

MINUTES OF THE  
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Fiftieth Session held with the  
First Free Will Baptist Church

Roanoke, Virginia

June 1988

The next session will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia, on the Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1989.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator - Rev. Danny Baer  
151 Winston Drive, Williamsburg, Va. 23185  
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Bob Surber  
Route 2, Meadow View, Va. 24361  
Clerk - Lottie Cardwell  
Route 2 Box 222, Saltville, Va. 24370  
Assistant Clerk - James Myres  
416 Montezuma Drive, Kingsport, Tenn. 37664  
Treasurer - Ralph Flanary  
Dungannon, Va. 24245

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wilton Dail - 1989  
1132 New Market Drive, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464  
J. D. Kilgore - 1990  
Pound, Va. 24279  
Terry Beck - 1991  
913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk, Va. 23205  
Eritt Darnell - 1992  
Route 1, Box 232, Ft. Blackmore, Va. 24250  
Raymond Baird - 1993  
Route 4, Jonesville, Va. 24262

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Wilton Dail  
1132 New Market Drive, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464  
Jeff Crabtree  
1019 Gus Nicks Blvd., Roanoke, Va. 24012  
Walter Statzer  
238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201

C.T.S.

Lars and Connie Dorton

## CHILDREN'S HOME

E.T.Darnell

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jeff Crabtree

## 50th SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 50th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the First Free Will Baptist of Roanoke on Thursday evening June 16, 1988 at 7:30 p.m.

The session opened with the congregation singing, "Saved by the Blood". The singing was led by Danny Baer with Jane Burden at the piano. The welcome address was given by Jeff Crabtree, the host pastor. The response was given by the clerk, Lottie Cardwell, who then proceeded to introduce the officers concluding with the Assistant Moderator, Danny Baer, who served in the absence of the elected moderator. Prayer was offered by Wilton Dail.

The Moderator ask for a nomination from the floor for a replacement for Wilton Dail for today at his request. Ralph Flanary moved that Dale Burden serve. This was seconded by J. D. Kilgore and carried.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dan Merkh, chairman, F. T. Darnell, and Jeff Crabtree. The Registration Committee appointed: Walter Statzer, W. D. Hughes, and Lonnie Osborne.

An offering was received in the amount of \$88.08 as the hymn, "I Am Resolved" was sung. Walter Statzer gave the offeratory prayer.

Special music was offered by "Rejoice" a group from the Bible College at Nashville. They blessed our hearts with the Hymns, "I Feel the Promise. Blessed Assurance, A Great Day, and In His Presence". They were accompanied by Kevin Styles at the piano.

The moderator introduced the speaker of the evening, Melvin Worthington. He spoke on the general theme of the conference, "Servitude, The Obedient Servant". Using Scripture from John 13, he spoke on: the nature of obedience, the element of action, and discernment of the Scriptures. "Have Thine Own Way" was sung as an altar call was given. Service closed with prayer by James Earl Rapier.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The Friday morning session opened with the congregation singing, "Jesus Saves". Devotions were given by David Neitch using Scripture from Acts 2 and his thought was, "Wait upon the Lord". Following prayer, the moderator proceeded with the business. The minutes of the last session were read as information.

Letters from the Associations were read and delegates were seated with 1 church delegate from Wilson's Chapel.

The Moderator called for the reports from the National Association representatives. A. J. Looper gave the report for the Children's Home. Herman Hershey gave the report for the Board of Retirement. Melvin Worthington gave the report for the Executive Board. Robert Bryan gave the report for the Foreign Mission. Danny Baer gave the report for the Southeastern Bible College. James Earl Rapier gave the report for the Bible College.

Following a short break, "Love Lofted Me" was sung by the congregation. Happy Birthday was sung for Melvin Worthington. It was his 51 birthday. Prayer was offered by Walter Statzer.

"Rejoice" blessed the conference with a medley of "Redeemed", "Since I have Been Redeemed", and "I Have Been Redeemed". They sang "I Long For You, Oh, Lord".

The message on the Consequence of Servanthood was brought by Noah Tiser. Using Scripture from II Cor. 4:7. Following the message, "Is Your All on the Altar" was sung by the congregation. The prayer of dismissal and thanks for the food was offered by Herman Hershey.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with the hymn, "Leaning On the Everlasting arms". The devotions were given by Jack Blanton using Scripture from Hebrew 5:14.

