# MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCAITION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### Seventy Fourth

Annual Session Held With

Gateway Free Will Baptist Church

Virginia Beach, VA

June 14-15, 2012

The next session will be held at the Harrisonburg Free Will Baptist Church 611B W. Market St Harrisonburg, VA 22802
June 13-14, 2012

### **OFFICERS ELECTED 2012**

Moderator	Rodger Castle (2013) Don White (2016) Bob Brown (2016) Gary Hill (2013)
Elected Executive Board  Don White	
Home Missions Board Hal Jones Dave Nobles Larry Russell Bob Brown Glenn Johnson Rodger Castle Rev. David Mizelle	
Board Member to Free Will Baptist Family Ministries	Evan White (2016)
Board Member to National Association of Free Will Baptist	Glenn Johnson (2013)
Promotional Secretary	Bruce Barnes (2013)
CTS Representative	Adam Bolin (2013)

The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Gateway Free Will Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

(Notes from the Bible Conference on pages 10-11)

### June 14, 2012 – 7:00 pm service

Opening Song: "Saved, Saved, Saved" Opening Prayer: Rev. Paul Collins, Moderator Welcome by host church: Dr. Bruce Barnes

Introduction of Officers: Rev. Don White, Clerk

Moderator recognized committees:

Nominating Committee:

- Rev. Terry Beck, Chair
- Rev. Dallas Slemp
- Rev. J.D. Norris

### Credentials Committee:

- Joey McCreight
- Bridgett McCreight
- Katie Brennaman

Worship Time began by singing "A Shelter in Time of Storm". A brief time of fellowship was concluded by singing "He Will Make A Way".

Gateway Choir then sang "On The Rock I Stand" Congregational singing: "My Jesus I Love Thee", There Is None Like You", "Glorify thy Name"

Offertory prayer: Dr. Bruce Barnes
Offering of \$201.86 was received while the Gateway Church
musicians provided an instrumental selection.

Special Singing: Gateway Women's Trio, "Had It Not Been"

Message: Dr. Dave Nobles, Preeminence of Christ in the Family Exodus 4:24-24 (See Page 11)

Invitation song: "Have Thine Own Way Lord" Time of alter prayer led by Rev. Paul Collins

Announcements by Moderator

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Richard Atwood

### June 15, 2012 - 8:30 am devotion

Rev. Tim McCreight, Philippians 1:1-11 (see page 12)

### 9:00 am Business

2011 Minutes were read. A motion to accept was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Bro. Joey McCreight presented the report of the Registration and Credentials Committee (Detailed report on page 13)

- Eight (8) districts reported (81 Churches)
- 36 Ministers registered
- 11 delegates registered

A Motion to accept the report and seat the delegates was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

### Treasurer's Report:

Rev. Gary Hill (see page #)

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

### **Executive Board Report:**

Minutes of the Executive Board Meetings were read. (page 14) A motion to accept the report and deal with four action items individually was approved.

Item 1 (fee Increase) was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Item 2 (waiver of surplus funds distribution) was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Item 3 (decision on dispersing of interest) was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Item 4 (2013 meeting at Harrisonburg) was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Dr. Bruce Barnes, reported for the Promotional Office. Has not been traveling as much because funds are low and also due to the pastoral situation at Gateway. The Plumbline is now on-line and distributed via e-mail. Expects to travel more in the coming year. A motion to accept the report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Rev. Glen Johnson reported as Representative to the National Board. Encourages all to attend the National Convention in July and to participate in the business sessions.

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

Rev. Hal Jones reported for Virginia Home Missions Roanoke Pastor, Rev. Roger Bevins had surgery recently. Rev. Mark Lewis is helping greatly. Legal issues continue. Hispanic ministry started.

2 or 3 VA works may go self-supporting soon. Looking to possibly start a new work. Pray.

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

Dr. Dave Nobles reported as VA Home Missions Treasurer. Continue to send designated funds through the Missions Support Program.

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

Rev. Bob Brown provided an update on the lawsuit.

Depositions scheduled for June 19.

Insurance coverage through Brotherhood Mutual still being determined. Other lawsuits could be filed.

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

There was a call for pledges to the legal fund.

