

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

Seventy Third
Annual Session Held With
Central Free Will Baptist Church
Norton, VA
Pastor: Rev. Gary Hill

2011

The next session will be held at the
Gateway Free Will Baptist Church
5473 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
June 14-15, 2012

OFFICERS ELECTED 2011

Moderator.....	Karl Sexton (2012)
Assistant Moderator.....	Paul Collins (2012)
Clerk.....	Don White (2012)
Assistant Clerk.....	Bob Brown (2012)
Treasurer.....	Gary Hill (2012)
Assistant Treasurer (from Home Mission Board)	Dave Nobles

Elected Executive Board

Roger Bevins.....	2012
Don White.....	2013
Marty Puckett.....	2014
Don Helms.....	2015
Richard Barnes.....	2016

Home Missions Board

David Neitch.....	2012
Hal Jones.....	2013
Dave Nobles.....	2014
Karl Sexton.....	2015
Bob brown.....	2015
Glenn Johnson.....	2016
Rodger Castle.....	2016

Board Member to

<u>Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.....</u>	Evan White (2016)
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Board Member to

<u>National Association of Free Will Baptist.....</u>	Glenn Johnson (2012)
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<u>Promotional Secretary.....</u>	Bruce Barnes (2012)
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<u>CTS Representative.....</u>	Adam Bolin (2012)
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PROCEEDINGS

The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 16 and 17, 2011 at Central Free Will Baptist Church in Norton, Virginia.

(Notes from the Bible Conference and prayer meetings on pages 8-10)

June 16, 2012 7:00 pm

Opening Song: Power in the Blood

A video of the work at the Harrisonburg FWB Church was shown.

Host pastor, Rev. Gary Hill then welcomed the congregation.

Clerk introduced the officers of the State Association.

Moderator, Rev. Bob Brown took charge and called the meeting to order.

A motion to enter into business was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Committees were seated:

Nominating Committee: Rev. Don Helms
Rev. Marty Puckett
Rev. Don Jones

Registration & Credentials:
Bob Sturgill
Junis Sturgill
Todd Kilgore

A motion to adjourn the business session and enter into worship was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

After special music Rev. Glenn Johnson then took charge, reading scripture from 1 Peter 1:13-19 and preached on "The Sufficiency of Scripture: For Proper Worship". (See page 9)

Rev. Marty Puckett gave offertory thanks and an offering of \$260.00 was received while the pianist played "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Announcements were made.

Dismissed in prayer by Dr. Matthew Pinson

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Friday, June 17, 2012 8:30 a.m.

Morning devotion was given by Rev. Mike Kernodle reading Romans 10:1-4.

After a short recess Moderator, Rev. Bob Brown called the meeting to order. A motion to enter into business was approved.

Corrections were pointed out regarding the printed minute booklets.

- Page 1: Moderator term should be 2011
Assistant Moderator term should be 2011
Treasurer term should be 2011
Children's Home Board member should be Evan White.
- Page 2: 71st session should be 72nd session
- Page 9: Under "Old Business"
Item 3 should be item 2.
Add for clarity: "Article X of" ...the constitution
- Page 10: Don Helms should be on the Executive Board (2015)
Home Missions board should be Karl Sexton (2015) and
Bob Brown (2015)

A motion to accept the corrections was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The Report of the Registration and Credentials Committee was presented and the delegates recognized. (See page 11)

A motion to receive the Report of the Registration and Credentials Committee and to seat the delegates was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The Report of the Treasurer was given by Rev. Gary Hill. (See page 13-14). A motion to receive the report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

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The Report of the Executive Board was read. (See page 12) A motion to accept the report and address the items individually was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Item 1 (retain lawyers) Discussion was held and the motion was approved by standing vote with no opposition. Pledges from various local churches were made as follows to raise funds to help cover the expenses of this item.

(\$100) Meadow Brook, Okanita

(\$200) E. Bristol, Harrisonburg, Heritage, Park Lane, Victory

(\$300) Big Island, Crosspointe, Good News, Indian Creek, Marys Chapel

(\$500) Calvary, Central, Gateway, Providence, Shiloh

Total pledges: \$5,200. Money is to be sent to the Treasurer, Gary Hill and designated for Legal Fund. Preachers are urged to carry this effort back to the local Associations for additional pledges.

Item 2 ("Point man" for the Attorney) After a brief discussion the motion was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Item 3 (Purchase Insurance) Approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Item 4 (Add Article IV, Section D, 1.L to the constitution) was moved to table with no opposition.

Item 5 (Transfer of Interest from Mission funds) was seconded and discussed in reference to the action of the 2007 session. After discussion the motion was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Item 6 (74th session at the Gateway church) was seconded and approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Dr. Bruce Barnes reported on his work as Promotional Secretary. Thanks for your prayers and support. Support is solidifying in that churches continue to support the promotional office financially. Invite Dr. Barnes to your church, visit the web-site and sign up to receive "The Plumb Line", send prayer requests across the state and register for the Minister's retreat in 2011. Pick up a package of support envelopes for the Hispanic Work. A motion to receive the report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

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Rev. Paul Collins reported on the Harrisonburg mission work. The new building is complete. Had 54 first-time visitors in the last 5 weeks; 3 have been saved; the first baptismal service was this last Sunday with 7 baptized. Still need help. Trying to be self-supporting in 1 ½ years. Thank you for all you have done.

Rev. David Sexton reported on the Suffolk mission work. Thank you for your support. The work is 3 years old this September. Souls are being saved: 26 saved in the last 1 ½ years with 6 baptisms. Moved in a new building in July 2010 and are at 80% capacity of the auditorium since January. Averaging over 100 for Sunday morning services. There have been 250 first-time guests since moving into the new building. Support has been good. Help pray for a retiring or a down payment of the loan in the next 2 years (by fall of 2013) and that the church can go self-supporting. Pray and support Marc and Casie Nepl who are co-workers at Suffolk.

Rev. Jason Weaver reported on Winchester mission work. Doing itinerate work; currently at about 65% of support needed. Moving to Winchester in August. One couple already committed to help and another couple is praying about it.

