

Feb. 12, 1977

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky., Feb. 12, 1977, for their annual meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing "Send The Light." Bro. Barber led in prayer.

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

Bro. David Thomas gave the devotion from 2 Peter 3:24 and Romans 1:16.

Moderator asked all standing delegates to rise and their responsibilities were given, and they are to seat the elected delegates.

Moderator read the rules of decorum to the conference.

Roll call of various boards as follows:

Presbytery Board.....Stands with Bro. Hall absent.

Board of Finance.....Stands with Bro. Webber absent.

Home Mission Board...Stands with Bro. Sam Bloomer absent.

Student Loan Board...Stands with Bro. Bob Hayes absent.

Business Committee...Stands with all present.

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

Clerk read annual letters from churches. Had discussion concerning annual date of letters, whether from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 or from Feb. 1 to Jan. 31. Motion was made to find conference notes on this date during the lunch hour and be brought back to the conference in the afternoon session. Motion seconded and carried. Motion made and seconded to accept letters as read with corrections to be made. Motion carried.

Moderator asked for information on Master's Men meetings. Bro. Thomas gave information that he had. There was no action taken.

Moderator asked that we take a 5 minute break.

After break, Bro. Jolly led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves." Moderator asked for prayer requests and Bro. Varney led in prayer. Bro. Cecil Garrett and daughter sang 2 songs.

Bro. Barber delivered the morning message in the absence of Bro. Shockey. His message was from 1 Peter 2:21, Wherein should Christians be faithful.

Morning offering was taken. Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hensley for lunch.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "God Leads Us Along" led by Bro. Jolly. Bro. Stiles led in prayer.

Moderator asked for reports from committees.

Business Committee

1. Recommended next conference to be at the Trinity FWB Church in Bowling Green.
2. Recommended the Green River Assn. host the State Assn. in 1978 (by approval of individual churches).

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

1. Motion made and seconded for next conference to be at the Trinity Church. Motion carried.

2. Assn. to invite State Assn. to this area for the 1978 session. Between now and next May meeting, individual churches are to send an invitation to the State Association. Motion made and seconded to do this. Motion carried.

Home Mission Board

Could not make a report on the work starting in Lexington because of the report on finances. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Board of Finance

Reported \$361.15 total received including amounts paid to Student Loan Fund. Of this paid to Home Mission Dept. \$11.80

Children's Home 11.80

Foreign Missions Dept. 11.80

Bible College 11.80

Motion made and seconded to receive report. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report, but asked for information to increase Sunday School attendance. Moderator said one thing, work, work, work. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Student Loan Committee

Reported \$517.40 in account. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Had selection of minister for the next conference meeting. Bro. Varney and Bro. Stiles were nominated. Bro. Stiles to be the speaker for the next conference.

Suggested we get someone from the Sunday School Dept. to speak at the annual meeting in Feb., 1978. Motion made to get Bro. Keith Kennimer from Dalton, Ga. Bro. Harrison also nominated. Motion made and seconded to get Bro. Kennimer. Had discussion, then motion carried to get Bro. Kennimer. Motion made and seconded to get Bro. Harrison for the alternate. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to let the S. S. & C.T.S. Board come up with a work shop. Motion carried.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
5	6	17	36	64

Moderator asked clerk to moderate the business for the election of moderator and asst. moderator.

Clerk asked for nominations for moderator. Bro. Varney was nominated and declined. Bro. Thomas and Bro. Stiles were nominated. Motion made and seconded that nominations cease. Carried. Bro. Thomas elected. Nominations for asst. moderator. Bro. Stiles nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Clerk turned business back to moderator. Moderator asked for nominations for clerk-treas. Bro. Hensley was nominated and declined. Bro. Cooper nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease. Carried. Bro. Cooper elected. Bro. Jones nominated for asst. clerk-treas. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and elect by acclamation.

Presbytery Board: Bro. Varney and Bro. Stiles nominated to fill vacancies. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease. Motion carried. Bro. Varney elected for 5 years. Bro. Stiles elected for 1 year.

Board of Finance: (3 year term) Bro. Dewey Hensley and Bro. Howard Burris nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease. Bro. Hensley elected.

Home Mission Board: (3 year term) Bro. Darrel Matthews and Bro. Sam Ford nominated. Motion made and seconded nominations cease. Motion carried. Bro. Sam Ford elected.

S.S. & C.T.S. Board: (3 year term) Bro. McDonald and Bro. David Thomas nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease. Motion carried. Bro. David Thomas was elected.

Business Committee: (3 year term) Bro. Don Jones and Bro. Gilbert Emberton nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease. Motion carried. Bro. Gilbert Emberton was elected.

Bro. Glenn Thomas was asked to appoint someone from the Trinity Church to serve on the Student Loan Committee. Bro. Larry Satterfield was appointed.

Bro. Wayne Garrett asked for someone to replace himself on the Student Loan Committee. Bro. Stiles appointed Bro. Howard Burris. Bro. Ford also asked that he be replaced. Bro. Rasnake appointed Bro. Darrel Matthews.

Moderator asked for suggestions on a meeting in Bowling Green, Feb. 18, with Bro. VanKlyve, Director of Deputation. Motion made and seconded to have this meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Bro. Cooper brought up subject of the conference sponsored missionary program to all the churches that will be coming up during the year. Motion made to take \$400.00 from the General Fund to finance this program. Motion was seconded. Had discussion on how to distribute the \$400.00. Suggestion was made to give \$100.00 to each missionary and \$100.00 to the Board of Foreign Missions. This amendment was seconded and entire motion carried. Motion made to pay the expenses from church to church. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made and seconded to send letters to clerk one week before the conference. Motion carried. Question was raised concerning the date of the annual letters. Clerk read from the 1974 minutes concerning this matter. The annual date is to read from Jan. 1 to Jan. 1.

Motion was made to change mileage expense for the missionaries from 15¢ to 20¢ per mile. Motion seconded and carried.

Clerk made motion to send delegates to State Association from conference. Mileage to be paid by conference. Motion made that conference moderator appoint delegates to State Association as they are available at the State meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Burris.

Officers frr the Green River Association of Free Will Baptists of Kentucky,
for 1977.

Moderator.....Bro. Glenn Thomas
Asst. Moderator....Bro. Robert Stiles

Clerk-Treas.....Bro. George Cooper
Asst. Clerk-Treas..Bro. Don Jones

Presbytery Board

5 years: Bro. Lincoln Varney
4 years: Bro. Bencie Rasnake
3 years: Bro. John Hall
2 years: Bro. George Cooper
1 year : Bro. Robert Stiles

Board of Finance

3 years: Bro. Dewey Hensley
2 years: Bro. Jerry Webber
1 year: Bro. Jessie Boles

Home Mission Board

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

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

3 years: Bro. David Thomas
2 years: Bro. Sam Bloomer
1 year: Bro. Sam Ford

Business Committee

3 years: Bro. Gilbert Emberton
2 years: Bro. Sam Ford
1 year: Bro. Dewey Hensley

Student Loan Fund Committee

Bro. Howard Burris....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. Darrel Matthews..Shady Lawn Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.
Bro. Larry Satterfield..Trinity Church, Bowling Green, Ky.

May 7, 1977

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ky. May 7, 1977 for the regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened with singing "Saviour Like a Shepherd." Bro. Hensley led in prayer.

Moderator introduced a program of the conference and introduced his church to the conference and welcomed everyone.

Moderator gave the devotion from Matthew 9:35-38 concerning great multitudes as sheep without a shepherd and stressed laborers in church not just members.

Moderator asked all standing delegates to rise and be recognized.

Clerk read list of elected delegates from churches. Delegates were recognized, their responsibilities were given, and they were seated in conference.

Moderator asked for a prayer of consecration to the work of the conference and prayer for a brother pastor (Cody Johnson). Other requests were made and prayer was led by Bro. Rasnake.

Clerk read church letters. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried. Letters on Bro. Varney and Bro. Thomas from past conferences recommending them to this conference were read and moderator asked for a motion to receive them into this conference. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Moderator read list of boards and committees.

Presbytery Board: Two absent.

Board of Finance: All present.

Student Loan Fund Committee: Bro. Hayes.