Central: \$500 Park Lane: \$200

Indian Creek: \$300 Cornerstone (Bristo): \$250

Bethel: \$1000 Good News: \$1000 Shiloh: \$500 Great Bridge: \$1000 Harrisonburg: \$300 Gateway: \$1000 East Bristol: \$200 Unity: \$500

Grace (Louisa): \$1000 Calvary: TBD

Heritage: \$500 now, \$500 in Sept. Gober/Lifegate/Winchester: \$300

Total pledges: \$9050

Rev. Hal Jones requested a time of fasting and prayer on Tuesday, June 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

### Reports of Home Missionaries

- Jason Weaver, Winchester: Just getting started. Thankful for Allen and Denise Gober who are hosting Bible Studies in their home.
- Paul Colllins, Harrisonburg: Building program completed.
  Just baptized 6 with 6 more planned. May attendance was
  between 78 and 85. John Bullock helping. Couple from
  Chicago attending. Have contract on sale of additional
  property. Close to going self-supporting.
- Diego Queva, Hispanic Missions: Reaching people for Christ. Sunday attendance between 100 & 110. Friday youth attendance around 30. Lives and families changing.

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

Rev. Chip Henley reported for Gateway Global Missions. 6 missionaries in Moldova, 5 in Haiti, 1 in Mexico. New graduates (Stilmans) in Boise, Idaho. Doors open in Africa. A motion to accept the report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Dr. Bruce Barnes reported for Gateway Christian College. Has been a difficult year but enrollment has been high and consistent. Students are encouraged and resilient. Upcoming enrollment is up for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. New pastor at Gateway, Rev. Brent Patrick will have positive effect. Student Associates are available for the summer. Contact Dr. Barnes for more information. A motion to accept the report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Rev. Frank Woods reported for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. Sees the effects daily of families not having Christ first. Reaching families for Christ is main objective. Recently had 87 year old man accept the Lord. Showed video about the work. Moderator recognized Evan White (Board Member from the VA Association.) A motion to accept the report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Business session dismissed in prayer by Rev. Joel Cantrell.

### 11:00 am service

Opening Song: "Power In The Blood" Opening Prayer: Bro. Alan Gober

Special Music FWBBC Rejoice Quartet; "Through it All" and "Not

Guilty"

Message: Rev. Stanley Waddell, Preeminence of Christ in Ministry

Colossians 1:12-29 (see page 12)

Moderator, Paul Collins took charge

Dismissed in prayer and grace for the noontime meal: Rev. Bob

Brown

### 1:00 pm. Devotion

Opening Prayer: Rev. Don White

Message: Rev. Paul Collins Exodus 33:7-17 (see page 12)

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Paul Collins

Rev. David Brown reported for Free Will Baptist Foundation. Please visit the interactive website for financial planning at <a href="https://www.FWBgifts.org">www.FWBgifts.org</a> to evaluate "What if" scenarios.

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

Rev. Richard Atwood reported for National Home Missions. North American churches are doing well. Attendance is good; souls are being saved. Some missionaries had cancer surgeries but all are now doing well.

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

Rev. Mark McPeak reported for International Missions. June has been a significant month for financial support. As of June 12, receipts for World Missions Offerings are \$843,000. Every FWB church in Panama is planting a daughter church. Brazil and Uruguay will plant their 50<sup>th</sup> and Cuba will plant their 70<sup>th</sup>. Work is progressing in India.

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

Dr. Matt Pinson reported for Free Will Baptist Bible College. Thanks to all the Virginia churches who continue to send students. Federal regulations require +\$500k to bring the pension plan up to date. Giving has been down. Ministry enrollment and students from TN are stable. Non-ministry and enrollment from other states is down. College continues to be founded on the Word of God. Name change proposal (Welch College) to be voted on at the National meeting in July. A short video was shown. A motion to accept the report was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Rev. Ryan Lewis reported for the National Executive Office. Trying to be an encouragement to FWB pastors and organizations. National meeting scheduled for July 15-18, 2012 in Memphis, TN. Theme is "God is Faithful". Giving to National ministries is down close to \$1 million compared to previous years. Please continue supporting.

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

Rev. Tim McCreight reported for Randall House. Introduced "Heritage Teaching Guide, Lessons for Sunday School.

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

Rev. John Brummett reported for the Board of Retirment. Default investment strategy earning +7%. Conservative investment strategy earning +2%. In April 2012 added "moderate" and "maximum" funds.

