

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

Seventy Sixth
Annual Session Held With
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Bristol, VA

June 12-13, 2014

The next session will be held at the
Woodland Heights
Free Will Baptist Church
1995 Old Chatham Road
Martinsville, VA 24112
June 18-19, 2015

OFFICERS ELECTED 2014

Moderator.....Paul Collins (2015)
Assistant Moderator.....Rodger Castle (2015)
Clerk.....Don White (2016)
Assistant Clerk.....Bob Brown (2016)
Treasurer.....Gary Hill (2015)
Assistant Treasurer (from Home Mission Board) Dave Nobles

Elected Executive Board

Don Helms.....2015
Richard Barnes.....2016
Roger Bevins.....2017
Bob Brown.....2018
Marty Puckett..... 2019

Home Missions Board

Larry Russell.....2015
Bob Brown.....2015
Glenn Johnson.....2016
Rodger Castle.....2016
Rev. David Mizelle.....2017
Earl Sutton.....2018
Dave Nobles.....2019

Board Member to

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries..... Evan White (2016)

Board Member to

National Association of Free Will Baptist..... Bruce Barnes (2016)

Promotional Director.....Bruce Barnes (2015)

CTS Representative.....Adam Bolin (2014)

PROCEEDINGS

The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met Thursday, June 12, 2014 with the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church in Bristol, VA.

Opening Song: "O, Say But I'm Glad"

Introduction of Officers: Rev. Don White, Clerk

Video: VA Home Missions Work

Moderator, Rev. Paul Collins introduced the Virginia Promotional director, Dr. Bruce Barnes and called for the Executive Committee and Missions Board members for special prayer for Dr. Barnes and the Promotional Office work.

Rev. Bob Brown, Chairman of the Missions Board called for Board members to join him on stage.

In recognition of labor and service in the FWB Church at Roanoke, a plaque was presented to Rev. Roger Bevins, and wife Donna.

Rev. Brown recognized Virginia Missionaries: Rev. David Osborne, Wytheville; Rev. David Sexton, Suffolk; Rev. Marc Nepl, Suffolk; Rev. Diego Cueva, Hispanic works; Rev. Paul Collins Harrisonburg; Rev. Jason Weaver, Winchester.

Special prayer for the missionaries was led by Dr. Bruce Barnes.

Special singing by Mildred Statzer. "He Carries Me" and "Amazing Grace Brought Us In"

Moderator introduced speaker.

Message: Rev. James McComas, Director of Church Revitalization for National Home Missions

"Inviting the World to Accept Jesus"

Acts 9:23 "The Power of a Basket"

- All believers have a basket (a realm of influence)
- Somebody is in our basket
- There's a problem in our basket ("where no oxen is, the stable is clean")
- There's potential in our basket

Alter prayer was led by Rev. McComas

Video: New book by Dr. Barnes. "Principles of New Convert Living"

Complimentary copies available to all pastors present.

Virginia Churches may order directly from Dr. Barnes and all proceeds go directly to the Virginia Promotional Office.

Offering received. \$190.00

Dismissed in prayer: Rev. Brent Patrick

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, June 13, 2014

Video: CrossPointe Mission Church, Rev. David Sexton, Pastor
Special Music: Rev. James McComas, "When Mercy Walked In" and "It Was Me"

Dr. Barnes introduced Rev. Roger Herron to bring the morning devotion. Matthew 4:17-19 & Luke 5:5 "At Thy Word"

Moderator called the meeting to order.

Report of the Registration and Credentials Committee: Rev. Rodger Castle

Ministers and Deacons: 33; Delegates: 28; Visitors: 76; Total: 137

Motion to accept approved by vote of "aye"

(Full Report on page 10, District Reports begin on page 20)

Motion to accept 2013 minutes as printed approved by vote of "aye"

Report of Home Missions: Rev. Bob Brown

Roanoke church is now self-supporting.

Introduced Pastor, Rev. David Sexton, CrossPointe Church in Suffolk
Expect to go self-supporting in the fall - six years to the day after launch.
Thankful for the help of Marc and Cassie Neple who will begin a new work.

Averaging 129 per week.

Children's ministry average 91 on Sunday night.

Awana program

7 saved and 6 baptized

Thanks to Virginia State for love, prayers and support.

Introduced, Pastor, Rev. Paul Collins, Harrisonburg Church.

Church sign in its permanent location and is effective in drawing people.

New people helping with praise team

Growth is slow but steady

Several saved this year and a baptism is planned

Expect to be self-supporting within a year

Pray for the work in Winchester, Pastor, Rev. Jason Weaver

Pray for the Hispanic work, Pastor, Rev. Diego Cueva

Pastor Cueva's Mother is near death in Ecuador - he is there

Near 50% self-supporting

PROCEEDINGS

Introduced Marc Nepl
 As Associate Missionary with David Sexton at CrossPointe Church our account has been in the black for four years. Many thanks.
 Praying about planting a church in Portsmouth, VA (go where people are)
 Personal goal: 3 churches in the crescent area of Virginia
 Pray for our replacement in the CrossPointe church.

The Mission Board is working to get policies and procedures in place to be better situated legally.
 Adopted VA FWB Missions Contract.
 Monthly reporting structure for missionaries now on-line.

Home Missions Financial Report: Rev. Dave Nobles

Missionary Accounts:

Assets:	\$43,466.74
Liabilities & Equity:	\$43,466.74
Income:	\$ 125,813.69
Expenses:	\$138,366.92
Net:	-\$12,573.23

Co-Op (90-day) account:

Assets:	\$ 28,507.41
Liabilities & Equity:	\$ 28,567.41
Income:	\$ 149,361.73
Expenses:	\$ 146,463.56
Net:	\$ 2,898.17

A motion to accept the Home Missions reports was approved by saying "Amen!"

PROCEEDINGS

Report of the Treasurer: Rev. Gary Hill
 (Complete Report on pages 15-16)

Revenue

Beginning balance:	\$ 14,635.33
Income:	\$ 209,516.12
Expenses:	\$ 191,241.37
Ending Balance:	\$ 32,910.08

FWB Foundation Trust

Deposits:	\$ 65,000.00
Interests:	\$ 893.70
Withdrawals:	\$ 20,000.00
Balance:	\$ 45,893.70

Proposed Budget: \$ 91,800.00

A motion was made and seconded to allow the Treasurer to close the existing bank account and open a new one.
 The current bank is closing its local branch. The motion was approved.

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

Report of the Executive Board was read by Clerk, Rev. Don White and approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.
 (Complete report on pages 11-14)

Report of Promotional Director and General Board Member: Dr. Bruce Barnes.

National meeting begins July 27 in Dallas, TX.
 (Complete Report on pages 17-19)

A motion to accept the report and express thanks to Dr. Barnes for his service was approved by saying "Amen!"

Other reports:

Camp Jacob	Daniel Osborne
Harvest Child Care	Newl Dotson
FWB Family Ministries	Frank Woods

A motion to receive as information was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

There was testimony from the floor in support of the effective work of these child-care agencies in regard to alcohol and drug abuse.

Report of the Executive Director, National Association: Keith Burden
 A motion to receive the report as information was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

There was a brief recess.

11 am Service

Video: Hispanic work, Pastor, Rev. Diego Cueva
 Special Music: Welch College Men's Quartet, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
 Message: Rev. Jackie Cole, "Increasing Our Effectiveness"
 Acts 16:25-35 Focus on "Our"
 Our witness, For Christ
 Pastors are shepherds, not dictators
 Follow the fruit of the Spirit.

Prayer for dismissal and grace for the noon meal: Bro. Evan White.

1 PM Devotion

Rev. Rodger Castle, Acts 23:9-15, "God's Love and Protection"

Moderator took charge.

The following reports were given and received by vote.

