

**MINUTES OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Seventy First Annual Session Held With
Great Bridge Free Will Baptist Church

700 Mt. Pleasant Rd.
Chesapeake VA 23322
Pastor: Rev. Hal Jones

June 18-19, 2009

The next session will be held at the
First Free Will Baptist Church
In Roanoke, Virginia
On June 17-18, 2010

OFFICERS ELECTED 2010

Moderator (2010)	Bob Brown
Assistant Moderator (2010).....	Karl Sexton
Clerk (2012)	Wayne Perry
Assistant Clerk (2012).....	Donald White
Treasurer (2010)	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer	Dave Nobles

Elected Executive Board:

Dave Nobles.....	2010
Fred Bates.....	2011
Roger Bevins.....	2012
Don White	2013
Marty Puckett.....	2014

Home Missions Board:

Jack Blanton.....	2010
Glen Johnson	2011
David Neitch.....	2012
Hal Jones	2013
Dave Nobles.....	2014

Children's Home:

Jo White	2011
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson	2010
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Promotional Secretary:

Bruce Barnes	2010
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CTS Representative:

Adam Bolin.....	2010
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71st Session Proceedings:

The 71st session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Great Bridge Free Will Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia on Thursday, June 18, 2008. 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. Marty Puckett. A time of community prayer was opened by Rev Glen Johnson and closed by Rev. Barry Reel. The focus of the prayer was for the men who would be bringing the messages at the conference and for the request which were brought before the congregation.

The theme of the conference was **"Personal Revival."** The theme would be developed by the topics of: "Personal Commitment" to be delivered by Dr. Dave Nobles, "Personal Sanctification" to be delivered by Rev. Frank Woods, "Personal Prayer and Fasting" to be delivered by Rev. Glen Johnson, "Personal Repentance" to be delivered by Dr Dale Burden, and "Personal Faithfulness" to be delivered by Rev. Don White.

The 11:00 AM service was opened with congregational singing. and a duet by Bro. and Sis. Lewis from the Great Bridge Church."

Dr. Dave Nobles developed the topic "Personal Commitment" from the text of Colossians 3:1-11. The message was a reminder to all in attendance to understand that personal commitment to God is priority one and is all that matters in our lives is God. The message and the challenge which it provided was very well received.

At 1:00 PM, Rev Frank Woods delivered a message taken from I Thessalonians 4:2-7 by developing the topic of "Personal Sanctification." The congregation was reminded that we enjoy sanctification by the blood of Jesus Christ and the presence of a Holy God. The message was a challenge to an encouragement to be live a life that was pleasing to God.

At 2:00 PM, the service was opened by special singing by Bro. and Sis. Lewis from the Great Bridge Church. The message was delivered by Rev. Glen Johnson and was taken from Matthew 6:1-6. The message was a reminder that works through a private person plan with individuals and in order to know that plan we must get alone with God.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION JUNE 18, 2009:

At 6:00 PM a drama was presented by a group from the Gateway Christian College entitled "A Missionaries Prayer." The Free Will Baptist College, Rejoice ministry team when presented a musical selection.

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

Rev. Hal Jones, 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. Marty Puckett, 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

Roger Bevins-Chairman
Jack Blanton
Karl Sexton

Registration & Credentials Committee

Jonathan Lewis-Chairman
Brenda Williams
Germaine Findlay

Rev. Hal Jones delivered the announcement for the evening. Brother Puckett also introduced and called to the podium Dr Dale Burden and Jane Burden who was recognized for 56 years of service to the ministry. A brief video depicting the Burden's ministry was presented. Brother Burden was given a plaque and after his remarks was congratulated by a standing ovation.

The business session was then 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 evening message followed. Dr. Dale Burden expounded on the assigned subject "Personal Repentance" with his text taken from Mark 14. Bro. Burden delivered a wonderful message by using David and Peter as examples for repentance. A time of worship and renewal was experienced.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION JUNE 19, 2009

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

The session began at 9:00 AM when Rev. Bob Brown, delivered a devotional message taken from I Timothy 4:7-8, John 1, and II Timothy 2:15. The message challenged each of those in attendance to strive for spiritual excellence and to develop a discipline for excellence.

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

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

CREDENTIAL'S REPORT

Districts or Associations Reported June 18-19, 2009

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	12	\$ 1,800.00
Northern Virginia Association	15	\$ 2,250.00
Sandy Valley Association	3	\$ 450.00
Southwest Association	24	\$ 3,600.00
Tidewater Association	13	\$ 1,950.00
		\$ 12,900.00

Credentials Committee Statistical Report:

Title	Total
Ministers	33
Deacons/Delegates	16
Visitors	133
Total	182

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
March 9, 2009
Roanoke, VA

The Executive Committee met on March 9, 2009 at Roanoke Virginia to discuss and plan the Seventy-first Virginia State Association Annual Meeting.

