

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

*Seventy Second Annual Session Held With*  
**Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke**  
1019 Gus Nicks Blvd N. E.  
Roanoke VA 24012  
Pastor: Dr. Roger Bevins

**June 17-18, 2010**

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The next session will be held at the  
Central Free Will Baptist Church  
In Norton, Virginia  
On June 16-17, 2011

OFFICERS ELECTED 2010

Moderator (2010) ..... Bob Brown  
Assistant Moderator (2010) ..... Karl Sexton  
Clerk (2012) ..... Wayne Perry  
Assistant Clerk (2012) ..... Donald White  
Treasurer (2010) ..... Gary Hill  
Assistant Treasurer ..... Dave Nobles

Elected Executive Board:

Fred Bates ..... 2011  
Roger Bevins ..... 2012  
Don White ..... 2013  
Marty Puckett ..... 2014  
Don Hellms ..... 2015

Home Missions Board:

Jack Blanton ..... 2011  
Glen Johnson ..... 2011  
David Neitch ..... 2012  
Hal Jones ..... 2013  
Dave Nobles ..... 2014  
Karl Sexton ..... 2015  
Bob Brown ..... 2015

Children's Home:

Jo White ..... 2011

National Association Board:

Glen Johnson ..... 2011

Promotional Secretary:

Bruce Barnes ..... 2011

CTS Representative:

Adam Bolin ..... 2011

### 71<sup>st</sup> Session Proceedings:

The 72nd session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Roanoke Free Will Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on Thursday, June 17, 2010. The business and official session was proceeded Thursday morning by the annual Bible Conference.

### **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CONFERENCE**

The Bible Conference was opened by the moderator Rev. Bob Brown. A time of community prayer was opened by Rev Karl Sexton, Rev. John Austin and closed by Rev. Marty Puckett. The focus of the prayer was for the men who would be bringing the messages at the conference and for the requests which were brought before the congregation.

The theme of the conference was "**The Fealty of God's Ordinances.**" The theme would be developed by the topics of: "The Frequent Ordinance-Baptism" to be delivered by Rev. Paul Collins, "The Favored Ordinance- Communion" to be delivered by Dr. Bruce Barnes, "The Fading Ordinance- Feet Washing" to be delivered by Dr. Matthew Pinson, "The Forsaken Ordinance-Tithes and Offerings" to be delivered by Rev. Howard Bass, "The Flippant Ordinance-Prayer" to be delivered by Dr. Matthew Pinson..

The 11:00 AM service was opened with congregational singing. and singing by the Gateway Trio.

Rev Paul Collins "The Frequent Ordinance- Baptism" developed the topic from the text of Romans 6. The message was a reminder to all in attendance following Christ in baptism was a personal act real with meaning and a declaration of our salvation. Baptism is our first mile marker of our life with Christ. The message and the truths which it provided were very well received.

At 1:00 PM, Dr. Bruce Barnes delivered aa message taken from I Corinthians 11 by developing the topic of "The Favored Ordinance- Communion." The congregation was reminded of the terms, types, traditions, and teachings of communion. The message was a challenge and encouragement to place the proper emphasis on and dedication to remembering Christ in communion.

At 2:00 PM, the service was opened by special singing by the Rejoice Ministry Team from the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The message was delivered by Dr. Matthew Pinson who developed the theme "The Fading Ordinance- Feet Washing." The message was taken from John 13:1-7. The message was a reminder that we must continue to uphold the doctrine of Christ and the Apostles through this ordinance and that this self denying practice will produce affection between the brethren.

### **THURSDAY EVENING SESSION :**

The Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rejoice Ministry Team and the Gateway Trio presented musical selections.

The official session was opened with prayer at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening.

Rev. Dr. Roger Bevins, the host pastor, welcomed the Association to the church. The Clerk of the State Association, Rev. Wayne Perry, introduced the State officers and presented the Moderator.

The Moderator, Rev. Bob Brown, called the session to order, and received a motion and second to seat the delegates to the meeting. Following brief remarks by the Moderator the appointment of the Nominating Committee and the Registration & Credentials Committee was completed.

### **Appointment of Committees**

#### **Nomination Committee**

Paul Collins-Chairman  
Don White  
J. D. Norris

#### **Registration & Credentials Committee**

Robert Brenanan-Chairman  
Katie Brenanan  
Debbie Barnes

Rev. Bob Brown delivered the announcement for the evening.

The business session was then recessed to proceed into the evening worship service. The worship service opened in prayer, and congregational singing.

An offering was received and placed in the treasury for the State Associational budget.

The evening message followed. Rev Howard Bass expounded on the assigned subject "The Forsaken Ordinance-Tithes and Offerings," with his text taken from Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:22. Bro. Bass delivered a wonderful message by reminding us that our hearts desire should be to uphold this ordinance by thinking, planning, and taking responsibility for our personal obedience.

**FRIDAY MORNING SESSION JUNE 19, 2009**

8:15 AM: The morning prayer time was opened with requests taken by Rev Bob Brown. Rev. Howard Bass lead the prayer.

The session began at 9:00 AM when Rev. Karl Sexton, delivered a devotional message taken from I Corinthians chapter 5. The message challenged each of those in attendance to strive to remain motivated for ministry.

The Business Session received the Minutes of the Seventieth first session as printed in the booklet *Minutes of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists Seventieth First Session*, by motion and second to disavow the reading of the minutes and approved them as printed.

Bro. Robert Brennanan presented the Credentials Committee Report. A motion was made and carried to receive the report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

District or Association	Number of Churches	Fees Received
Central Virginia Quarterly	5	\$ 850.00
Clinch Valley Association	7	\$ 1,500.00
Harmony Association		
John Wheeler Association	12	\$ 1,800.00
Northern Virginia Association	14	\$ 2,100.00
Sandy Valley Association	3	\$ 450.00
Southwest Association	23	\$ 3,450.00
Tidewater Association	14	\$ 2,100.00
		\$ 12,250.00

**Credentials Committee Statistical Report:**

Title	Total
Ministers	26
Deacons/Delegates	11
Visitors	60
Total	97

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:**

Rev. Wayne Perry presented the Executive Board report to the body.