National Home Missions: Rev. James McComas
International Missions: Rev. Mark McPeak
 Introduced Rev. Robert Bryon, Missionary to France
 Special Prayer was led by Rev. Roger Herron
FWB Foundation: Rev. David Brown
FWB Board of Retirement: Rev. John Brummett
Randall House Publishing: Rev. Ron Hunter
Welch College: David Willowford

A special prayer for God's blessing on all the National works was led by Rev. Bob Brown

Richard and Barbara Banks, Adventurers for Christ (a private motor-home mission work) reported on their work. A motion to receive the report as information was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Don Hellms
 Moderator: Rev. Paul Collins, replacing himself
 Asst. Moderator: Rev. Rodger Castle, replacing himself
 Treasurer: Rev. Gary Hill, replacing himself
 Executive Board: Rev. Marty Puckett, replacing himself
 Home Mission Board: Rev. Dave Nobles, replacing himself
 National Board: Dr. Bruce Barnes

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

Election of Delegates to the National Association

Sis. Teresa Hill
 Sis. Judy Castle
 Sis. Patty Collins
 Sis. Ann Brown
 "Doc" Hoilman

The following names were submitted for the Memorial Prayer which was led by Rev. Marty Puckett.

Madylon Addington
 Molly Powers
 Rev. Roger Powers

Moderator called for a rising vote of thanks to the Shiloh church for their hospitality in hosting the 2014 meeting.

Announcements:

The next annual meeting will be held with the Central Association at the Woodland Heights FWB Church, June 18-19, 2015.

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Thursday, June 12, 2014

11:00 am Service

Opening Song: Jesus Saves

Video: Harrisonburg Mission Church, Rev. Paul Collins, Pastor

Special Music: Rev. Paul & Pat Collins, "He Knows My Name"

Message: Rev. Frank Woods, "Igniting the Fire to Win the Lost"

Acts 2:1-4; 12-21; 41; 47

References: Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:3

1:00 pm Service

Special Singing: Welch College Men's Quartet, "I'll Put On A Crown" and "Til the Storm Passes Ore"

Video: Winchester Mission Church, Rev. Jason Weaver, Pastor

Message: Rev. Jason Weaver, "Involving the Church to Reach the World" Acts 2:36-47

1. Starts with Leadership
Pastor not responsible to produce sheep but to keep the sheep healthy.
2. Must include laymen.
 - a. Feared the Lord (reverence) and saw an open display of God's power.
 - b. Believed
 - c. Outward focused
 - i. Lived like they were Heaven bound
 - ii. Lived for what mattered most
 - d. Faithful
 - e. Devoted to the cause of Christ
 - f. Loved people
 - g. God gave the increase.

2:00 pm Service

Video: Roanoke Mission Church goes self-supporting, Rev. Roger Bevins, Pastor

Special music: Guitar instrumental by Rev. Bruce Barnes; medley – "In the Garden & Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Message: Rev. Bruce Barnes, "Grace Outreach", a program to enlist every member in outreach.

Emphasis on Soul winning

Challenging every member to be involved

Help available to establish and administer the program including free software and training

Outreach Leader (Pastor)

Guiders (Leaders who oversee various groups in the program)

Reapers (soul-winners, visitation)

Adaptors (work where needed)

Communicators (outreach through calling and writing, sample letters available; care should be taken in using social media.)

Edifiers for support; childcare, meals if needed, visit shut-ins & hospitals)

Dismissed in prayer: Rev. Don Hellms

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REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Central Association: Fees: \$1000/ Churches: 5
 Delegates: None Listed

Clinch Valley Association: Fees: \$1,400 / Churches: 5
 Delegates: Evelyn Herron, Daniel Herron,

Harmony Association: Fees: \$600 / Churches: 3
 Delegates: Wilma Arnold; Diana Potts; Ribble Bowen; Audrey Bowen; Carol Pearson; Betty Ragan

John Wheeler Association: Fees: \$2,800 / Churches: 14
 Delegates: Judy Castle; Jo White; Mallory White

Northern Association: Fees: \$2600 / Churches: 13
 Delegates: Kenneth Hellms; Sharon Hellms; Sherry Wright; Patty Collins; Ann Brown

Sandy Valley Association: Fees: \$600 / Churches: 3
 Delegates: Johnny Woodward; Roy Lee Wilson; Glenn Harris; Jimmy Honaker; Darnell McGlothlin; Delmer Ball

Southwest Association: Fees: \$4,000 / Churches: 20
 Delegates: Teresa Hill, Roberta Blanton; Lola Pochodzay; Shirley Pease

Tidewater Association: Fees: \$2,200 / Churches: 11
 Delegates: none listed

Total churches: 75
 Total fees: \$ 15,200

Ministers registered: 33
 Delegates registered: 28
 Visitors registered: 76
 Total registered: 137

Credentials Committee:
 Vickie Blaylock, Chair
 Temple Tignor
 Tammy Poe

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting At: Roanoke Free Will Baptist Church
Time: 3 March 2014, 10 a.m.

Members Present: Moderator Paul Collins, Asst. Moderator Dr. Rodger Castle, Asst. Clerk Robert W. (Bob) Brown, Board Members, Roger Bevins, Richard Barnes
 Also in attendance Dr. Bruce Barnes Virginia Promotional Director

Opened in Prayer: Bob Brown
 Devotion: Paul Collins – Proverbs 3:5-10 Stewardship is Lordship
 Stewardship – more with the heart (most people think about money)

5 Principles

1. Is my heart connected to His heart?
2. Is my mind connected to His mind?
3. Is my ways connected to His ways?
4. Is my challenge connected to His challenge?
5. Is (are) my possessions His possessions?

Prayer: Paul Collins

Copies of last year's minutes past out. Accept as printed. MSC
 Treasurers Report – Accept as printed. MSC
 Motion that the Surplus this year be held in General Fund – MSC
 Proposed Budget \$91600.00 (Add one church to Central – Subtract from NORVA -\$200) MSC
 Legal Sheet – POI
 Promotional Office – Report Printed – Dr. Barnes highlighted points from the report. MSC
 Home Mission Report I- Report Printed - Bob Brown Chairman highlighted report – MSC

**Discussion to check on Insurance for Dr. Barnes for his auto travel and rental car. Check on the possible purchase of automobile.

CTS Report – Printed report from Adam Bolin – POI
 Children's Home (Family Ministries) Discussion about if Board Member was in VA. **(We didn't notice the email until after meeting, thought it was your's Don coming through again)**

Lawsuit Report – Bob Brown – Praise item the lawsuits are over and the remaining monies will be mailed in the next week. POI

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Planning State Meeting
Theme: GO! (Growth Outreach)
Ignition – Igniting the fire to win the lost.
Implosion – Involving the Church to reach the world.
Explosion – Inviting the world to accept Christ.
Shockwave – Increasing our effectiveness.

Speakers:

Thursday:

11:00 – Frank Woods

1:00 – Jason Weaver

2:00 – Dr. Bruce Barnes (GO! Growth Outreach Seminar)

7:00 – Jim McCommas (Home Mission) Alternate – Don White

Friday:

8:30 – Roger Herring (Devotion)

1:00 – Roger Castle (Asst. Moderator's Devotion)

Nominating Committee:

Gary Rowlette – Chairman

Don Hellms

Roger Herring

Registration Committee:

Vickie Lock – Chairwoman

Temple Tignor

Tammy Poe

Nomination for Officers:

Moderator Paul Collins

Asst. Mod. Rodger Castle

Treasurer Gary Hill

Executive Board Marty Puckett

HMB Dave Nobles

General Board Dr. Bruce Barnes

State Meeting 2015

Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church

Other Business:

Cornerstone Ministries (an arm of the FWB Foundation) would like to provide a meal and presentation for ministers and their wives on Thursday at 5:30. MSC

Closed in Prayer – Dr. Bruce Barnes

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting at: Shiloh Free Will Baptist church

Time: Thursday, June 12, 2014, 8 am

Attending: Rev. Paul Collins; Rev. Roger Bevins; Rev. Richard Barnes; Rev. Don Hellms; Rev. Bruce Barnes; Rev. Rodger Castle; Rev. Gary Hill; Rev. Marty Puckett; Rev. Bob Brown; Rev. Don White

Rev. Paul Collins opened in prayer and gave devotions using Ephesians 4.

