

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

*Fifty-Eighth Session Held With The
First Free Will Baptist Church*

Roanoke, Virginia
June 13 - 14, 1996

The next session will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on June 12 - 13, 1997.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator	Karl Sexton
Assistant Moderator	John Reed
Clerk - 2000	Donald White
Assistant Clerk - 2000	Walter Statzer
Treasurer	Jack Blanton
Assistant Treasurer	Home Mission Treasurer

Executive Board:

Fred Bates	1997
55 South St., Moyock, NC 27958-9406	
Raymond Baird	1998
Rt. 4, Jonesville, VA 24262	
Jennings Dotson	1999
410 Winding Way Rd., Bristol, VA 24201	
J. D. Kilgore	2000
Pound, VA 24279	
Earl Sutton	2001
805 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23320	

Home Mission Board:

Walter Statzer	1997
238 Meadowcrest Dr., Bristol, VA 24201	
Richard Barnes	1998
734 E. Little Back River Rd., Hampton, VA 23669	
David Neitch	1999
Rt. 5, Box 5448, Marion, VA 24354	

Children's Home:

Donald White	1998
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson	1997
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Promotional Secretary:

Larry Russel	1997
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CTS Representative:

Mark Wheatly	1997
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58TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 58th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke on Thursday evening, June 13, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.

The session was opened by singing "I Want To Be A Worker". Prayer was offered by Richard Barnes.

Welcome was extended by Rick Preece from host Church. Response was given by the clerk, Walter Statzer. Moderator's remarks were given by Karl Sexton.

Certificate honoring Jeff and Donna Crabtree for their work in the Roanoke area was presented from the city of Roanoke Virginia by Harry Brown.

A plaque, along with a check in amount of \$600.00 was presented to Jeff and Donna Crabtree (for their work in Canada) by Moderator Karl Sexton.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Nominating Committee: Jack Blanton (Chairman), Fred Bates and Kyle Sexton.

Registration and Credentials Committee: J. D. Kilgore (Chairman), Bill Fulcher and Donald White.

Offering was received in the amount of \$255.56.

Special singing by Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartet.

A commissioning service for Jeff Crabtree, Missionary to Canada, was conducted by David Crowe. Rev. Crowe delivered a message using scripture from Joshua 6:1-4. Prayer for Jeff and his family was led by J. D. Norris and Larry Russell.

Members of National Association of Free Will Baptists, along with other Free Will Baptist workers were recognized.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Jennings Dotson.

The Friday morning session was opened with singing "Majesty" by congregation. Special singing was presented by Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartet. Prayer was offered by Karl Sexton. Gary Hill

conducted the devotions using scripture from Eph. 4:10-15.

Moderator's remarks were given by Karl Sexton.

The report from the Credentials Committee was received and approved. Five Associations belonging to the Virginia State Association reported. Delegates were seated by the Moderator.

The following National Association of Free Will Baptists reports were given and received as information:

Home Missions by David Crowe
Foreign Missions by Eugene Waddell
Randall House by Alton Loveless
Free Will Baptist Bible College by Roy Harris
Executive Office by Melvin Worthington

Other Reports received as information were:

Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College by Danny Dwyer
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries by Roger Hood
Virginia State Promotional Secretary by Jeff Crabtree
National General Board Member (VA) by Glen Johnson
Harvest Child Care Ministry by Chris Dotson

Report from the Virginia FWB Home Mission Board along with the Home Mission Treasurer's report were given by Walter Statzer and accepted by vote.

Friday worship service began with congregation singing "Jesus Hold MY Hand". Special singing by FWBBC quartet. Message "Equipping The Saints" was delivered by Alton Loveless using scripture from Eph. 4:12.

Business Session Continued:

THERE WAS NO "OLD BUSINESS"

NEW BUSINESS

Motion passed to receive Registration Committee report. This committee reported 26 ordained ministers, 3 deacons, 13 lay delegates, 22 visitors and 7 visiting ministers for a total of 71 registered.

Motion passed to receive Virginia State Assc. of FWB treasurer's report.

The following names were submitted for the memorial prayer: Rev.

