

Feb. 8, 1975

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky. on Feb. 8, 1975 for its annual meeting.

The morning session was opened by the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Bro. Rasnake led in prayer.

Bro. Johnson, the host pastor, gave everyone a warm welcome.

Bro. David Foster gave the devotion from Ezekiel 3:22-23 concerning standing in the gap.

Moderator asked that all standing delegates rise, be recognized and their duties were given.

Clerk read list of elected delegates and they were seated in conference.

Moderator mentioned that the speaker for the morning worship service should be given more time.

Moderator read rules of decorum and asked that everyone abide by them.

List of boards and committees was read by moderator and vacancies were filled.

Board of Finance Bro. John Hall and Bro. George Cooper

Board of Home Missions All present.

Business Committee Bro. Ben Key and Bro. Wm. Johnson.

Moderator asked if there were any special delegates besides the morning speaker. There was none.

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

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

Moderator mentioned paying off the debt to National Office. No action was taken concerning this.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn from business for morning worship. We had a short break.

Bro. John Hall led the congregation in singing "At Calvary." Sang "Are You Washed In The Blood" as the offering was being taken. Amount of offering was \$55.64.

Bro. Picirilli delivered the message from the books of Numbers and Joshua, using for text; Faith of Caleb, Testing of Caleb's faith and Victory of Caleb's faith.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with singing and prayer. Moderator called for reports from boards and committees.

Business Committee

Reported that next conference will be at Louisville.

Home Mission Board

Had no report. \$72.84 (\$479.32 total)

Board of Finance

Reported \$113.00 with letters, \$55.64 morning offering, total \$168.64.

Took 1/3 of this amount to divide to 4 designated locations, leaving \$112.44.

Gave Bro. Picirilli \$50.00 for expenses to conference leaving \$62.44. Took

10% to add to Scholarship Fund, sent \$15.00 to Eddie Dollar for State paper, \$67.00 to State Association, leaving a balance in Checking Account of \$427.85.

Amount sent to Bible College	\$27.76
Foreign Mission Board	27.76
Children's Home	27.76
Home Mission Board	14.05

Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board

Reported a letter received from the church in New Albany requesting to be dismissed from the Green River Association of Free Will Baptists. Requested to ratify Bro. Murphy's credentials as an ordained minister. Bro. John Hall to be ordained to preach the Gospel. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Had no report, but asked all churches to take part in the National Sunday School Drive. Also mentioned that the First Church in Glasgow won 2nd. place in the fall contest.

Moderator mentioned should have something in the conference for the young people in the conference. No action taken concerning this.

Scholarship Committee

Reported there was one application for a loan in the amount of \$500.00 and recommended to give loan of this amount to applicant. Correction was made on motion in last conference concerning gift to children of missionaries. Also recommended something be done to keep from making misallocations of monies in the future.

Motion made and seconded to give loan to applicant. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to withdraw motion from last conference concerning giving \$500.00 to Home Mission children using money from the Scholarship Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that money in any department stay in that department and any outside monies come from the General Fund. Had a lengthy discussion, then motion was withdrawn.

Bro. Murphy was nominated to preach at the May meeting of the Green River Association. He was elected by acclamation.

Bro. Shockey was nominated to be the speaker at the next annual meeting and Bro. Roy Thomas as the alternate. They were elected by acclamation. Had election of officers for boards and committees, they are as follows:

Presbytery Board	Bro. John Hall	5 years
Board of Finance	Bro. Randall Gray	3 years
Home Mission Bd.	Bro. Tidwell resigned and we elected	
	Bro. Ben Key	3 years
	Bro. Sam Ford	2 years

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Bro. Sam Ford	3 years
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Scholarship Committee No change in officers.

Business Committee Bro. Dewey Hensley 3 years

Clerk-Treasurer Bro. George Cooper

Asst. Clerk-Treas. Bro. Don Jones

Moderator asked clerk to come and moderate business as the moderator and assistant moderator were elected.

