

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

*Sixty-Second Session Held With The
Great Bridge
Free Will Baptist Church*

Chesapeake, Virginia
June 15-16, 2000

The next session will be held with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia on June 14-15, 2001.

OFFICERS ELECTED-1999

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Moderator (2001) | Hal Jones |
| Assistant Moderator (2001) | J.D. Norris |
| Clerk (2004) | Donald White |
| Assistant Clerk (2004) | Walter Statzer |
| Treasurer (2001) | Gary Hill |
| Assistant Treasurer (2001) | Home Mission Treasurer |

Executive Board:

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| J. D. Kilgore | 2001 |
| Hal Jones..... | 2002 |
| Don Jones | 2003 |
| Willis Osborne | 2004 |
| Dave Nobles | 2005 |

Home Mission Board:

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| Richard Barnes | 2001 |
| David Neitch | 2002 |
| Jerry Grey | 2003 |
| David Reese | 2004 |
| Jack Blanton | 2005 |

Children's Home:

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| Donald White | 2001 |
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National Association Board:

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| Glen Johnson | 2001 |
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Promotional Secretary:

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| Paul Collins | 2001 |
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CTS Representative:

CONTACT THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

62nd SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 62nd session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Great Bridge Free Will Baptist Church Thursday, June 15, 2000.

Opening song, "To God Be the Glory," was led by Bro. Glen Pike.

Grace for the offering to be received was given by Thurman Alexander and an offering of \$182.50 was received as the musicians played "The Master of the Sea."

The Great Bridge Church Choir presented special music: "I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy".

Fred Bates then preached from Hebrew 12:14 on "The Millennial Message: Holiness".

Moderator, Hal Jones took charge and challenged the congregation that rather than criticizing we ought to pray more. National leaders were recognized and Rev. J.D. Norris led in prayer as ordained Preachers and Deacons that were present layed hands on them.

Hal Jones then called the meeting to order to conduct business as presented.

Bro. Glen Pike then led the congregation in a hymn: "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Clerk, Don White introduced the Officers of the State Association and read a motion from the Executive Board: To modify the By-Laws of the Virginia State Association, Article VII, State Home Mission Board, Item 1, to read, "This State Home Mission Board shall be composed of five (5) members elected on rotating basis yearly."

A motion was made and seconded to accept the motion.

A motion was made and seconded to table voting on this matter until Friday's session. The motion to table was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

The following committees were elected.

Nominating:

Dave Nobles
Jack Blanton
Jerry Grey
Dale Burden, Chair

Registration and Credentials Committee:

Rick Gatton

Don White

Jennings Dotson, Chair

A motion to adjourn until Friday morning was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Dismissed in prayer by Melvin Worthington.

FRIDAY SESSION JUNE, 16, 2000

Glen Pike led the congregation in singing "What A Mighty God We Serve" and "Rescue The Perishing"

Southeastern Bible College Singers sang "Just One More Soul."

Paul Collins gave devotions using I Corinthians 9:16-27 speaking on "The Millennial Mile".

The Registration and Credentials Committee reported as follows:

| District Association | Number of Churches | Fees Required (\$35.00/church) | Fees presented | Variance |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Clinch Valley | 11 | 385.00 | 770.00 | +385.00 |
| Harmony | 5 | 175.00 | 200.00 | +25.00 |
| John Wheeler | 14 | 490.00 | 490.00 | 0 |
| Southwest | 31 | 1085.00 | 11200.00 | +35.00 |
| Sandy Valley | 3 | 105.00 | 150.00 | +45.00 |
| Central | 5 | 175.00 | 500.00 | +325.00 |

Delegates for each District were recognized. A list of delegates can be found in the detailed reports found elsewhere in these minutes.

A motion to accept the report and seat the delegates was made and amended to include the delegates from the Tidewater and Central Associations without their letters of report, which are to be submitted later. The motion was seconded and approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

The 1999 minutes of the 61st proceedings were read. A motion to receive them as information was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

A motion was made to remove from the table the motion from the

Executive Board to modify the By-Laws and expand the Home Missions Board from three members to five. This motion was approved by vote.

The motion was read and discussed. There was a call to question and the motion passed by vote of "1" with no opposition. The following "Out-of-State" Reports were presented and received as information.

