

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

Seventy Fifth
Annual Session Held With
**Harrisonburg Free Will Baptist
Church**
Harrisonburg, VA

June 13-14, 2013

The next session will be held at the
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Benhams Road
Bristol, VA 24201
June 12-13, 2014

OFFICERS ELECTED 2013

Moderator.....Paul Collins (2014)
Assistant Moderator.....Rodger Castle (2014)
Clerk.....Don White (2016)
Assistant Clerk.....Bob Brown (2016)
Treasurer.....Gary Hill (2014)
Assistant Treasurer (from Home Mission Board)Dave Nobles

Elected Executive Board

Marty Puckett.....2014
Don Helms.....2015
Richard Barnes.....2016
Roger Bevins.....2017
Bob Brown.....2018

Home Missions Board

Dave Nobles.....2014
Larry Russell.....2015
Bob Brown.....2015
Glenn Johnson.....2016
Rodger Castle.....2016
Rev. David Mizelle.....2017
Earl Sutton.....2018

Board Member to

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

Board Member to

National Association of Free Will Baptist.....Bruce Barnes (2014)

Promotional Director.....Bruce Barnes (2014)

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

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 13, 2013

11:00 am

Opening Song: "Love Lifted Me"
"Victory in Jesus"

Opening Prayer: Bob Brown

Welcome: Paul Collins

Special Music: Bruce Barnes
"I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy"

Message: Brent Patrick: Colossians 1:25-29, "Enemies of Discipleship"

1:00 pm

Opening Song: Rejoice Praise Team from Welch College
"Lord Most High"
"Just a Little Talk With Jesus"
"I Know Who Holds My Hand"

Message: David Mizelle, Deuteronomy 6 & 1John 5, "The Essence of Discipleship"

2:00 pm Seminar

Bruce Barnes, "Discipling through Sunday School"

3:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

7:00 pm Session

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Welcome: Rev. Paul; Collins, Pastor Harrisonburg FWB
Call to Order: Moderator, Rev. Paul Collins

Recognition and appointment of Committees:

Nominating Committee: Dallas Slemp, Chair
Roger Bevins
Scotty Curtis

Registration and Credentials Committee:

Mark Nepl, Chair
Bill Braithwaite
Carolyn Braithwaite

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Introduction of Officers by Moderator.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Hill

Motion to accept: Rev. Roger Bevins

Second: Rev. Rodger Castle

Approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Moderator introduced representatives from the National Agencies:

International Missions, Mark McPeate
Welch College, Matt Pinson
Executive Office, Ryan Lewis
FWB Foundation, Richard Davis
Board of Retirement, Ryan Lewis

Ordained Ministers and deacons were called forward for laying on of hands and prayer for the National Agencies.

A motion was approved to adjourn business and enter into worship.

Songs by Harrisonburg FWB Praise Team

"Shall We Gather at the River of Forgiveness"
"Ain't God Good"

Message: Richard Barnes, "Essentials of Discipleship", Luke 14:27

Offering of \$2,729.25 was received for the Oklahoma Project as pianist played "Surely Goodness and Mercy." Prayer by Adam Bolin.

Dismissed by Keegan Murphin

Friday, June 14, 2013

Morning Session

Opening prayer by Dallas Slemp

Opening Song: Guitar Instrumental by Bruce Barnes, "It Is Will With My Soul"

Devotions: Don Helms, Matthew 4:18-20, "Being a Good Disciple"

Prayer: Paul Collins

Break

Call to Order: Moderator

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Motion to accept minutes as printed approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Report of the Credentials Committee: Mark Nepl

Association	# Churches	Fees Paid
Central	5	\$ 750
Clinch Valley	7	\$ 1400
Harmony	4	\$ 600
John Wheeler	15	\$ 3000
Northern	14	\$ 2800
Sandy Valley	3	\$ 600
Southwest	21	\$ 4200
Tidewater	13	\$ 2600
Totals	82	\$ 15,950

29 Ministers; 16 Delegates; 43 visitors

Motion to accept was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Clerk is requested to send a letter to the Central and Harmony Associations regarding their fees.

Report of the Executive Board read by Clerk.

Motion to accept and table 2 constitutional amendments was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Bruce Barnes gave the Report of the Promotional Director.

Motion to accept was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Home Missions Board Report: Bob Brown introduced Dave Nobles who gave the report for the Home Missions Treasury and the State Support Program.

Bob Brown, newly elected Chairman of the Home Missions Board then reported.

Working on Contracts with Missionaries, Guidelines for the Board and a future Handbook. Expecting a couple of works to go self-supporting soon. Seeking God's will on where to go next.

Motion to accept was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Reports of Home Missionaries:

Mzark Nepl, Crosspointe FWB Church, Suffolk: Hoping to go self-supporting in early 2014.