Moderator Bro. Wm. Newsome

Asst. Mod. Bro. Wm. Johnson

Registration Committee

Preachers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
12	6	18	66	102

Bro. Wayne Garrett, reporter for the State paper made a talk concerning the paper and people that are getting the paper. Bro. Wayne reported that he had written Bro. Dollar concerning the paper. Bro. Dollar told him that he doesn't have a complete mailing list from the conference and hadn't received any news from these churches. Had a good discussion. Bro. Wayne asked that we elect a new reporter for the paper. Bro. Dewey Hensley was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Went into Ordination service. Moderator asked Bro. John Hall and Sis. Hall to come forward. Moderator asked Bro. Cooper to present the Bible to Bro. Hall and Bro. Crisp to give the charge, then Bro. Johnson to lead in prayer. After prayer we had a song and hand shake.

Moderator mentioned the efforts to help pay off the National debt. No action was taken concerning this.

It was requested that each church fill out 2 reports for the next annual meeting, one a quarterly report and an annual report. Minister cards are to be sent in with the annual reports.

Bro. Paul Tidwell requested prayer for the mission work in New Albany, Ind.

Were dismissed in prayer until the next meeting in May at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Louisville.

Note:

Paid to State Association on March 2, 1975, \$67.00 for fees.

Total now in General Fund \$427.85

Total now in Home Missions 479.32

Grant total \$907.17

Total now in Scholarship Fund \$862.83

1975

Officers for the Green River Association of Free Will Baptists

Moderator Bro. Wm. Newsome
Asst. Moderator Bro. Wm. Johnson
Clerk-Treas. Bro. George Cooper
Asst. Clerk-Treas. Bro. Don Jones

Presbytery Board

5 years Bro. John Hall
4 years Bro. George Cooper
3 years Bro. Wm. Newsome
2 years Bro. Wm. Johnson
1 year Bro. Bencie Rasnake

Board of Finance

3 years Bro. Randall Gray
2 years Bro. Howard Burris
1 year Bro. Jerry Webber

Board of Home Missions (for conference)

3 years Bro. Ben Key
2 years Bro. Sam Ford
1 year Bro. Wayne Garrett

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

3 years Bro. Sam Ford
2 years Bro. Charles McDonald
1 year Bro. Ben Key

Scholarship Committee

Bro. Wayne Garrett	First Church, Glasgow, Ky. (chairman)
Bro. Dewey Hensley	First Church, Louisville, Ky.
Bro. Jesse Boles	Brotherhood Church, Glasgow, Ky.
Bro. Bob Hayes	First Church, Owensboro, Ky.
Bro. Sam Ford	Shady Lawn Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Business Committee

3 years Bro. Dewey Hensley
2 years Bro. Don Jones
1 year Bro. Sam Ford

May 11, 1975

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met for the quarterly session on May 11, 1975 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky.

The morning session was opened by singing "Sunlight." Bro. Hensley led in prayer.

Bro. Johnson gave the morning devotion from Psalms 126 concerning Christians being thankful for being delivered out of bondage, being concerned for a lost world and believing God will honor our efforts.

Moderator asked that all standing delegates rise, be recognized and their duties were given.

Moderator asked for names of elected delegates to be read from church letters. Moderator asked for a motion to seat delegates. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Rules of decorum were read and conference was asked to abide by them.

Moderator read list of boards and committees and vacancies were filled.

Bro. Johnson made recommendation that Board of Finance and Business Committee be combined for this session. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried. All other committees and boards remained the same.

Minutes of last meeting were read by clerk. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Moderator asked for a nomination for a preacher to fill the place of Bro. Murphy in his absence. Bro. Johnson made comment church pastor was to speak in absence of a selected preacher, but due to Bro. Johnson having preached at last meeting, he recommended some one else bring the message. Moderator asked for a nomination. Bro. Ben Key was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Clerk read church letters. Corrections were made on 1st. church of Glasgow and Shady Lawn Church of Hopkinsville. Motion made and seconded to accept letters as read. Motion carried.

Moderator asked for a motion to take a short break before the morning message. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried. After bread, Bro. Newsome led the congregation in singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Bro. Wayne Garrett led in prayer.

Bro. Key delivered the morning message from 1 Corinthians 15:33 using for a text, "Evil Communications." A very needful message pertaining to different methods of communications to decieve and lead us into sin.

The morning offering was taken in the amount of \$45.05.

Were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Victory In Jesus." Prayer was led by Bro. Jones.

Bro. Rasnake gave a short devotion from Acts 1:8-11.

Moderator asked for a report from boards and committees.

Home Mission Board

Reported \$552.93.

Board of Finance

Morning offering was \$45.05 with letters \$104.83, \$15.00 to the Advocate.