John Henry Burton, Marvin Yoder. Memorial prayer was led by Karl Sexton.

Following delegates were elected to the National Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, Carolyn Phillips, Glenna Slemp, also Moderator Karl Sexton is given permission to fill any vacancies that may occur.

Following officers of Va State Assc of FWB were elected:

Moderator	Karl Sexton
Asst. Moderator	John Reed
Treasurer	Jack Blanton
Asst. Treasurer	Walter Statzer
Clerk - 4 years	Donald White
Asst. Clerk - 4 years	Walter Statzer
Executive Board - 5 years	Bill Fulcher
Executive Board - 1 year	Fred Bates
Home Mission Board - 3 years	David Neitch
Promotional Secretary	Larry Russell
C.T.S. Representative	Mark Wheatly
National Association Board	Glen Johnson

Closing devotions were presented by Robert Worley, using scripture from Mark 2: 13-14.

Rising vote of thanks given to host church.

Motion passed to receive minutes.

Motion passed to adjourn, closed with prayer.

MOTIONS PRESENTED

Motion #1; To mail Va. State Paper six (6) times each year (bi-monthly). (Passed)

Motion #2: Expenses for the Speakers of the Va. State Association meeting, be paid by this Association with the exception; A: Those who are members of the VA. State Association, B: Those from the National FWB offices and ministries, C: Our FWB colleges, D: Others who would be attending the VA. State Association Meeting to promote their various ministries. (Passed)

Motion #3: Beginning this year (1996), the office of Promotional Secretary be paid for a term of three (3) years, whether voluntary or salaried. (Tabled)

Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists

Treasurers Report

May 31, 1995-May 31, 1996

Bal. Fwd. \$3,400.84

Receipts

Clinch Valley Assoc.\$ 700.00
 Southwest 1,610.00
 Tidewater Assoc. 525.00
 John Wheeler 625.00
 Sandy Valley Assoc. 290.00
\$ 3750.00

State Meeting

offering\$ 268.33

Wilton Dail Offerings

John Wheeler\$ 100.00
 1st Free Will 256.39
 Shiloh 249.09
 Mary's Chapel 30.00
\$ 635.48

1st Free Will CTS fees ...\$ 21.00

Interest (Checking)\$ 79.76

95-96 receipts

\$ 4,754.57

Total \$ 8,155.41

Expenses

Promotional Secretary ...\$ 185.55
 Natl. Assoc. Dues 2175.00
 Minutes (printers) 632.00
 1st FWB Exp. 300.00
 State Inc. Fee 25.00
 Moderator 50.00
 Clerk 50.00
 Treasurer 50.00
 Speakers 160.00
 Exec. Board Exp. 1,023.53
 Natl. CTS Comp. Fees 224.00
 State CTS Awards 157.20
 Leadership Conf. Exp. 334.23
 Lawrence Taylor 300.00
\$ 5,666.51

Total Expenses \$8,155.41

Exp. 5,666.51

Bal. 6-96 \$2,488.90

VA. STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

June 1, 1996

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1995 - 1996

Period covered in this report June 1, 1995 thru May 31, 1996

RECEIPTS:

Gateway Free Will Baptist Church	750.00
John Wheeler (SW Quarterly)	74.08
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church	3,504.40
King of Kings FWB	248.84
Park Lane Free Will Baptist Church (paid on loan)	1,200.00
First Tenn. Bank (Int. on saving account)	<u>914.30</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 6,691.62

Balance May 31, 1995	<u>20,381.86</u>
Total to Account for May 31, 1996	27,073.48
Paid Out June 1, 1995 thru May 31, 1996	<u>387.00</u>
Balance as of May 31, 1996	26,686.48

First Tenn. Bank (Checking Account)	\$ 6,286.79
First Tenn. Bank (Savings Account)	\$20,399.69

Expenditures June 1, 1994 thru May 31, 1995

Waldorf Free Will Baptist Church (Designated Gift)	\$ <u>387.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 387.00

Submitted By

Walter L. Statzer, VA State Treasurer

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Executive Committee Report
Planning Meeting 1-16-96
First Free Will Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia

Members present:

Raymond Baird, Jeff Crabtree, Walter Statzer, Jack Blanton,
Jennings Dotson, Earl Sutton, Howard Bass, Karl Sexton

Karl Sexton presiding.