- National Executive Office, Melvin Worthington
- National Home Missions, Richard Atwood
- National Foreign Missions, Howard Bass
- Randall House Publications, Alton Lovelace
- National Board of Retirement, Bill Evans

There were discussions concerning the apparent endorsement of the recent Billy Graham crusade held in Nashville. Dr. Lovelace assured the delegation that such endorsement was not from Randall House but was the act of a single individual.

A motion was made by Fred Bates to seat a resolution committee of four members to draft a resolution concerning the Billy Graham Issue and to present it in the afternoon session. Larry Russell seconded the motion and it was approved by vote. David Austin, Glenn Johnson, Fred Bates, and Roger Mullins were appointed to serve in this capacity.

There was a 10-minute recess.

Worship Service opened by singing "The Banner of the Cross."

Southeastern Bible College Singers sang "We Shall See Heaven Someday."

Jack Blanton preached from Psalm 60:1-5 on "The Millennial Banner."

A motion to adjourn for lunch was approved by vote of "1" with no opposition. Gary Hill gave dismissal prayer and grace for the noon-time meal.

The afternoon session opened by singing "Amazing Grace."

David Austin gave devotion. Using Revelation 19:1-9 he spoke on the Millennial marriage: Supper of the Lamb

The Moderator then called the meeting to order.

More "Out-of-State" reports were presented.

- Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, James Kilgore
- Free Will Baptist Bible College Nashville, Milton Fields
- Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Billy Bevins

A motion to receive the "Out-of-State" reports as information was seconded and approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

The following "In-State" Reports were presented.

- Harvest Child Care Ministries, Newl Dotson
- State Home Missions Board, Richard Barnes, Jack Blanton and Paul Collins
- General Board Representative, Hal Jones for
Glen Johnson
- Camp Jacob, Don White
- State Promotional Office, Howard Bass
- Treasurer, Gary Hill

A motion to receive the "In-State" reports as information was seconded and approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Don Jones presented the Executive Board Report and the following recommendations.

1. To increase fees payable to the State from the district Associations from \$35.00 per church to \$50.00 per church. This increase is due to an increase in National fees. (Re: 1999 National Association Yearbook, p. 823)
2. That the 63rd Session meet with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia, (Rev. Dave Nobles, Pastor) June 14 and 15, 2001.
3. To strongly suggest 100% participation of Virginia Churches regarding the retirement fund for ministers.

A motion was made to accept the entire report and the recommended items contained therein. After much discussion concerning item 1, (fees increased to \$50.00 per church was believed to be insufficient) the motion to accept the report was withdrawn.

After much more discussion, a motion was made that the Virginia State Association borrow \$2,000.00 from the Home Mission Board

treasury to cover the increase in the National fees for this year. This loan is to be re-paid with funds to be collected from the District Associations, as fees required retroactive to this meeting.

The Executive Board then amended their report so that Item 1 should read, "To increase fees payable to the State from the District Associations from \$35.00 per church to \$75.00 per church. This increase is due to an increase in National fees. (Re:1999 National Association yearbook, p. 823)"

A motion to receive the amended report was seconded and approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Jerry Grey presented the Report of the Nominating Committee.

A motion to receive the report was seconded and approved by Vote of "I" with no opposition.

The following officers were elected:

- Moderator, Hal Jones (term expires in 2001)
- Assistant moderator, J.D. Norris (term expires in 2001)
- Treasurer, Gary Hill (term expires in 2001)
- Executive Board, J.D. Kilgore (to fill the remainder of Bill Fulcher's term, expires in 2001)
- Executive Board, Dave Nobles (term expires in 2005)
- Home Mission Board, Jerry Grey (term expires in 2003)
- Home Mission Board, David Reese
(term expires in 2004)
- Home Mission Board, Jack Blanton
(term expires in 2005)
- National Board Representative, Glenn Johnson
(term expires in 2001)
- Promotional Secretary Paul Collins
(term expires in 2001)

The resolution committee presented its report. A motion was made to accept the report and adopt the resolution. After much discussion and rewording the following resolution was drafted.

Be it resolved that the Virginia State Association expresses concern over recent allegations against the Billy Graham Ministry. We do hereby appeal to the Theological Commission of the National Association to examine the teachings of Billy Graham and his Ministry regarding it's ecumenical associations, the nature of eternal punishment as well as the absolute necessity of

Christ for salvation. The findings of this examination are requested to be provided to the Virginia State Association.

