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THEME: "Not Forsaking The Assembly Of Ourselves Together" Hebrews 10:25

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CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS PREAMBLE

Having received salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, and having been baptized as an outward sign of our separation from the world, and realizing the necessity of being identified with and sharing the fellowship of other believers, have joined ourselves to a local visible church, we do ordain this Constitution to unify the work of Free Will Baptist in the State of West Virginia, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ and for the salvation of souls in cooperation with various quarterly or yearly meetings comprising this State Association. **May God Bless our labor.**

Article No. 1

Section 1. All ordained Ministers and Deacons belonging to member Quarterly Meetings and District Associations shall make up the standing delegates to this State Association. Each quarterly meeting shall be permitted to send three lay delegates to the State Association plus one delegate from each Church composing that Quarterly Meeting.

Section 2. The membership of the State Association shall consist of the Quarterly Meetings and District Association of Yearly Meetings from time to time upon approval shall become members of this body.

Section 3. Any Minister, Deacon or Delegate voting in State Association must be a member of a Church in good standing with the Quarterly Meeting recommending them to the State Association.

Section 4. This State Association shall be affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America, and recognize the Treatise of Faith and Practice as our guidelines for denominal fellowship, as long as they remain an independent denomination.

Article No. 2 – Discipline

Section 1. The State Association shall have the right to settle questions of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time from any Quarterly Meetings or Yearly Meetings composing the said State Association or act upon any appeal that may be made by any of the bodies that belong to the State Association. The said appeal shall have been written and signed by the Association making the appeal then forwarded by mail or in person to State Association and Quarterly Meeting.

Section 2. No Quarterly Meeting shall license or ordain to preach or serve as a Deacon any Man having two living wives. No Man having married a divorced Woman shall be licensed or ordained to preach or ordained as a Deacon in this State Association.

Section 3. No Quarterly Meeting shall license or ordain a Woman to preach.

Section 4. No Quarterly Meeting shall be accepted or retained as a member that license or ordain Women to preach.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall investigate any charges, after they have been properly presented to the Quarterly Meeting of which the grieved party or parties are a member. Any charges presented to this State Association Executive Board for consideration must be presented in writing and signed by the person or persons making the charges.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall be paid for travel expenses, at the United States Government rate when traveling to meetings for business of the State Association. The party or parties requesting the Executive Board to meet with them, shall be responsible to pay their expenses.

Section 7. Both Scripture and nature as designed by God affirm the lifelong, covenantal union of one man, being male as created by God, and one woman, being female as created by God, in a one-flesh relationship. This one-flesh relationship is emblematic of the union of Christ and His church. It is the sole and beautiful context of the divine plan for the marital relationship of man and woman as image-bearers of God, as well as the foundation for the family as the basic, divinely ordained unit of human society. Violations of this one-flesh union, whether heterosexual or homosexual, premarital or extramarital, contravene the divine plan for the family and for the conception and rearing of children, brining spiritual despair, guilt, and death to individuals and cultures.

Article No. 3

Section 1. The Officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Each of whom shall be nominated from the floor. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator for two year term and able to succeed themselves for an indefinite period of time; the Clerk and Assistant, the Treasurer and Assistant for three year term: the Parliamentarian for a two year term beginning at the 54th session.

Election shall be determined by a majority vote. Those persons and Officers thus elected shall hold their office until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings to see that all the Constitution and By-Laws are obeyed and respected, and to exercise all the right to vote.

The right to vote shall be given the Moderator only in case of a tie. He shall be allowed to speak on any subject provided the Assistant is in the chair. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator in any way he can in the discharge of his duty. This duty shall not be construed to abridge his right to vote when in the chair, in which he shall be governed to the same rule as that affecting the Moderator.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a complete record of all meetings to publish in book form, minutes and distributed to various quarterly meetings composing this State Association. All expenses of such records and printing are to be defrayed by the treasury.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold and keep all such money as may come into the State Association and disburse it only at the direction of proper authorities. He shall make a bond of not less than all funds coming into his possession. An Assistant Treasurer will be elected to act in any absence of the Treasurer, or act of emergency.

I. Promotional Director – It shall be the duty of the Promotional Director to strive for the enlistment of new Conferences and Associations into membership of the West Virginia State Association. To promote the works of this State Association first, and the work of Free Will Baptists in new fields. The office of Promotional Director shall not be used to settle disputes between brethren and Conferences.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION:

Promotional Director.

FUNCTION:

To promote all works sanctioned by the WV State Association of Free Will Baptist. To actively interface with WV FWB Conferences and Churches. To promote the WV State Association and its works to other FWB State Associations, Colleges, and National Organizations. To maintain an office for the WV State Association.

ORGANIZATION RELATIONSHIPS:

The office of the Promotional Director shall be filled, supported and supervised by the Executive Committee of the West Virginia State Association. The Executive Committee may by two-thirds vote modify the duties of the Promotional Director to the State Association.

DUTIES AND RESPNSIBILITIES:

Accountability:

The Promotional Director shall provide a written report bimonthly to the Executive Committee and an annual written report to the State Association. The Promotional Director shall meet bimonthly with the

Executive Committee.

The Promotional Director shall present an operating budget for approval to the Executive Committee. Once approved, the Promotional Director shall be responsible to operate the State Office within the budget.

National Meetings:

The Promotional Director, will attend and represent the WV State Association annually at the National Convention and the National Leadership Conference.

Conference and Church Meetings:

The Promotional Director shall attend and represent the WV State Association at as many local Conference / Quarterly Meetings as possible. He shall attend every Conference at least once every two years.

The Promotional Director will make as many Church visits throughout West Virginia as his schedule allows. To promote the works of the WV State Association; to minister to the pastors; and to keep people informed about the issues affecting Free Will Baptists.

Coordination:

The Promotional Director will participate in all WV State Association Board Meetings. To provide general oversight to the Free Will Baptist work in West Virginia and provide insight in regards to National Free Will Baptist issues.

The Promotional Director will work closely with the Publication Board in the publication of the State Paper *(The Messenger)*; and have direct impact as to its contents and format. This is to provide consistency in the promotion of West Virginia's Free Will Baptist.

Strategic Goals:

The Promotional Director shall proactively work towards the Strategic Goals defined by the Executive Committee and as listed in the Addendum.

Other Duties:

The Promotional Director will serve as a pastor's role to our WV pastors by counseling and encouraging them. He will also provide resources for them and their flock for their spiritual growth.

The Promotional Director will promote women and youth activities.

The Promotional Director will have a strong emphasis on missions, and promote our WV missionaries.

The Promotional Director will serve on the Co-Op Committee.

The Promotional Director shall work with the Masters Men Board to carry out the Disaster Response Plan, and serve as the liaison between the National Association and the State Association.

The Promotional Director will make himself available to the WV State Boards for special projects and to promote all works sanctioned by the WV State Association.

The Promotional Director will manage the Book Store account.

The Promotional Director will make a verbal report at the State Association.

The Promotional Director will be the states representative to Randall House Publications. He will comply with the promotional guidelines set forth by Randall House as follows: (on any product, program, or service that is acceptable to WV).

- Promotional Director to write a minimum of four letters a year for promotion of Randall House Publications in conjunction with our campaigns.
- Promotional Director will attend a minimum of two training events during the year.
- Promotional Director will promote literature and books in churches, conferences, and at the state meetings.

• State will provide a half page in state newsletter for use in promoting Randall House Publications.

The Promotional Director will promote our ministers and provide Resources for them such as; training, retirement fund, insurance, church resources, etc.

The Promotional Director will provide connections with all FWB Colleges and provide resources for our young people to attend College.

The Promotional Director will work toward establishing a permanent State Office in the location approved by the WV State Association. It will be used for meetings and a repository for minutes, financial reports, historical records, and other documents of the WV State Association.

The Promotional Director may hold another job for means of additional income; however his employment is not to interfere with his required duties as Promotional Director.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The qualifications of the Promotional Director are as follows:

Must be saved.

Must be an active member of a Free Will Baptist Church associated with the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

Must currently be an ordained minister from a conference or state associated with the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

Must have been ordained for at least five years and have been in good standing with his Church, Conference, and State Association.

Must be willing to transfer by letter his membership and ordination papers to a Church and Conference associated with the WV State Association of Free Will Baptist, if not currently associated with West Virginia.

Must have prior experience in dealing effectively with various denominational groups (such as: Churches, Conferences, State Associations, FWB Colleges, National Organizations, etc.) and the public.

Must have adequate training and experience in business and computers.

CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS:

The Promotional Director shall have an annual contract effective from July 1 until June 30 of the following year. The contract shall be reviewed, and renewed or cancelled in January for the following year. This will give a minimum of six months notice in case of non-renewal, however, in case the Conference calls for the ordination papers, the Promotional Director will be relieved of duties while investigation and hearing is taking place, and given two month's salary.

Remuneration will consist of:

(1) Salary and benefits set annually by mutual agreement of the Executive Committee and the Promotional Director.

(2) Expense reimbursement for attending the National Association \$1200.00, and the National Leadership Conference \$450.

(3) Shall have two week's vacation after one year of employment, and have three week's vacation after five years of employment.

ADDENDUM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S STRATEGIC GOALS FOR THE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

(for future use).

II. The Executive Board – The Executive Board shall act as the State Association when State Association is not in session, action subject to approval by State Association.

III. Program Committee – That a Program Committee be elected on Friday morning to prepare the program for the coming year. This Committee shall act as a Placement Committee and shall comply with the Constitution in making their choice for the Church, where the State Association is to be held. This Committee shall consist of two ordained Ministers, one Deacon, and four members of duly seated Delegates. This Committee shall prepare to report to the State Association by 1:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

IV. The Mission Board – This Board is to be an eight member Board, with expiration to be two at four years, two at three years, two at two years, and two at one year terms. It shall be the duty of this Board to work to promote International and Home Missions work throughout the State of West Virginia. This Missions Board shall cooperate with the National Association, and endeavor to raise funds for the Missions Board and our denomination. This Board shall arrange Missionary Conferences throughout the state work as it feels necessary. Also to promote new Churches and Conferences through the State of West Virginia where we do not have established Free Will Baptist Work. The Mission Board has the authority to organize within themselves, as to Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

V. Publication Board – The Publication Board shall consist of five (5) members elected for a term of five (5) years and elected so that one member is elected annually. It shall organize with an Editor, Associate Editor, Treasurer, and three Associate Editors. It shall be the duty of this Board to publish a regular news publication concerning the various ministries of Free Will Baptist in West Virginia and in the world. Also, that the news publication include a news letter format. This Board shall be limited to new purchases of \$300.00 per year without approval of the Association or the Executive Board.

VI. Christian Education Board – This Board shall consist of seven (7) members elected for a term of seven (7) years and elected as so that one member be elected annually. It shall organize within itself a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall be the duty of this Board to generally oversee the educational efforts of this Association.

This would include but not be limited to (A) organize and conduct a State Bible Institute; (B) Establish Sunday Schools; (C) Promote Church Training Services (CTS) and generally oversee competitive events on the state and district levels.

VII. Trustee Board – The duties of this Board shall be to hold titles to all real property belonging to this body; the maintenance and upkeep of all such properties; the planning and supervision all developments; and the expansion of these properties as directed by the West Virginia State Association.

It is agreed, in this connection, that the Board of Trustees shall at no time sell or encumber these properties by mortgage, lien, or otherwise, without the express consent of this body given in regular session of this Association.

The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to receive, in behalf of and for the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, gifts, grants, monies, real estate, or other valuable assets

The Board of Trustees shall act for and in behalf of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists in any and all transactions involving any of it's properties, but shall do so strictly in accordance with instructions given by said State Association in regular or called session.

VIII. Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) ordained Ministers elected for a term of one (1) year. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to select candidates, who are qualified and available to fill Boards and or Committees. They will begin their search for candidates from time they are elected until they make their report at next scheduled State Meeting. They shall meet with the Executive Board semiannually and yearly Pre-State Meeting.

IX. Executive Committee – This Committee would be made up of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, Chairman of Missions and Christian Education Board, Editor of State Paper, Ex officio member, President of the Women's State Auxiliary, and two Members at Large from the Executive Board to be chosen by this body to supervise and oversee the Promotional Director, Bible Book Store, State Office, and Newspaper. The duties of this Board would be Executive and Promotional.

The Executive Committee will set an annual budget for the four Ministries under their supervision.

The Executive Committee will submit this budget to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Committee will provide an annual report to the Executive Board to include goals, milestones, financial status, and any important concerns.

The Executive Committee will report the number of meetings conducted the past year.

The Executive Committee will report to the West Virginia State Association during the annual session.

X. Master's Men Board – The purpose of the Master's Men Board shall be to promote and encourage the Men of Free Will Baptist Churches in West Virginia to become active in the Master's Men program and to assist in starting Chapters in the local Churches or Conferences, and will be responsible for maintaining and dispersing the West Virginia Master's Men fund.

This Board shall coordinate work projects to assist the Churches of West Virginia to build and remodel as needed on a volunteer basis. This Board shall also coordinate programs for fellowship and spiritual growth for the Men in the Churches throughout the state. These programs may be in the form of retreats, workshops, and seminars, etc. 12

This Board will oversee the Disaster Response Plan.

This Board will coordinate the Impact Program, which is to be held the day prior to the State Association, and will work with the host Pastor in planning and overseeing activities.

All members of this Board shall serve as corresponding messengers to the Conference and Churches of West Virginia and give report to Chairmen who will then give report to the West Virginia State Association.

The Master's Men Board shall consist of seven (7) members serving from one seven year member to a one year member, with one new member elected annually. The Board will have the right to replace any member that resigns with another man to serve pro-tem until the next State Meeting.

The Masters Men Board will elect a Chairman.

The State Treasurer will deposit and disperse funds at the direction of the Masters Men Board.

The Chairman of the Masters Men Board shall present an annual plan outlining their goals for the coming year. The plan is to be approved by the Executive Board, and presented to the State Association.

XI. Women's Auxiliary – The West Virginia State Women's Auxiliary Convention will be recognized as subordinate to the West Virginia State Association; but it shall organize at its own discretion, and have power to create and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws and maintain management of the work for which it is constituted. The State Auxiliary shall report its accomplishments and financial operations annually to the West Virginia State Association.

The purpose of the WV State Women's Auxiliary is to promote and encourage the Women of Free will Baptist Churches in West Virginia to become active in the program of WNAC and to assist in starting Auxiliaries in local Churches and will be responsible for maintaining and dispersing all funds received by the State Auxiliary.

The Officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian, Treasurer, Mission Chairman, three (3) Field Workers and three (3) Members at Large. Six of these shall compose a quorum. These will be elected every two years. All Officers are to be a member of a Free Will Baptist Church and an Auxiliary which reports to the State Convention.

Article No. 4 – Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of one ordained Minister from each Quarterly Conference that is in good standing with the State Association.

Section 2. If any member of the Executive Board is unable to attend, he must send a proxy in his place.

Section 3. At a regular scheduled session, 10:00 a.m. the Saturday before the State Meeting, this Board shall hear the reports of all Standing Boards and Officers. It shall serve as a Budget Committee and make recommendations as deemed pertinent to State Association. This Board will also examine the Conference letters and report findings at State Meeting.

Article No. 5 – Boards

The standing Boards shall be the following: Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Publication Board, Master's Men Board, and the Board of Trustees.

Article No. 6

Section 1. Annual Dues from conference to State Association shall be as follows: Churches with 0 to 25 membership will pay \$25.00, Churches with 26 to 50 membership will pay \$50.00, Churches with 51 to 75 membership will pay \$75.00, Churches with any additional membership above 75 members will pay an additional \$25.00 per each additional twenty-five membership, plus National Dues.

Section 2. All Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates shall pay Five Dollars (\$5.00) registration fee (dues), with the exception of those Ministers who are Sixty-five years of age or disabled. Two dollars (\$2.00) to go to the host church. Three Dollars (\$3.00) to go to the State Association

Section 3. Any Minister receiving a good standing card must pay his Five Dollar (\$5.00) registration fee. Each Quarterly Meeting is requested to collect this fee and send to the State Association with their letter.

Section 4. The State Association pay all Boards and Committees mileage at the United States Government rate, when traveling to meetings for business of the State Association. If any Conference does not pay the mileage expense for their Executive Board member, the State Association will pay that expense. Any other parties requesting a Board or Committee of the State Association to meet with them, shall be responsible to pay their mileage. This excludes mileage to the National Association or National Leadership Conference.

Article No. 7

Section 1. The State Association shall hold its regular meeting annually on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in June at a place and date fixed by the regular session and made known before adjournment.

Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board when extreme necessity demands, provided that the Clerk of each Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting has been properly notified fifteen days before the date of the meeting of this organization.

Section 2. Any Quarterly Meeting or Church desiring the State Association to meet with the body shall present in writing the seating capacity, the facilities for feeding, sleeping and parking. 14

Article No. 8

West Virginia Disaster Response Plan

Goal:

To provide a plan for reacting to disasters in our state and possibly in other states east of the Mississippi when emergency situations strike and Free Will Baptist people and property are affected. Although efforts to help others may be part of this effort, we are especially concerned with helping people of our denomination. The response must involve spiritual help as well as material and physical aid.

Purpose:

To glorify God by serving our fellow men in times of widespread need occasioned by a natural or man-made disaster affecting large numbers of people. Natural or man-made disasters include hurricane, earthquakes, tornado, flood, acts of terrorism, etc.

Strategy:

#1 To have a board (<u>Masters Men Board</u>) that shall coordinate the preparation for responding to a disaster.

#2 Enlist and train a group of first responders. Encourage several workers to enlist in a Red Cross first aid course, a food handler's course, and other such training.

#3 Raise money to purchase and equip a trailer for immediate use when a disaster strikes. The trailer will be equipped with first aid equipment, generators, lights, saws, tools, etc. needed in emergency situations.

#4 Establish a fund to cover expenses associated with getting a team to a disaster and maintaining them on site for a period of time.

#5 Have a contact person who will act as liaison between the State Association and National Association in times of crisis. This person should be familiar with National personnel and available to inform and disperse information.

#6 Purchase and provide decals and ID cards that will help our responders gain access to disaster sites.

Criteria for Mobilization:

1. Help must be requested by a responsible party, i.e. local pastor or state officer.

2. The request must be made to the Moderator, Promotional Director, Masters Men Chairman, or another State Officer.

3. The disaster must primarily affect Free Will Baptist people and/or property.

4. It must be the result of one of the above mentioned disasters (we cannot respond to every call and every case especially if it is not of the magnitude to warrant such response). The decision to respond will be made by the Masters Men Board.

Organization:

1. The Disaster Response Team will include the Masters Men Board, Promotional Director, and State Moderator.

2. The Chairman of the Master's Men will direct the Response Team.

3. The State Moderator will contact personnel when a response is needed.

4. The Promotional Director will serve as the liaison between the National Association and the State Association.

5. Members of the Master's Men Board will be responsible for the purchase And maintenance of any equipment and/or vehicles dedicated for use during a disaster.

Article No. 9

This Constitution may be revised or changed at any regular session of the West Virginia State Association provided the change is presented in writing and stated one day before vote is taken. Check out the WV State Association website.

