

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

NEXT SESSION

Saturday, August 4, 1973

10:00 A. M.

at the

McMINNVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

McMinnville, Tennessee

Moderator Rev. Carlos Webb
Route 5, Sparta, Tennessee

Assistant Moderator Rev. Danny Dwyer
1521 Rogers Circle, Manchester, Tennessee

Clerk Bro. Homer Stooksbury
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COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sephronia Kirby
Linda Presley

TEMPERANCE Florence Poff
Sandra Kirby

HOME FOR CHILDREN Gertie Kirby
Don Nicolo

HOME and FOREIGN MISSIONS Danny L. Dwyer
Jimmie Johnson

FINANCES Allen Presley
Bonnie Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Chester Kirby
Louis Foster

APPRECIATION Sherry Johnson
Kenneth Kirby

OBITUARY Carolyn Dwyer
Almeda Stooksbury

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We recommend that we go by the National Association Standard Sunday School rules, using the major five points and these rules be posted in every Sunday School room, if possible.

We further recommend that we purchase our literature from the National Association of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department.

Sephronia Kirby
Linda Presley

TEMPERANCE

We, the Temperance Committee, submit that we should be more temperate toward the following things:

- (a) Pornographic literature
- (b) Decency in dress
- (c) Use of intoxicating beverages
- (d) Use of tobacco

Respectfully,
Florence Poff
Sandra Kirby

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, the committee recommend that we help and support the Children's Home at Greenville, Tennessee. Matthew 25:40 says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Gertie Kirby
Donnie Nicolo

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, the committee on Home and Foreign Missions, do recommend to the body of the Central Association of Free Will Baptists the following resolutions:

- (1) Be it resolved that in obedience to our Lord's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature", we take a definite and final stand to uphold and support the cause of missions through Free Will Baptists.
- (2) Be it resolved that each of us witness to every soul within our reach to fulfill our personal Christian obligation to love and obey Jesus Christ supremely.

Sincerely Submitted,
Danny Dwyer
Jimmie Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the committee on Christian Education recommend that we study God's

Word and recommend that our young people attend Free Will Baptist Bible College, if possible.

Chester Kirby
Louis E. Foster

FINANCES

The Central Association of Free Will Baptists has a balance of \$164.00 as of August 5, 1972.

Please support the Central Association of Free Will Baptists.

Allen Presley
Bonnie 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, singers and musicians for their helpful assistance of this sitting.
- (3) To the delegates and visitors who took the time to attend and take part.
- (4) To all the women who prepared the fine meal that was enjoyed by all.
- (5) To the Membership of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tullahoma, Tennessee, for their fine hospitality in hosting this sitting.
- (6) We recommend that all the above be given a standing vote of appreciation.

Thankfully Submitted,
Kenneth W. Kirby
Sherry Johnson

OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee, are pleased to report that there have been no deaths in our Central Association this past year.

Respectfully Submitted
Carolyn Dwyer
Almeda Stooksbury

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference met and examined Danny Dwyer for ordination on June 24, 1972. We recommended him to be ordained.

Kenneth Kirby, Moderator
Allen Presley, Clerk

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 fifth annual ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS met Saturday, August 5, 1972, at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Tullahoma, Tennessee beginning at 10:00 A.M. Songs- "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus", "Living by Faith", and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" were led by Brother Homer Stooksbury with Sister Sandra Kirby at the piano to open the annual association meeting.

Rev. Carlos Webb, the Moderator, gave a warm welcome to everyone. For the morning devotional Brother Webb chose Isaiah the first chapter. He stated the only reason we should be here this morning is to uplift and praise the name of Jesus. Everyone gathered around the Altar for Prayer led by Rev. Albert Halbrook of Pleasant View, Tennessee.

The floor was opened for the morning business session. The first order of business was the election of officers. Bro. Carlos Webb was nominated for the Moderator and elected by acclamation. Bro Danny Dwyer was nominated as Assistant Moderator and was elected by acclamation. The next office to be filled was the Clerk. Bro. Homer Stooksbury was nominated and elected by acclamation. Bro. Roger Kirby was nominated and elected by acclamation to serve in the capacity of Assistant Clerk.

The next order of business, Bro. Kenneth Kirby made a motion that we read the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Bro. Danny Dwyer. The motion passed and the previous minutes were read.

Bro. Danny Dwyer suggested that we have a table at our Annual and Quarterly Associational Meetings and that notebook and pen be made available so those attending could register, especially the delegates making a notation after his or her name that they were a delegate from a particular church. Bro. Roger Kirby made a motion that we put this into effect, seconded by Bro. Kenneth Kirby, motion passed.

The next order of business was the election of the different committees. However, before we started the elections, it was noted that the last years minutes did not mention Foreign Missions. After open floor disucssion on this, Sister Jimmie Johnson made a motion that we incorporate Foreign Missions with Home Missions, motion seconded by Bro. Roger Kirby and the motion carried.