Pastors need to celebrate their volunteers.

By serving we're fulfilling God's purpose, reflecting God's glory and making a difference in eternity.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Marty Puckett.

Minutes of the March planning meeting were reviewed.

Add: Dr. Barnes updated the board regarding his new book. A new proposal will be defined in his report for the June meeting.

There was a brief discussion about a car purchase for Promotional Office. Estimated savings over rental cost is about \$100 per month.

A motion to accept the Minutes was approved.

Rev. Gary Hill presented the Report of the Treasurer and it was approved by vote.

Dr. Barnes presented the Report of the Promotional Director and it was approved by vote.

There was a discussion about how to disperse extra funds. A motion was made and approved to suspend the dispersing of extra funds for another year.

A question was raised about how to cover the expenses of the Home Mission Board.

- a) Ask Home Missions treasurer (Rev. Dave Nobles) if the interest from the co-operative giving plan is sufficient to cover the expenses.
- b) If interest is not sufficient, the issue will be addressed at the 2015 planning meeting.

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Rev. Bob Brown reported for Home Missions.
 Roanoke Church went self-supporting March 15.
 Winchester work continues but work is proving difficulty.
 Rev. David Osborne has applied for missionary status for the Wytheville work.
 Rev. Marc Nepl has applied for a transition to Portsmouth.
 Rev. Diego Cueva continues in the Hispanic work. Mother is ill and he is traveling to Ecuador to be with her.
 Harrisonburg work expects to go self-supporting within the next year.

A motion was made to accept the Home Missions report.

Rev. Bob Brown announced that the lawsuit is over.

Committees were appointed.

Nominating: Rev. Don Hellms; Rev. Roger Herron; Rev. David Mizzelle
 Registration: Vickie Blaylock; Temple Tignor; Tammy Poe
 Recommend Host Church for 2015 meeting: Woodland Heights in Martinsville; Rev. Stanley Waddell, Pastor.

Nominations for officers:

Moderator: Rev. Paul Collins
 Assistant Moderator: Rev. Rodger Castle
 Treasurer: Rev. Gary Hill
 Executive Board: Rev. Marty Puckett
 Home Mission Board: Rev. Dave Nobles

New Business:

Upon receipt of a request from Harvest Child Care, the Executive Board will study the feasibility of electing a representative to sit on their Board. The Executive Board requests the following documents for review prior to meeting with their Director and Chairman. Constitution and by-laws; Articles of Incorporation; Financial report prepared by an independent auditor.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Don White.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014

Income	
Association	Fees
Central Va.	\$1,000.00
Clinch Valley	\$1,400.00
Harmony	\$600.00
John Wheeler	\$3,000.00
Northern Va.	\$2,800.00
Sandy Valley	\$600.00
Southwest Va.	\$4,200.00
Tidewater	\$2,600.00
Total Fees	\$16,200.00
State Offerings	\$218.25
General Fund	\$558.63
Promotion Office	\$93,303.79
Legal Fund	\$75,750.00
FWB Foundation Trust	\$20,000.00
OK Tornado Relief	\$3,485.45
Total Income	\$209,516.12

Expenses	
National Fees	\$12,300.00
Promotion Office	\$9,779.18
Promotion Salary	\$24,336.00
Promotion Housing	\$18,956.00
Promotion Trust	\$65,000.00
Officer Salaries	\$300.00
Insurance	\$1,897.00
Legal Fees	\$23,128.83
Legal Reimbursement	\$30,000.00
Leadership Conference	\$864.34
Minutes	\$229.32
Plumbline	\$225.00
Speakers	\$500.00
State Meeting	\$50.00
OK Tornado relief	\$3,703.70
Misc. (Dep slips)	\$21.00
Total Expenses	\$43,974.71

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Cont'd)
June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014

Balances	
Beginning balance:	\$14,635.33
Ending Balance:	\$32,910.08

FWB Foundation Trust	
Deposits:	\$65,000.00
Interest:	\$893.70
Withdrawals:	\$20,000.00
Balance:	\$45,893.70



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PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
June 13, 2014

I begin this report with a personal review of my work in behalf of the executive board and state association. The following is a breakdown of the major responsibilities of the promotional director according to the contractual agreement signed during the June 2013 state meeting.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

Administration of the Promotional Office: I have presented plans and procedures for furthering the denominational program, worked with the various boards to aid and advise as requested and needed, and have reported and accounted monthly by report to the treasurer. I also presented quarterly reports to the moderator to be distributed to the executive board.

General Information: I have worked to help promote all areas of Free Will Baptist works and ministries within the state who are members of the state association, offering my aid in physical promotion as well as communicative promotion by letter, publication, phone, travel, and electronic information. I have tried to attend as many of the local association meetings as possible. As of this report, I have represented at each association except for two, and these I will get in the next few months. I have gone out every time there is an association meeting regardless of the distance, time, or size.

Public Relations: I have provided counsel when requested, and I have volunteered a needed perspective when deemed helpful. Although the work of the boards and associations rests on the elected officials, I advise on the basis of what is best overall for Virginia Free Will Baptists.

- Publications:**
- 1) I have been consistent in writing, publishing, and delivering *The Plumbline* quarterly, and now bi-monthly.
 - 2) I have updated the publication of our promotional materials, and these are being well received throughout the state. Added to these publications is a new tract that is now available—"The Romans Road"—one designed by and published by the promotional office. Churches that are budget supporters of the promotional office for \$500.00 or more may get 1,000 of these tracts personalized at no charge.
 - 3) My new book, *Principles of New Convert Living*, is now available, and a free copy is being provided for every pastor attending the state convention. When a church of the Virginia Free Will Baptist Association purchases these books for its use, all funds collected will go to support of the promotional office. The books will have to be purchased directly through me either by contacting me personally or ordering through a special link on the state website.
 - 4) I have advanced several communicative avenues such as the online presence of our website, filled in information for our state events calendar, provided Sunday school seminars and training, enlisted more people to receive the e-News, and developed a continuing monthly promotional video highlighting our missionaries.

Future Responsibilities: I have been open to any direction given to me by the moderator or boards of the state. On various occasions, I have requested direction to make sure that I am accountable to those who assign my duties.

Beyond the contractual agreement, I have worked further to seek out the needs which pastors are sensing and from that to produce a plan for helping in those areas. As an outgrowth of those presented needs, I will share at this state meeting the GRACE Outreach program which is an original administrative program developed by the promotional office. This program helps local churches better organize for maximum involvement of its members in the church's outreach. For any of our churches of the Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists, there is no charge for the training, software, or materials.

THE FUNDING OF THE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE

The treasurer's report presents the actual accounting of the funds received and distributed, and we have to live within the actual. As affirmed in the treasurer's report for this past year, the promotional office has operated within the budget limits and specifications.

The information that follows speaks of the actual as well as the potential. I was commissioned last year to raise \$75,000.00 for the sustaining of this office, and I put in place a plan to get this done. This plan was threefold.

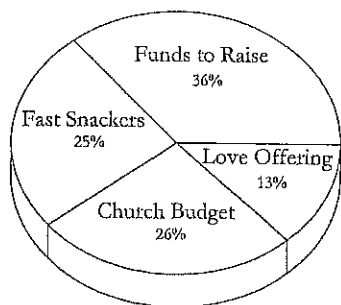
1. Raise monies by personal services in churches
2. Raise continuing finances through church budget support
3. Raise individual monthly individual support through the Fast Snacker Program

The following chart shows a reporting of the actual monies received as well as the pledges made both by churches and individuals to support the promotional office. The statistics that drive this chart are as follows:

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. \$ 9,537.00 | The total funds raised in monies through love offerings and honorariums |
| 2. \$ 19,533.00 | The total of church budget support pledged |
| 3. \$ 18,654.00 | The total of Fast Snacker pledges made |
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| \$75,000.00 | The total needed to fully fund the promotional office |
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| \$ 27,275.00 | The total still needed to raise in order to be fully sustained |

These figures reveal that 64% of the yearly amount needed to fully fund the promotional office has been raised in real money or confirmed pledges. We understand that what has been pledged will be different than what actually comes in. Some will meet their pledges but some will not.