The following were in attendance:

Fred Bates	Hal Jones
Bob Brown	Wayne Perry
Gary Hill	Marty Puckett
Don White	

The meeting was opened in prayer and remarks by the moderator Bro Marty Puckett

Brother Gary Hill lead a devotional time with scripture reading from Revelation 1. The thought for the devotion was "What it Means to be a Faithful Witness."

The minutes of the previous executive committee meeting was read and approved with corrections.

The Treasurers Report and budget for the coming year we approved as presented.

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 the he was waiting to complete the details for hotels and a map with direction to the church. He then would get the Plumb Line mailed and posted on the web site. He also reported that the singing for the meeting would be groups from Gateway, Southeastern and the Free Will Baptist Bible colleges.

The next item on the agenda was a report given by Brother Hal Jones, concerning our resolution to the National Association in opposition to the International Missions Board plan to change the church giving plan. Our resolution was presented on the floor and after much discussion the majority in attendance approved the change in planned giving as presented by the International Missions Board.

Brother Jones also gave a report for the state Home Missions Board. All the state home missionaries are going well. The Hispanic Ministries are going well, however they do need financial help. Brother Jones also expressed a concern for losing churches and a lack of missions mindedness by our churches.

The next item of the agenda was the appointment of Committees for the 2009 Annual meeting as follows:

Nominating Committee
Roger Bevins-Chairman
Jack Blanton
Karl Sexton

Credentials Committee

Members of the Great Bridge Church

The next item of the agenda was a discussion of the filling of vacancies on the various state boards and committees. The following recommendations were made:

Moderator—Bob Brown

Asst Moderator—Karl Sexton

Treasurer —Gary Hill

Executive Board—Marty Puckett

Home Missions Board—Dave Nobles

National Association---Glen Johnson

Alternate-----Hal Jones

CTS Representative ---Adam Bolin

Promotional Secretary—Don White is to pray about the position

Children's Home—Jo White

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

A. The theme verse is II Chronicles 7:14

B. The theme will be "Personal Revival"

C. The speakers and topics will be:

- Personal Commitment---Dr Dave Nobles
- Personal Repentance—Dr Dale Burden
- Personal Faithfulness—Rev Don White
- Personal Sanctification—Rev Frank Woods
- Personal Prayer and Fasting---Rev Glen Johnson

Devotional messages will be delivered by Rev Marty Puckett and Rev Bob Brown.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer.

The Executive Board met June 18, 20097 before and following the Thursday afternoon Bible Conference.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Dr. Bruce Barnes and discuss the position of Promotional Secretary for the State Association. Dr Barnes presented to the board his vision for the position.

The meeting was closed to reopen following the bible conference.

The meeting was reopened Thursday afternoon.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the location of the 2010 meeting. The location will be the Roanoke Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting date will be the 17th and 18th of June 2010.

The minutes of the March 9 executive board meeting was approved as presented.

Brother Roger Bevins was appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Executive Committee. The appointment will expire in 2012.

The treasurers report and budget were approved as presented.

The board received a report from the Home Missions Board concerning a change in the accounting function of the Virginia Plan of Support. The change will be presented to the body at Friday's business session.

A discussion followed concerning the promotional office. Dr Barnes has volunteered to fulfill the functions on the position on a part time basis. After much discussion it was decided to postpone a vote until the executive board could meet with Dr. Barnes following the evening session.

Following the evening session the meeting was reopened. After meeting with Dr. Barnes, the board received a motion and second to recommend Dr. Barnes to the full body at Friday's business session. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brother Glen Johnson presented the report as Virginia's representative on the National General Board

Business was suspended for the Morning Worship Service.

The Gateway Bible College singers opened the service with special singing.

Rev. Don White presented a message from the assigned topic "Personal Faithfulness." Brother White took his text from Hebrews 10:23. The message was well received and a time of renewal was experienced by all.