There was a call to question and the resolution was accepted by show of hands with no opposition. The Clerk is requested to provide a copy of the resolution to present at the National Meeting.

Sharon Kinder, Doc Hoilman and Brenda Hoilman were elected as delegates to the Naional Association.

A motion was made that Glen Johnson be authorized to appoint other delegates as may be present. This motion was seconded and approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Ron Mullins led the memorial prayer in memory of the following.

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| Rev. Harold Kilgore | Rev. Fred Ramey | Darlene Bryant |
| Bill Webser | Maxie Martin | Ruby Ramey |
| Barney Yellman | Norma Malcolm | Diane Wall |
| Henry Kincer | Tommy Hill | Harold Despain |
| Glenn Deel | Mozelle Lashley | Patty Hall |
| Beulah Pennington | Geneva Beagley | Phil Hill |
| George Dingus | | |

Minutes of this meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made, seconded and approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

A motion to adjourn and to give the Great Bridge Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality to the State Meeting was made, seconded and approved by standing vote with no opposition.

Moderator, Hal Jones read from the scriptures, Acts 4:38 and called on Bro. Glenn Pike to dismiss the meeting in prayer.

Notable Motions approved during the 62nd session of the Virginia State Association:

- Modified by-laws to expand the Home Mission Board from 3 members to 5 members
- Increase fees from district associations from \$35.00 to \$75.00
- Approved resolution to represent to the National Association Theological Integrity Commission concerning the Billy Graham Ministries.

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

Treasurer's Report
May 31, 1999 - May 31, 2000

| | | |
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| <u>Receipts</u> | | Bal. Fwd. \$1,626.66 |
| Clinch Valley | \$ 430.00 | |
| Southwest | \$ 1669.15 | |
| Tidewater | \$ 630.00 | |
| John Wheeler | \$ 525.00 | |
| Sandy Valley | \$ 0.00 | |
| Harmony | \$ 300.00 | <u>Total \$ 3,554.15</u> |
| <u>Offerings</u> | | |
| State Meeting | \$ 328.25 | |
| <u>Wilton Dail Offering</u> | | |
| <u>Promotion Office</u> | | |
| First FWB Richmond | \$ 404.51 | |
| <u>Total Receipts</u> | | <u>\$4,286.91</u> |

Disbursements

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| Newsletter | \$ 99.00 |
| Promotion Sec. | \$ 500.00 |
| Promotion Reim. | |
| National Dues | \$ 2200.00 |
| Minutes | \$ 446.22 |
| State Corp. Fee | \$ 25.00 |
| Moderator | \$ 50.00 |
| Clerk | \$ 50.00 |
| Treasurer | \$ 50.00 |
| Speakers | \$ 210.00 |
| Reimbursments: | |
| Exec. Board | \$ 392.70 |
| Gen. Board Mbr. | \$ 310.00 |
| Moderator H.J. | |
| Leadership Conf. | \$135.00 |
| Moderator F.B. | |
| N. Va Conf. | \$138.88 |
| Speaker J. Pike | \$284.12 |
| Bank Fees | \$ 55.00 |

Total **\$ 4,945.92**

Summary

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| Beg. Bal. | \$ 1,626.66 |
| <u>Deposits</u> | <u>\$ 4,286.91</u> |
| Total | \$ 5,913.57 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ 4,945.92</u> |
| Bal. | \$ 967.65 |
| 5/31/00 | |

**VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSIONS
of Freewill Baptists**

Bal. on 5-29-99 \$2,138.80

Receipts:

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| Gateway FWB Church | \$68.60 |
| John Wheeler (S.W. Quarterly) | \$68.50 |
| Shiloh FWB Church | \$191.21 |
| King of Kings FWB Church | \$259.30 |
| East Bristol FWB Church | \$734.32 |
| Powell Valley Natl. Bank (int. on Now acct.) | \$35.74 |
| Powell Valley Natl. Bank (int. on Money Mkt acct.) | \$315.11 |
| | (2/29/00) |
| Total Receipts | \$1,672.78 |

Expenditures through May 31, 1999

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| Paul Collins (expenses to Natl. Convention) | \$500.00 |
| Collins Family (Christmas) | \$250.00 |
| Total Exp | \$750.00 |

Balance to date:

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| NOW acct | \$ 2,746.24 |
| Money Mkt. Savings | \$18,629.36 |
| | (2/29/00) |
| Total Balance | \$21,375.60 |

Submitted by Jack R. Blanton
Treas. Va. State Home Missions

Report of the Executive Board: 2000

We the Executive Board of the Virginia State Association do hereby make the following recommendations.