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

Rev. Mark Nepl reported as Home Missionary to Suffolk, VA, Crosspointe FWB Church. Thanks for your support. 4 renovations to building in the last 1 ½ years. 30 people from Gateway helped get started. Added fellowship hall. Auditorium originally seated just over 50 people but now at 180. Had close to 900 visitors since starting. Average attendance is 115. Hoping to go self-supporting soon.

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

Andy Moore reported as missionary to Brazil. City of the work has over 500,000 people. Church has +50 attending. Purchased land and raising money to build.

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

Correction to 2011 minute booklet. Page 6 paragraph 8; Dale Burden should be Keith Burden.

The Report of Nominating Committee was read by the clerk. (See page 16)

A motion to accept the report as presented and elect the slate was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

### **Constitutional change**

(Tabled from 2011 meeting) Add 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.

A motion to remove the item from the table was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

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

### **Election of Delegates to the National Meeting**

Nominated were: Sisters Judy Castle, Ann Brown, Teresa Hill, Christa Hill and Patty Collins

A motion to elect the 5 nominees was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The following names were submitted for the Memorial Prayer which was led by Rev. Hal Jones.

- Frank Baker Family
- Rev. Marvin Winkle, former pastor, Orebank FWB Church
- Billy Winkle, deacon, Orebank FWB Church
- Ella Barnette
- Rev Fred Bates

Announcements were made.

Rev. Dale Burden has a new pamphlet available, "Can a Lost person Be Lost?"

Submit articles and announcements for the web-site (<a href="www.VAFWB.org">www.VAFWB.org</a>) to Dr. Bruce Barnes

There was a rising vote of thanks to the Gateway Church for their hospitality.

A motion to adjourn was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Earl Sutton.

### NOTES FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

June 14, 2012 - 11:00 am service

Opening Song: Glory to His Name Opening Prayer: Rev. Don Helms

Special Music: Gateway Mixed Quartet; "He Knows All I Need"

and "Jesus, God's Son Took My Place"

Message: Rev. J.D. Norris, "The Preeminence of Christ"

John 1:14; Colossians 1:14-18
• Radiance of His Glory

Representation of his Character

Jesus must be first in all our life.

Alter Prayer

Dismissed & thanks for lunch: Rev. Don Helms

### June 14, 2012 – 1:00 pm service

Opening Song: Like a River Glorious Opening Prayer: Rev. Dale Burden

Special Music: FWBBC Rejoice Quartet; Medley, "Heaven's Jubilee, Everybody Will Be Happy Over There, When We All Get

To Heaven" and "I'd Rather Have Jesus".

Message: Dr. Rodger Castle, "Preeminence of Christ in Our

Personal Life" Colossians 1:12-18

Because of the preeminence of Christ I can be blessed through:

- Piety
- Purpose
- Prayer
- Peace

Dismissed in prayer: Dr. Dave Nobles

### NOTES FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

June 14, 2012 – 2:00 pm service

Opening Song: "Are You Washed In The Blood"

Opening Prayer: Rev. Paul Collins

Special Music: Gateway Men's Trio, "He Is The Great I Am", I

Stand Redeemed"

Special prayer for Rev. Marty Puckett and Rev. David Neitch led by Rev. Gary Hill

Message: Rev. David Sexton, Preeminence of Christ in Preaching Colossians 1: 23-29 "The Features of Paul's Preaching"

- Source of the preaching (v23b) Called by God
- Spirit of the preaching (v24a) Joy
- Suffering of the preaching (v24b)
- Scope of the preaching (v25-27) Fulfill the word of God
- Style of preaching (v28a)
  - Warning (negative
  - Teaching (positive)
  - o To every man evangelize & educate
- Subject of Preaching Christ
- Sum of preaching (v28b) Mature Christians
  - 2 Corinthians 4:5; Acts 4:10; Acts 5:42; Acts 8:35;
     Acts 17:18; Acts 18:5; I Corinthians 1:23; 2:2;
     Galatians 3:1; 6:14; Ephesians 3:8; Philippians 1:18; Colossians 2:6
- Stimulus of preaching (v29) His working

Dismissed in prayer: Rev. Dallas Slemp

### June 14, 2012 - 7:00 pm service

Dr. Dave Nobles, Preeminence of Christ in the Family Exodus 4:24-24, three Basic Elements of the Family

- Leadership of the Husband
  - Recognize you are accountable
  - Being a leader at home is a prerequisite to the ministry.
  - o Must be a man of God
- Submission of the wife
  - Following the husbands spiritual leadership
  - Equal and respected but not an excuse to ignore god's plan
- Spiritual direction of the children

