

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

NEXT SESSION

Saturday, August 5, 1972

10:00 A.M.

at the

TULLAHOMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Tullahoma, Tennessee

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REV. CARLOS WEBB MODERATOR
Route 5, Sparta, Tennessee

REV. ALLEN PRESLEY — — — — . ASST. MODERATOR
P. O. Box 392, Manchester, Tennessee

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113 Grandview Drive, McMinnville, Tennessee

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101 Oriole Drive, McMinnville, Tennessee

ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

MODERATOR Rev. Carlos Webb
Route 5, Sparta, Tennessee

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CLERK Bro. Roger D. Kirby
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COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sephronia Kirby
Hazel Webb

TEMPERANCE Rev. Allen Presley
Roger D. Kirby

HOME FOR CHILDREN Jimmie Johnson
Barbara Davis

HOME MISSIONS Marie King
Gail Davis

FINANCES Linda Presley
Bonnie Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Rev. Kenneth W. Kirby
Charles Johnson

APPRECIATION Gertie Kirby
Clarence Holland

OBITUARY Ellen Holland
Beverly King
Sherry Johnson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We recommend that we use literature from the Free Will Baptist Book Store.

We also recommend to have a study period for the teachers of our Sunday School Classes.

Sephronia Kirby
Hazel Webb

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. Its nationwide use in America has caused the majority of wrecks on the highways. It has caused many habitual drinkers: whiskey, wine and beer has no respect for persons, 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.

Rev. Allen Presley
Roger Kirby

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, the committee, met and recommend to help support the Children's Home, for the Holy Scriptures read, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

Mrs. Jimmie Johnson
Mrs. Barbara Davis

HOME MISSIONS

We recommend that we better acquaint ourselves with our Home Missions work so we can pray and give more sincerely to promote it.

Marie King
Gail Davis

FINANCES

The Central Association of Free Will Baptists has a balance in the bank of \$97.00 as of August 14, 1971.

Linda Presley
Bonnie Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We the committee on Christian Education sincerely recommend that the churches teach their people the importance of regular study of God's Word as their guide of daily living.

We also encourage that each family have an altar and maintain it for the growth of the Christian Home.

We further recommend THE RANDALL BOOK STORE operated by The National Association of Free Will Baptists as a wholesome source of clean christian literature for additional spiritual growth.

Last, we recommend that our churches purchase all Sunday School and Church Training Service literature from our Headquarters located at 1134 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Kirby
Charles Johnson

APPRECIATION

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 the fine meal that was enjoyed by all.
4. To the Membership of THE McMINNVILLE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH for their fine hospitality shown in hosting this sitting.
5. We give all the above mentioned a standing vote of appreciation.

Thankfully submitted,
Gertie Kirby
Clarence Holland

OBITUARY

We are very thankful to God for sparing each one to the end of another year. No one has passed from our midst since our last meeting.

Ellen Holland
Beverly Miller
Sherry Johnson

RULES OF DECORUM
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 our 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 18:15-17.
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 ready 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The fourth annual ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS met Saturday, August 14, 1971, at the McMinnville First Free Will Baptist Church in McMinnville, Tennessee beginning at 10:00 A.M. Songs "Blessed Assurance" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was led by Bro. Roger Kirby with Sister Linda Presley at the piano to open the meeting.

Rev. Carlos Webb, the Moderator gave a hearty welcome to everyone, especially to Rev. Bobby Greene, the guest speaker. Rev. Webb opened the service with a devotional reading from Acts 26:13-18. He spoke for a few minutes on the subject "Called to Leadership". He gave six examples of men that God had called for the purpose of displaying leadership in time of need. He also mentioned that God is still calling men into the world of sin to stand for him and to rebuke sin. Everyone enjoyed an altar prayer led by Rev. Bobby Greene.

The floor was opened for the business session of our meeting. The first matter of business was the election of officers. Rev. Webb then proceeded to open the floor for nominations for Moderator for the coming year. Sister Ellen Holland nominated Rev. Carlos Webb. Motion was made by Rev. Kenneth Kirby that all nominations cease and we elect Rev. Carlos Webb by acclamation, seconded by Sister Jimmie Johnson. Motion carried. For Assistant Moderator, Sister Jimmie Johnson nominated Rev. Allen Presley. Rev. Allen Presley nominated Rev. Kenneth Kirby. Bro. Clarence Holland made a motion that all nominations cease and take a vote on the two nominees, seconded by Sister Gertie Kirby. Motion carried. Rev. Allen Presley was elected by a vote of 11 to 4. For Clerk, Sister Ellen Holland nominated Roger Kirby. Sister Jimmie Johnson made a motion that all nominations cease and we elect Bro. Roger Kirby by acclamation, seconded by Sister Hazel Webb. Motion carried. Last of all, for the office of Assistant Clerk, Sister Linda Presley nominated Bro. Clarence Holland. Rev. Kenneth Kirby made the motion that all nominations cease and that we elect Bro. Clarence Holland by acclamation, seconded by Rev. Allen Presley. Motion carried.