FUNDING OF THE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE



OBSERVATIONS BY THE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

I have been in awe of God's goodness, the graciousness of God's people, and the kind acceptance this office has received all across the state. It is my observation that we are a people much more united in heart, spirit, and purpose than we might have realized before, and I hope you will accept my testimony as a confidence to this fact. I truly wish I could take you with me to visit your brethren in other parts of the state and let you sense the connection that I am feeling.

We are a group committed to Jesus Christ, the preaching of the Word, and faithfulness to doctrine and practice. I find that we are congregations that all face the same problems of today's encroaching culture, the apathy of people to the gospel, the unconcern of some Christians to faithful living, and the need to reach out more and more effectively with the gospel. There is no doubt but that we will do things a little differently here and there, but the things that are different are mostly not matters of doctrine or morality. What joins us is greater than that which would be different among us. I am not overlooking isolated problems that might exist, but I am recognizing instead the great comradeship that prevails even more.

I cannot express in words my gratitude for this opportunity to serve you. After this first year of traveling our state, I am even more excited about our future because of the united connection we all have to the same purpose. I will conclude with this thought and encouragement. What you envisioned for the promotional office is being realized. The connections between associations, churches, and pastors are being made; the fellowship among our men and churches is improving; and the commitment we are all having to a united, cooperative future is increasing.

May our Lord be with us as we go forward for Him!

Your servant,
D. Bruce Barnes
Promotional Director

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

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Total Number of Churches.....	5
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	1
Total Number of Churches rural.....	4
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	5
Churches with Full time pastors.....	1
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	4
Total Baptisms.....	12
Total Members Added.....	21
Total members lost.....	15
Total membership.....	205
Total Income for all churches (2 churches reporting).....	\$92,015.41
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	2
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	2
Total value of all church property (3 churches reporting).....	\$1,661,300.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	6
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	5
Total number of churches with daycares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School Enrollment.....	102
Total CTS enrollment.....	21
Total WNAC enrollment.....	41
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	15
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$1000.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Central Association Cont'd

Charity FWB 415 Orchard Dr. Bassett, VA 24055 276-629-5722	Pastor: Curtis Ashley 289 Orchard Drive Bassett, VA 24055 276-629-8712
Chestnut Hill FWB 13771 Lee-Jackson Hwy. Big Island, VA 24526 434-299-5066	Pastor: Phil Stevens (interim) 64 Lindsay Lane Rustburg, VA 24588 434-332-3636
King of Kings FWB 12371 E. Lynchburg-Salem Tnpk. Forest, VA 24551 434-525-7244	Pastor: Brandon Baber 1695 Founding Way Rd. Bedford, VA 24523 540-587-6555
Lighthouse FWB 924 Burks Hill Rd. Bedford, VA 24523	Pastor: Larry Ross 1560 Oakwood St. Bedford, VA 24523 540-587-8962
Woodland Heights FWB 1995 Old Chatham Rd. Martinsville, VA 24112 276-634-0995	Pastor: Stanley Waddell 1513 Grandview Rd. Martinsville, VA 24112 276-340-7906

Other Preachers:

Bob Breedon 1147 Woodland Ave. Buena Vista, VA 24416 540-261-1043	
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DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Moderator: L.W. Salling 12890 Veterans Memorial Hwy. Fort Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2311	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490
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Total Number of Churches.....	5
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	0
Total Number of Churches rural.....	5
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	5
Churches with Full time pastors.....	2
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	3
Total Baptisms.....	5
Total Members Added.....	10
Total members lost.....	1
Total membership.....	129
Total Income for all churches (6 churches reporting)	\$52,293.50
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property (4 churches reporting).....	\$507,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	16
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	7
Total number of churches with daycares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School Enrollment.....	130
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	0
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	10
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$1400.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Clinch Valley Association Cont'd. - Midway Quarterly Conference

Moderator: Daryle Hurd 449 Fraley Ave. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-1121	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490
Bishop Memorial FWB Hill Station Alley Rd. Gate City, VA 24251	Pastor: Daryle Hurd 449 Fraley Ave. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-1121
Valley View FWB Dungannon, VA 24245	Pastor: L.W. Salling 12890 Veterans Mem. Hwy. Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2311

Sunbright Quarterly Conference

Moderator: Carl Rogers 579 Holcomb Hollow Rd. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-1781	Clerk: Martha Townsend 3218 Mabe Stanleytown Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2302
Bowen's Chapel FWB P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244	Pastor: William Bowen P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2533
Mabe's Chapel FWB 3218 Mabe Stanleytown Rd. Duffield, VA 24244	Pastor: Lonnie Townsend 135 Blueberry Ridge Dr. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-4504
Red Hill FWB 1674 Red Hill Rd. Gate City, VA 24251	Pastor: Vernon McDavid 623 Horton Summit Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2530

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

Kyle Akers 2189 Bishoptown Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-2215	Charles Puckett 641 Mayfield Ave. Kingsport, TN 37665 423-384-7105
Jackie Frazier 1277 Ford Branch Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-2999	Milligan Herron 3545 Red Hill Rd. Gate City, VA 24251 276-452-4640
Michael Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490	Nathan Jackson, Jr. 124 Chateaugay Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-1983
Paul Smith 3496 Red Hill Rd. Gate City, VA 24251 276-452-2215	Nathan Jackson, Jr. 124 Chateaugay Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-1983
Paul Smith 3496 Red Hill Rd. Gate City, VA 24251 276-452-2215	Roger Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490
Bruce Brewer 391 Doc Ollinger Rd. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-3064	

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Fred Gillianwater 7335 Clinch River Hwy. Fort Blackmore, VA 24250 276-940-4499	Clerk: Lennis France 4745 Memorial Blvd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-7039
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Total Number of Churches.....	3
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	0
Total Number of Churches rural.....	3
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	3
Churches with Full time pastors.....	2
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	0
Total	
Baptisms.....	3
Total Members Added.....	6
Total members lost.....	4
Total membership.....	152
Total Income for all churches.....	\$57,249.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$400,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	3
Total number of licensed ministers.....	3
Total number of ordained deacons.....	9
Total number of churches with daycares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School Enrollment.....	164
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	38
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	6
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$600.00

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Harmony Association Cont'd

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

Ministers:

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

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Rodger Castle 5905 Cochise Trail Kingsport, TN 37664 423-323-9234	Clerk: Donald W. White 1762 Pittstown rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-3604
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Total Number of Churches.....	14
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	5
Total Number of Churches rural.....	9
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	14
Churches with Full time pastors.....	7
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	7
Total Baptisms.....	72
Total Members Added.....	66
Total members lost.....	22
Total membership.....	918
Total Income for all churches.....	\$391,000.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	3
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	1
Total value of all church property.....	\$3,650,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	25
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	41
Total number of churches with daycares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	1
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School Enrollment.....	440
Total CTS enrollment.....	45
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$2,800.00

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John Wheeler Association Cont'd. - Northeastern Quarterly Conference

