

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

*Sixty-Third Session Held With The  
Bethel  
Free Will Baptist Church*

Woodbridge, Virginia  
June 14-15, 2001

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The next session will be held with the Esserville Free Will Baptist Church in Norton, Virginia on June 13 & 14, 2002.



## OFFICERS ELECTED-2000

Moderator (2002) .....	Dave Nobles
Assistant Moderator (2002) .....	Greg Bevan
Clerk (2004) .....	Vergel Manness
Assistant Clerk (2004) .....	Barry Reel
Treasurer (2002) .....	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer (2001) .....	Home Mission Treasurer

### Executive Board:

Hal Jones.....	2002
Don Jones .....	2003
David Reese .....	2004
Dave Nobles .....	2005
Fred Bates .....	2006

### Home Mission Board:

David Neitch .....	2002
Jerry Grey .....	2003
David Reese .....	2004
Jack Blanton .....	2005
Richard Barnes .....	2006

### Children's Home:

Jo Ann White .....	2004
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### National Association Board:

Glen Johnson .....	2002
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### Promotional Secretary:

Paul Collins .....	2002
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### CTS Representative:

CONTACT THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

## 63<sup>rd</sup> SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Woodbridge, Virginia on Thursday, June 14, 2001.

Opening song, "Because His Lives," was led by Bro. Andrew Farmer. Piano was played by Sis. Christy Reynolds.

Offering prayer was given by Bro. Roger Mullins and an offering of \$153.00 was received while Sis. Reynolds played an instrumental on the piano, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

The Moderator, Rev. Hal Jones took charge and introduced the speaker, Karl Sexton then called on Derek Vanover who sang "Just A Sinner Saved By Grace."

Rev. Sexton then came and read Ephesians 5:23-31 and preached on "The Commitment of the Church."

Bro. Andrew Farmer led the congregation in singing "There's Something About That Name."

Associate Pastor, Bill Reynolds welcomed the congregation on behalf of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

The Clerk, Rev. Don White introduced the officers of the State Association.

The Moderator took charge and appointed the following committees.

Nominating Committee:	Fred Bates
	Rick Gatten
	Greg Bevan
Registration and Credentials Committee:	Glen Johnson
	Jerry Grey
	Paul Collins

A motion to come to order was approved by vote of "1" with no opposition.

Rev. David Crowe reported for the National Home Missions Department.

Rev. Don Jones presented changes to the constitution and by-laws as a motion from the Executive Board.

That Article V, section 1, part B of the constitution and Article 3, Section 1, part 2 of the by-laws be changed.

From: The Moderator (He) Shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three (3) members **at the beginning** of each session."

To: The Moderator (He) Shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three (3) members **prior to the beginning** of each session."

A motion to table this item until the Friday business session was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Announcements were made.

Dismissed in prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Hal Jones.

### **Friday Session**

Opening song, "There is Power in the Blood" was lead by Bro. Andrew Farmer. Piano was played by Sis. Christy Reynolds.

Opening Prayer was given by Rev. David Reese.

The Moderator Hal Jones took charge and introduced Rick Gatten. as the speaker for the morning message then called on Mary Ellen Settle who sang "I know The Master of the Wind." Rev. Gatten then came, reading scripture Luke 9:57-62 and Matthew 7:13-14. preached on "The Cost of Service, Plowing the Straight Gate."

The Moderator then took charge and called the business session to order.

The Clerk read the minutes from the 62nd session. Corrections to the minute booklet were noted. On page 5, in the Registration and Credentials Committee report:

- Fees presented for the Southwest Association were corrected from \$11,200 to \$1085
- To include the Northern Association in the table; 14 churches, \$490.00 for fees required and fees presented with no variation.

Glen Johnson presented the Registration and Credentials Committee report.

### Credentials Report:

District Association	Number of Churches	Fees Required (\$75.00/church)	Fees Presented	Variance
Central	4	\$300.00	0	-\$300.00
Clinch Valley	11	\$825.00	\$825.00	0
Harmony	5	\$375.00	\$250.00	-\$125.00
John Wheeler	13	\$975.00	\$975.00	0
Northern	12	\$900.00	\$900.00	0
Sandy Valley	3	\$225.00	\$275.00	+\$50.00
Southwest	27	\$2025.00	0	\$2025.00
Tidewater	17	\$1275.00	\$1275.00	0

### Registration Report

Title	Number Registered
Ministries	28
Deacons	6
Delegates	9
Visitors	39
Total	82

There was a question concerning delegates representing local churches. The body was in agreement that each local church is entitled to one delegate.