The Moderator called for the reports from the Virginia State representatives. Walter Statzer gave the report for the Home Mission. The clerk gave the report for the Womens Auxiliary. The C.T.S. report was given by Lars Dorton. Lars mention the need for a C.T.S. Camp. Jeff Crabtree moved that the Executive Board appoint a place for C.T.S. Camp when they meet in January. This was seconded and carried by the body.

A letter was read from the Mountain Empire Association withdrawing their request for membership in the Virginia State Association.

The Executive Board ask everyone to resolve that they would not use the facilities of the Holiday Inn until the problem concerning pornography is resolved. Raymond Baird resolved that this be received by the body. This was seconded and carried. Dale Durden moved that the clerk send a copy of this resolution to each church pastor. This was seconded by Jeff Crabtree and carried.

The Registration Committee gave their report and it was received by the body.

Ministers	30
Deacons	6
Delegates	17
Visitors	35

The Treasurer's report was given by Ralph Flanary. It was received by the body and is included in the minutes.

The Nominating Committee gave their report. It was received by the body and the following officers were elected.

Moderator: Danny Baer  
Assistant Moderator: Bob Surber  
Treasurer: Ralph Flanary  
Executive Board: Raymond Baird  
CTS: Lars Dorton & Connie Dorton  
Home Mission Board: Walter Statzer  
National Association Board: Jeff Crabtree

The following delegates to the National were elected. Madge Statzer, Donna Crabtree, Gaye Sutton, Joyce Sexton, and Debbie Baer. The moderator was given authority to fill any vacancies.

The following names were submitted for the Memorial Prayer:

Mary Blalock	Minnie Carter	Buford Greer
Callie Egan	Pricilla Ewing	L. C. Martin
Jasper Harris	Eula Bradford	John Gilliland
Herbert Thacker		

The minutes of the 50th Session were read and received as read. A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The prayer of dismissal was offered by Robert Bryan.

#### MINISTER REGISTRATION

Jennings Dotson  
J.D. Kilgore  
N. W. Kiser  
Earl Sutton  
Royce Horne  
Lonnie S. Osborne  
Donald Jones  
Hobert Addington  
Eritt Darnell  
Ralph Flanary  
W. B. Hughes  
Dale Burden  
Kendall Lane  
Bob Surber  
Raymond Baird  
William Presley

Daniel Merkh  
Jack Blanton  
Jeff Crabtree  
Terry Beck  
Richard Barnes  
Danny Baer  
Lars C. Dorton  
Ronnie Floyd  
Charles Puckett  
David Nietch  
Fred Ramsey  
Denver Dean  
Tommy Street  
Willis Osborne  
Walter Statzer

#### DEACON REGISTRATION

Russel Sanders  
Watson Mullins  
Russel Isin

Ambrose Hayes  
Grady Dockey  
Wilton Dail

#### DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Glenna Slemph  
Robert Blanton  
Kyle Sexton  
Sophie Darnell  
Beulah Flanary  
Bobbie Sanders  
Reeble Hayes  
Gladys Dockery  
Lorene Hughes

Margie Blevins  
Wilford Payne  
Saundra Jones  
Juanita Kilgore  
Betty Dean  
Vida Baird  
Mary Ann Presley  
Lidia Ison

#### VISITOR REGISTRATION

Robert Ryan  
Torrence Collins  
Sue Pucket  
Lestor Horton  
A. J. Looper  
Chuck Walker  
Joyce Sexton

Blanch Collins  
Claude Brooks  
Nova Mullins  
Sue Looper  
Cosby Scasbury  
Kim Jones  
Bobbie Sanders

Sue Puckett  
Susie Shepherd  
Barbara Neitch  
Betty Styles  
Lorene Hughes  
Doris Raper  
Terrence Collins  
Donna Crabtree  
Herman Hersey  
Lyn Williams  
Rick Preece  
Jenny Preece

Jane Burden  
Sidney Shepherd  
Kenneth Styles  
Dave Nobles  
N. W. Kiser  
James Earl Raper  
Blanche Collins  
Melvin Worthington  
Daniel Floyd  
Clara Dole  
Diana Preece  
Gussy Preece