Invitation song: "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

### NOTES FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

### June 15, 2012 - 8:30 am devotion

Rev. Tim McCreight Philippians 1:1-11

Three Aspects of Pastoral / Church Relationshiop

- Loving Relationship
- Learning Relationship
- Serving Relationship

### June 15, 2012 - 11:00 am service

Rev. Stanley Waddell, Preeminence of Christ in Ministry Colossians 1:12-29 (focus on vs. 18)

Christ must have preeminence in ministry because:

- He is Lord of salvation and without Him there is no salvation (v. 12-14)
- He is the creator (v. 15-17)
- He is the head of the Church; the author and finisher of our faith (v. 18)
- Of His reconciling work at Calvary (v. 19-22)
- He is the maker of minsters (v. 23-25)

### June 15, 2012 - 1:00 pm. Devotion

Rev. Paul Collins Exodus 33:7-17

- Character of Moses' Prayer
  - o Distinct (v. 7)
  - Deliberate (not ordinary)
  - o Dynamic (v. 8-10)
- Content of Moses' Prayer
  - o Show (v. 12-14)
  - o Know (v. 15-16)
  - o Go

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Central Association: Fees: To be sent later / Churches: 5

Delegates: Bill Thurston, Herman Hopkins,

Harry Oaks, Rita Ashley, Charlie Goff, Betty Goff, Dottie Steele, Eula Wells,

Penny Stevens, Violet Pryer

Clinch Valley Association: Fees: \$1,800.00 / Churches: 8

Delegates: Evelyn Herron, Daniel Herron,

Michael Herron

Harmony Association: Fees: \$600.00 / Churches: 4

Delegates: Glen Lemly, Lynn Wolfe, Billy Eagan,

Alice McConnel, Melany Austin, Durel Culbertson, Danny Peasrson

John Wheeler Association: Fees: \$2,800.00 / Churches: 14

Delegates: Judy Castle, Jo White

**Northern Association**: Fees: To be sent later / Churches: 13

Delegates: Alan Gober, Bro. Greer, Sis. Helms, Sis. Horton, Sis. Kernodle, Patty Collins,

Ann Brown

Sandy Valley Association: Fees: \$600.00 / Churches: 3

Delegates: None listed

**Southwest Association**: Fees: \$4,500.00 / Churches: 21

Delegates: Roberta Blanton, Sally Cantrell,

Teresa Hill, Darlene Sturgill

**Tidewater Association**: Fees: \$2,600.00 / Churches: 13

Delegates: none listed

Ministers registered: 36
Delegates registered: 11
Visitors registered: 171
Total registered: 228

Total fees: \$ 12,900.00

Credentials Committee:

Joey McCreight

Bridgett McCreight

Katie Brennaman

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

### From December 12, 2011 teleconference:

Due to the resignation of the elected State Moderator and a Mission Board Member, by vote of the Executive Committee the following appointments are to take effect immediately and remain in effect until the conclusion of the June 2012 State Convention.

- Assistant Moderator (Rev. Paul Collins) to assume the Moderator's position
- Dr. Dave Nobles as Assistant Moderator
- · Rev. Terry Beck to serve on the Mission Board

### From the March 12, 2012 Planning Meeting

The Treasurer is directed to develop a balanced Budget for 2012-2013 to present to the voting body at the June convention. The Agenda and Theme for the 2012 State Meeting was determined and speakers identified.

### From the June 14, 2012 Meeting as items for action:

- Increase fees from the district Associations to the State Association to \$200/Church retroactive to the June 2012 Meeting. (was \$150/church) Note: this will change Item 13 of the Standing rules.
- The distribution of surplus funds to be waived this year. (This due to the current financial situation of the VA State Association)
- That the decision on how to disperse the interest funds from the "Mission Support Program" be determined by joint effort of the Executive Committee and the Mission Board; said decision to be made annually at the State Planning Meeting and transfer of funds to take place at the end of the fiscal year which is May 31. (Ref 2011 Executive Board report, Item 5)
- That the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Session convene with the Northern Virginia Conference at the Harrisonburg FWB Church. (June 13-14, 2013)