- Item 1. To modify the By-Laws of the Virginia State Association, Article VII, State Home Mission Board, Item 1 to read, "This State Home Mission Board shall be composed of five (5) members elected on a rotating basis yearly."
- Item 2. Due to an increase in National Fees (ref: 1999 association yearbook, page 823); To modify the Standing rules, Item 7, to read, "Each member yearly (or District) association is to send \$50.00 per church in its Association to this State Association for National dues, plus an offering to help defray the expenses of this associational meeting and the printing of the minutes.

(This recommendation was modified from \$50.00 to \$75.00 when presented to the voting body)

- Item 3. That the 63rd Session convene June 14-15, 2001 with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Woodbridge, VA. (Rev. Dave Nobles, Pastor).
- Item 4. To **strongly** suggest 100% participation of Churches in the State of Virginia Regarding the Retirement Fund for Ministers.

Respectfully submitted:

Hal Jones
Don Jones
Willis Osborne

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

| | |
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| Total number of churches | 11 |
| Total number of churches in city/town | 0 |
| Total number of churches rural | 11 |
| Total number of churches reporting | 11 |
| Churches with Full-Time Pastors | 1 |
| Churches with Part-Time Pastors | 10 |
| Total Baptisms | 7 |
| Total members added | 12 |
| Total members lost | 20 |
| Total membership | 554 |
| Total income of all churches..... | \$51,097.90 |
| Total number of churches with budgets | 0 |
| Total number of churches with parsonages | 0 |
| Total value of all church property | \$1,384,339.00 |
| Total number of ordained ministers | 34 |
| Total number of licensed ministers | 2 |
| Total number of ordained deacons | 28 |
| Sunday School enrollment | 434 |
| Total CTS enrollment | 0 |
| Total WNAC enrollment | 0 |
| Total Master's Men enrollment | 0 |
| Number of state association minutes requested..... | 50 |
| Amount of representation fee enclosed | \$770.00 |

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Clerk: Evelyn C. Herron
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MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING MINISTERS

| | | |
|----------------------|--|----------------|
| Marvin Winkle, Sr., | 2021 Todd Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, | (423) 247-8547 |
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| Brad Jackson, | 378 Timbertree Branch Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660 | (423) 279-7890 |
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| Jerry McNew, Jr., | Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 | |
| Willie Ashworth, | Rt. 4 Box 61, Clinchport, VA 24244, | (540) 940-2179 |
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| | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| James M. Baker, | Rt. 5 Box 286, Duffield, VA 24244, | (540) 431-2722 |
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| Jackie Frazier, | Rt. 3 Box 25-B, Duffield, VA 24244, | (540) 949-2999 |
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| Joe Townsend, | Rt. 4 Box 326-A, Duffield, VA 24244, | (540) 431-2331 |
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MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

| | | |
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| Moderator | | |
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| Clerk | | |
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| Bishop Memorial FWB Church | | |
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| Clinchport FWB Church | | |
| Pastor Roger Herron | 308 Cannon St., Kingsport, TN 37664, | (423) 288-8490 |
| Orebank FWB Church | | |
| Pastor Marvin Winkle, | 2021 Todd Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, | (423) 247-8547 |
| Pendleton FWB Church | | |
| Pastor Kevin Sanders, | Rt. 5 Box 285, Duffield, VA 24444, | (540) 431-4640 |
| Valley View FWB Church | | |
| Pastor L.W. Salling, | Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA 24250 | |

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Moderator
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Clerk
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Pastor William Bowen, P.O. Box 54 Duffield, VA 24444, (540) 431-2331
Hill's Chapel FWB Church
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Pastor Fred Gillenwater, Rt. Box 1506 Ft. Blackmore VA 24250
Red Hill FWB Church
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Tipton's Chapel FWB Church
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HARMONY ASSOCIATION