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2010  
ROANOKE, VA**

The Executive Board met on March 3, 2010 at Roanoke Virginia to discuss and plan the Seventy second Virginia State Association Annual Meeting.

The following were in attendance:

- Dr. Bruce Barnes
- Fred Bates
- Roger Bevins
- Bob Brown
- Gary Hill
- Wayne Perry
- Marty Puckett
- Karl Sexton
- Don White

The meeting was opened with a devotion presented by Roger Bevins and taken from I John 5.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting with the clerk informing the committee that the minutes of our last meeting had been read and approved by the full body at the previous state meeting.

The next order of business was the presentation of the financial statement to include cash flows and the balance sheet by brother Gary Hill. After discussion the financial report was approved.

The next order of business was an up date of the preparations for the state meeting which was given by Dr. Bruce Barnes. The meeting will be held at the Roanoke church on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Preparations for motels are being made and will be published in the spring issue of *The Plumbline*.

A discussion was held concerning the structure of the committees of the state association. After much discussion a motion was made and approved to present the following change to the by laws to the annual meeting:

Article 4 section D (I) to read: *All state boards and committees are shall report to the executive board on an annual planning committee meeting..*

A letter from Bro Glen Johnson was read in order to report his activities as our general board member to the National Association . The report was received by the board by motion to accept.

The next order of business was the appointment of committees for the 2010 meeting.

**Nominating Committee:**

- Paul Collins
- Don White
- J.D. Norris-Chairman

**Credentials Committee:**

- Rick Preece
- Others to be appointed at the 2010 meeting

The next item on the agenda was a discussion for filling vacancies of the various state committees and boards. The following recommendations were made:

Moderator-----Bob Brown--2011  
Assistant Moderator-----Karl Sexton--2011  
Treasurer-----Gary Hill--2011  
Executive Board-----Don Helms--2015  
Home Missions Board-----Karl Sexton--2015  
National Association---Glen Johnson--2011  
Promotional Secretary-----Dr. Bruce Barnes--2011  
Children's Home-----D. Evan White--2016

The next order of business was the theme and speakers for the 2110 state meeting

- a. The Theme will be: The Fealty of God's Ordinances
- b. The topics and speakers will be:
  - Thursday 11 a.m. The Frequent Ordinance--Baptism--Paul Collins
  - Thursday 1 p.m. The Favored Ordinance--Communion--Dr. Bruce Barnes
  - Thursday 2 p.m. The Fading Ordinance--Feet Washing--Dr. Matt Pinson
  - Thursday 7 p.m. The Forsaken Ordinance-Tithes and Offerings Howard Bass
  - Friday 11 a.m. The Flippant Ordinance--Prayer--Glen Johnson

Dr Bruce Barnes gave the promotional office report. The report was received by motion for acceptance. Dr Barnes also requested that the board consider obtaining a credit card for use of the promotional office.

After discussion a motion was approved to apply for a credit card with a \$5,000.00 limit to be used for the promotional office.

A report was received from the Home Missions Board which indicated that 21 churches are participating in the state giving plan and a progress report on the missions activities going on in the state. The report was received by the board.

A discussion was held concerning the salary of the promotional secretary. The current salary is \$2,000.00. After much discussion a motion was approved to increase the salary to \$4,000.00 due to the increased work and activity of the promotional secretary.

A motion was approve to make a \$200.00 donation to the Roanoke Church for hosting the board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by prayer.

### **The Executive Committee Met following the Thursday Bible Conference.**

The minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 meeting which were held in Roanoke Va were approved after changes were made.

The treasurers report and budget for 2010-2011 year were approved as presented.

A resolution to the National Association concerning the International Missions board giving plan and a copy of North Carolina's resolution were discussed however no action was taken.

The 2011 annual meeting will be held at the Central Free Will Baptist Chruch in Norton VA

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes of the Executive Board were approved.

### **Business was suspended for the Morning Worship Service.**

The Rejoice Praise Team singers opened the service with special singing.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Pinson presented a message from the assigned topic "The Flippant Ordinance- Prayer." Brother Pinson took his text from the book of James. The message was well received and a time of renewal was experienced by all. Following the message Brother Roger Bevins was anointed with oil as the ministers and elders prayed for his healing.

### **Friday Afternoon, 1:00 PM**

Rev. Gary Hill presented the Treasurer's Report and a Proposed Budget for 2010-2011. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and adopt the Budget was approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Central VA	\$850.00	Corp. Fee	\$25.00
Clinch Valley	\$1500.00	National Fee	\$8,400.00
Harmony	\$600.00	Exec. Mtg. Expense	\$1,579.87
John Wheeler	\$1,800.00	Va Home Missions	\$1,230.39
Northern VA	\$2,250.00	Minutes	
Sandy Valley	\$450.00	Leadership Conf	\$754.47
Southwest VA	\$3,450.00	Promo Office.	\$10,000.00
Tidewater	\$1,950.00	Salaries	\$300.00
		Newspaper	\$673.50
		Plaques	\$266.70
State Offering	\$496.00	Promotional Office Reim.	\$3,534.95
Promotional Office	\$6,350.00	State Meeting Exp	\$1,100.00
General	\$250.00	Salaries	\$2,800.00
		Speakers	\$300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$19,946.00</b>	Office Supplies	\$8.80
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,573.78</b>

Beginning Balance	\$6,921.55
Ending Balance	\$7,294.32
Balance After Dist.	\$5,970.74

The Moderator called for reports from the State Representatives and Boards.

- Report** from State Promotional Secretary, by Dr. Bruce Barnes
- Report** from Harvest Child-Care Ministries, by Sister Martha Stone
- Report** from State Home Missions Board, by Rev. Hal Jones as part of the report the body passed a resolution to send a resolution to the National Association asking for reconsideration of the International Missions Board's giving plan and the dismissal of long time missionaries.
- Report** from Family Ministries, by Rev. Frank Wood
- Report** from Gateway Christian College, by Rev. Karl Sexton
- Report** from Camp Jacob, by Bro. Daniel Osborne
- Report** from CTS Representative by Adam Bolin

Each State Report was received by motion, second, and adopted.

The Moderator called for National Leaders to give their reports.