Roger Bevins, FWB Church in Roanoke: Continue to pray regarding lawsuit.

Paul Collins, Harrisonburg FWB Church: Released by National Missions as self-supporting; VA Home Missions Board still supporting.

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Bill Reynolds, Rhode Island: Thanks to Virginia Churches still supporting his work.

Diego Queva, VA Hispanic work: Work continues in the Woodbridge and Tidewater areas.

Motion to accept as information approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Bruce Barnes read a letter from Camp Jacob.

Motion to accept as information approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Newl Dotson reports for Harvest Childcare Ministries

Frank Woods reported for FWB Family Ministries

Motion to accept as information approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Glenn Johnson reported as General Board Member to the National Association:

Motion to accept as information approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Moderator introduced Richard and Barbara Banks. Adventurers for Christ is an independent work providing general labor and support for pastors, churches and communities seeking to establish gospel ministries.

Motion to accept as information approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Prayer by Mark McPeak.

Break for 11:00 worship.

Prayer: Paul Collins

Songs by Rejoice Ministry Team, Welch College

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

"There is a Higher Throne"

Mike Hollis gave a short report for Welch College

Message: Marty Puckett, Examining Discipleship, John 15:1-8

Invitation: "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Prayer and thanks for the noon-time meal: Roger Herron

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Friday, June 14, 2013

1:00 pm Session

Call to order – Paul Collins, Moderator

Devotion – John 13:34, 35 – Love One Another

Prayer

Executive Office – Ray Lewis

- Service arm of the Denomination
- NAFWB in Tampa, FL this coming July.
- Streaming video (Media Commission, Last year for CD/DVD's
- One Magazine
- "We are here to serve."

International Mission – Mark McPeake, Director of Advancement

- Video from Clint Morgan, Director
 - o Thank you for WMO 2012
- 2013 WMO second largest ever.
- Panama has sent word that they do not need any more missionary church planters.

Foundation – Richard Davis

- Investment arm of FWB
- Currently 2.75% money management
- \$35 million invested
- Distributed about \$1 million last year
- Gift annuities
- Endowments
- Stock
- Estate planning

Board of Retirement – Ray Lewis

- 36 individuals in program from Virginia
- Encourage all to participate
- Health Insurance
 - o Guidestone (Southern Baptist)
 - o Offer individual insurance
 - o Competitive rates
 - o Three employees at a church can qualify for a group rate

Randall House – David Womack

- Greetings from Ron Hunter CEO

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- Continuing to produce KJV
- Bible Teacher/Scholar will continue
- Building believers in the church and home
- Host the NYC
- Hose D6 Conference – Dallas (one day), Louisville
- Inspiration and Preservation of God's Word produced with Exec. Office
- Reprint of Rejoice Hymnal
- Total Abstinence (pamphlet) Latest Historical Commission (\$.60 each in bundle)
- Connecting church and home by Kimball
- Robert Picirilli new book out by NAFWB

Virginia Lawsuit – Bob Brown reported

5 Minute Break

NAFWB Delegates

Judy Castle
Patty Collins
Teresa Hill

Nominating Committee – Dallas Slemp, Chairman reporting

Moderator –	Paul Collins
Asst. Mod. -	Dr. Rodger Castle
Treasurer -	Gary Hill
Promotional –	Dr. Bruce Barnes
Executive Board –	Bob Brown
General Board -	Bruce Barnes
CTS -	Adam Bolin
Mission Board -	Earl Sutton

Memorial Prayer – Scotty Curtis

Rising Vote of Appreciation to Host Church

Adjourn

Brother Lester Horton – testimony about his Senior Ministry

Dismissal Prayer – Dr. Bruce Barnes.

June 13, 2013 – 11:00 am service

Rev. Brent Patrick, "Enemies of Discipleship"
Colossians 1:25-29

2 Directives: 1) Love God and love others 2) Fulfill the Great Commission by winning others and training them

Eternal Enemies: the devil, the world, lust of the flesh, ;ust of the eye, pride of life

"I am my own worst enemy – that which is within"

Lack of Bible knowledge
Lack of understanding to the importance of discipleship
(Mt. 28-18-20) more than making converts, must make "didciples"
3 imperatives: Go, Baptize, Teach
Lack of depth to the production of discipleship
Growing passion in service to the lord (Spiritually shallow activities)
Lack of deeper teaching of bible stories as kids grow up
Lack of challenge and Lack of trust from teachers
Lack of examples to model discipleship
I Timothy; Who are you mentoring?

June 13, 2013 – 1:00 pm service

Rev. David Mizelle, "Essence of Discipleship"
Deuteronomy 6; 1 John 5

Falling in love with Jesus more and more every day.