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

David Reese reported for Virginia Home Missions Board. A motion to receive the report as information was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Martha Stone reported for Harvest Child Care Ministries.

Paul Collins reported as Home Missionary to Harrisonburg, VA. and as the Promotional Director for the State Association.

Glen Johnson reported as the Virginia representative to the General Board of the National Association.

Ralph Dingus reported for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.

Don White reported for Camp Jacob

Hal Jones announced the Tidewater association Youth Rally to be held at the Good News Free Will Baptist Church.

### **Old Business**

The resolution from the 2000 meeting regarding the Billy Graham Ministry was reintroduced. A motion to submit the resolution at the 2001 National Association was made. After some discussion the motion was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

### **New Business**

A motion was made to remove from the table and accept the changes to the constitution and by-laws as presented at the Thursday night session. This motion was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

A motion was made that the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist send the following motion to general body of the National Association of Free Will Baptist for immediate action in the July 2001 session in Detroit, Michigan

The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists make the motion that the Executive committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptist perform an official investigation of the National Home Missions Department's actions, statements and involvement in the slander of veteran missionary James Munsey, and the results brought back to the National body in 2002 with the results published in the CONTACT magazine.

The motion was seconded and after some discussion a call to vote was made and the motion was approved by a show of hands.

Melvin Worthington reported as the Executive Secretary for the National Association.

Gary Hill presented the report of the Treasurer. A motion to receive the report was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Fred Bates presented the Report of the Nominating committee.

Moderator - Dave Nobles (2002)

Assistant Moderator - Greg Bevan (2002)

Clerk - Vergel Manness (2004)

Assistant Clerk - Barry Reel (2004)



Home Mission Board - Richard Barnes (2006)  
Executive Board - Fred Bates (2006) replacing J.D. Kilgore  
Executive Board - David Reece (2004) replacing Willis Osborne  
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Board Member  
- Jo Ann White (2004)  
term begins January 1, 2002  
Treasurer - Gary Hill (2002)  
Assistant Treasurer - Home Missions Treasurer

Rev. Don White was nominated from the floor to serve on the Executive Board. Rev. White declined the nomination.

A motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and elect the Officers as presented was approved by vote of "1" with no opposition.

Milton Fields reported for Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Dismissed for lunch. Grace for the food was given by Rev. Glen Johnson.

The afternoon session opened by singing "He Touched Me."

Opening prayer was given by Carey Lane.

Rev. Greg Bevan then came to preach. Reading scripture from Jude 3-4 and I Corinthians 16:9 spoke on "The Contention in the Church."

The Moderator took charge and called for additional reports.

Ray Lewis reported for the National Board of Retirement.

Rev. Don Jones presented the Report of the Executive Board and the following recommendations.

1. That item 9 of the Standing Rules be changed to allow the Executive Board to determine the amount of honorarium given to speakers.
2. To consider changing the meeting dates for the State Association to avoid scheduling conflicts. The Executive Board requests comments and recommendations concerning this item in order to address it at next years meeting.
3. That Rev. Paul Collins be officially commended for his work in Harrisonburg and as the State promotional



Director.

4. That the 64th annual session convene with the Esserville Free Will Baptist Church in Norton, Va.

A motion to receive the report of the Executive committee and to accept the recommendations was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

James Forlines reported for the Foreign Missions Department of the National Association.

A motion was made to send \$100.00 (if funds are available) to the following students from Virginia who are currently enrolled at one of the Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges.

Betty Stamey  
Janeen Bevan  
Hillary Williams  
Shiya Kurian

The motion was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

The following were elected as delegates to the National Association.

Martha Stone  
Marian Reese  
Dock Hoilman  
Brenda Hoilman

David Reese Reported for Randall House Publications.