Glen Johnson reported as National Board Member. Free will Baptist work has much to offer Christendom because of what we believe. Glen now serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association. Encourage all to attend the National meeting.

A motion to accept Home missions reports was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

A motion to receive Glenn Johnson's report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

David Osborne reported for Camp Jacob; a Free Will Baptist ministry with great opportunities and potential. Please get involved physically, financially, and prayerfully.

David Postlewaite reported for Gateway Christian College; dedicated to the work of Free Will Baptists. Continuing to send missionaries into the field. Students are soul-winners. Posters are available to take back to your home church. Dr. Barnes presented and explained the Alpha-Omega Scholarship. First 50% of monies contributed will be used immediately for student scholarships. The other 50% goes into an endowment for future scholarships.

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A motion to accept the previous 2 reports was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

A short break was given

11:00 am worship (See Notes from the Bible Conference on page 10)

Dismissed for lunch. Prayer by William Thompkin

Moderator, Rev. Bob Brown opened the afternoon session with prayer and gave the afternoon devotion using the motorcycle-rider's equipment (boots, leggings, gloves, dark glasses, do-rag, jacket, helmet) as an object lesson for "Putting on the Whole Armor".

Martha Stone reported for Harvest Child Care Ministries. Our focus is children needing education and family.

James Kilgore reported for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. Thank you for your prayers for the ministry and personal health issues.

Karl Sexton reported for Gateway Global Missions. Working in Haiti, Mexico, and Moldova. Introduced Michael and Sheri Wolf, missionaries to Haiti. Be creative in how you respond and support missionaries.

Keith
~~Bob~~

Burden, Executive Secretary reported for the National Association. National meeting will be July 17-20 in Charlotte, NC. Soon available will be a book of convention sermons and a historical DVD from 1935 to present. Sign up to receive the One magazine, pray for the Leadership Conference and visit the national web-site.

Dr. Matthew Pinson reported for Free Will Baptist Bible College. 70 years of educating students for Christian life. Have balanced budget for 8th consecutive year. Enrolment for the fall semester is up. Relocation is still planned although slow. A name change for the college will be presented at the national meeting in July – Welch College. Rev. Jennings Dotson voiced his opposition to the name change.

Clint Morgan reported for International Missions expressing thanks for all that is done by the State of Virginia. Focus is winning souls, planting churches and training leaders.

Ron Hunter reported for Randall House. Goal: Build believers through the local church and the home using generational discipleship. Visit www.accessbiblestudies.com

John Brummett reported for Board of Retirement. Retirement is the phase of life when ministry is uninhibited by secular work.

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David Brown reported for Free Will Baptist Foundation. Serves the denomination in 4 areas. 1) Planned giving 2) Endowments 3) Money Management Trusts 4) Wills. Visit www.FWBgifts.org

Diego Queva reported for Virginia Hispanic mission work. Woodbridge work continues to grow. Averaging 90 on Sundays. Summer camp had 40 kids (20 teens). Pray for Eric Garcia at Virginia Beach and Armando Sanchez at Harrisonburg. Next area is Roanoke.

Rev. Roger Bevins reported for the Roanoke missions work. Work is like a roller-coaster. 1 week attendance is 20, the next 50. Average is about 40. Shared scripture from Psalm 107:23-20 and Isaiah 49:15. Continue to pray for this work. There was a time of special prayer for Roger Bevins and the lawsuit situation. Alter prayer was led by Dr. Bruce Barnes.

The report of the nominating committee was read and action was taken individually. (See page 14) All nominees were elected by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Election of national delegates: (5)

Alan Gober – Meadowbrook FWB
Daniel Webster – Gateway FWB
Teresa Hill – Central FWB
Darlene Sturgill – Central FWB
Judy Castle – Shiloh

Alternates:

Lottie Horton – Meadowbrook FWB

A motion to accept these as delegates to the National Association was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Memorial Prayer was led by Rev. Lester Horton.

Rev. Walter Statzer	Sis. Maude Leonard	Diane Gardner
Bernard Farish	Charles Peyton	Denver (Junior) Short
Coleen Yates	Bea Graham	Fred Roach
Eddie Hamilton	Delsie Wells	Benny Dooley

Rev. Paul Collins testified as a parent being thankful for the directors of the schools and Bible Colleges who look out for and inspire our children while in their care.

There was a rising vote of thanks and applause for the Central FWB Church and their hospitality in hosting this convention. Announcements were made. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Richard Barnes.

NOTES FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Thursday, June 16, 2012

10:15 a.m. A time of prayer was held prior to beginning the meetings. Prayers were led by Rev. Karl Sexton and Rev. Marty Puckett.

11:00 A.M. worship service

Congregational Song: I'll Fly Away"

Opening prayer: Rev. Bob Brown.

Special music: Rejoice Ministry Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "God Is Good".

Rev. Gary Hill then took charge reading scripture from Hebrews 4:12-13 and preached on "The Sufficiency of Scripture: To Live a Christ-like Life".

- 1) Through the Word of God we discover the Christian life
- 2) Through the Word of God we're convicted of sin
- 3) Through the Word of God we're introduced to grace
- 4) Through the Word of God we're stimulated to growth
- 5) Through the Word of God we're fed to maturity.

Dismissed for lunch. Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Collins.

1:00 p.m. worship service

Opening prayer: Rev. Karl sexton.

Special music: Gateway Christian College singing "Step into The Water" and "One Scarred Hand".

Rev. Bob Brown read scripture from Psalms 95:6, Psalm 96:4-9 and John 4:23-24 and preached on "The Sufficiency of Scripture: To Operate A Church".

- 1) There is no substitution for Church/Worship.
- 2) Corporate worship is not optional – it is necessary and essential.
- 3) Worship is more than an outward expression – it is inner praise, connecting with God.
- 4) The mode of worship must be balanced, appealing to both the heart (emotion) and the mind (intellect).
- 5) Worship is not about us – it is about God.
- 6) Worship occurs other places beside church.

There was a brief recess.

NOTES FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

2:00 p.m. worship service

Special Music: Gateway Christian College singing "At Calvary" and "Jesus Saves".