Condition of Discipleship

Cost – surrender

Call – to Christ

Connected to truth

The Word of Jesus; Keeping commandments

Learning how to listen, obey and pray

(there must be movement)

June 13, 2013 – 2:00 pm service

Seminar: "Discipling through Sunday School"
Dr. Bruce Barnes introduced David Womack from Randall House, to review D6 curriculum as "Tools of Discipleship"

Discipleship should take place in the home.

Roles of church and home are reversed in our day.

The difference between parents' discipline and God's discipline is that God is perfect.

D6 curriculum features CLEAR learning system.

Connect: Get the student's attention

Learn: What does the Bible say?

Explore: What else do I need to know?

Apply: What difference does this lesson make in my life?

Respond: What do I need to do now in light of this lesson?

Scope and Sequence: 6 year cycle / encourages Biblical literacy / Bible determines topics / Pastors can coordinate sermons

Every age on the same page – same basic topic for each age group with age appropriate magazxines for each age group.

"Downloadable" extras are available.

June 13, 2013 – 7:00 pm service

Rev. Richard Barnes, Essentials of Discipleship
Luke 14:27

Carrying the cross was a part of the penalty.

1. The cross is a personal burden
2. What to do with cross – follow
3. Assurance from the Holy Spirit

NOTES FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

June 14, 2013 – 8:30 am devotion

Don Helms, Matthew 4:18-20, "Being a Good Disciple"

- The right attitude
- Work where God sends you
- Let God be in control
- Be happy with what God gives you
- Get involved

June 14, 2013 – 11:00 am service

Marty Puckett, Examining Discipleship, John 15:1-8

One is a disciple by birth (new) or by fruit bearing.

Discipleship involves:

- Self-denial (Matthew 16:24; 1 Peter 1:18)
- Renunciation (Matthew 10:38; Luke 14:26; Luke 14:16)
- Steadfastness
- Faithfulness in bearing fruit (Matthew 21:18; John 13:35)

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REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Central Association:	Fees: \$750/ Churches: 5
Delegates:	Bill Thurston, Herman Hopkins, Nancy Gauldin, Rita Ashley, Mandy Baber, Don Sale, Harlene, Sale, Bernice Kay, Eula Wells
Clinch Valley Association:	Fees: \$1,400 / Churches: 7
Delegates:	Evelyn Herron, Daniel Herron,
Harmony Association:	Fees: \$600 / Churches: 4
Delegates:	Audrey Bowen, Nancy Gillenwater, Vince Hass, Ruby Hass, Tracy Alley, Sharon Williams
John Wheeler Association:	Fees: \$3,000 / Churches: 15
Delegates:	Judy Castle, Jo White
Northern Association:	Fees: \$2800 / Churches: 14
Delegates:	Wesley Summer, Lottie Horton, A. Williams, Doloris Powers, Clayton Howe
Sandy Valley Association:	Fees: \$600 / Churches: 3
Delegates:	None listed
Southwest Association:	Fees: \$4,200 (+300 gift) / Churches: 21
Delegates:	Teresa Hill, Roberta Blanton
Tidewater Association:	Fees: \$2,000 / Churches: 13
Delegates:	none listed

Total churches: 82

Total fees: \$ 15,950 (+\$300 gift)

Ministers registered: 32

Delegates registered: 16

Visitors registered: 47

Total registered: 95

Credentials Committee:

Mark Nepl, Chair

Bill Braithwaite

Carolyn Braithwaite

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the March 13, 2013 Planning Meeting

Attending Board Members:

Rev. Paul Collins, Moderator

Rev. Dr. Rodger Castle, Asst. Moderator & Home Missions Board Member

Rev. Don White, Clerk

Rev. Bob Brown, Asst. Clerk & Home Missions Board Member

Rev. Gary Hill, Treasurer

Rev. Roger Bevins, Executive Board Member

Rev. Marty Puckett, Executive Board Member

Rev. Don Helms, Executive Board Member

Rev. Richard Barnes, Executive Board Member

Rev. Dr. Bruce Barnes, Promotional Secretary

Rev. David Mizelle, Home Missions Board Member

Opening Prayer was led by Rev. Marty Puckett.

Welcome and devotions was given by Moderator, Rev. Paul Collins.

Radical Commitment: Matthew 16:21-28

Demonstration of...vs. 21-23

Command to...vs. 24

Importance of...vs. 25-28

The minutes of the June 2012 meeting were reviewed. Rev. Don Helms moved to accept as presented and Rev. Gary Hill seconded. The motion was approved by vote with no opposition.