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

No. Churches	14
Churches With Full-Time Pastors	7
Churches With Part-Time Pastors	7
Total No. Baptisms	24
Total Members Added	61
Total Members Lost	36
Total Membership	1119
Total Income of Churches	\$270,355.10
No. Churches With A Budget	2
Total No. Parsonages	3
No. Ordained Ministers	34
Licensed Ministers	1
No. Ordained Deacons	38
Sunday School Enrollment	1480
CTS Enrollment	63
WNAC Enrollment	116
Master's Men Enrollment	42
Enclosed for Association	\$280.00

Moderator: Kenneth Shaffer, Box 79AA, Bluff City, Tenn.  
37618

Clerk: Donald White, 1762 Pittstown Road, Bristol, Va. 24201

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Roger Ball, 1046 Rich Valley Road, Bristol, Va. 24201  
703-466-2806  
Bob Collins, Route 2 Box 257, Saltville, Va. 24370 703-944-3573  
Howard Campbell, RR 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620 615-878-3953  
Bob Davidson, P.O.Box150, Saltville. Va. 24370 703-496-7450  
Elmer Cardwell, Route 2 Box X, 24370 703-496-5312  
Jeff Crabtree, 1019 Gusnicks Blvd. N. E.Roanoke, Va. 24012  
703-344-7379  
Kyle french, Box 87, Chilhowie, Va. 24319 703-646-3824  
Eddie Foster, Route 1 Box 241, Marion, Va. 24354 703-783-8642  
Jennings Dotson, 410 Winding Way Rd., Bristol, Va. 24201  
703-466-2893  
Robert Harless, Route 4, Bristol, Tn. 37620  
Jim Hopson, Route 4 Box 202, Sparta, N. C. 28675 010-372-8855  
David Neitch, Route 5, Marion, Va. 24354 703-783-2926  
Willis Osborne, Route 3 Box 364, Saltville, Va. 24370 703-496-7017  
Cecil Presley, Box 1446, Abingdon, Va. 24210 703-628-5920



Joe Powers, Route 5, Marion, Va. 24354 703-783-3439  
 Cecil Rouse, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620 615-878-3967  
 Timothy Rouse, Route 3, Bristol, Tn. 37629 615-878-5408  
 Clifford Rush, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620 615-878-3239  
 Gary Rowlette, Route 4 Box 51, Bristol, Tn.  
 Kenneth Shaffer, Route 3 Box 79AA, Bluff City, Tenn. 37618  
 615-538-6822  
 Lee statzer, 1629 Gate City Highway #8, Bristol, Va. 24201  
 703-669-2280  
 Walter Statzer, 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201  
 703-669-1805  
 Bob Surber, Route 2 Box 539, Meadow View, Va. 24361 703-944-5412  
 Jim Taylor, Route 2, Saltville, Va. 24370 703-496-5423  
 Tommy Street, Route 5, Marion, Va. 24354 703-783-5957  
 James White II, 1321 New Hampshire Ave., Bristol, Va. 24201  
 703-669-8577  
 Jennings Wilson, Box 71N, Chilhowie, Va. 24319 703-646-3382  
 Tim Surber, Route 2, Saltville, Va. 24370 703-496-3339  
 Jimmy Taylor, Route 2 Saltville, Va. 24370 703-496-5423  
 Ralph Carty, Route 5, Abingdon, Va. 24210 703-628-6728  
 James Queen, Route 5, Marion, Va. 24354 703-783-5245  
 Shelton Norris, Box 3078, Bristol, Tenn. 37620 615-878-3615

#### TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches	14
Ordained Ministers	33
Church Membership	2463
Members Received	143
Total No. Churches with Day Care	3
Total No. Churches with day schools	2
Total No. Churches with Bible Institutes	2
Total Income of all churches	\$1,116,006.30
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$3,674,914.00
Amount of Dues	\$600.00