The minutes of this meeting were read for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as read was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Rev. Earl Sutton led a prayer in memory of the following:

Rev, Fred Ramey	Rev. Jesse Cowden	Lydia Ison
Patsy Barnette	Edith Phillips	Gene Hollowell
Darryll Ramey	Betty Payne	Eula Jean Smith

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

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality and generosity to this convention

Dismissal prayer was given by Rev. Gary Hill.

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2000 - May 31, 2001

Balance Forward \$967.65

Receipts

Clinch Valley	\$ 770.00
Southwest	\$ 1,825.00
Tidewater	\$ 1,530.00
John Wheeler	\$ 1,010.00
Sandy Valley	\$ 270.00
Harmony	\$ 200.00
Northern Va.	\$ 1,487.50
Central Va.	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

Total \$ 7,592.50

Offerings

State Meeting	\$ 182.50
Stafford FWB	\$ 250.00
Yorkshire FWB	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
	\$ 832.50

Wilton Dail Offering

Promotion Office

First FWB Richmond \$ 674.71

Home Missions Loan \$ 2,000.00

Together Way

Heritage FWB \$ 393.75

Total Receipts \$ 11,493.96

## Disbursements

Newsletter	\$ 145.00
Promotion Sec.	\$ 500.00
Promotion Reim.	\$ 60.00
National Dues	\$ 5050.00
Minutes	
State Corp. Fee	\$ 25.00
Moderator	\$ 50.00
Clerk	\$ 50.00
Treasurer	\$ 50.00
Speakers	\$ 140.00
Reimbursments:	
Exec. Board	\$ 464.90
Gen. Board Mbr.	
Moderator	
Leadership Conf.	
Bank Fees	\$ 11.00
Home Missions	
Loan	\$ 2,000
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,545.90</u></b>

## Summary

Beg. Bal.	\$ 967.65
<u>Deposits</u>	<u>\$ 11,493.46</u>
Total	\$ 12,461.11
Expenses	<u>\$ 8,545.90</u>
Bal. 5/31/01	\$ 3915.21

## CENTRAL VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches .....	4
Total number of churches in city/town .....	2
Total number of churches rural .....	2
Total number of churches reporting .....	4
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	4
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	0
Total Baptisms .....	3
Total members added .....	36
Total members lost .....	1
Total membership .....	184
Total income of all churches.....	NR
Total number of churches with budgets .....	N/A
Total number of churches with parsonages .....	3
Total value of all church property .....	\$1,991,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers .....	5
Total number of licensed ministers .....	0
Total number of ordained deacons .....	5
Total number of churches with Day Cares .....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens .....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day Schools .....	0
Total number of churches with Bible institutes .....	0
Total number of churches with colleges .....	0
Sunday School enrollment .....	138
Total CTS enrollment .....	0
Total WNAC enrollment .....	33
Total Master's Men enrollment .....	0
Number of district association minutes requested.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed .....	\$300.00

Moderator: Rev. William Steele  
112 Whitcomb Lane  
Goode, VA, 24556  
(540) 586-0759

Clerk: Brenda Burks  
1089 Bell Hill Road  
Big Island, VA 24526  
(804) 299-5719

## CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches .....	11
Total number of churches in city/town .....	0
Total number of churches rural .....	11
Total number of churches reporting .....	11
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	1
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	10
Total Baptisms .....	8
Total members added .....	22
Total members lost .....	25
Total membership .....	464
Total income of all churches.....	\$41,895.72
Total number of churches with budgets .....	0
Total number of churches with parsonages .....	0
Total value of all church property .....	\$1,274,169.54
Total number of ordained ministers .....	30
Total number of licensed ministers .....	6
Total number of ordained deacons .....	27
Sunday School enrollment .....	479
Total CTS enrollment .....	0
Total WNAC enrollment .....	0
Total Master's Men enrollment .....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	50
Amount of representation fee enclosed .....	\$825.00

Moderator: Tim Rhoton  
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Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron  
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### MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING MINISTERS

Willie Ashworth,	Rt. 4 Box 61, Clinchport, VA 24244,	(540) 940-2179
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Jerry McNew, Jr.,	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	
L.W. Salling,	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	
Kevin Sanders,	Rt. 5 Box 285, Duffield, VA 24244	
Marvin Winkle, Sr.,	2021 Todd Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 247-8547

### SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING MINISTERS

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Ray Frazier,	Rt. 4 Box 196-J, Duffield, VA 24244	(540) 995-2685
Eckel Herron,	Rt. 4 Box 479, Gate City, VA 24251,	(540) 386-7562
Milligan Herron,	Rt. 6 Box 142, Gate City, VA 24251,	(540) 452-4640
George Hubbard,	2309 Cranshaw Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 247-3508
M.D. Hyatt,	183 Hillcrest Circle, Jonesborough, TN 37659	(423) 753-2240
Willie Jennings,	Hiltons, Va 24258	
Fred Gillenwater,	Rt. 1, P.O. Box 1506, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	(540) 940-4499
Vernon McDavid,	Rt. 5 Box 184, Duffield, VA 24244	
Bobby Rhoten,	Rt. 3 Box 280-A, Duffield, VA 24244,	(540) 940-2280
Tim Rhoton,	Rt. 4 Box 243-G, Duffield, VA 24244,	(540) 431-4727
Paul Smith,	Rt. 6 Box 138, Gate City, VA 24251,	(540) 452-2215
Gene Stallard,	Rt. 1 Box 540, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250,	(540) 995-2249
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Joe Townsend,	Rt. 4 Box 326-A, Duffield, VA 24244,	(540) 431-2331
Lonnie Townsend,	Rt. 4 Box 243-A, Duffield, VA 24244,	(540) 431-4504

### CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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### CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

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Clerk		
Bobbie Sanders,	Rt. 1, Box 2180 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250,	(540) 995-2217

### CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bishop Memorial FWB Church	Rt. 4, Gate City, VA 24251	
Pastor Willie Ashworth,	Rt. 4 Box 61, Clinchport, VA 24244,	(540) 940-2179
Clinchport FWB Church	P.O. Box 444, Duffield, VA 24244	(540) 940-2348
Pastor Roger Herron	308 Cannon St., Kingsport, TN 37664,	(423) 288-8490
Orebank FWB Church	5663 Orebank Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664	
Pastor Marvin Winkle,	2021 Todd Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 247-8547
Pendleton FWB Church	Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	
Pastor Kevin Sanders,	Rt. 5 Box 285, Duffield, VA 24244,	(540) 431-4640
Valley View FWB Church	Dungannon, VA 24245	
Pastor L.W. Salling,	Rt. 1, Box 290 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250	

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Moderator

James M. Baker,

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Clerk

Martha Townsend,

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bowen's Chapel FWB Church Rt. 5 Box 255, Duffield, VA 24244

Pastor William Bowen, P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244,

(540) 431-2533

Hill's Chapel FWB Church

Rt. 4, Duffield, VA 24244

Pastor Jerry McNew, Jr.,

Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250

Mabe's Chapel FWB Church

Rt. 4 Duffield, VA 24244

Pastor Joe Townsend,

Rt. 4 Box 326-A, Duffield, VA 24244,

(540) 431-2331

Natural Tunnel FWB Church

Rt. 3, Duffield, VA 24244

Pastor Fred Gillenwater, Rt. 1

Box 1506 Ft. Blackmore VA 24250

(540) 940-4499

Red Hill FWB Church

Rt. 6, Gate City, VA 24251

Pastor Vernon McDavid, Rt. 4 Box 185, Duffield, VA 24244

Tipton's Chapel FWB Church

Rt. Gate City, VA 24251

Pastor M.D. Hyatt,

183 Hillcrest Circle, Jonesborough, TN 37659

(423) 753-2240



## HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	5
Churches - City/Town .....	0
Churches - Rural .....	5
Churches Reporting .....	5
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	0
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	5
Number Baptisms .....	11
Members Added .....	6
Members Lost .....	6
Total Membership .....	284
Total Income of Churches .....	\$50,245.51
Churches with Budgets .....	0
Ordained Ministers .....	15
Licensed Ministers .....	0
Ordained Deacons .....	19
Churches with Day Care Centers .....	0
Churches with Kindergartens .....	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools .....	0
Churches with Bible Institutes .....	0
Churches with colleges .....	0
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	0
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 425,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment .....	291
CTS Enrollment .....	61
WNAC Enrollment .....	62
Master's Men Enrollment .....	0
Number of District Association Minutes Requested.....	0
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	25
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed.....	\$250.00