Timothy York, Jr. missionary to Buffalo NY spoke briefly on his work to start the very first "deaf church" among Free Will Baptists.

Tim York, Sr. read scripture from 2 Timothy 4:1-3 and preached on "The Sufficiency of Scripture: For Our Preaching".

The center of church ministry is preaching.

- 1) The *Responsibility of Preaching the Word* belongs to the church. The call to preach is also a command.
- 2) The *Reality of Preaching the Word* (in season and out of season)
- 3) The *Rejection of Preaching the Word* (heap to themselves teachers having itching ears) Some refuse what they need, others only receive what they like,
- 4) The *Respect for the Preaching of the Word* (not only preach the word, must live by it)

7:00 pm worship service

The combined choirs of Central FWB Church and Mary's Chapel FWB Church, led by Bob Ketron sang "What A Mighty God We Serve", "His Grace Is Sufficient For Me", "What A Day That Will Be", "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me".

Chrystal Hill and Alyssa Hill sang "The Shepherd's Point of View".

Brenda Horne sang "It is Finished" and "I Won't Have To Worry Anymore". Accompanied by pianist Regina Pate.

Rev. Glenn Johnson then took charge reading scripture from 1 Peter 1:13-19 and preached on "The Sufficiency of Scripture: For Proper Worship".

- 1) Concentrate our focus on Christ (13) Discerning, Devoted, Directed
- 2) Cultivate our fellowship (14-16) not a glance but a gaze
- 3) Contemplate our Faithfulness (17-19)

Rev. Marty Puckett gave offertory thanks and an offering of \$260.00 was received while the pianist played "What A Friend We Have In Jesus".

Announcements were made.

Dismissed in prayer by Dr. Matthew Pinson

NOTES FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Friday, June 17, 2012

8:15 a.m. prayer time

The following special requests were made: Dave Nobles, Fred Bates, Debbie Barnes, each other and churches, E-teams, National Convention, Wise County Christian School, today's meeting.

Prayer was led by Rev. Don Helms

11:00 am worship

Opening prayer: Rev. Bob Brown

Special Music by the Gateway Christian College Quartet: "When God Dips His Love In My Heart" and "Lift Up The Cross"

Rev Karl Sexton then took charge reading scripture from 1 Peter 1:23 preached on "The Sufficiency of Scripture: For Evangelism".

- 1) The Word of God is inerrant, infallible, authoritative and sufficient.
- 2) Dangers we're facing in our time: more attention given to marketing, demographics and surveys instead of scripture.
- 3) Our biggest problem is that we've watered down the gospel trying to satisfy the "customer"
- 4) The scripture is sufficient for the message, which is the gospel: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ
- 5) Rom. 11:22 reveals the true balance of a loving and holy God.
- 6) It is disobedient and unloving and dangerous not to preach the wrath of God. God loves unconditionally but He does not accept unconditionally.
- 7) The scripture is also sufficient for the method.
- 8) God did not call us to make the gospel appealing but to make the gospel available.
- 9) Methods must not water down the message.

Do we truly understand the gospel which we preach?

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REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Central Association: Fees: \$750.00 / Churches: 5
Delegates: Charlie Goff, Betty Goff, Dortha Steele,
Bill Thurston, Herman Hopkins, John
McGee, Reta Ashley, Eula Wells, Violet
Pryor

Clinch Valley Association: Fees: \$1,500.00 / Churches: 7
Delegates: Evelyn Herron

Harmony Association: Fees: \$600.00 / Churches: 4
Delegates: Deance Potts, Alice McConnel, Christy
McNew, Audry Bowen, Nancy
Gilliamwater, Ribble Bowen, Vince
Haas, Ruby Haas

John Wheeler Association: Fees: \$2,100.00 / Churches: 14
Delegates: Judy Castle, Joe White, Evan White

Northern Association: Fees: \$2,100.00 / Churches: 14
Delegates: Patty Collins, Sherry Wright, Adam
Bolin, Donna Bevins, Ann Brown

Sandy Valley Association: Fees: \$450.00 / Churches: 3
Delegates: Jeanette James, Linda Morrell

Southwest Association: Fees: \$3,450.00 / Churches: 22
Delegates: Roberta Blanton, Sandra Jones

Tidewater Association: Fees: \$2,250.00 / Churches: 15
Delegates: none listed

Ministers registered: 28
Delegates registered: 19
Visitors registered: 68
Total registered: 115

Total fees: \$ 13,200.00

Credentials Committee:
Bob Sturgill
Junnis Sturgill
Evan White (for Todd Kilgore)

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. That the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists retain Frith, Anderson and Peake, Attorneys at Law as legal counsel in defending lawsuit CL11-879 (Bonnie L. Tucker v. Virginia State Association) and pay the retaining fee of \$10,000. (\$5,000 from State treasury and \$5,000 from Home Missions treasury)
2. That Rev. Bob Brown serve as "point man" to the attorney having authority to speak on behalf of and make decisions for the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists relating to the lawsuit named above.
3. That the Treasurer, Rev. Gary Hill, be authorized to research and obtain insurance for the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists. Budget for purchase of said insurance to be \$3000 annually with umbrella coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 minimum.
4. That the Constitution and By-laws be amended by adding Article IV, Section D, 1.L: "All State Boards and Committees shall be accountable to and shall report to the Executive Board at its annual planning meeting.
5. That interest funds from the "Mission Support Program" be transferred to the State Treasury and designated for the Promotional Office. Said transfer is to occur annually at the State Planning Meeting and is to be retroactive to the 2011 planning meeting.
6. That the 74th annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convene with the Gateway Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in June 2012. (June 14-15, 2012)

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011

Income	
Association	Fees
Central Va.	\$850.00
Clinch Valley	\$1,500.00
Harmony	\$500.00
John Wheeler	\$1,800.00
Northern Va.	\$2,100.00
Sandy Valley	\$450.00
Southwest Va.	\$3,600.00
Tidewater	\$2,100.00
Total Fees	\$12,900.00
State Offerings	\$298.00
Promotion Office	\$7,510.00
Total Income	\$20,708.00