The Committees were then appointed as follows:

Sunday School: Sephronia Kirby and Linda Presley
Temperance: Florence Poff and Sandra Kirby
Home for Children: Gertie Kirby and Don Nicolo
Home and Foreign Missions: Danny L. Dwyer and Jimmie Johnson
Finance Committee: Bonnie Johnson and Allen Presley
Christian Education: Chester Kirby and Louis Foster
Appreciation: Kenneth Kirby and Sherry Johnson
Obituary: Almeda Stooksbury and Carolyn Dwyer

A motion was made by Bro. Kenneth Kirby, seconded by Sister Sandra Kirby that we adjourn the Morning Business Session for the morning message. The motion carried and Bro. Roger Kirby lead a congregational song entitled "When

We all Get to Heaven", Bro. and Sister Dwyer sang "I'm a Child of the King", Bro. and Sister Roger Kirby sang "Had it not Been", and Sister Jimmie Johnson sang "The Holy Hills of Heaven", Rev. Albert Halbrook from Pleasant View, Tennessee was introduced and brought the morning message entitled "God Has Spoken",

The Moderator, Bro. Webb, thanked Rev. Halbrook for the wonderful message and the morning session closed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by the Moderator with thanks to the ladies for the fine lunch. Roger Kirby then led the song entitled "That Glad Reunion Day".

The floor was then opened for business and Bro. Danny Dwyer suggested that we have preaching in the afternoon at the Annual Association.

Bro. Roger Kirby discussed the Treasurer situation of the Association. A motion was made that we amend the By-Laws in order to create a position in the organization for Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Louis Foster, motion carried. Bro. Danny Dwyer nominated Sister Linda Presley for the Treasurer, Bro. Louis Foster nominated Sister Jimmie Johnson. The vote was then taken and Sister Presley became the new treasurer.

Sister Jimmie Johnson made a motion, seconded by Bro. Danny Dwyer that we have preaching in the afternoon during the Annual Conference. After much discussion on this subject, the motion carried.

The Ministers Reports were read by the clerk.

The Church Reports were read by the clerk.

A letter was read from Rev. Kenneth Kirby giving the Association his resignation due to the fact he was accepting a Church Pastorate in Colquitt, Georgia. Bro. Kirby took the floor and made some verbal comments concerning his leaving this area.

Sister Sandra Kirby made a motion that the McMinnville Church host the next Annual Association in 1973, seconded by Sister Jimmie Johnson, motion carried.

The Ministers Conference was set for two weeks before each Quarterly conference.

A right hand of Christian Fellowship was given to the Kenneth Kirby family by the Association wishing them well and that God would give them many souls for their labors in Colquitt, Georgia.

Bro. Roger Kirby made a motion that we adjourn, seconded by Bro. Allen Presley, motion carried.

NAME	KENNETH KIRBY	CARLOS WEBB	ALLEN PRESLEY
Churches Pastored	1	None	1
Sermons Preached	84	17	114
Revival Conducted	0	0	0
Conversions Witnessed	36	2	7
Number Baptised	15	None	4
Received into the Church	15	None	7
Sick Rooms Visited	UK	UK	UK
Homes Visited	UK	UK	UK
Prayer Meetings Conducted	43	UK	48
Couples Married	2	0	0
Funeral Conducted	1	1	0
Paid to Demoninational Program	TC	TC	TC
Paid to Home for Children	TC	TC	TC
Paid to Charity	UK	UK	UK
Money Received	\$3,110.00	UK	UK

NOTE: Bro. Danny L. Dwyer, Pastor of Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Manchester, Tennessee, did not make a report this year due to the fact that he has only been at the church for two months.

CHURCH

	Tullahoma	McMinnville	Manchester
	Allen Presley, Pastor	Kenneth Kirby, Pastor	Danny Dwyer, Pastor
Sunday Preached	FT	FT	FT
Joined the Church	7	15	32
Members Dismissed	0	5	3
Members Deceased	0	0	0
Present Membership	25	71	62
No. Members in Sunday School	15	72	67
Number in CTS	0	45	0
Number in Ladies Auxiliary	0	10	20
Number of Deacons	1	0	1
Number in Mastersmen	0	5	0
Paid to Denominational Program	0	0	0
Paid to Home Missions	0	0	\$84.00
Paid to Foreign Missions	0	\$3.44	85.25
Paid to Home for Children	0	0	22.07
Paid to Central Association	\$25.00	25.00	0
Paid on Bus Ministry	0	UK	385.00
On Building and Repairs	835.53	3,531.89	4,263.70
Operating Expenses	445.68	1,610.48	1,348.18
Paid to Charity	174.44	75.53	UK
Paid to Evangelist	55.00	236.00	175.00
Paid to Visiting Ministers	38.00	45.00	50.00
Paid to Pastor	0	3,110.00	3,120.00
Total Expenditures for Year	1,573.65	8,706.85	9,533.20
Value of Church Property	10,000.00	40,000.00	30,000.00

CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR – 1973

QUARTERLY MEETING

January 6, 1973

April 7, 1973

July 7, 1973

October 6, 1973

THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE MEETS
Two Weeks before the Quarterly Conference

Next Session of the Central Association
will be held

August 4, 1973

at

McMINNVILLE FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
McMinnville, Tennessee