Friday Afternoon, 1:00 PM June 19, 20095

Rev. Gary Hill presented the Treasurer's Report and a Proposed Budget for 2009-2010. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and adopt the Budget was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Central Va	\$750.00	Corp. Fee	\$25.00
Clinch Valley	\$1500.00	National Fee	\$8,700.00
Harmony	\$600.00	Exec. Mtg. Expense	\$1,415.85
John Wheeler	\$1,800.00	Va. Home Missions	\$1292.55
Northern Va	\$2,550.00	Minutes	\$925.00
Sandy Valley	\$450.00	Newsletter	\$582.95
Southwest Va	\$3,600.00	Promo Office Reimb.	\$571.71
Tidewater	\$2,100.00	Salaries	\$800.00
Total Fees	\$13,500.00	Speakers	\$930.02
		Plaques	\$14.70
State Offering	\$506.00	CTS Reimbursement	\$100.00
Community FWB	\$500.00	State Meeting Exp	\$44.95
1st FWB Richmond	\$798.08	Total Expense	\$15,402.72
Yorkshire FWB	\$600.00		
Total Income	\$15,154.08		

Beginning Balance	\$7,170.20
Ending Balance	6,921.55
Balance After Dist.	5,691.15

Surplus Funds Distribution

	<u>07/08</u>	<u>07/09</u>
Balance at End of Year	\$ 7,170.20	6,921.55
-\$2,000.00 Contingency	5,170.20	4,921.55
50% General Fund	2,585.10	2,460.78
25% Home Missions	1,292.55	1,230.39
25% Promo Office	1,292.55	1,230.39

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

Report from State Promotional Secretary, by Rev. Paul Collins

Report from Harvest Child-Care Ministries, by Bro. James Stepps.

Report from Family Ministries, by Rev. Frank Wood

Report from Gateway Christian College, by Rev. Karl Sexton

Report from Camp Jacob, by Bro. Daniel Osborne

Report from Rhode Island Missions, Rev Bill Reynolds

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

The Moderator called for National Leaders to give their reports.

- Report** from Rev. Glen Johnson, Executive Office National Association.
- Report** from Rev. Paul Collins, for the National Home Missions Board.
- Report** from Garrett Reed, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College,
Nashville Tennessee.
- Report** from Randy Walser, Randall House Publications.
- Report** from David Brown, of the Free Will Baptist Foundation.
- Report** from Ray Lewis, for the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement.
- Report** from Mark McPeak for the International Missions Department

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

The Moderator called for old business.

The old business was a written request to change the association bylaws as follows: Article IV Section C Item 8 Part C to read as follows: "They Shall serve for a period of (6) six years.

After a motion and second, the motion to change the bylaws was approved.

The Moderator called for new business.

A motion from the floor was heard to change the standing rules the state: The Moderator will be an ex-officio member of all state boards and committees.

This motion was passed and the standing rules were changed.

The following requested change to the by-laws was read and tabled to be brought to a vote at the next annual session:

- 1. Article IV, Section D, 3(a) will be changed to read: The state Home Missions Board shall consist of (7) seven members elected by the association on a four year basis.
- 3. The constitution and bylaws of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist may be altered or amended at any regular session by two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present providing the change has been submitted in writing and tabled for the previous (annual) session.

Election of Officers:

The Moderator called for the report of the Nominating Committee.

Elected Officers:

- Moderator (2010)Bob Brown
- Assistant Moderator (2010)..... Karl Sexton
- Treasurer (2010)..... Gary Hill
- Assistant Treasurer Dave Nobles

Executive Board:

Marty Puckett (2014)

Home Missions Board:

Dave Nobles (2014)

National Association Board:

Glen Johnson (2010)

Family Ministries Board:

Jo White (2011)

Promotional Secretary:

Bruce Barnes (2010)

CTS Representative:

Adam Bolin (2010)

The floor was then opened for additional nominations and 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 Charleston West Virginia. The following delegates were elected:

Teresa Hill
Patty Collins
Deborah Miller
Joyce Phillips
Adam Bolin

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

Vela Russell
Mrs. Woods
Mrs Norworthy
Ruby Brummond
Gladys Findley
Tim Austin
Laura Jane Helms

Rev. Dave Nobles presented the Memorial Prayer.

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

Next years meeting will be held at the Roanoke Free Will Baptist Church in Chesapeake Virginia on June 17th and 18th 2010.

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

COMPILATION OF VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION REPORTS FROM ASSOC. TO STATE

June 13, 2008

Clerk C. Wayne Perry

A. Church Characteristics	
1. Total # Assoc.....	8
2. Total # Assoc Reporting	8
3. Total Churches	84
4. Total Churches Rep	84
5. Total Churches in city/town	28
Rural	56
6. Total Churches with:	
full-time pastors	44
bi-vocational.....	40
B. Membership Information	
1. Total # Baptisms.....	163
2. Total Members Added	226
3. Total Members Lost.....	176
Total Membership.....	4,354
C. Stewardship Information	
1. Total Income all Churches.....	\$1,901,076.64
2. Total Churches with Budgets	21
D. Building Information	
1. Total # Churches with Parsonages	9
2. Total Value of Church Property	56,336,076.00
E. General Information	
1. Total # Ministers:	
Ordained	162
Licensed	33
2. Total # Ordained Deacons.....	197
3. Total # Churches with:	
Daycare	4
Kindergarten	4
Christian Day School	4
Bible Institutes	0
Colleges.....	1
4. Total S.S. Enrollment.....	3,693
5. Total C.T.S. Enrollment	726
6. Total WNAC Enrollment.....	412
7. Total Master's Men Enrollment.....	85

