

The Green River Assn. of Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Owensboro, Ky on Nov. 10, 1979 for it's regular quarterly meeting.

The Assn. was opened by singing, "Revive Us Again." Bro. Clerk then ask bro. Jerry Troutman to come and give a devotion and then to lead the conference in prayer. Bro. Troutman brought a wonderful devotion from, Heb. 8:8 then he lead the conference in prayer.

After devotion bro. clerk welcomed everyone to the conference. He then introduced bro. moderator to the conference and then turned conference over to moderator for the business session. Bro. moderator then came forward and gave welcome and thanked the church for the invitation to the conference.

Bro. moderator then introduced the standing delegates to the conference, and gave them their duties and responsibilities.

Bro. moderator then ask the clerk to read list of elected delegates. Bro. clerk read list of elected delegates. Motion made and seconded to accept the reading and to seat delegates. Motion carried. Their duties were then given by moderator.

Bro. moderator then mentioned the visitors previlages in the conference. their idea's would be accepted but they could not vote. Bro. moderator stressed the importance of all church members attending the conference meetings.

Bro. moderator recognized corresponding messengers and visitors from other locations. Chaplain Langford from Fort Campbell, Ky. Larry Inscoe, Missionary from Panama. The Hershel White family from Tenn. Bro. moderator welcomed all visitors and gave them their previlages.

Bro. moderator then read rules of decorum. He ask all to stand when speakin and to address the moderator. As bro. moderator read the rules of Decorum he explained them and also mentioned the importance of abiding by them.

Bro. moderator then read the list of boards and committees and filled vacancies as needed.

PRESBYTERY BOARD: There was 1 absent but could serve with the ones present.

BOARD OF FINANCE: There was 1 absent, bro. James Anderson was appointed to fill vacancy.

HOME MISSION BOARD: All present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. BOARD: All absent. Those appointed to serve were, bro. Chess White, bro. Phillip Purves and bro. Darrell Matthews.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: There was 1 absent. Bro. Wayne Howard was appointed to fill vacancy.

APPOINTMENT OF STATISTICAL COMMITTEE: Those appointed were, Sis. Audrey Hensley, Sis. Vonda Cooper and Sis. Peggy Crisp.

STUDENT LOAN FUND COMMITTEE is now consolidated with the Board of Finance. Bro. Tim Hall was appointed to fill in on this committee.

Bro. moderator then ask clerk to read minutes from the last meeting. Minutes were read by clerk. Motion was made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

Bro. moderator ask bro. Gilliland to give a report concerning the mens praye retreat. Bro. Gilliland gave a report and so far there is nothing available. This is to be put off until spring, with a possibility of finding a place in Burksville. Bro. Gilliland told the conference that if anyone knows of an available place to let him know.

We then had a short break and after break bro. moderator ask bro Ford to come and lead in congregational singing. We sang, "We shall Rise." Then we had prayer led by bro. Ernest Thomas.

Bro. Moderator then read requests from letters. The First church in Glasgow ask for the next conference and also ask that bro. Ben Key's liscenses to preach be re-instated. The First church in Owensboro also ask for the next conference.

Bro. moderator then turned the service over to asst. moderator, bro. Gilliland. Bro. Gilliland ask bro. Troutman and bro. Thomas to come and lift the offering. Offering was lifted in the amount of, \$44.47

Bro. Gilliland then ask for special singing. Bro. Darrell Matthews and wife came and sang, "Is it well with my soul." We were blessed by the singing.

After singing bro. Bro. Gilliland mentioned the importance of the preaching

of God's word. He then introduced bro. Langford, Chaplain from Fort Campbell, for the morning message. Bro. Langford came and gave a wonderful report concerning the Chaplancy. The number of Free Will Baptist Chaplains, (4 Army, 2 Air Force, 1 Coast Guard and 1 working toward Navy.) He also gave a wonderful testimony about himself and some of what he had to do to become a Chaplain. (4 years of college, 3 Seminary 2 to 4 years Pastoral work.) Also as to how the services are carried on where he is. This was all good, then for the message he used scripture from 2nd. Tim. ch. 1 v's 7-13. Three points used in his message were,

1. Strong men of conviction of sin.
2. Conviction of our responsibilities of witnessing.
3. Convictions of the nearness of Christ's second coming.

