

Feb. 10, 1973

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met Feb. 10, 1973, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Glasgow, Ky. for its regular quarterly meeting.

The Association was opened by singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. David Foster.

Moderator mentioned the minister cards and the importance of filling them out. He also stated that they were to be picked up today, filled out and turned in at the annual meeting in May.

Moderator asked for prayer requests. We then had prayer.

Bro. Johnson gave the devotion from Psalms.

Moderator stated that Bro. Bill Newsome from Louisville will be bringing the morning message.

Moderator asked all standing delegates to rise and their charge was given.

Clerk read list of elected delegates. Moderator asked them to stand while he gave them their charge and duties.

Moderator read rules of decorum. Motion made and seconded to accept and abide by these rules. Motion carried.

Moderator read list of names on boards and committees, and filled vacancies where needed.

Presbytery Board: Bro. Paul Tidwell & Bro. David Foster appointed.

Board of Finance: Bro. David Bright & Bro. Webber appointed.

Home Mission Board: Bro. Paul Tidwell appointed.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board: Bro. Midciff appointed.

Scholarship Committee: Bro. Paul Tidwell, Bro. Bobby Lyons, Bro. Johnny Hall and Bro. Sam Ford appointed.

Business Committee: Bro. David Bright & Bro. Leonard Jolly appointed.

Clerk read minutes of last meeting. Moderator asked conference to accept these as information. Bro. Hall mentioned the offering that each church was supposed to take for the Superintendent's building at the Children's Home. He asked if the churches that had failed to take up an offering could still do so and send money to clerk to be put back in the treasury. This to be put back on the \$350.00 that was sent. Moderator told conference that this could be done. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. Motion carried.

Bro. Johnson mentioned the applications to the Scholarship Loan Fund.

Moderator asked the Business Committee to think about having the next conference at Owensboro. Also to be thinking about whether the conference would send an offering to "Easter Seals."

Clerk read items of business stated on the church letters.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn from business session for morning worship. Motion carried.

Bro. David Foster led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Count Your Blessings." The morning offering was lifted in the amount of \$23.76.

Had an alter of prayer led by Bro. Johnson. A trio from the First Church in Glasgow sang. Sis. Pam Newsome sang "Thank God For The Lighthouse."

Bro. Newsome preached an inspiring message from Isaiah 37.

Were dismissed for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by the moderator thanking the church for the food and fellowship. Had a congregational song and an alter of prayer led by Bro. Hall. Had special singing by Bro. Johnny Hall and Bro. Midciff.

Bro. Paul Tidwell gave the afternoon devotion from Gal. 5:15,16&17.

Clerk read church letters. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to get Bro. Joe Ange to be the speaker for the May session. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to have Bro. Harold Harrison as the alternate. Motion carried.

Reports from boards and committees

Business Committee

1. Recommended the next conference be at Owensboro.
2. Recommended conference give rising vote of thanks to the Glasgow church.
3. Recommended the conference give \$25.00 to Easter Seals.
4. Recommended each church in the conference take a special offering on Easter Sunday and send to clerk to be put with the \$25.00 and send to Easter Seals.

Motion made and seconded to accept as information and act on item by item. Motion carried.

1. Motion made and seconded for next conference to be at Owensboro. Motion carried.

2. Rising vote of thanks has already been given to the Glasgow church.

3. Motion made and seconded to take \$25.00 from the checking account, and each church in the conference take a special offering Easter Sunday and put with the \$25.00 to send to Easter Seals. Motion carried.

Home Missions

Reported total in offerings \$92.61 making a total in the Home Mission Account \$816.23.

Recommended the conference give \$100.00 each to the Brotherhood Church and the First Free Will Baptist Church in New Albany, Ind. Motion made and seconded to accept report and give \$100.00 to each of these two churches. Motion carried. Balance now in Home Mission Fund is \$616.23.

Board of Finance

Total offering to the conference \$146.76, \$23.76 of this was the morning offering.

Also reported the amount to be sent to the following:

Bible College	\$29.48
Children's Home	\$29.48
Foreign Missions	\$29.48
Home Missions	\$12.30

and that the total offerings was in the amount of \$225.23. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board

Bro. Crisp read report from the preacher and deacons meeting. Jerry Webber and Douglas Midciff were examined and are to be ordained at Owensboro in May. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Sunday School and C.T.S.