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BY-LAWS

- 1. A portion of the scripture shall be read and prayer be offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the State Association and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.
- 2. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the meeting to order at the hour designated by the program committee. When Moderator nor Assistant is present, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and elect a Moderator-protem.
- 3. It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting or Association so composing this organization, to send a letter to it giving accurately as possible the information requested by the National Association.
- 4. Not over one Deacon shall be appointed on any one committee. Except in case of emergency.
- 5. Only ordained Ministers shall be allowed to moderate this meeting.
- 6. All Sunday School Conventions and State Women's Auxiliaries Convention report to the State Association and their report be received as information.
- 7. In case of controversy regarding parliamentary procedures, Robert's Rules of Order shall be considered as final authority.
- 8. All business except routine shall be brought by Committee, but should the Committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given it by any member of this State Association, then such business cannot be discussed unless by vote of this body.
- 9. No one shall speak for more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.
- 10. Each Conference shall have its letter and finance report sent to the State Association Clerk on or before May 24th, that the Executive Board may examine them the week prior to the State Meeting.
- 11. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the body and by a two thirds majority of all members present, thereon. This decision shall be sustained or rejected.
- 12. No one shall leave the body without consent of the Moderator. Anyone deciding to speak shall arise and say "Brother Moderator" and shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian Spirit, or think it will lead to discord or division.

BY-LAWS CONTINUED

- 13. This State Association shall correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
- 14. The same person or group of persons shall not serve on more than one standing Board or Committee as long as it can be supplied otherwise.
- 15. Not less than three (3) Gospel Sermons shall be preached at any one session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.
- 16. No person shall be elected to any office without being present, except the Executive Board. (The member is recommended by the Quarterly Conference).
- 17. The Moderator shall be elected at the close of each two year session on Saturday, and shall serve until his successor is elected at the same time the following two years.
- 18. No Ministers, Deacons or Delegates shall be permitted to vote that is a known Homosexual, Bi-Sexual, or Lesbian, in this State Association. The State Association will not retain any persons known to be such.
- The Officers of the State Association shall receive an honorarium as follows: Moderator - \$100.00. Assistant Moderator - \$50.00. Clerk - \$800.00. 6/11/16
- 20. The General Board member of the National Association, the Moderator, and the Promotional Director shall receive a total of \$1200.00 each to attend the National Association. The Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, shall receive \$400 when the National Association convenes east of the Mississippi River and \$600 when west of the Mississippi River, if they attend. All are eligible to receive \$300 to attend the National Leadership Conference.
- 21. Any Minister having voting privileges in the State Association must have a good standing card issued by the State Association.
- 22. Any ordained or licensed Free Will Baptist Minister that assumes the position as Pastor of a church whose general doctrine teaches or advocates second works of grace, eternal security, or speaking in tongues, must immediately surrender his ordination papers or license to the Conference of issuance.
- 23. These By-Laws may be changed or revised at any regular session of the State Association provided that they be plainly written and stated one day before vote is taken.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1

REGARDING VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS

Whereas,

There is confusion caused among our people by many modern translations of the Bible;

Whereas,

Many of these translations are not reliable or trustworthy; therefore,

Be it resolved:

That we urge our people to use the King James Version of the Bible in the public services.

06-08-2013

RECOMMENDATIONS

That our Conferences adopt a policy that all Ministers and Deacons read and study the FWB Treatise, and then be questioned on it before they are ordained. June 10, 2016

That our Churches adopt into their Constitution and By-Laws the "Same Sex Marriage Policy" as presented by our National Association. June 10, 2016

To increase the money given to the Host Church which is used to offset the expenses of hosting the State Association, from \$200 to \$500. June 10, 2016

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Pastor's Name,		
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Facility information:		
Seating capacity,		
Comments		

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Business Committee - 5 members

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Missions Board - 8 members

Nominating Committee - 5 members

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The host Church will need to provide the following services and items for the Executive Board and State Association meetings:

- 1- Provide lunch for the mid-year Executive Board Meeting. (Late February, for approximately 30 people).
- 2. Provide lunch for the pre-State Executive Board Meeting. (Saturday before State Meeting, for approximately 30 people).
- 3. Provide lunch for the State Association, (Friday, approx. 160 people, Saturday, approx. 140 people).
- 4. Provide Saturday morning 7:30am breakfast for the Ministers, Deacons, and Wives Breakfast. (Approx. 50 people). The Promotional Director is in charge of the breakfast.
- 5. Please provide one 8 foot table and two chairs at the front of the Church for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and chairs for the Moderator, Asst. Moderator, and Parliamentarian. (For all meetings).
- 6. We will need two tables for registration at entrance to sanctuary. (State Association meeting only).
- 7. Please provide at least two persons to operate the registration table. Registration hours are 8:15 to 10:30 am on Friday, and 7:45 to 10:00am on Saturday. They will collect dues, make sure people sign the proper registration books, make name tags, distribute Minutes Books, and Digest of Reports. (State Association meeting only)

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PRESENT MINISTRY

The Awtreys are pioneering a Free Will Baptist Church Planting Movement in Bulgaria. The first phase of the work includes establishing a healthy Free Will Baptist church in Svishtov to serve as a model for future church plants throughout the country.

CONVERSION

Tim grew up in a Free Will Baptist home and church in California, where he dedicated his life to Christ at an early age. His early biblical training came through his father and grandfather, both of whom were Sunday school teachers. Much of his later growth came through his involvement with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship as an undergraduate student at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Lydia grew up in Bulgaria within the confines of Communism. Neither she nor her parents had the opportunity to hear the Good News under Communist oppression. It was in 1990, after the fall of the Berlin Wall that Lydia, at the age of 18, first had the opportunity to hear about Jesus and to read the Bible. The dramatic change brought about by the truth of the gospel in the lives of her friends led to her to attend a small, Christian church in Bulgaria and give her life to Christ.

EARLY MINISTRY

Lydia and Tim met in Bulgaria while both were involved in Christian college ministry through the Bulgarian Christian Student Union. Lydia led several small group Bible studies with believers and evangelistic Bible studies with non-believers in Svishtov. Tim traveled throughout the country helping pioneer new student groups in various towns. Their work highlighted the desperate need for healthy churches in Bulgaria. Tim and Lydia returned to the United States in 1998 to receive biblical training in church planting. Tim graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary with a M.Div. and a Th.M. in Biblical Studies. Meanwhile, Lydia had a much more difficult challenge—raising their two children, Yanna and Alex. CHILDREN

Lydia and Tim have two children whom they consider important members of the Bulgaria team. In addition to her regular studies, Yanna is actively working on improving her Bulgarian language skills. Her favorite things to do are to read and play piano. She also likes to walk around Svishtov with her *dyado* (grandpa).

Seven-year-old Alex is very open and talkative. He demonstrates a great missionary spirit on the playground with other children. Alex often introduces himself as "Superman" or "Spiderman." His favorite activities include playing on the swing and judo.

HOME CHURCH

Discovery FWB Church, Stockton, CA Last Update March 31, 2016

Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite

PRESENT MINISTRY

Jonathan and Amy were appointed as career missionaries to Bulgaria in December 2010. They arrived in Svishtov in February 2013, joining Tim and Lydia Awtrey in planting the New Life FWB Church. CONVERSION

Jonathan grew up with the Christian influence of immediate and extended family members serving in full-time ministry and missions. He accepted Christ's gift of salvation at a youth camp in Missouri when he was seven years old. The Lord used a Go and Be missions trip to Côte d'Ivoire during Jonathan's college years to give Him a burden to help take the gospel to those who have never heard.

Amy was also raised in a Christian family and, after recognizing her need to be saved from her sins, asked Christ to be her Savior at the age of five. Through the youth ministries of the Donelson Fellowship, the Lord challenged her to grow in a deeper relationship with Him. An E-TEAM trip to Cuba and the story of missionary Jim Elliot helped confirm God's call to missions in Amy's life.

EARLY MINISTRY

After graduating from Welch College, Jonathan moved to Timmonsville, S. C., where he served as a youth pastor at Bethany FWB Church for five years. He then pastored First Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington for over three years. During his time in South Carolina, Jonathan was involved in the leadership of many statewide youth camps and retreats. It was also during this time that Jonathan married Amy and had the opportunity to attend seminary at Columbia International University.

Amy's college years at Columbia International University gave her many opportunities to both learn about and be involved in cross-cultural ministry. She taught Bible clubs in an urban setting and participated in an international student ministry where God gave her many powerful opportunities to share the gospel and disciple new believers in one-on-one relationships. She has participated in ministry with her husband, teaching classes, leading Bibles studies, working with youth and children, and participating in music ministry.

CHILDREN

They have two daughters: Anna Grace, born June 24, and Jonna, born August 6.

HOME CHURCH

Jonathan—The Free Will Baptist Church in St. Croix, U.S.Virgin Islands Amy—Bethlehem FWB Church in Ashland City, Tenn.

2016 WV STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Minutes of the 71st Annual Session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist, held at the Hope Free Will Baptist Church, June 10 – 11, 2016 in Parkersburg, WV. Kanawha Conference.

THEME - "GOD Is Good All The Time, All The Time GOD Is Good"

Welcome by host pastor, Rev. Bud Corbin. Prayer Rev. Luther Morgan Rev. Earl White gave welcome and spoke with the Moderator's Challenge. Text taken from Psalms 25:8 and Psalms 34:8.

Moderator, Rev. Earl White called the 71st Session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist to order.

M & S to allow Moderator to make changes as necessary in the program. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors Ryan Lewis - Executive Office Susan Forlines and Rejoice consisting of, Zuri Zuniga, Rebeka Zuniga, Lisa Bromley, Michael Pugh, Alyssa Hill, Julie Montero, Jacob Lute, and Jacob Austin - Welch College Frank and Shirley Woods - FWB Family Ministries, Greenville, TN Mike Mounts - Randall House

Clerks Report: The Clerk reviewed the highlights of the minutes from the Executive Board meetings held February 27, and June 4, 2016. M & S to receive as corrected. Motion Carried.

The Clerk reported that the Executive Board recommends accepting all 21 Conferences with letters, proper finances, and delegates, and for the Moderator to seat the Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates that have paid dues and are properly registered, for voting privileges.

M & S to accept. Motion carried.

State Treasurer's Report: was given by Bro. Curtis Hall. General Fund ending balance was \$33,193.03 and the total ending balance was \$116,538.18 as of Dec. 31, 2015. (See digest of reports). Treasurer recommends the following budget.

General Fund 14%	Christian Education Board 8%		
State Paper 21%	Mission Board 16%		
Promotional Director	National Co-Op10%		
M & S to accept the Treasurers report and budget. Motion carried.			

Election of Committees:

Business Committee: Nominated were, 3 Ministers- Scott Erwin, Mike Smith, Joey Kennedy, 2 Deacons- Marvin Holley, and John Poling. M & S to cease and elect. Motion carried.

Program Placement Committee: Nominated were, 2 Ministers- Roscoe Chafin, Johnny R. Davis, 1 Deacon- Curtis Hall, 4 Delegates- Mary Jo Corbin, George Shirkey, Debby Hadley, and Adam White. M & S to cease and elect. Motion carried.

Members at Large from Executive Board to serve on Executive Committee: Nominated were, 2 Ministers- Rickie Holstein, and Luther Morgan. M & S to cease and elect. Motion carried.

M & S to suspend By-Law #16 for today. Motion carried. (for Audit Committee election)

Audit Committee: Nominated were, 5 members- Bud Casto, Mark Price, Kenny Samms, Edwin Freeman, and Roger Browning, Sr. M & S to cease and elect. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee: Nominated were, 5 Ordained Ministers- Luther Morgan, Roscoe Chafin, Bud Corbin, Larry Sanders, and Thomas Hoffmaster. M & S to cease and elect. Motion carried.

Group Session, Fellowship, Committee time: Today's focus is on the Christian Education Board. Christian Education Board member Brother Larry Sanders, reviewed the April, Bible-Arts and Music Festival activities. 125 kids were registered. Our kids have great talent. We need to work with our children so they can carry on the work of the State Association. Let them lead services, they will surprise you what they will come up with. Get them busy in the Lords work, and the will bring other youth into the Church. M & S to accept the report. Motion carried.

Mission Board Report: Rev. Rex Cox (See digest of reports) Mission Board Treasure's report: Report was given by Rev. Rickie Holstein. 2015 Ending balance was \$61,705.49. Total March for Missions money received was \$53,807,89. (See digest of reports)

The Clerk announced the name of the 4 new Churches that joined the local Conferences and the 7 that dropped out, and 1 changed Conferences. M / S to receive as a point of information. Motion carried.

Moderator dismissed the morning session for morning worship.

Morning Worship Devotional by Rev. Kenny Samms Prayer Rev. Dan Kelly. Singing by Rejoice. Message by Rev. Okey Tolliver. Scripture – Psalms 25: 1 – 8. God is faithful, God is good. Matthew 15: 7 – 9. God is perfect, the best. Rev. Kenny Samms takes over the service. Singing by Rejoice. Dismiss for lunch at 11:55am. Blessing given by Dr. Jim Cox.

Friday Afternoon Session

Devotional by Rev. Aaron Frederick. Scripture: Genesis 22: 6. Moderator takes over the service. Testimony by Rev. Mike Smith. Prayer by Rev. Russell Wright.

Moderator Rev. Earl White called the Friday afternoon business session to order.

Obituary report: was read by Clerk Keith Hadley, 109 deaths were reported. M & S to receive the report and to have a moment of silence in honor of those who have passed on. Motion carried. Prayer by Rev. Carl Lilly.

The Promotional Directors report: was given by Rev. Carl Lilly. See the complete report in Digest of reports. M & S to accept the Promotional Director's report and budget. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

The Executive Board had recommended that Family Ministries look into operating a Child Care Facility in West Virginia. The Moderator said Rev. Frank Woods will report on this tomorrow during his report.

M / S to remove from the table the By-Law #19 change. This item was laid on the table at the 2015 State Association Meeting. Motion carried.

M / S to accept the Business Committee recommended increasing the honorarium for the Moderator from \$50 to \$100, and the Assistant Moderator from \$25 to \$50 (By-Law #19). Motion carried.

New Business:

Partial Business Committee Report: by Rev. Scott Erwin.

We recommend to increase the money given to the Host Church which is used to offset the expenses of hosting the State Association, from \$200 to \$500. This money is to come out of the General Fund.

M / S to accept. The Clerk stated this is not a Constitution or By-Law change. It was a motion that originated in the 2005 State Meeting. Motion passed. We recommend to increase the honorarium for the Clerk from \$300 to \$800. M / S to lay on the table until tomorrow, since this is a #19 By-Law change. Motion carried

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Executive Board Business Items:

Items read by the Clerk. The Executive Board recommends the following items to the State Association for approval.

To hold a seminar on Church Revitalization with 3 one hour sessions, to be taught by Rev. Tim Campbell. The Victory FWB Church at Peck's Mill will host the meeting, and serve lunch.

M / S to accept. Motion carried.

To recommend that our Conferences adopt a policy that all Ministers and Deacons read and study the FWB Treatise, and then be questioned on it before they are ordained.

M / S to accept. Motion carried.

To re-hire Dr. Carl Lilly for an additional year as our WV State Promotional Director.

M / S to accept. Motion carried.

We recommend that our Churches adopt into their Constitution and By-Laws the "Same Sex Marriage Policy" as presented by our National Association. M / S to accept. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Rev. Jim McComas- North American Ministries: Gave reports on Church Revitalization and National Masters Men, since he has to leave tonight. M / S to accept report. Motion carried.

Chuckie Williams thanked the National Masters Men for coming up to help with repairs in the Brotherhood Conference area.

The Mission Board members awarded Certificates and Plaques to the top 5 Churches participating in the 2016 March for Missions. See digest for complete report. The West Virginia Mission Board had a plaque to present to Rev. Kenneth Cooper for his service as a Home Missionary, but due to health reasons Bro. Kenneth was not in attendance. Bro. Kenneth has resigned as Missionary of the Glenville work, but will continue to hold services as his health permits.

Announcements were given. M & S to adjourn the Friday afternoon session. Voted on and carried. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Rex Cox at 2:22 pm.

Friday Night Worship Service

Devotional by Bro. Irvin Scarberry Prayer, Dr. Jim Cox Scripture: 2 Timothy 1: 7. Brother Scarberry testified about a recent illness. Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 1, and 5: 6 – 7. Hymn: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms. The Solid Rock Special singing by the Rejoice Team. Prayer, Rev. Kenny Samms Offering for Missions was received (\$514.00) Hymn: Something About That Name. Special Song by Rev. Jim McComas, He's Been A Good GOD. Message by Rev. Jim McComas. Scriptures were 1 Samuel 14: 1 - 14 Sermon title: "It May Be" Prayer Brother McComas Song of invitation: Have Thine Own Way.

Moderator Rev. Earl White recognized Ministers and Deacons present, with thirty or more years of combined service.

P- Dexter Brummitt 38 yrs P- Edwin Hughes 51 yrs P- Larry Evans 47 vrs P- William Okey Tolliver 43 years P-Raybon Cook 39 yrs P- Tim York 42 yrs P- Dan Kelly 57 yrs P-Ron Little 30 yrs P- Mike Mounts 41 yrs P- Kenny Samms 37 yrs P- Jim McComas 38 yrs P- Bob Cornell 46 vrs P- Frank Woods 48 yrs P-G.W. Mounts 48 yrs D- John Poling 38 yrs D- Marvin Holly 37yrs P-Luther Morgan 68 yrs D- Curtis Hall 35 yrs P- Carl Lilly 38 yrs

P- Jim Cox 58 yrs P- Roscoe Chafin 33 yrs P- Mark Price 32 yrs P- Clint Morgan 44 yrs Ray Tanner 42 yrs P- Bud Corbin 40 yrs P- Earl White 39 yrs

(Combined total years were 1141).

The right hand of fellowship was given to the honorees. Singing by Rejoice. Announcements were given. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mike Smith at 9:10pm. Saturday Morning Breakfast

The Ministers, Deacons, and Wives Breakfast was held at 7:30am, June 11, 2016, with in attendance. Blessing given by Rev. Bud Corbin. Breakfast was served by the Hope FWB Church.

Rev. Carl Lilly our Promotional Director was in charge. He welcomed those attending. Singing by Rejoice. Scripture: Mark 10, 17 - 18. Brother Lilly gave encouragement about the Goodness of God, and the Love of God.

Saturday Morning Business Session June 11, 2016

Devotional and prayer by Rev. Dan Kelly Special singing by Rejoice. Hand of Fellowship.

Moderator Rev. Earl White called the Saturday morning session to order.

National Reports were given by: Ryan Lewis - National Executive Office Mike Mounts - Randall House Frank Woods - FWB Family Ministries, Greenville, TN

Frank Woods reported that Family Ministries is continuing the process of opening a Child Care Facility in West Virginia. The State of WV is currently working on the State budget, so nothing is going to happen for now. The Family Ministries Board has already voted to come to West Virginia.

Jon Luther - Harvest Child Care Ministries Mike Edwards - Welch College

Clint Morgan - International Missions, He reported support had dropped off since 2008 due to ending the designated giving and all support going into the General Account, and the zeroing of Missionary accounts at the end of each year. You now can once again designate funds to specific accounts, and the money will stay in the designated accounts and no longer zeroed out back into the General Fund. He reported that International Missions finished 2015 in the black. He thanked us for all we do, and for taking on Bulgaria. Phyllis York - WNAC Dexter Brummitt - Board of Retirement Richard Davis - FWB Foundation M / S to accept all reports as points of information. Motion carried.

Questions and Answers period on Committee Reports in the Digest of Reports. No comments or questions on reports.

Nominating Committee Report: Rev. Rocky Chafin reports that the Nominating Committee recommends the following to serve:

Christian Education Board –7yr member, Sister Amy Smith M & S to cease and elect by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

Masters Men – 5yr member, Rev. Joey Kennedy. M & S to cease and elect by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

Missions Board – Rev. Rex Cox 4yr member, and Rev. G.W. Mounts 4yr member.

M & S to cease and elect by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

Obituary Committee – 3yr member, Sister Betty Cornell. M & S to cease and elect by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

Parliamentarian – Rev. Rex Cox M & S to cease and elect by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

Publication Board – 5yr member, Marvin Holly M & S to cease and elect by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

Historical Committee – Replace Rev. Russell Wright with Rev. Bud Casto M & S to cease and elect by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

Other Business:

M & S to letter to the National Association with proper finances and delegation. Motion Carried.

Delegates volunteering for the National Association Meeting were: George Shirkey, Diana Cox, and Jody Sullivan. M & S to accept delegates, with permission for the Clerk to accept two other volunteers. Motion Carried.

Partial Business Committee Report: We recommend the following, To give a Love Offering of \$500.00 to the Welch College Rejoice Team. M & S to accept. Motion carried

Other Business:

Treasurer Curtis Hall had recommended we move the \$51,000.00 in the Promotional Directors Reserve Account to the FWB Foundation, and that the interest earned go into the Promotional Directors Account. The Clerk read the original motion from the pre-State meeting.

M / S was moved to adopt this recommendation, and move the \$51,000. Motion carried.

M & S to Dismiss for Worship Service at 10:50am. Motion carried.

Saturday Morning Worship Service

Devotional by: Rev. Luther Morgan (Brother Luther ran from the pew to the Pulpit). Scripture: Psalms 23 Special singing by Chuckie Williams, and by Rejoice. Prayer by Rev. Okey Tolliver Message by Rev. Tim York. "Love" Scripture – Hebrews 12: 25 - 29 After an excellent massage, Moderator took over the service. Dismissed for lunch at 12:02pm. Blessing by Rev. Roger Browning Sr. Saturday Afternoon Session

Devotional at 1:15 pm by Rev. Scott Erwin. Scripture: Psalms 106 Special Singing by G.W. Mounts

Moderator calls the business session to order.

Program Committee Report: Rev. Roscoe Chafin, gave the report for the June 8-9, 2018 program. They recommend that the Harmony FWB Church at Wayne, WV. Brotherhood Conference, be the host Church. Theme- "The Church Shall Prevail" Matthew 16: 18 See minutes book for complete program schedule. M & S to accept the recommendations and report.

Final Business Committee Report: We recommend the following To give a standing vote of appreciation to the ladies and gentleman of the Church for the fine meals and their hospitality. M / S to accept recommendation. Motion carried. The Moderator commended the Youth who helped with hosting the State Association.

Tabled Business.

M / S to remove the #19 By-Law change concerning the increase of the Clerks honorarium from the table to the floor. Motion carried.

M / S to accept the recommendation to increase the honorarium for the Clerk from \$300 to \$800, (By-Law #19). Motion carried.

Moderator – Nominations were opened to elect a Moderator. Rev Earl White was nominated. Assistant Moderator took over the business. With no other nominations,

M & S to cease and elect Rev. Earl White by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried.

The Moderator took over the Business

Assistant Moderator – Rev. Mike Smith was nominated. With no other nominations, M & S to cease and elect Rev. Mike Smith by a vote of acclimation. Motion Carried. Sister Alice Smith described the African Proverb book, written by Clint Morgan. She read a couple of the proverbs and said she is taking orders for the book.

Testimony by Bro. Rex Cox

With no other business we had a, M & S to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Dismissed in prayer at 1:45pm by Rev. Dexter Brummitt.

Keith Hadley, Clerk

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2016 West Virginia State Association Statistics

21	Conferences
159	Churches
6941	Total Church Membership
71	Full time Pastors
81	Bi-vocational Pastors
360	Ordained Ministers
10	Licensed Ministers
262	Deacons
305	Baptisms
5380	Sunday School Enrollment
556	CTS Enrollment
291	WAC Enrollment
54	Masters Men Enrollment

Registered attendance 2016 State Meeting.

95	Friday
72	Saturday

Head count attendance 2016 State Meeting.

94	Friday
129	Friday Night Worship Service
45	Ministers and Deacons Breakfast
103	Saturday

Ministers & Deacons reported on Letters with Thirty or more years.

Lowell Walls	68	Willard Ray Sovine	43
Ray Taylor	67	Tommy Wiley	43
Luther Morgan	66	David Collins	42
John T. Vance	62	Roger L. Browning, Sr.	42
Dr. Lewis Hall	60	Jack Small	42
Treaby Scaggs	60	Butch Cobb	41
Daniel Kelley	58	Truman Davis	41
Dr. Jim Cox	57	Chester Osborne	41
Roy Adkins	56	Elbert Collins Jr.	40
Charles Curry	56	James Dalton, Jr.	40
Alton Lee Hines	55	Vibert Dickens	40
Douglas Young	54	James Franklin Lyons	40
Jim Sturgill	54	Walter Marcum	40
Woodrow Chambers	53	Roscoe Chafin	39
Frank Copley	53	Raybon Cook	39
Argil Maynard	52	Bud Corbin	39
Edwin Hughes	51	Gene Goodman	39
Daniel Legg	51	Manuel Hensley Sr.	39
Orville Syner	51	Glen Hutchison	39
Russell Watts	51	David McCloud	39
Eugene Davis	50	Hurston Webb	39
H. Bert Hall	50	Herman Williams	39
Joe Lane	49	Raymond Bumgarner	38
Kenneth Cooper	48	Luthur Dingess	38
Larry Evans	47	George Hall	38
Bob Cornell	46	Wayne Peters	38
Daniel G. Scott	46	Kenny Samms	38
William O. Tolliver	46	Charles R. Tilley	38
Earl Burgess	45	Phillip Warren	38
Larkin C. Calhoun	45	Rex Cox	37
Kit Meade	45	Lacy Cox Jr.	37
Chester Osborne	45	Curtis Monk	37
Roe Smith	45	Leo Ward	37
Ceburn Blankenship	44		
Russell Wright	44		
Rex Hadley	43		

Ministers & Deacons reported on Letters with Thirty or more years, continued

Alan Bailey	36+	Ira Keller	33+
Jerry Casteel	36	Dwight Priestly	33 33
Verlin Epling	36+	e ;	33
Earl Ferguson	36+	Larry Young Johnny Ray Davis	33 32
Virgil Hamilton	36+	5 5	32
John Hudson	36+	Fred Ramey	32 31
Carl Lilly	36	Herman Dingess Sherman Grimmett	31
Andy Maynard	36+	John Gorrell	31
Willis Mills	36		31
G.W. Mounts	36	Rickie Holstein	-
	36	Mark Price	31
Carl Pomeroy James Harold Shafer		Earl White	31
	36+	Roger Sizemore	30+
David Lee Turley	36+	-	
Clyde Waller	36	Deacons with Thirty	
Earnest Neace	35+	or more years.	
Lehman Eldrige	35		
Bazzil Goodman	35	Robert Perry	68
John B. Hatfield	35	Fred Dempsey	60
George Leese Jr.	35	Charles Burchett	49
David McCloud	35	Harold Pelfrey	45
Orville Setliff	35	Charles Counts	44+
Greg Stover	35	Bob Adkins	43
Michael Abshire	34	Tom Sammons	42
Jackie Grimmett	34	Lanta Graham	41
Frank Imes Sr.	34	John Poling	39
Roger Sizemore	34	Rodney Cline	37
William F. Smith	34	John Henry May	36
Earsel Ray Taylor	34	Larry Ellison	36+
Michael Abshire	33	Curtis E. Hall	35
Kenneth Bell	33	Charlie Lockard	35
Roger Brammer	33	Delbert Propps	35
Timothy Cooper	33+	David Meadows	33
Tom Dibble	33	Marvin Holley	33
Lehman Eldridge Jr.	33		22
James Ellis	33		

Please let the Clerk know if any corrections need to be made, of if any of the listed Ministers or Deacons have deceased.



for the

West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist

Meeting at the Hope Free Will Baptist Church at Parkersburg, WV

June 10 - 11, 2016

THEME:

"God is Good All The Time – All The Time, God is Good" (Psalms 25:8)

WV Women Active for Christ-June 2016

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." (Ps 34:8). The WV WAC has tasted and we will declare that the Lord is good – all the time!

Since the last WV State Association meeting, the ladies have experienced the goodness of the Lord. Our **Fall Retreat** was held on 9/11-9/12, 2015 at the Bethel FWB Church. Since the meeting was held on 9/11, "We Will Remember" was selected as our theme. We even learned a song by that title! There was a short devotion entitled "What Mean Ye These Stones?" from Joshua 4:21. The speaker for this meeting was Sis. Linda Hicks of Chattanooga, TN. She did a wonderful job and the ladies loved her. It was Sis. Linda's first time speaking in WV. We dismissed our service around 8 PM so everyone could go outside and participate in the Parade of Lights honoring first responders. We then went back inside and saw a short video about first responders during the 9/11 tragedy. We then spent time in prayer especially remembering fire fighters, EMS personnel and police officers who risk their lives daily for us.

On Saturday we had mission reports from Sis. Alice Smith and Bro. Eric Murphy. We received an offering of over \$800 for Eric's ministry in Romania and Costa Rica amongst other places. Bro. Eric and his wife Stephanie minister to young people and sponsor basketball and soccer camps as a way of sharing Christ with young people in those other countries. Our other mission project for this meeting resulted in a crowded foyer at the Bethel church of snacks and bottled beverages which were to be shared with family and friends of patients at Hospice House of Beckley.

Our annual **WAC Convention** was held just a few weeks ago at the Sophia FWB Church. We sang "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes" in association to our theme, "Occupy 'Til He Comes." We received \$854.50 in an offering for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Beckley. Sis. Amy Postlewaite shared about the lessons she had learned while in Bulgaria – what a blessing that was! Our hearts were blessed with special music and interpretive sign language by high school senior, Sis. Samantha Ingram of Sweet Home FWB Church. Sis. Alice Smith shared what the Lord had laid on her heart about staying busy for Christ until He comes for us. Our afternoon session was filled with reports and business.

Looking to the future:

Our **Fall Retreat** will be held on Sept. 9-10, 2016 at the Central FWB Church in Huntington, WV. The theme of the meeting will be "Happily Ever After." We will look forward to sharing eternity with our Lord and Saviour in Heaven when this life is over and we will indeed be happy ever after. Sis. Linda Hicks of Chattanooga, TN will be our special speaker again this year. We will have special music, a skit and time of fellowship.

Please accept the WV Women Active for Christ's invitation, ladies, to come to our meetings. There's just something about sharing time together with your girlfriends until Jesus Comes!

Respectfully,

Jody Sullívan

Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist met in session February 27, 2016, at the Hope Free Will Baptist Church, at Parkersburg, WV at 10:00am, with 21 in attendance.

Moderator Rev. Earl White welcomed the assembly and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Hymn: Victory In Jesus, Piano: Rev. Roger Browning Sr. Prayer requests were given, Prayer: Rev. Rex Cox Scripture: 2 Timothy 1: 13 - 14 Message by Rev. Earl White

Meeting called to order by Moderator Rev. Earl White.

Roll Call, 13 of 21 Executive Board Members were present for roll call. A quorum was present.

Beckley -Charles Tilley, present Brotherhood -Luther Morgan, present Christian Fellowship -Lacy Cox, Jr., absent (moved to another Conference,) Eastern Panhandle -Thomas Hoffmaster II, absent Elk River -Douglas Burdette, absent Favette -Curtis Monk, absent Freedom -Jody Brown, absent Greenbrier County-Roger Tolliver, absent Greenbrier Nicholas -Alva "Bud" Casto, present Guyan Valley -David McCloud, present Huff Creek -Shane Bryant, present Kanawha -Ricky Holstein, present Liberty -Dr. Lewis Hall, absent, Scotty by proxy, present Logan -Larry Light, present #1 Mingo -Vinnie Morris, absent Trinity -Roger L. Browning Sr., present Tug River -Mike Smith, present Unity -Jonny Ray Davis, present Upper Ohio Valley -John L. Price, present Wayne -Leroy Perry, absent Wvoming -Raybon K. Cook, present

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Reports:

State Promotional Director's Report: Bro. Carl Lilly was sick, unable to attend. Assistant Clerk Greg Stover read the report. There will be a Church Revitalization seminar on July 30, 2016 at 10:00 am, at the Victory FWB Church at Pecks Mill, WV Rev. Tim Campbell from Arkansas will be the speaker. There will be 3-one hour sessions, with lunch at noon. The Christian Education Board will help sponsor the event.

M / S to receive Promotional Director's report. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Brother Curtis Hall gave the treasurer's report. Starting balance January 1, 2015 - \$141,228.16 Current Balances as of December 31, 2015 are; General Fund Account \$ 33,193.03 Christian Education Account \$ now have own account WV State Paper Account \$ 4,865.04 Interest Now Account \$ 2,596.63 Promotional Directors Account \$ 22,812.77 Reserve \$51,000.00 WV Masters Men Account \$ 265.49 Ministers Retirement Fund Acct. \$1850.22 Total Assets ending December 31, 2015 - \$ 116,583.18 Proposed Co-Op Budget for 2016 - 2017 General Fund 14% Christian Education 8% State Paper 21% WV Mission Board 16% Promotional Director 31% National Co-Op 10%

 $M\ /\ S$ to accept the treasurer's report and proposed budget. After questions, motion passed.

100%

Mission Board Report: Report was given by Rev. Rex Cox. The Board has met 4 times. The Bulgarian work is going good. Tim and Lydia Awtrey, and Jonathan and Amy Postewaite are working in Bulgaria and things are going well. The Postewaite will be home this Spring. Rev. Carl Lilly is scheduling preaching appointments for Bro. Jonathan. Bro. Josue and Christina Rivera are working in the Huntington area but things are not going as planned. Unless the response improves, they will be going back to the Eastern Panhandle after school is out, to begin a second work there in Martinsburg. March for Missions revivals have been scheduled in different areas.

The Eastern Panhandle Conference plans to ordain the Pastor of the Hispanic Church. Once he is ordained we will set the Church in order and the Church will be organized.

Bro. Kenneth Cooper health is poor. The Board has been looking for someone to take over the Glenville work. Someone was said to be interested. Brother Rickie is to contact this person in the next few days.

M / S to receive the Mission Board report. Motion passed.

Mission Board Financial Report: Report was given by Rev. Rickie Holstein.

2015	Beginning Balanc	e \$ 60,462.14
Total Ir	come	\$ 140,923.48
Total E	xpenses	\$ 139,730.13
2015	Ending Balance	\$ 61,655.49
M/Sto	receive the report.	Motion passed.

Christian Education Board: Report given by Bro. Larry Sanders. They have met 3 time. Bro. Larry will have a financial report at the pre-State meeting. We furnished a year's supply of CTS material to one of our Churches in need. We have a projector that Conferences or Churches can borrow. We co-sponsored two youth rally's. M / S to receive the report. Motion passed.

Historical Committee: Brother Rickie Holstein said he has made progress since retiring and has spent about 200 hours collecting information. He still needs information from around 100 Churches.

M / S to receive the report. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: No report. They will meet later in the day.

Publication Board: Report was read by Bro. Curtis Hall. We are now publishing the Messenger 3 times per year. We give Department heads priority to publish information, and fill in with other articles. We now have a Face Book account we use to exchange information for immediate access.

M / S to receive the report. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

The Executive Board had recommended that Family Ministries look into operating a Child Care Facility in West Virginia. Brother Earl White said Bro. Frank Woods reported that the WV DHHR is like a brick wall, giving them the run around and unless someone knows who to contact for help, a Child Care Facility is unlikely. Additional contacts were made and a meeting was held with representatives from Governor Tomblins office, Senator Mansions office, Senator Jenkins office, and State Delegate Mark Maynard was there. They were impressed to hear that we weren't asking for money, but would bring revenue into the State. The Governor has the authority to issue a certificate of need. Another meeting had been scheduled with the lady over the State Child Services, but was postponed due to Legislation still being in session. Meeting will be later in March.

 $M\,/\,S$ to accept as a point of information, and to deal with at a later date as progress is made. Motion carried.

We have an item on the table which will be addressed at the State Meeting which is to increasing the honorarium for the Moderator from \$50 to \$100, and the Assistant Moderator from \$25 to \$50. This will be a change to by-law #19.

Point of information; Rev Jim Sturgill is going off of the Mission Board due to health issues. Bro. Adam White plans to give up the editor's job for the Messenger.

The Moderator called for a short recess at 11:30am, while the Nominating Committee meets.

Meeting called back to order. At 11:45am

New Business:

The subject of same-sex marriage was brought up. The Clerk said he has had calls from Churches, asking what our By-Laws say about the matter. It was discussed if we needed to adopt the guidelines that the National Association had recommend that should be included in everyone's Constitution and By-Laws. This would be in addition to, or could take place of, or be combined with our Article 2, Section 7 which was adopted in June 2014. We should consider adding a statement about the use of facilities and use of Church property.

M/S to have the Executive Committee look into and recommend if we should include the National Associations Same-Sex Marriage statement in our Constitution. Motion carried.

With no other business,

 $M\,/\,S$ was moved to close the business session until our next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion carried.

The Hope Church was thanked for their hospitality, and the meal we are to receive.

Our Pre-State meeting will be held on June 4th.

Dismissal prayer was led by Rev. Larry Light

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Keith Hadley, Clerk

NOTES

2016 Executive Board Pre-State Meeting

The Executive Board of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist met in session June 4, 2016 at the Hope Free Will Baptist Church, at Parkersburg, WV at 10:00am, with 21 in attendance.

Moderator Rev. Earl White welcomed the assembly and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Prayer: Dr. Jim Cox Hymn: I Surrender All Scripture: Psalms 25:8 Message by Rev. Earl White Business meeting called to order by Moderator Rev. Earl White.

Roll Call: 11 of 21 Executive Board Members were present for roll call. A quorum was present.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Beckley -	Charles Tilley, absent
Brotherhood -	Luther Morgan, present
Christian Fellowship –	Johnny Faine, present
Eastern Panhandle -	Thomas Hoffmaster II, absent
Elk River -	Doug Burdette, absent
Fayette -	Curtis Monk, absent
Freedom -	Jody Brown, absent
Greenbrier County-	Roger Tolliver, absent
Greenbrier Nicholas -	Alva "Bud" Casto, present
Guyan Valley -	David McCloud, present
Huff Creek -	David McCloud, present
Kanawha -	Shane Bryant, present
Liberty -	Dr. Lewis Hall, absent
Logan -	Larry Light, absent
#1 Mingo -	Vinnie Morris, absent
Trinity -	Roger L. Browning Sr., present
Tug River -	Mike Smith, present
Unity -	Johnnie Ray Davis, present
Upper Ohio Valley -	John L. Price, present
Upper Ohio Valley -	John L. Price, present
Wayne -	Leroy Perry, absent
Wyoming -	Raybon K. Cook, present
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Reports:

State Promotional Director's Report: Was given by Rev. Carl Lilly. We plan to have a seminar on "Church Revitalization" to be presented by Rev. Tim Campbell. Bro. Lilly presented the Promotional Director's and State Office Budget as listed below.

Messenger			
Printing	\$6400.00		
Mailing/Postage	\$1700.00		
Publishing & Editing	\$1800.00		
Supplies	\$ 400.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00		
Total	\$10,600.00		
Office			
Postage	\$100.00		
Supplies	\$200.00		
Cell Phone	\$584.00		
Printer	\$100.00		
Total	\$984.00		
Promotional Director			
Salary	\$7800.00		
Housing	\$7800.00		
Car Allowance	\$7200.00		
National Association	\$ 400.00		
Leadership Conf.	\$ 450.00		
Total	\$23,650.00		
Grand Total	\$35,234.00		

See Digest of Reports for complete report.

M / S to approve the report and budget as presented. Motion passed.

Executive Committee Report: Written report was handed out and review by

Rev. Mike Smith. See Digest of Reports for complete report.

M / S to approve the report. Motion passed.

Conference Letters Report: The Clerk Bro. Keith Hadley reported that 20 Conferences letters have been received with delegates and proper finances. One Conference has not lettered. I have been unable to contact the Clerk of the Christian Fellowship Conference. Some information is poor and some of the required information is not being included with the letters. Many Conferences do not list any Delegates and are forfeiting their voice by no representation. I recommend we accept all letters that have been received, with Delegates, and Ministers having paid their dues, or that are properly listed as disabled or retired. I also recommend we receive the late letter if it is in proper order upon receipt. Note: The late Letter was received in the mail after returning home from this meeting. All was found to be in order. M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Clerk stated that no Church has requested to host the 2018 State Association meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Written report and proposed Co-Op Budget was handed out and review by Treasure Bro. Curtis Hall. The General Fund Account balance ending Dec. 31, 2015 was \$33,158.30, and the total Closing balance was \$116,583.18. The current total balance as of May 31, 2016 is \$ 114,666.25

It was recommended by the Treasurer to keep the Co-Op budget the same as last year.

General Fund	14%
Christian Education	8%
State Paper	21%
WV Mission Board	16%
Promotional Director	31%
National Co-Op	<u>10%</u>
	100%

See Digest of Reports for complete report.

M / S to accept the annual Treasurers Report and proposed Co-Op budget, motion passed.

Mission Board Report: Written report was handed out and reviewed by Rev. Ricky Holstein.

See Digest of Reports for complete report.

Mission Board Financial Report: Written report was handed out and reviewed by Rev. Rickie Holstein. The 2015 ending balance was \$61,705.49 . See Digest of Reports for complete report.

M / S to accept both reports, motion carried.

Christian Education Board: Written report was handed out and review by Rev. Larry Sanders. Checking account has \$2832.67, and savings account has \$10,200.00. See Digest of Reports for complete report. M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

WAC Report: Sister Jody Sullivan reported on WAC activities. She challenged the Pastors to get behind their Church Women to get them to join the WAC. The Fall Retreat will be September 9 & 10. See Digest of Reports for complete report. M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

Historical Committee: Report was given by Rev. Rickie Holstein. See Digest of Reports for complete report. M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

Web Master: No report

Publication Board: Report was given by Brother Adam White. See Digest of Reports for complete report.

M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

Seminar Report: Dr. Jim Cox gave a report on the Ministers and Deacons Seminar, sponsored by the Brotherhood Conference. They would like to see more people attend, and the fellowship is great. Dr. David Crowe was this year's main speaker. We require our licensed ministers and deacons to attend. We taught from the FWB Ministers Manual teach our Ministers how to conduct funerals, weddings, interments, child dedications, etc. Dr. Carl Lilly also taught on Marriage. Bro. Jim said he would come to any Church or Conference to teach our ministers.

Dr. Jim Cox mentioned a new work ongoing in WV. 1040i which is headed up by a former FWB Missionary, who served in the Ivory Coast. Bro. Jim has been appointed the Eastern Director of 1040i to work with WV, OH, and KY. We need prayers, support, and people to go to work during their trips. They have started 50 Churches in the last 3 years. He would like for the State Association to endorse the 1040i work. You can check it out at 1040i.org. Churches or Conferences can contact Dr. Cox to schedule a presentation. M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for a recess for lunch at 11:55am. The blessing was given by Rev Raybon Cook.

Afternoon Session

The Business Session was called back to order by Moderator Rev. Earl White at 12:48pm. Prayer by Rev. Carl Lilly.

Nominating Committee Report: Still trying to fill positions.

Trustee Board Report: Rev. Luther Morgan had nothing to report.

Audit Committee Report: Report was handed out and reviewed by Rev. Bud Casto. All four accounts (State Association, Missions Board, Christian Education Board, and the WAC) were audited and found to be correct. See Digest of Reports for complete report. M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

Masters Men Board Report: Rev. Shane Bryant reported he hopes to have a Board Meeting during the State Meeting. He expects some members to resign, and asked about filling the empty position. De we elect people to fill all vacancies or just elect the 7 year member and then appoint people to fill the unexpired terms. We would only elect the 7 year position then appoint to fill vacancies!

M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

Co-Op Committee: Brother Carl Lilly said they will send out a letter reminding Churches that September is Co-Operative Giving month. Our Insurance carrier, Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company had an excess of funds due to a low number of claims. They distributed money to their clients and we received \$ 10714, that went into the CO-OP fund. M / S to accept the report. Motion carried.

Un-finished Business:

Family Ministries is still looking into operating a Child Care Facility in West Virginia. Paper work forms are being filled out. Brother Frank Woods plans to be at the State Meeting, so hopefully we will find out more information then.

By-Law #19 change is tabled and will be voted on at the State Meeting.

The Executive Committee met at lunch time concerning the unfinished business from the February Executive Board meeting, concerning Same Sex Marriage statement. The Executive Committee recommends to the Executive Board, that it is recommended that our Churches adopt into their Constitution and By-Laws the "Same Sex Marriage Policy" as presented by our National Association M / S to accept, motion carried.

New Business:

The Clerk received an e-mail yesterday asking, if a Freewill Baptist church was part of a conference and left the conference, could that church still report to the State Association as independent of a conference, pay their dues, and still be recognized? If so, would the ministers and deacons still be recognized by the state association? The Moderator took a poll of those present and the answer was **no**.

Treasurer Bro. Curtis Hall asked if he could move the \$51,000 that is the Promotional Directors Reserve Account to the FWB Foundation which is paying 2.75% interest. Currently we are getting 0 increase on this money. The Mission Board moved some of their money last year and made around \$1300 over one year, verses the normal \$100 in interest. After a discussion, Treasurer Hall recommended we move the \$51,000.00 in the Promotional Directors Reserve Account to the FWB Foundation, and that the interest earned go into the Promotional Directors Account. M / S was moved to accept this recommendation.

We will ask questions of the Foundation, and if we are satisfied with the answers, we will proceed with transferring the \$51,000.00. Motion carried.

Rev. Carl Lilly will check to see if he can find a host Church for the 2018 State Association meeting.

 $M\/S$ to give the Ladies and Gentleman of the Church a rising vote of thanks for the meal and their hospitality.

M / S to adjourn. Motion carried.

Prayer requests were given and we were dismissed in Prayer led by Rev. Johnny Faine at 1:27pm.

Keith Hadley, Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - 6/4/16

The Executive Committee has met 4 times since the State Association. The meetings took place on Sept. 8, 2015, Nov. 17, 2015, Jan. 12, 2016, & May 10, 2016. Each meeting was well attended and opened with prayer and scripture reading. The reports from the various boards were given and approved.

Items of Business Discussed

- 1. Sept. Meeting
- There was much discussion concerning a new mission work, churches checking to see if they are
 on the National Association Registry of FWB churches, next year's Bible, Music and Arts Festival,
 setting up a New Face Book Account for the Messenger, getting the preaching services at this
 year's State Association placed on our WVFWB Web Site.
- Business Items: #1 The board voted to give Brother Adam White the approval to purchase a new
 updated Adobe Photo Shop software program. Brother John W. Preece, chairman of the Christian
 Education Board, pledged to help with the expense from the CEB budget.
- Business Item #2 The Board voted to set up a New Face Book Page for the Messenger with Brother Adam White to be the administrator. He may add other administrators as needed. Both items passed.
- 2. Nov. Meeting
- There were discussions on several items such as Family Ministry, Bulgarian Ministry, Home Missions in Glenville, Hispanic Ministry in Huntington, and the upcoming Leaders Conference in Nashville in December.
- No New Business
- 3. Jan. Meeting
- New Business: Brother Carl Lilly offered the following proposal: We would like to hold a seminar
 on July 30, 2016, at the Chief Logan Convention Center in Logan, WV. It would consist of three
 one hour sessions taught be Bro. Tim Campbell from Arkansas. Lunch would be provided for all
 who attend. The time schedule would be from 10:00AM to 12:00Noon, 1:00PM to 2:00PM. Our
 theme is the one presented at Nashville in December, 2015, by the National Association
 Leadership Conference, "Church Revitalization." The Motion passed.
- Other items discussed were: A new Messenger Face Book account, March for Missions, State Association at the Hope FWB Church, Parkersburg, WV, in June, and services for the Postewaites in April through June, 2016.
- 4. May Meeting
- The Executive Committee recommends to the Executive Board a motion that recommends all
 conferences to adopt a policy that all ministers and deacons have to read and study the FWB
 Treatise, and then questioned on it before they are ordained.
- The Executive Committee recommends that the State Promotional Director be given another year on his contract.

Great fellowship was enjoyed at each meeting.

Earl White - Moderator

Audit Committee Report

To

The West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist

To the best of our ability the Audit Committee found the financial records to be in PROPER ORDER. We looked at the records of the West Virginia State Association of the FWB, the West Virginia FWB Mission Board, the West Virginia FWB Christian Education Board and the West Virginia WAC. The information provided to the committee covered the fiscal year starting on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015.

Computer printouts, balance sheets, check stubs, invoices, receipts, cancelled checks, deposit tickets, and bank statements were examined carefully. In all four sets of books, we found the check book and the bank statement to reconcile (balance much like an individual's check book). We made sure the invoices and receipts matched the checks and the computer printouts.

A 1099 Form was issued for anyone who was paid \$600 or more, whereas the Promotional Director was issued a W-2 Form. We would remind all people who want to be reimbursed to fill out the reimbursement form. Any person could create their own form, if they would prefer. The form must include the needed information along with the receipts needed. The treasurers are doing a great job asking for the forms and the people are doing a great job turning in the forms.

The committee met on May 23, 2016 at Chesapeake FWB Church. Bro. Curtis Hall treasurer for the State Association, Rev. Rickie Holstein treasurer for the Mission Board, and Rev. Larry Sanders were also there. Sister Linda Hutchison treasurer for the West Virginia FWB WAC provided information needed for the meeting.

Our thanks go out to the treasurers for doing so many hours of work for our benefit. Our thanks also go out to the Chesapeake Church and Pastor Daniel Kelly for allowing us to meet at the church. The Audit Committee would like to thank each and every one of you for the privilege of serving you.

> May God bless our Association Rev. Alva "Bud" Casto Rev. Roger Browning, Sr. Bro. Edwin Freeman Rev. Mark Price Rev. Kenneth Samms

WEST VIRGINIA FREE WILL BSPTIST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

We are pleased to give this report of the activities of the Christian Education Board to the West Virginia FWB State Association from June 2015 to June 2016.

This has been a great year for the CEB as we have worked diligently to complete the work the Lord has set forth for us to do.

We had our Bible, Music, and Art Festival this year with approximately 125 young people Participating (appox. 40 more than last year). What a Blessed time we all had. It was held at the Parsley Bottom Church, with the Big Elk Church hosting it. We are looking for even a greater time next year. Please pray for it, and us.

We have had a lot of activity this past year.

We have had 4 formal meetings, with several informal ones.

We have visited several Conferences encouraging them in organizing youth groups, training the Youth for church services, etc.

We had good attendance at all of our Board Meetings.

We have had several churches' showing interest in working with their Youth.

We have sponsored 2 Youth Revivals, Community Revival at Lenore, and Parsley Bottom FWB.

We helped sponsor the Minsters and Deacons Seminar held at the 1st Altizer Church, where Bro Fred Ramey is the Pastor, on May 7, 2016.

We are helping to sponsor the Church Revitalization Seminar to be held at the Victory FWB Church in Pecks Mills, where Bro. Roscoe Chafin is Pastor, on July 30, 2016, with guest speaker being Bro. Tim Campbell. He is a minister from the Arkansas State Association.

Please Pray for your Christian Education Board that we will endeavor to always do the will of our Heavenly Father for the up-building of His Kingdom.

Bro. John Warren Preece, President Christian Education Board

"May we always serve GOD to the bast of our abitias"



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist



HELP!

The Historical Committee of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist <u>is still</u> seeking information about Free Will Baptist Churches in our State.

Free Will Baptist history can be traced by to the late 1500s and the early 1600s. However, the history of West Virginia Free Will Baptist is very sketch at best. This Committee has only received information from **58 churches and 5 conferences** across our state (some sent information to Jim Cox, a few years ago - But not to this committee - we need not only that information, but information from all our churches across the state). WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Committee sent out letters on May 28th, 2005. We got some response. I have complied that information. But, we still lack information on more than 100 churches.

We need more information and history from our churches.

Please help us gather the much need information - before it is forever lost.

I Need You Help! If you, or if you know of someone who has information about your church's history, will you please get that information and send it to me. If you do not know whether your church has sent me information, call me, I have a list of the churches that have given me information - however, some of what I have may need to be updated, as well.

If you can help me - Please call me at 304-595-4246, or email me at rickieholstein@live.com.

My hope is to have as much W.V. F.W.B. history as possible, available to not only the people of our state, but others who may be interested in leaning of our rich heritage.

Would you please help us, and assist us in gathering this much needed information?

Rickie Holstein P.O. Box 4624 Charleston, W.V. 25364 304-595-4246 Kenneth Samms 96 Sawmill Road Scott Depot, W.V. 25560 304-755-5595 Alva "Bud" Casto 1012 Orndorff Road Nettie, W.V. 26681 304-846-6888

Ps 119:111 "Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart."

To the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists,

For the past several years the Master's Men Board in the state of West Virginia has been inactive. Having been elected to the board in 2013, I bare a good portion of the responsibility for this inactivity because I have not pursued the cultivation of this ministry as I should have. However, I thank God for His longsuffering to us-ward (2 Peter3:9), and that His mercies and compassions fail not and are made new every morning (Lamentations3:22-23). Every day He has given myself, and the rest of us another opportunity to find the grace needed to serve Him more acceptably (Hebrews12:28). Seeing that His Faithfulness is great (Lamentations 3: 23), I would ask that we increase our faithfulness to Him and each other, by joining together and using this ministry to assist one another in the betterment of our churches. According to the description of the Master's Men Board's responsibilities, we are to help coordinate work projects to assist the Churches of West Virginia in building and remodel as needed, as well as coordinate programs for fellowship and spiritual growth for the men in Churches throughout the state. There are few more specifically stated duties, but for the sake of being concise, I will ask that you just think about all the possibilities that could be included in just the aforementioned responsibilities. We have a great opportunity to let the light of Christ shine through us into the world. I realize that many of our churches may already be involved in similar ministries, and would ask that they would share their experiences and ideas with us. As the board works to organize itself, I challenge each of you to think about how you and your churches could be involved and what opportunities you may know of in which we could be of assistance. Please call with any ideas or names of men who would be interested in serving in any way with the Master's Men in West Virginia. Thank You and God Bless.

> Rev. Shane Bryant Master's Men Board State Association of Free Will Baptists (304) 855-0013



of the

West Virginia State Association Of Free Will Baptist

Greetings to the WV State Association of FWB

Year End Mission Board Report

June 10, 2016

....Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

The board continues to work and listed below are some ways:

- · The board met seven times this year.
- · Board members are visiting other conferences.
- · Brother Burt Hall went to the Leadership Conference in December representing the Mission Board.
- The 2015 Golf Tournament at Briar Patch Golf Course was a success. The Briar Patch does not have a open date for the golf tournament this year, so we are trying to find another place to host the tournament.
- · The 2016 March for Missions was a success and we raised over \$50,000 this year.
- · Mission Board Scholarship is available. See any board member if you have a qualified applicant. No applicants have applied this year.

Ongoing mission works:

Bulgaria Missionaries

The Bulgaria Missionaries are: Tim and Lydia Awtrey and Jonathon and Amy Postewaite. They are working hard and doing a great job. The Awtrey's are still in Bulgaria working and the Postewaites are at state side and will be at the state meeting this year. Continue to pray for the Bulgaria Missionaries.

WV Hispanic Work

Brother Josue is stilling preaching the word and if anyone would like for him to come to their church or conference, please contact him. Brother Josue is in the process of moving back to the Eastern Panhandle. He will be starting a mission work in the Martinsburg area and he will use the Heritage FWB Church as his home base. The Roca De Salvation Church was organized May 21, 2016, and Brother Alejandro Flores was ordained. There have been six works started from the Hispanic Church in the Eastern Panhandle. We would like to thank all of the churches in the state for the love and support they have shown the Rivera family. Continue to pray for the Rivera family.

Glenville Missionaries

Brother Kenneth has resigned as of June 3, 2016 as the Missionary in Glenville. Kenneth and Shirley have had some health problems. They are going to continue the work on their own. Please continue to pray for them.

We are currently exploring other areas of the state to start a new work. Therefore, if anyone is interested in starting a new work in West Virginia, please contact the Mission Board. We encourage all churches to continue to support Missions with prayers and financial support.

Let me close by saying, if you are called to be a Missionary then Missions is calling you!

