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OFFICERS ELECTED 2006

Moderator (2007).....	Hal Jones
Assistant Moderator (2007)	Marty Puckett
Clerk (2008).....	Wayne Perry
Assistant Clerk (2008)	Donald White
Treasurer (2007).....	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer (2007).....	Dave Nobles

Elected Executive Board:

Fred Bates.....	2011
Cary Lane.....	2007
Don Jones.....	2008
Wayne Perry.....	2009
Dave Nobles.....	2010

Home Missions Board:

Glen Johnson	2011
David Neitch	2007
Jay Surnmerlin.....	2008
Dave Nobles.....	2009
Jack Blanton.....	2010

Children's Home:

Joan White	2008
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson	2007
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Promotional Secretary:

Paul Collins	2007
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CTS Representative:

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

68th Session Proceedings:

The 68th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Good New Free Will Baptist Church in Chesterfield, Virginia on Thursday, June 15, 2006. The business and official session was proceeded Thursday morning by the annual Bible Conference.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Bible Conference was opened by the moderator Rev. Hal Jones with scripture reading from Psalms 61. A time of community prayer was closed by Rev Paul Collins. The focus of the prayer was for the men who would be bringing the messages at the conference and for all those in attendance.

The theme of the conference was **"Tools" for the Ministry**. The theme would be developed by the topics of: *"Triumphing Over Adversity"* to be delivered by Rev. David Neitch, *"Overcoming the Deception"* part one and part two to be delivered by Dr. Bruce Barnes, *"Letting Go of Stress"* to be delivered by Rev. Hal Jones, and *"Steps Toward a Stewardship Month"* to be delivered by Rev. Tim Rabon,

The 11:00 AM service was opened with congregational singing lead by Rev. Cary Layne. Sisters Mary Corbit and Amanda Harvey sang a wonderful song entitled "The Day of Miracles."

Rev. David Neitch developed the topic *"Triumphing Over Adversity"* from the text of I Peter 1:6-9. The message was an encouragement to all in attendance to count it joy to suffer for the name of Jesus Christ.

The congregational singing for the 1:00 PM singing was again led by Rev Cary Layne, with a solo presented by Bro. Derick Vanover entitled "That's What Grace is For."

Dr. Bruce Barnes expounded on the assigned topic of *"Overcoming the Deception"* with a two part message entitled *"Confronting Contemporary Issues."* Dr. Barnes began with the assertion that the world has changed and is a world with no absolutes. If we are going to confront today's contemporary issues we must: (1) know where contemporary attacks are coming from, (2) know how to answer the attacks, and (3) understand God's ordained method for Revelation. Both messages were well presented and timely tools to help pastors in their ministries.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION JUNE 16, 2005:

At 6:45 PM a musical concert was presented by the Rejoice Ministry Team, The Redeemed Quartet, and groups from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College and Gateway Free Will Baptist College.

The official session was opened with prayer at 7:30 PM on Thursday evening.

Rev. Cary Lane led the congregation in singing.

Rev. Glen Johnson, the host pastor, welcomed the Association to the church. The Clerk of the State Association, Rev. Wayne Perry, introduced the State officers and presented the Moderator.

The Moderator, Rev. Hal Jones, called the session to order, and received a motion and second to seat the delegates to the meeting. Following brief remarks by the Moderator the appointment of the Nominating Committee and the Registration & Credentials Committee was completed.

Appointment of Committees

Nomination Committee

Glen Johnson-Chairman
Roger Bevins
Paul Collins

Registration & Credentials Committee

Ken Smith-Chairman
Kyle Akers
Dee Whitaker

Rev. Hal Jones delivered the announcement for the evening. The business session was recessed to proceed into the evening worship service. The worship service opened in prayer, and Bro. Cary Lane led the congregation in singing. Sisters Mary Corbit, Amanda Harvey, and Rev Cary Lane sang a wonderful song entitled "One Holy Lamb."

An offering was received and placed in the Treasury for the State Associational budget. The offering totaled \$211.41.

The evening message followed. Rev. Hal Jones expounded on the assigned subject "*Letting Go of Stress*" with his text taken from I Peter 1:6-9. Bro. Jones developed the theme with the question of how to handle the stressful environment which is brought about by the paradigm of an ever changing world. The answer is: (1) Heed the warning signs, (2) head for high ground, and (3) hope in the future. A wonderful time of worship was experienced.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION JUNE 17, 2005

8:30 AM: The morning prayer time was opened with requests taken by Rev. Hal Jones. A community altar prayer followed with Rev. Marty Puckett closing the prayer.