Prayer was offered by Jennings Dotson.

Following motion was passed by this committee:

1 - 1996 Virginia State CTS Competition to be held May 11, 1996
at First Free Will Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia at 11:00 AM.

2 - A service will be held on Thursday night to Commission Jeff
Crabtree for Home Mission work in Canada.

3 - To contact Mark Wheatly and Donna Crabtree to work out the
Va. State CTS work.

The Theme for the State Convention this year will be "The Purpose
Of The Local Church".

The following speakers were chosen;

June 13, 1996:

11:00 AM Danny Dwyer
1:00 PM David Neitch
1:50 PM David Crowe
2:30 PM John Reed
7:30 PM David Crowe

June 14, 1996:

9:00 AM Gary Hill (Devotions)
11:00 AM Alton Loveless
1:00 PM Robert Worley (Devotions)

Walter L. Statzer, Clerk

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Don White
Eckel Herron
Walter Statzer
Richard Barnes
Raymond Baird
Chris Dotson
Jack Blanton
J. D. Kilgore
Roger Hood
Paul Presley
John C. Pierson
Jess L. Crouse
Karl Sexton
Roger Hood
Eddie Foster
Roger Herron

Jennings Dotson
Alton Loveless
Gary Hill
Rick Kincer
Jeff Crabtree
Richard Oneal
Glen Johnson
David Neitch
Larry Russell
Bill Fulcher
Fred Bates
Robert Worley
John H. Reedy
J. D. Norris
Danny Dwyer

DEACON REGISTRATION

Gary Slempp
Steve Faherty

Grady Dockery
Kyle Sexton

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Barbara Neitch
Vida Baird
Roberta Blanton
Gwendolyn Pierson
Jo Ann White
Juanita Kilgore

Glenna Slempp
Eva E. Crouse
Mary Ann Presley
Gladys Dockery
Mildred Statzer
Jolena Kincer

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Churches	31
Churches - City/Town	5
Churches - Rural	26
Churches reporting	31
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	5
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	26
Baptisms	12
Members Added	73
Members Lost	72
Total Membership	1473
Total Income	
Value of Church Property	\$2,577,337.00
Ordained Ministers	70
Licensed Ministers	3
Ordained Deacons	92
Sunday School Enrollment	1,351
CTS Enrollment	363
WNAC Enrollment	193
Master's Men Enrollment	17
Representation fee	\$700.00

Moderator: Raymond Baird
Rt. 4, Box 270
Jonesville, VA 24263

Clerk: James V. Pochodzay
P.O. Box 7
Rose Hill, VA 24281

Southwest Va. Ministers

Hobart Addington, P.O. Box 414, Wise, VA 24293
Raymond Baird, Rt. 4, Jonesville, VA 24262
Gary Baker, Rt. 3, Box 464, Coeburn, VA 24230
Paul Benefield, P.O. Box 172, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Herman Beverly, P.O. Box 592, Wise, VA 24293
Jeff Bevins, Rt. 1, Box 309, Wise, VA 24293
Robert Bevins, Rt. 1, Box 309, Wise, VA 24293
Jack Blanton, 6003 Crystal Lane, Wise, VA 24293
Palmer Blevins, Rt. 3, Box 777, Coeburn, VA 24230
Donald Bolling, Rt. 4, Box 119, Jonesville, VA 24262
Bruce Brewer, Rt. 2, Box 234, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Bernard Broskey, 378 Anderson Hollow Rd., Norton, VA 24273
Fred H. Carty, P.O. Box 1701, Mt. Carmel, TN 37645
Jerry Collier, Rt. 1, Box 197, Wise, VA 24293