Home Mission Board: Bro. Key absent, Bro. Rasnake appointed.

Business Committee: Bro. Emberton absent, Bro. Crisp appointed.

Rules of decorum were read.

"More About Jesus" was sung. The morning offering was taken. "At Calvary" was sung during the offering. The Hall singers sang a special song.

Bro. Robert Stiles delivered the morning message from Hebrews 10:7-14.

Moderator gave directions to lunch and dismissed the morning session in prayer.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Trust And Obey." Bro. Larry Satterfield led in prayer. Bro. Dwight Woodward and wife sang a special song.

Moderator recognized a most excellent meal the aadies had prepared for the conference.

Bro. Troutman gave the devotion from Hosea 6.

Clerk read minutes of last meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried. Comment was made concerning receiving conference letters one week before conference. Moderator asked that an invitation be extended for the 1978 State Assn. to meet at the Louisville Church requested by Bro. Dewey Hensley. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Moderator asked for reports from boards and committees.

Presbytery Board

Recommended that Bro. Darrel Matthews be granted a license to preach. Motion was made and seconded to grant license. Motion carried.

Board of Finance

Reported received \$165.35, disbursed \$13.78 four ways. \$1,032.14 now in General Fund. Recommended to send \$13.78 to designated places. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Home Mission Board

Bro. Garrett gave a report of use of funds. Encouraged someone to use these funds to start a work and pray for a use of these funds. Total now is \$597.92. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Motion carried.

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

Oral report of last meeting concerning Bro. Kennimer was made. Was not able to contact him. Future effort will be made to contact him. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Business Committee

1. Recommended next conference be at the Hopkinsville Church.
2. Recommended Business Committee make recommendation for speaker at next conference meeting.

3. Recommended Digest Committee to compile all figures from church letters and read compiled figures instead of all letters individually.

Motion made and seconded to receive report. Motion carried. Vote was taken on items as follows:

Item 1. Motion made and seconded to have next conference at the Shady Lawn FWB Church in Hopkinsville. Motion carried.

Item 2. Motion made and seconded for Business Committee to select a speaker for the next conference. Motion carried.

Item 3. Motion was made and seconded to have Digest Committee compile all figures from church letters and read compiled figures instead of all letters. Floor was open for discussion. Motion was made to elect a committee as recommended. A vote was taken. Recommendation was not carried.

Scholarship Loan Committee

No applications received for loans. A funds report was given. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Motion carried.

Moderator asked preachers to stand so selection could be made for next conference. Bro. Thomas was nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Moderator gave a report on Missionary Conference and their labor to help a special family go to France.

Bro. Hensley gave a report on their church giving to Mission work. Their giving was double the amount asked for.

Bro. Rasnake put a motion on the floor that the Association finance the printing of the bulletin for the conference which was well accepted. Motion was withdrawn.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
8	6	27	25	66

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried and were dismissed by Bro. Thomas.

(Correct reading of letters to details only. Business Committee to select a nominee for next conference.)

State Meeting June 17-18.

August 13, 1977

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Shady Lawn Free Will Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Ky. on August 13, 1977 for its regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Bro. Varney led singing and led in prayer.

Bro. Rasnake, the host pastor welcomed everyone to the conference. He also gave the devotion. Scripture was taken from Matt. 28:16-20 and Luke 9:1-6.

Moderator recognized all standing delegates and gave them their charge. They are to seat elected delegates.

Moderator asked for receiving of church letters and seating of delegates. Moderator gave the charge to the elected delegates.

Moderator recognized 2 visiting ministers. They were Bro. Larry Gill of the FWB Church in Lexington, Ky. and Bro. Ed Shields from Detroit, Michigan.

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

Clerk read church letters, with modifications to some of the letters. Motion made and seconded to receive letters as read. Motion carried.

Moderator read rules of decorum.

Moderator asked for recommendations for someone to fill in on board vacancies. Bro. Jolly was asked to sit in for Bro. Cooper.

Student Loan Committee: Bro. Walter Davis from Owensboro Church.

Board of Finance: As is.

Home Mission Bd: As is.

S.S. & C.T.S. Bd: As is.