Expenses	
Corporation Fees	\$25.00
National Fees	\$8,200.00
Exec. Mtg. Expense	\$1,005.95
Va. Home Missions	\$1,323.54
Leadership Conf. Reim.	\$1,000.00
Newsletter	\$187.50
Promo. Office Reim.	\$1,104.46
Promotion Office	\$2,268.19
Salaries	\$2,300.00
Speakers	\$600.00
Total Expenses	\$18,014.64

Net Income:	\$2,693.36
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER (cont'd) June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011

Surplus Funds Distribution		
	09/10	10/11
Balance at end of year:	7294.32	4301.65
Less Contingency: \$2,000.00	\$5,294.32	\$2,301.65
50% in General	\$2,647.16	\$1,150.83
25% to Home Missions	\$1,323.58	\$575.41
25% to Promotion	\$1,323.58	\$575.41

Balances	
Beginning balance:	\$5,970.74
Ending Balance:	\$9,987.68
Designated Promotion:	\$5,686.03
State Funds Available:	\$4,301.65
Balance after Distribution:	\$3,150.83
Promotion Balance:	\$6,261.44
Total Balance 6/15/11:	\$9,412.27

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CTS Representative: Adam Bolin (2012)
National board: Rev. Glenn Johnson (2012)
Promotional Secretary: Dr. Bruce Barnes (2012)
Home Missions Board (1): Rev. Glen Johnson (2016)
Home Missions Board (2): Rev. Rodger Castle (2016)
Treasurer: Rev. Gary Hill (2012)
Executive Board: Rev. Richard Barnes (2016)
Assistant Clerk: Rev. Bob Brown (2012)
Clerk: Rev. Don White (2012)
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Paul Collins (2012)
Moderator: Rev. Karl Sexton (2012)

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning Meeting (March 7, 2011)

Attending:

Dr. Roger Bevins	Rev. Gary Hill	Rev. Marty Puckett
Dr. Bruce Barnes	Rev. Don White	Rev. Karl Sexton
Rev. Bob Brown	Rev. Don Hellms	

Moderator, Rev. Bob Brown called the meeting to order and read Scripture, Zech. 2:4-12. "The presence of God is not only indwelling but also surrounding." There was a time of prayer.

Gary Hill: Report of the Treasurer (June 1, 2010 through March 4, 2011)
Current balance \$12,420.78
(designated for Promotional office: \$6,134.61)
Proposed budget for 2011-2012 totals \$25,250.00

There was a question raised regarding where the interest of the Home Missions CD is. It is supposed to go to the state treasury and be earmarked for the Promotional Office. Dr. Barnes to discuss with Dave Nobles and determine a procedure. Transfer of funds to be addressed at next State Meeting.

Discussed ideas on how to get Clinch Valley, Harmony and Sandy Valley Associations more involved in State Association and work.

Discussed several issues of FWB churches not having FWB pastors as well as several FWB pastors at non-FWB churches. This is a local conference issue but needs our prayers – especially for the Church at Bedford.

Discussed ideas and ways to possibly recognize conferences in Southwest VA at the next State Meeting for their contributions to the work of FWB. Need historical information.

Bruce Barnes reported as Promotional Director. The State web site gets an average of about 900 hits per month. There are 2 areas he is concerned with. 1) Fund raising for state missionaries. 2) Unable to be on the road as much as he would like. Greatest need in the State currently is the Hispanic work.

A motion was made by Karl Sexton that October be designated as "Virginia State Home Missions Month" and request that member churches receive a special offering for Virginia Home Missions during that month. A name for the offering can be determined later. The motion was seconded by Don Hellms and approved by vote.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A motion was made to accept the budget for 2011-2012 as presented by the Treasurer, and it was approved by vote.

A State Ministers Retreat was scheduled for September 30 & October 1 at Camp Jacob in Clintwood, VA. Cost for the retreat was set at \$30.00 per person. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Promotional Director will develop a schedule. Registration forms to be submitted by September 1.

Theme for the State Meeting and selection of speakers:.

"The Sufficiency of Scripture"

- To Live a Christ-like Life (Cultivating the Christian or Cuddling the Culprit?) speaker: Gary Hill
- To Operate a Church (Assembling the Afflicted or Socializing the Sanctuary?) speaker: Bob Brown
- For Proper Worship (Worshipping the Word or Entertaining the Elect?) speaker: Glenn Johnson
- In Our Preaching (Preaching the Promise or Pampering the Psyche?) speaker: Tim York
- For Evangelism (Enveloping the Elusive or Managing the Marketable?) speaker: Karl Sexton

Nominations of Officers:

- Moderator – Karl Sexton
- Assistant Moderator – Paul Collins
- Clerk – Don White
- Assistant Clerk – Bob Brown
- Executive Board Member: Richard Barnes
- Treasurer: Gary Hill
- Assistant Treasurer: (Home Missions Treasurer, Dave Nobles)
- Promotional Director – Dr. Bruce Barnes
- Nominating Committee
 - Don Helms
 - Marty Puckett
 - Wayne Perry
- Registration and Credentials Committee
 - Bob Sturgill
 - Junis Sturgill
 - Todd Kilgore
- Home Missions Board – Glenn Johnson
- General Board for the National Association – Glenn Johnson

Dismissed in prayer by Roger Bevins.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMBINED MEETING (June 17, 2011) EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MISSIONS BOARD

Attendees:

Dr. Bruce Barnes	Rev. Glenn Johnson	Rev. Karl Sexton
Dr. Roger Bevins	Rev. Don White Rev.	Don Helms
Rev. Marty Puckett	Rev. Bob Brown	Rev. Gary Hill

Opening prayer: Rev. Gary Hill

Rev. Bob Brown summarized for those present events regarding a lawsuit filed against the State Association in reference to an accident involving Rev. Roger Bevins.