Jack Cope, Rt. 3 Box 117, Pennington Gap, VA 24777
Jess Cowden, Rt. 1 Box 547, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Denver Dean, P.O. Box 565, Wise, VA 24293
Lars Dorton, P.O. Box 501, Norton, VA 24273
Roger Freeman, 9541 Old Camp Rd., Pound, VA 24279
Kenneth Hall, 10839A Mt. View Rd., Wise, VA 24293
William Harrison, Rt. 8, Box 6, Abingdon, VA 24210
Gary Hill, 216 7th St., Norton, VA 24273
Jimmy Hubbard, HC 67, Box 1819, Eolia, KY 40826
Mike Hunsucker, 7256 Hunsucker Rd., Norton, VA 24273
Gene Jennings, 207 Chestnut St., Wise, VA 24293
Mike Jordan, P.O. Box 1275, Wise, VA 24293
Don Jones, Rt. 2, Box 140, Pennington Gap, VA 24777
C. L. Kilgore, P.O. Box 666, Coeburn, VA 24230
J. D. Kilgore, P.O. Box 1, Pound, VA 24279
James Harold Kilgore, P.O. Box 785, Wise, VA 24293
Donald Lambert, P.O. Box 881, Big Stone Gap, VA 24262
Kendall Lane, Birchfield Rd., Pound, VA 24279
Paul Maness, Rt. 1, Box 189, Keokee, VA 24272
Tommy McAmis, P.O. Box 15, Wise, VA 24293
Ralph McFarland, P.O. Box 272, Norton, VA 24273
John Meade, Rt. 1, Box 943, Wise, VA 24293
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Emmit Mullins, P.O. Box 753, Pound, VA 24279
Everette Mullins, Rt. 1, Box 486, Wise, VA 24293
Frank Mullins, P.O. Box 2796, Wise, VA 24293
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Leroy Mullins, 10921 Mt. View Rd., Wise, VA 24293
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Harless Powers, 4410 Robinette Hill Rd., Norton, VA 24273
Steve Powers, Rt. 1, Box 376, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Marty Puckett, 215 Harris St., Coeburn, VA 24230
Fred Ramey, P.O. Box 165, Norton, VA 24273
Roger Rowe, P.O. Box 807, Big Stone Gap, VA 24262
Donnie Rutherford, Pound, VA 24279
Lawrence Rutherford, Rt. 1, Box 340, Keokee, VA 24265
Judson Shuler, Rt. 1, Box 19, Pennington Gap, VA 24277
Thomas B. Slemp, 14108 Dry Fork Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230

Leonard Smith

Jim Smith, Rt. 1, Box 1202, Norton, VA 24273

Willie Stanley, P.O. Box 714, Pound, VA 24279

Randy Sturgill, P.O. Box 242, Wise, VA 24273

Tim Sturgill, U.S.A.F. Chaplin

Jeffery Wallen, 542 Jackson St., Kingsport, TN

Haskell Wells, Rt. 1, Box 649A, Norton, VA 24273

Denver Winebarger, P.O. Box 781, Coeburn, VA 24230

Rev. Larry Rutherford, Rt. 1, Keokee, VA 24265,

Rev. Nolan Stanley, P.O. Box 714, Pound, VA 24279

Rev. Cecil McConnell, P.O. Box 564, Coeburn, VA 24230

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches	17
Churches - City/Town	14
Churches - Rural	3
Churches Reporting	17
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	14
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	3
Number Baptisms	107
Members Added	204
Members Lost	210
Total Membership	2,025
Total Income of Churches	
Churches with Budgets	12
Ordained Ministers	26
Licensed Ministers	4
Ordained Deacons	57
Churches with Day Care Centers	3
Churches with Kindergartens	4
Churches with Christian Day Schools	3
Value of Church Property	\$ 9,522,700.00
Sunday School Enrollment	675
CTS Enrollment	
WNAC Enrollment	142
Master's Men Enrollment	40