Nothing to report.

Scholarship Fund

A good report was given and then had discussion concerning the Scholarship Fund, loans, applications; those outstanding and how all this was supposed to be carried out. Motion made and seconded for clerk to write to the 2 that have loans and are not in the conference now to see what they are going to do concerning their loan. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to contact each individual that has a loan from the Scholarship Fund. Bro. Wayne Garrett is to contact them. Motion carried.

Preacher and deacon meeting report

Officers were elected. They also had a good report on the meeting at the church in New Albany, Ind. The next meeting will be April 14 at the church in Owensboro.

Letter of request was read from the Alton church, asking for a letter of recommendation to go to the Floyd County Conference. Motion made and seconded to give letter to the Alton church recommending the Floyd County Conference receive them in fellowship. Motion carried.

Registration Committee

Preachers 8 Deacons 4 Delegates 26 Visitors 30 Total 68

Bro. Bill Newsome expressed his appreciation for being in the conference and being able to work and fellowship with everyone.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn until the annual meeting at the Owensboro church in May. Motion carried.

Checking Account \$334.07
 - 25.00 to Easter Seals

 \$309.07

Home Mission Fund \$616.23

Scholarship Fund \$315.74

Total sent to Easter Seals \$50.90

May 12, 1973

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met May 12, 1973 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Owensboro, Ky. for the annual meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" led by Bro. David Foster. Had an alter of prayer.

Bro. Hall welcomed everyone to the church and conference.

Bro. Crisp gave the devotion from Matthew 13. He then welcomed Bro. Workman and Bro. Gill to the conference.

Moderator asked all standing delegates to rise. He gave them their charge and duties to the conference.

Clerk read list of elected delegates. Moderator gave them their charge and duties. Motion made and seconded to seat the delegates in conference. Motion carried.

Moderator read the rules of decorum and asked the conference to abide by them.

Vacancies on boards and committees were filled by moderator as follows:

Presbytery Board Bro. Johnson, Bro. Hall and Bro. Crisp

Bro. Hall stated that he is resigning from the Presbytery Board, but would serve on it today.

Board of Finance Jerry Webber, Don Jones and Dewey Hensley.

Home Mission Board E. L. Hall, Robert Davidson and Dewey Hensley.

Sunday School & C.T.S. David Foster, Sam Ford and Bro. Pennington.

Scholarship Committee George Cooper, Charles Smith, Doug Midciff and Sam Ford.

Business Committee David Bright, Charles Smith, Jerry Webber and Ben Key.

Clerk read minutes from last meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept as information.

Moderator mentioned the minister's cards, explained the importance of them, that they are to be filled in and turned in to clerk so he can send them to the State Association.

Clerk read church letters. Motion made and seconded to accept as information. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried. Bro. Hensley mentioned Bro. Newsome coming into the conference.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn from morning business to go into the worship service. Motion carried.

Bro. David Foster led the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable" while the offering was being taken. (\$26.27)

Moderator asked for prayer requests. Had an alter of prayer. The congregation stood and sang "Amazing Grace" while we stood and had a Christian hand shake.

Bro. Eugene Workman gave information about his work and the work at the National Offices. He preached an inspiring message from Nehemiah 6:1-4.

Were dismissed for lunch and fellowship by Bro. Johnson.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Bro. Crisp read scripture from 1 Thes. 4. Had prayer. Gave a rising vote of thanks to the church for the food and fellowship.

Reports from boards and committees

Business Committee

Recommended the next conference be in Louisville. Motion made and seconded to have next conference at Louisville. Motion carried.

Home Mission Board

Reported amount with letters for Home Mission Fund \$81.18 making the total now in the Home Mission Fund \$697.41.

Board of Finance

Reported \$26.27 in the morning offering, \$118.00 with church letters making a total of \$144.27. Recommended to send \$11.50 to the Home Mission Board. $\$11.50 + \$19.25 = \$30.75$ Bible College

$\$11.50 + \$19.25 = \$30.75$ Foreign Missions

$\$11.50 + \$19.25 = \$30.75$ Children's Home

Recommended that we give Bro. Workman \$50.00 for expenses to conference. Motion made and seconded to give Bro. Workman \$50.00 for expenses. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to receive report and send money to designated places. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board

Reported 3 ministers to come into the conference; Pastor at Hopkinsville, Pastor at Louisville and Pastor at New Albany, Ind. Also that Bro. Webber and Bro. Midciff are to be ordained as deacons in the latter part of the service. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. Motion carried.

