Moderator presented his remarks on the theme of "Unity Desired" which taught us that together we may accomplish our goals for the future. He presented that we, "Must be men of truth, devil fighters, and have our sights high, if we are to reach our goals."

The Business Session received the Minutes of the sixty-fourth session by motion, second and carried to receive the minutes as printed in the *Minutes Of The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist Sixty-fourth Annual Session* booklet.

Chairman Danny O'Neal presented the Credentials Committee report. The motion was carried to receive the report.

Credentials Report

District or Association	Number of Churches	Fees Received
Central Virginia Quarterly	3	\$ 225.00*
Clinch Valley	11	\$ 900.00
Harmony Association	4	\$ 350.00
John Wheeler	15	\$1125.00
Northern Virginia Association	15	\$1125.00
Sandy Valley Association	3	\$ 275.00
Southwest Virginia Association	26	\$1950.00
Tidewater Association	17	\$1700.00
		\$7647.00

Credentials statistical Report of ATTENDANCE.

Title	Total
Minsters/Deacons	55
Delegates	17*
Visitors	63
Total Registered	135

*It is apparant many Delegates did not register.

Executive Board Report:

The Executive Board met in Committee February 11, 2003 in Roanoke, Va. to discuss the planning of the sixty-fifth Virginia State Association Annual meeting.

The Meeting was opened by Moderator Dave Nobles by prayer and Scripture reading from Acts 6:1 and Hebrews 4:12. His emphasis was on the "Primary Purpose - Men of Truth". :

First item: Our goals of State Outreach as the Virginia State Association. A brisk and positive discussion concerning several areas to which we could apply ourselves successfully.

Second item: The Program Theme and speakers were discussed: The Epistle of James was chosen for the speakers, developing the theme of "Moving Toward Maturity." Each speaker will develop the specific title from the chapter that he will be given.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the theme.

Third item: The speakers and their chapter were assigned:

Rev. Marty Puckett - James I

Rev. Bruce Barnes - James II

Rev. Shawn Williams - James III

Rev. J. D. Norris - James IV

Rev. Roger Bevin - James V

Alternates: Rev. Howard Bass; Rev. Steve Mason

Devotional Speakers: Rev. Walter Stacer and

Rev. William Steele

Fourth Item: Committees were discussed:

Nominating Committee:

Howard Bass (Chairman)

Lonnie Salyers

Wayne Perry

Alternate: Steve Mason

Registration Committee:

Danny O'Neal (Chairman)

Terry Beck

John Johnson

Alternate: Mark Lewis

Fifth Item: Executive Board to meet following Wednesday Prayer Meeting 9:00 PM

Sixth Item: The new Virginia State Association Constitution and By Laws were presented and discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the proposal.

Seventh Item: Treasurer Budget Report received and discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the report.

Rev. Dave Nobles, Moderator, dismissed the meeting by prayer.

The Executive Board met again in Committee June 12, 2003 following the Thursday afternoon Bible Conference.

The meeting was opened with prayer. (1). The proposed new Virginia State Association Constitution was presented, discussed, and adopted for presentation to the Body. (2). A Budget for the State was discussed and presented by the Treasurer. A State Budget was adopted and recommended for presentation to the Body. (3). The meeting was dismissed by prayer.

The proposed new Virginia State Association, Inc. Constitution was **removed from the table** by a motion and second. After discussion and suggested changes to a few passages the proposed new Constitution was adopted as amended.

The Business was suspended for the morning Worship service. Rev. Steve Faison presented James 5, emphasizing **Maturity that Commits** from the theme "Moving Toward Maturity." This final message completed the theme of the state program very well.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 PM, JUNE 13, 2003

(Just a note to express appreciation for the fine meals served by the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist ladies. It was awesome.)

Rev. Paul McKissick, home missionary to Spotsylvania, Virginia, gave a devotion during the afternoon session. It was well presented and a challenge to all.

A motion was carried to accept the Treasurer's Report and a State Budget as presented. The new State Budget will be presented in the August edition of the **Plumblin**.

The Moderator called for reports from the State representatives and Boards and imposed a time limit of ten minutes. All did well in maintaining the time limit.

Report from State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Paul Collins.