- Report** from Rev. Rick Bolling, for the National Home Missions Board.
  - Report** from Dr. Matthew Pinson, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville Tennessee.
  - Report** from David Brown, of the Free Will Baptist Foundation.
  - Report** from John Brummitt, for the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement.
  - Report** from Rev. James Forlines for the International Missions Department
  - Report** from Executive Office and One Magazine by Rev Eric Thompson
- Each National Report was received by a motion, second, and adoption.

**The Moderator called for old business.**

The old business consisted of two items which were tabled at the last annual meeting and were brought to the floor for a vote as follows:

1. Article IV, Section D, 3(a) will be changed to read: The state Home Missions Board shall consist of (7) seven members elected by the association on a four year basis.
3. The constitution and bylaws of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist may be altered or amended at any regular session by two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present providing the change has been submitted in writing and tabled for the previous (annual) session.

After a motion and second, the motion to approve the two changes was passed..

**The Moderator called for new business.**

There was no new business.

**Election of Officers:**

The Moderator called for the report of the Nominating Committee.

**Elected Officers:**

- Moderator (2011) ..... Bob Brown
- Assistant Moderator (2011)..... Karl Sexton
- Treasurer (2011)..... Gary Hill
- Assistant Treasurer ..... Dave Nobles

**Executive Board:**

Marty Puckett (2014)

**Home Missions Board:**

Don Hellms (2014)

**National Association Board:**

Glen Johnson (2011)

**Family Ministries Board:**

Jo White (2011)

**Promotional Secretary:**

Bruce Barnes (2011)

**CTS Representative:**

Adam Bolin (2011)

The floor was then opened for additional nominations and none were presented.

A motion was made, and second received, that the nominations cease and that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

**Election of National Delegates:**

The Moderator called for the election of delegates to represent the Virginia State Association at the National Convention in Charleston West Virginia. The following delegates were elected:

Bob Sturgill	Cindy Jones
Darlene Struggill	Patty Collins
Teresa Hill	Ann Brown-Alternate

The Moderator called for the Obituary Report. The following individuals were presented to the Clerk for inclusion in the report:

Hall Delph	Clint Hawkins Sr.
Rev. & Mrs John Sherfey	Jack E Perry Sr
Rev. Frank Nick	Dorothy Smith
Lester Rowland	Bernice Davis
Rev. Dkey Groves, Jr	Clara Newcomb
John & Louise Rorrer	Mary Bates
James Peck	Freddie Stidham
Jeff Belew	James Yates
Ralph Vicars	

Rev. Dave Nobles presented the Memorial Prayer.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the Roanoke Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality and work in hosting the Virginia State Meeting.

Next years meeting will be held at the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Norton Virginia on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2011.

A motion for adjournment was received and the meeting was dismissed in prayer.

**COMPILATION OF VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
REPORTS FROM ASSOC. TO STATE**

June 19, 2010

Clerk C. Wayne Perry

A. Church Characteristics	
1. Total # Assoc.....	8
2. Total # Assoc Reporting .....	8
3. Total Churches .....	82
4. Total Churches Rep.....	82
5. Total Churches in city/town.....	35
Rural.....	47
6. Total Churches with:	
full-time pastors.....	34
bi-vocational .....	48
B. Membership Information	
1. Total # Baptisms .....	102
2. Total Members Added .....	209
3. Total Members Lost.....	135
4. Total Membership .....	4,510
C. Stewardship Information	
1. Total Income all Churches .....	\$2,282,290.35
2. Total Churches with Budgets .....	15
D. Building Information	
1. Total # Churches with Parsonages .....	9
2. Total Value of Church Property .....	27,383,988.00
E. General Information	
1. Total # Ministers:	
Ordained .....	155
Licensed.....	187
2. Total # Ordained Deacons .....	186
3. Total # Churches with:	
Daycare.....	1
Kindergarten .....	3
Christian Day School .....	4
Bible Institutes.....	0
Colleges .....	1
4. Total S.S. Enrollment .....	2,821
5. Total C.T.S. Enrollment.....	349
6. Total WNAC Enrollment .....	356
7. Total Master's Men Enrollment .....	86

**CENTRAL VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION**

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.....	2
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	3
Total Baptisms.....	5
Total members added.....	9
Total members lost.....	18
Total membership.....	169
Total income for all churches.....	\$64,867.95*
Total number of churches with budgets.....	2
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	2
Total value of all church property.....	\$1,671,000.00*
Total number of ordained ministers.....	7
Total number of licensed ministers.....	1
Total number of ordained deacons.....	6
Total number of churches with Day Cares.....	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.....	103
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	29
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	0
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	29
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$750.00

\* three churches reporting

Moderator: John Hancock 17191 Big Island Hwy Big Island, VA 24526	Clerk: Brenda Burks 1089 Bell Hill Road Big Island, VA 24526
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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Charity FWB Church 415 Orchard Drive Bassett, VA 24055	Curtis Ashley 289 Orchard Drive Bassett, VA 24055 (276)-629-8712
Chestnut Hill FWB Church 13771 Lee Jackson Highway Big Island, VA 24526 (434) 299-5066	John Hancock 17195 Big Island NW Big Island, VA 24526 Ph 434-299-5820 434-610-7729
King of Kings FWB Church 12371 Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike Forest, VA 24551 (434) 525-7244	Brandon Barber (Interim) 1695 Founding Way Rd Bedford, VA 24523 PH 540-587-6555
Lighthouse FWB Church 942 Burks Hill Rd. Bedford, VA 24523 (540) 586-1234	Rick Gatten 1110 Lakeview Lane Bedford, VA 24523 (540) 587-3606
Woodland Heights FWB Church 1995 Old Chatham Rd. Martinsville, VA 24211 (540) 634-0995	Stanley Waddell 6668 Mitchell Rd Eidgeway, VA 24148 PH 276-340-7906

**OTHER MINISTERS**

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

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.....	2
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	5
Total Baptisms.....	0