Bro. Langford brought a wonderful and inspiring message and there was conviction in the message.

Bro. moderator expressed his thanks to bro. Langford for the message and for him being with us in the meeting.

Bro. moderator then ask bro. Kasnake to give directions for lunch, and ask all committees to meet during the lunch hour. We were then dismissed in prayer for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Blessed be the Name." Then sis. Matthews led girls in some wonderful singing.

Bro. moderator then ask bro. Wayne Howard to come and lead in prayer. After prayer bro. moderator ask bro. Inscoe to come and tell about his work in Panama. Bro. Inscoe came and gave a wonderful report concerning the work in Panama. We were blessed from the report that he gave.

Bro. moderator then ask for reports from various boards and committee's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & C.T.S. BOARD: Reported that last year the enrollment in Sunday School was 573 and this year 574. The average attendance was 443 last year and 445 this year. C.T.S. had an increase of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Last year the enrollment was 143 and this year it was 161. The average attendance was 121 last year and 136 this year. There was two suggestions made as follows:

(1) To have a talent hunt in the local churches for the teens, ages, 13 through 19 and these to be brought to the conference. This to be on Friday night before at the church where the conference is to meet.

(2) to have a membership drive and to use the plan that is called ATTRACT: Motion made and seconded to accept report and act upon these two items. There was a discussion concerning these items, then vote was taken. Motion carried to act on these. Motion made and seconded to accept these two suggestions and to use them. Motion carried. There is to be a TEEN talent hunt on Friday night before the Saturday meeting of the Conference in February at which ever church the conference is to meet at.

HOME MISSION BOARD: Requested prayer for the churches. Reported there was \$98.00 for the Home Mission account, making a total of \$1672.72 in the Home Mission fund.

Bro. moderator made mention that there was a man that was interested in starting a work in Jay Town. There was a discussion on this.

STATISTIC REPORT: There was 8 ministers, 6 deacons, 12 delegates and 19 visitors making a total of 49. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Recommended the next conference to be at the First Free Will Baptist church in Glasgow. Recommended we give the Host church and the Ladies a vote of thanks for everything. Motion made and seconded to accept and act on these items. Motion carried.

(1) Motion made and seconded for the next meeting of the conference to be at the First Free Will Baptist church in Glasgow. Motion carried.

(2) Motion made and seconded to give a vote of thanks to the Host church and the Ladies. Motion carried and a vote of thanks was given.

PRESBYTERY BOARD: Recommended to Re-Instate bro. Ben Key's License to preach. Recommended to send a committee to the Friendship church to see about their interest concerning the conference, and also about their preacher, him

There was quarterly reports received from 4 liscensed ministers. Motion made and seconded to receive report and act on these two items.

Item 1..Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Item 2..motion made and seconded to accept. Motion carried. Committee was appointed consisting of Bro. Crisp, bro. Gilliland and bro. Rasnake. Suggestion was made that the clerk go for keeping record.

Liscensed ministers reports were good. Recommended report be approved. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD OF FINANCE: There was \$44.47 in the morning offering, total for the General fund was \$91.65 making a total now of \$779.25. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Bro. moderater then gave a report concerning the land in East Kentucky that Jim Cox had given to the Free Will Baptists.

He then ask that the churches try to help in paying off the \$30,000.00 debt of the Bethel Bible Institute.

Bro. Tim Hall gave a report about the Institute that was being carried on in Owensboro, Ky. A good report was given. There was 21 enrolled.

Bro. Gilliland gave a report about the Bible College and the need of giving to help them. He made mention of the \$1,000.00 that had been ask to give at the State meeting and had been turned down. He ask that the Green River Assn. take on the responsibility of giving this amount. This to be taken care of in the following manner. The money given from the Conference, Churches in the conference and individuals in the churches to be applied to this amount until it was taken care of. Motion was made and seconded to take care of this in this manner. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by bro. Leonard Jelly to give bro. Larry Inscoe a gift of \$100.00. Motion seconded and motion carried.

Motion was then made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried and we were dismissed in prayer.