The Clerk then read a letter from the Smithville First Free Will Baptist Church resigning from the Association. Church reports were then read as follows: Tullahoma and McMinnville. Church reports were accepted as read. Ministers Reports were then given as follows: Tullahoma - Rev. Allen Presley, McMinnville - Rev. Kenneth Kirby and Rev. Carlos Webb. They stood as read.

The Committees were then appointed as follows:
Sunday School: Saphronia Kirby and Hazel Webb.
Temperance: Allen Presley and Roger Kirby.
Home for Children: Jimmie Johnson and Barbara Davis
Home Missions: Marie King and Gail Davis.

Finance: Linda Presley and Bonnie Johnson
Christian Education: Kenneth Kirby and Charles Johnson.
Appreciation: Gertie Kirby and Clarence Holland.
Obituary: Ellen Holland, Beverly Miller and Sherry Johnson.

Miscellaneous business - Reverend Webb thanked the people for their confidence in re-electing him moderator.

Rev. Kirby had bought a stamp and the Association accepted responsibility for payment of it.

Clarence Holland made the motion that we adjourn for the morning message, and was seconded by Linda Presley.

Special Music, "Had it not Been", and "Holy Hills of Heaven" was presented by Sister Jimmy Johnson then Roger Kirby led the congregation in a song "Love Lifted Me" with Linda Presley at the piano. The Service was then turned over to Rev. Bobby Green of Cookeville, Tennessee for the morning message. His text was "The Amazing Church", taken from Acts, Chapters 2, 3, 6, 9, 10 and 21.

He told us it didn't amaze people to see you go to church. What amazed people was when people got excited about Jesus. The amazing thing about the Church was its leader. He went to the cross, died and was buried, and is risen. If we follow the leader we cannot lose.

The Moderator then thanked Rev. Green for the message and we adjourned the morning session for lunch, by standing and singing "Amazing Grace."

The evening session was opened by the moderator with thanks to the ladies for a fine lunch. Roger Kirby then led a song "Jesus is All the World to Me" with Linda Presley at the piano.

An altar prayer was led by Jimmie Johnson.

The placement of the next association: Linda Presley invited the Association to meet at Tullahoma.

A motion was made by Ellen Holland to set a permanent date, the first Saturday in August for the Association and was seconded by Hazel Webb. Motion carried.

The Ministers Conference was set for two weeks before quarterly conference.

Kenneth Kirby read a recommendation that churches be able to receive members of church under a three month period of church watch care to prove themselves. After discussion, Clarence Holland made the motion that we accept this plan, as presented, this was seconded by Roger Kirby, motion carried. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Roger Kirby and accepted as read.

After some discussion on a fireside service, a committee was appointed as follows: Kenneth Kirby, Clarence Holland, Gertie Kirby, Allen Presley and Jimmie Johnson. Clarence made the motion that we adjourn, and was seconded by Sherry Johnson. Motion carried.

NAME	Kenneth Kirby	Carlos Webb	Allen Presley
Churches Pastored	1	None	1
Sermons Preached	80	32	101
Revivals Conducted	1	1	None
Conversions Witnessed	19	4	8
Number Baptized	14	None	6
Received into the Church	17	None	18
Sick Rooms Visited	U. K.	U. K.	U. K.
Homes Visited	U.K.	U.K.	U.K.
Prayer Meetings Conducted	46	U.K.	34
Couples Married	0	0	0
Funerals Conducted	1	1	1
Paid to Demoninational Program	\$15.00	T.C.	\$15.00
Paid to Home for Children	T.C.	T. C.	None
Paid to Charity	U.K.	U.K.	T.C.
Money Received	\$1,380.00	U.K.	\$60.00

CHURCH

	TULLAHOMA	McMINNVILLE
	Allen Presley, Pastor	Kenneth Kirby, Pastor
Preached Sunday	FT	FT
Joined Church	18	19
Dropped	0	2
Died	0	0
Present Membership	18	67
No. Members in Sunday School	20	70
Number in CTS	0	35
Number in Ladies Aux.	0	13
Number of Deacons	1	0
Number in Mastersmen	0	5
Paid to Denominational Program	0	0
To Home Missions	0	31.00
To Foreign Missions	0	52.14
To Home for Children	0	121.00
To Central Association	25.00	20.00
On Building and Repairs	968.00	2,793.40
Running Expense	441.00	1,213.74
To Charity	63.24	13.50
Paid Evangelist	73.87	200.00
Paid Visiting Ministers	15.00	0
Paid Pastor	0	1,230.00
Total Expenditures for Year	\$1,586.42	\$7,819.66
Value of Church Property	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00

CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR — 1972

QUARTERLY MEETING

January 1, 1972

April 1, 1972

July 1, 1972

October 7, 1972

THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE MEETS
Two Weeks before the Quarterly Conference

Next Session of the Central Association
will be held

AUGUST 5, 1972

at

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