Moderator then asked Bro. Newsome, Bro. Rasnake and Bro. Cureton to come forward to be welcomed into the conference, as we stood and sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Nothing to report, but Bro. Foster gave words of encouragement concerning both Sunday School and C.T.S.

Scholarship Committee

Reported \$103.18 with letters, Bro. Gill paid \$20.00 on his loan, \$4.82 which is 10% of offerings after expense to various designations, making \$128.00 for the total offerings. Total now in Scholarship Fund is \$453.74. Reported that letters had been written to those with Scholarship loans as requested by the conference at the last meeting. Had no replies from anyone except Sis. Nancy Thomas and Bro. Gill had replied by being at the conference and paying \$20.00 on his loan. Motion made and seconded to accept as information. Motion carried.

Had a lengthy discussion concerning the Scholarship applications, loans etc. Bro. Hall stated that he disagreed with the applications and also the way of paying back the loans. The applications and ways of paying back the loans was explained again by the Scholarship Committee; how it was set up, accepted and agreed upon by the conference. Scholarship business was tabled until the next conference meeting for possible amendments. Scholarship Committee to meet in a special meeting concerning this matter at preacher and deacon's meeting July 14, 1973 at Louisville, Ky.

Election of boards and committees as follows:

Moderator Bro. William Johnson
Asst. Moderator Bro. Bill Newsome
Clerk-Treasurer Bro. George Cooper
Asst. Clerk-Treas. Bro. Don Jones

Presbytery Board

5 years Bro. Bill Newsome
4 years Bro. William Johnson
3 years Bro. Bencie Rasnake
2 years Bro. David Foster
1 year Bro. Elbert Cureton

Board of Finance

3 years Bro. Jerry Webber
2 years Bro. Don Jones
1 year Bro. Dewey Hensley

Board of Home Missions

3 years Bro. Wayne Garrett
2 years Bro. Manuel Garrett
1 year Bro. E. L. Hall

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

3 years Bro. Ben Key
2 years Bro. Sam Ford
1 year Bro. W. A. Pennington

Scholarship Committee

Bro. Wayne Garrett First Church, Glasgow, Ky. Chairman
Bro. Dewey Hensley First Church, Louisville, Ky.
Bro. Jessie Boles Brotherhood Church, Glasgow, Ky.
Bro. Bob Hayes First Church, Owensboro, Ky.
Bro. Sam Ford Shady Lawn Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.
Bro. David Bright First Church, New Albany, Ind.

Business Committee

3 years Bro. Sam Ford
2 years Bro. Jerry Webber
1 year Bro. Don Jones

Proceeded to elect delegates to the Kentucky State Association meeting with the Petion Free Will Baptist Church, Oil Springs, Ky. June 14, 15, & 16. Bro. Dewey Hensley to be delegate and was given permission to appoint other delegates if anyone else there from this Assn. Also motion made and seconded to give \$25.00 to delegates to help pay expenses to the State Assn. Motion carried.

Registration Committee

Preachers 7 Deacons 4 Delegates 18 Visitors 15 Total 41

Was announced that Bro. Rasnake would preach the morning message at the next conference. Motion made and seconded to adjourn for the ordination service. Motion carried.

Moderator asked Bro. Webber and Bro. Midciff to come forward. The congregation stood and sang "Victory In Jesus." Bro. Crisp read scripture from 1 Timothy 3:1-12. He gave the charge to Bro. Webber and Bro. Midciff concerning their duties and obligations as deacons.

Were dismissed in prayer until the next quarterly meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. August 11, 1973.

August 11, 1973

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met August 11, 1973, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. for the regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "I Must Tell Jesus." Bro. Crisp led in prayer.

Bro. Newsome, the host pastor, welcomed everyone to the conference.

Bro. Johnson gave the devotion from Luke 2:44.

Moderator asked all standing delegates to rise. He gave their charge and duties to the conference.

Clerk read names of elected delegates. Bro. Crisp asked Bro. Staples to fill in as a delegate for the Brotherhood Church. Motion made and seconded to seat delegates in conference. Motion carried.