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	1
Total Baptisms.....	5
Total members added	17
Total members lost.....	2
Total membership	180
Total income for all churches	92,733.79*
Total number of churches with budgets	3
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property	\$1,671,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers	5
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	137
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	33
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	4
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$750.00
* three churches reporting	

Moderator: Curtis Ashley
289 Orchard Drive
Bassett, VA 24055

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

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Charity FWB Church 415 Orchard Drive Bassett, VA 24055	Curtis Ashley 289 Orchard Drive Bassett, VA 24055 (276)-629-8712
Chestnut Hill FWB Church 13771 Lee Jackson Highway Big Island, VA 24526 (434) 299-5066	John Hancock 17195 Big Island NW Big Island, VA 24526 Ph 434-299-5820 434-610-7729
King of Kings FWB Church 12371 Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike Forest, VA 24551 (434) 525-7244	Brandon Barber (Interim) 1695 Founding Way Rd Bedford, VA 24523 PH 540-587-6555
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	Stanley Waddell 6668 Mitchell Rd Eidgeway, VA 24148 PH 276-340-7906

OTHER MINISTERS

Bob Breeden 1147 Woodland Ave. Buena Vista, VA 24416 (540) 261-1043	
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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	0
Total members lost.....	2
Total membership	222
Total income for all churches	\$ 51,241.48*
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$848,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers	19
Total number of licensed ministers	0
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	208
Total CTS enrollment	00
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: Lonnie Townsend 135 Blueberry Ridge Dr Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-4505	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Road Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-8490
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MIDWAY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator: Greg Collins 105 Kingsley Ave Kingsport, TN 37664 (423)723-3434	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Road Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-8490
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bishop Memorial FWB Church Rt. 4 Gate City, VA 24244	Daryle Hurd 449 Fraley Ave. Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-1121
Clinchport FWB Church PO Box 444 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 940-2348	Greg Collins 105 Kingsley Ave Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 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 E Wallen 404 Sierra Drive Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-3774
Valley View FWB Church Dungannon, VA 24245	L.W. Sallings Rt. 1 Box 290 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 (276) 995-2311

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator: Lonnie Townsend 135 Blueberry Ridge Rd Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-4504	Clerk: Martha Townsend Rt. 4 Box 289 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2302
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bowens Chapel FWB Church Rt. 5 Box 225 Duffield, VA 24244	William Bowen PO Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2533
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Mabes Chapel FWB Church Rt. 4 Duffield, VA 24244	M.D. Hyatt 187 Hillcrest Circle Jonesborough, TN 27659 (423) 753-2240
Red Hill FWB Church Rt. 7 Gate City, VA 24251	Vernon McDavid Rt. 4 Box 184 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-4530

**OTHER MINISTERS
CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

James Baker Rt. 5 Box 286 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2722	Marvin Winkle 2021 Todd Dr Kingsport, TN (423) 247-8547
Jackie Frazier Rt. 3 Box 209-C Duffield, VA 24244 (276-940-2999	George Hubbard 2309 Cranshaw Dr. Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 452-4640
Eckel Herron Rt. 4 Box 479 Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 386-7562	Milligan Herron Rt. 7 Box 6496 Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 452-4640
Daryle Hurd 153 Farley Ave. Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-1121	Nathan Jackson, Jr. 124 Chateaugay Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 288-1983
Matthew Norris 823 Natural Tunnel Parkway Duffield, VA 24244 (423)791-1224	Timothy Rhoton Rt. 4 Box 243-G Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-4727
Paul Smith Rt. 7 Box 6463 Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 452-2215	Joe Townsend Rt. 4 Box 326-A Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2331

Lonnie Townsend Rt. 4 Box A-243 Clinchport, VA 24244 (276) 431-4504	Charles Wallen 404 Sierra Dr. Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-3774
Kyle Akers Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244 (276) 940-2215	Ewing Gilliam Rt 3 Box 305-A Clinchport, VA 24244
William O Bowen P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 (276)431-2533	