Rev. Gary Hill gave the Treasurer's Report. (6-1-12 thru 3-11-13)

Beginning Balance: \$13,800.65

Ending Balance: \$18,016.31

Designated for Promotions Office: \$9,912.27

Designated for Legal Fund: \$1,183.32

State Funds Available: \$6,920.72

Proposed 2013-2014 Budget: \$48,000 (Balanced)

Rev. Richard Barnes moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded by Rev. Marty Puckett and approved with no opposition.

Dr. Bruce Barnes reported as Promotional Secretary suggesting we may need to make a decision about the promotional office due to his personal ministry situation. As a result of the closing of Gateway College, Dr. Barnes will be unemployed at the end of this school year and may have

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to move away from Virginia. Dr. Barnes requested our prayers as he considers God's will.

Rev. Bob Brown moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Rev. Richard Barnes and approved with no opposition.

Dismissed for lunch. Prayer and grace provided by Dr. Barnes.

Afternoon session was opened in prayer by Rev. Richard Barnes.

Lawyer Tim Matson, of Frith, Anderson & Peake reported on the status of the lawsuit.

Three additional lawsuits have been filed by the Tucker family.

Trial is scheduled for June 10-12, 2013.

Pursuing defense coverage through Traveler's Insurance (Bevins' Auto Coverage). Hoping for a resolution before going to trial.

Paul Collins gave a verbal report for Adam Bolin, CTS.

Eight young people from Virginia were participants at the National competition.

A written report will be provided.

Paul Collins moved to accept the report as information.

Don Helms seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Bob Brown reported for the Home Missions Board as information.

Hal Jones has resigned as chairman effective immediately and from the Board effective in June.

Mission Support Program now being managed by Dr. Dave Nobles

The various mission works are going OK.

The Executive Board wishes to clarify the meaning of the term "All Boards" so as to encourage information sharing with regard to what the various state works and ministries are doing. Includes but not limited to Officers of the State Association, Members of the Executive Board, Promotional Office, Home Missions Board, CTS Representative, National Board Member, Children's Home Board Member and members of other Boards or Committees as appointed.

There was an open discussion about what it would take to hire a full-time Promotional Director. It is estimated that it would take approximately \$75K annually to fund the office.

The following outline was developed for the 2013 State Meeting in Harrisonburg.

Theme: Discipleship Luke 14:27

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Thursday 11:00 a.m. Examining Discipleship, Rev. Marty Puckett
Thursday 1:00 p.m. Essence of Discipleship, Rev. David Mizelle
Thursday 2:00 p.m. Enlisting Disciples (Seminars)
Discipleship through Sunday School, Dr.

Bruce Barnes

Discipleship Tools, Randall House
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Essentials of Discipleship, Rev. Richard Barnes
Friday 8:30 a.m. devotion: Rev. Don Helms
Friday 11:00 a.m. Enemies of Discipleship, Rev. Brent Patrick

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Dallas Slemp
Rev. Richard Wright
Rev. Earl Sutton

Registration and Credentials:

Adam Bolin
Patty Collins
Bill Braithwaite

Suggested slate of officers:

Moderator: Rev. Paul Collins
Asst. Moderator: Rev. Rodger Castle
Treasurer: Rev. Gary Hill
Promotional Office: Dr. Bruce Barnes
Executive Board (replacing Don White) Rev. Bob Brown
Home Missions Board: (replacing Hal Jones) Rev. Earl Sutton
National Board: Rev. Glen Johnson
CTS: Adam Bolin

In light of a one-time grant in the amount of \$75,000 made by the Northern Association of Free Will Baptists, a motion was made by Rev. Roger Bevins to seat a committee composed of Rev. Gary Hill, Rev. Bob Brown and Rev. Marty Puckett to negotiate with Dr. Bruce Barnes for a position as full-time Promotion Director. The committee is to develop all necessary documentation including job description, work schedule and pay schedule as well as a budget covering salary, benefits and expenses for an anticipated hire date of July 1, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Rev. Marty Puckett and approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The Treasurer requested permission to open a new account to manage the finances of the Promotional Office. The board all agreed and permission was granted.

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After a brief discussion regarding possible changes to the Constitution required by hiring of a full time Promotional Director, a motion was made by Rev. Don White to amend Article X of the Constitution as follows:

Current: 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**.

Proposed: 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 **for at least one (1) day**.

The motion was seconded by Rev. Rodger Castle and approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The Clerk is directed to send a letter of thanks to the Executive Board of the Northern Association for the kind and generous gift for the Promotional Office.

A motion was made by Rev. Gary Hill to accept the invitation of the Shiloh Church in Bristol to host the 2014 meeting. Rev. Marty Puckett seconded the motion and it was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. David Mizelle.