Rev. Rex Allen Cox, Chairman



of the

West Virginia State Association Of Free Will Baptist

Financial Report January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2015 ----- \$60,462.14

INCOME:

Co-Op (W.V. State Association)	\$4,695.78	
Golf Tournament	\$2,880.00	
Mission Offering at the W.V. State Association	\$870.00	
Bank Interest	\$472.75	
Bank Adjustment	\$50.00	
Designated Giving	\$132,004.95	
TOTAL INCOME		\$140,973.48

EXPENSES:

Free Will Baptist International Missions		\$71,019.53
Global Evangelism Fund	\$4,562.29	
Jonathan Postlewaite	\$37,804.12	
Tim Awtrey	\$26,646.83	
Trif Trifonov	\$1,506.29	
World Missions Offering	\$500.00	
NOTE: Designated Giving \$ 44,584.47		
March For Missions \$ 25,495.78		
Mission Board Giving - 10% Co-Op \$ 939.38		053 505 50
Free Will Baptist Home Missions		\$53,785.50
Josie Rivera	\$37,265.99	
Kenneth Cooper	\$9,119.61	
Jason Weaver	\$1,146.00	
Brain Williams	\$2,409.51	
Jim Martin	\$1,820.00	
Danny Elliott	\$1,664.51	
Benjamin Randall Offering	\$50.00	
Canada Ministries	\$77.47	
Mexico Ministries	\$77.47	
Puerto Rico Ministries	\$77.47	
Virgin Island Ministries	\$77.47	
NOTE: Designated Giving \$ 39,839.44		
March For Missions \$ 13,006.78		
Mission Board Giving - 10% Co-Op \$ 939.28		

of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist

Financial Report January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

(Expenses Continued....) Office Supplies -----\$230.91 Postage -----\$408.87 Miscellaneous -----\$509.93 Friends Of Missions Golf Tournament ------\$2,225.68 (Green Fees - Carts - Food - Prizes - for 24 golfers) Reimbursed Travel Expenses -----\$1,962.50 Mission Board Giving -----\$3.300.00 Josue Rivera - Mission Account \$500.00 (To get his account out of the RED) Mission Scholarship \$1,000.00 (Given out at 2015 W.V. State Association) Doropo Hospital - Africa \$1,000.00 (To help buy new water pump, and repair electrical service to hospital) Josue Rivera \$200.00 (Christmas Gift) Kenneth Cooper \$200.00 (Christmas Gift) Jonathan Postlewaite \$200.00 (Christmas Gift) Tim Awtrey \$200.00 (Christmas Gift) Treasurer's Honorarium -----\$4.800.00 Mis-Directed Funds -----\$0.00 (Children's Homes ----- \$ 1447.21) (Co-Op \$ 40.00)

TOTAL EXPENSES ------ \$138,242.92

BALANCE December 31, 2015 ----- \$63,192.70

of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist

FUND BALANCES as of December 31, 2015\$61,705.49General Fund\$33,076.34March For Missions Fund\$1,561.80Mis-Directed Funds\$0.00Mission Contingent Fund\$2,000.00Mission Scholarship Fund\$10,632.90State Home Missions Fund\$14,434.45

NOTE:

We Would Like To Thank Every Church And Individual Who Gave To The 2015 March For Missions Drive. It Was A Great Success This Year.., Raising \$50,917.46

NOTES

MISSION BOARD of the WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

STATISTICS - TOP 5 CHURCHES FROM EACH DIVISION

MARCH FOR MISSIONS GIVING -- 2016

Church Name	Division	Amount
Dry Branch Free Will Baptist Church	0-50	\$8,600.00
Maple Lane Free Will Baptist Church	0-50	\$2,872.50
Crown Hill Free Will Baptist Church	0-50	\$2,704.00
Mount Hope F.W.B. Church (U.O.V.C.)	0-50	\$2,382.00
Bonds Creek F.W.B. Church	0-50	\$2,300.00
Evergreen Hills Free Will Baptist Chruch	50-100	\$5,269.00
Sophia Free Will Baptist Church	50-100	\$2,000.00
Faith Free Will Baptist Church (Br. Conf.)	50-100	\$1,200.00
Hope Free Will Baptist Church	50-100	\$830.00
Slaughters Creek Free Will Baptist Church	50-100	\$765.00
Victory Free Will Baptist Church (L.C.) No. 20 Whitman Community Church Freedom F.W.B. Church (ky)	100+ 100+ 100+	\$1,400.00 \$216.15 \$150.00

45 Churches

14 - \$ 1000.00 or more 8 - \$ 2000.00 or more 2 - \$ 5000.00 or more

8 Conferences gave additional offering

2 Individuals gave

TOP 5 (in each division) -- TOTAL GIVEN 2016 -----\$29,671.00

TOTAL MARCH FOR MISSIONS GIVING 2016 ------ \$53,870.89





WVFWB STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2015-2016

JUNE 11, 2016

I want to thank the WVFWB State Association for allowing me to be your State Promotional Director for the past five years. The Lord has blessed us with safe travel and wonderful fellowship everywhere we have visited. Some of the highlights from this past year included: attending twelve conferences, five Christian Education Board meetings, three Mission Board meetings, four Executive Board meetings, and teaching in one seminar.

I was also privileged to work with our Home Missionary, Rev. Josue Rivera and Foreign Missionary, Rev. Jonathan Postewaite as they endeavored to build up their support in West Virginia. Please pray for our National and State Mission Boards as they work together to fulfill our Lord's directive as stated in Matthew 28:19, 20.

One of our future plans for our State Association is to have Rev. Tim Campbell teach a seminar on the subject "Church Revitalization." The seminar will be held on July 30, 2016, at the Victory FWB Church in Pecks Mill, WV. This was the theme of our National Association's Leadership conference held this past December in Nashville, Tennessee. Details on the seminar can be found in the Summer Messenger, just recently published.

As this year's State Association comes to an end, I praise the Lord for what He has accomplished and what He has in store for us this coming year. May we be found faithful as we watch, work and wait for His second advent.

Rev. Carl B. Lilly



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West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist Promotional Director's State Office Budget

June 11, 2016

Postage 100.00 Supplies 200.00 Cell Phone 584.00 Printer 100.00 Total 984.00	Messenger:		
Publishing & Editing1,800.00Supplies400.00Misc	Printing	6,400.00	
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Total 23,650.00	National Association	400.00	
	Leaders Conference	450.00	
Grand Total \$35,234.00		Total	23,650.00
		Grand Total	\$35,234.00

Rev. Carl B. Lilly

Publication Board of the WV State Association of FWB

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1 Yr. - Bro. Marvin Holley 3696 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526 Ph. 304-562-9420

Since the publication board has changed the publication schedule to 3 issues per year, we have decided to publish them at times which will best serve our state. The first issue, which has just been printed, will be published just prior to our march for mission revivals and youth conference, the second issue will come out just before our state and nation meetings, and our third and final issue each year will be sent out as a recap of our state and national meeting. We will continue to give department heads priority, and everything else will be placed accordingly. The publication board has started a new Facebook page which we hope will become a major avenue of information exchange for our denomination around the state. The URL is <u>www.facebook.com/wvfwbmessenger</u>. With Facebook, we can exchange information immediately instead of every couple of months. In order for our Facebook Page to be a success we need churches and church member to visit this page and; like and share it. Then you can post your announcements, and people and churches will get the announcement immediately. If you don't know how or do not want to post yourself, mail or email your announcement and we can post it for you.

Thank you and God Bless,

Adam White June 4, 2016



West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist Yearly Financial Report January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Starting b	palance as of January 1, 2015		\$141,228.16
Received			\$78,441.37
	Designated Gifts	\$49,556.06	
	Cooperative Gifts	\$28,856.09	
	Interest Now Acc.	\$129.09	
	Cooperative Gifts		
Received			\$28,856.09
Paid out			\$28,856.09
raia out	General Fund	\$4,039.85	\$20,050.05
	Christian Education	\$2,308.49	
	State Paper	\$6,059.78	
	WV Mission Board	\$4,616.97	
	Promotional Director	\$8,945.39	
	National Association	\$2,885.61	
	General Fund Account		
Balance B	Brought Forward		\$35,158.30
Received	5 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 6 - 6 - 6 - 6 - 6 - 6 -		\$43,976.76
	Cooperative Gifts	\$4,039.85	
	Designated Gifts	\$39,486.91	
Paid out			\$(45,492.03)
	Treasurer's Honorarium	(\$4,800.00)	
	National Association	(\$24,450.00)	
	Other	(\$4,872.54)	
	Internal Revenue taxes	(\$1,744.20)	
	One Call Now	(\$712.98)	
	State minute books	(\$3,424.00)	
	Reimbursements	(\$3,027.62)	
	Att, National & leadership	(\$1,200.00)	
1	Brotherhood Mutual Ins.	(\$1,260.69)	
Closing B	alance		\$33,193.03

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2015 Yearly Financial Report continued

Christian Education Account		
Balance Brought Forward	\$15,087.60	
Received		\$ 2,228.18
Cooperative Gifts	\$933.18	
Designated Gifts	\$1,295.00	
Paid out		
Expenses	(\$17,315.78)	
Closing Balance		\$000.00
State Paper Account		
Balance Brought Forward		\$6,174.50
Received		\$6,579.71
Cooperative Gifts	\$6,059.78	
Designated Gifts	\$519.93	
Paid out		
Expenses	(\$7,889.17)	
Closing Balance		\$4,865.04
Interest Now Account		

Balance Brought Forward Received		\$3,256.26
Bank of Mingo	\$129.09	
Paid out		
Expenses	(\$788.72)	
Closing Balance		\$2,596.63

Promotional Directors Reserve Account

Balance Brought Forward	(no activity this year)
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\$51,000.00

2015 Yearly Financial Report continued

Promotional Directors Account

	Balance Brou	ght Forward		\$28,435.79
	Received		\$17,626.95	
	С	ooperative Gifts	\$8,945.39	
	D	esignated Gifts	\$8,681.59	
	Paid out			\$(23,250.00)
	С	arl B. Lilly	(\$22,800.00)	
	N	ational Association	\$0.00	
	L	eadership Conference	\$450.00	
	Closing Balar	ice .		\$22,812.77
		WV Masters Men Ac	count	
	Balance Brou	ght Forward (no activity this ye	ear)	\$265.49
		WV Ministers Retirer	ment Account	
	Balance Brou	ght Forward (no activity this ye	ear)	\$1,850.22
Ending bal	ance as of De	cember 31		\$116,583.18

The Proposed Co-op Budget for the Coming Year 2016/2017

	Same as last year
General Fund	14%
Christian Education	8%
State Paper	21%
WV Mission Board	16%
Promotional Director	31%
National Co-op	10%
TOTAL	100%

West Virginia State Association Meeting Dates.

June 09—10, 2017 June 08—09, 2018 June 07—08, 2019 June 12—13, 2020 June 11—12, 2021

WV State Association Meets annually on Friday 9:30am and Saturday 9:00am before second Sunday in June.



The Minutes Book for the 22nd Annual Session (1967) is missing from our Archives. If anyone has a copy and would like to share or donate it please contact the Clerk. I can copy the book and return the original to you.

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Future National Convention

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Dates and Sites:

- July 16-19, 2017 Louisville, KY
- July 22-25, 2018 Little Rock, AR
- July 21-24, 2019 Cincinnati, OH
- July 19-20, 2020 Oklahoma City, OK

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Free Will Baptists: Doing More Together

Who are Free Will Baptists?

Have you noticed a Free Will Baptist church in your commu-nity? Maybe you have heard of "Baptists" all your life but never realized there are actually dozens of Baptist groups. But who are these Baptists with "Free Will" before their name? And how are they different from the other Baptist groups?

The Free Will Baptist denomination is a fellowship of evangeli-cal churches that adhere to the Bible as the foundation of faith and practice. The denomination began in 1727, and for nearly 300 years has contributed to the moral and spiritual fiber of the nation. Bound by common beliefs, common worship, and a common mission, nearly 300,000 individuals from 2,500 congregations across 40 states have come together voluntarily to extend their impact throughout the world.

Free Will Baptists are *fundamental* in doctrine, that is, they share the historic Christian Faith with all other genuine Chris-tians. They are, as the name indicates, *Baptist* in doctrine, teaching that immersion—not sprin-kling or pouring—is the correct method of baptism. Finally, Free Will Baptists are *free will* in doctrine. Some Chris-tian groups believe God predetermined who would be saved and lost, that Jesus died only for certain "elect" individuals, and the rest have no opportunity to be saved.

In contrast, Free Will Baptists believe God desires salvation for all and sent Jesus to die for everyone. Still, He has given man the freedom of choice to accept or reject Christ's sacrifice. Those who put faith in Christ's work are saved.

Free Will Baptist churches are self-governing, own their own property, and call their own pastors. Yet these independent churches have chosen to work together to carry out various enterprises and programs beyond the scope of the local church. These efforts include several colleges and missions efforts both at home and abroad. The denomination supports missionaries in 20 international locations as well as the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Free Will Baptists enjoy an extensive publishing ministry headed by Randall House Publications.

Church Security



"Every Free Will Baptist church should have a plan to deal with dangerous or emergency situations should they occur." This statement summarizes a seminar presented at the 2015 Leadership Conference that addressed growing safety and security concerns among churches in America. A recording of the seminar, presented by security specialist Sam Hodges, is being made available to churches through the Executive Office. A donation of \$5.00 is requested to offset production and shipping, but the video is complimentary to any church unable to pay. Produced in conjunction with NowTech Productions, the video incorporates strategies for forming church security teams with recommended training and protocol for emergency situations

The video can be ordered from the Executive Office by calling 877.767.7659, or by emailing <u>ryan@nafwb.org</u>.



Welch College is owned and operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and is governed by a board of trustees elected by that association. The college subscribes to the beliefs and practices set forth in the Free Will Baptist *Treatise*.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists founded the college as Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1942. The Board of Education of the National Association chose Nashville as an ideal site for the new college, centrally located among the major centers of the denominational population in the Southeast, Southwest, and Midwest.

The Board of Education selected Georgia native Linton C. Johnson as the college's first president, a post he held for 34 years. The ministry of Dr. Johnson and his wife Ruth was of singular influence in shaping the character of the college, its sponsoring denomination, and its theological expression in the twentieth century. Under his leadership, the college moved from a fledgling Bible school to a comprehensive, accredited Bible college with numerous new buildings and programs of study.

The college purchased one building on Richland Avenue in the historic Richland-West End neighborhood, which later became known as Davidson Hall. Eight students gathered there in 1942, comprising the original student body. The original faculty and staff numbered four, including such luminaries as Laura Belle Barnard, J. R. Davidson, and Henry Melvin. Originally a two-year institution, the college added a third year of study in 1949 and a fourth year in 1950, and awarded its first bachelor's degrees to five seniors in 1951.

In 2012 the college changed its name to Welch College to signify its development into a more comprehensive Christian college. The college is named for John L Welch and his wife Mary. Welch was the leading figure in bringing together eastern and western Free Will Baptists to establish the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1935, having served as the first moderator and secretary of education of that association. Welch College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, and master degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Welch College. (Note: Other than for general inquiries the Commission on Colleges should be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.)

This is the regional accrediting agency in the southeast.

Welch College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education to grant degrees at the Associate, Bachelors, and Masters levels. Contact the Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education at 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 130, Orlando Florida 37822 or call 407-207-0808 for questions about the accreditation of Welch College.

ABHE is the accrediting agency approved by CHEA to accredit baccalaureate degreegranting Bible colleges in the United States and in Canada.

Welch College is both regionally and nationally accredited and is a member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) by virtue of either of these. It is approved by the Tennessee State Department of Education to offer degrees leading to teacher education licensure in grades PreK-12.

The college is approved:

- by the Tennessee State Department of Education for teacher education. Graduates of the teacher education programs and those with approved majors and degrees may be recommended for professional license to teach in the public schools of Tennessee.
- by the State of Tennessee for its students from Tennessee to participate in grants and loans provided by Tennessee.
- by the United States Department of Education for the training of veterans and their orphans, for foreign students and Civil Service employees, and for its students to participate in the various loan and grants programs sponsored or otherwise subsidized by the Federal Government.

Welch College also maintains membership in a number of organizations, including the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, the Tennessee College Association, the Association of Christian Schools International, the Council for Independent Colleges, and the Evangelical Training Association. (See the <u>Welch College Catalog</u>, for a more complete list.)

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A Personal Word from our President

Welcome to Southeastern's website. More than likely you are here because you are searching for God's will for your life. I believe that you have come to the right place to find help.

Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College exists to develop servants for the local church. Our local churches are in regular need of pastors, assistant pastors, youth and music ministers, Christian school teachers and business managers. If your burden and vision is to establish a body of believers in the United States or on a foreign field, we can help you develop the skills to do so. Our mission as a Christian College is to help you find your place in God's great field of service. Southeastern provides the kind of atmosphere where young people can search and find the will of God for their lives. That atmosphere involves

being in the midst of godly professors who love their students, counsel them, and pray with them. Our unique atmosphere also places young people in the midst of other young people whose heart's desire is to find God's will for their lives and to serve Him.

Allow me to make one final observation. Our chapel services are defined by passionate, anointed preaching. The Apostle Paul states in Titus 1:3, "But [God] hath in due times manifested his word through preaching," God speaks to our hearts (reveals His will to us) through the anointed preaching and teaching of His Holy Word. The more preaching and teaching that we expose ourselves to, the more apt we are to find God's will.

If you have questions after browsing our website, feel free to email or call us. We will be more than pleased to help you. We feel that Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College is an excellent choice for those who desire to find God's will for their lives and who want to receive the training that will help them serve Jesus Christ effectively.

Sincerely, Jim Marcum, President of Southeastern

Purpose Statement

The purpose of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College is to train young men and women for church-related ministries.

While we fully understand and appreciate that all truth is God's truth, it is our purpose to prepare our students for a variety of church related ministries such as pastors, associate pastors, evangelists, missionaries, Christian school teachers, youth pastors, church musicians, and Christian business professionals.

Students choosing to attend Southeastern FWB College do so because our program is more "ministry oriented" than "career oriented."

In the process of offering this specialized training, it is our objective to emphasize the following: strong local churches, biblical pastoral authority, soul-winning, revival, Christian schools, home and foreign missions, as well as high academic standards with an emphasis on practical application.

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RETIREMENT

In order to assist its employees in ensuring that they have enough funds set aside for their retirement years, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. established the Retirement Pension Plan of the National Association of Free Will Baptists ("Plan"). This Plan has been amended and restated, effective January 1, 2015. The Plan is intended to provide retirement security to Free Will Baptist ministers and other eligible employees. It allows your employer to set funds aside for your retirement. In addition, it enables you to set aside a portion of your earnings in a tax-advantaged manner during your working years.

The Plan is a church retirement income account program described in section 403(b)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Code permits denominations and churches to set up retirement plans designed to permit you and your employer to accumulate retirement savings. The Plan takes full advantage of these special tax rules.

You are eligible to participate in the Plan if you are working at least 20 hours a week for an eligible employer that has agreed to participate in the Plan ("Participating Employer"). An eligible employer includes any Free Will Baptist church or agency. In addition, Free Will Baptist ministers who are evangelists or otherwise self-employed and the spouses of Free Will Baptist missionaries are eligible to participate in the Plan without regard to the number of hours they work a week.

If you are eligible to participate as described above, you can become a participant in the Plan upon submitting an Enrollment Agreement to the Board. You must also agree to a minimum monthly contribution of at least \$10.

403(b) approved plan

Our 403(b) plan is approved by the IRS for all employees of Free Will Baptist Churches or Church Organizations.