Report from State Home Missionaries, Rev. Paul Collins, and Rev. Paul McKissick.

Report from National General Board member, Rev. Glen Johnson, given from floor.

Report from Harvest Child-Care Ministries, Mrs. Martha Stone.

Report from Family Ministries (Tennessee Greenville Children's Home) Rev. James Kilgore. Rev. Don White elected as Board member representing Virginia.

Each State report was received by a motion, second, and adoption.

The Moderator called for National Leaders to give their reports with the same ten-minute time limit. Each officer complied with the request.

Report from Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary, Executive Office National Association was presented.

Report from Rev. James Forlines, National Foreign Missions

Board General Director, was well presented and a challenge to serve around the world was accepted.

Report from Rev. Larry Powell, National Home Missions Board General Director, was presented and an accommodation was given to the Virginia State for their support and the vision to establish State Home Missions works.

Report from Mr. Ray Lewis from the National Board of Retirement was given with some encouraging word for the future earnings for those invested in the program.

Report from Ron Hunter, General Director Randall House Publications, gave good report from the Department.

Report from David Wilford, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, was received. Virginia's total giving from June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002 was \$24,594.44. (So far this year, Virginia's total is \$ 28,283.59). Several State churches were listed as supporters and several students' names from various churches were listed in a brochure.

Report from Josh Baer, Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Wendell, North Carolina was presented.

Report from Carl Sexton, Pastor of Gateway Free Will Baptist Church, received concerning the development of the Church sponsored Gateway Christian College. The report included a brochure and programs to be offered. This College is to begin classes in September 2003.

Each National Report was received by a motion, second, and adoption.

Rev. Jack Blanton called for the Obituary Report from the floor. The Moderator and Clerk immediately apologized for the oversight. The following individuals were presented to the Clerk.

Glennis Slemph
Juanita Kilgore
Rev. Gene Jennings
Rev. Mondo Stanley
Kaylee Jade Lawson
Becky Kern
Faye Carter
Phil Hill
Hascue Rhoton
Virginia Jo Begley
Emmitt Dingus

The Memorial Prayer was presented by Br. Blanton. Other names were asked to be presented to the clerk to be entered into the record if available.

Reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the delegates which are to represent the Virginia State Association at the National Association Convention be appointed by the Moderator or Promotional Secretary at the National as available.

A standing vote of appreciation was given the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality and hosting of the Virginia State Meeting.

A prayer of dismissal adjourned the meeting.

COMPLICATION OF VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION REPORTS FROM ASSOC. TO STATE

June 13, 2003

Clerk Vergel A. Maness

A. Church Characteristics		
1. Total # Assoc.		8
2. Total # Assoc. Reporting		8
3. Total Churches		94
4. Total Churches Rep.		71
5. Total Ch. In city/town		17
Rural		60
6. Total Churches with:		
full-time pastors		49
Bi-vocational		44
B. Membership Information		
1. Total # Baptisms		255
2. Total Members added		327
3. Total Members lost		154
4. Total members		6348
C. Stewardship Information		
1. Total Income all Churches	\$ 1,408,161.71	
2. Total Churches with Budgets		19
D. Building Information		
1. Total # Churches with Parsonages		12
2. Total Value of Church Property	\$20,814,034.54	
E. General Information		
1. Total # Ministers'		
Ordained		195
Licensed		22
2. Total # Ordain Deacons		251
3. Total # Churches with:		
Daycare		1
Kindergarten		2
Christian day schools		3
Bible Institutes		1
Colleges		1
4. Total S.S. Enrollment		-
5. Total C.T.S. enrollment		-
6. Total WNAC enrollment		-
7. Total Master's Men enrollment		-

Delegates elected: 1.