Moderator: Terry Begley  
Route #1  
Dungannon, VA 24245

Clerk: Mary Ann Presley  
203 Patterson Road  
Kingsport, TN 37660  
(423) 246-2256

**Ordained Ministers - Harmony Association  
of Freewill Baptist Churches**

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Steve McNew	Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
Terry Begley	Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
Ralph Begley	Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
Charles Puckett	Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA 24250
James Salling	Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA. 24250
Donald McDavid	Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244
Jackie Dorton	Rt. 2 Clinchport, VA 24244
George Lane	Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244
Sam Hileman	Castlewood, VA
Larry Rick Kincer	Rt. 4 Box 251 Duffield, VA 24244
Gary Shupe, Jr.	Rt. 5 Clinchport, VA 24244

## JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	13
Churches - City/Town .....	3
Churches - Rural .....	10
Churches Reporting .....	13
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	9
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	4
Baptisms .....	56
Members added .....	61
Members lost .....	25
Total Membership .....	1089
Total Income .....	\$ 427,234.00
Churches with Budgets .....	3
Churches with Parsonages .....	2
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 1,250,000.00
Ordained Ministers .....	25
Licensed Ministers .....	0
Ordained Deacons .....	45
Sunday School Enrollment .....	570
CTS Enrollment .....	70
WNAC Enrollment .....	41
Master's Men Enrollment .....	17
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	40
Representation Fees.....	\$975.00

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Clerk: Rev. Donald White  
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## JOHN WHEELER

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## NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	12
Churches - City/Town .....	5
Churches - Rural .....	7
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	8
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	4
Number Baptisms .....	45
Members Added .....	46
Members Lost .....	6
Total Membership .....	888
Churches with Budgets .....	0
Ordained Ministers .....	27
Licensed Ministers .....	4
Ordained Deacons .....	18
Churches with Day Care Centers .....	1
Churches with Kindergartens .....	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools .....	1
Churches with Bible institutes .....	0
Churches with Colleges .....	0
Total Number of Churches with Parsonage .....	3
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 4,500,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment .....	641
CTS Enrollment .....	65
WNAC Enrollment .....	48
Master's Men Enrollment .....	9
Number of state association minutes requested .....	14
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed.....	\$900.00

Moderator: Lonnie Salyers  
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Clerk: David Austin  
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## NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

- Bethel FWB Church  
Rev. Dave Nobles 3713 Pennington LN, Woodbridge, VA 22192  
Elkton FWB Church  
Rev. Billy King 100 Ashby Ave, Elkton VA 22827  
Heritage FWB Church  
Rev. David Reece 12500 Chewning Ln, Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Park Lane FWB Church  
Rev. Don Hellms R.R. 2 Box 1193, Palmyra, VA 22963  
Stanley FWB Church  
Rev. Delmas Meadows 188 S. Piney Mountain Dr., Stanley, VA 22851  
Harold Pickeral 5333 Hoover Road, Reva, VA 22735  
Rev. Bill Reynolds 3713 Pennington Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192  
Bloss Memorial FWB Church  
Rev. Todd Tennant 716 North Barton St, Arlington, VA 22201-1318  
Fairwood FWB Church  
Rev. Shawn Williams 6415 Little Ox RD, Fairfax Station, VA 22039  
Shiloh FWB Church  
Rev. David Austin HCR 02, Box 298, Madison, VA 22727  
Yorkshire FWB Church  
Rev. Lonnie Salyers 7620 Chestnut St. Manassas, VA 20111  
Richard Wright 7096 Kings Arm Drive, Manassas, VA 20111  
Ralph Meade 274 Manassas Drive, Manassas, VA 20111  
Alan Kinder 756 Caffee Circle Dahlgren, VA 22448  
Grace FWB Church  
Rev. Roger Bevins 9459 Poindexter Rd., Louisa, VA 23093  
Meadow Brook FWB Church  
Rev. Roger C. Mullins P.O. Box 153, Middletown, VA 22645  
Stafford FWB Church  
Rev. Greg Bevan 13732 Mellowdew CT, Dale City, VA 22193  
Harrisonburg FWB Church  
Paul Collins 611-B West Market St, Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
Phone: 540-534-5734  
Lester Horton 211 Forst lake Drive, #239 Stephens City, VA 22655  
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Randy Hayes 7754 Long Creek Court, Manassas, VA 20111  
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Phone: 703-754-0611  
Roger Powers 8560 Mego Dr, Marshall, VA 20115  
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Ronnie Mullins 266 Shelton Shop Rd., Stafford, VA 22554



