

February 7, 1976

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky. on Feb. 7, 1976 for its annual meeting.

Bro. Wm. Johnson moderated the business in the absence of Bro. Newsome. Bro. Hall led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven."

Moderator gave a warm welcome to all. Bro. David Foster gave the morning devotion from Luke 10: 30-36 (having compassion on others--completeness of task undertaken to help--courage to help--compassion to help--completion in help.) 3 c's. Bro. Hall led the congregation in singing "Power In The Blood."

Moderator recognized standing delegates.

Clerk read list of delegates from church letters. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Moderator read rules of decorum.

Moderator asked for an alter of prayer. Moderator asked that a preacher be elected due to Bro. Shockey not being able to be here. Bro. Vincent (visiting preacher) was nominated and elected by acclamation.

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

Boards and committees were read and vacancies were filled as needed.

Presbytery Board: All present except Bro. Newsome.

Board of Finance: Bro. Jesse Boles replaced Randall Gray.

Bro. Joster replaced Bro. Burris.

Home Mission Board: Bro. Bloomer replaced Bro. Ford.

S.S. & C.T.S. Board: Bro. Ford absent, no replacement.

Bro. Thomas placed on board.

Scholarship Comm.: Bro. Cecil Garrett replaced Bro. Hensley.

Bro. Henry Brown replaced Bro. Hayes.

Bro. Sam Bloomer appointed for Hopkinsville Church.

Business Committee: Bro. Cecil Garrett replaced Bro. Dewey Hensley.

Bro. Sam Ford absent, no replacement.

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

The morning offering was taken in the amount of \$32.00. Bro. Key asked the blessing on the offering.

The Crisp family sang. Bro. Vincent delivered the morning message from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10. It was a very challenging message on reflecting Christ in our lives.

Were dismissed for lunch with prayer led by Bro. Crisp.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with singing "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Bro. Rasnake led in prayer. Sis. Barber sang a special song.

Reports from boards and committees.

Business Committee

Recommended the next conference be at the Brotherhood Church. Motion made and seconded to have next conference at Brotherhood Church. Motion carried.

Home Mission Board

Reported that the Bowling Green Church is doing good.

Bro. Lee from the Albany church said that he would come to the conference if interested and for the conference not to come and visit him.

Board of Finance

Morning offering \$32.00. Conference offering from churches \$121.00 + \$25.00 from Friendship Church. Home Mission (conf.) \$68.89. Scholarship \$136.97 of this \$75.00 paid on 2 loans + \$16.00 from Friendship Church.

Amounts paid to 4 locations:

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|------------------|---------|
| Bible College | \$26.08 |
| Foreign Missions | 26.08 |
| Children's Home | 26.08 |
| Home Missions | 10.08 |

Presbytery Board

Nothing to report.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Had no report, but Bro. Ben Key read 2 verses of scripture, Matt. 28:19-20.

Scholarship Committee

Reported there is \$2,727.00 loaned out and \$784.81 in the Scholarship Fund.

Registration Committee

| Ministers | Deacons | Delegates | Visitors | Total |
|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 8 | 4 | 18 | 38 | 68 |

Bro. Barber was nominated and elected by acclamation as the minister for the next conference.

Bro. Schokey was chosen as the speaker at the next annual meeting, and Bro. Roy Thomas as alternate.

Bro. Cooper made comment on the \$500.00 plus that was sent to the conference for the churches. This amount was intended for the church in New Albany, Ind. that had withdrawn from the Green River Association. He had written the letter as requested by the conference and received an answer from the State Association stating that the \$500.00 plus was to stay in the General Fund of the Green River Association.

Had the Annual election of officers. They are as follows:

Presbytery Board: 5 year term. Bro. Rasnake re-elected.

Board of Finance: Replacement for Randall Gray (2 year term)

Bro. Jesse Boles was elected by acclamation.

Bro. Webber was re-elected for a 3 year term.

S.S. & C.T.S. Board: Bro. Key and Bro. Bloomer were nominated. Bro.

Bloomer was elected for a 3 year term.

Scholarship Committee: Bro. Wayne Garrett (chairman)

Bro. Dewey Hensley

Bro. Jesse Boles

Bro. Sam Ford

Bro. Bob Hayes

Business Committee: Bro. Ford was re-elected by acclamation for a 3 year term.

Sec.-Treas: Bro. George Cooper was re-elected.

Asst. Sec.-Treas: Bro. Don Jones was re-elected.