Moderator: Larry Russell
13021 Densmore Court
Richmond, VA 23237

Clerk: William F. Lovell
1550 Deborah Ln.
Powhatan, VA 23139

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

- Rev. Glen E. Johnson, 317 Wallingham Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113-6547
Hal Jones, Interim Pastor, Address unknown
Rev. John Reed, IV, 304 Farmville Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188
Rev. Terry Beck, 913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk, VA 23518
Rev. Richard Barnes, 107 Artillery Rd., Hampton, VA 23669-1537
Rev. John Robinson, 1324 Timberlake Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502
Rev. J. D. Norris, 257 Manning Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23467
Clerk William F. Lovell, 1550 Deborah Ln., Powhatan, VA 23139
Rev. Larry Davis, 2430 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23513
Steve Berry, 203 Indian Oak St., Crewe, VA 23930
Rev. Fred W. Bates, Jr., 55 South St., Moyock, NC 27958-9406
Rev. Jack W. Stallings, 1058 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23701
Rev. Bill Fulcher, 12 Merritt Cove Rd., Carrollton, VA 23314
Rev. John Burgess, 1562 Dogwood Rd., Powhatan, VA 23139
Rev. Tag Kilgore, 102 Minton, Way, Smithfield, VA 23430
Rev. Larry Russell, 13021 Densmore Ct., Richmond, VA 23237
Rev. Karl Sexton, 3224 Florence, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	4
Churches - Rural	11
Churches Reporting	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	5
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	10
Baptisms	69
Members added	92
Members lost	44
Total Membership	1264
Total Income	\$ 540,683.54
Churches with Budgets	6
Churches with Parsonages	3
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,250,000.00
Ordained Ministers	38
Licensed Ministers	1
Ordained Deacons	47
Sunday School Enrollment	1029
CTS Enrollment	171
WNAC Enrollment	136
Master's Men Enrollment	35
Representation Fee	\$ 525.00

Moderator: Bob Surber
Rt. 2, Box 539
Meadowview, VA 24361

Clerk: Donald White
1762 Pittstown Rd.
Bristol, VA 24201

**MINISTERS OF THE NORTHEASTERN QUARTERLY
of the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists**

- Rev. Ronnie Snyder
Rev. David Neitch, Rt. 5, Box 5448, Marion, VA 24354
Rev. Samuel Slemp
Rev. Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, VA 24319
Rev. Marty Sheldon
Rev. Jeff Crabtree, 1019 Gus W. Nicks Blvd., N.E., Roanoke, VA
24012
Rev. Willis Osborne, Rt. 3, Box 364, Marion, VA 24370
Rev. Bob Surber, Rt. 2, Box 539, Meadowview, VA 24361
Rev. Bobby Collins, Rt. 2, Box 651, Saltville, VA 24379
Rev. Eddie Foster, Rt. 1, Box 241, Marion, VA 24354
Rev. Jimmy Taylor, Rt. 2, Saltville, VA 24370
Rev. Tim Surber, Rt. 2, Saltville, VA 24370

**SOUTHWESTERN QUARTERLY
MINISTERS ADDRESS**

- Rev. Mike Able, 393 Sinking Springs Rd. Ext., Bristol, TN 37620
Rev. Roger Ball, 5461 Rich Valley Rd., Bristol, VA 24201
Rev. Johnny Burton, 416 Broyles Ln., Bristol, TN 37620
Rev. Brandon Canter, 1228 Florida Ave., Bristol, TN 37620
Rev. Howard Campbell, 1097 Bristol Caverns Hwy., Bristol, TN 37620
Rev. Roger Carter, 835 V.I. Ranch Rd., Bristol, TN 37620
Rev. Jennings Dotson, 410 Winding Way Rd., Bristol, VA 24201
Rev. A. Scott Greene, Route 8, Box 606, Apartment #9, Johnson
City, TN 37601
Rev. Doug McCracken, 121 Beaver St., Bristol, VA 24201
Rev. I. W. McNamara, 4959 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201
Rev. Tim Rouse, 622 Henson Rd., Bristol, TN
Rev. Gary Michael Rowlette, 1215 Anderson St., Bristol, TN 37620
Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, 15340 Majestic Dr., Bristol, VA 24201
Rev. Walter L. Statzer, 238 Meadowcrest Dr., Bristol, VA 24201
Rev. Lee Statzer, Box 126-D, Route #1, Damascus, VA 24236
Rev. Joseph Steel, 19111 Serenade Pl., Abingdon, VA 24210
Rev. Jeffery B. Taylor, 1103 East State St., Bristol, TN 37620
Rev. Donald White, 1762 Pittstown Rd., Bristol, VA 24201