Total members added ..... 2  
 Total members lost..... 0  
 Total membership..... 207  
 Total income for all churches ..... \$ 88,524.39\*  
 Total number of churches with budgets..... 0  
 Total number of churches with parsonages..... 0  
 Total value of all church property .....\$673,000.00\*  
 Total number of ordained ministers ..... 19  
 Total number of licensed ministers..... 0  
 Total number of ordained deacons..... 11  
 Total number of churches with Day Cares ..... 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 ..... 229  
 Total CTS enrollment ..... 0  
 Total WNAC enrollment..... 0  
 Total Master's Men enrollment ..... 0  
 Number of district assoc. minutes requested ..... 0  
 Number of state assoc. minutes requested ..... 35  
 Amount of representation fee enclosed..... \$1,500.00  
 \*six churches reporting

Moderator: William Bowen PO Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 (276)431-2533	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Road Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-8490
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**MIDWAY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Moderator: Daryle Hurd 449 Fraley Ave Duffield VA 24244 (276)431-1121	Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron 5660 Orebank Road Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-8490
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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Bishop Memorial FWB Church Rt. 4 Gate City, VA 24244	Daryle Hurd 449 Fraley Ave. Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-1121
Clinchport FWB Church PO Box 444 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 940-2348	Greg Collins 105 Kingsley Ave Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 723-3434
Hill's Chapel FWB Church Rt. 4 Duffield, VA 24244	Roger Herron 5660 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-8547
Orebank FWB Church 5663 Orebank Rd. Kingsport, TN 37664	Charles E Wallen 404 Sierra Drive Kingsport, TN 37664 (423)288-3774
Valley View FWB Church Dungannon, VA 24245	L.W. Sallings Rt. 1 Box 290 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 (276) 995-2311

**SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Moderator: Tim Rhoton 125 McNew Cenetary Rd Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-4727	Clerk: Martha Townsend Rt. 4 Box 289 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2302
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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Bowens Chapel FWB Church Rt. 5 Box 225 Duffield, VA 24244	William Bowen PO Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2533
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Mabes Chapel FWB Church Rt. 4 Duffield, VA 24244	M.D. Hyatt 187 Hillcrest Circle Jonesborough, TN 27659 (423) 753-2240
Red Hill FWB Church Rt. 7 Gate City, VA 24251	Vernon McDavid Rt. 4 Box 184 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-4530

**OTHER MINISTERS  
CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

James Baker Rt. 5 Box 286 Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2722	Marvin Winkle 2021 Todd Dr Kingsport, TN (423) 247-8547
Jackie Frazier Rt. 3 Box 209-C Duffield, VA 24244 (276-940-2999	George Hubbard 2309 Cranshaw Dr. Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 452-4640
Eckel Herron Rt. 4 Box 479 Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 386-7562	Milligan Herron Rt. 7 Box 6496 Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 452-4640
Daryle Hurd 153 Farley Ave. Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-1121	Nathan Jackson, Jr. 124 Chateaugay Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 288-1983
Matthew Norris 823 Natural Tunnel Parkway Duffield, VA 24244 (423)791-1224	Timothy Rhoton Rt. 4 Box 243-G Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-4727
Paul Smith Rt. 7 Box 6463 Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 452-2215	Joe Townsend Rt. 4 Box 326-A Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 431-2331

Lonnie Townsend Rt. 4 Box A-243 Clinchport, VA 24244 (276) 431-4504	Charles Wallen 404 Sierra Dr. Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-3774
Kyle Akers Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244 (276) 940-2215	Ewing Gilliam Rt 3 Box 305-A Clinchport, VA 24244
William O Bowen P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24244 (276)431-2533	

**HARMONY ASSOCIATION\***

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.....	2
Total Baptisms.....	3
Total members added.....	1
Total members lost.....	1
Total membership.....	215
Total income for all churches.....	\$70,033.43
Total number of churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	0
Total value of all church property.....	\$468,800.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	9
Total number of licensed ministers.....	9
Total number of ordained deacons.....	14
Total number of churches with Day Cares.....	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.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	48
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	0
Number of district assoc. minutes requested.....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested.....	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$500.00

Moderator: Fred Gillanwater Rt 1FT Blackmore VA 24250 (276) 348-6535	Clerk: Lennis France 4745 Memorial Blvd Kingsport, TN 37664 (423) 288-7039
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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Durham's Chapel FWB Church Durham's Chapel Lane Clinchport, VA 24244	Terry Rhoton 522 Pendletons Chapel Ln Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 (276) 995-2661
New Beginning FWB Church 184 Morning Star Rd. Church Hill, TN 37642	No Information
Pine Grove FWB Church 11573 Veterans Memorial Highway Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2050	Danny Keith McNew Rt 1 Box 190 Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-2050
Starnes Bluff FWB Church 8857 Clinch River Hwy Ft Blackmore VA 24250	Clifford Pierson 412 Lucy Rd Kingsport, TN 37660 423-288-5537

**OTHER MINISTERS  
HARMONY ASSOCIATION**

Terry Begley 9114 Hunter Valley Rd Duffield, VA 24244 (276) 995-2205	Jerry Begley 9160 Hunter Valley RD Duffield VA 24244 (276) 995-2201
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Sam Hillman PO Box 2009 Castlewood, VA 24244 (276) 738-8382	Donald McDavid Rt. 4 Duffield , VA 24244 (276) 431-2037
Mark McDavid 3425 McIntosh Dr. Kingsport, TN 37663 (423) 239-3566	Charles Puckett Virginia St. Gate City, VA 24251 (276) 386-3212

**JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION**

Total number of churches.....	12
Total number of churches in city/town .....	2
Total number of churches rural .....	10
Total number of churches reporting .....	12
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	6
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors .....	6
Total Baptisms .....	12
Total members added .....	3
Total members lost.....	11
Total membership.....	878
Total income for all churches .....	\$386,409.95
Total number of churches with budgets.....	5
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	2
Total value of all church property .....	\$1,950,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	19
Total number of licensed ministers.....	3
Total number of ordained deacons.....	33
Total number of churches with Day Cares .....	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 .....	313
Total CTS enrollment .....	45
Total WNAC enrollment.....	34
Total Master's Men enrollment .....	8
Number of district assoc. minutes requested .....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested .....	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$1,800.00