Tax deferred contributions

Take advantage of tax deferred contributions to the Plan. Tax deferred contributions are not to be included in gross "reportable" income for tax purposes. Since the tax deferred contributions and interest are tax deferred, they will only be subject to taxes when the money in your account is distributed to you.

Flexible contributions

One can begin with as little as \$10 monthly. Generally, the maximum contribution allowable is 100% of taxable income or \$53,000, whichever is less. However, special "catch-up" provisions are available to certain participants. For an explanation of the catch-up provisions, please request Publication 571 from your nearest IRS office, or contact the Board of Retirement.

Personal and employer contributions Participants may contribute personal "after-tax" funds. These contributions must be made by personal check or automatic bank draft from the participant's personal checking account. Contributions can also be made by Salary Reduction or by direct contributions from the employer, i.e. the church or church-related entity. The employer (church/ church agency) is permitted to contribute to the participant's retirement account as an added compensation benefit without such being taxable to the participant. All church checks must be payable to the Board of Retirement. NO PERSONAL CHECKS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR SALARY REDUCTION OR EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Other funds that may be available

Participants may find other funds available to them through State Association plans (check with your state leaders) and with the Randall House Rewards Program where a percentage of your Sunday School curriculum order is deposited into your account.

Contact Information:

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Money Management Trusts (MMTs)

Free Will Baptist Foundation manages millions of dollars every day for individuals, ministries, and organizations that need competitive interest rates and accessibility to money without penalties.

MMTs replace

- + Money Market Accounts
- + CDs
- + Savings Accounts

MMTs serve as

- + Reserve/surplus funds
- + Emergency funds
- + Long-range project funds

Advantages to an MMT with the Foundation

- + Make additional deposits
- + Withdraw funds without penalty
- + Higher rate of return

While banking interest rates continue to drop, ours are a healthy

2.75%

How do I start?

- + Open an account with at least \$1,000.
- + Create multiple accounts if needed.
- + Contact the Foundation today!

FREE WILL BAPTIST

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About Us

Free Will Baptist Foundation has a unique ministry among the national departments: we exist is to serve other ministries. The composition of our board reflects this role. Our board is made up of the nine members elected by the National Association plus the directors of each of our national departments.

We serve by providing financial management services. These services are provided to each of these departments through revocable trusts, endowments and planned gifts. However our ministry is not limited to the national departments. We also manage trusts for many local, state and regional ministries as well. A brief description of these trusts follows.

Endowments

In ancient Israel the farmland God divided among the Hebrew tribes was never sold. In times of deepest poverty a family could give up the land under a "lease." A "leaser/ purchaser" bought the use and fruit of the land, not the land itself. During Jubilee all land was restored to the original family owners. Endowments are rooted in this Old Testament principal of "live off the land but do not consume it."

Like the promised land, endowment gifts are preserved so that the principal is not consumed. The earnings are "harvested" to support a specific Free Will Baptist ministry(ies). The original gift remains in place perpetually to earn ministry income

Planned Gifts

Tithing is taught throughout the Bible and most folks understand the concept in relation to their weekly paycheck. Many have not grasped the idea that tithing also applies to the appreciated value of the assets God has given us. Some manage to do this by leaving a tithe of their estate to the Lord's work in their will.

A planned gift may enable believers to give these appreciated type gifts during their lives while still retaining much of the economic benefits. While planned gifts come in many varieties, all share three characteristics. The donor receives a partial income tax deduction, an income stream for his and the spouse's lifetime in a joint agreement and the balance of the trust at death transfers to the chosen ministry. Agreements may be funded with cash, real estate, stocks, bonds or other assets.

Money Management (Revocable) Trusts

The Foundation offers Money Management trusts that are fully revocable for a church or organization's excess funds. This agreement is also available to individuals and families with some restrictions. The earnings rate varies depending on market conditions but has consistently exceeded the rate of inflation through the years.

Free Will Baptist Foundation is here to serve you. Perhaps we can help you accomplish what God would have you do with your assets. Please contact our office toll free 877-336-7575 or email us atfoundation@nafwb.org if we can help you or your church in any of these areas.



Please support Randall House Publications. Randall House will donate a portion of the literature cost purchased by Churches who are affiliated with the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, back to the State Association treasurer. (Subject to annual renewal based upon promotion fulfillments, and units sold.)

Randall House is a Christian publisher dedicated to promoting the cause of Christ and serving the Church through the development and distribution of Bible-based curriculum and quality Christian products. As a trusted publisher of Bible-based products for more than forty years, we are proud of the impact our products make on the lives of people around the world.

Although Randall House is owned and operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, our curriculum is used by many denominations and church groups. Today, Randall House continues to expand our ministry to meet the needs of our quickly changing world. We offer a wide variety of resources including Sunday school curriculum, Bibles, books, and other Christian products, and inspirational gifts.

Our offices and printing facilities are located at 114 Bush Road in Nashville, Tennessee. You may contact us by phone at (800) 877-7030 or locally (615) 361-1221

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FAQ

1. What resources should I order to teach a D6 2GEN class? The Teaching Essentials Packet (TE) for every age group is designed to be an all-inclusive kit for the classroom experience. Each TE contains a Teaching Guide and a variety of resources, including teaching pictures and posters, reproducible in-class and take-home sheets, application verse posters, and more. D6 2GEN Teaching Resources are available for every age group from nursery to adult. Additional Teaching Guides are also available.

2. Does D62GEN offer a resource for at-home discipleship? We suggest purchasing a Devotional Study Guide for every student to help them study the Bible outside the classroom. Devotional Study Guides are available for every age group from nursery to adult (nursery and preschool use the Cuddle Time Bible Story Book). D6 2GEN Devotional Study Guides can be used by families at home even if their church does not use D6 2GEN Curriculum.

3. Does D62GEN curriculum work for a large group/small group format? D6 2GEN is easily formatted to a large group/small group setting. The Connect and Learn portions of the lesson make a great large group experience, then the Explore, Apply, and Respond sections can be used for the Small Group experience.

4. We utilize multiple teachers for each class; can I make copies of the **Teaching Guide for them?** All teaching resources are intended to be ordered per class. To help accommodate multiple teachers in a class, each Teaching Essential Kit includes a code to download a free PDF of the Teaching Guide which can be shared with teachers of the same class. Additional Teaching Guides are available in the store.

5. I saw where you offer curriculum bundles, what does that include? A bundle includes: 1 Teaching Essentials Kit with Teaching Guide, 1 extra Teaching Guide, a code to download a PDF of the Teaching Guide, and 10 Devotional Study Guides (Preschool also include 10 Kids' Cards).D6 2GEN bundles are only available through Randall House.

6. What age group uses Cuddle Cards and Kids' Cards? Cuddle cards are for the Infant/Toddler age group. Kids' Cards are for the Preschool age groups.

7. Why is there a translation option for Teaching Essentials Kits for Round 2 through Explorers? The Teaching Essentials Kits for ages 4&5 and grades K-5 include Bible application verse posters. We offer three translation options (KJV, NKJV, and ESV).

8. Does the preschool curriculum follow the same scope and sequence as the elementary through adult? Preschool students learn best from repetition, so we do not give them a new theme every week. To accommodate their learning abilities and keep our preschoolers connected with what the other age groups (and family members) are studying, we develop their month of study from one of the weeks everyone else is studying. Preschoolers will not be on the exact same theme as everyone else each week, but most of the time they will be on the same overarching theme of the month (there could be times when alternate special topics are studied).

9. How many lessons/weeks are covered in each issue of D6 2GEN Curriculum? How often do I need to order? D6 2GEN Curriculum is a dated quarterly resource. Each issue of D6 2GEN Curriculum covers 13 weeks, and is purchased quarterly. Each quarter's material is divided into three monthly topics:

- One month studying Old Testament
- One month studying New Testament
- One month studying Special Topics

10. What is studied in the Special Topics unit? Special Topic units examine cultural issues, universal questions of life, and theological topics. For more specific information, you can view the six-year Scope and Sequence.

11. I never have enough time to cover everything in a lesson, what should

I do? We intentionally include more material than you will cover in the typical class time. Each class is different so we give the teacher the freedom to choose what best fits the class. Some of the components can be used at home or in other church and small group settings throughout the week.

12. I have a class with a broad age range, how do I know which material to order? We suggest ordering the curriculum that best matches the median-to-upper age of your students and adjust accordingly for the other students. Also, order Devotional Study Guides to match each student's age.

13. What is a Teaching Nursery Ministry and how does it work? The First Steps Nursery Program from Randall House and D6 Curriculum helps churches provide programming for the nursery classroom as well as tools and training for parents. First Steps provides an introduction and teaching of basic biblical principles and concepts to help lay a necessary foundation for spiritual development and growth. The program materials provide help for setting up a nursery, selecting equipment, recruiting and training staff, teaching toddlers, encouraging parents, and so much more.

14. Are there churches using D6 2GEN I can network with? Check out our D6 Teacher Facebook group.

15. Are there any training materials for new users of D6 2GEN? Yes! We offer training videos for each age group of D6 2GEN.

16. Is there any video content in D6 2GEN? Currently, we do not provide video content in D6 2GEN curriculum.

17. Do Doctrinal distinctive arise in the curriculum? If so where and how often? While D6 2GEN Curriculum is used by many churches in different denominations, we are owned by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Our doctrinal distinctives are presented in the Teaching Guides where they are clearly addressed in Scripture, so teachers can help students navigate doctrine. Alternative lessons may be 95 available for some lessons.



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"Providing opportunities for each woman to fulfill the Great commission through her God-designed roles in the home, church, community and world."

Women Nationally Active for Christ is an auxiliary arm of the National Association of Free Will Baptists that exists to help each woman fulfill the Great Commission at home, church, in the community, and around the world. The organization helps establish and promote thriving Bible-based, outwardly focused women's groups that work together to accomplish greater Kingdom goals. WNAC is comprised of over 4,000 women in local church groups. These groups within a specific geographic region form a network (district) and meet regularly for encouragement, exchange and spiritual nourishment. The various districts within a state join together and meet annually and other times for retreats and special events. Together these local church, district and state groups form Women Nationally Active for Christ with affiliate groups in Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, West Africa and in Asia.

From the Executive Director

WNAC supports missions and ministry causes at home and around the world, and we invite you to be part of what Free Will Baptist women are doing...

Free Will Baptist missionaries depend on the ladies for prayer and financial support. Learn more about the ministry of the **Steward Provision Closet**.

WNAC Scholarships provide educational opportunities for young women, both in the United States and abroad.

Treasure is a quarterly Bible study guide that enables in-depth study of the annual theme. These Bible studies can be completed independently or as a group study.

A *Program and Plan Book* is published annually which enhances the local monthly meetings, along with free downloadable **YWAC Bible Studies** suitable for teens and younger women.

Women from 22 states and the Virgin Islands welcome you. If we can be of assistance to you, just call 877-767-7662 or email **elizabeth@nafwb.org.**

Membership

Women Nationally Active for Christ is comprised of over 4,000 women in local church women's groups. Local Women Active for Christ (WAC) groups within a geographic region or specific area form a network (WAC district) and regularly meet together for encouragement, exchange and spiritual nourishment.

Two or more WAC Districts within a state then join together and meet annually sometimes more often for retreats and special events. Together these local, district and state groups form Women Nationally Active for Christ. WNAC includes women from both the U.S. and Canada. WNAC also has affiliate groups in Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, West Africa and in Asia.



Although international missions activities under Free Will Baptists date back to 1833, the organization, as it now stands, came into existence only after the formation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1935. Miss Laura Belle Barnard became the first Free Will Baptist missionary to go out under the newly organized body.

She sensed the call of the Lord while attending Columbia Bible College and submitted to go to India in spite of the minimal support Free Will Baptists were able to gather. Fifty dollars per month seemed to be more than could be raised in those days. Only a few Free Will Baptists were convinced an overseas mission outreach was even needed.

Within the next year (1936) Thomas H. Willey, Sr., and his family left for Panama. Due to political circumstances they were forced to leave Panama, but the Lord opened a new door of opportunity for them in Cuba in 1939. Cuba developed into a fruitful harvest field before Fidel Castro took over and missionaries were forced to leave in 1961. Cuba is still a fruitful field under the leadership of Cuban national pastors.

From these two initial efforts, Free Will Baptists have grown and spread out around the world. Over 120 missionaries and affiliates are now serving in more than 20 countries.

The various fields are requesting new missionaries. New countries are open to mission work. Mission teams are targeting unreached people groups. Established fields are experiencing indigenous Church Planting Movements. Partnerships with national workers are being formed.

God is truly blessing our efforts to obey His command to "go into all the world."

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR MISSIONARIES

The World Missions Offering (WMO) is one means of funding the purpose of the Mission— planting churches overseas. The National Association of Free Will Baptists has designated the last Sunday in April for churches across the denomination to receive a significant offering for International Missions.

Upcoming WMO Dates - APRIL 30, 2017, APRIL 29, 2018

AMERICAN MINISTREEWILL BAPTIST

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HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN MINISTRY Culled from many years as

a successful pastor along with many years of very fruitful evangelistic work, Brother David shares very practical ideas for ch leader that will bein

the pastor and church leader that will help put them on a path that will produce lasting results for the Kingdom of God. (Can be several one hour sessions)

THE HISTORY OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

David Crowe is known as one of the foremost historians of our day of the Free Will Baptist denomination. He has one of the largest libraries of historical Free Will Baptist documents and books in existence. His passion is to bring this history to our Free Will Baptist pastors and their congregations in interesting, easy to understand presentations. One of the keys to getting to where we need to go is understanding where we have come from. This seminar on the history of our denomination will give a greater appreciation for our heritage. (Can be several one hour sessions.)

HANDS HELD HIGH

David Crowe has been used to be an encouragement to hundreds of pastors across our country. In this inspirational message, David teaches the importance of the ministry of encouragement and shares a unique way the church he pastored put this into practice. A much needed message in a day when discouragement among our pastors and churches is at an all-time high.

> Free Will Baptist North American Ministries 877.767.7674 www.homemissions.net

Growth & Leadership Seminars

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BRAD RANSOM Director of Church Planting





STRATEGIC PLANNING

Strategic Planning is the process your church has to define its mission as well as outlining the route you will take to accomplish it. Oftentimes little or no planning goes into very important

events that have potential for kingdom results. This seminar will teach pastors and church leaders the importance of having a strategic plan and how to develop it, including defining outcomes, setting goals, creating time lines, etc. This process is the how to of taking a list and turning it into a plan.

HOW TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

The church is one of the only organized institutions in existence that operates using such a large force of volunteers compared to paid staff. Volunteers are essential to the success of any local church. Most churches struggle with having enough volunteers to cover all the ministry positions in the church. Often, pastors resort to begging and pleading from the pulpit for volunteers to serve in various ministries. This seminar will help the pastor and other church leaders know how to recruit high level, qualified volunteers without begging and sounding desperate.

EFFECTIVE OUTREACH

Having an effective outreach system for your church is the only way your church will see sustainable and consistent growth. Without an intentional outreach strategy, churches will fall into maintenance mode and the baptistery will dry up along with the hope of having a local church that really makes a difference in the community. This seminar will challenge church leaders to understand the importance of outreach in the local church as well as give practical ideas of actual outreach events that you can use in your church.

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CREATING A WOW FACTOR FOR YOUR CHURCH

When visitors show up at your church for the first time do they feel welcome? Do they feel valued? Do they know where to go and what to do? There are so many questions that churches need to consider when preparing for first time visitors. Creating a Wow Factor for Your Church teaches leaders the necessity of critically looking at the church's facility, programs, systems and more. This seminar teaches leaders how to create a great "first impression experience" for visitors, which will cause them to want to return for a second and third visit.

SYSTEMS THINKING

LOOKING AT YOUR CHURCH FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE) Systems are the essential organizational

parts that make up every church. Just as the human body has systems (circulatory, muscular, neurological, skeletal, etc.) the church has essential systems that must be in place in order for the church to be healthy and grow. These systems include outreach, assimilation, teaching, stewardship and more. If these systems are not functioning properly or they are nonexistent, the church will eventually break down and not be able to fulfill its intended purpose: reaching the lost. This seminar explores eight essential systems that every church needs to have to be healthy.

STRUCTURING YOUR CHURCH FOR GROWTH

Church structure is inherent to every church and sets potential for growth and breaking growth barriers. Church structure is the process that allows your church to progress, make change and implement new systems and repair old ones. Churches can have great systems but without the correct structure they cannot be implemented. This seminar will help church leaders see the main structures in churches, identify where their church is and learn how to make adjustments that will allow their church to grow.

Each of these seminars is about one hour in length.

JIM MCCOMAS

<u>The Power Of A</u> Basket

In the Book of Acts, the life of a young Christian convert by the name of Saul was saved because some unnamed disciples lowered him to safety in

a basket. This message challenges Christians on the very high priority that needs to be placed on soul winning and discipleship. Someone's life is counting on it!

SEVEN TRAITS OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MINISTERS

Stephen Covey revolutionized the business world with his Seven Habits of Highly Successful People. This seminar puts a spiritual twist to the concept and highlights seven characteristics that are present in the lives and ministries of those who have been mightly used of God.

EXAMINING THE BODY

A comprehensive spiritual check-up for the local church. The church is described in the Word of God as a body. This seminar takes the patient to the doctor for a complete physical. A comprehensive exam that looks at every area of the local church, from the pulpit to the pew and everything in between, finds the areas of need, comes up with a plan of action on how to implement the changes needed, and then gives helps on how best to make the change come about. From the examination, to the medical prognosis, to the plan of action. (This can be done in as few as a couple of sessions, or can be as long as 5 to 6 hours over a couple of days.)

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JUST BECAUSE IT'S BURIED, DOESN'T MEAN IT'S DEAD

In 2 Kings 22, we find that the Word of God had been lost in the church house! Yet, when it was found, opened, read, and shared, it still had as much power as it ever had! This message proclaims the relevance of preaching and worship in a modern world—an encouragement to preachers and the church.

FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY

There are many books and seminars discussing the secrets to church growth and successful ministry. With a common sense, down to earth, back-to-the-basics style, this lesson covers four key elements that every pastor/preacher/teacher/Christian ministry leader must operate with in order to be successful in their work for the Lord.

<u>GUARANTEED PRINCIPLES FOR</u> <u>CHURCH FAILURE</u>

Inspired by a trip to the local Dairy Queen, this seminar seeks to take a light-hearted look at how churches often make it more difficult for prospective members rather than easier. A powerful discussion on road blocks churches put up that hinder church growth.

<u>What To Do When Life</u> <u>Doesn't Turn Out The Way</u> You Planned

Used as a pawn by her father Laban, unloved by her husband Jacob, hated by Rachel, Leah is a classic example of a life of shattered dreams and broken plans. Yet, Leah made a life changing decision, a secret that is shared in this message to help those who are dealing with discouragement in the ministry and in Christian service.



KEN AKERS-



LEADERSHIP

Men are called to be leaders. In this three session conference, we will look at the need for men to be leaders in the home, the church and the world. While

discussing a serious topic, there will be lighter moments to keep the attention of the participants.