From the June 14, 2013 Meeting:

Attending:

Bruce Barnes	Richard Barnes	Bob Brown
Roger Bevins	Rodger Castle	Paul Collins
Don Helms	Gary Hill	Marty Puckett
Don White		

Treasurer's Report: Gary Hill

- Legal Expenses have been met this year
- Promotional Office opened trust account with the FWB Foundation using the 75K grant. Monthly withdrawals will be made as needed. On-line giving goes to the General Fund.

Promotional Director Committee: Bob Brown

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Contract presented for signatures. Per the compensation package specified in contract the Promotional Director is to be paid on 15th and 28th of each month.

Don Helms moved to execute the contract between the Executive Board and Dr. Bruce Barnes effective July 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Roger Bevins and approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition. The contract was signed.

Richard Barnes moved to amend the constitution: Article IV, Section C, Item 7 from "Promotional Secretary" to "Promotional Director". Rodger Castel seconded the motion and it was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Report of the Promotional Director: Dr. Bruce Barnes
Presented literature with new logo (Postcards, Why Brochures, Letterhead and Business Cards)
Motion to accept by Marty Puckett. Seconded by Don Helms and approved with no opposition.

Marty Puckett moved that the Thursday meeting time for the Executive Board at the 2014 State Convention be set for 8:30 a.m. rather than 3:00 pm. Gary Hill seconded the motion and it was approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Lawsuit Update: Bob Brown
Court dates rescheduled for 3 suits
October 8-11, 2013
March 24-27, 2014
June 23-26, 2014

Rodger Castle moved to cover expenses incurred by Bob Brown while handling the lawsuits. Seconded by Marty Puckett and approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

Motion to adjourn by Don Helms. Seconded by Roger Bevins and approved by vote of "aye" with no opposition.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013

Income	
Association	Fees
Central Va.	\$750.00
Clinch Valley	\$1,800.00
Harmony	\$600.00
John Wheeler	\$2,800.00
Northern Va.	\$2,600.00
Sandy Valley	\$600.00
Southwest Va.	\$4,500.00
Tidewater	\$2,600.00
Total Fees	\$16,250.00
State Offerings	\$401.86
Promotion Office	\$4,139.53
Legal Fund	\$24,018.00
Total Income	\$44,809.39

Expenses	
Corporation Fees	\$25.00
National Fees	\$12,150.00
Promotion Office	\$858.01
Salaries	\$2,300.00
Speakers	\$450.00
Insurance	\$3578.00
Legal Fees	\$23,871.62
Postage	\$36.05
Executive Meeting	\$706.03
Total Expenses	\$43,974.71

Balances	
Beginning balance:	\$13,800.65
Ending Balance:	\$14,635.33
Designated Promotion:	\$10,782.46
General Fund:	\$3,852.87
Designated Legal:	\$-2,377.62
State Funds Available:	\$1,475.25

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The Report of Nominating Committee:

Office:	Term Date	Nominee:
CTS Representative	2013	Adam Bolin
Home Missions Board	2017	Rev. Earl Sutton
Executive Board	2018	Rev. bob Brown
Treasurer	2014	Rev. Gary Hill
Assistant Moderator	2014	Dr. Rodger Castle
Moderator	2014	Rev. Paul Collins

Submitted by:

- Dallas Slemp, Chair
- Roger Bevins
- Scotty Curtis

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Rev. Stanley Waddell 1513 Grandview Rd. Martinsville, VA 24112 276-340-7906	Clerk: Brenda G. Burks 1089 Bell Hill Rd. Big Island, VA 24526 434-299-5719
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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.....	9
Total Members Added.....	19
Total members lost.....	13
Total membership.....	201
Total Income for all churches (2 churches reporting).....	\$73,685.59
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	4
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.....	1
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.....	112
Total CTS enrollment.....	85
Total WNAC enrollment.....	41
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	13
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	(To be sent later)

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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 Breeden 1147 Woodland Ave. Buena Vista, VA 24416 540-261-1043	
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CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Carl Rogers 579 Holcomb Hollow Rd. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-1781	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490
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Total Number of Churches.....	7
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	0
Total Number of Churches rural.....	7
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	7
Churches with Full time pastors.....	3
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	4
Total Baptisms.....	0
Total Members Added.....	0
Total members lost.....	5
Total membership.....	195
Total Income for all churches (6 churches reporting)	\$85,935.77
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property (4 churches reporting).....	\$528,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	19
Total number of licensed ministers.....	1
Total number of ordained deacons.....	11
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.....(average)	184
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	0
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	14
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$1400.00

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Clinch Valley Association Cont'd. - Midway Quarterly Conference