Bro. Cooper then took the stand to moderate the portion of business to elect a moderator. Bro. George Crisp and Bro. Wm. Johnson were nominated, but both declined. Bro. Barber and Bro. Rasnake were nominated. Bro. Rasnake was elected as moderator. Bro. Barber and Bro. Johnson were nominated for assistant moderator. Bro. Barber was elected.

Business was turned back to moderator for completion of business.

Moderator asked if there was any new business. No new business.

Bro. Garrett asked for comments on the pulpit exchange the conference had. There were some very good comments on the pulpit exchange.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church for the lunch that was prepared.

A special song "Touching Jesus" was sung by Bro. Crisp.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn until next conference. Motion carried. Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Hall.

P.S. NOTE..By asst. clerk Bro. Don Jones. This was a good conference filled with the spirit of God. Praise the Lord!

Scholarship Acct. \$997.78

Since Feb. 1, 1976 amount paid: Nancy Thomas \$50.00
Patricia Cooper \$50.00
Debbie Butler \$10.00

Amount in Home Mission Fund \$673.38

Amount in General Fund \$1953.75 - 67.00 = \$1886.75 - \$673.38 Home Mission Fund = \$1213.37.
for fees

Officers for The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists.

Moderator-----Bro. Bencie Rasnake
Asst. Moderator-----Bro. Floyd Barber
Clerk-Treas.-----Bro. George Cooper
Asst. Clerk-Treas.-Bro. Don Jones

Presbytery Board

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

Board of Finance

3 years: Bro. Jerry Webber
2 years: Bro. Jesse Boles
1 year: Bro. Howard Burris

Home Mission Board (conference)

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

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board:

3 years: Bro. Sam Bloomer
2 years: Bro. Sam Ford
1 year: Bro. Charles McDonald

Business Committee:

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

Scholarship Committee:

Bro. Wayne Garrett-----First Church, Glasgow, Ky. (Chairman)
Bro. Dewey Hensey-----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.

May 8, 1976

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists held their quarterly meeting May 8, 1976 at the Brotherhood Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Kentucky.

The session was opened by singing "Send The Light" led by Bro. Crisp. Bro. Cooper led in prayer.

Bro. Crisp welcomed everyone to the church and conference.

Bro. Hall gave the devotion from Jeremiah 13:1-10.

Moderator asked for all standing delegates to rise and be recognized.

Clerk read list of elected delegates.

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

Moderator recognized standing boards and filled vacancies as needed.

Presbytery Board Remained the same.

Board of Finance All present.

Home Mission Board Bro. Cecil Garrett appointed in absence of Bro. Sam Ford.

S.S. & C.T.S. Board Board to meet with Bro. Ford absent.

Scholarship Board Board to meet with Bro. Ford absent.

Business Committee Committee to meet with Bro. Ford absent.

Moderator recognized visitors, Bro. Glen Thomas and Bro. Larry Satterfield from Bowling Green, Ky.

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

Clerk read church letters. Correction was made on Louisville (referred to as Owensboro Church.) Motion made and seconded to accept letters as read, after correction of church name. Motion carried.

Moderator asked that we take a 5 minute bread.

Bro. Cooper lead the congregation in singing "I Am Resolved." Bro. Dewey Hensley led in an alter of prayer. The Spirit of God was present. A young group sang "Pick Up The Broken Pieces" and "Touring That City." The congregation sang "There Is A River" and "Jesus Is Coming Soon."

Moderator recognized the excellent representation of the Louisville Church. Bro. Barber delivered the morning message from Ezekiel 3:17-21. The theme of his message was, "How to wash the blood off your hands through soul winning. Bro. Crisp led the invitation song, "Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus."

The morning offering was taken in the amount of \$43.00. "Jesus Saves" was sung during the offering.

Were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Burris.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with singing "The Lily Of The Valley."
Bro. Jones led in prayer.

Bro. Glen Thomas gave the devotion from Revelations 1:12,13-20 and chapter 2:1. An inspiring message on winning souls to Christ.

Bro. & Sis. Bloomer sang "The Unclouded Day." Bro. Cecil Garrett and family sang "Come Spring" after a wonderful testimony.

Moderator asked for a standing vote of thanks to the ladies of the church for the wonderful meal.

Moderator asked for reports from boards and committees.

Business Committee

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

Board of Finance

Bro. Boles was excused and Bro. Cooper gave the report.

\$43.00 in morning offering.

88.00 in letters + \$25.00 from Friendship

131.00 total.

Presbytery Board

Recommended to send Bro. Ben Key to the Pastors Conference on planning the State Association May 29 and pay his expenses.