Virginia State Missions Financial Report

Paul Collins Land Fund	\$4,101.89
Paul Collins General Fund	6,086.35

Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists

Treasurer's Report

June 1, 2002 - May 31, 2003

Balance Forward \$3,787.18

INCOME

Fees:

Central Virginia	225.00
Clinch Valley	900.00
Harmony	330.00
John Wheeler	1,050.00
Northern Va.	1,125.00
Sandy Valley	275.00
Southwest Virginia	1,950.00
Tidewater	<u>1,275.00</u>
	\$7,150.00

State Offering	143.77
First FWB Richmond	680.81
Yorkshire FWB	600.00
Stafford FWB	300.00
Virginia State Home Missions (Tidewater)	<u>500.00</u>
Total Income	\$9,374.58

Net Income: \$2,257.14

Ending Balance: \$6,044.32

EXPENSES

Clerk	\$ 50.00
Corp. Fee	25.00
National Fees	4,650.00
Executive Meeting Expenses	473.35
Minutes	646.54
Newsleter	434.81
Office Supplies	7.40
Postage (Clerk)	15.34
Printing (State Meeting)	75.00
Promotion Salary	500.00
Speakers	140.00
Moderator	50.00
Treasurer	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 7,117.44

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	0
Total members added	11
Total members lost	2
Total membership	154
Total income of all churches	NR
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property	\$991,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	5
Total number of licensed ministers	0
Total number of ordained deacons	5
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	109
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	22
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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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	16
Total members added	16
Total members lost	62

Total membership	377
Total income of all churches	\$104,144.68
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,356,169.54
Total number of ordained ministers	30
Total number of licensed ministers	1
Total number of ordained deacons	27
Sunday School enrollment	484
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	\$900.00

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HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Churches	4
Churches - City/Town	0
Churches - Rural	4
Churches Reporting	4
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	0
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	4
Number Baptisms	0
Members Added	10
Members Lost	6
Total Membership	242
Total Income of Churches	\$47,826.79
Churches with Budgets	0
Ordained Ministers	12
Licensed Ministers	1
Ordained Deacons	19
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	282
CTS Enrollment	58
WNAC Enrollment	61
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

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JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	3
Churches - Rural	12
Churches Reporting	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	10
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	5
Baptisms	57
Members added	58
Members lost	20
Total Membership	1209
Total Income	\$453,375.00
Churches with Budgets	2
Churches with Parsonages	2
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,250,000.00
Ordained Ministers	25
Licensed Ministers	0
Ordained Deacons	48
Sunday School Enrollment	1104
CTS Enrollment	70
WNAC Enrollment	125
Master's Men Enrollment	36
Number of State Association Minutes Requested	45
Representation Fees	\$1,125.00

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	10
Churches - Rural	5
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	10
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	5
Number Baptisms	100
Members Added	113
Members Lost	19
Total Membership	1034
Churches with Budgets	11
Ordained Ministers	27
Licensed Ministers	8
Ordained Deacons	16
Churches with Day Care Centers	0
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools	1
Churches with Bible institutes	1
Churches with Colleges	0
Total Number of Churches with Parsonage	4
Value of Church Property	\$ 4,938,865.00
Sunday School Enrollment	1031
CTS Enrollment	60
WNAC Enrollment	92
Master's Men Enrollment	13
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed	1,125.00

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Bloss Memorial FWB Church
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Arlington, VA 22201
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Elkton FWB Church
Sixth Street
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First FWB Church
1019 Gus Nicks Blvd.
Roanoke, VA 24012
(540) 245-2706

Grace FWB Church
9459 Poindexter Road
Louisa, VA 23093
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Harrisonburg FWB Church
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Harrisonburg, VA 22902
(540) 433-8980

Heritage FWB Church
12500 Chewing Lane
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
(540) 786-7445

Hope FWB Church
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Front Royal, VA 22630
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Meadow Brook FWB Church
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Park Lane FWB Church
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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	2
Total Membership	125
Churches with Budgets	0
Ordained Ministers	10
Licensed Ministers	1
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	4
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed	\$275.00

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SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	26
Total number of churches in city/town	3
Total number of churches rural	23
Total number of churches reporting	26
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	6
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	19
Total Baptisms	13
Total members added	31
Total members lost	28
Total membership	1284
Total income of all churches	*\$119,449.52
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$3,203,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	67
Total number of licensed ministers	2
Total number of ordained deacons	85
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	1053
Total CTS enrollment	311
Total WNAC enrollment	217
Total Master's Men enrollment	20
Number of state association minutes requested	50
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$750.00

