

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

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

Roanoke, Virginia  
June 15 - 16, 1995

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The next session will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on June 12 - 13, 1996.



## OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator .....	Karl Sexton
Assistant Moderator .....	John Reed
Clerk - 1996 .....	Walter Statzer
Assistant Clerk - 1996 .....	Donald White
Treasurer .....	Jack Blanton
Assistant Treasurer .....	Home Mission Treasurer

### Executive Board:

Earl Sutton .....	1996
805 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23320	
E. T. Darnell .....	1997
Rt. 1 Box 232, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	
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	

### Home Mission Board:

Jeff Crabtree .....	1996
1019 Gus Nicks Blvd., Roanoke, VA 24012	
Walter Statzer .....	1997
238 Meadowcrest Dr., Bristol, VA 24201	
Richard Barnes .....	1998
734 E. Little Back River Rd., Hampton, VA 23669	

### Children's Home:

Donald White .....	1998
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### National Association Board:

Richard Barnes .....	1995
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### Promotional Secretary:

Jeff Crabtree .....	1995
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### CTS Representative:

Donna Crabtree .....	1995
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## 57TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 57th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke on Thursday evening, June 15, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

The session was opened by singing "He Abides". Prayer was offered by Raymond Baird.

Welcome was extended by the host pastor, Jeff Crabtree. Introduction of Officers was given by Dale Burden. Response was given by the clerk, Walter Statzer. Moderator's remarks were given by Dale Burden.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Nominating Committee: Jack Blanton (Chairman), Lonnie Osborne, Bill Fulcher.

Credentials and Registration Committee: John Burgess (Chairman), J. D. Kilgore, E. T. Darnell.

Offering was received in the amount of \$121.91. Offertory prayer was led by Robert Worley.

The Worship service was opened with Special music by Lawrence Taylor. Fred Warner brought a message on the subject of "Exhibiting Spiritual Balm".

Meeting was closed with prayer by Trymon Messer.

The Friday morning session was opened with Special singing by Lawrence Taylor. Prayer was offered by Roger Hood. Donald White conducted the devotions using scripture from 1 Cor. 16:13.

Moderator's remarks were given by Dale Burden.

The minutes of 1994 session were read for information.

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 Trymon Messer

Foreign Missions by Fred Warner  
Randall House by Billy Brown  
Free Will Baptist Bible College by Milton Fields  
Executive Office by Melvin Worthington  
Retirement and Insurance by Bill Evans  
Free Will Baptist Foundation by Bill Evans

Other Reports received as information were:

Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College by Danny Baer  
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries by Roger Hood  
Virginia State C.T.S. by Donna Crabtree  
Virginia State Promotional Secretary by Jeff Crabtree  
National General Board Member (VA) by Jeff Crabtree  
Harvest Child Care Ministry by Newl Dotson  
General Board Member by Jeff Crabtree  
Camp Jacob by Gary Hill

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. The State Home Missions Board recommends that the Virginia State Association give the Home Mission Board authorization to proceed in the establishing of Free Will Baptist Missions in the State. (This recommendation was received and approved by vote).

Five minute recess was called by Moderator.

Friday worship service began with the singing by children from Harvest Child Ministry (8 board members, 8 staff members, and 11 children from harvest were present at this meeting). An offering was received in the amount of \$98.42. Offertory prayer was offered by Dale Burden. Special music was offered by Lawrence Taylor. A message "Exercising Spiritual Backbone" was delivered by Larry Russell using Scripture from I Kings 22:2-7, closing with Altar Call for Ministers to redicate themselves to the calling of the ministry. John Burgess led a prayer for preachers who filled the Altar. Prayer of dismissal and giving thanks for noon meal was led by Milton Fields..

Friday afternoon session was opened with prayer by Jennings Dotson.

Devotions were conducted by Lonnie Osborne using scripture from II Timothy 4:1-5.

