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OFFICERS ELECTED 2007

Moderator (2008)	Marty Puckett
Assistant Moderator (2008).....	Bob Brown
Clerk (2008)	Wayne Perry
Assistant Clerk (2008).....	Donald White
Treasurer (2008).....	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer	Dave Nobles

Elected Executive Board:

Fred Bates	2011
Cary Lane	2012
Don Jones.....	2008
Wayne Perry	2009
Dave Nobles	2010

Home Missions Board:

Glen Johnson.....	2011
David Neitch.....	2012
Jay Sumnerlin	2008
Dave Nobles	2009
Jack Blanton	2010

Children's Home:

Joan White	2008
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson.....	2008
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Promotional Secretary:

Paul Collins	2008
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CTS Representative:

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

69th Session Proceedings:

The 69th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Yorkshire Free Will Baptist Church in Manassas, Virginia on Thursday, June 14, 2007. 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. A time of community prayer was opened by Rev Jack Blanton and closed by Rev Richard Barnes and Rev Gary Hill. 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 **"Global Cooling."** The theme would be developed by the topics of: "Cooling Toward the Great Commission" to be delivered by Rev. Marty Puckett, "Church Legal Seminar" part one and part two to be delivered by Rev Todd Tennant, "Cooling Toward our Convictions and Biblical Truth" to be delivered by Rev. Paul McKissick, and "Cooling Toward our Heritage" to be delivered by Rev. David Sexton.

The 11:00 AM service was opened with congregational singing. The Ladies Trio from the Yorkshire Church sang "I've Never Been This Homesick Before."

Rev. Marty Puckett developed the topic "Cooling Toward the Great Commission" from the text of Revelation 3:15-22. The message was an encouragement to all in attendance to not become polluted by the world and go out and share the gospel.

Rev Todd Tennant delivered a "Church Legal Seminar" part one and two by the use of the syllabus entitled "Informing the Faithful," which was provided by the Christian Law Association. The presentation was very informative and well received by all in attendance.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION JUNE 14, 2007:

At 6:00 PM a musical concert was presented by groups from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Gateway Free Will Baptist College, and the Free Will Baptist College.

The official session was opened with prayer at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing of "The Glory Land Way."

Rev. Lonnie Salyers, 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

Lonnie Salyers-Chairman

Carl Sexton

Bob Brown

Registration & Credentials Committee

Todd Tennant-Chairman

Tammy Greer

Jeff Dotson

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 congregational singing.

An offering was received and placed in the treasury for the State Associational budget. The offering totaled \$293.00.

The evening message followed. Rev. Paul McKissick expounded on the assigned subject "Cooling Toward our Convictions and Biblical Truth" with his text taken from Malachi 1:6-14. Bro. McKisick developed the theme with the question of "Where is the Awe of God". A wonderful time of worship and renewal was experienced.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION JUNE 15, 2007

8:15 AM: The morning prayer time was opened with requests taken by Rev. Marty Puckett. A community altar prayer followed with Rev. Glen Johnson leading the prayer.

The session began at 9:00 AM when Rev. Barry Simpson, delivered a devotional message taken from Matthew 27:31. The message challenged each of those in attendance to focus on the cross. Bro Simpson also delivered the report for the National Foreign Missions Board.

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

Bro. Todd Tennant presented the Credentials Committee Report. A motion was made and carried to receive the report.

CREDENTIAL'S REPORT

Districts or Associations Reported June 14-15, 2007
Treasurer's Report:

District or Association	Number of Churches	Fees Received
Central Virginia Quarterly	5	\$ 750.00
Clinch Valley Association	8	\$ 1,500.00
Harmony Association	4	\$ 600.00
John Wheeler Association	13	\$ 1,950.00
Northern Virginia Association	17	\$ 2,550.00
Sandy Valley Association	3	\$ 450.00
Southwest Association	24	\$ 3,600.00
Tidewater Association	14	\$ 2,100.00
		\$ 13,500.00

Credentials Committee Statistical Report:

Title	Total
Ministers	29
Deacons/Delegates	16
Visitors	43
Total	88

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
March 13, 2007
Harrisonburg, VA

The Executive committee met on March 13, 2007 at the Harrisonburg Free Will Baptist Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia to discuss and plan the Sixty-ninth Virginia State Association Annual Meeting. The following members were in attendance:

Hal Jones	Cary Lane
Fred Bates	Paul Collins
Gary Hill	Dave Nobles
Wayne Perry	

The meeting was opened in prayer and Scripture reading from I Timothy 5:22. Reverend Fred Bates led in a devotional time with the thought, live clean, be content, study continually, and preach consistently.