**Incomplete - Not reported by all churches*

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Central F.W.B. Church 216 7th St., NE, Norton, VA 24273	Rev Gary Hill (276) 679-5466
Community F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 954, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rev. C. Wayne Perry (276) 395-5315
Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church 8301 Gilliam Hollow Rd., Pound, VA 24279	Rev. Danny C. Mullins (276) 796-5935
Flatwoods F.W.B. Church 3531 Louisa Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230	Rev. Jerry Hayes (276) 395-6434
Mary's Chapel F.W.B. Church 215 Harris St., SW, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rev. Martin Puckett (276) 395-6610
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Rev. Robert Hartstock Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	
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as reported on April 19, 2003

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No Pastor or Member Minister at Time of Report

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Rev. Raymond Baird

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Rev. Bruce Brewer (Pastor)

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Rev. Judson Shuler

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Other Affiliated Ministers

Rev. Jack Cope

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TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches	17
Total number of churches in city/town	
Churches Reporting	9
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	16
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	1
Number Baptisms	69
Members Added	88
Members Lost	17
Total Membership	1923
Total Income of Churches	\$671,152.00
Value of Church Property	\$8,650,000.00
Churches with Budgets	6
Churches with Parsonages	4
Ordained Ministers	22
Licensed Ministers	9
Ordained Deacons	40
Churches with Day Care Centers	1
Churches with Kindergartens	1
Churches with Christian Day Schools	2
Churches with Bible Institutes	0
Colleges	1
Sunday School Enrollment	380
CTS Enrollment	0
WNAC Enrollment	97
Master's Men Enrollment	15

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CONSTITUTION
of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

PREAMBLE

We, the Free Will Baptist Churches and Local Associations of the State of Virginia, being saved by grace through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, submitting to the total authority of the Bible as God's Word, and realizing the necessity of a bond of fellowship among us, do, therefore, adopt this Constitution to the glory and honor of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom on earth.

ARTICLE I. Name, Purpose, and Affiliation

Section A. This association shall be known as the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

Section B. This association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law). Such purposes include, but are not limited to the establishment and maintenance of religious worship, and the building, maintenance and operation of churches, schools, chapel, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, print shops, day-care centers, camps, and nursing homes.

Section C. This association shall voluntarily affiliate with the National Association of Free Will Baptists; according to the provisions in its treatise and shall support all phases of the denomination's work as much as possible. This being a voluntary affiliation, this association submits to no veto or dictatorial power, and this affiliation can be discontinued at any time.

Section D. This association may correspond by letter or otherwise with other Bible believing bodies.

ARTICLE II. Statement of Faith

Section A. The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists has adopted A Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free will Baptists.

Section B. Human Sexuality

1. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that all forms of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Any officer or employee of the association becoming pregnant or causing pregnancy as a result of consensual intercourse, outside of the marriage relationship, shall be terminated from their position. We will not knowingly commission, license, ordain, hire, or countenance any of these lifestyles or practices. Any member association condoning or promoting such practices as stated above will be dismissed from this body (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5, 13; Genesis 26:8,9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5: 1; 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).
2. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23).

3. We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home and men are to be the leaders (all ministers and deacons) of the church (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:18, 1 Timothy 2:8-15; 3:4, 5, 12).

Section C. Authority Of Statement Of Faith

The Statement of Faith as recorded in A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists or in this document does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing statement of faith and this document accurately represents the teaching of the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all members.

ARTICLE III. Membership and Representation

Section A. Membership

1. The membership of this association shall be composed of properly organized and received Local Associations (yearly or district).
2. Any Local Association (yearly or district) desiring membership in this association must accept Free Will Baptist doctrine, practices, and system of church government as outlined in the most current publication of A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists and must be in total agreement with the declarations of this Constitution.
3. Any organized Free Will Baptist Local Association (yearly or district) desiring to unite with this association, maintaining gospel order and agreeing with the position stated herein concerning doctrine and church government, and 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 A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists from the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Part IV, Chapter 111, Section V, A3, D, & E. Upon completion of this process, any Local Association may become a member after having been received by a majority vote of this association.

Section B. Delegates

1. All ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with a Local Association belonging to the Virginia State Association, and duly elected officers and members of boards and standing committees shall, upon registration, constitute the standing delegates.
2. Each Local Association in good standing with this body shall be entitled to five (5) delegates to be chosen from the laity and two (2) additional delegates for each district meeting (if divided into districts) to be chosen by the respective district meeting.
3. Each local church affiliated with a Local Association in good standing shall be allowed one (1) delegate to this body,

Section C. Duties of members

1. It shall be the duty of each Local Association belonging to this association to send a letter on the proper form with required fees to each meeting of this association, reporting in the same its statistics and benevolent work.

2. Any Local Association not corresponding by letter and appropriate fees shall not be seated with its delegates until the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the body.

Section D. Discipline of a member

1. The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or usage that may properly come before it from any association, district meeting or church composing this association, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to this association. Such appeals are to come before the body after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.
2. This State Association shall have the authority to withdraw fellowship from any Local Association for practices contrary to the Constitution of this association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present.
3. An official attempt by the Executive Board toward restoration of fellowship must be made prior to exclusion of any member association.
4. Any charge or accusation against any member association, its churches, or its ministers shall be properly presented in writing to the Executive Board for consideration before being discussed on the floor.

ARTICLE IV. Officers, Boards, and Committees

Section A. Election Procedure

1. The Nominating Committee shall select a nominee for each office that is vacant and present the list to the Moderator.
2. The Moderator shall read the name that is nominated for each office, and declare the floor open for additional nominations.
3. Each office shall be filled by a majority vote of the body at the close of each regular session.

Section B. Terms of Office

1. The officers of this association shall consist of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and all boards and committees as elected by the body.
2. All officers and committees shall serve for a term of one (1) year except for the following:
 - a) Clerk and Assistant Clerk-four (4) years, to be elected on leap year.
 - b) Executive Board-five (5) years staggered.
 - c) Mission Board-five (5) years staggered.
 - d) State 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.
 - e) The Assistant Treasurer (Home Missions Treasurer)-at the will of the Home Missions Board.

Section C. Duties of officers

1. Moderator:
 - a) 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.
 - b) He shall appoint a Nominating Committee and a Credentials Committee prior to the beginning of each session, each consisting of at least three (3) members.
 - c) He is to see that all business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised (current edition).

- d) 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.
 - e) He is to preside over any special called meeting between sessions whether called by himself or the Executive Board.
 - f) He shall seat the delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
 - g) He is to promote the work of the Virginia State Association.
 - h) He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and the State Association programs.
2. Assistant Moderator:
- a) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator whenever called upon, and assume the chair in the absence of the Moderator.
 - b) He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and the State Association programs.
3. Clerk:
- a) 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.
 - b) The clerk shall be responsible for the printing and distribution to the Local Associations of the minutes of each annual session.
 - c) The clerk is to compile the letters sent from member Local Associations into the proper form to be sent to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
 - d) The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
 - e) The clerk is to mail each individual church clerk, pastor, and association clerk a notice of the State Association meeting dates at least one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one (1) delegate at the State Association meeting. This will include any special or called meetings.
 - f) The clerk will meet as part of the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Meeting programs and will keep records of these meetings, being able to report to the body.
4. Assistant Clerk:
- a) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk to assist in the recording the minutes of the State Association and the keeping of complete records of all business transactions.
 - b) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk to assist the Clerk in the printing of the minutes of each Virginia State Association meeting.
 - c) It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Clerk to fill the Clerk's place should the office be vacant or the Clerk unable to attend.
5. Treasurer:
- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, deposit, and disburse all funds at the discretion of this association. The Treasurer will meet as part of the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.
6. Assistant Treasurer:
- It shall be the duty of the Assistant Treasurer to assist the Treasurer in the duties incumbent upon the office. In the absence of the Treasurer the signature of the Assistant Treasurer shall be valid.
7. Promotional Secretary:
- a) The State Association can have at its discretion a Promotional Secretary.

- b) He will perform his duties at the direction of and in cooperation with the Executive Board.
 - c) The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association.
8. Board Member for Family Ministries (Greeneville, Tennessee),
- a) It shall be the duty of the one elected to serve as a full member of the Family Ministries official board.
 - b) He shall at all times represent the interests of Virginia in the overall ministry.
 - c) He shall serve for a period of three (3) years.