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Churches	18
Churches - City	0
Churches - Rural	18
Churches Reporting	17
Churches with Full-time Pastors	
Churches with Part-time Pastors	17
Baptisms	19
Members added	63
Members lost	38
Total Membership	845
Total Income	\$104,685.33
Churches with Parsonages	
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,715,169.54
Ordained Ministers	47
Licensed Ministers	4
Ordained Deacons	51
Sunday School Enrollment	761
CTS Enrollment	95
WNAC Enrollment	55
Representation Fee	\$ 700.00

Moderator: Paul Presley
203 Patterson Road
Kingsport, TN 37660

Clerk: Mary Ann Presley
203 Patterson Road.
Kingsport, TN 37660

Ordained Ministers
Midway Quarterly Conference

Sam Bowen, Route 4, Duffield, VA 24244
Donald McDavid, Clinchport, VA 24244
Hugh Arrington, Church Hill, TN 37642
Daryle Hurd, Clinchport, VA 24244
Charles Puckett, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250
Willie Ashworth, Route 4, Clinchport, VA 24244
Lubert Hammonds, Route 4, Clinchport, VA 24244
Glenn Dockery, 1080 Oak Drive Circle, Kingsport, TN 37665
William Paul Presley, 203 Patterson Road, Kingsport, TN 37660
John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace Street, Kingsport, TN 37665
Joe Greer, Route 1, Coeburn, VA
Sam Hileman, Castlewood, VA
Terry Rhoton, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250
James Mann, Dungannon, VA 24245
Steve McNew, Route 1, Dungannon, VA 24245
Danny Keith McNew, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250
Mike Gilliam, Route 3, Clinchport, VA 24244
Terry Begley, Dungannon, VA 24245
Roy Baker, Dungannon, VA 24245
L. W. Salling, Route 1, Box 12, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250
Larry R. Kincer, Route 4, Box 251, Duffield, VA 24244
Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660
Nathan Jackson, 124 Chateaugay Road, Kingsport, TN 37660
Roger Herron, 308 Cannon Street, Kingsport, TN 37664
Eckel Herron, Route 4, Box 479, Gate City, VA 24251
Fred Gillenwater, P.O. Box 921, Gate City, VA 24251
A. J. Lane, Route 3, Clinchport, VA 24244
Jimmy Combs, Route 1, Box 424, Gate City, VA 24251
Joe Roberts, Route 4, Clinchport, VA 24244
Curtis Mullins, 314 Lexie Street, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Clinch Valley Association Ministers

Licensed Ministers

Richard Mann
Jackie Dorton
Gary Shupe, Jr.

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. James M. Baker, Route 5, Box 286, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Howard Bowen, Route 5, Box 255, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. William O. Bowen, P.O. Box 54, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Bruce Brewer, Route 2, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Rev. Carl France, Route 1, Gate City, VA 24251
Rev. Jackie Frazier, Route 3, Box 25-B, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Ewing Gilliam, Route 3, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Milligan Herron, Route 6, Box 142, Gate City, VA 24251
Rev. George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660
Rev. M.D. Hyatt, 183 Hillcrest Circle, Jonesboro, TN
Rev. Willie Jennings, Kingsport, TN 37660
Rev. Vernon McDavid, Route 5, Box 184, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Bobby Rhoton, Route 3, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Tim Rhoton, Route 4, Box 243-G, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Paul Smith, Route 6, Box 138, Gate City, VA 24251
Rev. Lonnie Townsend, Route 4, Box 243-A, Duffield, VA 24244
Rev. Roy Strong, 207 Parker Estates Road, Gate City, VA 24251

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Number of Churches	9
Number - Rural	9
Churches Reporting	9
Churches with Full-time Pastors	1
Churches with Part-time Pastors	8
Total Membership	399
Value of Church Property	
Ordained Ministers	16
Ordained Deacons	29
Representation Fee	\$ 290.00