HOMELAND SECURITY

This four part seminar will look at developing good soldiers in the Lord's army. We realize we are in a spiritual battle daily and we must be prepared. Sessions are:

> Becoming a Good Soldier Protecting Your Home Protecting Your Doctrines Protecting Your Testimony

LAY LEADERSHIP

A four part seminar on developing lay leaders.

- 1 Developing lay leaders
- 2 Being a leader in your home
- 3 Being a leader in your church
- 4 Being a leader in the world

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KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL PLAN

Using the music scale as a guide, we will look into simple and practical ways to improve the participant's financial status. In a session that will take about two hours, we will look at:

- A Assess your current position
- B Budgets
- C Credit
- D Determine to live debt free
- E Emergency fund
- F Future planning
- G Giving

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

This seminar will help provide information for those that have never led a short term mission trip. Topics will include why go, before you go, who should go, when you go and after you go. There will be forms available and lists of things they will need to consider.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Mentoring men is probably one area where churches fall far short. This one hour session focuses on helping men become what they should be.

Church Growth & Leadership Seminars

The directors of Free Will Baptist North American Ministries have compiled this list of Seminar and Sermon topics as a part of our Church Revitalization efforts.

This list gives state associations, conferences and other groups the ability to "tailor make" a church Growth and Leadership Conference to meet their specific goals and needs.

Our staff has set aside several weekends throughout the year just for these conferences. For available dates and more information, please email Teresa Womack at teresa@nafwb.org or call her at (615) 760-6132.



By Newl Dotson, M.A. Executive Director

Being a Christian, having a Christian family, or attending a Christian church does not mean life will be a bed of roses. Because we live in a sinful world even the best Christian families have trouble. Sickness or death may prevent a parent or grandparent from being able to provide for their children. Divorce may rip a family apart, leaving every family member angry, confused, and hurt. The thrill and temptation of the world may be too much for a teenager to handle in his current environment. These situations do not make people "bad"—it just means they are human. Humans need help from time to time —we need each other that is what the church is about. Galatians 6:2 instructs us: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Romans 15:1 also charges: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

This is why Harvest exists. We are proud to be a Free Will Baptist ministry and are committed to serving our Free Will Baptist community of churches and families. When a family in our community of faith needs help with their child—we are here! Harvest serves children ages 5 to 18 who have been abused, neglected, abandoned or are troubled. Children can come to Harvest from any state. We can provide a temporary home while the issues at hand are resolved, or we can be a permanent home if the situation warrants.

When a child is placed at Harvest they become part of our family. We are committed to raising our children just like you do yours. We strive to give them the best education, instill in them a love for the Lord Jesus and His church, spend fun times in recreation, and teach them to become independent and hard-working members of society. When we become a child's permanent home we follow them after they leave—to college, career, marriage & family. They know they will always have their Harvest family to celebrate with them and to encourage them when things do not work out just right.

Do you know someone who needs us now? Is there someone in your church or family that is having trouble raising their child? Maybe even you have spent sleepless nights in worry about a child who seems to be heading in the wrong direction—we want to help! To discuss your situation or to get more information please contact me and together we will determine if Harvest is the right place for the child of your concern. Remember, Harvest exists because, "Every child needs a home!" 102

The Harvest Story

Harvest is a non-profit child care agency, licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services. In addition, Harvest is affiliated with the Free Will Baptist denomination and the Virginia Association of Children's Homes. The home officially opened its doors in August 1993 with the mission of providing abused, neglected, abandoned, or troubled children with a healthy Christian home environment, caring parents, and a wholesome family life. Since that time, the home has served over 1550 children with tremendous success.

Today Harvest is licensed to care for 51 children, ages 5 to 18, on our campus located in Lee County, Virginia. Our 36 acre property boasts of the Stickleyville Cottage, home to 8 girls; the Ruby Dobson Cottage, home to 10 boys; the Emergency & Assessment Shelter with a capacity of 22; and our Administration Building, which also has the capacity to serve 11 additional residents. Harvest Free Will Baptist Child Care Ministries began only as a dream in the hearts of a few motivated people. It was a dream of reaching out to victimized young \people who needed a second chance. It was a dream of providing a home of Christian love to children who had been mistreated and misused.

Today, Harvest stands tall among its peers. The home is relied upon by agencies that place children in the Commonwealth of Virginia; by Pastors of Free Will Baptist churches who are helping families in need; and by parents and grandparents who do not know where to turn. One parent recently said, "I believe sending my child to Harvest was the best thing I have ever done for him. Since he returned home, he is doing really well: going to school every day, working part-time, learning to drive, and attending church. Harvest also helped me learn to set limits, make rules and enforce them. Our family was blessed to have found Harvest."

A Bristol DSS worker stated, "All staff are wonderful to work with! They go above and beyond." In Virginia alone there were 6,205 substantiated cases of abuse and neglect last year, the majority of which came from dysfunctional families. The need is particularly notable in the southwestern counties, which are among the most disadvantaged in the Commonwealth.

These socioeconomic conditions are family stressors which contribute to abuse and neglect. A child dies from abuse or neglect every 13 days in our Commonwealth and a child is reported abused or neglected every 81 minutes. In response to these horri-fying statistics Harvest reaches out to prevent this needless pain and suffering.

Current Needs List

Gift cards for grocery stores, Walmart, fast food restaurants are always welcome. Please contact Martha Stone at 423-502-2526 or by email at martha@harvestccm.org for more information.

PAPER PRODUCTS

- Paper towels, plates, cups
- Aluminum foil, sandwich bags
- Gallon & quart size freezer & storage bags CLEANING PRODUCTS
- Liquid hand soap
- Dish & Dishwasher detergent
- Foaming bathroom cleaner
- Brillo pads, C'met
- Glass cleaner & Laundry detergent
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Fabric soft sheets & Bleach
- Air freshener
 HOUSEHOLD NEEDS
- AAA, AA & D batteries
- Night light bulbs & 60 watt light bulbs
- Twin sheet sets & dish cloths & pot holders
- Plastic clothes hangers

PERSONAL NEEDS

- All size panty hose & knee highs
- Men and women's body wash
- Men and women's anti persp deod
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste, Dental floss & toothbrushes
- Brushes & combs & Kleenex
- Alcohol free mouth wash 104

MEDICAL ITEMS

- 325 mg acetaminophen & Cough drops
- Neosporin
- Alcohol, peroxide, & hydrocortisone cream
- Tampons, Panty liners & maxi

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

- Pop-tarts
- Sugar, brown sugar & powdered sugar
- Cocoa powder & corn syrup
- Corn starch
- All type muffin mixes
- Cooking oil and spray
- Tea bags & green tea bags
- Sloppy joe sauce
- Chili powder, seasoning & sauce
- Instant pudding
- Canned fruit
- Garlic & Onion powder
- Pepper
- Ranch dressing & Alfredo Sauce
- Steak sauce & BBQ Sauce & hot sauce
- Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce & paste
- Pancake mix
- Tuna & Treet meat & Canned chicken
- Soy sauce & Worcestershire sauce
- Parmesan cheese
- Ketchup, mayo & mustard
- Cookies & snack cakes
- Pudding cups
- Individual packs of crackers & Ritz crackers

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- Chips & microwave popcorn
- Graham crackers & Granola bars
- Canned baked beans
- Nacho cheese
- Salsa, taco seasoning, taco
- Taco shells soft & hard
- Cream of chicken, mushroom, and celery
- Tomato soup
- Vanilla wafers & brownie mix
- Cupcake wrappers
- Dill pickle slices
- Sliced black and green olives
- Hot dog chili
- Chicken & beef broth
- Self-Rising flour

Free Will Baptist

Our Mission

Our **mission** is to share Christ in order to unify and preserve families and provide a loving, caring and secure environment in which to live, work and grow in the Lord.

Our goal is to provide a strong support system which will enable children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens we serve to become productive and healthy members of the community.

Our **vision** is to be nationally recognized as a model of excellence in faith-based family, adult, adolescent, senior and child care services which strengthen and preserve the family and provide dignity to those we serve.

Contact us Toll Free: 1-877-4CHILDREN Office: 423-639-9449 Fax: 423-639-5083 90 Stanley Lane Greeneville, TN 37743



Free Will Baptist Family Ministries has been faithful in serving since 1939, and we exist today only because of the continued prayers and support from friends like you. Most recently, we want to thank those who participated in our Mother's Day Offering! Lalso wanted to update you on our meetings that included FWBFM representatives, the Department of Children's Services, along with Rev. Earl White and Rev. Al Whitt, regarding the possibility of providing child care services in your state. We are moving forward in hopes that God will open the door of opportunity to allow us to serve children in West Virginia. Your unwavering commitment allows us to continue God's kingdom work. I would like to say that in the history of this ministry, I have never witnessed a year of what I call a spiritual explosion of growth at Family Ministries!

Allow me to share in our celebration of growth:

- We average caring for 125 children daily in our residential programs in Tennessee and Arkansas.
- 'Maggie House', our home in Charleston, AR, opened its doors in December 2015. We received our first three children on December 9. At the time of this report, 30 children are calling Maggie House their home. The children are primarily made up of sibling groups. What a blessing to see them reunited after being in separate homes across the state of AR.
- Groundbreaking on a brand new campus at Fort Smith, AR, are well under way. It will consist of 4 Residential Homes, and an Administration/Activities Building. It will be called the 'Curt, Cliff & Opal Young Children's Home' in honor of the benefactors, given through the estate of the Young family. Their gift of \$1.875 million made this very special project possible.
- In the near future, we will add to the ministry of the Hope Center, our crisis pregnancy/resource center in Greeneville, TN. We have prayed and been burdened for a number of years that one day we would be able to open a Maternity Home that we could provide a home for mother and her child. To God be the glory, we now have the building <u>adjacent</u> to the Hope Center! Renovations will begin later this year, to include 5 apartments for those living there.
- We are currently providing care for approximately 100 senior citizens in our two assisted living facilities, Governor's Bend, Erwin, TN & The Laurels, Wise VA. We are thankful to be able to offer quality full service living where residents have the independence of living in their own suites with the freedom to do exactly as they like, all while enjoying the safety and services provided by an attentive 24-hour staff.

I could not personally care for 125 children, but with the help of God and our many friends, WE CAN!

I could not personally afford a beautiful place like the Maggie House that 30 children call home, but with the help of God and our many friends, WE CAN!

I could never personally build a new campus in Fort Smith, AR, to serve 32 children, but with the help of God and our many friends, WE CAN!

I could not personally imagine providing for all the beautiful babies that are born to the clients served through the Hope Center, but with the help of God and our many friends, WE CAN!

I could not personally offer services to 100 senior citizens, but with the help of God and our many friends, WE CAN!

I want to thank each of you for what you do for Family Ministries!

In His Service, Rev. Frank Woods, Executive Director

~Together, WE CAN make an eternal difference in the lives of hurting children and families~



Services

Family Ministries brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the care of at-risk children, adolescents and families and has cared for thousands of children and families. Over the years, the ministry has evolved into a progressive agency that provides a full array of services including:

- Intensive assessment
- Residential treatment
- Community based group care
- Emergency shelter care
- Therapeutic foster care
- Independent living
- Intensive in home services emphasizing preservation and reunification
- Adventure based counseling
- On-site private school
- Parent education, advocacy and liaison services





Wish List

Our "wish list" consists of current needs that will benefit the children and families we serve. Your contributions assist in our monumental task of caring for the daily needs of 100 young people on average. Current needs include:

- 1. KJV Student Study Bibles
- 2. School Supplies /Art Supplies
- 3. Bathtowels / Wash Cloths (White)
- 4. Tennis Shoes (Men Sizes 6 13)
- 5. Bottled Water / Powerade / Gatorade



ONE Magazine: Fulfilling the Dream

ONE Magazine fulfills the dream of a unified denominational magazine. For many years, each agency of the National Association of Free Will Baptists published its own independent correspondence. In contrast, ONE Magazine combines the resources of eight denominational agencies into a bi-monthly, full-color magazine. Sent free to nearly 60,000 readers, ONE gives a unified voice and vision to the denomination.

About Free Will Baptists

One of the oldest Baptist groups in the nation, Free Will Baptists can be traced to the General Baptists of England and Holland. Early American founders of the denomination include Elder Benjamin Randall in the North (NH) and Paul Palmer in the South (NC). These northern and southern Free Will Baptists grew independently over the centuries, at times splitting or merging with other groups.



By the late 19th century, Free Will Baptist churches dotted the rural landscape of the nation, often with little connection to any church or association. In 1935, however, Free Will Baptists from across the nation gathered at Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, to form the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Since that moment, the denomination has grown steadily, expanding to meet the needs of its members. Today, the National Association of Free Will Baptists includes nearly 2,500 churches and more than 200,000 members.

The denomination supports 96 missionaries in 20 international locations and 68 missionaries in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The national departments are located at 5233 Mt. View Road, Antioch, Tennessee.

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UNITY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Elk Creek	None	Christy Thompson
Elk Creek, WV		
2 miles N. of Delbarton, WV on Rt. 65. Turn right on Elk Creek Road. Go 1.3 miles turn left. Contact Lowell Dove, Jr. 606- 390-5122		
Laurel Creek Lenore, WV 25676	James Ed Baisden Rt. 1, Box 950 Dingess, WV 25671	Jim Hundley 721 Old Co. Rd. Lenore, WV 25676
5 miles from Lenore, WV on the left on County Highway 3/05 in Mingo Co. Contact James Ed Baisden	(304) 752-6582	(304) 688-9334
Lily Of The Valley	Gene Goodman PO Box 171	Lee Goodman
Lenore, WV 25676	Cora, WV 25614 (304) 239-3406	
1.5 miles on Riffe Br. Road. 10 miles south of Logan, WV off US Rt. 119 in Mingo County Contact Gene Goodman	,	
Maher	Matthew Martin 740 New Camp Rd.	Gay Hensley Rt. 1, Box 90
Maher, WV	So. Williamson, KY 41503 (606) 237-1267	Williamson, WV 25661 (304) 235-0059
9 miles north of Williamson, WV. on the left on US Rt. 52 in Mingo County Contact Matthew Martin		. ,

UNITY CONFERENCE continued

Mt. Hope

Dingess, WV 25671

1/2 mile on County Highway 3/12 at Dingess, in Mingo Co. Contact Darrell Newsome

Nolan

30 Nolan Street Williamson, WV 25661 (304) 235-5633 6 miles north of Williamson on US Rt. 119, 1/2 mile north on Nolan Street, in Mingo County Contact Ray Taylor

Valley View 7275 St. Clair Road Whitesburg, TN 37891 Contact Mitchell Elkins

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Elkins, David	Etters, Ira	Hundley, Jim
Kitchen, Tommy	Music, Luke	Ooten, James
Runyon, Zephie	Smith, Chris	Spradlin, Darrell
Taylor, Dennis	Thompson, Floyd	Vanhoose, Sr. Ruben
Wellman, Gary	Wilson, Carter	

UPPER OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Beech Run Beech Run Road Arvilla, WV	Vacant	Sandra Lowther 7050 Arvilla Road Friendly, WV 26146 (304) 684-3789
Take Rt. 2, 6 miles north of St. Marys, to Arvilla Road. Travel 4 miles on Arvilla Road to Beech Run Road. Turn left on Beech Run Rd. Travel 1 mile, Church is on left.		
Bonds Creek Fairmont Ridge Road Ellenboro, WV 26346 (304) 869-3068 Take Rt. 50 East to mile marker 34.5 Turn onto Fairmont Ridge Road. First driveway on right.	Jim Pyles, Sr. 82 Cline Drive Cairo, WV 36337 (304) 869-3542	Steve Armentrout Rt. 1, Box 154 Cairo, WV 36337 (304) 869-3686
Evergreen Hills Evergreen Hills Cottageville, WV 25239	Mark Price 1794 Cottageville Road Cottageville, WV 25239-6532 (304) 372-5607	Mary E. Stanley 82 Wilrovajo Drive Cottageville, WV 25239-9028 (304) 372-6850
From Charleston area take I-77 N to Ripley exit 138. Turn left onto Rt. 62. Travel 8 miles to Rt. 331, turn left. Travel 2 miles to Evergreen Hills Road turn right. Travel 1/2 mile, Church is on right.		From Parkersburg area take I-77 S to Ravenswood exit 146. Turn right onto Rt. 2/ Rt 33 E. keep left onto Rt. 2 S. Travel 9 miles thru Millwood and turn left into Evergreen Hills. Travel 1 mile Church is on the left.

UPPER OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE continued

Good Hope Cain's Run Reedy, WV 25270

From Charleston area, take I-77 N to Ripley exit 138.

Turn right on Rt. 33 E.Travel

25 miles to Rt. 14 at Spencer, turn left on Rt. 14 N. Travel

12 miles passing through

Cain's Run Road, Church

Reedy. Turn left onto

is on left

John Price 3223 Hartley Run Road Le Roy, WV 25252 (304) 372-5417 Madge Price 62 Randolph Road Spencer, WV 25276 (304) 927-2683

From Parkersburg area take I-77 S to Mineral Wells exit 170. Turn left onto Rt.14S. Go 14 miles to Palestine. Cont. on Rt.14 S, towards Reedy. Turn right onto Cain's Run Road. Church is on left.

Maple Lane	Rex Cox	Debby Hadley
12238 Hebron Road	4135 Rock Run Road	11862 Hebron
St. Mary's, WV 26170	St. Mary's, WV 26170	St. Mary's, W
	(304) 684-9458	(304) 684-367
Take Rt. 2 N to St. Marys.		Take Rt. 50 E
Turn right on Hebron Road		exit. Turn left
(McKim Street) at Certified		300 yds and f
Gas Station. Travel 12.2		Old Rt. 50. Tra
miles, Church is on the right.		and turn left o

Debby Hadley 11862 Hebron Road St. Mary's, WV 26170 (304) 684-3676 Take Rt. 50 East to Ellenboro exit. Turn left onto Rt.16 go 300 yds and turn right onto Old Rt. 50. Travel 1.5 miles and turn left onto Highland / Hebron Rd. Travel 4 miles, turn left onto Hebron Rd. Travel 3 miles, cross bridge and turn left, continue 1 mile, Church is on the left.

UPPER OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE continued

Mount Hope

Marr, OH

Rex Cox 4135 Rock Run Road St. Mary's, WV 26170 (304) 684-9458

Take I-77 N to Lower Salem exit 6. Turn right onto Rt. 821. Turn right onto Rt. 145, turn right onto Rt. 565 Merge straight onto Rt. 260. Travel 1/8 mile turn right onto Township road 565, take next left onto Township Road 311. Travel 1/4 mile, Church on right. Marjorie Blair 36120 Witten Creek Road Rinard Mills, OH 45734 (614) 934-2818 Take Ohio Rt.7 N to New Matamoras, OH. Turn left onto Rt 260 Travel 16 Miles turn right onto Township Road 565, take next left onto Township Road 311 Travel 1/4 mile, Church is on right.