Section D. Boards and Committees

1. Executive Board:

- a) The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members elected by this association on a five year rotating basis.
- b) This Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session to another. It shall have the 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.
- c) This board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in any area of the work.
- d) 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.
- e) This board shall consider whatever business is placed upon it, or referred to it by this association or its membership.
- f) This board shall promote the work of the Virginia State Association.
- g) This board shall plan each Bible Conference and State Association.
- h) This board shall set the place for the State CTS competition each year when needed.
- i) The Executive Board will oversee the office of the State Promotional Secretary.
- j) This board shall each year develop a reasonable budget for the work of the State Association and the disbursement of its funds. It shall present this budget to the body in its regular session. It shall have authority to disburse funds as approved in the association budget.
- k) This board shall provide an audit of the financial records annually and report to the body at regular session.

2. State Home Mission Board:

- a) The State Home Mission Board shall consist of five (5) members elected by this association on a five year rotating basis, and shall be responsible for carrying out the desires of this association in establishing and supporting mission churches in needed areas under the direction of the Virginia State Association. It shall report annually to this association.
- b) The treasurer of the Home Mission Board shall come from the membership of the Board. He will serve as the Assistant Treasurer of the State Association and serve at the will of the Home Missions Board.
- c) This board will have its own Constitution detailing its own responsibilities under the direction and authority of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.
- d) This board shall have authority to make decisions, on location, personnel, and finance. Upon approval of this association or the Executive Board, it shall be authorized to deal with real estate property and mortgages as needed for the advancement of the work of missions.

3. Nominating Committee:
 - a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.
 - b) The Nominating Committee shall choose a nominee for each vacant office prior to the regular session making written report to the Moderator for report to the body.
 - c) Each nominee should be contacted prior to being presented to the body to be sure that he is willing and able to perform the duties incumbent to the office.
 - d) No one should be nominated who is not in good standing with his church, his Local Association, and this body.
4. Credentials Committee:
 - a) The Credentials Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.
 - b) The Credentials Committee is to examine all letters to the State Association and the credentials of the various delegates.
 - c) The committee shall make recommendations to the State Association in session concerning the seating of the delegates.
5. Other Committees:
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 V. Meetings

Section A. Time of meetings

1. The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall hold its regular meetings annually.
2. The State Association shall meet beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the third (3 d) Sunday in June each year, and shall continue in session until its work is completed.
3. Special sessions may be called by the Moderator or the Executive Board when conditions demand.
4. This State Association will sponsor a Bible Conference on the Thursday of the General Session beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Section B. Procedure of Annual General Session

1. Each session will begin with prayer and congregational singing.
2. The Clerk shall take charge of the devotional service.
3. The Clerk shall then introduce the officers, concluding with the Moderator.
4. The Moderator shall declare the session to be in order for business and remind the association of its responsibility to do work for the Lord.
5. The quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.
6. If a quorum is present, he shall then proceed with the business.
7. The minutes of the previous sessions will be made available in writing and are to be read only if asked for by a majority vote. The minutes of the present session will be made available to the Moderator at the first possible opportunity. He will assist the Clerk in any needed corrections.
8. This body will be governed as stipulated in the most current edition of A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this document.
9. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (current edition) shall govern the body in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with this document.

ARTICLE VI. Indemnification

Section A. Actions Subject To Indemnification

The association may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, including all appeals (other than an action by or in the right of the association) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent of the association, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding; and if that person acted in good faith and in a manner her reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or on a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner that he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section B. Expenses Subject To Indemnification

To the extent that a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in this Article, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter in that action, suit, or proceeding, he or she may be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding.

Section C. Limitations Of Indemnification

Any indemnification made under this Article, may be made by the association only as authorized in the specific case on a determination that indemnification of the moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section A of this Article. The determination shall be made (a) by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of the members of Executive Board who were not and are not parties to, or threatened with, the action, suit, or proceeding; (b) if the described quorum is not obtainable, or if a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Executive Board members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (c) by a majority vote of the members of the association.

Section D. Timing Of Indemnification

Expenses of each person seeking indemnification under this Article, may be paid by the association as they are incurred, in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit, or proceeding, as authorized by the Executive Board in the specific case, on receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not qualified to be indemnified by the association.