Sent to Bible College \$27.69

Sent to Foreign Missions 27.69

Sent to Children's Home 27.69

Sent to Home Missions 11.08

Amount now in General Fund \$517.68

Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Business Committee

Next conference to be at the Shady Lawn Church in Hopkinsville, Ky.

To invite next State Conference to Louisville. (1976) Motion made and seconded on both items. Motion carried.

Discussion arose from floor on State Association going out of State for annual meetings. Motion was made for a letter from the Green River Association stating that this conference requests that all future State Assn. meetings, (annual conferences) be held within the state of Kentucky. Motion was seconded and carried that letter be sent.

Presbytery Board

Recommended Bro. Ben Key be licensed to preach the Gospel. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Registration Committee

Preachers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
6	2	11	33	52

There were no reports from other boards.

Moderator asked for a nomination for a preacher to bring the morning message at the next meeting. Bro. Key and Bro. Newsome were nominated. A vote was taken by raised hands. Bro. Newsome was elected.

Moderator asked if there was any new business.

A motion was made that the authority to select a delegate to the State Conference be given to the moderator since there was a question as to whom would be going. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Further discussion was given pertaining to out of state churches joining the State Association. If a church from any other state requests to unite with the Green River Association, we will question why they will not unite with their local association. A motion was made and seconded to this effect. Motion carried.

Bro. Garrett spoke about the Constitution of the Assn. He commented that something should be done about the lack of growth of this Association. He asked that we pray about this and seek a way to improve, change, or whatever is necessary to have a more outstanding Association.

Was discussion about a work in Frankfort. Also had discussion on revival services that had been in the planning stage for Bowling Green, Ky.

There was also a discussion on conference preachers preaching in the different churches of the conference. No action was taken on any of these discussions.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hensley.

Debbie Butler paid back \$100.00 to Scholarship Fund.
Amount now in Scholarship Fund \$1, 061.59.

August 9, 1975

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists, met August 9, 1975, with the Shady Lawn Free Will Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, Ky. for its regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened by the congregation singing "In The Sweet By And By" led by Bro. Newsome. Bro. Burris led in prayer.

Bro. Rasnake gave the morning devotion from Acts 16:25. After devotion, service was turned over to Bro. Johnson to moderate the business.

Moderator asked all standing delegates to rise, be recognized and their charge and duties were given.

Moderator read rules of decorum and asked that we abide by them. He also mentioned the duties of the officers and asked that they also be followed.

Moderator read list of boards and committees and filled vanancies.

Presbytery Board: 4 present.

Board of Finance: 1 present, elected Bro. Jesse Boles to fill in.

Home Mission Board: All present.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board: All present.

Scholarship Committee: 3 present.

Business Committee: 2 present.

Moderator asked if there were any visiting delegates from other churches. None present.

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

Asst. clerk read church letters and the delegates from the churches. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried. After letters were read the elected delegates were seated in conference.

Moderator made comments concerning Sunday School growth. He asked preachers to stand for selection of a preacher for the next conference. Bro. Johnson was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Moderator started discussion concerning pastors of churches in conference exchanging ministers once a year. Clerk to write to each church and see if they are interested in participating in exchanging ministers once a year. Had discussion concerning this and paying expenses. Conference to pay expenses if this takes place. Motion made and seconded to draw at next meeting to see who goes to which church. Conference to pay .15 cents per mile. Motion made and seconded to find out what national average is on mileage expense and abide by this. Motion carried.

Had discussion concerning revival that had been mentioned. No action taken. Motion made and seconded to adjourn for a 5 minute break. Carried.

Had congregation song "At Calvary." Bro. Newsome delivered the morning message from Esther 6 and Job 19. He mentioned 3 books in his message, 1. Bible 2. Book of Life 3. Book of our own life.

Morning offering was taken in the amount of \$20.44.

Were dismissed for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session of the conference was opened with prayer led by Bro. Key. A rising vote of thanks was given to the church and the ladies of the church for the fine food and wonderful fellowship.

Moderator asked for a report from the boards and committees.

Business Committee

Reported that the next conference be at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Home Mission Board

Reported there is \$605.63 in the Home Mission Account and that it needs to be used.

Board of Finance

Reported there was \$20.44 in morning offering and \$113.00 in church letters, making a total of \$133.44.