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012

Income	
Association	Fees
Central Va.	\$750.00
Clinch Valley	\$1,500.00
Harmony	\$600.00
John Wheeler	\$2,100.00
Northern Va.	\$2,100.00
Sandy Valley	\$450.00
Southwest Va.	\$3,450.00
Tidewater	\$2,250.00
Total Fees	\$13,200.00
State Offerings	\$2,050.00
Promotion Office	\$6,921.50
Legal Fund	\$28,295.00
Reimbursement	\$105.00
Total Income	\$50,571.50

Expenses		
Corporation Fees	\$25.00	
National Fees	\$8,400.00	
VA Home Missions	\$575.41	
Promotion Office	\$1,763.00	
Salaries	\$2,300.00	
Speakers	\$730.00	
Minutes	\$229.32	
Insurance	\$1789.00	
Legal Fees	\$30,819.00	
Postage	\$22.80	
Misc.	\$105.00	
Total Expenses	\$46,758.53	

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER (cont'd) June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011

Balances		
Beginning balance:	\$9,987.68	
Ending Balance:	\$13,800.65	
Designated Promotion:	\$9,500.94	
Designated Legal:	\$2,524.00	
General Fund:	\$1,775.71	

### The Report of Nominating Committee:

Office:	Term Date	Nominee:
CTS Representative	2013	Adam Bolin
Promotional Secretary	2013	Dr. Bruce Barnes
Home Missions Board	2016	Rev. David Mizelle
Home Missions Board	2015	Rev. Larry Russell
Executive Board	2017	Rev. Roger Bevins
Treasurer	2013	Rev. Gary Hill
Assistant Clerk	2016	Rev. Bob Brown
Clerk	2016	Rev. Don White
Assistant Moderator	2013	Dr. Rodger Castle
Moderator	2013	Rev. Paul Collins

### Submitted by:

- Rev. Terry Beck, Chair
- Rev. Dallas Slemp
- Rev. J.D. Norris

### **CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**

Moderator: Rev. Brandon Barber 1695 Founding Way Rd. Bedford, VA 24523 540-587-6555 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	
Total Number of Churches reporting	5
Churches with Full time pastors	1
Churches with bi-vocational pastors	3
Total Baptisms	3
Total Members Added	36
Total members lost	5
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches (3 churches reporting)	\$110,238.93
Total number of Churches with budgets	
Total number of Churches with parsonages	2
Total value of all church property (3 churches reporting	g)\$1,161,300.00
Total number of ordained ministers	
Total number of licensed ministers	
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	
Total number of churches with Colleges	
Sunday School Enrollment	
Total CTS enrollment	
Total WNAC enrollment	
Total Masters Men enrollment	
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	(To be sent later)

### Central Association Cont'd

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

### Other Preachers:

Other i reachers:		
	Bob Breeden	Phil Stevens
	1147 Woodland Ave.	66 Lindsay Lane
	Buena Vista, VA 24416	Evington, VA 24588
	540-261-1043	434-420-4771

### **CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

Moderator: Lonnie Townsend 135 Blueberry Ridge Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-4504 Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490

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	3
Churches with bi-vocational pastors	4
Total Baptisms	
Total Members Added	6
Total members lost	8
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches (6 churches reporting)	\$96,199.89
Total number of Churches with budgets	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property (5 churches reporting)	
Total number of ordained ministers	
Total number of licensed ministers	
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	
Total number of churches with Colleges	
Sunday School Enrollment	
Total CTS enrollment	
Total WNAC enrollment	
Total Masters Men enrollment	_
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	\$1800.00

Clinch Valley Association Cont'd. - Midway Quarterly Conference

Clinch valley Association Cont d Midway Quarterly Conference		
_Moderator:	Clerk:	
Bruce Brewer	Evelyn C. Herron	
361 Doc Olinger Rd. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664	
276-523-3064	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	
Clinchport FWB Clinch River Hwy. Duffield, VA	Pastor: Bruce Brewer 361 Doc Olinger Rd. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-3064	
Hill's Chapel FWB 943 MabeStanleytown Rd. Duffield Va 24244	Pastor: None	
Orebank FWB	Pastor: Greg Collins	
5663 Orebank Rd.	1217 Bloomingdale Rd.	
Kingsport, TN 37664	Kingsport, TN 37660 423-723-3434	
Valley View FWB	Pastor: L.W. Salling 12890 Veterans Mem. Hwy.	
Dungannon, VA 24245	Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2311	