## SANDY VALLEY

Churches .....	3
Churches Reporting .....	3
Total Membership .....	130
Ordained Ministers .....	9
Ordained Deacons .....	11
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed .....	\$275.00
Flowers & Love Offering .....	\$2,410.69
Building & Repair .....	\$5,060.44
Paid Pastor .....	\$785.00
Paid Evangelist .....	\$651.00
Amount in Treasure .....	\$16,444.30

Bro. Guy Harris,	Rt. 1, Honaker, VA 24260	1-540-889-4658
Bro. Donald Harris,	Rt. 2, Honaker, VA 24260	1-540-859-4756
Bro. Emory James,	Rt. 2, Honaker, VA 24260	1-540-859-9418
Bro. Earl Reynolds,	HC 65 Rowe, VA 24646	1-540-859-0540
Bro. Gilbert Roten,	Rt. 2, Honaker, VA 24260	1-540-859-2601
Bro. Clarence Yates,	Belfast, VA	
Bro. Roy Lee Wilson,	Bee, VA	1-540-859-2149
Bro. Jason Reynolds,	HC65 Rowe, VA 24646	1-540-859-0543
Bro. Michael Miller,	Lebanon, VA	

### Clerks

Bro. Dallas James	Rt. 2 Honaker Va. 24260
	Venia Chapel FWB Church
Sis. Phyllis James	Honaker, Va. 24260
	Hiltons Chapel FWB Church
Sis. Patsy McGlothin	Honaker, Va. 24260
	Gents Chapel FWB Church



## SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches .....	27
Total number of churches in city/town .....	5
Total number of churches rural .....	22
Total number of churches reporting .....	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	7
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	8
Total Baptisms .....	29
Total members added .....	36
Total members lost .....	15
Total membership .....	772
Total income of all churches .....	\$108,072.60
Total number of churches with budgets .....	3
Total number of churches with parsonages .....	0
Total value of all church property .....	\$1,870,950.00
Total number of ordained ministers .....	33
Total number of licensed ministers .....	3
Total number of ordained deacons .....	42
Total number of churches with day cares .....	0
Total number of churches with kindergartens .....	0
Total number of churches with day schools .....	0
Total number of churches with bible institutes .....	0
Total number of churches with colleges .....	0
Sunday School enrollment .....	734
Total CTS enrollment .....	184
Total WNAC enrollment .....	197
Total Master's Men enrollment .....	18
Number of state association minutes requested .....	40
Amount of representation fee enclosed .....	\$2,025.00

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Clerk: James V. Pochodzay  
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## EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Beech Grove F.W.B. Church Rt. 1 Box 340, Keokee, VA 24265, Bull Run, 1st 11500 River View Road, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rev. Lawrence Rutherford, (540) 546-3727
Central F.W.B. Church 216 7th St., NE, Norton, VA 24273, Community F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 954, Coeburn, VA 24230,	Rev. Mitchell Elliott (540) 395-3642
Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church 8301 Gilliam Hollow Rd., Pound, VA 24279, Durham's Chapel F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 317, East Stone Gap, VA 24246,	Rev Gary Hill, (540) 679-5466
Flatwoods F.W.B. Church 3531 Louisa Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230	Rev. C. Wayne Perry , (540) 395-5315
Mary's Chapel F.W.B. Church 215 Harris St., SW, Coeburn, VA 24230,	Rev. Danny C . Mullins, (540) 796-5935
Pippin's Chapel F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 714, Pound, VA 24279,	Rev. Walter Begley, (540) 523-3833
Ramsey F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 372, 402 Chestnut Street, Norton, VA 24273	Rev. Jerry Hayes, (540) 395-6434
St. Paul F.W.B. Church 14108 Dry Fork Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230,	Rev. Martin Puckett, (540) 395-6610
Other Ministers	Rev. Nolan Stanley, (540) 796-5603
Rev. Howard Ashworth, 415 Chestnut Street, Norton, VA 24273,	Rev. Ralph McFarland (540) 679-3691
Rev. Randy Miller, 553 Bernice St., Norton, VA 24273,	Rev. Thomas Slemp, (540) 395-3697
Rev. Bernie Brosky, 378 Anderson Hollow Rd., Norton, VA 24273	(540) 679-3393
Rev. J.D. Kilgore, P.O. Box 1, Pound, VA 24279,	(540) 679-1739
Rev. Roger Rowe, Pennington Gap, VA 24277	(540) 679-2538
	(540) 796-4243
	(540) 546-5572