After a period of discussions, Rev. Don White moved to retain the services of Attorneys Frith, Anderson and Peake and to authorize the Treasurer to pay the retainer fee in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Five thousand dollars is to be provided from the General Treasury and five thousand dollars is to be provided by the Home Missions Treasury.) The motion was seconded by Rev. Karl Sexton and after a brief discussion for clarification the motion passed by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

A motion was made by Rev. Glenn Johnson and seconded by Rev. Karl Sexton that Rev. Bob Brown serve as "point man" to the lawyer having authority to speak on behalf of and make any necessary decisions for the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists related to the law suit (CL11-879). The motion was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

A motion was made by Rev. Marty Puckett and seconded by Rev. Don Helms that the Treasurer, Rev. Gary Hill be authorized to research and obtain insurance for the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists. The budget for said purchase to be \$3000.00 with umbrella coverage of \$3,000,000.00 minimum. After a brief discussion the motion was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The Home Mission Board members were dismissed from the meeting.

Clerk, Rev. Don White read the minutes of the State Planning Meeting and they were approved by vote.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Treasurer, Rev. Gary Hill presented the Report of the Treasure. A motion was made by Rev. Karl Sexton and seconded by Rev. Don Helms to accept the report and present it to the voting body for approval. This motion was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

There was a discussion about how interest is moved from the State Missions Giving Account and appropriated to the State Treasury. (Ref. 2007 action).

There was also a discussion of accountability and reporting from official Boards to the State Association.

Rev. Don Helms made a motion to amend the Constitution of the Virginia State Association by adding the following:

Article IV, Section D, 1.L

All State Boards and Committees shall be accountable to and shall report to the Executive Board at its annual planning meeting.

After brief discussion, the motion was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

A motion was made by Rev. Gary Hill and seconded by Rev. Karl Sexton that interest funds from the Mission Support Program be transferred to the State treasury and designated for the Promotional Office. Said transfer to occur annually at the State planning Meeting and is retroactive to the 2011 planning meeting. The motion was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Rev. Gary Hill moved that the next State Association convene with the Tidewater Association at the Gateway Church. Rev. Roger Bevins seconded the motion and it was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Dr. Bruce Barnes.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Moderator:

Rev. Curtis Ashley
289 Orchard Ave.
Bassett, VA 24055
276-629-8712

Clerk:

Brenda G. Burks
1089 Bell Hill Rd.
Big Island, VA 24526
434-299-5719

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.....	5
Total Members Added.....	11
Total members lost.....	5
Total membership.....	170
Total Income for all churches (3 churches reporting).....	\$96,288.75
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	2
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	2
Total value of all church property (3 churches reporting).....	\$1,161,300.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	7
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	5
Total number of churches with daycares.....	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.....	92
Total CTS enrollment.....	20
Total WNAC enrollment.....	30
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$750.00

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Central Association Cont'd

Charity FWB 415 Orchard Dr. Bassett, VA 24055 276-629-5722	Pastor: Curtis Ashley 289 Orchard Drive Bassett, VA 24055 276-629-8712
Chestnut Hill FWB 13771 Lee-Jackson Hwy. Big Island, VA 24526 434-299-5066	Pastor: William Tonkin 17195 Big Island Hwy. Big Island, VA 24526 434-661-7453
King of Kings FWB 12371 E. Lynchburg-Salem Tnpk. Forest, VA 24551 434-525-7244	Pastor: Brandon Baber 1695 Founding Way Rd. Bedford, VA 24523 540-587-6555
Lighthouse FWB 924 Burks Hill Rd. Bedford, VA 24523	Pastor: Larry Ross (interim) 1560 Oakwood St. Bedford, VA 24523 540-587-8962
Woodland Heights FWB 1995 Old Chatham Rd. Martinsville, VA 24112 276-634-0995	Pastor: Stanley Waddell 1513 Grandview Rd. Martinsville, VA 24112 276-340-7906

Other Preachers:

Bob Breeden 1147 Woodland Ave. Buena Vista, VA 24416 540-261-1043	Phil Stevens 66 Lindsay Lane Evington, VA 24588 434-420-4771
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DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Moderator:
Greg Collins
105 Kingsley Ave.
Kingsport, TN 37660
423-723-3434

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

Total Number of Churches.....	7
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	0
Total Number of Churches rural.....	7
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	7
Churches with Full time pastors.....	3
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	4
Total Baptisms.....	12
Total Members Added.....	5
Total members lost.....	2
Total membership.....	212
Total Income for all churches.....	\$87,321.42
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property (5 churches reporting).....	\$703,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	20
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	12
Total number of churches with daycares.....	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.....	193
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	0
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	35
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$1500.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Clinch Valley Association Cont'd. - Midway Quarterly Conference

Moderator: Kyle Akers 2189 Bishoptown Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-2215	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490
Bishop Memorial FWB Hill Station Alley Rd. Gate City, VA 24251	Pastor: Daryle Hurd 449 Fraley Ave. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-1121
Hill's Chapel FWB 943 MabeStanleytown Rd. Duffield Va 24244	Pastor: Roger Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490
Orebank FWB 5663 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664	Pastor: Greg Collins 1217 Bloomingdale Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660 423-723-3434
Valley View FWB Dungannon, VA 24245	Pastor: L.W. Salling 12890 Veterans Mem. Hwy. Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2311

Sunbright Quarterly Conference

Moderator: Bobby Rhoton 143 Glenita Fault Ln. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-2280	Clerk: Martha Townsend 3218 MabeStanleytown Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2302
Bowen's Chapel FWB Rt. 5 Box 225 Duffield, VA 24244	Pastor: William Bowen P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2533
Mabe's Chapel FWB Rt. 4 Duffield, VA 24244	Pastor: M.D. Hyatt 183 Hillcrest Circle Jonesborough, TN 37659 423-753-2240
Red Hill FWB Rt. 7 Gate City, VA 24251	Pastor: Vernon McDavid 623 Hortons Summit Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2530

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Clinch Valley Association, Sunbright Quarterly Conference Cont'd.

Other Preachers

William O. Bowen P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2533	Jackie Frazier 2127 Ford Branch Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-2999
Eckle Herron 2641 Nottingham Rd. Gate City, VA 24251-4242 276-386-7562	Milligan Herron 3545 Red Hill Rd. Gate City, VA 24251 276-452-4640
George Hubbard 2309 Cranshaw Dr. Kingsport, TN 37660 423-247-3508	Nathan Jackson, Jr. 124 Chateaugay Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-1983
Carl Rogers 579 Holcomb Hollow Rd. Big Stone gap, VA 24219 276-523-1781	Timothy Rhoton 125 McNew Cemetery Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-4727
Paul Smith 3496 Red hill rd. Gate City, VA 24251 276-452-215	Lonnie Townsend 135 Blueberry Ridge rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-4504
Charles E. Wallen 404 Sierra dr. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-3774	Marvin Winkle 2021 Todd St. Kingsport, TN 37660 423-247-8547

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Jerry Begley
9114 Hunter Valley Rd.
Duffield, VA 24244
276-995-2205

Clerk: Lennis France
4745 Memorial Blvd.
Kingsport, TN 37664
423-288-2039

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.....	2
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	0
Total Baptisms.....	17
Total Members Added.....	12
Total members lost.....	11
Total membership.....	222
Total Income for all churches.....	\$52,135.01
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$468,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	8
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	14
Total number of churches with daycares.....	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.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	47
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	40
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$600.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Harmony Association Cont'd

Pine Grove FWB 11573 Veteran's Memorial Hwy. Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2050	Pastor:
Durham's Chapel FWB Durham's Chapel Lane Clinchport, VA 24244 276-995-2661	Pastor:
Starnes Bend FWB 8857 Clinch River Hwy. Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	Pastor:
New Beginning FWB 184 Morningstar Rd. Church Hill, TN 37642 423-288-7039	Pastor:

Ministers:

Fred Gillenwater	Rick Kincer
Danny Keith McNew	Don McDavid
Terry Rhoton	Sam Hillman
Terry Begley	Charles Puckett

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Moderator: David A. Mizzelle 15676 Monticello Dr. Bristol, VA 24202 276-791-9550	Clerk: Donald W. White 1762 Pittstown rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-3604
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Total Number of Churches.....	14
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	4
Total Number of Churches rural.....	10
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	14
Churches with Full time pastors.....	8
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	6
Total Baptisms.....	11
Total Members Added.....	23
Total members lost.....	8
Total membership.....	1053
Total Income for all churches.....	\$327,666.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	1
Total value of all church property.....	\$2,950,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	21
Total number of licensed ministers.....	3
Total number of ordained deacons.....	39
Total number of churches with daycares.....	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.....	419
Total CTS enrollment.....	80
Total WNAC enrollment.....	41
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	32
Number of state association minutes requested.....	40
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$2100.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

John Wheeler Association Cont'd. - Northeastern Quarterly Conference

Adwolfe FWB 1032 Grubmore Rd. Marion, VA 24354	Pastor: Bob Surber 195 Morningstar Road Abingdon, VA 24210 276-676-3540
Cardwelltown FWB Route 2, Box 117 Saltville, VA 24370	Pastor: Mark Baumgardner 27413 Denton Valley Rd. Abingdon, VA 24211 Ph. 276-475-6016
Heavenly Hope FWB	Pastor: Bobby Collins 28559 Poor Valley Rd. Saltville, VA 24370 276-944-5320
Liberty FWB Route 5, Box 448 Marion, VA 24354	Pastor: Jimmy Taylor 242 Barbrow Hollow Road Saltville, VA 24370 Ph. 276-496-5423
Macedonia FWB Saltville, VA 24354	Pastor: Clarence Frye 723 Free Will Lane Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-5645
Macedonia FWB 1764 Pine Swamp Road Sparta, NC	Pastor: Eddie Foster 446 Pugh Mountain Rd. Marion, VA 24354 276-783-8642

Other Preachers:

David Neitch
121 Colonial Heights Dr.
Marion, VA 24354
276-783-2926
(Liberty)

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

John Wheeler Association Cont'd. - Southwestern Quarterly Conference

Cornerstone FWB 300 Hinson Lane Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-6700	Pastor: Gary Rowlette 1215 Anderson Street Bristol, TN 37620 423-652-2130
East Bristol FWB 208 Trammel Road Bristol, TN 37620	Pastor: Donald White 1762 Pittstown Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-3604
Fisrt FWB 1641 Euclid Ave. Bristol, VA 24201 276-466-2761	Pastor: Rev. David Mizelle 15676 Monticello Dr. Bristol, VA 24202 276-791-9550
Friendship FWB 300 Sharps Creek Road Bristol, TN 37620	Pastor: Robert Prater 183 Lions Club Road Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-3423
Genesis FWB 1044 New Beason Well Road Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-3532	Pastor: Jennings Dotson 2725 Prestwick Court Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-2891
Rooty Branch FWB 551 Rooty Branch Rd. Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-2184	Pastor:
Shiloh FWB 21503 Benhams Road Bristol, VA 24202 276-466-8620	Pastor: Rodger Castle 5905 Cochise Trail Kingsport, TN 37664 423-323-9234
Temple FWB 745 Randolph Street Bristol, VA 24201	Pastor: Paul Collins 17535 Hobbs Road Bristol, VA 24202 276-591-6942

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John Wheeler Association, Southwestern Quarterly Conference Cont'd.

Other Preachers:

Roger Ball 5461 Rich valley rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-466-2806 (Shiloh)	Doug Mccracken 121 Beaver St. Bristol, VA 24201 276-591-4966 (Genesis)
Shannon Smith 317 Locust Hill Lane Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-5542 (Friendship)	C.F. Jack Sprinkle 15340 Majestic dr. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-9570 (East Bristol)
Lee Statzer 13201 Reedy Creek Road Bristol, VA 24202 276-669-9669 (Shiloh)	Joseph Steel 20375 Enchanted Lane Bristol, VA 24202 276-466-2693 (Shiloh)
Tim Surber 1628 Allison Gap Rd. Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-3339	Jeffrey B. Taylor 1103 E. State St. Bristol, TN 37620 423-989-3902 (Friendship)
Tony Woods 552 Sharp Creek's rd. Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-7487 (Friendship)	Ronnie Lee Worley 1751 Pittstown Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-591-3012 (Shiloh)

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Don Helms 13546 West River Rd. Palmyra, VA 22963 434-842-2867	Clerk: Robert W. Brown 12500 Chewning Ln. Fredricksburg, VA 22407 340-780-7445 pastor@HeritageFWB.net
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Total Number of Churches.....	14
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	12
Total Number of Churches rural.....	2
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	14
Churches with Full time pastors.....	9
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	5
Total Baptisms.....	64
Total Members Added.....	74
Total members lost.....	54
Total membership.....	609
Total Income for all churches.....	\$1,181,437.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	9
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	3
Total value of all church property.....	\$9,194,600.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	18
Total number of licensed ministers.....	4
Total number of ordained deacons.....	15
Total number of churches with daycares.....	0
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.....	514
Total CTS enrollment.....	13
Total WNAC enrollment.....	68
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	16
Number of state association minutes requested.....	14
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$2100.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Northern Virginia Association Cont'd.