Moderator: Guy Harris
Rt. 1, Box 173
Honaker, VA 24260

Clerk: Gladys Compton
Rt. 2, Box 454-U
Honaker, VA 24260

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Bro. Guy Harris, Rt. 1, Honaker, VA
Bro. Donald Harris, Rt. 2, Honaker, VA
Bro. Kyle Ratliff, Council, VA
Bro. Aries Ratliff, Council, VA
Bro. Darren Ratliff, Pilgrim Knob, VA
Bro. Emory James, Rt. 2, Honaker, VA
Bro. Gilbert Roten, Rt. 2, Honaker, VA
Bro. Earl Reynolds, Star Route, Rowe, VA
Bro. Jackie Perkins, Vansant, VA
Bro. Charlie Peck, Rt. 2, Honaker, VA
Bro. Samuel Altizer, Rt 1, Cedar Bluff, VA
Bro. Roger Barnett, Amonate, VA
Bro. John Cockran, Rt. 1, Box 40, Bandy, VA
Bro. Jess L. Crouse, Rt. 1, Box 221, Bandy, VA
Bro. George "Ed" Hankins, Rt. 1, Cedar Bluff, VA
Bro. Russell Honaker, Amonate, VA
Bro. Danny Starlin, Bandy, VA

CONSTITUTION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

(Adopted June 16, 1989)

PREAMBLE

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher degree of cooperation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and By-laws for the government of the State Association of Virginia and upon its adoption void any previous rulings, customs, practices or patterns heretofore followed.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local associations of this state and adjacent territory to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this world by all of our churches.

ARTICLE III SECTION 1 MEMBERSHIP

This State Association shall be comprised of those Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Associations who are in total agreement with the doctrines and system of church government of the Free Will Baptists as stated in the most current Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists, and who are in agreement with the declarations of this Constitution.

This Virginia State Association shall itself be a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and shall support all phases of the denomination's work as much as possible. This membership is voluntary, submits to no veto or dictatorial power, and can be discontinued at any time.

SECTION II ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Any organized Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Association desiring to unite with this association, which maintains gospel order and agrees with the position stated herein concerning doctrine and church government, 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 the Treatise, Part IV, Chapter III, Section V, A3, D, & E.).

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

- A. Standing delegates:
1. "All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing belonging to the Virginia State Association upon registration become members in full standing and constitute the standing delegation of the Association." (Proposed 1965)
 2. All duly elected officers and members of standing committees or boards of this association.
- B. Elected delegates; Each association within the state shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local association (1981) and two (2) additional delegates for each quarterly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting (1989). Also, each local church shall be allowed one (1) delegate (1989) to the state meeting.

ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINE: The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or usage that may properly come before it from any association, quarterly meeting or church composing said state association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies. Such appeals are to come before the state association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

ARTICLE V SECTION I

- A. **OFFICERS:** The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and five member Executive Board.
- B. **OFFICERS' ELECTIONS:** The Moderator shall appoint a Nomination Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session. They shall select a nominee for each office that is vacant and present the list to the

Moderator. 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 standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session, except the clerk and assistant clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years (elected on leap year) or during good behavior, and the executive board which shall be elected according to a five (5) year rotation.

SECTION II

A. STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES: When needed, the state executive secretaries of department work shall be as follows: foreign missions, home missions, young people's work, Sunday Schools, and education, and shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

B. PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: The State Association can have at its discretion a 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 and will work under contract with the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. Business Session: This State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be 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 - providing notice shall have been served to the clerk of each association composing the state association - said notice to have been given at least one (1) month prior to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting.
2. This State Association will sponsor a Bible Conference on the Thursday of the conference meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.
3. Adjourned sessions may be called by the moderator or the Executive Board when conditions demand.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this State Association of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting at any regular session; provided specific notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

BRINGING THE SESSION TO ORDER: Each session will begin with prayer and congregational singing. After the welcome address and response by the clerk, the clerk will introduce the officers concluding with the Moderator. The Moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, will then declare the session to be in order for business. If a quorum is present, he shall then proceed with the business. ("The quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called." Robert's Rules of Order Revised, 1971.)