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| Churches | 5 |
| Churches - City/Town | 0 |
| Churches - Rural | 5 |
| Churches Reporting | 5 |
| Churches with Full-Time Pastors | 0 |
| Churches with Part-Time Pastors | 5 |
| Number Baptisms | 2 |
| Members Added | 9 |
| Members Lost | 1 |
| Total Membership | 299 |
| Total Income of Churches | \$57,332.04 |
| Churches with Budgets | 0 |
| Ordained Ministers | 16 |
| Licensed Ministers | 0 |
| Ordained Deacons | 20 |
| Churches with Day Care Centers | 0 |
| Churches with Kindergartens | 0 |
| Churches with Christian Day Schools | 0 |
| Value of Church Property | \$ 415,000.00 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 324 |
| CTS Enrollment | 58 |
| WNAC Enrollment | 62 |
| Master's Men Enrollment | 0 |
| Number of State Association Minutes Requested..... | 25 |
| Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed..... | \$200.00 |

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Harmony Association Ordained Ministers

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
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| Danny Keith McNew | Rt. 1 Box 190 Fort Blackmore, VA 24250 |
| Steve McNew | Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245 |
| Terry Begley | Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245 |
| Ralph Begley | Rt.1 Dungannon, VA 24245 |
| Charles Puckett | Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA 24250 |
| James Salling | Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA. 24250 |
| Donald McDavid | Rt. 4 Clinchport, VA 24244 |
| Jackie Dorton | Rt. 4 Duffield, VA 24244 |
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| Sam Hileman | Castlewood, VA |
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JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

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| Churches | 14 |
| Churches - City/Town | 3 |
| Churches - Rural | 11 |
| Churches Reporting | 14 |
| Churches with Full-Time Pastors | 8 |
| Churches with Part-Time Pastors | 6 |
| Baptisms | 101 |
| Members added | 42 |
| Members lost | 36 |
| Total Membership | 1136 |
| Total Income | \$ 368,911.00 |
| Churches with Budgets | 1 |
| Churches with Parsonages | 3 |
| Value of Church Property | \$ 1,250,000.00 |
| Ordained Ministers | 24 |
| Licensed Ministers | 2 |
| Ordained Deacons | 46 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 613 |
| CTS Enrollment | 95 |
| WNAC Enrollment | 99 |
| Master's Men Enrollment | 16 |
| Number of State Association Minutes Requested..... | 75 |
| Representation Fees..... | \$490.00 |

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

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| Churches | 14 |
| Churches - City/Town | 10 |
| Churches - Rural | 4 |
| Churches with Full-Time Pastors | 7 |
| Churches with Part-Time Pastors | 7 |
| Number Baptisms | 111 |
| Members Added | 86 |
| Members Lost | 0 |
| Total Membership | 1032 |
| Churches with Budgets | 13 |
| Ordained Ministers | 21 |
| Licensed Ministers | 2 |
| Ordained Deacons | 12 |
| Churches with Day Care Centers | 1 |
| Churches with Kindergartens | 0 |
| Churches with Christian Day Schools | 1 |
| Total Number of Churches with Parsonage | 3 |
| Value of Church Property | \$ 3,000,000.00 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 902 |
| CTS Enrollment | 35 |
| WNAC Enrollment | 36 |
| Master's Men Enrollment | 9 |
| Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed..... | \$665.00 |

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Clerk: David Austin
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Reva, VA 22735
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SANDY VALLEY

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| Churches | 3 |
| Churches Reporting | 3 |
| Pastors | 11 |
| Total Membership | 121 |
| Ordained Deacons | 11 |
| Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed..... | \$150.00 |
| Flowers & Love Offering | \$543.59 |
| Building & Repair | \$1,025.18 |
| Publication | \$96.30 |
| Home Mission | \$1.50 |
| Paid Pastor | \$405.00 |
| Paid Evangelist & Love offerings | \$ 1,509.08 |
| Church Treasurer | \$9,150.40 |

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| Bro. Guy Harris, | Rt. 1, Honaker, VA |
| Bro. Donald Harris, | Rt. 2, Honaker, VA |
| Bro. Earl Reynolds, | Rove, VA |
| Bro. Jackie Perkins, | Rt. 1, Box 128, Vansant, VA |
| Bro. Gilbert Roten, | Rt. 2, Honaker, VA |
| Bro. Emory James, | Rt. 2, Honaker, VA |
| Bro. Clarence Yates, | Rove, VA |
| Bro. Roy Lee Wilson, | Bee, VA |
| Bro. Russell Harris, | Rt. 2, Honaker, VA |
| Bro. Michael Miller, | Rt. 2, Honaker, VA |
| Bro. Jason Reynolds, | Rove, VA |

