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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

REV. CARLOS WEBB ----- MODERATOR
Route, #5, Sparta, Tennessee

CLARENCE HOLLAND ----- Secretary
101 Oriole Dr., McMinnville, Tennessee

ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

The third annual meeting of the CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS convening with the Free Will Baptist Mission of Tullahoma, Tennessee on August 8, 1970, opened at 10:00 A.M. with singing "AT THE CROSS" led by Rev. Allen Presley, with Bro. Jerry Gentry, at the piano. Rev. Carlos Webb took the stand and welcomed all to the services. He read the devotion from Ecclesiastes 3-I-II. He spoke of how satan is tearing down the works of God. We were then led in an altar prayer by Rev. Allen Presley.

Next was the seating of the delegates which were as follows: Smithville Church: Mrs. Carlos Webb; McMinnville Church: Bro. Clarence Holland, Jimmie Johnson, Sherry Johnson and Bonnie Johnson; Tullahoma Missions: Linda Presley and Jean Walden. Also a special guest, Bro. Jerry Gentry of the ROYALIAIRES QUARTET, McMinnville.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Moderator, for the next year. Bro. Carlos Webb was re-nominated. Motion was made and seconded that all nominations cease, and we re-elect him by acclamation. Motion carried. Rev. Kenneth Kirby was nominated for assistant moderator. Motion was that all nominations cease and we elect him by acclamation. Motion carried. Bro. Clarence Holland was nominated for clerk, Rev. Allen Presley was also nominated. Motion was made that all nominations cease. Bro. Holland was elected by a vote of 5 to 4. Rev. Presley was therefore elected as assistant clerk.

The committees were then appointed as follows:

Home for Children: Carlos Webb and Jimmie Johnson

Home Missions: Saphronia Kirby and Jean Walden.

Finance: Clarence Holland and Linda Presley.

Sunday School: Louis Foster and Bonnie Johnson.

Temperance: Josephene Hale and Loyd Hale.

Christian Education: Rev. Allen Presley and Sherry Johnson.

Motion was made by Bro. Hale to accept the Tullahoma Mission as a church into the Central Association. Motion was seconded by Sister Webb. Motion carried.

Church Reports and Ministers Reports were then read and accepted as read.

The service was then turned over to Bro. Allen Presley who led us in the song, "The Glory Land Way." We then had a special song by Bro. Jerry Gentry and then went into our morning worship service.

Rev. Carlos Webb, speaker for the morning worship service, began his sermon by reading from II Cor., Chapter 7, verses 7 thru 12. Rev. Webb delivered a very interesting and timely message on the evils that seem to beset us in this age of worldliness and strife, and how we as christians should put our faith in God and trust fully and wholly upon Him, knowing that He is all powerful and just to forgive our sins if we confess to Him and turn our lives over to Him completely.

The service was then turned over to Rev. Kenneth Kirby, who dismissed the services for the noon hour.

A delicious lunch was served by the ladies, in the church yard, and was enjoyed by all present.

Services continued after lunch with a song led by Rev. Webb, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." We were then led in prayer by Rev. Kirby. The minutes of the last Association were ready by the clerk and accepted as read.

After some discussion it was decided the 1971 Association would be held at the McMinnville First Free Will Baptist Church in McMinnville. Rev. Allen Presley spoke of getting more churches into the Association. Rev Kirby spoke of another church that might join the Association. Sister Jimmie Johnson then gave the Sunday School report.

This concluded the business part of our meeting. We were then given special singing by our young people. Tina Daniel sang "Whispering Hope" and the Young Children's Choir sang several of their choruses. Jerry Gentry also gave another special song. After the special singing by the people, a date was set for the CTS Meeting to be held on August 22 at 5:30 P.M. at the McMinnville Church.

The closing Prayer was given by Rev. Carlos Webb.

FINANCING REPORT

The balance in the bank as of August 9, 1970 was \$75.53. It was decided that the financing of the Association would continue as usual.

*Clarence Holland
Linda Presley*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the committee on Christian education, recommend that we study GOD'S Word more and if anyone has the chance to attend FREEWILL BAPTIST COLLEGE to do so because of 2nd Tim: 2:15.

*Rev. Allen Presley
Sherry Johnson*

OBITUARY REPORT

We, the obituary committee, are happy to report that the grim reaper of death has passed over our midst this past year.

*Ellen Holland
Randy Holland*

APPRECIATION REPORT

We, your appreciation committee, sincerely express our deepest appreciation:

1. To the Lord for the presence and Leadership of the Holy Spirit in our midst.
2. To the officers, speakers and musicians for their helpful assistance of this sitting.
3. To the women who prepared our fine meal that was enjoyed by all.
4. To the membership of the Tullahoma Freewill Baptist Church for their hospitality shown in hosting this sitting.
5. We give all the above mentioned a standing vote of appreciation.