Bethel FWB 3713 Pennington Ln. Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199	Pastor: Dave Nobles 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-6097 pastor@bethelfwbaptist.com
Bloss Memorial FWB 716 N. Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 703-527-7040	Pastor: Michael Kernodle 716 N. Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 703-527-7040
Calvary FWB 4808 Shelby Rd. Rochelle, VA 227384 540-948-9979	Pastor: Richard W. Wright 13622 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Culpepper, VA 22701 540-829-4675
Casa De Dios FWB 3713 Pennington Ln. Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199	Pastor: Diego Cueva 5650 Smallwood Ct. Woodbridge, VA 22193 703-670-8570
Cornerstone FWB 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225 703-361-6519	Pastor: Dallas Slep 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225 703-361-6519
Elkton FWB Sixth St./ P.O. Box 298 Elkton, VA 22827 540-298-2894	Pastor: Billy D. King 100 Ashby St. Elkton, VA 22827 540-298-9680 ppchrBill@hotmail.com
Enciente Una Luz FWB Church 2564 North Valley Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802	Pastor: Armando Sanchez 182 Harper St. Weyers Cave, VA 22486 540-234-0962
First Church of Roanoke FWB 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E. Roanoke, VA 24012 540-245-2706	Pastor: Roger Bevins 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E. Roanoke, VA 24012 540-245-2706
Grace FWB 9459 Poindexter Rd. Louisa, VA 23093 540-967-2446 540-967-5150 (fax)	Pastor: John Austin 740 Profitt Rd. Mineral VA 23117 540-894-0366

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Northern Virginia Association Cont'd.

Harmony FWB 225 Spicers Mill Rd. Orange, VA 22960	Pastor: Paul Kirk 29125 Essey Lane Rhoadesville, VA 22542 540-854-8799
Harrisonburg FWB 611B W. Market St. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-433-8980	Pastor: Paul J. Collins 794 Gailcrist Dr. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-434-5734
Heritage FWB 12500 Chewning Lane Fredricksburg, VA 22407 540-786-7445 540-786-2985 (fax) http://heritagefwb.net	Pastor: Robert W. Brown 7515 Hunter Lodge Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22554 540-582-5531 pastor@heritage.net
Meadow Brook FWB 2425 First St. Middletown, VA P.O. Box 153 Middleburg, VA 22645 540-869-1992	Pastor: Roger C. Mullins 1236 Timberlake Rd. Strasburg, VA 22657 540-758-1186
Park Lane FWB 112 Park Lane W. Charlottesville, VA 22903 434-296-2740	Pastor: Don Helms 13546 West River Rd. Palmyra, VA 22963 434-842-2867

Other Preachers:

George R. Barrett 837 Fairwood Dr. Culpepper, VA 22701 540-829-5686	Lester Horton 211 Forest Lake Dr. Apt. 239 Stephens City, VA 22655-3307
Ki Jang Yoo 121 Groucheh Ter. Gaithersburg, MD 20877 301-977-2224	Roger Powers 8560 Megs Dr. Marshall, VA 20115 540-364-9454
Brian Green 265 Mosbey Dr. Manassas Park, VA 22011 703-369-5256	William Tonkin 3615 Midland Rd. Midland, VA 22728 540-788-4782
Jeff Dotson 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225	

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Moderator:
Johnny Woodward
P.O. Box 318
Honaker, VA 24260
276-873-5834

Clerk:
Audrey Barton
1038 Barberry rd.
Honaker, VA 24260
276-859-2311

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.....	2
Total Baptisms.....	0
Total Members Added.....	0
Total members lost.....	0
Total membership.....	105
Total Income for all churches.....	\$12,009.47
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$241,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	9
Total number of licensed ministers.....	1
Total number of ordained deacons.....	10
Total number of churches with daycares.....	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.....	102
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	0
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$450.00

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Sandy Valley Association Cont'd.

Venia Chapel FWB 1094 Venia Church Rd. Honaker, VA 24260	Pastor: Wendell Harris 3585 Fletchers ridge, Rd. Vansant, VA 24656 276-859-2497
Gents Chapel FWB 3196 Drill Rd. Honaker, VA 24260	Pastor: Johnny Woodward P.O. Box 318 Honaker, VA 24260 276-873-5834
Heltons Chapel FWB 2782 Stinson Ridge Rd. Rowe, VA 24646	Pastor: Jason Reynolds P.O. Box 1691 Honaker, VA 24260 276-873-4074

Other Preachers:

Donald Harris 1161 Jay Hollow Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-2918	Earl Reynolds 2551 Stinson Ridge Rd. Rowe, VA 24646 276-859-0540
Dennis McGlothlin 4838 Combs Ridge Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-2823	Emory James 1173 Nance White Branch Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-9418
Roy Lee Wilson 2718 Monte Rd. Bee, VA 24217 276-859-2149	Michael Miller 1232 Nance White Branch Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 275-859-2642
Russell Harris 4657 Old Grissom Creek Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-2653	

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Moderator:
Jack Blanton
6003 Crystal Lane
Wise, VA 24293
276-328-8243

Clerk:
James V. Pochodzay
2429 Oconita Rd.
Jonesville, VA 24263
276-346-2222

Total Number of Churches.....	22
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	5
Total Number of Churches rural.....	17
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	22
Churches with Full time pastors.....	3
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	19
Total Baptisms.....	12
Total Members Added.....	44
Total members lost.....	33
Total membership.....	1149
Total Income for all churches.....	Not Reported
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	1
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$2,247,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	47
Total number of licensed ministers.....	4
Total number of ordained deacons.....	65
Total number of churches with daycares.....	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.....	710
Total CTS enrollment.....	252
Total WNAC enrollment.....	131
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	34
Number of state association minutes requested.....	90
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$3450.00