Moderator: Roger Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490	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
Clinchport FWB Clinch River Hwy. Duffield, VA	Pastor: Bruce Brewer 361 Doc Olinger Rd. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-3064
Orebank FWB 5663 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664	Pastor: Greg Collins 1217 Bloomingdale Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660 423-723-3434
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: M.D. Hyatt 183 Hillcrest Circle Jonesborough, TN 37659 423-753-2240
Red Hill FWB Rt. 7 Gate City, VA 24251	Pastor: Vernon McDavid 623 Horton Summit Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-2530

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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 2127 Ford Branch Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-940-2999	Milligan Herron 3545 Red Hill Rd. Gate City, VA 24251 276-452-4640
Eckel Herron 2641 Nottingham Rd. Gate City, VA 24251-4242 276-386-7562	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	Charles E. Wallen 404 Sierra Dr. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-3774
Lonnie Townsend 135 Blueberry Ridge Rd. Duffield, VA 24244 276-431-4504	Michael Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-8490

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Steve Alley 147 King Mtn. Dr. Church Hill, TN 37642 423-256-2862	Clerk: Lennis France 4745 Memorial Blvd. Kingsport, TN 37664 423-288-7039
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Total Number of Churches.....	4
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	0
Total Number of Churches rural.....	4
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	4
Churches with Full time pastors.....	2
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	0
Total	
Baptisms.....	11
Total Members Added.....	13
Total members lost.....	4
Total membership.....	139
Total Income for all churches.....	\$81,800.71
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$468,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	4
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
Total number of ordained deacons.....	12
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.....	222
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	51
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	40
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$600.00

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Harmony Association Cont'd

Quilled out FWB

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	<i>No</i> Pastor: Wayne Bledsoe 604 Limestone Valley Rd. <i>PASTOR</i> 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	<i>Deceased</i> Don McDavid
Terry Rhoten	Sam Hillman
Terry Begley	Charles Puckett

Steve Alley

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

<p>Moderator: Rodger Castle 5905 Cochise Trail Kingsport, TN 37664 423-323-9234</p>	<p>Clerk: Donald W. White 1762 Pittstown rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-3604</p>
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Total Number of Churches.....	15
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	5
Total Number of Churches rural.....	10
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	15
Churches with Full time pastors.....	6
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	6
Total Baptisms.....	32
Total Members Added.....	39
Total members lost.....	17
Total membership.....	1000
Total Income for all churches.....	\$387,896.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	5
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	1
Total value of all church property.....	\$3,650,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	19
Total number of licensed ministers.....	6
Total number of ordained deacons.....	49
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.....	431
Total CTS enrollment.....	90
Number of state association minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$3,000.00

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John Wheeler Association Cont'd. - Northeastern Quarterly Conference

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

Other Preachers:

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

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John Wheeler Association Cont'd. - Southwestern Quarterly Conference

Cornerstone FWB 300 Hinson Lane Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-6700	Pastor: Gary Rowlette 1215 Anderson Street Bristol, TN 37620 423-652-2130
East Bristol FWB 208 Trammel Road Bristol, TN 37620	Pastor: Donald White 1762 Pittstown Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-3604
Fisrt FWB 1641 Euclid Ave. Bristol, VA 24201 276-466-2761	Pastor: Rev. David Mizelle 15676 Monticello Dr. Bristol, VA 24202 276-791-9550
Friendship FWB 300 Sharps Creek Road Bristol, TN 37620	Pastor: Tony Woods 552 Sharp Creek's Rd. Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-7487
Genesis FWB 1044 New Beason Well Road Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-3532	Pastor: Jennings Dotson 2725 Prestwick Court Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-2891
Rooty Branch FWB 551 Rooty Branch Rd. Bristol, TN 37620 423-878-2184	Pastor: Greg Poe
Shiloh FWB 21503 Benhams Road Bristol, VA 24202 276-466-8620	Pastor: Rodger Castle 5905 Cochise Trail Kingsport, TN 37664 423-323-9234
Temple FWB 745 Randolph Street Bristol, VA 24201	Pastor: C.F. Jack Sprinkle 15340 Majestic dr. Bristol, VA 24201 276-669-9570

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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)
Chris Conally 1315 Holston Dr. Bristol, TN 37620 (Cornerstone)	Rev. Jack Ketteyman 64 Cherry Drive Bristol, VA 24201 615-430-2445 (First Bristol)
Jeffrey B. Taylor 1103 E. State St. Bristol, TN 37620 423-989-3902 (Friendship)	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)	

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

<p>Moderator: Dallas Slemp 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225 703-361-6519</p>	<p>Clerk: Robert W. Brown 7515 Hunter Lodge Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22551 540-582-5531 pastor@heritagefwb.net</p>
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Total Number of Churches.....	14
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	11
Total Number of Churches rural.....	3
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	14
Churches with Full time pastors.....	10
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	4
Total Baptisms.....	47
Total Members Added.....	100
Total members lost.....	19
Total membership.....	601
Total Income for all churches.....	\$678,178.00
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	7
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	3
Total value of all church property.....	\$6,650,600.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	20
Total number of licensed ministers.....	2
Total number of ordained deacons.....	6
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.....	390
Total CTS enrollment.....	47
Number of state association minutes requested.....	14
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$2800.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Northern Virginia Association Cont'd.