Sunbright Quarterly Conference

Ouribright Quarterly Conference	
Moderator: Jackie Frazier 2127 Ford Branch Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-2999	Clerk: Martha Townsend 3218 Mabe Stanleytown Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2302
Bowen's Chapel FWB P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244	Pastor: William Bowen P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2533
Mabe's Chapel FWB 3218 Mabe Stanleytown Rd. 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 Horton Summit Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2530

Clinch Valley Association, Sunbright Quarterly Conference Cont'd. Other Preachers

Charles Puckett
641 Mayfield Ave.
Kingsport, TN 37665
423-384-7105
Carl Rogers
579 Holcomb Hollow Rd.
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
276-523-1781
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

### HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Steve Alley 147 King Mtn. Dr. Church Hill, TN 37642 423-256-2862 Clerk: Lennis France 4745 Memorial Blvd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-2039

Total Number of Churches	
Total Number of Churches in city/town	0
Total Number of Churches rural	
Total Number of Churches reporting	4
Churches with Full time pastors	
Churches with bi-vocational pastors	0
Total Baptisms	9
Total Members Added	10
Total members lost	10
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches	
Total number of Churches with budgets	
Total number of Churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$468,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	
Total number of licensed ministers	
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	
Total number of churches with Colleges	0
Sunday School Enrollment	
Total CTS enrollment	
Total WNAC enrollment	
Total Masters Men enrollment	
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	\$600.00

Harmony Association Cont'd

Pine Grove FWB 11573 Veteran's Memorial Hwy. Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2050	Pastor: None
Durham's Chapel FWB Durham's Chapel Lane Clinchport, VA 24244 276-995-2661	Pastor: Terry Rhoten
Starnes Bend FWB 8857 Clinch River Hwy. Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	Pastor: Wayne Bledsoe 604 Limestone Valley Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-1953
New Beginning FWB 184 Morningstar Rd. Church Hill, TN 37642 423-288-7039	Pastor: Steve Alley 147 King Mtn. Dr. Church Hill, TN 37642 423-256-2862

### Ministers:

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

### JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Robert Prater 183 Lions Club Road Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-3423 Clerk: Donald W. White 1762 Pittstown rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-3604

Total Number of Churches	
Total Number of Churches in city/town	4
Total Number of Churches rural	
Total Number of Churches reporting	14
Churches with Full time pastors	
Churches with bi-vocational pastors	7
Total Baptisms	
Total Members Added	33
Total members lost	69
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches	
Total number of Churches with budgets	
Total number of Churches with parsonages	
Total value of all church property	\$3,452,770.00
Total number of ordained ministers	
Total number of licensed ministers	3
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	1
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	
Total number of churches with Colleges	
Sunday School Enrollment	523
Total CTS enrollment	
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	\$2800.00

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	Tim Surber
121 Colonial Heights Dr.	1628 Allison Gap Rd.
Marion, VA 24354	Saltville, VA 24370
276-783-2926	276-496-3339
(Liberty)	
Robert Prater	
183 Lions Club Road	
Saltville, VA 24370	
276-496-3423	

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: Tony Woods 552 Sharp Creek's Rd. Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-7487
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: Greg Poe
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: C.F. Jack Sprinkle 15340 Majestic dr. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-9570

John Wheeler Association, Southwestern Quarterly Conference Cont'd. Other Preachers:

Roger Ball 5461 Rich Valley Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-466-2806 (Shiloh)	Chris Conally 1315 Holston Dr, Bristol, TN 37620 (Cornerstone)
Doug McCracken	Lee Statzer
121 Beaver St.	13201 Reedy Creek Road
Bristol, VA 24201	Bristol, VA 24202
276-591-4966	276-669-9669
(Genesis)	(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	Ronnie Lee Worley
1103 E. State St.	1751 Pittstown Rd.
Bristol, TN 37620	Bristol, VA 24201
423-989-3902	276-591-3012
(Friendship)	(Temple)

### **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION**

Moderator:
Dallas Slemp
9709 Copeland Dr.
Manassas, VA 20109-3225
703-361-6519

Clerk: Robert W. Brown 7515 Hunter Lodge Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22551 540-582-5531 pastor@heritagefwb.net