Business Committee: As is.

Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn from morning business for the worship service. The worship service was opened by singing "Oh How I Love Jesus." The morning offering was received. Bro. Dewey Hensley asked the blessing on the offering. Bro. Thomas's daughter sang "Heaven To Me."

Bro. Thomas delivered the morning message from 1 Corinthians 13:13 on Faith, Hope and Charity, also using scripture from Galatians, 1 Thes. 1:3 and Acts 3:1-3. The ingredients of Christian success was the theme of the message. "Have Thine Own Way" was sung as the invitation was given.

Bro. Rasnake gave the instructions to lunch. Bro. Gill dismissed the morning session and asked the blessing on the food.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "One Day." Bro. Bill Hager led in prayer.

Bro. Gill gave the devotion from John 21:1-17.

Moderator asked for reports from boards and committees.

Presbytery Board

Reported 3 men had requested license to preach, Tim Hall, Bill Hagar and Paul Watson. Motion made and seconded to accept. There was a discussion concerning the difference between being licensed and ordained. A man has to be licensed to preach to qualify to be ordained. After discussion the motion carried.

Board of Finance

Amount now in General Fund \$1,035.41. Motion made to receive report and adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Home Mission Board

Reported \$695.72 in account. Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Sunday School & C.T.S. Board

Expressed by moderator about special speaker for the annual meeting. Bro. Kennimer not available nor desired. Bro. Harrison, no report given on his availability for the annual meeting. Clerk to contact Bro. Thomas concerning this matter. There was no report. There was a question from the floor. Shouldn't conference allow Bro. Thomas to contact a speaker for the annual meeting? Bro. Thomas said he would work with the S.S. Board members of his church and contact if necessary.

Business Committee

Recommended next conference to be at the First FWB Church in Owensboro, Ky. and Bro. Rasnake to be the speaker. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Scholarship Loan Fund

Reported now in account \$1,482.72. Have an application from William Hager for a loan of \$300.00. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

(Note) \$1,278.68 now in balance.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates & Visitors	Total
4	6	37	47

Moderator asked for a brief report on the National Association meeting. Bro. Varney gave report, also Bro. Rasnake gave report. (Matter of information.) Bro. Hensley gave a report on recommendations of the National Association for the giving of each church to support the Association. The National Association will come to Louisville in 1981.

Moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality of the host church.

Clerk read letter from Bro. Barber requesting a letter from the Association. Moderator quoted the practice of this Assn. is to receive a letter of request from that Association (Little Brown Creek Association.) Moderator asked for a motion that we ask our clerk to ask Bro. Barber to have his Association send a request for a letter from the Green River Association. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. A matter of information. Printing some more by-laws for the conference. Had discussion. Request pastors to meet and review the need of the change of the by-laws if necessary. Bro. Rasnake asked that we pray and support the new preachers in our conference. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Note..Amounts sent to the 4 different locations.

Bible College.....\$34.96

Children's Home..\$34.96

Foreign Missions.\$34.96

Home Missions.....\$12.95

Nov. 12, 1977

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met with the First FWB Church of Owensboro, Ky. on Nov. 12, 1977 for its regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms " led by Bro. John Hall. Prayer was led by Bro. A. B. Troutman.

The Owensboro Church is still without a pastor, so Bro. John Hall welcomed everyone to the conference. After welcome, Bro. Hall turned the conference over to Bro. Robert Stiles, the assistant moderator. Bro. Stiles stated that Bro. Glenn Thomas, the moderator, was absent because of illness. Also that Bro. Thomas sent his regrets for not being able to be here.

Bro. Varney gave the morning devotion from Hebrews and used for a text, "No place for lazy Christians."

Moderator asked that all ordained authority and delegates stand and be recognized. He explained the duties and responsibilities of each. Moderator asked if all church letters had been turned in to clerk. Two had not been turned in as yet.

Moderator asked the elected delegates to stand. All churches were represented by elected delegates but Brotherhood Church. It was represented by letter.

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

Moderator read list of boards and committees and filled vacancy on S.S. & C.T.S. Board. All others to stand as read. Motion made and seconded for Bro. Wyatt to fill in. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded for Bro. Jerry Troutman to fill in. Motion carried.