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Young, Julius 168 Newsome Bottom Dr. Dunlow, WV 25511 (304) 385-4948

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OBITUARY LIST 2015 – 2016

Beckley Conference

Sherry Adams - Fairdale Church Martha Cole - Fairdale Church Timmy Combs - Fairdale Church Walter Hedgecock - Fairdale Church James Redden – Fairdale Church Rev. Alvin Gene Snuffer – Ghent Church Deacon Norman Peters – Naoma Church LaVerne Acord - Pierpoint Church Betty Massie - Pierpoint Church Warne Stone – Pierpoint Church Corky McGrive - Sophia Church Karen Parker - Sophia Church Millard Powers - Sophia Church Carol Runyon - Sprague Church Jack Walls - Sprague Church Freda Meadows – Sweet Home Church Audine Sizemore - War Ridge Church

Brotherhood Conference

Treven Dennison – Altizer Church Ralph Wyant – Central Church Laura LaVerne Vallance - Central Church Bethany Ramey – Faith Church

Freda Dyer - Freedom Church

Judy McCoy - Freedom Church

Charles Ferrell – Good Shepherd Church

Nellie Ruth Triplett - Good Shepherd Church

Chester Adkins - Laurel Church

Albert Webb - Prince Of Peace Church

Sophie Woodard - Sousanah Church

Rev. Alfred Georgia - Sunshine Church

Christian Fellowship Conference

None reported

Eastern Panhandle Conference

None to report

Elk River Conference

None reported

Fayette Conference

Martha (Penny) Foster - Bradley Church

Jerry Lambert - Bradley Church

Wanda McMillion - Bradley Church

Melburn Pack - Bradley Church

Will Rakes - Bradley Church

Sonia Weeks - Bradley Church

Darrell Lovell - Kilsyth Church

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Fayette Conference continued

Evelyn McMillion - Kilsyth Church

Rev. William (Bill) Bennett - Skelton Church

Calvin Crow- Skelton Church

Ronald Snuffer - Skelton Church

Freedom Conference

None Reported

Greenbrier County Conference

None listed

Greenbrier Nicholas Conference

Charles Lockard - Main Mountain Church

Pete Meadows - Ward Road Church

Guyan Valley Conference

Rev. Earl David Campbell - Landville Church

Ramona Jean Stamper- Taplin Church

Huff Creek Conference

Ronald Adkins - East Fork Church

Mae Dean - East Fork Church

Jerry Morris - Greenshoals Church

Polly Richards - Greenshoals Church

Dolly Workman - Greenshoals

Ruth Perry - Hunt Baptist Tabernacle Church

David Campbell - Landville Church

Gladys Farley - Little Harts Church Elcene Crisp – Monclo Church Bessie Dials – Monclo Church Collie Sias – Montana Church Harold Summers – New Hope Church Rose Ella Blankenship – Sandlick Church

Kanawha Conference

Julia Hall - Chesapeake Church George "Buzz" O'Neal – Crown Hill Church Naomi McCallister – Dry Branch Church Richard Larwa – Dry Branch Church Wanda Pearl Culver Boyles - Hope Church Ted Carothers – Hope Church Norma Hall – Loudendale Church Dorothy Burdette – Meadowbrook Church Lois Buckland - McCorkle Church Freda Dunlap - McCorkle Church Frankie Griffith - McCorkle Church Paul Griffith - McCorkle Church Barbara Wright Moore- McCorkle Church Naomi "Kat" Pauley - McCorkle Church

Liberty Conference

None listed

Logan Conference

Lucinda Dingess – Holden 5 & 6 Church Beulah Doty – Kistler Church Arvin Chambers – Meadow Fork Church Terry Hodges – Mona Hill Church Roscoe McKnight – Mount Carmel Church Robert Adkins - Trinity Church Marcella Damron – Trinity Church Darith Fraley - Trinity Church Rick Mullins – Trinity Church Edith Mahone – Victory Church Danita (Doll) Seay – Victory Church Brady Smith – Victory Church

Mingo County #1 Conference

Deacon Don Vance

Trinity Conference

Lena Kincaid – Coal Mountain Church Bueford Lester – Greenbranch Church Connie Thompson – Riverview Church

Tug River Conference

Grace Sturgill – Marrowbone Church Mary Adkins – Parsley Bottom Church Douglas Bartoe – Parsley Bottom Church Walter Mounts – Parsley Bottom Church Linda Faye Coleman – Phelps Church Agnes Thompson – Rawl Church

Unity Conference

Cheater Meade – Mt. Hope Church Carol Chafins – Nolan Church Betty Taylor – West Williamson Church

Upper Ohio Valley

Sharon Ambrose – Beech Run Church Ada Marks – Good Hope Church Ronald Hayes – Good Hope Church Dennis Cox - Maple Lane Church

Wayne County Conference

Deacon Leslie Isaacs – Big Lynn Church Martha Jean Scott – Big Lynn Church Dallas Spaulding – Dunlow Church

Wyoming County Conference

Avon Bryant – Big Jenny Church Brice Shumate – Big Jenny Church Ina Lee – Ikes Fork Church Jason Lester – Ikes Fork Church

Total 109 deaths reported

West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist

Obituaries 2015 / 2016

Ministers

Rev. William (Bill) Bennett

Rev. Alfred Georgia

Rev. Earl David Campbell

Rev. Alvin Gene Snuffer

Deacons

Deacon Leslie Isaacs

Deacon Don Vance

LIST OF CHURCHES WHO HOSTED THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE MEETING

Switzer Church, Switzer, WV	6-7-46
Thomas Memorial, Hintington, WV	6-6-47
Sophia, Sophia, WV	6-4-48
Oceana, Oceana, WV	
Green Shoals, Fry, WV	
Ansted, Ansted, WV	
Kopperston, Kopperston, WV	
East Kermit, East Kermit, WV	
Canebrake, War, WV	6-12-54
Gordon, Charmeo, WV	6-10-55
Kanawha Fork, Rt. 2, Charleston, WV	
Caretta, Rt. 16, between War and Welch	
Nolan, Nolan, WV	
Kilsyth, Kilsyth, WV	6-12-59
Thomas Memorial, Huntington, WV	6-10-60
Shamrock, Holden, WV	6-961
Kanawha Fork, Rt. 2, Charleston, WV	
Anstead, Anstead, WV	
Mount Tabor Camp Ground, Beckley, WV	6-12-64
Walnut Grove, Omar, WV	
Harts Creek Tabernacle, Harts, WV	
Gordon, Charmeo, WV	
Marrowbone, Kermit, WV	6-7-68
Winifrede, Winifrede, WV	
Thomas Memorial, Huntington, WV	
Parsley Bottom, Lenore, WV	

LIST OF CHURCHES WHO HOSTED THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE MEETING

Mount Tabor Camp Ground, Beckley, WV	6-9-72
Shamrock, Logan, WV	6-8-73
McCorkle, Sod, WV	6-7-74
Ward Road, Canvas, WV	6-6-75
Fayette Youth Camp, Bradley, WV	6-11-76
First FWB, Chesapeake, WV	6-10-77
Parsley Bottom, Lenore, WV	6-9-78
McCorkle, Sod, WV	6-8-79
Thomas Memorial, Huntington, WV	6-6-80
Greenbranch, Man, WV	6-12-81
Sophia, Sophia, WV	6-11-82
Central, Huntington, WV	6-10-83
Cedar Grove, Parkersburg, WV	6-8-84
Parsley Bottom, Lenore, WV	6-7-85
Prince of Peace, Huntington, WV	6-6-86
Bradley, Bradley, WV	6-12-87
Loudendale, Rt. 2, Charleston, WV	6-10-88
Ward Road, Canvas, WV	6-9-89
Parsley Bottom, Lenore, WV	6-8-90
Bradley, Bradley, WV	6-7-91
Hope, Parkersburg, WV	6-12-92
Sophia, Sophia, WV	6-11-93
McCorkle, Sod, WV	6-10-94
University of Charleston, Charleston, WV	6-9-95
Sunshine, Huntington, WV	6-7-96
Bonds Creek, Ellenboro, WV	6-13-97
Heritage, Inwood, WV Mission Church	6-12-98

LIST OF CHURCHES WHO HOSTED THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE MEETING

Loudendale, Charleston, WV	-99
Cornerstone, Crab Orchard, WV	-00
Bradley, Bradley, WV	-01
Mona Hill, Wilkerson, WV	-02
Central, Huntington, WV	-03
Hope, Parkersburg, WV	-04
Sunshine, Huntington, WV6-10	-05
Parsley Bottom, Lenore, WV6-9	-06
Bradley, Bradley, WV6-8	3-07
McCorkle, Sod, WV	3-08
Greenbranch, Man, WV6-12	, 09
Heritage, Inwood, WV	1-10
Central, Huntington, WV)-11
Victory, Pecks Mill, WV	8-12
Parsley Bottom, Lenore, WV	7-13
Oceana, Oceana, WV	5-14
Sophia, Sophia, WV6-1	2-15
Hope, Parkersburg, WV6-1	0-16



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PROGRAM 2017

The Sunshine Free Will Baptist Church, at Huntington, WV welcomes you to the 72nd annual session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist

June 9 & 10, 2017

THEME

"Not Forsaking The Assembly Of Ourselves Together" Hebrews 10:25

Agenda Friday, June 9, 2017

- 9:30 Welcome by Host Pastor
- 9:35 Moderator's Challenge
- 9:40 Recognition of Visitors
- 9:45 Executive Board Report of Conference Letters
- Assistant Clerk, highlights of Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 9:50 Treasurer's Report
- 9:55 Election of Officers and Committees Business Committee – 5 Members: 3 Ministers, 2 Deacons, Program Placement Committee – 7 Members: 2 Ministers, 1 Deacon, 4 Delegates, Executive Committee – 2 Members at Large from Executive Board, Audit Committee – 5 Members,
 - Nominating Committee 5 Ordained Ministers,
- 10:10 Group Session/Fellowship. Possible Committee time
- 11:00 Devotional Rev. Shane Bryant
- Speaker Rev. Larry Light
- 12:00 Lunch

Friday Afternoon Session

- 1:15 Devotional Bro. Marvin Holley
- Moderator calls session to order
- 1:30 Obituary Report
- 1:40 Promotional Directors Report
- 2:00 Partial Business Committee Report
- 2:20 State Association Executive Board Report
- 2:50 Mission's Board Recognition of Churches and plaques presentation Reports from Missions Adjournment

Friday Night Worship

7:00 Devotional – Rev. Jody Fortner

 ** Host Church to provide Music for this service **
 Offering for Missions
 Speaker – Rev. Alva "Bud" Casto
 Recognition of Ordained Ministers and Deacons with thirty years or more combined service.

Saturday Morning, June 10, 2017

- 7:30 Ministers, Deacons, and Wives Appreciation Breakfast at Host Church
- 9:00 Devotional Rev. Roger Browning
- 9:10 Moderator calls session to order
- 9:15 Hand of Fellowship
- 9:25 National Reports National Executive Office Randall House Representatives from Children's Homes College Reports National Missions Report National Master's Men Report National Women's' Auxiliary Report Other Reports
- 10:00 Committee Reports / Digest of Reports, Questions and Answers
- 10:10 Initial Nominating Committee Report

Clerk Assistant Clerk Assistant Treasurer Christian Education Board Masters Men Board Mission Board Obituary Committee Publication Board

- 10:20 Letter to the National Association, elect 5 National Delegates
- 10:25 Partial Business Committee Report
- 10:40 Fellowship Adjournment for Morning Worship Devotional – Rev. Larry Sanders Speaker – Guest from National Association
- 12:00 Lunch

Saturday Afternoon Session

- 1:15 Devotional Rev. John Price
- 1:25 Moderator calls session to order
- 1:30 Program Committee Report
- 1:35 Final Business Committee Report Adjournment

PROGRAM 2018

The Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, at Wayne, WV welcomes you to the 73rd annual session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist

June 8 & 9, 2018

THEME "The Church Shall Prevail " Matthew-16:18

Agenda Friday, June 8, 2018

- 9:30 Welcome by Host Pastor
- 9:35 Moderator's Challenge
- 9:40 Recognition of Visitors
- 9:45 Executive Board Report of Conference Letters Assistant Clerk, highlights of Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 9:50 Treasurer's Report
- 9:55 Election of Officers and Committees Business Committee – 5 Members: 3 Ministers, 2 Deacons, Program Placement Committee – 7 Members: 2 Ministers, 1 Deacon, 4 Delegates, Executive Committee – 2 Members at Large from Executive Board, Audit Committee – 5 Members, Nominating Committee – 5 Ordained Ministers,
- 10:10 Group Session/Fellowship. Possible Committee time.
- 11:00 Devotional Rev. Carl Lilly
- Speaker Rev. Roger Browning, Sr.
- 12:00 Lunch

Friday Afternoon Session

- 1:15 Devotional Bro. Scott Erwin
- Moderator calls session to order
- 1:30 Obituary Report
- 1:40 Promotional Directors Report
- 2:00 Partial Business Committee Report
- 2:20 State Association Executive Board Report
- 2:50 Mission's Board Recognition of Churches and plaques presentation Reports from Missions Adjournment

Friday Night Worship

Devotional – Rev. Johnny R. Davis
 ** Host Church to provide Music for this service **
 Offering for Missions
 Speaker – Rev. Rex Cox
 Recognition of Ordained Ministers and Deacons with thirty years or
 more combined service. 176

Saturday Morning, June 9, 2018

- 7:30 Ministers, Deacons, and Wives Appreciation Breakfast at Host Church
- 9:00 Devotional Rev. Joey Kennedy
- 9:10 Moderator calls session to order
- 9:15 Hand of Fellowship
- 9:25 National Reports National Executive Office Randall House Representatives from Children's Homes College Reports National Missions Report National Master's Men Report National Women's' Auxiliary Report Other Reports
- 10:00 Committee Reports / Digest of Reports, Questions and Answers
- 10:10 Initial Nominating Committee Report

General Board Member to National Association Christian Education Board Masters Men Board Mission Board Obituary Committee Parliamentarian Publication Board Treasurer

- 10:20 Letter to the National Association, elect 5 National Delegates
- 10:25 Partial Business Committee Report
- 10:40 Fellowship Adjournment for Morning Worship Devotional – Rev. Mike Smith Speaker – Guest from National Association
- 12:00 Lunch

Saturday Afternoon Session

- 1:15 Devotional Rev. Roscoe Chafin
- 1:25 Moderator calls session to order
- 1:30 Program Committee Report
- 1:35 Final Business Committee Report Election of Moderator / Assistant Moderator Adjournment

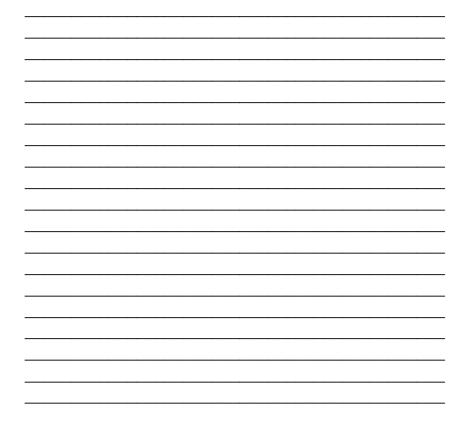
DATES OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Beckley	Meets on Friday and Saturday before first Sunday in February, May, August, and November.
Brotherhood	Meets on Saturday before second Sunday in January, April, July, and October.
Christian Fellowship	Meets on fourth Saturday in January, April, July, and October.
Eastern Panhandle	Meets 10:00am on the second Saturday in February, May, August, and November.
Elk River	Meets on Saturday before third Sunday in May, August, and November.
Fayette	Meets 10:00am on fourth Saturday in January, April, July, and October.
Freedom	Meets on Friday before the third Saturday of May and October. At 6:00pm.
Greenbrier County	Meets on twice a year: On Saturday before second Sunday in April, and October
Greenbrier Nicholas	Meets on Saturday before fourth Sunday in January, April, July, and October.
Guyan Valley	Meets on Saturday before third Sunday in February, May, August, and November.
Huff Creek	Meets on Saturday before third Sunday in February, May, August, and November.
Kanawha	Meets on Friday and Saturday before third Sunday in February, May, August, and November. (7:30 pm Friday) (9:00 am Saturday)
Liberty	Meets on fourth Friday and Saturday in January, April, July, and October.
Logan	Meets on the Saturday before first Sunday of February, May, August, and November.
Mingo #1	Meets on Saturday before second Sunday in January, May, and September.
Trinity	Meets on Friday and Saturday before first Sunday in February, May, August, and November.
Tug River	Meets on second Saturday in February, May, August, and November.
Unity	Meets on fourth Saturday in January, April, July, and October.

DATES OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Upper Ohio Valley	Meets on fourth Saturday in January, April, July, and October. 10:00am
Wayne	Meets on first Saturday in April and October.
Wyoming	Meets on Friday and Saturday before first Sunday in February, May, August, and November.
WV State Association	Meets annually on Friday 9:30am and Saturday 9:00am before second Sunday in June.

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Hotel Information

- 1. Comfort Suites (South Point) 3.2 miles away 2940 County Road 144 South Point, OH 45680 (740) 894-1700
- 2. Hampton Inn (Barboursville) 14.9 miles away 1 Cracker Barrel Drive Barboursville, WV 25504 (304) 733-5300
- 3. Hampton Inn (Huntington University) 5.1 miles away 177 Kinetic Drive Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 523-8001
- 4. Holiday Inn (Huntington-Civic Arena) 3.3 miles away 800 3rd Avenue Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 523-8880
- 5. Pullman Plaza Hotel (Huntington) 3.6 miles away 1001 Third Avenue Huntington, WV 25701 (866) 613-3611
- 6. Ramada Limited (Huntington) 6.4 miles away 3094 16th Street Rd. Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 523-4242
- 7. TownePlace Suites (Huntington) 5.1 miles away 157 Kinetic Drive Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 525-4877

Restaurant Information

1. Bob Evans Restaurants (multiple locations) 606 3rd Avenue Huntington, WV 25701

> 121 Kinetic Drive Huntington, WV 25701

> 103 County Road 406 South Point, OH 45680

- 2. Cracker Barrel 3 Cracker Barrel Drive Barboursville, WV 25504
- 3. Casa Grande Mexican Restaurant 49 Township Road 1429 West South Point, OH 45680
- 4. IHOP 130 Mall Road Barboursville, WV 25504
- 5. Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House 920 5th Avenue Huntington, WV 25701
- 6. Shoney's Restaurant 1700 Washington Avenue Huntington, WV 25704

Directions to

Sunshine Free Will Baptist Church 2111 James River Road Huntington, WV 25701 304-429-3831

Pastor, Rev. Joseph Fortner (304) 525-2280 home

From Charleston, WV take I-64 West towards Huntington

Merge onto US-52 West, via EXIT 6 toward West Huntington / Ironton OH. (0.4 mi.)

Take the Madison Avenue exit, toward the V.A. Medical Center Turn right onto Madison Avenue

Take the 3rd right onto 14th Street West. (0.2 mi.)

Turn right onto Memorial Blvd. West. (0.3 mi.)

Memorial Blvd becomes James River Road (0.2mi)

The church is located on the left at 2111 James River Road. (1/2 mi.)