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	7
Total members lost.....	44
Total membership	253
Total income for all churches	\$70,033.43
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$466,800.00
Total number of ordained ministers	9
Total number of licensed ministers	9
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	238
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	49
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: Danny Keith McNew Rt 1 Box 190 Ft Blackmore VA 24250 (276) 995-2050	Clerk: Lennis France 4745 Memorial Blvd Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-7039
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Durham's Chapel FWB Church Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244	Terry Rhoton Rt. 1 Box 2282 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 (276) 995-2661
New Beginning FWB Church 184 Morning Star Rd. Church Hill, TN 37642	No Information
Pine Grove FWB Church Rt 1 Box 190 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	Danny Keith McNew Rt 1 Box 190 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2050
Starnes Bluff FWB Church 853f Pace Street Kingsport, TN 37655	Clifford Pierson 412 Lucy Rd Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-5537

OTHER MINISTERS HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Terry Begley Rt. 4 Box 227 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 995-2205	Jerry Begley (Licensee) Rt. 1 Box 134A Dungannon, VA 24245 (276) 995-2201
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Sam Hillman PO Box 2009 Castlewood, VA 24244 (276) 738-8382	Donald McDavid Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244 (276) 431-2037
Mark McDavid 3425 McIntosh Dr. Kingsport, TN 37663 (423) 239-3566	Charles Puckett Virginia St. Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 386-3212

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	12
Total number of churches in city/town	2
Total number of churches rural	10
Total number of churches reporting	12
Churches with Full-time Pastors	5
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	7
Total Baptisms	18
Total members added	42
Total members lost	3
Total membership	551
Total income for all churches	\$259,285.00
Total number of churches with budgets	5
Total number of churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property	\$1,550,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	23
Total number of licensed ministers	2
Total number of ordained deacons	34
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	318
Total CTS enrollment	45
Total WNAC enrollment	34
Total Master's Men enrollment	8
Number of district assoc. minutes requested	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	30
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$1,800.00

Moderator: Gary Rowlette 1215 Anderson Street Bristol, TN 24354 (423) 625-2130	Clerk: Donald W. White 1762 Pittstown Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-3604
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**JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION CHURCHES
NORTHEASTERN QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Adwolf FWB Chruch 1032 Grubmore Rd Marion, VA 24354	Bob Surber 195 Morningside Dr Abingdon, VA 24210 (276) 646-3540
Cardwelltown FWB Chruch Rt 2 Box 117 Saltville, VA 24370	Mark Bumgardner
Heavenly Hope FWB Church Saltville, VA 24370	Bobby Collins 28559 Poor Vallye Road Saltville, VA 24370 (276) 944-5320
Liberty FWB Church Rt 5 Box 448 Marion, VA 24354	Jimmy Taylor 242 Barbrow Hollow Rd Saltville, VA 24370 (276) 496-56466
Macedonia FWB Chruch 697 Upper Poor Valley Rd Saltville, Va 24354	Clarence Fry 723 Free Will Lane Saltville, VA 243170 (276) 496-5646
Macedonia FWB Church 1764 Pine Swamp Rd Sparta, NC	Eddie Foster 446 Pugh Mountain Rd Marion, VA 24354 (276) 783-8642

SOUTHWESTERN QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator: Doug McCracken 121 Bever Street Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-5455	Clerk: John C Calhoun 458 Reedy Creek Rd Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 466-4680
Cornerstone FWB Chruch 300 Hinson Lane Bristol, TN 37620 (423) 878-7600	Gary Rowlette 1215 Anderson Street Bristol, TN 37620 (423) 652-2130
East Bristol FWB Church 208 Trammel Rd Bristol, TN 37620	Donald White 1762 Pittstown Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-3604
Friendship FWB Chruch 300 Sharps Creek Rd Bristol, TN 37620	Robert Prater 183 Lions Club Road Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-3423
Genesis FWB Church 1044 New Beason Well Rd Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 288-3532	N. N. Jennings Dotson 410 Winding Way Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 466-2893
Rooty Branch FWB Chruch 551 Rooty Branch Rd Bristol, TN 37620	Jeff Harless 552 Sharps Hollow Rd Bluff City, TN 37618 (423) 366-1267
Shiloh FWB Chruch 21503 Benhams RD Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 466-8620	Walter Statzer 238 Meadowcrest Dr Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-1805

OTHER MINISTERS JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Roger Ball 5461 Rich Valley Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 466-2806	Doug McCracken 121 Beaver Street Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-5455
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Jeffrey A Harless 552 Sharps Hollow Rd Bluff City, TN 37618 (423) 528-3486	Tim Surber 1623 Allison Gap Rd Saltville, VA 24370 (276) 493-3339
Robert Prater 193 Lions Club Rd Saltville, VA 27370 (276) 496-3423	Lee Statzer 13201 Reedy Creek Rd Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 669-9669
Jimmy Taylor 242 Babbrow Hollow Rd Saltville, VA 24370 (276) 496-5423	Joseph Steel 20375 Enchanted Lane Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 466-2693
Clarence Frye 723 Free Will Lane Saltville, VA 27370 276-496-5645	Ronnie Lee Worley 1761 Pittstown Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 466-9253