Adwolfe FWB 1032 Grubmore Rd. Marion, VA 24354	Pastor: Bob Surber 195 Morningstar Road Abingdon, VA 24210 276-676-3540
Cardwelltown FWB Route 2, Box 117 Saltville, VA 24370	Pastor: Mark Baumgardner 27413 Denton Valley Rd. Abingdon, VA 24211 Ph. 276-475-6016
Faith FWB Church Wytheville, VA	Rev. David Osborne 337 Shaw Road Rural Retreat, VA 24368 276-620-6294
Heavenly Hope FWB Marion, VA	Pastor: Bobby Collins 28559 Poor Valley Rd. Saltville, VA 24370 276-944-5320
Liberty FWB Route 5, Box 448 Marion, VA 24354	Pastor: Jimmy Taylor 242 Barbrow Hollow Road Saltville, VA 24370 Ph. 276-496-5423
Macedonia FWB Saltville, VA 24354	Pastor: Clarence Frye 723 Free Will Lane Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-5645
Macedonia FWB 1764 Pine Swamp Road Sparta, NC	Pastor: Eddie Foster 446 Pugh Mountain Rd. Marion, VA 24354 276-783-8642

Other Preachers:

David Neitch 121 Colonial Heights Dr. Marion, VA 24354 276-783-2926	Tim Surber 1628 Allison Gap Rd. Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-3339
Robert Prater 183 Lions Club Road Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-3423	Rev. Danny Pruitt 10749 Forest Hill Dr. Glade Spring, VA 24340 276-429-5562

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

John Wheeler Association Cont'd. - Southwestern Quarterly Conference

Cornerstone FWB 300 Hinson Lane Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-6700	Pastor: Gary Rowlette 1215 Anderson Street Bristol, TN 37620 423-652-2130
East Bristol FWB 208 Trammel Road Bristol, TN 37620	Pastor: Donald White 1762 Pittstown Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-3604
First FWB 1641 Euclid Ave. Bristol, VA 24201 276-466-2761	Pastor: Rev. David Mizelle 15676 Monticello Dr. Bristol, VA 24202 276-791-9550
Friendship FWB 300 Sharps Creek Road Bristol, TN 37620	Pastor: Tony Woods 552 Sharp Creek's Rd. Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-7487
Genesis FWB 1044 New Beason Well Road Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-3532	Pastor: Jackie Cole
Shiloh FWB 21503 Benhams Road Bristol, VA 24202 276-466-8620	Pastor: Rodger Castle 5905 Cochise Trail Kingsport, TN 37664 423-323-9234
Temple FWB 745 Randolph Street Bristol, VA 24201	Pastor: Noah Holbrook 601 Garden Lane Bristol, VA 276-591-3115

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

Roger Ball 5461 Rich Valley Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-466-2806 (Shiloh)	Rev. Wayne Carr 119 Days Inn Road Elizabethton, TN 37643 423-388-9638 (Shiloh)
Rev. N.N. Jennings Dotson 2725 Prestwick Court Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-2891	Chris Conally 1315 Holston Dr, Bristol, TN 37620 (Cornerstone)
Rev. Jack Ketteiman 64 Cherry Drive Bristol, VA 24201 615-430-2445 (First Bristol)	Pastor: C.F. Jack Sprinkle 15340 Majestic dr. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-9570
Rev. Austin Woods 552 Sharp Creek's Rd. Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-7487 (Friendship)	Ronnie Lee Worley 1751 Pittstown Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-591-3012 (Temple)

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Don Hellms 13546 W. River Rd. Polmyra, VA 22963 434-842-2867	Clerk: Robert W. Brown 7515 Hunter Lodge Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22551 540-582-5531 pastor@heritagefwb.net
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Total Number of Churches.....	13
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	9
Total Number of Churches rural.....	4
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	13
Churches with Full time pastors.....	5
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	8
Total Baptisms.....	42
Total Members Added.....	44
Total members lost.....	29
Total membership.....	423
Total Income for all churches.....	\$1,039,494.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	6
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	2
Total value of all church property.....	\$6,750,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	18
Total number of licensed ministers.....	6
Total number of ordained deacons.....	4
Total number of churches with daycares.....
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....
Total number of churches with Colleges.....
Sunday School Enrollment.....	317
Total CTS enrollment.....	63
Number of state association minutes requested.....	13
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$2800.00

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Northern Virginia Association Cont'd.

Bethel FWB 3713 Pennington Ln. Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199	Pastor: Dave Nobles 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-6097 pastor@bethelfwbaptist.com
Calvary FWB 4808 Shelby Rd. Rochelle, VA 227384 540-948-9979	Pastor: Richard W. Wright 13622 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Culpepper, VA 22701 540-829-4675
Casa De Dios FWB 3713 Pennington Ln. Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199	Pastor: Diego Cueva 5650 Smallwood Ct. Woodbridge, VA 22193 703-670-8570
Cornerstone FWB 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225 703-361-6519	Pastor: Dallas Slemp 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225 703-361-6519
Elkton FWB Sixth St./ P.O. Box 298 Elkton, VA 22827 540-298-2894	Pastor: Billy D. King 100 Ashby St. Elkton, VA 22827 540-298-9680 pprchrBill@hotmail.com
FWB Church of Roanoke 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E. Roanoke, VA 24012 540-245-2706	Pastor: Roger Bevins 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E. Roanoke, VA 24012 540-245-2706
Grace FWB 9459 Poindexter Rd. Louisa, VA 23093 540-967-2446 540-967-5150 (fax)	Pastor: John Austin 740 Profitt Rd. Mineral VA 23117 540-894-0366
Harmony FWB 225 Spicers Mill Rd. Orange, VA 22960	Pastor: Paul Kirk 29125 Essey Lane Rhoadesville, VA 22542 540-854-8799

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Northern Virginia Association Cont'd.

Harrisonburg FWB 611B W. Market St. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-433-8980	Pastor: Paul J. Collins 794 Gailcrist Dr. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-434-5734
Heritage FWB 12500 Chewning Lane Fredricksburg, VA 22407 540-786-7445 540-786-2985 (fax) http://heritagefwb.net	Pastor: Robert W. Brown 7515 Hunter Lodge Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22551 540-582-5531 pastor@heritagefwb.net
LifeGate FWB PO Box 4702 Winchester, VA 22604	Pastor: Jason Weaver 1641 Cedar Grove Rd. Winchester, VA 22603 540-686-2783
Lyon Park FWB 716 N. Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 703-527-7040	Pastor: Michael Kernodle 719 N. Cleveland St. Arlington, VA 22201 703-527-6743
Park Lane FWB 112 Park Lane W. Charlottesville, VA 22903 434-296-2740	Pastor: Don Helms 13546 West River Rd. Palmyra, VA 22963 434-842-2867

Other Preachers:

George R. Barrett 837 Fairwood Dr. Culpepper, VA 22701 540-829-5686	Roger Bevins 293 Middle Lane New Castle, VA 24127 276-597-4252
Jeff Dotson 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225	Lester Horton 211 Forest Lake Dr. Apt. 239 Stephens City, VA 22655-3307
Ki Jang Yoo 121 Groucheh Ter. Gaithersburg, MD 20877 301-977-2224	

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

<p>Moderator: Johnny Woodward PO Box 318 Honaker, VA 24260 276-873-5834</p>	<p>Clerk: Audrey Barton 1038 Barberry Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-2311</p>
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Total Number of Churches.....	3
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	0
Total Number of Churches rural.....	3
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	3
Churches with Full time pastors.....	0
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	3
Total Baptisms.....	0
Total Members Added.....	2
Total members lost.....	1
Total membership.....	90
Total Income for all churches.....	\$11,918.12
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$330,500.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	9
Total number of licensed ministers.....	1
Total number of ordained deacons.....	9
Total number of churches with daycares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	0
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School Enrollment.....	90
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	0
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$600.00

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Sandy Valley Association Cont'd.