Moderator: Bob Surber 195 Morningside Dr Abingdon, VA 2420 (276)676-3540	Clerk: Donald W. White 1762 Pittstown Rd. Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-3604
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**JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION CHURCHES  
NORTHEASTERN QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Adwolf FWB Church 1032 Grubmore Rd Marion, VA 24354	Bob Surber 195 Morningside Dr Abingdon, VA 24210 (276) 646-3540
Cardwelltown FWB Church Rt 2 Box 117 Saltville, VA 24370	Mark Bumgardner
Heavenly Hope FWB Church Saltville, VA 24370	Bobby Collins 28559 Poor Valley Road Saltville, VA 24370 (276) 944-5320
Liberty FWB Church Rt 5 Box 448 Marion, VA 24354	Jimmy Taylor 242 Barbrow Hollow Rd Saltville, VA 24370 (276) 496-56466
Macedonia FWB Church 697 Upper Poor Valley Rd Saltville, Va 24354	Clarence Fry 723 Free Will Lane Saltville, VA 243170 (276) 496-5646
Macedonia FWB Church 1764 Pine Swamp Rd Sparta, NC	Eddie Foster 446 Pugh Mountain Rd Marion, VA 24354 (276) 783-8642

**SOUTHWESTERN QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Moderator: C F Sprinkle 15340 Majestic Dr Bristol, VA 24201	Clerk: John C Calhoun 458 Reedy Creek Rd Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 466-4680
Cornerstone FWB Church 300 Hinson Lane Bristol, TN 37620 (423) 878-7600	Gary Rowlette 1215 Anderson Street Bristol, TN 37620 (423) 652-2130
East Bristol FWB Church 208 Trammel Rd Bristol, TN 37620	Donald White 1762 Pittstown Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-3604
Friendship FWB Church 300 Sharps Creek Rd Bristol, TN 37620	Robert Prater 183 Lions Club Road Saltville, VA 24370 276-496-3423
Genesis FWB Church 1044 New Beason Well Rd Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 288-3532	N. N. Jennings Dotson 410 Winding Way Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 466-2893
Rooty Branch FWB Church 551 Rooty Branch Rd Bristol, TN 37620	
Shiloh FWB Church 21503 Benhams RD Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 466-8620	

**OTHER MINISTERS  
JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION**

Roger Ball 5461 Rich Valley Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 466-2806	Doug McCracken 121 Beaver Street Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 669-5455
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Robert Prater 193 Lions Club Rd Saltville, VA 27370 (276) 496-3423	Lee Statzer 13201 Reedy Creek Rd Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 669-9669
Jimmy Taylor 242 Babbrow Hollow Rd Saltville, VA 24370 (276) 496-5423	Joseph Steel 20375 Enchanted Lane Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 466-2693
Clarence Frye 723 Free Will Lane Saltville, VA 27370 276-496-5645	Ronnie Lee Worley 1761 Pittstown Rd Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 466-9253

Total number of churches with Colleges .....	0
Sunday School enrollment .....	571
Total CTS enrollment .....	12
Total WNAC enrollment.....	38
Total Master's Men enrollment.....	8
Number of district assoc. minutes requested .....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested .....	15
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$2,250.00

Moderator: Don Helms 13546 West River Rd Palmyra VA 22963 (434) 842-2867	Clerk: Robert W Brown 12500 Chewning Ln Fredericksburg VA 22407 (540) 786-7445
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### NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches.....	14
Total number of churches in city/town.....	12
Total number of churches rural .....	2
Total number of churches reporting .....	14
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	5
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	9
Total Baptisms .....	24
Total members added .....	33
Total members lost.....	40
Total membership.....	611
Total income for all churches .....	985,044.00
Total number of churches with budgets.....	3
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	1
Total value of all church property .....	\$7,374,000.00
Total number of ordained ministers.....	19
Total number of licensed ministers.....	3
Total number of ordained deacons.....	13
Total number of churches with Day Cares .....	0
Total number of churches with Kindergartens .....	0
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	2
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes .....	0

### CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bethel FWB Church 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 (703) 590-5199	Dave Nobles 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 (703) 590-6097
Bloss Memorial FWB Church 716 N Barton St. Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 527-7040	
Calvary FWB Church 4808 Shelby Rd. Rochelle, VA 22738 (540) 948-9979	Richard Wright 13622 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Culpepper, VA 22701 (540) 829-4676
Elkton FWB Church Sixth St. PO Box 298 Elkton, VA 22827 (540) 298-2894	Billy D. King 100 Ashby Ave. Elkton, VA 22827 (540) 298-9680
Enciende Una Luz FWB Church 2564 North Valley Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802	Armando Sanchez 182 Harper St Weyers Cave, VA 22486 (540) 234-0962

First FWB Church 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. NE Roanoke, VA 24012	Roger Bevins 1019 Gus Nicks Blvd. NE Roanoke, VA 24012
Grace FWB Church 9459 Poindexter Rd. Louisa, VA 24012 (540) 967-2446	John Austin 740 Priffit Rd. Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 894-0366
Harmony FWB Church 225 Spicers Mill Rd Orange, VA 22960	Paul Kirk 29125 Essey Lane Rhoadesville, VA 22542 (540) 854-8799
Harrisonburg FWB Church 611B West Market St. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 (540) 433-8980	Paul Collins 794 Gailcrist Dr. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 (540) 494-5734
Heritage FWB Church 12500 Chewing Lane Fredericksburg, VA 22407 (540) 786-7445	Robert W. "Bob" Brown 12802 Wilderness Park Dr. Spotsylvania, VA 22553 (540) 786-2985
Hope FWB Church 75 Cedar Park Ct. Front Royal, VA 22630 (540) 636-1082	Randy Hayes 1121 Happy Ridge Dr. Front Royal, VA 22630 (540) 635-0533
Meadow Brook FWB Church 2425 First St. Middletown, VA 22645 (540) 869-1292	Roger Mullins 1236 Timberlake Rd. Strasburg, VA 22657 (540) 465-4061
Casa De Dios FWB Church 3713 Pennington Lane Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-590-5199	Diego Cueva 5650 Smallwood Court Woodbridge, VA 22193 703-670-8570
Park Lane FWB Church 112 Park Lane West Charlottesville, VA 22903 (434) 296-2740	Don Helms 13546 West River Rd. Palmyra, VA 22963 (434) 842-2867