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	15
Total number of churches in city/town	11
Total number of churches rural	4
Total number of churches reporting	15
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	9
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	6
Total Baptisms.....	46
Total members added	68
Total members lost.....	72
Total membership	726
Total income for all churches	\$994,248.00
Total number of churches with budgets	4
Total number of churches with parsonages	1
Total value of all church property	\$2, 085,691.00
Total number of ordained ministers	23
Total number of licensed ministers	4
Total number of ordained deacons	17
Total number of churches with Day Cares	1
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	1
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	617
Total CTS enrollment	35
Total WNAC enrollment	50
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	0
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	17
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$2,250.00

Moderator: John Austin 740 Willis Profott Rd Mineral, VA 23217 (540) 894-0366	Clerk: Robert W Brown 12802 Wilderness Park Dr Spotsylvania, VA 22553 (540)972-5571
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bethel FWB Church 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 (703) 590-5199	Dave Nobles 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA22192 (703) 590-6097
Bloss Memorial FWB Church 716 N Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 527-7040	Virgil Maness 719 N Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 523-7465
Calvary FWB Church 4808 Shelby Rd. Rochelle, VA 22738 (540) 948-9979	Richard Wright 13622 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Culpeper, VA 22701 (540) 829-4676
Elkton FWB Church Sixth St. PO Box 298 Elkton, VA 22827 (540) 298-2894	Billy D. King 100 Ashby Ave. Elkton, VA 22827 (540) 298-9680
Enciente Una Luz FWB Church 2564 North Valley Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802	Armando Sanchez 182 Harper St Weyers Cave, VA 22486 (540) 234-0962

First FWB Church 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. NE Roanoke, VA 24012	Roger Bevins 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. NE Roanoke, VA 24012
Grace FWB Church 9459 Poindexter Rd. Louisa, VA 24012 (540) 967-2446	John Austin 740 Priffit Rd. Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 894-0366
Harmony FWB Church 225 Spicers Mill Rd Orange, VA 22960	Paul Kirk 29125 Essey Lane Rhoadesville, VA 22542 (540) 854-8799
Harrisonburg FWB Church 611B West Market St. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 (540) 433-8980	Paul Collins 794 Gailcrist Dr. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 (540) 494-5734
Heritage FWB Church 12500 Chewing Lane Fredricksburg, VA 22407 (540) 786-7445	Robert W. "Bob" Brown 12802 Wilderness Park Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22553 (540) 786-2985
Hope FWB Church 75 Cedar Park Ct. Front Royal, VA 22630 (540) 636-1082	Randy Hayes 1121 Happy Ridge Dr. Front Royal, VA 22630 (540) 635-0533
Meadow Brook FWB Church 2425 First St. Middletown, VA 22645 (540) 869-1292	Roger Mullins 1236 Timberlake Rd. Strasburg, VA 22657 (540) 465-4061
Casa De Dios FWB Chruch 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199	Diego Cueva 5650 Smallwood Court Woodbridge, VA 22193 703-670-8570
Park Lane FWB Church 112 Park Lane West Charlottesville, VA 22903 (434) 296-2740	Don Helms 13546 West River Rd. Palmyra, VA 22963 (434) 842-2867

Shiloh FWB Church 1086 Old Blue Ridge Turnpike Madison, VA 22727 (540) 923-4387	Cary Lane 2399 Shelby Rd. Madison, VA 22727 (540) 948-6214
Yorkshire FWB Church 7620 Chestnut St. Manassas, VA 22111 (703) 361-3555	Lonnie Salyers 2479 Whispering Wind Lane Amissville, VA 20106 (703) 361-0824

**OTHER MINISTERS
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

George R Barrett 837 Fairwood Drive Culpepper, VA 22701 (540) 829-5686	Lester Horton 211-239 Forest Lake Dr. Stevens City, VA 22655 (540) 869-6601
Fredrick Michael Decker 111 Loch Lane Dr Louisa, VA 23093	Doug Snipes 3717 Pennington Ln Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-680-5840
Ki Jang Yoo 121 Grouceh Ter. Gaithersburg, MD 22655-3307 (540) 869-6601	Roger Powers Sr. 8560 Megs Dr. Marshall, VA 20115 (540) 364-9454