## Lee County Quarterly Conference

as reported on April 14, 2001

### **First Free Will Baptist Church**

Rev. Larry Nelson  
1329 East Sullivan Court, Kingsport, TN 37664  
(423) 245-0319

Rev. Alvis Lester  
P.O. Box 312, Pennington Gap, VA 24277  
(540) 346-0345

### **Ocoonita F.W. Baptist Church**

Rev. Jack B. Cope, Rt. 3 Box 117  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9623  
(540) 546-4079

Martin Yates (Licentiate)  
P.O. Box 1217  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(540) 275-7878

### **Victory F.W. Baptist Church**

Rev. Donald Jones, Rt. 2 Box 140,  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277-9626  
(540) 546-4369

Rev. Raymond Baird, Rt. 4 Box 270,  
Jonesville, VA 24263-9229  
(540) 346-1244

### **Willis Chapel F.W. Bapt. Church**

Rev. Bruce Brewer  
Rte. 2 Box 234, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(540) 523-3064

Rev. Judson Shuler  
P.O. Box 496, Pennington Gap, VA 24277  
(540) 546-1023

## TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches .....	17
Total number of churches in city/town .....	17
Churches Reporting .....	13
Churches with Full-Time Pastors .....	15
Churches with Part-Time Pastors .....	2
Number Baptisms .....	115
Members Added .....	114
Members Lost .....	14
Total Membership .....	1648
Total Income of Churches .....	\$ 566,094.00
Value of Church Property .....	\$ 9,089,300
Churches with Budgets .....	8
Churches with Parsonages.....	2
Ordained Ministers .....	23
Licensed Ministers .....	11
Ordained Deacons .....	39
Churches with Day Care Centers .....	1
Churches with Kindergartens .....	1
Churches with Christian Day Schools .....	1
Churches with Bible Institutes .....	1
Colleges .....	0
Sunday School Enrollment .....	788
CTS Enrollment .....	0
WNAC Enrollment .....	65
Master's Men Enrollment .....	21

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Cava F.W.B. Church  
6560 Blackwater Road, Virginia  
Beach, VA 23457

Faith F.W.B. Church,  
P.O. Box 205, Carrollton, VA  
23314, (757) 238-3210

Faith F.W.B. Church  
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First Church Ministries,  
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First F.W.B. Church  
8985 Hungary Road, Richmond,  
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5473 Virginia Beach Blvd., Va.  
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Williamsburg, VA 23185  
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Hyde Park F.W.B. Church  
8501 Chesapeake Boulevard,  
Norfolk VA 23503  
(757) 587-6680

Lighthouse F.W.B. Church  
1656 South Crater Road,  
Petersburg, VA 23834  
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Providence F.W. B. Church  
731 East Little Back River Rd.,  
Hampton, VA 23669  
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Unity F.W.B. Church  
P.O. Box 15575 Chesapeake,  
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Virginia Beach F.W.B. Church  
210 South Witchduck Rd., Va.  
Beach, VA 23462  
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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 prior to 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. (2001)

## 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 prior to the beginning of each session as mentioned in Article V, Section 1B of the Constitution. (2001)
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 five (5) members elected on a rotating basis yearly. (2000)

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 meeting will rotate around the state, alternating between east, central & west as much as practical. Location to be decided by vote at each preceeding session of the state meeting. (1998)
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 \$75.00 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. (2000)
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. The Executive Board shall determine the amount of honorarium that is to be given to speakers. (2001)
10. These Standing Rules can be changed in any fashion at any regular session by a simple majority vote.