#### OLD BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO "OLD BUSINESS"

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion passed to receive Registration Committee report. This committee reported 33 ordained ministers, 3 deacons, 19 lay delegates and 17 visitors and 5 visiting ministers for a total of 77 registered.

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

Motion passed to adopt State Budget for following year as presented by Jeff Crabtree.

Motion passed to re-submit Resolutions #1 and #2 to the National Meeting again this year.

The following names were submitted for the memorial prayer: Edgar Baltimore, Ray Gardner, Perry Honeycutt, Gertude Dickey. Memorial prayer was led by Eckel Herron.

Following delegates were elected to the National Meeting in Charlotte, NC: Mildred Statzer, Mratha Stone, Rachel Scott, Elizabeth Murray and Teresa Tilson.

Following officers of Va State Assc of FWB were elected:

Moderator .....	Karl Sexton
Asst. Moderator .....	John Reed
Treasurer .....	Jack Blanton
Asst. Treasurer .....	Home Mission Treasurer
Executive Board - 5 years .....	J. D. Kilgore
Home Mission Board - 3 years .....	Richard Barnes
Promotional Secretary .....	Jeff Crabtree
C.T.S. Representative .....	Donna Crabtree
National Association Board 2 years .....	Richard Barnes
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Baord 3 year .....	Donald White

Rising vote of thanks given to host church.

Motion passed to receive minutes.

Motion passed to adjourn, closed with prayer.

### RESOLUTION #1

Whereas the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists has directed the Fellowship of Encouragement (F.O.E.) not to host any more banquets at the National Association of



Free Will Baptists, believing that such meetings are divisive, and

Whereas the F.O.E. has defiantly continued to host such meetings disregarding the directive of the Executive Committee and plans to hold such a banquet again this year.

Be it resolved that the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as condemning the action of the F.O.E., and that we forward a copy of this resolution to our National body encouraging them to do the same.

#### RESOLUTION #2

Whereas the book "Of Mice and Men" clearly violates Biblical principles of morality and decency, and

Whereas said book was recommended by the WNAC Co Laborer editor, and

Whereas a personal apology has not been forthcoming from either the editor or the Executive Secretary of WNAC,

Be it resolved that our State go on record as condemning the endorsement given to the book, and insisting that personal apologies be made to the National Association by the editor of Co Laborer and the Executive Secretary of WNAC, and that the WNAC members of the State of Virginia be encouraged to with-hold paying their National dues until this matter is resolved.

#### Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists

##### Treasurers Report

May 31, 1994-May 31, 1995

##### Receipts

Clinch Valley Assoc. ....	\$ 865.00
John Wheeler Assoc. ....	725.00
Southwest Assoc. ....	1400.00
Tidewater Assoc. ....	525.00
Sandy Valley Assoc. ....	440.00
Offerings (state meeting) .....	229.97
Interest (checking acct.) .....	<u>85.20</u>
.....	\$ 4270.17

##### Wilton Dail Offerings

Central FWB .....	\$ 40.00
E. B. FWB .....	54.38
First FWB .....	208.33
Gateway FWB .....	1000.00
King of Kings FWB .....	331.31
Lighthouse FWB .....	48.00

Pugh Mt. FWB .....	27.00
Shiloh FWB .....	161.30
St. Paul FWB .....	10.00
Tiller Town FWB .....	<u>98.90</u>
.....	\$ 1979.22

Total Receipts \$ 6249.39

Expenses

Promotional Secretary ...\$	206.95
Natl. Assoc. Dues .....	930.00
Minutes (printers) .....	630.80
Host Church Exp. ....	300.00
State Inc. Fee .....	25.00
Moderator .....	50.00
Clerk .....	50.00
Treasurer .....	50.00
Speakers .....	160.00
Exec. Board Exp. ....	614.28
Natl. CTS Comp. Fees .....	180.00
State CTS Awards .....	76.20