First Item: The first item on the agenda was an updated on the Hispanic ministry across the state and the Home Missions Board. Bro Dave Nobles

delivered the report by outlining the successes of the work and stressing the need for support from across the state.

Second Item: The second item on the agenda was a discussion concerning the need for the state to work together across the state. The discussion centered on the need for a cooperative giving plan as a means to generate the support needed for the works of the State Association. It was decided to check with the South Carolina and Arkansas State Associations to get the details of their plans. The hope is to develop a Virginia State plan that can be voted on at the June 2007 annual meeting. The discussion ended with a plan to meet again on May 29, 2007 to continue the discussion and develop the cooperative giving plan.

Third Item: The Executive Committee suggested the following slate of officers for the coming year:

Moderator	Marty Puckett
Assistant Moderator	Bob Brown
Treasurer	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer	Dave Nobles
Executive Board	Cary Layne
Home Missions Board	Walter Statzer, or Bob Surber, or Don White
National Association Board	Glen Johnson
Promotional Secretary	Paul Collins

Fourth Item: The fourth item on the agenda was the appointment of Committees for the 2007 Annual meeting as follows:

Nominating Committee:
Lonnie Salyers- Chairman
James Bulloch
Bob Brown

Credentials Committee:
Todd Tennant- Chairman
Others to be chosen by Todd from the Manassas Church

Fifth Item: The fifth item on the agenda was the theme and speakers for the 2007 Meeting.

A. The theme verses are to be Titus 1:14-16

B. The theme will be, "**Global Cooling**"

C. The speakers and topics will be:

Thursday Morning- Cooling Toward the Great Commission==Marty Puckett
Thursday Afternoon- Legal Seminar===Christian Law Association or Hal Jones

Thursday Evening- Cooling Toward Convictions and Biblical Truth==Paul
McKissick
Friday – Cooling Toward our Heritage===David Crowe
Friday Morning Devotion==James Forllines
Friday Afternoon Devotion== J D Norris

The Meeting was closed in prayer.

The Executive Committee Met Again on May 29. 2002

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
March 13, 2007
Harrisonburg, VA

The Executive committee met on May 29, 2007 at the Harrisonburg Free Will Baptist Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia to discuss and plan the Sixty-ninth Virginia State Association Annual Meeting. The following members were in attendance:

Hal Jones	Cary Lane
Fred Bates	Paul Collins
Gary Hill	Dave Nobles
Wayne Perry	Marty Puckett

The meeting was opened in prayer and Scripture reading from Mark 11:2-6. Reverend Gary Hill led in a devotional time with the thought of submitting our will to God.

First Item: The first item on the agenda was an updated of the planning for the annual meeting. The program was reviewed and the necessary changes were made to the program. Bro. Jones informed the board that the legal seminar was not confirmed and that should the in case of our failure to confirm it, a “Cooling Topic would be substituted.

Second Item: The second item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on March 13th 2007. The minutes were approved with the necessary changes.

Third Item: The third item on the agenda was to discuss and recommend the development of a formal “State Missions Program.” The program is to be designed to influence the state association to make a difference for Christ. The program would give churches the opportunity to direct all missions giving through the state, Home Missions Board.

The Home Missions Board would deposit the funds received into an interest bearing account and at the end of a ninety day period forward the funds to the work for which they have been designated. All interest earned on the funds would then be used to support the programs of the State Association.

The implementation plan was then discussed.

Implementation Plan:

- A. The program is to be completely voluntary. Any church wishing to participate would simply mail one check to the Treasurer of the Home Missions Board along with a form designating where the funds were to be given.
- B. All churches participating in the program would be encouraged to include undesignated giving above their designated missions giving. Churches would be encouraged to give a percentage of their budget ranging from one percent to ten percent. All churches choosing to participate in the undesignated giving initiative would be recognized at the Annual State Association Meeting.

The reasons for the implementation of the "State Missions Program" were then discussed.