The session began at 9:15 AM when Rev. Bob Brown, delivered a devotional message taken from Romans 12:1-2. The message challenged each of those in attendance to allow God to change us according to His will.

The Business Session received the Minutes of the sixty-seventh session as printed in the booklet *Minutes of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists Sixty-Sixth Annual Session* by motion and second to disavow the reading of the minutes and approved them as printed.

Bro. Dee Whitaker presented the Credentials Committee Report. A motion was carried to receive the report.

CREDENTIAL'S REPORT

Districts or Associations Reported June 16-17, 2005

Treasurer's Report:

District or Association	Number of Churches	Fees Received
Central Virginia Quarterly	5	\$ 875.00
Clinch Valley Association	10	\$ 1,650.00
Harmony Association	4	\$ 600.00
John Wheeler Association	13	\$ 1,950.00
Northern Virginia Association	15	
Sandy Valley Association	3	\$ 450.00
Southwest Association	23	\$ 2,740.00
Tidewater Association	14	\$ 2,100.00
		\$ 10,365.00

Credentials Committee Statistical Report:

Title	Total
Ministers	37
Deacons/Delegates	16
Visitors	66
Total	119

Rev. Gary Hill presented the Treasurer's Report and a Proposed Budget for 2006. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and adopt the Budget was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006

Income

Fees:

Central Va.	\$ 600.00
Chinch Valley	1,650.00
Harmony	600.00
John Wheeler	3,150.00
Northern Va.	2,250.00
Sandy Valley	450.00
Southwest Va.	3,750.00
Tidewater	2,550.00
Total Fees	\$15,000.00
Reimbursement	45.00
State Offering	\$ 401.00
Love Offering	438.50
1 st FWB Richmond	539.27
Yorkshire FWB	800.00
Total Income	\$17,223.27

Expenses

Bank charge	6.00
Corp. Fee	25.00
National Fee	9,300.00
Exec. Mtg. Expense	952.47
Va. Home Missions	1,618.97
Love Offering	438.50
Minutes	761.00
Mics.	69.10
Newsletter	167.32
Plaques	63.00
Promo. Office Reim.	349.80
Salaries.	800.00
Speakers	400.00

Total Expense	\$14,951.16
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NET INCOME	\$2,272.61
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Beginning Balance	\$ 4,475.89
Ending Balance	6,748.50
Balance After Dist.	5,561.37

Surplus Funds Distribution

	<u>04/05</u>	<u>05/05</u>
Balance at End of Year	\$ 4,475.89	\$ 6,748.50
-\$2,000.00 Contingency	2,475.89	4,728.50
50% General Fund	1,237.95	2,374.25
25% Home Missions	618.97	1,187.13
25% Promo Office	618.97	1,187.13

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

Rev. Wayne Perry presented the Executive Board report to the body.

The Executive Board met on February 20, 2006 at Harrisonburg Virginia to discuss and plan the Sixty-eighth Virginia State Association Annual Meeting.

The following members of the Executive Board were in attendance:

Fred Bates	David Nobles
Roger Bevins	Wayne Perry
Paul Collins	Marty Puckett

Gary Hill
Hal Jones

Don White

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Don White.

The treasurer, Bro Gary Hill, presented the treasurers report and a proposed budget for 2006-2007.

The proposed budget was adopted to be presented to the State Association at the annual meeting.

The first item on the agenda was a report from Brother Paul Collins outlining the progress of the planning for the Annual meeting. Brother Paul reported that he would again coordinate hotels with the host pastor and print the details in The Plumblineline .

The second item on the agenda was the appointment of Committees for the 2006 Annual meeting as follows:

Credential Committee

Ken Smith---Chairman

Kyle Akers

Dee Whitaker

Others as needed to be supplied by the host church

Nominating Committee

Glen Johnson---Chairman

Roger Bevins

Rick Gatton

The executive board suggested the following slate of officers to fill terms which will end in 2006:

Moderator-----Hal Jones

Asst. Moderator-----Marty Puckett

Treasurer----- Gary Hill

Asst. Treasurer-----Dave Nobles

Executive Committee-----Fred Bates

Home Missions Board-----Richard Barnes

The third item on the agenda was the Virginia State Program Theme and Speakers:

After much discussion, it was decided that the focus of the program should be providing practical tools or helps for our pastors to take back to their ministry.