Section E. Extent Of Indemnification

The indemnification provided by this Article shall be deemed to be discretionary unless otherwise required as a matter of law or under any agreement or provided by insurance purchased by the association, both as to action of each person seeking indemnification under the Article in his official capacity and as to action in another

capacity while holding that office, and may continue as to a person who has ceased to be a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent and may inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of that person.

Section F. Insurance

The association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent of the association against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in that capacity, or arising out of his status in that capacity, whether or not the association would have the power to indemnify him against liability under the provisions of this Article. Such insurance will be purchased when deemed necessary by the body.

ARTICLE VII. Tax Exempt Provisions

Section A. Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1, Section B hereof.

Section B. Political Involvement

No substantial part of the activities of this association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. This association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section C. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, any assets of the organization then remaining shall be conveyed to such organizations then existent dedicated to similar objectives to those of this organization, selected by the Executive Board at the time of dissolution. This organization must be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) as amended or under successor provisions of the Code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution.

Section D. Racial Nondiscrimination

This association shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against members, applicants, students, and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

Section E. Limitation Of Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution the association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes stated in Article 1, Section B.

ARTICLE VIII. Designated Contributions

From time to time the association, in the exercise of its religious, educational, and charitable purposes, may establish various funds to accomplish specific goals. Contributors may suggest uses for their contributions but all suggestions shall be deemed advisory rather than mandatory in nature. All contributions made to specific funds or

otherwise designated shall remain subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the this association. No fiduciary obligation shall be created by any designated contribution for the general furtherance of any of private persons.

ARTICLE IX. Binding Arbitration

Section A. Submission to Arbitration

Believing that lawsuits between believers are prohibited by Scripture, all members of this association agree to submit to binding arbitration for the resolution of any matters which cannot otherwise be resolved, and agree to expressly waive any and all rights in law and equity to bringing any civil disagreement before a court of law, except that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Section B. Notice Of Arbitration

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising out of or relating to this Constitution or any other associational matter, the parties shall use their best efforts to settle such disputes, claims, questions, or disagreement as befits Christians. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests not disgrace the name of Christ, seek to reach a just and equitable solution. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice by either party to the other, disputes, claims, questions, or differences shall be finally settled by arbitration as described in Section 1, above, and such Procedures for Arbitration as are adopted pursuant to the following two sections.

Section C. Limitations On Arbitration Decisions

Should any dispute involve matters of associational discipline, the arbitrators shall be limited to determining whether the procedures for associational discipline as outlined under this Constitution were followed.

Should any dispute involve the removal from office of any association officer, the arbitrators shall be limited to determining whether the procedures set forth in this Constitution were followed.

Section D. Arbitration Procedures

The procedures for arbitration shall be as adopted by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

The Constitution of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists may be altered or amended at any regular session by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present, providing the change has been submitted in writing and tabled from the previous session.

ARTICLE XI. Standing Rules

1. Everything will be done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:40).
2. The State Association will pay the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer \$100.00 per year.
3. The Executive Board shall determine the amount of honorarium that is to be given to speakers.
4. Representatives on the National Boards are to be active at the state level.
5. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee.

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Reports shall be limited to ten (10) minutes unless ordered by a majority vote of the body.
9. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than two times.
10. The State Association will pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition.
11. The annual State Association meeting will rotate around the state, alternating between east, north, and west as much as practical. Location is to be decided by vote at each preceding session.
12. Office vacancies are to be filled from those who attend the State Association meetings regularly.
13. Each Local Association (yearly or district) is to send \$175.00 per member church to this body for National dues, plus an offering to help defray the expenses of the State Meeting and the printing of the minutes.
14. The State's recommendation for the person to serve as its General Board member will be made and sent with the State Association's report to the National Association on the even calendar years.
15. To maintain continuity between the Virginia State Association and the National Association of the Free Will Baptists, the King James Version of the Bible shall be the official version of the Virginia State Association, to be used in all meetings, preaching, teaching, and other activities of the Association.
16. These Standing Rules can be changed by majority vote at any regular session.

ADOPTION

This Constitution was adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at a scheduled meeting of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists in which a quorum was present.

This Constitution supersedes any previous constitution, rulings, customs, or practices of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Adopted:

Date June 14, 2003

Moderator Rev. Dr. Dave Nobles

Executive Board Member

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Clerk Rev. Vergel A. Maness

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