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

Moderator mentioned contacting Bro. Harrison as speaker for the Annual meeting and asked Bro. Cooper to explain about this. Bro. Cooper told conference that Bro. Harrison had been contacted and that he would be able to be at the Annual meeting.

Bro. Hall asked for permission to make a motion for Bro. Tim Hall to serve on the S.S. & C.T.S. Board instead of Bro. Jerry Troutman. Bro. Troutman is to be questioned for license to preach. Permission was granted and Bro. Hall made motion for Bro. Tim Hall to serve on the S.S. & C.T.S. Board. Motion seconded and carried.

Moderator asked for the church letters to be read. Bro. Jones asked moderator for permission to talk a little about the numbers on the church letters and their importance before he read the letters. Permission was granted and Bro. Jones stated the importance of the numbers being put on the different phases of the church letters. Also that it is of interest to see how the churches are doing and the completion is of much value.

Bro. Jones read the church letters. Moderator asked how many and which letters were late. Two letters were late, the Brotherhood Church and the Bowling Green Church. Also had not received the letter from the Friendship Church. All church letters are to be sent to the clerk at least a week before the conference meeting. Motion made and seconded to receive letters. Motion carried. Moderator mentioned the need of filling out the letters completely.

Moderator asked Bro. Jones to dismiss for a short break before the morning message.

The worship service was opened by singing "I Feel Like Traveling On" led by Bro. John Hall. Bro. Jimmy Taylor led in prayer. Bro. John Hall sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me." Moderator asked for an alter of prayer for Bro. Thomas and that we also pray for each other. Other requests were made. Had prayer.

Bro. Rasnake delivered the morning message from John 1:12, 15:16 and 16:6-20.

Morning offering was taken in the amount of \$38.31.

Were dismissed in prayer for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Bro. Jerry Troutman led in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was given by Bro. Jerry Troutman. He used scripture from Matthew 7:13-14 using for thought, Two Ways, the broad way to destruction and the Narrow Way to Life everlasting.

Moderator called for reports from boards and committees.

Business Committee

Recommended the next conference be at the First FWB Church in Louisville, Ky. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Home Missions

Reported \$98.00 to go into account making a total of \$793.72. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board

Reported that Bro. Jerry Troutman was examined for license to preach the Gospel. Motion made and seconded to accept report and Bro. Jerry to be licensed. Motion carried.

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

Reported that Bro. Harrison will be the speaker at the Annual meeting. Also stressed need for S.S. & C.T.S. in all churches. Requested that at next conference meeting to have Friday night for Young People to meet. Report was given by Bro. Tim Hall and Bro. David Thomas. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to have a young people's meeting. Motion carried.

Student Loan Committee

Reported \$106.73 to go into account making a total of \$1,403.12. Motion was made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded for next conference to be at Louisville. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to give Bro. Harrison \$100.00 for expense money. Motion carried.

Registration Committee

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
8	7	12	34	61

Finance Committee

Reported that there was \$123.00 with church letters and \$38.31 in morning offering, making a total of \$161.31. Amount to go to four locations as follows:

Children's Home	\$13.44 + \$28.18
Bible College	13.44 + \$28.18
Foreign Missions	13.44 + \$28.18
Home Missions	13.44

10% of balance offering to Student Loan Fund \$9.75. Motion made and seconded to accept report and send monies to these locations. Motion carried.

Bro. Varney asked who was to be responsible for the youth meetings. Motion was made and seconded for the host pastor to be responsible. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to send letter of recommendation to the Little Brown Creek Association for Bro. Barber. Motion carried and clerk is to send Bro. Barber's letter to the clerk of the Little Brown Creek Assn.

Moderator announced that the clerk had copies of the annual letters and for each church to pick them up after we are dismissed.

Moderator requested a rising vote of thanks to the host church. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Were dismissed in prayer.

NOTE..The reason for difference in figures is the Friendship Church letter was received after the conference and they designated \$28.18 to all four except the Home Mission Dept. Also \$25.00 to the conference and \$28.18 to the Student Loan Fund.

These are added to the totals.

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