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES: It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any local association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions will be considered dropped from this association. Letters and fees will be accepted from district associations with or without delegates (1965).

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I MODERATOR

1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call each session to order for business and to preside over all business sessions of this State Association.
2. He shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session as mentioned in Article V, Section 1B of the Constitution.
3. He shall appoint a credentials committee at the beginning of each session.
4. He is to see that all business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition).
5. 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.
6. He is to preside over any special called meeting between sessions whether called by himself or the Executive Board.
7. He shall seat the delegates in a body in a designated section

of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

8. He is to promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
9. He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.

SECTION II ASSISTANT MODERATOR

He will help the moderator perform the duties inherent to that office and in the absence of the moderator will perform all of the duties of the elected moderator.

SECTION III CLERK

1. 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.
2. The clerk is to compile the letters sent from member Yearly (or District) Associations so as to be sent to the National Association.
3. The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
4. The clerk will introduce the officers of this State Association at the beginning of each session.
5. The clerk is to mail each individual church clerk, pastor and association clerk a notice of the State meeting dates one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one (1) delegate at the State Meeting. (1986 & 1987)
6. The clerk will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Meeting programs and will keep records of these meetings.

SECTION IV ASSISTANT CLERK

The assistant clerk will help the clerk perform the duties inherent to that position and in the absence of the clerk will perform the complete duties of the elected clerk.

SECTION V TREASURER

1. The treasurer will receive and accurately record all money received by this State Association.
2. The treasurer will pay all dues and expenses of this association.
3. The treasurer will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Association programs.

SECTION VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the state association from one regular session of the association to another, and shall have 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.
2. This board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any vacancies that occur in any department of work. 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.
3. This board shall consider whatever business placed upon it, or referred to it by this association or its membership.
4. This board shall promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
5. This board will plan each Bible Conference and State Association meeting (1986) along with the Moderator and Clerk.
6. This board will set the place for the State CTS competition each year (1988).
7. The Executive Board will oversee the office of the State Promotional Secretary.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE AND PROMOTIONAL SECRETARIES

The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association according to the direction of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The credentials committee will examine all letters to the State Association and the credentials of the various delegates. The committee shall make recommendations to the Association concerning the seating of delegates.

ARTICLE VI

Denominational Enterprises: It shall be the right and purpose of this state association to establish and maintain home missions, publishing houses, orphanages, aged ministers' homes, and summer camps for young people.

ARTICLE VII STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

1. This State Home Mission Board shall be comprised of three (3) members elected on a rotating basis yearly.
2. The treasurer of the Home Mission Board will be a member of the Board.
3. This board will promote home mission work in this state.
4. This board will have its own constitution and By-laws detailing its own responsibilities under the direction and authority of this Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII

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 IX RULES OF ORDER

1. Everything will be done in decency and in order. (I Cor. 14:40)
2. This body will be governed as stipulated in the most current Treatise of the Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this Constitution and By-Laws.
3. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition) shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or the special rules of order of this society.
4. The moderator's rulings will stand unless challenged, seconded and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
5. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.
6. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of all members of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
8. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
9. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
10. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
11. The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
12. 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.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting at any regular session providing notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

STANDING RULES

1. The Association will pay the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer \$50.00 per year. (1989)
2. Representatives on the National Boards are to be active at the state level. (1974)
3. The moderator cannot succeed himself more than one year. (1976)
4. The State Association will pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition. (1976)
5. The Association will meet in Roanoke each year. (1983)
6. Office vacancies are to be filled by those who attend the State meetings regularly. (1987)
7. Each member Yearly (or District) Association is to send \$35.00 per church in its association to this State Association for National dues, plus an offering to help defray the expenses of this associational meeting and the printing of the minutes. (1993)
8. The State's recommendation to the National Association concerning who will serve as a General Board member of the National Association will be made and sent with the state report to the National on the even calendar years.
9. Speakers will be given a \$20.00 honorarium.
10. These Standing Rules can be changed in any fashion at any regular session by a simple majority vote.



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