

# THE PLUMBLINE

*a publication of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists*

## THIS SUNDAY!

### EACH ONE PLANT ONE OFFERING

This Sunday, January 30, is Virginia's EACH ONE PLANT ONE offering. To aid our state missionary efforts, we ask each FWB family to contribute \$12 for this offering. Thank you for your participation!

All funds raised for this mission fund can be sent to our state treasurer at the following address. Please earmark it for "Each One Plant One."

Rev. Brent Patrick, Treasurer  
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Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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*Each Virginia family helping plant churches*



**Each One Plant One**

**GIVING STATEMENTS TO  
ALL DONORS HAVE BEEN  
MAILED THIS WEEK!**

## AVAILABLE FROM THE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE

### GRACE Outreach Revival & Software

This outreach program is provided to all our Virginia Free Will Baptist churches as a ministry of the VAFWB promotional office. And it is also available to other churches wanting to make a more significant impact in local-church evangelism. If you have wondered how to still reach out during these days of recurring restrictions, GO is a program to consider strongly.

GO helps motivate more people to get involved while sustaining that involvement over time. Also unique to the program are the management tools aiding induction, organization, administration, and resources. The accompanying GO software runs on the cloud, and it can be managed both by administrators and participants from any smart device.

Many churches have found initiating success by starting with a GRACE Outreach Revival. These five services challenge the congregation, inspire for involvement, and explain how GO works.

Contact the promotional office for more information or for scheduling!

### Revelation Sunday

Enjoy a one-day event with a concentration on the Book of Revelation. Dr. Barnes can provide either two or three teaching and preaching sessions that will help clarify this book of prophecy. Here are some possibilities.

- SUNDAY SCHOOL: a lesson from Revelation for the teens and adults
- AM SERVICE: Preaching on "The Three Great Signs of Revelation"
- PM SERVICE: The key verse of Revelation, presenting an easy-to-follow outline of Revelation, going over a timeline of Revelation, and a question-answer time.

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- SUNDAY SCHOOL: The key verse of Revelation, presenting an easy-to-follow outline of Revelation, going over a timeline of Revelation, and a question-answer time.
- AM SERVICE: Preaching on "The Three Great Signs of Revelation"

Dr. Barnes will also have his book available, *Revelation: A Practical and Explanatory Commentary*. This book is practical for both preachers and church members. It is easy to read, understand, and follow. It also provides practical application.

Schedule a service at 757-407-1183 or email [dbrucebarnes@vafwb.org](mailto:dbrucebarnes@vafwb.org).

## VIRGINIA CHURCHES LOOKING FOR PASTORS & ASSOCIATES

The following Virginia churches are seeking a pastor or associate. Please contact through the information below or the Virginia promotional office. Any other churches in the Virginia State Association seeking help in a pastoral or associate search may contact the promotional office to be included here.

### PASTORAL SEARCH

First Free Will Baptist Church  
Richmond, VA

Contact Bruce Barnes at 757-407-1183 or [dbrucebarnes@yahoo.com](mailto:dbrucebarnes@yahoo.com).

[SEE MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)

This is a full-time position with First Church, and it is a ministry within the state's capital.

### ASSOCIATE SEARCH

A church in Virginia is looking for a full-time youth pastor. If you are interested, please contact the Virginia promotional office. We will forward your information to the church.

757-407-1183 or [dbrucebarnes@vafwb.org](mailto:dbrucebarnes@vafwb.org)

### PASTORAL SEARCH

Genesis Free Will Baptist Church  
Kingsport, TN

Contact Newl Dotson at 276-502-4684 (Cell) or 276-546-4400 (Office).

Information about the church and job description are available here:

[GENESIS PASTORAL SEARCH](#)

### ASSOCIATE SEARCH

Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
Chesapeake, VA

Contact Pastor Earl Sutton at 757-639-5088 or [suttonle45@gmail.com](mailto:suttonle45@gmail.com)

The church is looking for an associate pastor to work alongside Pastor Sutton in church ministries. It is a paid position.

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## WORSHIP?

*D. Bruce Barnes*

"Worship" is a term used quite often in churches for various reasons and responses. Some might characterize it as the feeling received from the music or the emotional connection a leader makes with the audience concerning spiritual things. And for most, even the gathering itself is referred to as a "worship service." But, is worship taking place?

True worship is a response in adoration for who God is. A song might inspire that response, and a word fitly spoken might as well. However, worship is not as much about an emotional feeling as a willful response. And for there to a knowledgeable response in

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## ANNUAL VAFWB ALL-BOARDS MEETING February 7-8

The state executive board of the Virginia State Association will meet to hear from all committees and state representatives as well as plan the upcoming state association meeting.

The meeting will be held at Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke and will follow this basic schedule, as time allows.

- 11:00 AM, Opening (moderator)
  - prayer,
  - devotional
  - instructions
- 11:15 AM, Reports
  - from mission board chairman
  - from elected state representatives of boards (Harvest Childcare Ministries and FWB Family Ministries),
  - from special committees

- 12:30 PM, Lunch (at the church)
- 1:15 PM, Elections & Reports
  - election of credentials and nominating committees
  - reports from the executive board, clerk, treasurer, and promotional director.
- 3:00 PM, Planning of the 2022 VAFWB State Association Meeting
  - theme
  - speakers
  - schedule
- 4:30 PM, Other business
- 5:00 PM, Adjourn

### *Church Address*

*Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke  
1019 Gus Nicks Blvd., N.E.,  
Roanoke, VA 24012*

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worship, there must also be enough truth present for that response. Yes, musical expression can provide that truth, as can the on-stage presenters. But adoration of the Lord has not taken place simply by the sound or style of the music, nor others telling a congregation how they should respond for a worshipful experience.

True worship cannot help but be one's humble and submissive response to the divine presence of the Lord best represented by His truth, the Scriptures! Though other avenues might aid the process and point in the right direction, the preaching of God's Word will best lead to a worshipful response.

Even when one repents over the deepest of sins, worship of the Lord agrees with His convicting Word. As one senses the drawing of the Holy Spirit for whatever reason, that is a worshipful response through humble submission founded within the directive truths of Scripture. When the believer's heart rejoices over the glories promised in the Word, worship takes place by glorifying God for His goodness.

This Sunday, as the service takes place, let's look on nothing else but God's truth in the Word as the actual source evoking our worship of Him. Other areas might help, but our focus should be on what God says and our humble response to it. That is worship!