A number of sermon titles and speakers were discussed and it was decided that the moderator would work with the suggestions and e-mail the board with a final outline for approval.

The final approved theme and speakers are as follows:

- A. The theme verse is Ephesians 4:12
- B. The theme will be **"TOOLS for the Ministry"**
- C. The Speakers and topics will be:

- ☐ **Triumphing Over Adversity**---Rev. David Neitch
- ☐ **Overcoming Financial Hurdles**---Dr Tim Rabon
- ☐ **Outline for a Successful Stewardship Month**---Dr. Tim Rabon
- ☐ **Letting Go of Stress**---Rev. Hal Jones
- ☐ **Slaying the Lies and Sharing the truth**---Dr Bruce Barnes
- ☐ **Devotional messages will be presented by Rev. Bob Brown and Rev. Terry Beck**

The fourth item on the agenda was a discussion concerning the honorarium to be paid to out of state speakers. A motion was made and carried to set the amount at \$300.00 plus mileage.

The fifth item on the agenda was a discussion of the need for a full time development director. The committee agreed that the need was evident however, no action was proposed as a result of the discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed in prayer.

The Executive Board met June 16, 2005 following the Thursday afternoon Bible Conference.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

The first item of discussion: Rev Wayne Perry presented the minutes of the Executive Board minutes of the February 20, 2006 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

The second item of discussion: The moderator informed the board that changes were made in the State meeting agenda due to last minute emergencies.

The third item of discussion: Rev Gary Hill presented the treasures report which was approved as presented.

The fourth item of discussion: A discussion concerning opening the floor at the state meeting for unscheduled reports was held. It was decided that reports will only be given by those who are scheduled to make reports; however the moderator may agree to the presentation of an unscheduled report.

The fifth item of discussion: A discussion was held concerning the amount of honorarium to be paid to speakers at the annual meeting. A motion was made and approved to pay instate speakers \$100.00 per session, and \$50.00 per session for devotional speakers.

The sixth item of discussion: Rev. Gary Hill presented the budget for 2006-2007. After discussion and changes being made, the budget was approved for presentment to Friday's business session for approval.

The seventh item of discussion: Rev. Paul Collins requested permission to spend up to \$450.00 from his promotional budget for the purchase of a laptop computer. A motion was made and approved to allow the purchase.

The eighth item of discussion: Due to health reasons, Rev. Roger Bevins tendered his resignation from the executive board. The board reluctantly accepted the resignation and expressed their gratitude to Bro. Roger for his years of faithful service.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed in prayer.

A motion was received and approved to approve the report of the Executive Board.

Business was suspended for the Morning Worship Service.

Rev. Cary Lane led the congregation in singing.

Rev. Tim Rabon presented part one of a message from the assigned topic "*Steps Toward A Stewardship Month.*" Rev. Rabon took his text from I Corinthians 8:1-8, 18-21; 9:1-15 and gave a presentation of a systematic program for developing a stewardship program. The program included a plan for an annual stewardship emphasis month.

Friday Afternoon, 1:00 PM June 17, 2005

Rev. Tim Rabon presented part two of the message which he began before lunch.

The Moderator called for reports from the State Representatives and Boards.

Report from State Promotional Secretary, by Rev. Paul Collins and Rev. Mike Decker.

Report from State Home Missions Board, by Rev. Richard Barnes, Rev. Paul Collins, Rev. Paul McKissick, and Rev. Diego Cueva
Report from National General Board Member, by Rev. Glen Johnson
Report from Harvest Child-Care Ministries, by Sister Martha Stone.
Report from Family Ministries, by Rev. Dr. James Kilgore and Sister Jo Ann White
Report from Gateway Christian College, by Dr. Bruce Barnes.
Report from Camp Jacob, by Rev. Marty Puckett
Report from Southeastern Freewill Baptist College, Jonathan Blankenship

Each State Report was received by motion, second, and adopted.

The Moderator called for National Leaders to give their reports.

Report from Rev. Roy Harris, Executive Office National Association.
Report from Rev. Richard Atwood, of the National Home Missions Board.
Report from David Wilford, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville Tennessee.
Report from Rev. Ron Hunter, General Director of Randall House Publications.
Report from Rev. Steve Lytle and Sister Angelia Emerick, of the National Foreign Missions Board.
Report from Ray Lewis, of the Free Will Baptist Foundation.
Report from Ray Lewis, of the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement.