Moderator read rules of decorum and asked the conference to abide by these rules.

Clerk read minutes from last meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Moderator told conference body that Bro. David Foster had resigned from his duties to the conference. He and Sis. Paula have moved to Alabama.

Moderator read list of boards and filled vacancies for the day as follows:

Presbytery Board—Bro. Crisp

Board of Finance—Bro. Boles

Home Mission Board—Bro. Thomas & Bro. Perkins

S.S. & C.T.S. Board—Bro. Midciff

Business Committee—Bro. Alvy

Moderator asked that all boards and committees meet during the lunch hour.

Moderator asked for nominations to fill vacancy on Presbytery Board. Bro. Crisp and Bro. Tidwell were nominated. Bro. Crisp declined nomination and Bro. Tidwell was elected.

Moderator asked clerk to read list of delegates from the New Albany and Owensboro churches as they were not in when the others were read. Clerk read list of delegates and motion was made and seconded to seat delegates in conference. Motion carried.

Clerk read church letters including any business that was attached to them. Motion made and seconded to accept letters as read. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded for the Scholarship Committee to meet with Bro. Garrett during the lunch hour to take care of their special business. Motion carried.

The morning offering was lifted as we sang "Tell It To Jesus." Amount of offering was \$28.02.

Bro. Wayne Garrett stated that someone had mentioned the possibility of a church in Murray or Lexington, Ky. and for the person to meet with the Home Mission Board at lunch.

Moderator asked Bro. Newsome to give a report from the State Association. Bro. Newsome then gave a report from the State meeting. Moderator then asked clerk to read letter he had received from the State Assn. concerning a State paper. Letter was read and business in letter was tabled until after lunch.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn from business session for morning worship service. Motion carried.

Bro. Newsome led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace."

Bro. Rasnake delivered the morning message from Romans 8 and 2 Cor. 5:15-17. Were dismissed for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Jesus Saves." Had prayer. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for the wonderful food and fellowship.

Reports from boards and committees

Business Committee

Reported that next conference would be at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow.

Recommended each church in conference take action concerning the state news letter before the conference takes action on whether to give to the support of letter or not.

Recommended Bro. Maupin's license be extended another year. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Home Mission Board

Recommended to give Bro. Newsome \$20.00 to pay on expenses to Murry, Ky. Motion made and seconded to do this. Motion carried.

Amount with letters for Home Mission Fund \$81.97. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Board of Finance

Report as follows: Morning offering \$28.02, amount with church letters \$121.00 total offering \$149.02. Home Mission Board \$81.97, Scholarship Fund; Patricia Cooper paid \$10.00 on her account. Total to Scholarship Fund is \$126.88. Amount sent to 4 locations in Nashville:

Foreign Missions \$36.68

Bible College \$36.68

Children's Home \$36.68

Home Mission Dept. \$12.42

Some good words of encouragement were given concerning the need of supporting these works. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board

Reported that Bro. Timmy Maupin's license are to be extended another year. Also that Bro. Haze and Bro. Midciff had been examined and are to be ordained at the end of the service. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Had nothing to report, but Bro. Key made a good talk concerning both of these works. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Scholarship Committee

Recommended that if applicant leaves this Association that loan is to be paid in full as soon as possible, and to notify clerk concerning payments. Recommended that loan not be made unless forms are filled out and returned to clerk-treasurer. Clerk-treasurer is not to write check unless applicant has form and it has been approved. Recommended if this is done that conference make funds available for the printing of forms. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Timmy Maupin is to preach the morning message in November.

A discussion was held concerning the State paper. Motion made and seconded for clerk to write and get more information concerning the State paper. Motion carried.

Moderator asked if there was any new or old business to be taken care of. There was none.

There were no visitors from other churches or conferences.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
8	6	19	20	53

Motion made and seconded to adjourn for ordination service. Motion carried.

Moderator asked Bro. Haze and Bro. Midciff to come forward. Bro. Newsome read scripture and charge to both for the work and responsibility of being a minister. Bro. Johnson presented each with a Bible. He asked the Presbytery Board and congregation to come forward for the ordination prayer led by Bro. Cureton.

We sang "Victory In Jesus" while we had a handshake.

Were dismissed until the Nov. meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky.