Total Expenses \$3273.23

6-1-95 Bal. \$3400.84

**VA. STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS**

**June 5, 1995**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1994 - 1995**

**Period covered in this report June 1994 thru May 1995**

RECEIPTS:

Gateway Free Will Baptist Church .....	508.00
John Wheeler (SW Quarterly) .....	64.25
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church .....	3,309.39
King of Kings FWB .....	422.35
E. Bristol FWB .....	54.38
Park Lane Free Will Baptist Church (paid on loan) .....	1,200.00
Tidewater Dist. Woman's Aux. ....	5.50
First Tenn. Bank (Int. on saving account) .....	<u>485.39</u>
Total Receipts .....	\$ 6,049.26

Balance June 1, 1994 .....	<u>15,688.08</u>
Total to Account for May 31, 1995 .....	21,737.34
Paid Out June 1, 1994 thru May 31, 1995 .....	<u>1,355.48</u>
Balance as of May 31, 1995 .....	16,485.39

Expenditures June 1, 1994 thru May 31, 1995



West Main FWB, Abingdon, Va. (designated gifts) .....	1,000.00
Transferred to W. Dail Offering (Shi,oh FWB) .....	161.30
Transferred to W. Dail Offering (E. Bristol FWB) .....	54.38
World Printing (Envelopes) .....	33.30
World Printing (Receipt books) .....	<u>106.50</u>
Total Expenditures .....	\$ 1,355.48

Submitted By  
Walter L. Statzer, VA State Treasurer

**VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**Executive Committee Report**  
**Planning Meeting 1-25-94**  
**First Free Will Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia**

Members present:

Raymond Baird, E.T. Darnell, Jeff Crabtree, Walter Statzer, Jack Blanton, Jennings Dotson, Earl Sutton, Dale Burden, J. D. Kilgore.

Dale Burden presiding.

Prayer was offered by Jack Blanton.

Following motion was passed by this committee:

1 - 1995 Virginia State CTS Competition to be held May 13, 1995 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia at 11:00 AM.

The Theme for the State Convention this year will be "Return to Spiritual Christianity"

The following speakers were chosen;

June 15, 1995:

11:00 AM ..... Carl Sexton  
1:00 PM ..... Willis Osborne  
1:50 PM ..... Glen Johnson  
2:30 PM ..... Dale Burden  
7:30 PM ..... Fred Warner

June 16, 1995:

9:00 AM ..... Donald White (Devotions)  
11:00 AM ..... Larry Russell  
1:00 PM ..... Lonnie Osborne (Devotions)

Walter L. Statzer, Clerk

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE VIRGINIA STATE  
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Proposed Expenses June 1995 - May 1996 .....	Expenses
Executive Board Expense .....	1,500.00
Promotional Secretary .....	15,000.00
National Association Dues .....	2,150.00
Moderator .....	50.00
Clerk .....	50.00
Treasurer .....	50.00
Speakers .....	150.00
Printing Minutes .....	375.00
Food - First FWB State Meeting .....	300.00
CTS Awards-State and National, National entry fee .....	250.00
General Board Member Expense to December meetings in Nashville .....	425.00
Total Expense .....	20,300.00
Projected income - June 1993 - May 1994	
Member Association dues and offerings .....	5,300.00
State Promotional Office (includes Wilton Dail offering) .....	15.00.00
Total Income .....	20,300.00

**MINISTER REGISTRATION**

Don White	Jennings Dotson
Eckel Herron	E. T. Darnell
Walter Statzer	Gary Hill
Richard Barnes	Lonnie Osborne
Raymond Baird	Jeff Crabtree
Chris Dotson	Bill Steele
Jack Blanton	J. D. Kilgore
John Burgess	David Neitch
John Reed	Larry Russell
Jimmy Combs	Bill Fulcher
Dale Burden	Fred Bates
Jess L. Crouse	Billy Brown
Thomas Slemp	Larry Davis
Bob Surber	Robert Worley
Fred Ramey	Lars Dorton
Karl Sexton	Steve Berry
	Roger Hood