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	1
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	1
Total Baptisms.....	1
Total members added	2
Total members lost.....	1
Total membership	112
Total income for all churches	\$16,000.83*
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0

Total value of all church property \$208,800.00
 Total number of ordained ministers 8
 Total number of licensed ministers 1
 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 105
 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
 *all churches did not report

Moderator: Wendell Harris 1277 High Knob Rd Vansant, VA 24656 (276) 859-2269	Clerk: Audrey Barton 1038 Barberry Road Honaker, VA 24260 (276) 859-2311
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Gents Chapel FWB Church P O Box 715 Honaker, VA 24260	No pastor at this time
Heltons Chapel FWB Church Rt. 2 Box 458 Honaker, VA 24260	Emory James Rt. 2 Box 458 Honaker, VA 24260 (276) 859-9418
Venia Chapel FWB Church Route 620 Honaker, VA 24260	Wendell Harris 301 Lambert Lane Vansant, VA 24656 (276) 859-2269

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Donald Harris Rt. 2 Box 254 I Honaker, VA 24260 (276) 859-2918	Dennis McGlothlin 1341 Stinsons Ridge Rd Rowe, VA 24646 (276) 859-2371
Earl Reynolds HC Box 130-A Rowe, VA 24646	Roy Lee Wilson HC 4 Box 304 Bee, VA 24217 (276) 859-2149

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	23
Total number of churches in city/town	4
Total number of churches rural	19
Total number of churches reporting	23
Churches with Full-time Pastors	5
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	18
Total Baptisms.....	26
Total members added43	
Total members lost.....	46
Total membership	1192
Total income for all churches	145,684.77*
Total number of churches with budgets	2
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$3,892,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers	55
Total number of licensed ministers	7
Total number of ordained deacons	62
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	847
Total CTS enrollment	237
Total WNAC enrollment	155*
Total Master's Men enrollment	
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	87
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$3,450.00

*all churches did not report

Moderator Larry Rutherford Rt 1 Box 340 Keokee, VA 24230 (276) 546-3727	Clerk: James V. Pochodzay Rt. 2 Box 3017 Jonesville, VA 24263
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**EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Beech Grove FWB Church Spring St. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	Lawrence Rutherford Rt. 1 Box 340 Keokee, VA 24265 (276) 546-3727
Bull Run First FWB Church US Hwy 58 Coeburn, VA 24230	Mitchell Elliott 11500 River View Rd. Coeburn, VA 24230 (540) 395-3642
Central FWB Church 700 Kentucky Ave. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-0055	Gary Hill 216 7 th St. NE Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-5466
Community FWB Church 2584A Dungannon Rd. Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-7947	C. Wayne Perry PO Box 954 Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-5315
Davis Chapel FWB Church Kentucky Ave. Norton, VA 24273	Danny Mullins 8301 Gilliam Hollow Rd. Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-5935
Mary's Chapel FWB Church 302 Central St. Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-5163	Martin Puckett 215 Harris St. SW Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-6610
Pippin's Chapel FWB Church 6915 Caney Ridge Rd. Coeburn, VA 24230	Nolan Stanley PO Box 714 Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-5603

Ramsey FWB Church Sawmill Hollow Rd. Norton, VA 24273	Steve Powers PO Box 294 Appalachia, VA 24216 (276) 679-3630
St. Paul FWB Church US 58 West St. Paul, VA 24230	Cecil Jessee Rt 1 Box 10 Dungannon, VA 24245 (276) 467-1348

**OTHER MINISTERS
EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Martin Funk Caney Ridge Rd Coeburn, Va 24230 (276) 395-5694	
C. L Kilgore (retired) P O Box 666 Coeburn, VA 24230 (276)395-2718	Jason Green Pole Bridge Rd Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-5606
Sammy Hall 14940 Sandy Ridge Road St. Paul, VA 24283 (276)395-6610	Daniel Bailey, Jr Rt HCO5 Box 596 Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-5058

**WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Beckners Chapel FWB Church Birchfield Rd. PO Box 3544 Wise, VA 24293	Denver Winebarger PO Box 3544 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 395-3043
Bethel FWB Church Hurricane Rd. Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-3099	Randy Sturgill P O Box 242 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-3352
Brians Chapel FWB Church	Ray Goode