#### Pastors

James Amick, 3911 Austin Ave. Richmond, Va. 23222 804-355-8758  
 Danny Baer, 4708 Bristol Cr., Williamsburg, Va. 23185 804-220-1753  
 Richard Barnes, 731 E. Little Back River Road, Hampton, Va. 23669  
 804-850-1252  
 Fred W. Bates, 1236 Blackwater Rd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23457  
 804-482-3460  
 Terry Beck, 913 Burkesdale Rd., Norfolk, Va. 23518 804-587-7414  
 Dale Burden, 5485 Larry Ave. Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, Va. 23462  
 804-499-0849  
 John R. Burgess, 1562 Dogwood Road., Powhatan, Va. 23139 804-794-4632  
 Steve Cannon, 735 Royal Cresent Dr. Richmond, Va. 23235 804-794-8542

Jerry Endres, 1657 S. Crater Road, Petersburg, Va. 23803  
 804-732-8448  
 Danny Gray, P. O. Box 205, Carrollton, Va. 23314 804-357-6367  
 W. B. Hughes, 4624 Larkin Street, Norfolk, Va. 23512 804-857-6028  
 Tag Kilgore, P. O. Box 1696 Warwick Station, Newport News, Va. 23601  
 804-599-3501  
 Daniel J. Merkh, 9111 Whitemont Dr., Richmond, Va. 23229 804-747-0833  
 Jack W. Stallings, 1058 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, Va. 237801  
 804-488-6653  
 Earl Sutton, 700 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, Va. 23320 804-482-4688

OTHER MINISTERS

Nate Ange	Bill Lovell	Lewis McCurry
Al Burke	Richard O'Neal	Pete Peedin
Danny Dwyer	Alan Pointer	John Powell
Joe Haas	Rick Rasberry	Mark Riggs
Larry Hampton	Bobby Sabastion	Jack V. Stallings
Royce Horne	Lorenzo Stox	Mark Thomas

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

No. Quarterly Meetings	3
No. Quarterly Meetings Reporting	3
No. Churches	18
Church Membership	886
Members Received	8
Members Dismissed	28
Members Deceased	5
No. of Sunday Schools	17
Sunday School Enrollment	851
No. Women's Auxiliaries	3
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	55
No. Master's Men	1
Master's Men Enrollment	12
No. Ordained Ministers	44
No. Licentiates	1
No. Ordained Deacons	62
Paid Pastors	\$30,498.00
Paid Evangelist	3,605.22
Literature	8,740.13
Charity	11,793.79
Foreign Mission	4,303.72
Home Mission	5,233.92
Children's Home	370.00
Total Expenditures	123,239.98
Value of Church Property	1,455,000.00
Enclosed for Association	600.00

Moderator: Eritt Darnell, Sr.  
 Clerk: James Myres

CLINCH VALLEY MINISTERS

Pastors

Ronnie Floyd, 446 independence Drive, Kingsport, Tn. 37660  
 Ron Morrison, Route 16, Box 374, Gray, Tn. 37615  
 Glen Dockery, Kingsport, Tenn 37660  
 Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va. 24227  
 William Bise, Route 1, Gate City, Va. 24251  
 Eckle Carter, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va. 24250  
 Eritt Darnell, Sr., Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va. 24250  
 Sherman Grace, 216 Packinghouse Road, Kingsport, Va. 37660  
 Lubert Hammond, Clinchport, Va. 24227  
 Rick Kincer, Route 4, Clinchport, Va. 24227  
 Donald McDavid, Clinchport, Va. 24227  
 Paul Presley, Kingsport, Tn. 37660  
 John Clifford Pierson, 833 Pace Street, Kingsport, Tn. 37660  
 Charles Puckett, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va. 24250  
 Ronald Puckett, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va. 24250  
 J. B. Quillen, Route 2 Independence Drive, Kingsport, Tn. 37660  
 Terry Roton, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va. 24250  
 L. W. Sallings, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va. 24250  
 James Mann, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va. 24250  
 Nathan Jackson, Kingsport, Tn. 37660  
 Marvin Winkle, Sr., Kingsport, Tn. 37660  
 Joe Grear, Dungannon, Va.