<p>Venia Chapel FWB 1094 Venia Church Rd. Honaker, VA 24260</p>	<p>Pastor: Wendell Harris 1312 High Knob Rd. Vansant, VA 24656 276-859-2497</p>
<p>Gents Chapel FWB 3196 Drill Rd. Honaker, VA 24260</p>	<p>Pastor: Johnny Woodward P.O. Box 318 Honaker, VA 24260 276-873-5834</p>
<p>Heltons Chapel FWB 2782 Stinson Ridge Rd. Rowe, VA 24646</p>	<p>Pastor: Jason Reynolds P.O. Box 1691 Honaker, VA 24260 276-873-4074</p>

Other Preachers:

<p>Donald Harris 1161 Jay Hollow Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-2918</p>	<p>Emory James 1173 Nance White Branch Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-9418</p>
<p>Michael Miller 1232 Nance White Branch Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 275-859-2642</p>	<p>Earl Reynolds 2551 Stinson Ridge Rd. Rowe, VA 24646 276-859-0540</p>
<p>Robert Tiller 3705 Indian Creek Road Bee, VA 24217 276-859-0244</p>	<p>Roy Lee Wilson 2718 Monte Rd. Bee, VA 24217 276-859-2149</p>
<p>Delmer Ball 1330 Honaker Chapel Rd. Castlewood, VA 24224 276-794-7013</p>	

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Moderator: James J. Vaughn 20 Albemarle Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-2826	Clerk: James V. Pochodzay 2429 Ocoonita Rd. Jonesville, VA 24263 276-346-2222
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Total Number of Churches.....	20
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	5
Total Number of Churches rural.....	15
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	20
Churches with Full time pastors.....	3
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	16
Total Baptisms.....	5
Total Members Added.....	17
Total members lost.....	74
Total membership.....	901
Total Income for all churches.....	Not Reported
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$4,157,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	39
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	48
Total number of churches with daycares.....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	1
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	0
Sunday School Enrollment.....	594
Total CTS enrollment.....	161
Total WNAC enrollment.....	46
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	15
Number of state association minutes requested.....	80
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$4000.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Southwest Association Cont'd. - East Wise Quarterly

Bernard Broskey 378 Anderson Hollow Rd. NE Norton, VA 24273	Sammy Hall 14940 Sandy Ridge Rd. St. Paul, VA 24283 276-395-3819
Gary Hill 216 7 th St. NE Norton, VA 24273 276-679-5466	Cecil Jessee 153 Nancy Robinson St. Dungannon, VA 24245 276-467-1592
Danny C. Mullins 8301 Gillial Hollow Rd. Pound, VA 24279 276-395-5935	David Nidiffer 9605 Charles Ave. Wise, VA 24293
Wayne Perry P.O. Box 954 Coeburn, VA 24230 276-395-5315	Steve Powers 6245 Lake Road Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-679-3630
Marty Puckett 215 Harris St. NE Coeburn, VA 24230 276-395-6610	Lawrence Rutherford 3811 Reeds Creek Rd. Keokee, VA 24255 276-546-3727
Nolan Stanley P.O. Box 714 Pound, VA 24279 276-796-5603	James Wilson 5437 Pole Bridge Road Wise, VA 24293

Southwest Association - Lee County Quarterly

First FWB Pennington Gap	Pastor: Wayne Scott 330 Ford Creek Rd. Gray, TN 37615 423-207-0017
Ocoonita FWB	Pastor: None
Victory FWB	Donald Jones 1453 Smyth Chapel Rd. Pennington Gap, VA 24277 276-546-4369

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Southwest Association - Lee County Quarterly Cont'd. (Other Ministers)

William Feck 166 Mountain Ash Dr. Dryden, VA 24243 276-546-4319	Robert Hartsock 139 Cougar Alley Dr. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-0095
Russell McCoy 4719 Sugar Run Road Jonesville, VA 24263 276-794-4083	Roger Rowe P.O. Box 118 Duffield, VA 24244 276-546-0904
James V. Vaughn 20 Albemarle St. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-2826	

Southwest Association – West Wise County Quarterly

Bethel Chapel	Pastor: Randy Sturgill
Brian's Chapel	Pastor: Ralph McFarland
Faith	Pastor: Lars Dorton
Hopkin's Chapel	Pastor: Worley Smith
Indian Creek	Pastor: Joel Cantrell
Martha's Chapel	Pastor: Jimmy Slemp
Mt. Olive	Pastor: T.J. McAmis
Stevens Chapel	Pastor: Jack Blanton
Wilson's Chapel	Pastor: Larry Hammonds

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Terry Beck 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-7414	Clerk: Mark Kiepke 102 Corbin Dr. Newport News, VA 23606 757-651-2708 Kiepke4@verizon.net
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Total Number of Churches.....	11
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	
Total Number of Churches rural.....	
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	
Churches with Full time pastors.....	
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	
Total Baptisms.....	
Total Members Added.....	
Total members lost.....	
Total membership.....	
Total Income for all churches.....	
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	
Total value of all church property.....	
Total number of ordained ministers.....	
Total number of licensed ministers.....	
Total number of ordained deacons.....	
Total number of churches with daycares.....	
Total number of churches with Kindergartens.....	
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes.....	
Total number of churches with Colleges.....	
Sunday School Enrollment.....	
Total CTS enrollment.....	
Total WNAC enrollment.....	
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	
Number of state association minutes requested.....	
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$2,200.00

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Tidewater Association Cont'd.

<p>Bethany FWB P: 2430 Azalea Garden Rd. Norfolk, VA 23513 757-853-7300</p>	<p>Pastor: Mark Crews 4624 Larkin St. Norfolk, VA 23513 704-616-0754 757-201-8384</p>
<p>Calvary FWB 814 E. Virginia Ave. Crewe, VA 23930 804-605-7080</p>	<p>Pastor: James Bradley 334-379-6980</p>
<p>Calvary FWB 1042 Penniman Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23188 757-407-1605</p>	<p>Pastor: Robert Breneman 5477 Virginia Beach Blvd. #102 Virginia beach, VA 23462 757-407-1605</p>
<p>Carolina Virginia New Life Ministry 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457</p>	<p>Pastor: Jeremy Effler 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457 757-713-3740</p>
<p>CrossPointe FWB (mission) 2460 Pruden Blvd. Suffolk, VA 23434 757-923-9059 info@crosspointesuffolk.com www.crosspointesuffolk.com</p>	<p>Pastor: David Sexton 126 Niblick Circle Suffolk, VA 23434 757-923-9059</p>
<p>Faith FWB 16053 Carrollton Blvd. (Mail) P.O. Box 205 Carrollton, VA 23314 757-238-3210</p>	<p>Interim Pastor: Larry Russell 800 Brookside Ave. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-639-9042</p>
<p>First FWB 8995 Hungary Hd. Richmond, VA 23294 804-270-9463 pastorbullock@ firstfreewillbaptistonline.org www.firstfreewillbaptistonline.org</p>	<p>Pastor: James Bullock 8995 Hungary Rd. Richmond, VA 23294 804-934-0542</p>

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Tidewater Association cont'd.

<p>Gateway FWB 5473 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-499-9686 www.gatewayfwbchurch.com</p>	<p>Pastor: Brent Patrick 205 Coliss Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 22462 757-499-9686 bpatrick@gatewayfwb.org</p>
<p>Good News FWB 5200 Courthouse Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832 804-744-5401 gnfwbc@goodnewsfwb.org</p>	<p>Pastor: Glen E. Johnson 317 Wallingham Rd. Midlothian, VA 23113 804-794-0381</p>
<p>Great Bridge FWB 700 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-482-4688</p>	<p>Pastor: Hal Jones 1125 Sutherlyn Ct. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-546-9688</p>
<p>Hyde Park FWB 8501 Chesapeake Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-6680</p>	<p>Pastor: Terry Beck 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-7414</p>
<p>Providence FWB 731 E. Little Back River Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 757-850-2844</p>	<p>Pastor: Richard Barnes 107 Artillery Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 757-850-1252</p>
<p>Unity FWB 360 Hickory Rd. E Chesapeake, VA 23328 757-428-3957</p>	<p>Pastor: Earl Sutton 102 Fox Lane Moyock, NC 27958 252-435-6227 lesutton@aol.com</p>
<p>Virginia Beach FWB 210 S. Witchduck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-499-3536</p>	<p>Pastor: J. D. Norris 2401 Darden Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23456 757-471-6209 jdorris@vbfwbc.org</p>

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Free Will Baptist Churches and Local Associations of the State of Virginia, being saved by grace through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, submitting to the total authority of the Bible as God's Word, and realizing the necessity of a bond of fellowship among us, do, therefore, adopt this Constitution to the glory and honor of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom on earth.