Reasons:

1. The funds produced by the program would allow the state to employ a full time Promotional Secretary.
2. The program would allow the Home Missions board to intervene to prevent the loss of ministries through out the state.
3. The program would formalize the raising of funds to support missions
4. The program could be used to help develop a pastors retirement and or a widows fund.
5. The program would provide support for the National Departments and Programs.

Following the discussion, all board members expressed their support for the program and recommended that it be presented to the delegates of the 2007 annual meeting.

The meeting closed in prayer.

The Executive Board met June 14, 2007 following the Thursday afternoon Bible Conference.

The following items were discussed:

Item one: The schedule for the remainder of the annual meeting was reviewed

Item two: The treasurers report and proposed budget were reviewed and approved to be presented to the annual meeting.

Item three: A discussion was held concerning the proposed Missions Plan of Support. The reasons for the program implementation were reviewed. The proposed support form was also reviewed. The program is to be presented at the Friday morning business session. The presentation would be led by Bro Dave Nobles.

Item four: A discussion was held concerning the need for a State of Virginia Association web page. Bro Hal Jones' church has agreed to support the page for the first two years.

Item five: A motion was made and approved to hold the next annual meeting at Mary's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Coeburn, VA.

Item six: The Executive Board voted to have the clerk make a motion to the body at Fridays business session for the adoption of the "Missions Support Plan."

The meeting closed in prayer.

With the permission of the moderator the Clerk, Bro Wayne Perry made the following motion:

" In an effort to solidify and expand Virginia State Missions, the Executive Committee and the Virginia State Home Missions Board hereby makes a motion to ask churches to channel all mission gifts to the Virginia Home Missions Department under the auspices of the Virginia State Home Missions Board. The funds generated will be used to support state ministries such as the development of a state web site, support local ministries, and work toward the hiring of a full time promotional director."

The motion received a second by Bro. Paul Collins.

Discussion followed with a presentation of the program by Bro Dave Nobles. After much discussion and questions and amended motion was received and passed to retain the funds generated for one year and then come back to the body at the annual meeting to determine the disbursement of the funds. The original motion along with the amendment was then approved by the body.

Business was suspended for the Morning Worship Service.

The ladies trio of the Yorkshire Church opened the service with a special song.

Rev. David Sexton presented a message from the assigned topic "Cooling Toward our Heritage." Rev. Sexton took his text from I Kings 18:41-46 and developed his thought with the admonition to "Pray Until Something Happens." The message was well received and a time of renewal was experienced by many who responded the altar call.

Friday Afternoon, 1:00 PM June 17, 2005

Rev. Gary Hill presented the Treasurer's Report and a Proposed Budget for 2007-2008. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and adopt the Budget was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007

<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Fees:</i>			
Central Va.	\$ 875.00	Corp. Fee	25.00
Chinch Valley	1,650.00	National Fee	8,700.00
Harmony	600.00	Exec. Mtg. Expense	1,882.38
John Wheeler	1,950.00	Va. Home Missions	1,187.13
Northern Va.	1,950.00	Minutes	765.50
Sandy Valley	450.00	Newsletter	557.83
Southwest Va.	3,450.00	Promo. Office Reimb	894.90
Tidewater	2,100.00	Salaries.	800.00
Total Fees	\$13,025.00	Speakers	942.05
State Offering	\$ 211.12		
1 st FWB Richmond	533.09	Total Expense	\$15,754.79
Yorkshire FWB	1,000.00		
Total Income	\$14,769.30		
NET INCOME			
	\$-985.49		

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,748.50
Ending Balance	5,763.01
Balance After Dist.	4,822.26

Surplus Funds Distribution

	<u>05/06</u>	<u>06/07</u>
Balance at End of Year	\$ 6,748.50	\$ 5,763.01
-\$2,000.00 Contingency	4,728.50	3,763.01
50% General Fund	2,374.25	1,881.50
25% Home Missions	1,187.13	940.75
25% Promo Office	1,187.13	940.75

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

- Report** from State Promotional Secretary, by Rev. Paul Collins
- Report** from State Home Missions Board, by Rev. Dave Nobles, 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 Rev. Frank Woods
- Report** from Gateway Christian College, by Dr. Bruce Barnes.
- Report** from Camp Jacob, by Bro. Daniel Osborne
- Report** from Southeastern Freewill Baptist College, Bryan Lamb

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

The Moderator called for National Leaders to give their reports.