Shiloh FWB Church 1086 Old Blue Ridge Turnpike Madison, VA 22727 (540) 923-4387	Cary Lane 2399 Shelby Rd. Madison, VA 22727 (540) 948-6214
Yorkshire FWB Church 7620 Chestnut St. Manassas, VA 22111 (703) 361-3555	Lonnie Salyers 2479 Whispering Wind Lane Amissville, VA 20106 (703) 361-0824

**OTHER MINISTERS  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

George R Barrett 837 Fairwood Drive Culpepper, VA 22701 (540) 829-5686	Lester Horton 211-239 Forest Lake Dr. Stevens City, VA 22655 (540) 869-6601
Fredrick Michael Decker 111 Loch Lane Dr Louisa, VA 23093	Doug Snipes 3717 Pennington Ln Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-680-5840
Ki Jang Yoo 121 Grouceh Ter. Gaithersburg, MD 22655-3307 (540) 869-6601	Roger Powers Sr. 8560 Megs Dr. Marshall, VA 20115 (540) 364-9454

**SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

Total number of churches.....	3
Total number of churches in city/town.....	0
Total number of churches rural.....	3
Total number of churches reporting.....	3
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	2
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	1
Total Baptisms.....	3
Total members added.....	1
Total members lost.....	4
Total membership.....	99
Total income for all churches.....	\$13 054.06*
Total number of churches with budgets.....	0
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	0

Total value of all church property ..... \$208,800.00  
 Total number of ordained ministers ..... 9  
 Total number of licensed ministers ..... 1  
 Total number of ordained deacons ..... 10  
 Total number of churches with Day Cares ..... 0  
 Total number of churches with Kindergartens ..... 0  
 Total number of churches with Christian Day School ..... 0  
 Total number of churches with Bible Institutes ..... 0  
 Total number of churches with Colleges ..... 0  
 Sunday School enrollment ..... 102  
 Total CTS enrollment ..... 0  
 Total WNAC enrollment ..... 0  
 Total Master's Men enrollment ..... 0  
 Number of district assoc. minutes requested ..... 0  
 Number of state assoc. minutes requested ..... 20  
 Amount of representation fee enclosed ..... \$450.00  
 \*all churches did not report

Moderator: Wendell Harris 1277 High Knob Rd Vansant, VA 24656 (276) 859-2269	Clerk: Audrey Barton 1038 Barberry Road Honaker, VA 24260 (276) 859-2311
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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Gents Chapel FWB Church P O Box 715 Honaker, VA 24260	Johnny Woodward PO Box 318 Honaker VA 24260 (276)873-5834
Heltons Chapel FWB Church Rt. 2 Box 458 Honaker, VA 24260	Emory James Rt. 2 Box 458 Honaker, VA 24260 (276) 859-9418
Venia Chapel FWB Church Route 620 Honaker, VA 24260	Wendell Harris 301 Lambert Lane Vansant, VA 24656 (276) 859-2269

**SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION MINISTERS**

Donald Harris Rt. 2 Box 254 I Honaker, VA 24260 (276) 859-2918	Dennis McGlothlin 1341 Stinsons Ridge Rd Rowe, VA 24646 (276) 859-2371
Earl Reynolds HC Box 130-A Rowe, VA 24646	Roy Lee Wilson HC 4 Box 304 Bee, VA 24217 (276) 859-2149

**SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION**

Total number of churches ..... 23  
 Total number of churches in city/town ..... 4  
 Total number of churches rural ..... 19  
 Total number of churches reporting ..... 23  
 Churches with Full-time Pastors ..... 5  
 Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors ..... 18  
 Total Baptisms ..... 8  
 Total members added ..... 24  
 Total members lost ..... 32  
 Total membership ..... 1139  
 Total income for all churches ..... 15,550.00\*  
 Total number of churches with budgets ..... 2  
 Total number of churches with parsonages ..... 0  
 Total value of all church property ..... \$3,902,000.00\*  
 Total number of ordained ministers ..... 52  
 Total number of licensed ministers ..... 6  
 Total number of ordained deacons ..... 60  
 Total number of churches with Day Cares ..... 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 ..... 783  
 Total CTS enrollment ..... 292  
 Total WNAC enrollment ..... 135  
 Total Master's Men enrollment ..... 37  
 Number of district assoc. minutes requested ..... 0  
 Number of state assoc. minutes requested ..... 90  
 Amount of representation fee enclosed ..... \$3,600.00  
 \*all churches did not report

Moderator Joel Cantrell 9351 Bold Camp Rd Pound, VA 24278 (276) 796-6019	Clerk: James V. Pochodzay Rt. 2 Box 3017 Jonesville, VA 24263-7387 (276)346-2222
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**EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Beech Grove FWB Church Spring St. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	Lawrence Rutherford Rt. 1 Box 340 Keokee, VA 24265 (276) 546-3727
Bull Run First FWB Church US Hwy 58 Coeburn, VA 24230	Mitchell Elliott 11500 River View Rd. Coeburn, VA 24230 (540) 395-3642
Central FWB Church 700 Kentucky Ave. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-0055	Gary Hill 216 7 <sup>th</sup> St. NE Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-5466
Community FWB Church 2584A Dungannon Rd. Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-7947	C. Wayne Perry PO Box 954 Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-5315
Davis Chapel FWB Church Kentucky Ave. Norton, VA 24273	Danny Mullins 8301 Gilliam Hollow Rd. Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-5935
Mary's Chapel FWB Church 302 Central St. Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-5163	Martin Puckett 215 Harris St. SW Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-6610
Pippin's Chapel FWB Church 6915 Caney Ridge Rd. Coeburn, VA 24230	Nolan Stanley PO Box 714 Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-5603

Ramsey FWB Church Sawmill Hollow Rd. Norton, VA 24273	Steve Powers PO Box 294 Appalachia, VA 24216 (276) 679-3630
St. Paul FWB Church US 58 West St. Paul, VA 24230	Cecil Jessee Rt 1 Box 10 Dungannon, VA 24245 (276) 467-1348