## DEACON REGISTRATION

Newl Dotson  
Steve Faherty

Kyle Sexton

## DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Eva R. Crouse  
Glenna Slemp  
Sophie Darnell  
Eric White  
Jo Ann White  
Juanita Kilgore  
Roberta Blanton

Les Cook  
Margie Blevins  
Martha Stone  
Donna White  
Mildred Statzer  
Vida Baird

## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	30
Churches - City/Town .....	5
Churches - Rural .....	25
Churches reporting .....	30
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	5
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	24
Members Added .....	67
Members Lost .....	53
Total Membership .....	1503
Total Income	
Value of Church Property .....	\$2,554,337.00
Ordained Ministers .....	71
Licensed Ministers .....	1
Ordained Deacons .....	94
Sunday School Enrollment .....	1,325
CTS Enrollment .....	419
WNAC Enrollment .....	216
Master's Men Enrollment .....	7
Representation fee .....	\$700.00

Moderator: J. D. Kilgore  
P.O. Box 1  
Pound, VA 24279

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

Southwest Association Ministers

**EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
LISTING OF CHURCHES/PASTORS' ADDRESSES**

- |  | <u>Ordained</u>  |
|--|--|
| 1. Beech Grove F. W. Baptist Church            | Rev. Lawrence Rutherford<br>Rt. 1<br>Keokee, VA 24265<br>(540) 546-3727          |
| 2. First F. W. Baptist Church<br>of Bull Run   | Rev. Paul Benfield<br>P.O. Box 172<br>Big Stone Gap, VA 24219<br>(540) 523-0625  |
| 3. Central F. W. Baptist Church                | Rev. Gary Hill<br>P.O. Box 621<br>Norton, VA 24273                               |
| 4. Davis Chapel F. W. Baptist Church           | Rev. Danny Mullins<br>Rt. 2, Box 495E<br>Pound, VA 24279<br>(540) 796-4085       |
| 5. Flatwoods F. W. Baptist Church              | Rev. Fred Carty<br>P.O. Box 1701<br>Mount Carmel, TN<br>(423) 357-4117           |
| 6. Liberty F. W. Baptist Church                | Rev. Donald Lambert<br>114 Harding St.<br>Appalachia, VA 24216<br>(540) 523-1730 |
| 7. Mary's Chapel F. W. Baptist Church          | No Pastor At Present   |
| 8. First F. W. Baptist Church<br>of Pennington | Rev. J. D. Kelgore<br>P.O. Box 1<br>Pound, VA 24279<br>(540) 796-4243            |

9. Pine Grove F. W. Baptist Church      Rev. Willie Stanley  
P.O. Box 714  
Pound, VA 24279  
(540) 679-1659
10. Pippin's Chapel F. W. Baptist Ch.      Rev. Nolan Stanley  
P.O. Box 714  
Pound, VA 24279  
(540) 796-5603
11. Ramsey F. W. Baptist Church      Rev. Fred Ramey  
P.O. Box 165  
Norton, VA 24273  
(540) 679-0485
12. First F. W. Baptist Church  
St. Paul      Rev. Thomas Slemp  
Rt. 3, Box 659  
Coeburn, VA 24230  
(540) 395-3697
13. Tacoma F. W. Baptist Church      Rev. Cecil McConnell  
P.O. Box 564  
Coeburn, VA 24230  
(540) 395-2940

**LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
MINISTERS AS REPORTED ON APRIL 15, 1995**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Hoover Hill F. W. Baptist Church   | Rev. Judson Shuler<br>Rte. 1 Box 19<br>Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9706<br>(540) 546-1023  |
| Ocoonita F. W. Baptist Church      | Rev. Jack B. Cope<br>Rte. 2, Box 117<br>Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9623<br>(540) 546-4079 |
| Sigma F. W. Baptist Church         | Rev. Paul T. Maness<br>Rte. 1, Box 370<br>Keokee, VA 24265-9734<br>(540) 546-1131       |
| Victory F. W. Baptist Church       | Rev. Donald Jones<br>Rte. 2, Box 140<br>Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9626<br>(540) 546-4369 |
| Willis Chapel F. W. Baptist Church | Rev. Raymond Baird<br>Rte. 4, Box 270<br>Jonesville, VA 24263-9229<br>(540) 346-1244    |