- Report** from Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Office National Association.
- Report** from Rev. Paul Collins, for the National Home Missions Board.
- Report** from Rev. Jacob Frady, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville Tennessee.
- Report** from Rev. Ron Hunter, General Director of Randall House Publications.
- Report** from Bill Evans, of the Free Will Baptist Foundation.
- Report** from Bill Evans, for 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 (2008)Marty Puckett
- Assistant Moderator (2008)..... Bob Brown
- Treasurer (2008).....Gary Hill
- Assistant TreasurerDave Nobles

Executive Board:

Cary Layne (2012)

Home Missions Board:

David Neitch (2012)

National Association Board:

Glen Johnson (2008)

Promotional Secretary:

Paul Collins (2008)

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 Little Rock, Arkansas. The following delegates were elected:

Ann Brown
Shane Brown
Penny Perry
Cindy Jones
Patty Collins
Alternate:
Rachel Collins

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

Rudolph Payne
Blanch Gentry
Ruth McAmis
John Bradley
Jimmy Frye
Daniel Salyers
George Pace
Virginia Hunt
Rennie A Cooper
Ida White

Rev. Jack Blanton presented the Memorial Prayer.

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

Next years meeting will be held at the Mary's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Coeburn Virginia on June 13th and 14th 2008.

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	88
4. Total Churches Rep.....	88
5. Total Churches in city/town	32
Rural	56
6. Total Churches with:	
full-time pastors.....	37
bi-vocational.....	51

B. Membership Information

1. Total # Baptisms.....	188
2. Total Members Added	377
3. Total Members Lost.....	131
4. Total Membership.....	4,782

C. Stewardship Information

1. Total Income all Churches.....	\$4,773,104.00
2. Total Churches with Budgets.....	17

D. Building Information

1. Total # Churches with Parsonages.....	8
2. Total Value of Church Property	\$27,549,792.00

E. General Information

1. Total # Ministers:	
Ordained	172
Licensed.....	25
2. Total # Ordained Deacons	203
3. Total # Churches with:	
Daycare.....	2
Kindergarten	2
Christian Day School	4

Bible Institutes.....	0
Colleges.....	1
4. Total S.S. Enrollment.....	4,206
5. Total C.T.S. Enrollment.....	747
6. Total WNAC Enrollment.....	361
7. Total Master's Men Enrollment	94

CENTRAL VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches.....	5
Total number of churches in city/town	1
Total number of churches rural	4
Total number of churches reporting	5
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	2
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	3
Total Baptisms	7
Total members added	13
Total members lost.....	17
Total membership	172
Total income for all churches.....	,\$96,494.71*
Total number of churches with budgets.....	3
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	2
Total value of all church property	\$1,751,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers.....	7
Total number of licensed ministers.....	2
Total number of ordained deacons.....	6
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	172
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	37
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	8
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	25
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$750.00

* three churches reporting

Moderator: James Greene
17195 Big Island NW
Big Island, VA 24526

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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(276)-629-8712

Chestnut Hill FWB Church
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Big Island, VA 24526
(434) 299-5066

James Greene
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Big Island, VA 24526
(434) 299-5820

King of Kings FWB Church
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Forest, VA 24551
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William Steele
112 Whitcomb Lane
Goode, VA 24556
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Lighthouse FWB Church
942 Burks Hill Rd.
Bedford, VA 24523
(540) 586-1234

Rick Gatten
1110 Lakeview Lane
Bedford, VA 24523
(540) 587-3606

Woodland Heights FWB Church
1995 Old Chatham Rd.
Martinsville, VA 24211
(540) 634-0995

Terry Hardison
1513 Grandview Dr.
Martinsville, VA 24211
(540) 638-3373

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Buena Vista, VA 24416
(540) 261-1043

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64 Lindsey Lane
Rustburg, VA 24588
(540) 332-3636

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches.....	8
Total number of churches in city/town.....	0
Total number of churches rural.....	8
Total number of churches reporting.....	8
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	2
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	6
Total Baptisms.....	0
Total members added.....	9
Total members lost.....	15
Total membership.....	229
Total income for all churches.....	\$97,220.00*
Total number of churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$833,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers.....	21
Total number of licensed ministers.....	1
Total number of ordained deacons.....	14
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.....	243
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.....	40
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$1,500.00

*six churches reporting

Moderator: William Brown
PO Box 54
Duffield, VA 24244
(276)-431-2533

Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron
5660 Orebank Road
Kingsport, TN 37664
(423) 288-8490