Clerks

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| Dullas James | Venia Chapel Church FWB |
| Phyllis James | Fellow Chapel FWB Church |
| Joyce Perkins | Gents Chapel FWB Church |

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

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|---|----------------|
| Total number of churches | 30 |
| Total number of churches in city/town | 5 |
| Total number of churches rural | 25 |
| Total number of churches reporting | 30 |
| Churches with Full-Time Pastors | 7 |
| Churches with Part-Time Pastors | 23 |
| Total Baptisms | 7 |
| Total members added | 58 |
| Total members lost | 58 |
| Total membership | 1,385 |
| Total income of all churches | \$166,162.39 |
| Total number of churches with budgets | 3 |
| Total number of churches with parsonages | 0 |
| Total value of all church property | \$3,430,950.00 |
| Total number of ordained ministers | 66 |
| Total number of licensed ministers | 3 |
| Total number of ordained deacons | 92 |
| Sunday School enrollment | 1,213 |
| Total CTS enrollment | 355 |
| Total WNAC enrollment | 238 |
| Total Master's Men enrollment | 37 |
| Number of state association minutes requested | 50 |
| Amount of representation fee enclosed | \$665.00 |

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EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

| | |
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| Beech Grove F.W.B. Church Rt. 1 Box 340, Keekee, VA 24265, | Rev. Larry Rutherford, (540) 546-3727 |
| Central F.W.B. Church 216 7th St., NE, Norton, VA 24273, | Rev Gary Hill, (540) 679-5466 |
| Community F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 954, Coeburn, VA 24230, | Rev. C. Wayne Perry , (540) 395-5315 |
| Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church 8301 Gilliam Hollow Rd., Pound, VA 24279, | Rev. Danny C. Mullins, (540) 796-5935 |
| Durham's Chapel F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 317, East Stone Gap, VA 24246, | Rev. Walter Begley, (540) 523-3833 |
| First F.W.B. Church of Bull Run Box 11500 Riverview Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230, | Rev. Mitchell Elliot, (540) 395-3642 |
| Flatwoods F.W.B. Church 3531 Louisa Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230 | Rev. Jerry Hayes, (540) 395-6434 |
| Hoover Hill F.W.B. Church | |
| Mary's Chapel F.W.B. Church 215 Harris St., SW, Coeburn, VA 24230, | Rev. Marty Puckett, (540) 395-6610 |
| Pine Grove F.W.B. Church HC05, Box 551E, Coeburn, VA 24230, | Rev. Willie Stanley , (540) 395-6184 |
| Pippin's Chapel F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 714, Pound, VA 24279, | Rev. Nolan Stanley, (540) 796-5603 |
| Ramsey F.W.B. Church | |
| St. Paul F.W.B. Church 14108 Dry Fork Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230, | Rev. Thomas Slemp, (540) 395-3697 |
| Tacoma F.W.B. Church P.O. Box 564, Coeburn, VA 24230 | Rev. Cecil McConnell, (540) 395-2940 |
| Other Ministers | |
| Rev. Howard Ashworth, 415 Chestnut Street, Norton, VA 24230, | (540) 679-3393 |
| Rev. Palmer Blevins, 14439 Holbrook Chapel Road, Coeburn, VA 24230, | (540) 395-2646 |
| Rev. Robert Daughtery, 615 W. 14th St., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, | (540) 523-5728 |
| Rev. Early Hall, 11804 Charlotte Road, Coeburn, VA 24230, | (540) 395-9703 |
| Rev. J.D. Kilgore, P.O. Box 1, Pound, VA 24279, | (540) 796-4243 |
| Rev. Noah Kiser, Jr., P.O. Box 204 Coeburn, VA 24230, | (540) 395-2262 |
| Rev. Oscar Niece, Rt. 1, Box 31 Clintwood, VA 24228 | |

Lee County Quarterly Conference

as reported on April 15, 2000

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Rev. Alvis Lester
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Rev. Jack B. Cope, Rt. 3 Box 117
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(540) 546-4079