**OTHER MINISTERS  
EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

Martin Funk Caney Ridge Rd Coeburn, Va 24230 (276) 395-5694	
C. L Kilgore (retired) P O Box 666 Coeburn, VA 24230 (276)395-2718	Jason Green Pole Bridge Rd Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-5606
Sammy Hall 14940 Sandy Ridge Road St. Paul, VA 24283 (276)395-6610	Daniel Bailey, Jr Rt HCO5 Box 596 Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-5058

**WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Beckners Chapel FWB Church Birchfield Rd. PO Box 3544 Wise, VA 24293	Denver Winebarger PO Box 3544 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 395-3043
Bethel FWB Church Hurricane Rd.  Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-3099	Randy Sturgill P O Box 242 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-3352

Brians Chapel FWB Church PO Box 294 Appalachia, VA 24216	Ray Goode 338 Woodland Court Wise, VA 24293
Esserville FWB Church 5338 Esserville Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-5548	Jim Smith 8220A Morrison Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-4216
Faith FWB Church 4647 Dorchester Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-7249	Lars Dotson PO Box 501 Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-1511
Hopkins Chapel FWB Church Guest River Road PO Box 701 Norton, VA 24273	Worley Smith P O Box 2297 Wise, VA 24293 276-796-6019
Indian Creek FWB Creek US 23 PO Box 1376 Pound, VA 24279	Joel Cantrell Rt 2 Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-6019
Martha's Chapel FWB Church 6728 Dewey Rd. Pound, VA 24279 (276) 796-5049	Randy Miller 5901B Hale Gap Rd Pound, VA 24279 (276) 679-1739
Mt. Olive FWB Church 646 Coeburn Mountain Rd. Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-4046	TJ McAmis P O Box 15 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-6538
Stevens Chapel FWB Church PO Box 2629 Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-3354	Jack Blanton 6003 Crystal Lane Wise, VA 24293 (276) 328-8243
Wilson Chapel FWB Church 5324 Dorchester Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-7419	Larry Hammonds 6249 Josephine Rd. Norton, VA 24273 (276) 679-5249

**LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

First Pennington FWB Church Rt. 643/58A Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 546-5572	Wayne Scott 148 Grey Station Rd Gray TM 37615 (423) 963-1372
Oconita FWB Church Road 621 Jonesville, VA 24263	Robert Hartsock Rt. 2 Box 334 Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 (276) 523-0095
Victory FWB Church Route 640/US 58 Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 346-3895	Donald Jones Rt. 2 Box 140 Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 546-4369

**OTHER MINISTERS  
LEE COUNTY CONFERENCE**

Roger Rowe P O Box 118 Duffield, VA 24244 276-546-0904	James J Vaughn 1631 Williams Hollow Rd Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 276-523-2826
William Feck 104 Holly Lane Dryden, VA 24243 276-546-5648	Alvis Lester PO Box 312 Pennington Gap, VA 24277 (276) 346-3045

**TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION**

Total number of churches.....	14
Total number of churches in city/town.....	12
Total number of churches rural .....	2
Total number of churches reporting .....	7
Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	12
Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors.....	2

Churches with Bi-vocational Pastors .....	2
Total Baptisms .....	52
Total members added .....	37
Total members lost.....	24
Total membership.....	1192
Total income for all churches .....	\$724,840.00
Total number of churches with budgets.....	6
Total number of churches with parsonages.....	4
Total value of all church property .....	\$11,615,166.00
Total number of ordained ministers .....	21
Total number of licensed ministers.....	9
Total number of ordained deacons.....	31
Total number of churches with Day Cares .....	3
Total number of churches with Kindergartens .....	3
Total number of churches with Christian Day School.....	1
Total number of churches with Bible Institutes .....	0
Total number of churches with Colleges .....	1
Sunday School enrollment.....	445
Total CTS enrollment.....	0
Total WNAC enrollment.....	72
Total Master's Men enrollment .....	23
Number of district assoc. minutes requested .....	0
Number of state assoc. minutes requested .....	20
Amount of representation fee enclosed.....	\$2,100.00

Moderator: Bruce Barnes 5473 Virginia Beach Blvd Virginia Beach, VA 23462	Clerk: Mark B.W. Kiepke 102 Corbin Dr. Newport News, VA 23606 (757) 599-8538
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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

Bethany FWB Church 2430 Azalea Garden Rd. Norfolk, VA 23513 (757) 853-7300	John Sinkhorne 4624 Larkin Street Norfolk, VA 23513 757-857-6028
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Calvary FWB Church 814 E Virginia Ave. Crewe, VA 23930 (804) 645-7080	A. B. Brown P O Box 245 Crewe, VA 23930 (434) 645-9758
Carolina Virginia New Life Min. 6560 Blackwater Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23457	Jeremy Efler 6560 Blackwater Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23457 (757) 713-3740
Faith FWB Church PO Box 205 Carrollton, VA 23314 (757) 238-3210	Barry Reel 12 Merritt Cove Carrollton, VA 23314 (757) 238-3112
First FWB Church 8965 Hungary Rd. Richmond, VA 23294	James Bullock 8985 Hungary Rd. Richmond, VA 23294
Gateway FWB Church 5437 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 499-9686	Karl Sexton 205 Coliss Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 497-8987
Glen Allen FWB Church 1011 Royerton Drive Richmond, VA 23228 (804) 515-5988	Bill Thomas 1106 Buckingham Station Rd Midlothian, VA 23113
Good News FWB Church 5200 Courthouse Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832 (804) 744-5401	Glen E. Johnson 317 Willingham Rd. Midlothian, VA 23113 (804) 794-0381
Great Bridge FWB Church 700 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322 (757) 482-4688	Hal Jones 805 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322 (757) 546-9688
Hyde Park FWB Church 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 587-6680	Terry Beck 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 587-7414

Providence FWB Church 731 East Little Creek Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 (757) 850-2844	Richard Barnes 102 Artillery Rd. Hampton, VA 23669 (757) 850-1252
Unity FWB Church PO Box 15575 Chesapeake, VA 23328 (757) 428-3957	Earl Sutton 16 Battlefield Woods Ct. #B Chesapeake, VA 23322 (757) 482-3957
Virginia Beach FWB Church 210 South Witchduck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 499-3536	J D Norris 2401 Darden Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23456 (757) 471-6209

**CONSTITUTION  
of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**

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.

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 any body 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.