Amount of offerings sent to Foreign Missions	\$27.59
Children's Home	27.59
Bible College	27.59
Home Missions Dept.	11.12

Amount sent to State paper \$15.00

Total amount in General Fund \$639.74.

Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board

Had no business.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Had nothing to report.

Scholarship Committee

Reported \$69.00 in offerings for the day making the total amount in Scholarship Fund \$1,130.66. Also recommended that we loan Vila Satterly \$550.00. Motion made and seconded to accept report and to grant loan off \$550.00 to Vila Satterly. Motion carried.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
4	3	10	15	32

Moderator asked if there was any new business. There was none.

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Bro. Wayne Garrett made a talk concerning the State paper. He stated the possibilities of it doing good if kept up.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion seconded.

Were dismissed in prayer.

On Oct. 16, \$25.00 was received from Sis. Nancy Thomas as a payment on her loan.

On Oct. 31, \$45.00 was received from Sis. Nancy Thomas as a payment on her loan making a total of \$674.08 now in Scholarship Fund.

Note: On Sept. 16, 1975, \$3,595.20 was deposited from the State Association for money from sale of property. This was made out for seven churches in the Green River Association of Free Will Baptists.

November 8, 1975

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met November 8, 1975 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky.

The Association was opened by singing "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Bro. Newsome. Prayer was led by Bro. Rasnake.

Bro. Crisp gave devotion from Phil. 2.

Moderator recognized standing delegates. Delegates from church letters were read and seated. Bro. Newsome appointed delegates from his church. Rules of decorum were read by moderator.

Moderator read list of boards and committees and filled vacancies.

Finance Committee: Bro. Thomas and Bro. Garrett appointed.

Minutes of last meeting were read. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Church letters were read, with two corrections being made. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Bro. Garrett made comment that reading of all the statistics of letters not necessary. Moderator said he would pass this on to the Business Committee.

Moderator asked for motion to recess before the morning message. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

After break, service was opened by Bro. George Crisp singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Barber, the new pastor at Owensboro, led in prayer.

Bro. Wm. Johnson delivered the morning message from Ezekiel 22:30, John 1:6 and Matthew 3:1, preaching about God's trouble makers; speaking of God's men that are making trouble for Satan and his angels.

Bro. Crisp sang while the morning offering was being taken. He sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Amount of offering was \$23.77.

Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hall for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Crisp. Bro. Hall sang "He Touched Me."

Reports from boards and committees.

Business Committee

Reported the next conference will be at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky.

Church letters are not to be read in entirety. Financial portion of letters and complete address not necessary, only the financial portion pertaining to the conference. Clerk is just to read the name of church, pastor and not the entire address. Motion made and seconded to fill out report just as is and clerk to read only portions that are of importance to the conference. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to put New Albany Church discussion on floor. Discussion was had concerning the check from the State Assn. that was for the New Albany Church. Motion was made and seconded to table motion until next conference. Motion carried. Suggestion was made that Bro. Cooper write the State Assn. concerning this matter.

Home Mission Board

Bro. Garrett discussed a work in Henderson, Ky. Bro. Johnson made a comment to contact Bro. Lee in Albany, Ky. to encourage his church to come into the conference. Another discussion was had on the work in Bowling Green, Ky. It was recommended that the Home Mission Board contact Bro. Bob Shockey about mission work. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Board of Finance

Reported \$23.80 in offering. Total offerings \$315.78.

Amount sent to Bible College \$26.02

Foreign Missions 26.02

Children's Home 26.02

Home Mission Dept. 11.40

Amount going to Scholarship Fund \$76.49, Conference Home Mission \$67.75 and General Fund \$82.08.

Presbytery Report

Recommended to accept Bro. Barber into the conference. Motion made and seconded to accept Bro. Barber into the conference. Motion carried.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Nothing to report.

Scholarship Committee

Nothing to report.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
8	3	11	19	41

Moderator asked about exchanging pastors for given Sundays to fill pulpits as discussed at the August meeting. Motion made and seconded there would be a pulpit exchange Jan. 11, 1976. Motion carried.

Bro. Garrett commented on the State paper and not receiving it. Bro. Johnson made a motion that all support be discontinued from churches and conference. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Johnson made a comment on personal support of the Green River Assn.

A vote of thanks was given for the ladies that prepared lunch.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Johnson.