Thankfully submitted,

*Chester Kirby
Clarence Holland*

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, the committee, met and recommend to help support the Children's Home for the HOLY SCRIPTURES (Matt: 25:40) reads: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

*Mrs. Carlos Webb
Mrs. Jimmie Johnson*

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We recommend that we use literature from the FEEE WILL BAPTIST BOOK Store. We also recommend to have a study period for the teachers of our Sunday School Classes.

Louis E. Foster
Bonnie S. Johnson

HOME MISSIONS

We recommend those churches which have Auxiliaries, support monthly. Those churches which don't have an Auxiliary, set one Sunday School offering aside, and let it go to Home Missions. Also every church should especially remember them in prayer.

We truly urge each church to support them in prayer and financially.

Mrs. Sephronia Kirby
Jean Walden

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, believe alcohol is a dangerous habit forming beverage and extremely harmful to society, detrimental to our morals and is damning to the soul of man. It's nationwide use in America has caused the majority of wrecks on the highways. It's caused many habitual drinkers, whiskey, wine and beer has no respect for person, age or sex. We should denounce it as deceptive and dangerous. Let us as Christians pray that we may speedily rid our land of this satanic menace. Let us teach our children to stay away from habit forming beverages.

Loyd Hale.
Josephene Hale.

ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

MODERATOR	Rev. Carlos Webb Route 5, Sparta, Tennessee
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Kenneth Kirby 204 Pace Street, McMinnville, Tennessee
CLERK	Clarence Holland 101 Oriole Drive, McMinnville, Tennessee
ASSISTANT CLERK	Rev. Allen Presley P. O. Box 392, Manchester, Tennessee

COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL	Louis Foster Bonnie S. Johnson
TEMPERANCE	Loyd Hale Josephene Hale
HOME FOR CHILDREN	Mrs. Carlos Webb Jimmie Johnson
HOME MISSIONS	Sephronia Kirby Jean Walden
FINANCES	Clarence Holland Linda Presley
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Rev. Allen Presley Sherry Johnson
OBITUARY	Ellen Holland Randy Holland
APPRECIATION	Chester Kirby Clarence Holland

**RULES OF DECOURUM
OF THE
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

1. The Association shall be composed of the members chosen from the sister churches of the same faith and order.
2. This Association shall be opened by scripture reading and prayer to the Almighty God.
3. One of the members of the Association shall be elected from the floor to preside who shall be addressed by the name of Brother Moderator and to him every speech shall be directed and he shall not have the liberty of discussing any subject unless the chair is filled by someone else.
4. And we shall have liberty of electing our own clerk and there shall be opened for new churches into the association.
5. No complaint shall be brought into the association against transgressing churches until the aggrieved party complies with the directors given by our Lord in St. Matthew 18:15-16-17.
6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by those who made it.
7. If the minority are at anytime aggrieved by the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the Association and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call help from Associations.
8. If at any time the association should deem it necessary to make amendments, it may be done provided two thirds of said annual association be in favor of the same.
9. All business of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk and before the Association close, the same shall be read and corrected if need be.
10. It shall be the duty of the delegates of the different churches who have been elected, to bring up church letters reports in order to the annual Association.
11. It shall be the duty of the annual Association to convene every year and not oftener unless upon a call of the Moderator and Clerk.
12. No church shall be accepted into the fellowship of our Association except all said property be deeded to the trustee's of the said church.

CHURCH	PASTOR	McMinnville First	Smithville First	Tullahoma First
		Kenneth Kirby	Carlos Webb	Allen Presley
Preaching Sunday		FT	FT	FT
Joined the Church		32	7	12
Dropped		2	6	0
Died		0	0	0
Present Membership		63	30	12
Number in Sunday School		67	42	30
Number in CTS		45	32	0
Number in Ladies Auxiliary		16		0
Number of Deacons			2	0
Number in Masters Men		6		0
Paid to Denominational Program				0
To Home Missions		30.00		0
To Foreign Missions		21.00		0
To Home for Children		256.00	120.00	0
To Central Association		20.00	20.00	\$25.13
On Building and Repairs		2618.22	\$6000.00	451.03
Running Expense		3142.20		125.69
To Charity				38.50
Paid Evangelist		177.83		95.00
Paid Visiting Ministers				18.00
Paid Pastor		745.00	\$1200.00	
Total Expenditure for Year		9368.76	7340.00	753.35
Value of Church Property		35,000.00	32,000.00	10,000.00

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CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1970-71
QUARTERLY MEETING

October 3, 1970

January 2, 1971

April 3, 1971

July 3, 1971



**The Minister Conference meets a week
before the Quarterly Conference.**



**Next Session of the Central Association
will be held**

AUGUST 14, 1971

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE