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

The Moderator called for old business, none was presented.

The Moderator called for new business, none was presented

Election of Officers:

The Moderator called for the report of the Nominating Committee.

Elected Officers:

Moderator (2007).....	Hal Jones
Assistant Moderator (2007)	Marty Puckett
Treasurer (2007).....	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer (2007).....	Dave Nobles

Executive Board:

Cary Layne (2007)
 Fred Bates (2011)

Home Missions Board:

Glen Johnson (2011)

National Association Board:

Glen Johnson (2007)

Promotional Secretary:

Paul Collins (2007)

The floor was then opened for additional nominations none were presented.

A motion was made, and second received, that the nominations cease and that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

Election of National Delegates:

The Moderator called for the election of delegates to represent the Virginia State Association at the National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The following delegates were elected:

Teresa Hill
Ann Brown
Penny Perry

The body approved a motion to allow Rev. Glen Johnson to appoint additional delegates from any in attendance at the national convention.

The Moderator called for the Obituary Report. The following individuals were presented to the Clerk for inclusion in the report:

Rev. Thomas Slemp
Rebekah Linkous
Lula May Day

Rev. Dr. Dave Nobles presented the Memorial Prayer.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the Good News Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality and work in hosting the Virginia State Meeting.

The moderator Rev. Hal Jones asked each church to make plans to attend the state meetings. He also asked that we pray about a full time promotional man for the state association

Next years meeting will be held at the Yorkshire Free Will Baptist Church in Manassas Virginia on June 14th and 15th 2007.

A motion for adjournment was received and the meeting was dismissed in prayer.

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

June 1, 2005

Clerk C. Wayne Perry

A. Church Characteristics	
1. Total # Assoc	8
2. Total # Assoc Reporting	8
3. Total Churches	87
4. Total Churches Rep	87
5. Total Churches in city/town	29
Rural	58
6. Total Churches with:	
full-time pastors	39
bi-vocational	48
B. Membership Information	
1. Total # Baptisms	133
2. Total Members Added	176
3. Total Members Lost	187
4. Total Membership	4,644
C. Stewardship Information	
1. Total Income all Churches	\$3,674,809.00
2. Total Churches with Budgets	23
D. Building Information	
1. Total # Churches with Parsonages	8
2. Total Value of Church Property	\$13,131,300.00
E. General Information	
1. Total # Ministers:	
Ordained	166
Licensed	27
2. Total # Ordained Deacons	195
3. Total # Churches with:	
Daycare	1
Kindergarten	0
Christian Day School	4
Bible Institutes	1
Colleges	1
4. Total S.S. Enrollment	3,711

5. Total C.T.S. Enrollment	284
6. Total WNAC Enrollment	442
7. Total Master's Men Enrollment	63

CENTRAL VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	5
Total number of churches in city/town	2
Total number of churches rural	3
Total number of churches reporting	5
Churches with Full-time Pastors	3
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	2
Total Baptisms	10
Total members added	9
Total members lost	14
Total membership	173
Total income for all churches	\$116,297.38*
Total number of churches with budgets	3
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property	\$1,727,300.00
Total number of ordained ministers	7
Total number of licensed ministers	1
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 School	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	0
Total number of churches with Colleges	0
Sunday School enrollment	112
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	28
Total Master's Men enrollment	5
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$875.00

* three churches reporting

Moderator: Rick Gatton
1110 Lakeview Ln.
Bedford, VA 24211

Clerk: Brenda Burks
1089 Bell Hill Road
Big Island, VA 24526

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Charity FWB Church
415 Orchard Drive
Bassett, VA 24055

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Big Island, VA 24526
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James Greene
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King of Kings FWB Church
12371 Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike
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Lighthouse FWB Church
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Rustburg, VA 24588
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CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	10
Total number of churches in city/town	0
Total number of churches rural	10
Total number of churches reporting	10
Churches with Full-time Pastors	1
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	9
Total Baptisms	2
Total members added	2
Total members lost	27
Total membership	328
Total income for all churches	\$29,402.77*
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,386,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	28
Total number of licensed ministers	1
Total number of ordained deacons	23
Total number of churches with Day Cares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	0
Total number of churches with Colleges	0
Sunday School enrollment	414
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	0
Total Master's Men enrollment	0
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	50
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$1,650.00
*four churches reporting	

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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Gate City, VA 24244

Lubert Hammond
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Clinchport, VA 24244
(276) 940-4411

Calvary FWB Church
965 Fordtown Rd.
Kingsport, TN 37663

Greg Collins
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Clinchport FWB Church
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Hill's Chapel FWB Church
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Valley View FWB Church
Dungannon, VA 24245

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SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

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Natural Tunnel FWB Church
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HARMONY ASSOCIATION*

Total number of churches	4
Total number of churches in city/town	0
Total number of churches rural.....	4
Total number of churches reporting	4
Churches with Full-time Pastors	0
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	4
Total Baptisms.....	4
Total members added.....	3
Total members lost	3
Total membership	249
Total income for all churches.....	\$13,219.79
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$425,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	9

Total number of licensed ministers	1
Total number of ordained deacons	15
Total number of churches with Day Cares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School enrollment.....	217
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	50
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	0
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$600.00

*Information available for two quarters only

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Total number of churches	13
Total number of churches in city/town	3
Total number of churches rural	10
Total number of churches reporting	13
Churches with Full-time Pastors	5
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	8
Total Baptisms	22
Total members added	12
Total members lost	7
Total membership	516
Total income for all churches	\$247,423.00
Total number of churches with budgets	2
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property	\$1,250,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	25
Total number of licensed ministers	0
Total number of ordained deacons	44
Total number of churches with Day Cares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	1
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	0
Total number of churches with Colleges	0
Sunday School enrollment	375

Total CTS enrollment.....	45
Total WNAC enrollment.....	35
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	8
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	40
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$1,950.00

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Total number of churches	15
Total number of churches in city/town.....	10
Total number of churches rural.....	5
Total number of churches reporting.....	15
Churches with Full-time Pastors	8
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	7
Total Baptisms.....	59
Total members added.....	83
Total members lost	77
Total membership.....	817
Total income for all churches.....	\$1,404,000.00
Total number of churches with budgets.....	8
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property.....	\$4,990,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	29
Total number of licensed ministers	10

Total number of ordained deacons	17
Total number of churches with Day Cares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	1
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	2
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	1
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School enrollment.....	985
Total CTS enrollment.....	8
Total WNAC enrollment	96
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	16
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	75
Amount of representation fee enclosed	0

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Total number of churches	3
Total number of churches in city/town	0
Total number of churches rural	3
Total number of churches reporting	3
Churches with Full-time Pastors	3
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	0
Total Baptisms	0
Total members added	0
Total members lost	4
Total membership	136
Total income for all churches	\$18,105.02
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$20,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	8

Total number of licensed ministers	1
Total number of ordained deacons	10
Total number of churches with Day Cares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School enrollment.....	185
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	0
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	0
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	10
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$450.00

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Total number of churches	23
Total number of churches in city/town	3
Total number of churches rural	23
Total number of churches reporting	25
Churches with Full-time Pastors	3
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	20
Total Baptisms	9
Total members added	40
Total members lost	44
Total membership	1187
Total income for all churches	NR
Total number of churches with budgets	1
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,603,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers	50
Total number of licensed ministers	5
Total number of ordained deacons	65
Total number of churches with Day Cares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	0
Total number of churches with Colleges	0
Sunday School enrollment	866
Total CTS enrollment	231
Total WNAC enrollment	155
Total Master's Men enrollment	34
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	90
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$2,740.00

*Not reported by all churches

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Total number of churches	14
Total number of churches in city/town	11
Total number of churches rural	3
Total number of churches reporting	7
Churches with Full-time Pastors	12
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	2
Total Baptisms	31
Total members added	26
Total members lost	11
Total membership	1238
Total income for all churches	\$244,357.79
Total number of churches with budgets	5
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property	\$12,100,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	11
Total number of licensed ministers	9
Total number of ordained deacons	19
Total number of churches with Day Cares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	1
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	0
Total number of churches with Colleges	1
Sunday School enrollment	618
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	78

Total Master's Men enrollment.....	0
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$2,100.00

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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 recent 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 III, Section V, A3, D, & E. Upon completion of this process, any Local Association may become a member after having been received by majority vote by 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 the 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 the business and to preside over all business sessions of this State Association.
- b) He shall appoint a Nomination 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 to 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 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 the 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.

3. State Home Missions Board:

- a) The State Home Missions 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 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 (3rd) 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 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 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 of 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 I, 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 I, 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 this association. No fiduciary obligation shall be created by any designated contribution for the general furtherance of any 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 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 a 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

Clerk Rev. Vergel A. Maness

Executive Board Member

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