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Southwest Association Cont'd. - East Wise Quarterly

Steve Powers 6245 Lake Rd. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-679-3630	Bernard Brosky 378 Anderson Hollow Rd. NE Norton, VA 24273
Lawrence Rutherford 3811 Reeds Creek Rd. Keokee, VA 24265 276-546-3727	Gary Hill 216 7 th St. NE Norton, VA 24273 276-5466
David Nidiffer 9605 Charles Ave. Wise, VA 24293	James Wilson 5437 Pole Bridge Rd. Wise, VA 24293
Wayne Perry P.O. Box 954 Coeburn, VA 24230 276-395-5315	Danny C. Mullins 8301 Gillial Hollow Rd. Pound, VA 24279 276-395-5935
Nolan Stanley P.O. box 714 Pound, VA 24279 276-796-5603	Cecil Jessee 153 Nancy Robinson St. Dungannon, VA 24245 276-467-1592
Marty Puckett 215 Harris St. NE Coeburn, VA 24230 276-395-6610	Sammy Hall 14940 Sandy Ridge Rd. St. Paul, VA 24283 276-395-3819
Joel Bailey, III P.O. Box 1118 Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-1887	Daniel Bailey, Jr. Rt. HCO5 Box 596 Coeburn, VA 24230 276-395-5058

Southwest Association - Lee County Quarterly

Wayne Scott 330 Ford Creek Rd. Gray, TN 37615 423-207-0017	Roger Rowe P.O. Box 118 Duffield, VA 24244 276-546-0904
James V. Vaughn 20 Albemarle St. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-2826	Robert Hartsock 139 Cougar Alley Dr. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-0095
William Feck 166 Mountain Ash Dr. Dryden, VA 24243 276-546-4319	Donald Jones 1453 Smyth Chapel Rd. Pennington Gap, VA 24277 276-546-4369
Raymond Baird Shavers Ford rd. Jonesville, VA 24263 276-346-1244	

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Moderator:
Karl Sexton
5473 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757-499-9686

Clerk:
Mark Kiepke
102 Corbin Dr.
Newport News, VA 23606
757-651-2708
Kiepke4@verizon.net

Total Number of Churches.....	15
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	14
Total Number of Churches rural.....	1
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	7
Churches with Full time pastors.....	10
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	4
Total Baptisms.....	47
Total Members Added.....	44
Total members lost.....	40
Total membership.....	957
Total Income for all churches.....	\$726,170.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	5
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	3
Total value of all church property.....	\$11,815,188.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	19
Total number of licensed ministers.....	4
Total number of ordained deacons.....	28
Total number of churches with daycares.....	3
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	2
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	1
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	1
Sunday School Enrollment.....	405
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	52
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	41
Number of state association minutes requested.....	15
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$2,250.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Tidewater Association Cont'd.

Bethany FWB P: 2430 Azalea Garden Rd. Norfolk, VA 23513 757-853-7300	Pastor: John Sinkhorn 4624 Larkin St. Norfolk, VA 23513 757-857-6028
Calvary FWB 814 E. Virginia Ave.. Crewe, VA 23930 804-605-7080	Pastor: Brian Lamb
Calvary FWB 1042 Penniman Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23188 757-407-1605	Pastor: Robert Breneman 5477 Virginia Beach Blvd. #102 Virginia beach, VA 23462 757-407-1605
Carolina Virginia New Life Ministry 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457	Pastor: Jeremy Efler c/o 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457 757-713-3740
CrossPointe FWB 2460 Pruden Blvd. Suffolk, VA 23434 757-923-9059 info@crosspointesuffolk.com www.crosspointesuffolk.com	Pastor: David Sexton 126 Niblick Circle Suffolk, VA 23434 757-923-9059
Faith FWB 16053 Carrollton Blvd. (Mail) P.O. Box 205 Carrollton, VA 23314 757-238-3210	Interim Pastor: Larry Russell 800 Brookside Ave. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-639-9042
First FWB 8995 Hungary Hd. Richmond, VA 23294 804-270-9463 pastorbullock@firstfreewillbaptistonline.org www.firstfreewillbaptistonline.org	Pastor: James Bullock 8995 Hungary Rd. Richmond, VA 23294 804-934-0542

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Tidewater Association cont'd.

Gateway FWB 5473 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-499-9686 www.gatewayfwbchurch.com	Pastor: Karl Sexton 205 Coliss Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-497-8987 ksexton@gatewayfwb.com
Glenn Allen FWB 11101 Old Washington Hwy. Glen Allen, VA 23059 (Mail) c/o 1106 Buckingham Station Dr. Midlothian, VA 2311	Pator: None
Good News FWB 5200 Courthouse Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832 804-744-5401 gnfwbc@goodnewsfwb.org	Pastor: Glen E. Johnson 317 Wallingham Rd. Midlothian, VA 23113 804-794-0381
Great Bridge FWB 700 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-482-4688	Pastor: Hal Jones 1125 Sutherlyn Ct. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-546-9688
Hyde Park FWB 8501 Chesapeake Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-6680	Pastor: Terry Beck 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-7414
Providence FWB 731 E. Little Back River Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 757-850-2844	Pastor: Richard Barnes 107 Artillery Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 757-850-1252
Unity FWB 360 Hickory Rd. E Chesapeake, VA 23328 757-428-3957	Pastor: Earl Sutton 102 Fox Lane Moyock, NC 27958 252-435-6227 lesutton@aol.com
Virginia Beach FWB 210 S. Witchduck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-499-3536	Pastor: J. D. Norris 2401 Darden Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23456 757-471-6209 jdorris@vbfwb.org

CONSTITUTION

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.

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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.

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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.
 - c) 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.
 - d) Mission board-five (5) years staggered.
 - e) 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.
 - f) 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.

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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 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.

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.

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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 Mission Board

- a. The State Home Missions Board shall consist of seven (7) 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.

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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 6th 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 *no/lo 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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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