PO Box 294 Appalachia, VA 24216	338 Woodland Court Wise, VA 24293
Esserville FWB Church 5338 Esserville Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-5548	Jim Smith 8220A Morrison Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-4216
Faith FWB Church 4647 Dorchester Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-7249	Lars Dotson PO Box 501 Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-1511
Hopkins Chapel FWB Church Guest River Road PO Box 701 Norton, VA 24273	Worley Smith P O Box 2297 Wise, VA 24293 276-796-6019
Indian Creek FWB Creek US 23 PO Box 1376 Pound, VA 24279	Joel Cantrell Rt 2 Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-6019
Martha's Chapel FWB Church 6728 Dewey Rd. Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-5049	Randy Miller 5901B Hale Gap Rd Pound, VA 24279 (276) 679-1739
Mt. Olive FWB Church 646 Coeburn Mountain Rd. Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-4046	TJ McAmis P O Box 15 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-6538
Stevens Chapel FWB Church PO Box 2629 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-3354	Jack Blanton 6003 Crystal Lane Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-8243
Wilson Chapel FWB Church 5324 Dorchester Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-7419	Larry Hammonds 6249 Josephine Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-5249

LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE CHURCHES AND PASTORS

First Pennington FWB Church Rt. 643/58A Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 546-5572	Wayne Scott 148 Grey Station Rd Gray TM 37615 (423) 963-1372
Oconita FWB Church Road 621 Jonesville, VA 24263	Robert Hartsock Rt. 2 Box 334 Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 (276) 523-0095
Victory FWB Church Route 640/US 58 Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 346-3895	Donald Jones Rt. 2 Box 140 Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 546-4369

OTHER MINISTERS LEE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Roger Rowe P O Box 118 Duffield, VA 24244 276-546-0904	James J Vaughn 1631 Williams Hollow Rd Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-2826
William Feck 104 Holly Lane Dryden, VA 24243 276-546-5648	Alvis Lester PO Box 312 Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 346-3045

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	13
Total number of churches in city/town	10
Total number of churches rural	3
Total number of churches reporting	8
Churches with Full-time Pastors	11
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors	2

Total Baptisms.....	59
Total members added	47
Total members lost.....	8
Total membership	1118
Total income for all churches	\$271,849.34
Total number of churches with budgets	7
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	4
Total value of all church property.....	\$19,130,376.00
Total number of ordained ministers	20
Total number of licensed ministers	8
Total number of ordained deacons	39
Total number of churches with Day Cares.....	3
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	3
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	1223
Total CTS enrollment	409
Total WNAC enrollment	91
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	36
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested	14
Amount of representation fee enclosed	\$1,950.00

Moderator: J D Norris 210 S Witchduck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 499-3536	Clerk: Mark B.W. Kiepke 102 Corbin Dr. Newport News, VA 23606 (757) 599-8538
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bethany FWB Church 2430 Azalea Garden Rd. Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 853-7300	John Sinkhorne 4624 Larkin Street Norfolk, VA 23513 757-857-6028

Calvary FWB Church 814 E Virginia Ave. Crewe, VA 23930 (804) 645-7080	A. B. Brown P O Box 245 Crewe, VA 23930 (434) 645-9758
Carolina Virginia New Life Min. 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457	Jeremy Efler 6560 Blackwater Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23457 (757) 713-3740
Faith FWB Church PO Box 205 Carrollton, VA 23314 (757) 238-3210	Barry Reel 12 Merritt Cove Carrollton, VA 23314 (757) 238-3112
First FWB Church 8965 Hungary Rd. Richmond, VA 23294	James Bullock 8985 Hungary Rd. Richmond, VA 23294
Gateway FWB Church 5437 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 499-9686	Karl Sexton 205 Coliss Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 497-8987
Glen Allen FWB Church 1011 Royerton Drive Richmond, VA 23228 (804) 515-5988	Bill Thomas 1106 Buckingham Station Rd Midlothian, VA 23113
Good News FWB Church 5200 Courthouse Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832 (804) 744-5401	Glen E. Johnson 317 Willingham Rd. Midlothian, VA 23113 (804) 794-0381
Great Bridge FWB Church 700 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322 (757) 482-4688	Hal Jones 805 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322 (757) 546-9688
Hyde Park FWB Church 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 587-6680	Terry Beck 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 587-7414

Providence FWB Church 731 East Little Creek Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 (757) 850-2844	Richard Barnes 102 Artillery Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 (757) 850-1252
Unity FWB Church PO Box 15575 Chesapeake, VA 23328 (757) 428-3957	Earl Sutton 16 Battlefield Woods Ct. #B Chesapeake, VA 23322 (757) 482-3957
Virginia Beach FWB Church 210 South Witchduck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 499-3536	J D Norris 2401 Darden Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23456 (757) 471-6209

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.

1.

Duties of officers

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) They shall serve for a period of six (6) 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.
2. 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. A certificate of honor suitable for framing will be delivered to the surviving spouse of any deceased minister of the Virginia State Association.
17. The Moderator shall be an ex-officio member of all state boards and committees.
18. 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. Virgil A. Maness

Executive Board Member

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