ARTICLE I. Name, Purpose, and Affiliation

Section A. This association shall be known as the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

Section B. This association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law). Such purposes include, but are not limited to the establishment and maintenance of religious worship, and the building, maintenance and operation of churches, schools, chapel, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, print shops, day-care centers, camps, and nursing homes.

Section C. This association shall voluntarily affiliate with the National Association of Free Will Baptists according to the provisions in its treatise and shall support all phases of the denomination's work as much as possible. This being a voluntary affiliation, this association submits to no veto or dictatorial power, and this affiliation can be discontinued at any time.

Section D. This association may correspond by letter or otherwise with other Bible believing bodies.

ARTICLE II. Statement of Faith

Section A. The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists has adopted A Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section B. Human Sexuality

1. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that all forms of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Any officer or employee of the association becoming pregnant or causing pregnancy as a result of consensual intercourse, outside of the marriage relationship, shall be terminated from their position. We will not knowingly commission, license, ordain, hire, or countenance any of these lifestyles or practices. Any member association condoning or promoting such practices as stated above will be dismissed from this body (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5,13; Genesis 26:8,9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).

2. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23).

3. We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home and men are to be the leaders (all ministers and deacons) of the church (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:18; 1 Timothy 2:8,15; 3:4,5,12).

Section C. Authority Of Statement Of Faith

The Statement of Faith as recorded in A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists or in this document does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing statement of faith and this document accurately represents the teaching of the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all members.

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ARTICLE III. Membership and Representation

Section A. Membership

1. The membership of this association shall be composed of properly organized and received Local Associations (yearly or district).

2. Any Local Association (yearly or district) desiring membership in this association must accept Free Will Baptist doctrine, practices, and system of church government as outlined in the most recent publication of A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists and must be in total agreement with the declarations of this Constitution.

3. Any organized Free Will Baptist Local Association (yearly or district) desiring to unite with this association, maintaining gospel order and agreeing with the position stated herein concerning doctrine and church government, and which is in favor of our evangelistic enterprises as stated in the final two paragraphs of our Free Will Baptist Church Covenant, may be received into this Virginia State Association in accordance with the procedure set forth in A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists from the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Part IV, Chapter III, Section V, A3, D, & E. Upon completion of this process, any Local Association may become a member after having been received by majority vote by this association.

Section B. Delegates

1. All ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with a Local Association belonging to the Virginia State Association, and duly elected officers and members of boards and standing committees shall, upon registration, constitute the standing delegates.

2. Each Local Association in good standing with this body shall be entitled to five (5) delegates to be chosen from the laity and two (2) additional delegates for each district meeting (if divided into districts) to be chosen by the respective district meeting.

3. Each local church affiliated with a Local Association in good standing shall be allowed one (1) delegate to this body.

Section C. Duties of members

1. It shall be the duty of each Local Association belonging to this association to send a letter on the proper form with the required fees to each meeting of this association, reporting in the same its statistics and benevolent work.

2. Any Local Association not corresponding by letter and appropriate fees shall not be seated with its delegates until the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the body.

Section D. Discipline of a member

1. The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or usage that may properly come before it from any association, district meeting or church composing this association or act upon any appeal that may be made by anybody belonging to this association. Such appeals are to come before the body after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

2. This State Association shall have the authority to withdraw fellowship from any Local Association for practices contrary to the Constitution of this association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present.

3. An official attempt by the Executive Board toward restoration of fellowship must be made prior to exclusion of any member association.

4. Any charge or accusation against any member association, its churches, or its ministers shall be properly presented in writing to the Executive Board for consideration before being discussed on the floor.

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ARTICLE IV. Officers, Boards, and Committees

Section A. Election Procedure

1. The Nominating Committee shall select a nominee for each office that is vacant and present the list to the Moderator
2. The Moderator shall read the name that is nominated for each office, and declare the floor open for additional nominations.
3. Each office shall be filled by a majority vote of the body at the close of each regular session.

Section B. Terms of Office

1. The officers of this association shall consist of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and all boards and committees as elected by the body.
2. All officers and committees shall serve for a term of one (1) year except for the following:
 - a) Clerk and Assistant Clerk-four (4) years, to be elected on leap year.
 - b) Executive Board-five (5) years staggered. c) Mission Board-five (5) years staggered.
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 - d) State Promotional Secretary-If a volunteer, he will be voted in annually. If salaried, he will be employed by the State Association and elected every two (2) years.
 - e) The assistant treasurer (Home Missions treasurer)-at the will of the Home Missions Board.

Section C. Duties of officers

1. Moderator:

- a. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call each session to order for the business and to preside over all business sessions of this State Association.
- b. He shall appoint a Nomination Committee and a Credentials Committee prior to the beginning of each session, each consisting of at least three (3) members.
- c. He is to see that all business is conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* (current edition).
- d. He is to maintain proper Christian order and not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
- e. He is to preside over any special called meeting between sessions whether called by himself or the Executive Board.
- f. He shall seat the delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
- g. He is to promote the work of the Virginia State Association.
- h. He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and the State Association programs.

2. Assistant Moderator:

- a. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator whenever called upon, and assume the chair in the absence of the Moderator.
- b. He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and the State Association programs.

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3. Clerk:

- a. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep clear, concise, accurate records of all proceedings of this body whether in special session or regular session.
- b. The clerk shall be responsible for the printing and distribution to the Local Associations of the minutes of each annual session.
- c. The clerk is to compile the letters sent from member Local Associations into the proper form to be sent to the to National Association of Free Will Baptists.
- d. The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
- e. The clerk is to mail each individual church clerk, pastor, and association clerk a notice of the State Association meeting dates at least one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one (1) delegate at the State Association meeting. This will include any special or called meetings.
- f. The clerk will meet as part of the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Meeting programs and will keep records of these meetings, being able to report to the body.

4. Assistant Clerk:

- a. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk to assist in recording the minutes of the State Association and the keeping of complete records of all business transactions.
- b. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk to assist the Clerk in the printing of the minutes of each Virginia State Association meeting.
- c. It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Clerk to fill the Clerk's place should the office be vacant or the Clerk unable to attend.

5. Treasurer:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, deposit, and disburse all funds at the discretion of this association. The Treasurer will meet as part of the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.

6. Assistant Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, deposit, and disburse all funds at the discretion of this association. The Treasurer will meet as part of the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.

7. Promotional Secretary

- a. The State Association can have at its discretion a Promotional Secretary.
- b. He will perform his duties at the direction of and in cooperation with the Executive Board.
- c. The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association.

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

- a. It shall be the duty of the one elected to serve as a full member of the Family Ministries official Board.
- b. He shall at all times represent the interests of Virginia in the overall ministry.
- c. They shall serve for a period of six (6) years.

Section D. Boards and Committees

1 Executive Board.

- a. The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members elected by the association on a five year rotating basis.
- b. This Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session to another. It shall have the power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.
- c. This board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in any area of the work.
- d. It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the State Association.

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- e. This board shall consider whatever business is placed upon it, or referred to it by this association or its membership.
- f. This board shall promote the work of the Virginia State Association.
- g. This board shall plan each Bible Conference and State Association.
- h. This board shall set the place for the State CTS competition each year when needed.
- i. The Executive Board will oversee the office of the State Promotional Secretary.
- j. This board shall each year develop a reasonable budget for the work of the State Association and the disbursement of its funds. It shall present this budget to the body in its regular session. It shall have authority to disburse funds as approved in the association budget.
- k. This board shall provide an audit of the financial records annually and report to the body at regular session.
- l. All State Boards and Committees shall be accountable to and shall report to the Executive Board at its annual planning meeting. (ref. 2012)

2 State Home Mission Board

- a. The State Home Missions Board shall consist of seven (7) members elected by this association on a five year rotating basis, and shall be responsible for carrying out the desires of this association in establishing and supporting mission churches in needed areas under the direction of the Virginia State Association. It shall report annually to this association.
- b. The treasurer of the Home Mission Board shall come from the membership of the Board. He will serve as the Assistant Treasurer of the State Association and serve at the will of the Home Missions Board.
- c. This board will have its own Constitution detailing its own responsibilities under the direction and authority of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.
- d. This board shall have authority to make decisions, on location, personnel, and finance. Upon approval of this association or the Executive Board, it shall be authorized to deal with real estate property and mortgages as needed for the advancement of the work of missions.