MIDWAY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator: Charles Wallen
404 Sierra Dr
Kingsport, TN 37664
(423)288-3774

Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron
5660 Orebank Road
Kingsport, TN 37664
(423) 288-8490

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bishop Memorial FWB Church
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Gate City, VA 24251

Lubert Hammond
Rt. 4 Box 40
Clinchport, VA 24244
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Clinchport FWB Church
PO Box 444
Duffield, VA 24244
(276) 940-2348

Greg Collins
105 Kingsley Ave
Kingsport, TN 37660
(432) 723-3434

Hill's Chapel FWB Church
Rt. 4
Duffield, VA 24244

Roger Herron
5660 Orebank Rd.
Kingsport, TN 37664
(423) 288-8547

Orebank FWB Church
5663 Orebank Rd.
Kingsport, TN 37664

Charles Wallen
404 Sierra Dr.
Kingsport, TN 37664
(423) 288-3774

Valley View FWB Church
Dungannon, VA 24245

L.W. Sallings
12890 Veterans Mem Hwy
Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250
(276) 995-2311

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator: Tim Rhoton
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Duffield, VA 24244
(276) 431-4727

Clerk: Martha Townsend
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Duffield, VA 24244
(276) 431-2302

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Bowens Chapel FWB Church
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Duffield, VA 24244

William Bowen
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(276) 431-2533

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183 Hillcrest Circle
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(423)753-2240

Red Hill FWB Church
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(423) 753-3835

Charles Wallen
404 Sierra Dr.
Kingsport, TN 37664
(423) 288-3774

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	8
Total members added.....	16
Total members lost.....	11
Total membership.....	253
Total income for all churches	\$60,299.99
Total number of churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property	\$390,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	12
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	11
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	227
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	52
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

Moderator: Mark McDavid
3524 McIntosh DR
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(423) 782-7220

Clerk: Lennis France
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

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.....	6
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	7
Total Baptisms	18
Total members added	21
Total members lost.....	10
Total membership	516
Total income for all churches	\$228,152.00
Total number of churches with budgets.....	6
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	3
Total value of all church property	\$1,250,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	23
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	38
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	380
Total CTS enrollment	45
Total WNAC enrollment.....	27
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.....	17
Total number of churches in city/town.....	9
Total number of churches rural.....	8
Total number of churches reporting	17
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	9
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	8
Total Baptisms	106

Total members added	153
Total members lost.....	36
Total membership	906
Total income for all churches	\$1,642,757.00
Total number of churches with budgets.....	9
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	1
Total value of all church property.....	\$7,083,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	24
Total number of licensed ministers.....	5
Total number of ordained deacons.....	18
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	837
Total CTS enrollment	41
Total WNAC enrollment.....	75
Total Master's Men enrollment	18
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	75
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$2,550.00

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SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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	3

Total members lost.....	1
Total membership	85
Total income for all churches	\$20,000.00
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.....	6
Total number of licensed ministers.....	2
Total number of ordained deacons.....	11
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	150
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	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$450.00

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Total number of churches.....	24
Total number of churches in city/town.....	5
Total number of churches rural	19
Total number of churches reporting	24
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	2
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	21
Total Baptisms	16*
Total members added.....	120
Total members lost.....	24
Total membership	1313
Total income for all churches	NR*
Total number of churches with budgets.....	2
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,803,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers.....	57
Total number of licensed ministers.....	7
Total number of ordained deacons.....	71
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	876
Total CTS enrollment	225
Total WNAC enrollment.....	102*
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	34*
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	100
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$3,600.00

*Not reported by all churches

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TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches.....	14
Total number of churches in city/town.....	14
Total number of churches rural	0
Total number of churches reporting.....	10
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	9
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	1
Total Baptisms	33
Total members added	42
Total members lost.....	17
Total membership	1308
Total income for all churches	\$946,246.56
Total number of churches with budgets.....	6
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	2
Total value of all church property	\$14,419,792.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	22
Total number of licensed ministers.....	8
Total number of ordained deacons.....	34
Total number of churches with Day Cares	2
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	2
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	2
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	0
Total number of churches with Colleges	1
Sunday School enrollment.....	1321
Total CTS enrollment.....	436
Total WNAC enrollment.....	68

Total Master's Men enrollment.....	26
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 or 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 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 form 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 \$150.00 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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