## Southwest Association Ministers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Hobart Addington,	P.O. Box 414, Wise, VA 24293
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Jerry Collier,	Rt. 1, Box 197, Wise, VA 24293
Denver Dean,	P.O. Box 565, Wise, VA 24293
William Harrison,	Rt. 8, Box 6, Abingdon, VA 24210
Theodore Holmes,	Rt. 1, Keokee, VA 24272
Gene Jennings,	207 Chesnut St., Wise, VA 24293
Herman Beverly,	P.O. Box 592, Wise, VA 24293
Jack Blanton,	6003 Crystal Lane, Wise, VA 24293
Bruce Brewer,	Rt. 2, Box 234, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
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Jack Cope,	Rt. 2, Box 117, Pennington Gap, VA 24777
Lars Dorton,	P.O. Box 501, Norton, VA 24273
Steven Greear,	Rt. 1, Box 242, Coeburn, VA 24230
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Emmit Mullins, Pound, VA 24279  
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## TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	15
Churches - City/Town .....	12
Churches - Rural .....	3
Churches Reporting .....	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	13
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	2
Number Baptisms .....	80
Members Added .....	119
Members Lost .....	60
Total Membership .....	2,124
Total Income of Churches .....	\$ 1,075,000.00
Churches with Budgets .....	12
Ordained Ministers .....	24
Licensed Ministers .....	4
Ordained Deacons .....	51
Churches with Day Care Centers .....	3
Churches with Kindergartens .....	4
Churches with Christian Day Schools .....	3
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 10,597,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment .....	637
CTS Enrollment	
WNAC Enrollment .....	138
Master's Men Enrollment .....	38

Moderator: Larry Russell  
8985 Hungary Rd.  
Richmond, VA 23294

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

## 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 .....	387
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 26,162.78
Ordained Ministers .....	16
Ordained Deacons .....	27
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

## JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	15
Churches - City/Town .....	4
Churches - Rural .....	11
Churches Reporting .....	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	6
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	9
Baptisms .....	59
Members added .....	70
Members lost .....	44
Total Membership .....	1136
Total Income .....	\$ 504,011.47
Churches with Budgets .....	2
Churches with Parsonages .....	3
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 1,810,000.00
Ordained Ministers .....	34
Licensed Ministers .....	6
Ordained Deacons .....	46
Sunday School Enrollment .....	991
CTS Enrollment .....	167
WNAC Enrollment .....	134
Master's Men Enrollment .....	42
Representation Fee .....	\$ 525.00

Moderator: Jennings Dotson  
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Clerk: Donald White  
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John Wheeler Association Ministers Southwestern Quarterly

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Rev. Kyle French  
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Rev. Marty Sheldon

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CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	18
Churches - City .....	0
Churches - Rural .....	18
Churches Reporting .....	17
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	16
Baptisms .....	18
Members added .....	77
Members lost .....	75
Total Membership .....	901
Total Income .....	\$ 131,995.69
Churches with Parsonages	
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 1,796,669.54
Ordained Ministers .....	47
Licensed Ministers .....	4
Ordained Deacons .....	48
Sunday School Enrollment .....	790
CTS Enrollment .....	85
WNAC Enrollment .....	50
Representation Fee .....	\$700.00

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John Henry, Gate City, VA 24251

Michael Gilliam, Rt. #3, Clinchport, VA 24244

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Roy Baker

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Howard Bowen,	Rt 5, Box 255, Duffield, VA 24244	
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Vernon McDavid,	Rt 5, Box 184, Duffield, VA 24244	
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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.



- NOTES -