**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.
- d) State Promotional Secretary-If a volunteer, he will be voted in annually. If salaried, he will be employed by the State Association and elected every two (2) years.
- e) The Assistant Treasurer (Home Missions Treasurer)-at the will of the Home Missions Board.

Section C. Duties of officers

1. Moderator:
  - a) It shall be the duty of the moderator to call each session to order for the business and to preside over all business sessions of this State Association.
  - b) He shall appoint a Nomination Committee and a Credentials Committee prior to the beginning of each session, each consisting of at least three (3) members.
  - c) He is to see that all business is conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* (current edition).
  - d) He is to maintain proper Christian order and not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
  - e) He is to preside over any special called meeting between sessions whether called by himself or the Executive Board.
  - f) He shall seat the delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
  - g) He is to promote the work of the Virginia State Association.
  - h) He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and the State Association programs.
2. Assistant Moderator:
  - a) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator whenever called upon, and assume the chair in the absence of the Moderator.
  - b) He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and the State Association programs.
3. Clerk:
  - a) It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep clear, concise, accurate records of all proceedings of this body whether in special session or regular session.
  - b) The clerk shall be responsible for the printing and distribution to the Local Associations of the minutes of each annual session.
  - c) The clerk is to compile the letters sent from member Local Associations into the proper form to be sent to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
  - d) The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
  - e) The clerk is to mail each individual church clerk, pastor, and association clerk a notice of the State Association meeting dates at least one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one (1) delegate at the State Association meeting. This will include any special or called meetings.
  - f) The clerk will meet as part of the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Meeting programs and will keep records of these meetings, being able to report to the body.
4. Assistant Clerk:

- a) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk to assist in recording the minutes of the State Association and the keeping of complete records of all business transactions.
  - b) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk to assist the Clerk in the printing of the minutes of each Virginia State Association meeting.
  - c) It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Clerk to fill the Clerk's place should the office be vacant or the Clerk unable to attend.
5. Treasurer:  
It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, deposit, and disburse all funds at the discretion of this association. The Treasurer will meet as part of the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.
6. Assistant Treasurer:  
It shall be the duty of the Assistant Treasurer to assist the Treasurer in the duties incumbent upon the office. In the absence of the Treasurer the signature of the Assistant Treasurer shall be valid.
7. Promotional Secretary:  
a) The State Association can have at its discretion a Promotional Secretary.  
b) He will perform his duties at the direction of and in cooperation with the Executive Board.  
c) The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association.
8. Board Member for Family Ministries (Greeneville, Tennessee):  
a) It shall be the duty of the one elected to serve as a full member of the Family Ministries official Board.  
b) He shall at all times represent the interests of Virginia in the overall ministry.  
c) They shall serve for a period of six (6) years.

Section D. Boards and Committees

1. Executive Board:  
a) The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members elected by the association on a five year rotating basis.  
b) This Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session to another. It shall have the power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.  
c) This board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in any area of the work.  
d) It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the State Association.  
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.
3. State Home Missions Board:  
a) The State Home Missions Board shall consist of seven (7) members elected by this association on a five year rotating basis, and shall be responsible for carrying out the desires of this association in establishing and supporting mission churches in needed areas under the direction of the Virginia State Association. It shall report annually to this association.  
b) The treasurer of the Home Mission Board shall come from the membership of the Board. He will serve as the Assistant Treasurer of the State Association and serve at the will of the Home Missions Board.  
c) This board will have its own Constitution detailing its own responsibilities under the direction and authority of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.  
d) This board shall have authority to make decisions, on location, personnel, and finance. Upon approval of this association or the Executive Board, it shall be authorized to deal with real estate property and mortgages as needed for the advancement of the work of missions.
3. Nominating Committee:  
a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.  
b) The Nominating Committee shall choose a nominee for each vacant office prior to the regular session making written report to the Moderator for report to the body.  
c) Each nominee should be contacted prior to being presented to the body to be sure that he is willing and able to perform the duties incumbent to the office.  
d) No one should be nominated who is not in good standing with his church, his Local Association, and this body.
4. Credentials Committee:  
a) The Credentials Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.  
b) The Credentials Committee is to examine all letters to the State Association and the credentials of the various delegates.  
c) The committee shall make recommendations to the State Association in session concerning the seating of delegates.
5. Other Committees:  
Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

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 (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this document.
9. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (current edition) shall govern the body in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with this document.

**ARTICLE VI.** Indemnification

Section A. Actions Subject to Indemnification

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

Section B. Expenses Subject To Indemnification

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

Section C. Limitations Of Indemnification

Any indemnification made under this Article, may be made by the association only as authorized in the specific case of a determination that indemnification of the moderator, assistant moderator, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section A of this Article. The determination shall be made (a) by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of the members of Executive Board who were not and are not parties to, or threatened with, the action, suit, or proceeding; (b) if the described quorum is not obtainable, or if a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Executive Board members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (c) by a majority vote of the members of the association.

Section D. Timing Of Indemnification

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

Section E. Extent Of Indemnification

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

Section F. Insurance

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

**ARTICLE VII.** Tax Exempt Provisions

Section A. Private Inurement

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

Section B. Political Involvement

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

Section C. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, any assets of the organization then remaining shall be conveyed to such organizations then existent dedicated to similar objectives to those of this

organization, selected by the Executive Board at the time of dissolution. This organization must be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) as amended or under successor provisions of the Code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution.

**Section D. Racial Nondiscrimination**

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

**Section E. Limitation Of Activities**

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

**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.

**ARTICLE XI. Standing Rules**

1. Everything will be done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:40).
2. The State Association will pay the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer \$100.00 per year.
3. The Executive Board shall determine the amount of honorarium that is to be given to speakers.
4. Representatives on the National Boards are to be active at the state level.
5. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee.
6. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
7. No member of this association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.
8. Reports shall be limited to ten (10) minutes unless ordered by a majority vote of the body.
9. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than two times.
10. The State Association will pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition.
11. The annual State Association meeting will rotate around the state, alternating between east, north, and west as much as practical. Location is to be decided by vote at each preceding session.
12. Office vacancies are to be filled from those who attend the State Association meetings regularly.
13. Each Local Association (yearly or district) is to send \$150.00 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.
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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