General Fund	\$423.03
	<u>+ 88.26</u>
	\$511.29

Scholarship Fund	\$678.26
	<u>+ 138.75</u>
	\$817.01

Home Mission Fund	\$698.28
	<u>+ 83.72</u>
	\$782.00

Nov. 10, 1973

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met Nov. 10, 1973, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky., for its regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing "Bring Them In." Prayer was led by Bro. Hall.

Bro. Wm. Johnson, the host pastor, welcomed everyone to the conference.

Bro. Carson Whitaker gave the devotion from John 6:1-13 concerning the feeding of the 5,000. He encouraged each to give their all to God that many may be filled.

Moderator asked all standing delegates to rise. He gave them their charge and duties to the conference.

Clerk read names of elected delegates. Motion made and seconded to seat delegates in conference. Motion carried.

Moderator read rules of decorum and asked the conference to abide by these rules.

Moderator read list of boards and filled vacancies for the day. Moderator encouraged pastors to encourage all board members to attend the conference.

Moderator recognized visitors from other churches not in conference. They were Bro. & Sis. Whitaker and Bro. Larry Gill.

Clerk read minutes from last meeting. No comments or questions. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Clerk read church letters with any business that is attached to letters. Moderator asked for questions or comments on letters. Bro. Hall made a correction on number of ordained ministers from the Owensboro church. Motion made to accept as read with correction. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk read letter in reference to State FWB Paper, as a matter of information directed to the conference for support of the paper. Moderator made comment on paper. Bro. Newsome displayed a copy of the State paper and encouraged churches to back it. Comments were many and discussion was lengthy concerning churches' and conference's duty to support the paper. Bro. Newsome made a motion that the conference back the State Paper by giving \$15.00 per quarter. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Tidwell and Bro. Wayne Garrett were nominated to keep in contact with the State paper for the conference. Moderator suggested the one obtaining the least amount of votes to be the alternate. Bro. Wayne Garrett was selected by majority vote, Bro. Tidwell as alternate. Bro. Gill stated each church should send in information to the State paper.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn from the morning session for the worship service. Motion carried. Moderator asked that the congregation sing "Amazing Grace." He commented on young preachers that stand for the first time, then called Bro. Maupin to preach the morning message.

Bro. Maupin delivered an inspiring message from John 14:21. The message was based on loving God, being obedient to God's word and being concerned for the lost. An invitation was given with 1 verse of "Just As I Am."

The morning offering was taken in the amount of \$26.60. Were dismissed by Bro. Gill for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with prayer led by Bro. Newsome. The devotion was omitted for sake of time.

Reports from boards and committees

Business Committee

Reported that the next conference meeting would be at the Owensboro Church.

Home Missions

Recommended that the conference support Bro. Gill in a new work at Jeffersontown, Ky. by giving him \$50.00 per month for first 6 months, this to be a joint venture with the National Association and that we should to the State Association for support.

Board of Finance

Reported morning offering \$26.60 amount with letters \$118.00 making a total of \$144.60. Home Mission Board \$83.72 Scholarship Fund, Patricia Cooper and Larry Gill paid \$10.00 each on their account. Total to Scholarship Fund \$138.75. Amount sent to 4 locations as follows:

Foreign Mission Dept. \$33.41

Bible College 33.41

Children's Home 33.41

Home Mission Dept. 12.05

Also that we send \$15.00 to the State paper. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Sunday School & C.T.S.

Nothing to report. Bro. Key made recommendation that all support the Sunday Schools.

Scholarship Fund

Reported \$817.01 in account now. Bro. Garrett encouraged continuous support, because there will soon be new ones to be using the Scholarship program. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Bro. Harvey Logan was chosen to bring the morning message at the next quarterly meeting in February.

Moderator asked for any old or new business to be taken care of. Clerk explained a letter from the National Assn. printed in duplicate for use by the conference. Bro. Garrett recommended not to use the letter until the annual meeting because of extra involvement of bringing reports up to date in the middle of the conference's financial year. Bro. Hall made motion to start using annual reports in February. Bro. Ford seconded. Motion carried.

Discussed changing annual meeting to the February meeting. No motion was made.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
8	4	12	38	61

Moderator asked for rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality given. Motion made and seconded to adjourn until the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried. Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ben Key.

General Fund \$511.29 - \$15.00 to State paper. Total \$496.29.

Scholarship Fund 817.01

Home Mission Fund 782.00