Total Number of Churches	14
Total Number of Churches in city/town	12
Total Number of Churches rural	
Total Number of Churches reporting	14
Churches with Full time pastors	9
Churches with bi-vocational pastors	5
Total Baptisms	
Total Members Added	74
Total members lost	
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches	
Total number of Churches with budgets	
Total number of Churches with parsonages	3
Total value of all church property	
Total number of ordained ministers	
Total number of licensed ministers	
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	
Total number of churches with Colleges	
Sunday School Enrollment	
Total CTS enrollment	
Total WNAC enrollment	
Total Masters Men enrollment	
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	\$2100.00

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	Pastor: Michael Kernodle
716 N. Barton St.	716 N. Barton St.
Arlington, VA 22201	Arlington, VA 22201
703-527-7040	703-527-7040
Calvary FWB	Pastor: Richard W. Wright
4808 Shelby Rd.	13622 Mt. Zion Church Rd.
Rochelle, VA 227384	Culpepper, VA 22701
540-948-9979	540-829-4675
Casa De Dios FWB	Pastor: Diego Cueva
3713 Pennington Ln.	5650 Smallwood Ct.
Woodbridge, VA 22192	Woodbridge, VA 22193
703-590-5199	703-670-8570
Cornerstone FWB	Pastor: Dallas Slemp
9709 Copeland Dr.	9709 Copeland Dr.
Manassas, VA 20109-3225	Manassas, VA 20109-3225
703-361-6519	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 pprchrBill@hotmail.com
Enciende Una Luz FWB Church 2564 North Valley Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802	Pastor: Armando Sanchez 182 Harper St. Weyers Cave, VA 22486 540-234-0962
FWB Church of Roanoke	Pastor: Roger Bevins
1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E.	1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E.
Roanoke, VA 24012	Roanoke, VA 24012
540-245-2706	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

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	Pastor: Paul J. Collins
611B W. Market St.	794 Gailcrist Dr.
Harrisonburg, VA 22802	Harrisonburg, VA 22802
540-433-8980	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 22551 540-582-5531 pastor@heritagefwb.net
Park Lane FWB	Pastor: Don Helms
112 Park Lane W.	13546 West River Rd.
Charlottesville, VA 22903	Palmyra, VA 22963
434-296-2740	434-842-2867

### Other Preachers:

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

### **SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

Moderator: Emory James 1173 Nance White Branch Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-9418 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	3
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches	
Total number of Churches with budgets	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$315,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers	10
Total number of licensed ministers	
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	
Total number of churches with Colleges	
Sunday School Enrollment	
Total CTS enrollment	
Total WNAC enrollment	
Total Masters Men enrollment	
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	\$450.00

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	Russell Harris
1161 Jay Hollow Rd.	4657 Old Grissom Creek Rd.
Honaker, VA 24260	Honaker, VA 24260
276-859-2918	276-859-2653
Emory James	Dennis McGlothlin
1173 Nance White Branch Rd.	4838 Combs Ridge Rd.
Honaker, VA 24260	Honaker, VA 24260
276-859-9418	276-859-2823
Michael Miller	Earl Reynolds
1232 Nance White Branch Rd.	2551 Stinson Ridge Rd.
Honaker, VA 24260	Rowe, VA 24646
275-859-2642	276-859-0540
Robert Tiller	Roy Lee Wilson
3705 Indian Creek Road	2718 Monte Rd.
Bee, VA 24217	Bee, VA 24217
276-859-0244	276-859-2149

### **SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION**

Moderator: Wayne Scott 330 Ford Creek Rd. Gray, TN 37615 423-207-0017 Clerk: James V. Pochodzay 2429 Oconita Rd. Jonesville, VA 24263 276-346-2222

Total Number of Churches	
Total Number of Churches in city/town	5
Total Number of Churches rural	16
Total Number of Churches reporting	21
Churches with Full time pastors	2
Churches with bi-vocational pastors	19
Total Baptisms	14
Total Members Added	38
Total members lost	202
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches	
Total number of Churches with budgets	
Total number of Churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	
Total number of ordained ministers	
Total number of licensed ministers	
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	
Total number of churches with Colleges	
Sunday School Enrollment	
Total CTS enrollment	
Total WNAC enrollment	
Total Masters Men enrollment	
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	\$4500.00