<p>Bethel FWB 3713 Pennington Ln. Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199</p>	<p>Pastor: Dave Nobles 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-6097 pastor@bethelfwbaptist.com</p>
<p>Bloss Memorial FWB 716 N. Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 703-527-7040</p>	<p>Pastor: Michael Kernodle 716 N. Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 703-527-7040</p>
<p>Calvary FWB 4808 Shelby Rd. Rochelle, VA 227384 540-948-9979</p>	<p>Pastor: Richard W. Wright 13622 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Culpepper, VA 22701 540-829-4675</p>
<p>Casa De Dios FWB 3713 Pennington Ln. Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199</p>	<p>Pastor: Diego Cueva 5650 Smallwood Ct. Woodbridge, VA 22193 703-670-8570</p>
<p>Cornerstone FWB 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225 703-361-6519</p>	<p>Pastor: Dallas Slemp 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225 703-361-6519</p>
<p>Elkton FWB Sixth St./ P.O. Box 298 Elkton, VA 22827 540-298-2894</p>	<p>Pastor: Billy D. King 100 Ashby St. Elkton, VA 22827 540-298-9680 ppchrBill@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Enciende Una Luz FWB Church 2564 North Valley Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802</p>	<p>Pastor: Armando Sanchez 182 Harper St. Weyers Cave, VA 22486 540-234-0962</p>
<p>FWB Church of Roanoke 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E. Roanoke, VA 24012 540-245-2706</p>	<p>Pastor: Roger Bevins 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. N.E. Roanoke, VA 24012 540-245-2706</p>
<p>Grace FWB 9459 Poindexter Rd. Louisa, VA 23093 540-967-2446 540-967-5150 (fax)</p>	<p>Pastor: John Austin 740 Profitt Rd. Mineral VA 23117 540-894-0366</p>

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Northern Virginia Association Cont'd.

Harmony FWB 225 Spicers Mill Rd. Orange, VA 22960	Pastor: Paul Kirk 29125 Essey Lane Rhoadesville, VA 22542 540-854-8799
Harrisonburg FWB 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 Chewing Lane Fredricksburg, VA 22407 540-786-7445 540-786-2985 (fax) http://heritagefwb.net	Pastor: Robert W. Brown 7515 Hunter Lodge Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22551 540-582-5531 pastor@heritagefwb.net
Park Lane FWB 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	Jeff Dotson 9709 Copeland Dr. Manassas, VA 20109-3225
Brian Green 265 Mosbey Dr. Manassas Park, VA 22011 703-369-5256	Lester Horton 211 Forest Lake Dr. Apt. 239 Stephens City, VA 22655-3307
Roger Powers 8560 Megs Dr. Marshall, VA 20115 540-364-9454	Ki Jang Yoo 121 Groucheh Ter. Gaithersburg, MD 20877 301-977-2224

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Wendell Harris 1312 High Knob Rd. Vansant, VA 24656 276-859-2497	Clerk: Audrey Barton 1038 Barberry Rd. Honaker, VA 24260 276-859-2311
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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.....	4
Total Members Added.....	0
Total members lost.....	0
Total membership.....	94
Total Income for all churches.....	\$16,825.08
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$315,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	9
Total number of licensed ministers.....	0
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.....	87
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.

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

Other Preachers:

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

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Lawrence Rutherford 3811 Reeds Creek Rd. Keokee, VA 24255 276-546-3727	Clerk: James V. Pochodzay 2429 Oconita Rd. Jonesville, VA 24263 276-346-2222
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Total Number of Churches.....	21
Total Number of Churches in city/town.....	5
Total Number of Churches rural.....	16
Total Number of Churches reporting.....	21
Churches with Full time pastors.....	2
Churches with bi-vocational pastors.....	19
Total Baptisms.....	8
Total Members Added.....	36
Total members lost.....	20
Total membership.....	985
Total Income for all churches.....	Not Reported
Total number of Churches with budgets.....	2
Total number of Churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$4,212,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	38
Total number of licensed ministers.....	1
Total number of ordained deacons.....	49
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.....	625
Total CTS enrollment.....	205
Total WNAC enrollment.....	51
Total Masters Men enrollment.....	12
Number of state association minutes requested.....	84
Amount of representation fees enclosed.....	\$4200.00

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

William Feck 166 Mountain Ash Dr. Dryden, VA 24243 276-546-4319	Robert Hartsock 139 Cougar Alley Dr. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-0095
Donald Jones 1453 Smyth Chapel Rd. Pennington Gap, VA 24277 276-546-4369	Roger Rowe P.O. Box 118 Duffield, VA 24244 276-546-0904
Wayne Scott 330 Ford Creek Rd. Gray, TN 37615 423-207-0017	James V. Vaughn 20 Albemarle St. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-2826

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Moderator:	Clerk: Mark Kiepke 102 Corbin Dr. Newport News, VA 23606 757-651-2708 Kiepke4@verizon.net
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Total Number of Churches.....	
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.....	\$2,600.00

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Tidewater Association Cont'd.