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Rev. Donald Jones , Rt. 2 Box 140,
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Rev. Raymond Baird, Rt. 4 Box 270,
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HM Bernard Broskey 378 Anderson Hollow, Rd., Norton, VA 24273
HM Jessie Cowden, 6209 West Norton Rd., Norton, VA 24273
 Roger Freeman, 9541 Bold Camp Rd., Pound, VA 24279
HM Kenneth Hall 10839A Mt. View Rd. Wise, VA 24293
HM Raymond Baird, Rt. 4 Jonesville, VA 24262
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HM Denver Dean, P.O. Box 565, Wise, VA 24293
HM William Harrison, Rt. 8 Box 6, Abingdon, VA 24210
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HM Herman Beverly, P.O. Box 592, Wise, VA 24293
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HM Fred H. Carty P.O. Box 1701 Mt. Carmel, TN 37645
HM Jack Cope, Rt 3, Box 117, Pennington Gap, VA 24777
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 Kendall Lane, 9140 Birchfeld Rd., Pound, VA 24279
 John Meade, 5126 Pole Bridge Rd., Wise, VA 24293
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TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

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| Churches | 19 |
| Churches Reporting | 13 |
| Churches with Full-Time Pastors | 17 |
| Churches with Part-Time Pastors | 2 |
| Number Baptisms | 100 |
| Members Added | 97 |
| Members Lost | 157 |
| Total Membership | 2,248 |
| Total Income of Churches | \$ 1,807,583.40 |
| Churches with Budgets | 10 |
| Ordained Ministers | 20 |
| Licensed Ministers | 13 |
| Ordained Deacons | 53 |
| Churches with Day Care Centers | 0 |
| Churches with Kindergartens | 1 |
| Churches with Parsonages..... | 5 |
| Churches with Christian Day Schools | 1 |
| Churches with Bible Institutes | 1 |
| Colleges | 0 |
| Value of Church Property | \$ 10,783,714.00 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 654 |
| CTS Enrollment | 0 |
| WNAC Enrollment | 127 |
| Master's Men Enrollment | 26 |

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CONSTITUTION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

(Adopted June 16, 1989)

PREAMBLE

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher degree of cooperation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and By-laws for the government of the State Association of Virginia and upon its adoption void any previous rulings, customs, practices or patterns heretofore followed.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local associations of this state and adjacent territory to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this world by all of our churches.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1

MEMBERSHIP

This State Association shall be comprised of those Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Associations who are in total agreement with the doctrines and system of church government of the Free Will Baptists as stated in the most current Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists, and who are in agreement with the declarations of this Constitution.

This Virginia State Association shall itself be a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and shall support all phases of the denomination's work as much as possible. This membership is voluntary, submits to no veto or dictatorial power, and can be discontinued at any time.

SECTION II

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Any organized Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Association desiring to unite with this association, which maintains gospel order and agrees with the position stated herein concerning doctrine and church government, 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 the Treatise, Part IV,

**SECTION III
MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION**

- A. Standing delegates:
1. "All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing belonging to the Virginia State Association upon registration become members in full standing and constitute the standing delegation of the Association." (Proposed 1965)
 2. All duly elected officers and members of standing committees or boards of this association.
- B. Elected delegates; Each association within the state shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local association (1981) and two (2) additional delegates for each quarterly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting (1989). Also, each local church shall be allowed one (1) delegate (1989) to the state meeting.

ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINE: The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or usage that may properly come before it from any association, quarterly meeting or church composing said state association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies. Such appeals are to come before the state association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

**ARTICLE V
SECTION I**

- A. **OFFICERS:** The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and five member Executive Board.
- B. **OFFICERS' ELECTIONS:** The Moderator shall appoint a Nomination Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session. They shall select a nominee for each office that is vacant and present the list to the Moderator. The Moderator shall read the name that is nominated for each office, and declare the floor open for additional nominations. Each office shall be filled by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session, except the clerk and assistant clerk which shall be for a period

of four (4) years (elected on leap year) or during good behavior, and the executive board which shall be elected according to a five (5) year rotation.

SECTION II

A. STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES: When needed, the state executive secretaries of department work shall be as follows: foreign missions, home missions, young people's work, Sunday Schools, and education, and shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

B. PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: The State Association can have at its discretion a 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 and will work under contract with the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. Business Session: This State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be at 7:30 P.M. on the Thursday before the third (3rd) Sunday in June each year, and shall continue in session until its work is completed - providing notice shall have been served to the clerk of each association composing the state association - said notice to have been given at least one (1) month prior to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting.
2. This State Association will sponsor a Bible Conference on the Thursday of the conference meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.
3. Adjourned sessions may be called by the moderator or the Executive Board when conditions demand.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this State Association of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting at any regular session; provided specific notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

BRINGING THE SESSION TO ORDER: Each session will begin with prayer and congregational singing. After the welcome address and response by the clerk, the clerk will introduce the officers

concluding with the Moderator. The Moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, will then declare the session to be in order for business. If a quorum is present, he shall then proceed with the business. ("The quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called." Robert's Rules of Order Revised, 1971.)