Recommended to renew Bro. Key's license.

Letter concerning a new church in Owensboro called Independence FWB. A question was asked, should this church be called a Free Will Baptist church due to their profession as advertised. Moderator asked conference's recommendation on both matters. Conference made motion, seconded and passed both as quoted. Licensed Bro. Key. Asked for Bro. Midkiff's credentials. Comment was made concerning this matter. Concerning adv. on Free Will Baptist activities in ministering God's word. Much discussion was given on this matter. Action on removing all affiliation of said church would be tabled until the next quarterly meeting, pending on a letter from the Owensboro Church.

S.S. & C.T.S. Board

Nothing to report.

Registration Committee

| 8 | Ministers | Deacons | Delegates | Visitors | Total |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | 6 | 6 | 19 | 53 | 84 |

Moderator asked for nominations for a preacher to bring message at next conference meeting. Bro. Crisp was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Scholarship Committee

Reported \$1,054.51 in account. Bro. Garrett made comment on operation of funds. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Moderator gave invitation for churches to join the Association. There was none.

Bro. Crisp sang a song dedicated to mothers. Was followed by testimonies.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Hall.

August 7, 1976

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met August 7, 1976, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. for its regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Had prayer.

Bro. Lincoln Varney, the host pastor welcomed everyone to the conference.

Bro. Stiles gave the devotion from Romans 12:1-2.

Moderator asked that all standing delegates rise and be recognized.

Clerk read names of elected delegates from church letters. Motion made and seconded to accept delegates as read. Motion carried.

Moderator read rules of decorum.

Moderator read list of boards and committees. Question was asked if vacancies in Presbytery Board be filled today. Suggestion was made to table filling of vacancy until next meeting. Motion was made and seconded to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

Board of Finance: No vacancy.

Home Mission Board: No vacancy filled. Sam Ford not present, board to operate with what was present.

Scholarship Committee: Bro. Bloomer appointed to fill in.

Business Committee: No fill-ins.

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

Moderator asked if there were delegates from other churches not in conference. There was none.

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

Moderator dismissed conference for a 10 minute break. Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Varney.

Bro. Garrett led the congregation in singing "Just Over In The Gloryland." Moderator asked for special prayer requests. Bro. Stiles led in prayer. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and everybody shook hands. Bro. Cecil Garrett sang "I Just Came To Talk With You Lord."

Bro. Crisp delivered the morning message from 1 Chronicles 13:1-14, preaching on Formality in the Church. "Just As I Am" was sung as the invitation was given.

Morning offering was taken in the amount of \$36.89.

Were dismissed for lunch in prayer led by Bro. Garrett.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with a song "One Day At A Time" sung by a local church group. A special song was sung by Bro. and Sis. Bloomer. Had prayer led by Bro. Don Jones.

Moderator asked for reading of business from boards and committees.

Home Mission Board

Nothing to report.

Board of Finance

Morning offering \$36.89. \$113.00 with letters making a total of \$149.89
Paid to Children's Home \$29.91
Bible College 29.91
Foreign Missions 29.91
Home Missions 12.49

Presbytery Board

Recommended to ordain Bro. James Davis as a deacon to the Owensboro Church.

Received a letter of recommendation to the Union Association in Tenn. on behalf of Bro. Wm. Johnson.

Recommended Bro. Varney and Bro. Stiles be accepted into the conference. (Bro. Varney could not until he has joined the church.) Discussion was had on giving letter to Bro. Johnson from the conference. Conference could not give letter without a letter from the Union Association being received. Motion made and seconded to do this. Motion carried.

S.S. & C.T.S. Board

Nothing to report.

Scholarship Report

There is \$1, 124.98 in account. Had two applications for loans, one for \$600.00 and one for \$300.00. Recommended \$500.00 instead of \$600.00 because of funds. Recommended to loan \$300.00 to a pastor for a correspondence course from a Free Will Baptist College. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Registration Committee

| Ministers | Deacons | Delegates | Visitors | Total |
|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 6 | 3 | 17 | 40 | 70 |

Moderator asked for appointment of minister to preach at the next conference. Bro. Varney was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Moderator asked for a standing vote of thanks to the ladies of the church for the fine meal that was prepared. Standing vote given.

Moderator asked if there was any new business.

Bro. Barber gave a report on the State Conference.

Bro. Cooper gave a report on writing a letter to Bro. Midciff about the church in Owensboro that was contrary to Free Will Baptist doctrine, and that there had been no reply.