Bethany FWB P: 2430 Azalea Garden Rd. Norfolk, VA 23513 757-853-7300	Pastor: John Sinkhorn 4624 Larkin St. Norfolk, VA 23513 757-857-6028
Calvary FWB 814 E. Virginia Ave. Crewe, VA 23930 804-605-7080	Pastor: Brian Lamb
Calvary FWB 1042 Penniman Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23188 757-407-1605	Pastor: Robert Breneman 5477 Virginia Beach Blvd. #102 Virginia beach, VA 23462 757-407-1605
Carolina Virginia New Life Ministry 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457	Pastor: Jeremy Efler 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457 757-713-3740
CrossPointe FWB 2460 Pruden Blvd. Suffolk, VA 23434 757-923-9059 info@crosspointesuffolk.com www.crosspointesuffolk.com	Pastor: David Sexton 126 Niblick Circle Suffolk, VA 23434 757-923-9059
Faith FWB 16053 Carrollton Blvd. (Mail) P.O. Box 205 Carrollton, VA 23314 757-238-3210	Interim Pastor: Larry Russell 800 Brookside Ave. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-639-9042
First FWB 8995 Hungary Hd. Richmond, VA 23294 804-270-9463 pastorbullock@firstfreewillbaptistonline.org www.firstfreewillbaptistonline.org	Pastor: James Bullock 8995 Hungary Rd. Richmond, VA 23294 804-934-0542

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Tidewater Association cont'd.

Gateway FWB 5473 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-499-9686 www.gatewayfwbchurch.com	Pastor:
Glenn Allen FWB 11101 Old Washington Hwy. Glen Allen, VA 23059 (Mail) 1106 Buckingham Station Dr. Midlothian, VA 2311	Pastor: None
Good News FWB 5200 Courthouse Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832 804-744-5401 gnfwbc@goodnewsfwb.org	Pastor: Glen E. Johnson 317 Wallingham Rd. Midlothian, VA 23113 804-794-0381
Great Bridge FWB 700 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-482-4688	Pastor: Hal Jones 1125 Sutherlyn Ct. Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-546-9688
Hyde Park FWB 8501 Chesapeake Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-6680	Pastor: Terry Beck 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 757-587-7414
Providence FWB 731 E. Little Back River Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 757-850-2844	Pastor: Richard Barnes 107 Artillery Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 757-850-1252
Unity FWB 360 Hickory Rd. E Chesapeake, VA 23328 757-428-3957	Pastor: Earl Sutton 102 Fox Lane Moyock, NC 27958 252-435-6227 lesutton@aol.com
Virginia Beach FWB 210 S. Witchduck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-499-3536	Pastor: J. D. Norris 2401 Darden Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23456 757-471-6209 jdorris@vbfwbc.org

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.
 - c) State Promotional Secretary-If a volunteer, he will be voted in annually. If salaried, he will be employed by the State Association and elected every two (2) years.
 - d) Mission board-five (5) years staggered.
 - e) State Promotional Secretary-If a volunteer, he will be voted in annually. If salaried, he will be employed by the State Association and elected every two (2) years.
 - f) The assistant treasurer (Home Missions treasurer)-at the will of the Home Missions Board.

Section C. Duties of officers

1. Moderator:

- 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. The clerk shall be responsible for the printing and distribution to the Local Associations of the minutes of each annual session.
- b. 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.
- c. The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.

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Section D. Boards and Committees

1 Executive Board.

- a. The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members elected by the association on a five year rotating basis.
- b. This Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the State Association form one regular session to another. It shall have the power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.
- 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.
- 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.

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5 Other Committees

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

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section A. Time of meetings

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.

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Section C. Limitations Of Indemnification

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

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

Section D. Timing Of Indemnification

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

Section E. Extent Of Indemnification

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

Section F. Insurance

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

ARTICLE VII. Tax Exempt Provisions

Section A. Private 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.

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Section E. Limitation Of Activities

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

ARTICLE VIII. Designated Contributions

From time to time the association, in the exercise of its religious, educational, and charitable purposes, may establish various funds to accomplish specific goals. Contributors 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. (1 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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