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES: It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any local association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions will be considered dropped from this association. Letters and fees will be accepted from district associations with or without delegates (1965).

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I MODERATOR

1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call each session to order for business and to preside over all business sessions of this State Association.
2. He shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session as mentioned in Article V, Section 1B of the Constitution.
3. He shall appoint a credentials committee at the beginning of each session.
4. He is to see that all business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition).
5. 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.
6. He is to preside over any special called meeting between sessions whether called by himself or the Executive Board.
7. He shall seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
8. He is to promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
9. He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.

SECTION II ASSISTANT MODERATOR

He will help the moderator perform the duties inherent to that office and in the absence of the moderator will perform all of the duties of the elected moderator.

SECTION III CLERK

1. 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.
2. The clerk is to compile the letters sent from member Yearly (or District) Associations so as to be sent to the National Association.
3. The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
4. The clerk will introduce the officers of this State Association at the beginning of each session.
5. The clerk is to mail each individual church clerk, pastor and association clerk a notice of the State meeting dates one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one (1) delegate at the State Meeting. (1986 & 1987)
6. The clerk will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Meeting programs and will keep records of these meetings.

SECTION IV ASSISTANT CLERK

The assistant clerk will help the clerk perform the duties inherent to that position and in the absence of the clerk will perform the complete duties of the elected clerk.

SECTION V TREASURER

1. The treasurer will receive and accurately record all money received by this State Association.
2. The treasurer will pay all dues and expenses of this association.
3. The treasurer will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Association programs.

SECTION VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the state association from one regular session of the

- association to another, and shall have 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.
2. This board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any vacancies that occur in any department of work. 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.
 3. This board shall consider whatever business placed upon it, or referred to it by this association or its membership.
 4. This board shall promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
 5. This board will plan each Bible Conference and State Association meeting (1986) along with the Moderator and Clerk.
 6. This board will set the place for the State CTS competition each year (1988).
 7. The Executive Board will oversee the office of the State Promotional Secretary.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE AND PROMOTIONAL SECRETARIES

The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association according to the direction of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The credentials committee will examine all letters to the State Association and the credentials of the various delegates. The committee shall make recommendations to the Association concerning the seating of delegates.

ARTICLE VI

Denominational Enterprises: It shall be the right and purpose of this state association to establish and maintain home missions, publishing houses, orphanages, aged ministers' homes, and summer camps for young people.

ARTICLE VII STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

1. This State Home Mission Board shall be comprised of five (5) members elected on a rotating basis yearly. (2000)
2. The treasurer of the Home Mission Board will be a member of

the Board.

3. This board will promote home mission work in this state.
4. This board will have its own constitution and By-laws detailing its own responsibilities under the direction and authority of this Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII

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 IX RULES OF ORDER

1. Everything will be done in decency and in order. (I Cor. 14:40)
2. This body will be governed as stipulated in the most current Treatise of the Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this Constitution and By-Laws.
3. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition) shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or the special rules of order of this society.
4. The moderator's rulings will stand unless challenged, seconded and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
5. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.
6. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of all members of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
8. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
9. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
10. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
11. The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
12. 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.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting at any regular session providing notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

STANDING RULES

1. The Association will pay the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer \$50.00 per year. (1989)
2. Representatives on the National Boards are to be active at the state level. (1974)
3. The moderator cannot succeed himself more than one year. (1976)
4. The State Association will pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition. (1976)
5. The Association meeting will rotate around the state, alternating between east, central & west as much as practical. Location to be decided by vote at each preceding session of the state meeting. (1998)
6. Office vacancies are to be filled by those who attend the State meetings regularly. (1987)
7. Each member Yearly (or District) Association is to send \$75.00 per church in its association to this State Association for National dues, plus an offering to help defray the expenses of this associational meeting and the printing of the minutes. (2000)
8. The State's recommendation to the National Association concerning who will serve as a General Board member of the National Association will be made and sent with the state report to the National on the even calendar years.
9. Speakers will be given a \$20.00 honorarium.
10. These Standing Rules can be changed in any fashion at any regular session by a simple majority vote.