Moderator read scripture pertaining to the office of deacon, pertaining to the ordaining of Bro. Davis for deacon from the Owensboro Church. Bro. Varney led in prayer. Moderator asked Bro. Davis and his wife to come forward for the ordination rites. The ordination rites were given and prayer was offered as Bro. Davis received his ordination. Bro. Stiles led in prayer. Moderator then installed Bro. Davis into the office of Deacon. "Amazing Grace" was sung as the conference gave Bro. and Sis. Davis the right hand of fellowship.

Bro. Thomas gave a report on the church in Bowling Green. A bond program has begun to finance the building of the church.

Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried. Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wayne Garrett.

Next conference to be in Owensboro Nov. 13, 1976.

Nov. 13, 1976

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Owensboro, Ky. on Nov. 13, 1976 for its regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened with singing "Are You Ready?" Prayer was led by Bro. Barber.

Bro. Barber welcomed everyone to the conference.

Moderator asked for prayer for all that were not present. Bro. Stiles gave the morning devotion from Acts 2:41-45.

Moderator asked that all ordained deacons, ministers, and church clerks to stand and be recognized. All were recognized and charged according to rules.

Moderator read rules of decorum. Moderator read rized list of boards and committees.

Bro. Stiles and Bro. Glen Thomas were asked to sit on Presbytery Board.

Home Mission Board: Bro. Boles to sit with Bro. Ford.

Scholarship Committee: Stands as is.

Business Committee: Stands as is.

List of elected delegates were read from church letters and the delegates were seated in conference.

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

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

Bro. Brown was appointed to fill Bro. Thomas's appointment on Presbytery Board as the Bowling Green Church had not petitioned for membership in the conference.

Moderator asked Bro. Boles to dismiss in prayer for a short break.

After break, "Victory In Jesus" was sung. Moderator asked for special prayer requests. Alter of prayer was led by Bro. Thomas. Sis. Barber sang a special song that was a wonderful blessing to the conference. Bro. Varney delivered the morning message from Hebrews 12:22-29, "Wherefore we receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have Grace whereby we may serve God."

The morning offering was taken in the amount of \$26.00. Bro. Hensley asked the blessing on the offering.

Bro. Don Jones asked the blessing on the food and dismissed the morning session in prayer.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Precious Name." Prayer was led by Bro. Ford.

Moderator recognized visitors.

Moderator asked for reports from boards and committees.

Business Committee

Next conference to be at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky.

Home Mission Board gave no report.

Finance Committee

Reported \$329.62 with letters and offering.

Home Mission Dept. \$11.58 (National)

Foreign Mission Dept. 27.38

Bible College 27.38

Children's Home 27.38

Scholarship Fund \$78.78, Conference Home Mission Fund \$73.71, General Fund \$83.40.

Presbytery Board

Recognized the delegates from the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ky. Bro. Stiles made motion that we accept the Trinity Church into the conference. Bro. Boles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(Note) The church was examined by the board prior to the business session. Also to send for Bro. Thomas's letter from the Coastal Association.

Bro. moderator asked for nominations to the Presbytery Board. Bro. Thomas and Bro. Barber were nominated to fill the vacancy left by Bro. Newsome. Motion made and seconded that nominations cease, Motion carried. Bote was taken and Bro. Thomas was elected. Bro. Varney was nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease. Bro. Varney was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy left by Bro. Johnson.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board had no report.

Scholarship Committee

Reported \$681.20 in account and an application for a loan was taken. Motion was made and seconded to accept and grant loan to W. H. Hagan. Motion carried. Motion made to change name from Scholarship Fund to Student Loan Fund. Motion seconded and carried.

Moderator asked for discussion concerning Missionary Conference in each church. Bro. Varney volunteered to take this project on himself.

Registration Committee

| Ministers | Deacons | Delegates | Visitors | Total |
|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 5 | 4 | 22 | 15 | 46 |

Moderator asked for new business.

Bro. Tidwell questioned his standing in the Green River Association. Moderator asked that minutes be examined and report given at the February meeting concerning Bro. Tidwell's credentials.

Bro. Thomas gave a report on the Bowling Green Church and the bond program, the interest rates, and encouraged anyone to purchase. Bro. Hensley made a motion that the conference buy a \$500.00 bond from the Home Mission Fund Account from the Trinity Church. Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. Stiles gave a report on the work at the Glasgow Church and how God has blessed.

Bro. Matthews from the Hopkinsville Church gave his testimony of his faith and his call into the ministry. He gave an inspiring testimony.

Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded to adjourn, carried and we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Stiles.