Southwest Association Cont'd. - East Wise Quarterly

Southwest Association Cont.d Last Wise Quarterly	
Daniel Bailey, Jr.	Joel Bailey, III
Rt. HCO5 Box 596	P.O. Box 1118
Coeburn, VA 24230	Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
276-395-5058	276-523-1887
Bernard Broskey 378 Anderson Hollow Rd. NE Norton, VA 24273	Sammy Hall 14940 Sandy Ridge Rd. St. Paul, VA 24283 276-395-3819
Gary Hill	Cecil Jessee
216 7 <sup>th</sup> St. NE	153 Nancy Robinson St.
Norton, VA 24273	Dungannon, VA 24245
276-679-5466	276-467-1592
Danny C. Mullins 8301 Gillial Hollow Rd. Pound, VA 24279 276-395-5935	David Nidiffer 9605 Charles Ave. Wise, VA 24293
Wayne Perry	Marty Puckett
P.O. Box 954	215 Harris St. NE
Coeburn, VA 24230	Coeburn, VA 24230
276-395-5315	276-395-6610
Lawrence Rutherford	Nolan Stanley
3811 Reeds Creek Rd.	P.O. Box 714
Keokee, VA 24255	Pound, VA 24279
276-546-3727	276-796-5603

Southwest Association - Lee County Quarterly

Southwest Association - Lee County Quarterly	
Raymond Baird Recently placed in Nursing Home due to failing health.	William Feck 166 Mountain Ash Dr. Dryden, VA 24243 276-546-4319
Robert Hartsock 139 Cougar Alley Dr. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-0095	Donald Jones 1453 Smyth Chapel Rd. Pennington Gap, VA 24277 276-546-4369
Roger Rowe P.O. Box 118 Duffield, VA 24244 276-546-0904	Wayne Scott 330 Ford Creek Rd. Gray, TN 37615 423-207-0017
James V. Vaughn 20 Albemarle St. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-2826	

### **TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION**

Moderator: Terry Beck 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-7414 Clerk:
Mark Kiepke
102 Corbin Dr.
Newport News, VA 23606
757-651-2708
Kiepke4@verizon.net

Total Number of Churches	13
Total Number of Churches in city/town	
Total Number of Churches rural	
Total Number of Churches reporting	8
Churches with Full time pastors	8
Churches with bi-vocational pastors	5
Total Baptisms	
Total Members Added	58
Total members lost	14
Total membership	
Total Income for all churches	
Total number of Churches with budgets	9
Total number of Churches with parsonages	5
Total value of all church property	\$11,815,188.00
Total number of ordained ministers	20
Total number of licensed ministers	
Total number of ordained deacons	
Total number of churches with daycares	
Total number of churches with Kindergartens	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes	0
Total number of churches with Colleges	
Sunday School Enrollment	
Total CTS enrollment	
Total WNAC enrollment	
Total Masters Men enrollment	50
Number of state association minutes requested	
Amount of representation fees enclosed	\$2,600.00

Tidewater Association Cont'd.

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 Eflier 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

Tidewater Association cont'd.

Gateway FWB 5473 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-499-9686 www.gatewatyfwbchurch.com	Pastor:
Glenn Allen FWB 11101 Old Washington Hwy. Glen Allen, VA 23059 (Mail) 1106 Buckingham Station Dr. Midlothian, VA 2311	Pastor: 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 jdnorris@vbfwbc.org

#### 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 or 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 2:815; 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 <u>A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists</u> 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 <u>A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists</u> 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.
- 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.
- 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 anybody 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- He is to see that all business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised (current edition).
- 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.
- 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:

- 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.
- He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and the State Association programs.

#### 3. Clerk:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- 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.
- He will perform his duties at the direction of and in cooperation with the Executive Board.
- The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association.

#### 8. Board Member for Family Ministries (Greeneville, Tennessee):

- It shall be the duty of the one elected to serve as a full member of the Family Ministries official Board.
- He shall at all times represent the interests of Virginia in the overall ministry.
- 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 form one regular session to another. It shall have the power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.
- 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.
- This board shall set the place for the State CTS competition each year when needed.
- 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.
- This board shall provide an audit of the financial records annually and report to the body at regular session.
- All State Boards and Committees shall be accountable to and shall report to the Executive Board at its annual planning meeting. (ref. 2012)

#### 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall hold its regular meetings annually.
- The State Association shall meet beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sunday in June each year, and shall continue in session until its work is completed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- This body will be governed as stipulated in the most current edition of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this document.
- 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 Inurnment

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 rnay 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 (213) 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
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Each Local Association (yearly or district) is to send \$200 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. (2012)
- 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.
- 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 Executive Board Member