Other Ministers

William Bowen	Lonnie Townsend	Howard Bowen
Paul Smith	James M. Baker	Robert Ramey
Milligan Herron	Samuel P. Bowen	James V. McDavid
Eckel Herron	Willie Jennings	George Hubbard
Jimmy Combs	Kenny Hammonds	Ewing Gilliam
Lee Knowles	Rufus Hood	M. D. Hyatt
Carl France	Pat Bishop	Joe Roberts
Fred Gillenwaters		

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meetings	3
No. Churches	11
Church Membership	490
Members Received	18
No. Sunday Schools	11
No. Ordained Ministers	27
No. Ordained Deacons	33
Paid Pastors	\$11,982.60
Paid Evangelist	3,314.53
Charity	\$1,647.00
Building & Repair	\$26,820.77

Value of Church Property  
Enclosed for Association

\$663,827.31  
\$150.00

Moderator: Ca James

Clerk: Gladys Compton

#### MINISTERS

Guy Harris, Honaker, Va.  
Donald Harris, Honaker, Va.  
Randall Ward, Honaker, Va.  
Ca James, Honaker, Va.  
Jackie Perkins, Vansant, Va  
Perry Taylor, Honaker, Va.  
Herman Dye, Swords Creek, Va.  
Eddie Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.  
Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.  
Louise Dye, Swords Creek, Va.  
Samuel Altizer, Cedar Bluff, Va.  
James Sargent, North Tazewell, Va.  
John Smith, Bandy, Va.  
George Hankins, Cedar Bluff, Va.

Emory James, Honaker, Va.  
Kyle Ratliff, Council, Va.  
Earl Reynolds, Rowe, Va.  
Harlan Perkins, Swords Creek, Va.  
Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.  
Charles Peck, Honaker, Va.  
J. C. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.  
Edward Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.  
Sylvia Price, Swords Creek, Va.  
Polly Hess, Swords Creek, Va.  
Roger Vance, Cedar Bluff, Va.  
Roger Barnett, Amonate, Va.  
John Cochran, Bandy, Va.

#### SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

No. Churches	38
Total Membership	2079
Total Members Added	151
Members Lost	43
No. Full-time Pastors	6
No. Ordained Ministers	97
Licensed Ministers	8
No. Ordained Deacons	123
Sunday School Enrollment	2147
CTS Enrollment	634
WNAC Enrollment	159
Representation Fee	\$600

Moderator: Hobart Addington, Wise, Va.

Clerk: Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, Va. 24245

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward \$ 434.96

Receipts

Southwest Association	\$ 600.00	
John Wheeler Association	280.00	
Clinch Valley Assoc.	600.00	
Sandy Valley Assoc.	150.00	
Tidewater Association	600.00	
Offering	88.08	
	<u>\$2,318.08</u>	<u>2,318.08</u>
		<u>\$ 3,547.46</u>

Disbursements

Promotional Work	\$ 455.96	
Minutes	127.00	
Clerk Expenses	44.53	
Moderator	25.00	
Clerk	25.00	
Treasurer	25.00	
National Dues	950.00	
Assoc. Food	300.00	
Speakers	120.00	
	<u>\$2,072.49</u>	<u>2,072.49</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 1,474.97</u>

Treasurer: Ralph Flanary



## Virginia State Freewill Baptist Home Missions

562 Benhams Road  
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201

Walter L. Statzer  
Treasurer

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or 669-1805

June 10, 1988

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1987-1988

Period covered in this report June 20, 1987 thru June 10, 1988

#### RECEIPTS:

John S. Overman	\$100.00
Wilton Dail	\$75.00
St. John Sunday School Class	\$274.00
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church	\$638.83
Wilson Chapel Sunday School	\$27.56
Doran Addition Free Will Baptist Church	\$40.00
Yost Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	\$100.00
Woman's National Auilliary	\$25.00
Un-marked gift	\$10.00
Total Receipts	\$1290.39

#### EXPENDITURES:

Park Lane Free Will Baptist Church (Designated)	\$20.00
Printing Checks (Charter Federal)	\$24.99
One Write Company (Offering Envelopes)	\$44.34
U.S. Postal Service (Postage)	\$39.00
Accurate Printing (Stationary)	\$29.26
Total Expenditures	\$157.59

Balance as of June 20, 1987	\$1203.61
Receipts June 20, 1987 - June 10, 1988	\$1290.39
Total to account for June 10, 1988	\$2494.00
Expenditures June 20, 1987 - June 10, 1988	-\$157.59
Balance as of June 10, 1988	\$2336.41

Submitted by

Walter L. Statzer  
Walter L. Statzer, State Treasurer