3 Nominating Committee:

- a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall choose a nominee for each vacant office prior to the regular session making written report to the Moderator for report to the body.
- c. Each nominee should be contacted prior to being presented to the body to be sure that he is willing and able to perform the duties incumbent to the office.
- d. No one should be nominated who is not in good standing with his church, his Local Association, and this body.

4 Credentials Committee

- a. The Credentials Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.
- b. The Credentials Committee is to examine all letters to the State Association and the credentials of the various delegates.
- c. The committee shall make recommendations to the State Association in session concerning the seating of delegates.

5 Other Committees

Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

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ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section A. Time of meetings

1. The Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall hold its regular meetings annually.
2. The State Association shall meet beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the third (3rd) Sunday in June each year, and shall continue in session until its work is completed.
3. Special sessions may be called by the Moderator or the Executive Board when conditions demand.
4. This State Association will sponsor a Bible Conference on the Thursday of the General Session beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Section B. Procedure of Annual General Session

1. Each session will begin with prayer and congregational singing.
2. The Clerk shall take charge of the *devotional* service.
3. The Clerk shall then introduce the officers, concluding with the Moderator.
4. The Moderator shall declare the session to be in order for business and remind the association of its responsibility to do work for the Lord.
5. The quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.
6. If a quorum is present, he shall then proceed with the business.
7. The minutes of the previous sessions will be made available in writing and are to be read only if asked for by a majority vote. The minutes of the present session will be made available to the Moderator at the first possible opportunity. He will assist the Clerk in any needed corrections.
8. This body will be *governed* as stipulated in the most current edition of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this document.
9. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (current edition) shall *govern* the body in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with this document.

ARTICLE VI. Indemnification

Section A. Actions Subject to Indemnification

The association may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, including all appeals (other than an action by or in the right of the association) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent of the association, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding; and if that person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to *believe* his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or on a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner that he reasonably *believed* to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section B. Expenses Subject To Indemnification

To the extent that a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in this Article, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter in that action, suit, or proceeding, he or she may be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding.

Section C. Limitations of Indemnification

Any indemnification made under this Article, may be made by the association only as authorized in the specific case of a determination that indemnification of the moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section A of this Article. The determination shall be made (a) by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of the

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members of Executive Board who were not and are not parties to, or threatened with, the action, suit, or proceeding; (b) if the described quorum is not obtainable, or if a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested *Executive* Board members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (c) by a majority vote of the members of the association.

Section D. Timing of Indemnification

Expenses of each person seeking indemnification under this Article, may be paid by the association as they are incurred, in *advance* of the final disposition of the action, suit, or proceeding, as authorized by the *Executive* Board in the specific case, on receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not qualified to be indemnified by the association.

Section E. Extent of Indemnification

The indemnification provided by this Article shall be deemed to be discretionary unless otherwise required as a matter of law or under any agreement or provided by insurance purchased by the association, both as to action of each person seeking indemnification under the Article in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding that office, and may continue as to a person who has ceased to be a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent and may inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of that person.

Section F. Insurance

The association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent of the association against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in that capacity, or arising out of his status in that capacity, whether or not the association would have the power to indemnify him against liability under the provisions of this article. Such insurance will be purchased when deemed necessary by the body.

ARTICLE VII. Tax Exempt Provisions

Section A. Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I, Section B hereof.

Section B. Political Involvement

No substantial part of the activities of this association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. This association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section C. Dissolution

In the *event* of the dissolution of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, any assets of the organization then remaining shall be *conveyed* to such organizations then existent dedicated to similar objectives to those of this organization, selected by the Executive Board at the time of dissolution. This organization must be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) as amended or under successor provisions of the Code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution.

Section D. Racial Nondiscrimination

This association shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against members, applicants, students, and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

Section E. Limitation Of Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution the association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes stated in Article I, Section B.

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ARTICLE VIII. Designated Contributions

From time to time the association, in the exercise of its religious, educational, and charitable purposes, may establish various funds to accomplish specific goals. Contributors may suggest uses for their contributions but all suggestions shall be deemed advisory rather than mandatory in nature. All contributions made to specific funds or otherwise designated shall remain subject to the exclusive control and discretion of this association. No fiduciary obligation shall be created by any designated contribution for the general furtherance of any private persons.

ARTICLE IX. Binding Arbitration

Section A. Submission to Arbitration

Believing that lawsuits between believers are prohibited by Scripture, all members of this association agree to submit to binding arbitration for the resolution of any matters which cannot otherwise be resolved, and agree to expressly waive any and all rights in law and equity to bringing any civil disagreement before a court of law, except that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Section B. Notice Of Arbitration

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising out of or relating to this Constitution or any other associational matter, the parties shall use their best efforts to settle such disputes, claims, questions, or disagreement as befits Christians. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests not disgrace the name of Christ, seek to reach a just and equitable solution. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice by either party to the other, disputes, claims, questions, or differences shall be finally settled by arbitration as described in Section 1, above, and such Procedures for Arbitration as are adopted pursuant to the following two sections.

Section C. Limitations On Arbitration Decisions

Should any dispute involve matters of associational discipline, the arbitrators shall be limited to determining whether the procedures for associational discipline as outlined under this Constitution were followed.

Should any dispute involve the removal from office of any association officer, the arbitrators shall be limited to determining whether the procedures set forth in this Constitution were followed.

Section D. Arbitration Procedures

The procedures for arbitration shall be as adopted by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

The Constitution of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists may be altered or amended at any regular session by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present, providing the change has been submitted in writing and tabled from the previous session.

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ARTICLE XI. Standing Rules

1. Everything will be done decently and in order. (I Corinthians 14:40)
2. The State Association will pay the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer \$100.00 per year
3. The Executive Board shall determine the amount of honorarium that is to be given to speakers.
4. Representatives on the National Boards are to be active at the state level.
5. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee.
6. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
7. No member of this association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.
8. Reports shall be limited to ten (10) minutes unless ordered by a majority vote of the body.
9. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than two times.
10. The State Association will pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition.
11. The annual State Association meeting will rotate around the state, alternating between east, north, and west as much as practical. Location is to be decided by vote at each preceding session.
12. Office vacancies are to be filled from those who attend the State Association meetings regularly.
13. Each Local Association (yearly or district) is to send \$200 per member church to this body for National dues, plus an offering to help defray the expenses of the State Meeting and the printing of the minutes. (2012)
14. The State's recommendation for the person to serve as its General Board member will be made and sent with the State Association's report to the National Association on the even calendar years.
15. To maintain continuity between the Virginia State Association and the National Association of the Free Will Baptists, the King James Version of the Bible shall be the official version of the Virginia State Association, to be used in all meetings, preaching, teaching, and other activities of the Association.
16. A certificate of honor suitable for framing will be delivered to the surviving spouse of any deceased minister of the Virginia State Association.
17. The Moderator shall be an ex-officio member of all state boards and committees.
18. These Standing Rules can be changed by a majority vote at any regular session.

ADOPTION

This Constitution was adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at a scheduled meeting of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists in which a quorum was present.

This Constitution supersedes any previous constitution, rulings, customs, or practices of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Adopted:

Date June 14, 2003

Moderator *Rev. Dr. Dave Nobles*

Clerk *Rev. Virgil A. Maness*

Executive Board Member

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