

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists, met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Glasgow, Ky. on May 10, 1980 for it's combined Annual and 1st. and 2nd. quarterly meeting's.

The meeting was opened by singing, "At Calvary". Bro. Hall was asked to lead in prayer.

After singing and prayer bro. clerk then turned the service over to the moderator for the carrying on of the business.

Bro. moderator ask if everyone had received the reports. (the two quarterly and the annual reports.) Bro. mod. then ask bro. Dewey Hensley to come and give the devotion. Bro. Hensley came and gave the devotion, using scriptures from Matt. 28: 5-7. Bro. Hensley brought a wonderful devotion.

After devotion, bro. moderator asked for role call of delegates to be read by clerk. Role call of delegates was read by clerk. All were present but 2. Bro. mod. then read list of standing delegates. He then ask for a motion and second to receive the elected delegates. Motion made and seconded to receive elected delegates. Motion carried.

Bro. moderator then gave the duties and responsibilities of the delegates. He then ask if there was any corresponding messengers. There was none. Bro. mod. ask if there was any visitors. There was four. Bro. James O. McCowan from Muncie, Ind. Bro. and sis. E.B. McDonald from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. and bro. Jerry Rhodes from Hopkinsville, Ky. Bro. mod. then gave them their previlages.

Bro. mod. then read rules of Decorum and explained them as they were read. He also ask that we abide by these rules.

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

Bro. moderator then had clerk to read minutes from last meeting. Minutes were read from the Nov. 1979 meeting. Bro. mod. ask if corrections to be made there was none.

The unfinished business was put off until the afternoon session. We had a short break. After break we went back into session by singing, "Breathe on me."

Asst. moderator, bro. Gilliland ask bro. Treutman to come and lead in prayer and ask the blessing on the offering. Bro. Treutman came and lead in prayer. The morning offering was lifted in the amount of \$57.00.

We then had special singing by sis. Stephanie Varney, "Thank God for the Lighthouse."

Bro. Gilliland then introduced bro. E.B. McDonald to the conference as the morning speaker. Bro. McDonald came for the message and gave some good info. about the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and the appreciation that was shown by the church for the College.

Bro. McDonald used scripture from Jude 1-3. also from 1st. Cor. 15 and from Eph. 4 for the message. Bro. McDonald brought a wonderful and inspiring message on, "Contending for the faith." He ask in closing that we challenge ourselves to contend for the faith. Then prayer and turned the service back to the moderator.

Bro. moderator ask that we take this message and apply it to our lives. An invitation was given and we had an Alter of prayer.

Bro. moderator ask that all committees meet during the lunch hour. He ask bro. Gilliland to give instructions for lunch, and then ask the blessing on the food. We were then dismissed for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "The Old Rugged Cross." Bro. moderator had all to stand from various churches. Also ask if there was announcements from various churches. Bro. Jerry Troutman made some announcements concerning his evangelistic work. Phillip Purvis gave a report concerning the youth competition. It was to be Sat. June 14 at the First Free Will Baptist church in Louisville, Ky. at 10:00 A.M.

Unfinished business to wait until after reports.

Bro. moderator then ask for reports from various boards and committees. Sunday school and C.T.S. report: Recommended that the conference send \$15.00 to the State with applications by June 1. Encouraged all churches that do not have C.T.S. to try and get one started. Motion made and 2nd. to accept and act on recommendation. Motion made and seconded to send the \$15.00 to the State Youth conference.

Home Mission Board: There was no request for assistance from any church, but recommended to send bro. Adams \$200.00 to help in the work in Lexington. Motion made and seconded to accept report and act on recommendation. Motion made and seconded to send bro. Adams \$200.00. Motion carried.

Statistical Report: Ministers Deacons Delegates Visitors Total
9 7 21 51 88

Board of Finance: \$631.47 in checking account and \$57.00 in morning offering. Also that the financial statement is in the copies that had been handed out. There was no applications for a student loan. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Business Committee Report: Recommended the next meeting be at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bowling Green. The next Annual speaker to be Bro. Ken Riggs. The Next quarterly meeting speaker be bro. Tim Hall. Recommend to give the Louisville church another \$50.00. Also made a talk concerning a news letter and ask each church to think about this and if they wanted to have one to decide on it in 3 months. Recommended to give a rising vote of thanks to the church and ladies for the good meal. Motion made and seconded to receive report and act on it item by item. Motion carried.

(1) Motion made and seconded for the next quarterly meeting to be at the Bowling Green church. Motion carried.

(2) Motion made and seconded for the next annual speaker to be bro. Ken Riggs. Motion carried. Alternate to be decided on at the next meeting if needed.

(3) Motion made and seconded the next quarterly speaker to be bro. Tim Hall. Motion carried, and bro. Jerry Troutman be the alternate.

(4) Motion made and seconded to give the Louisville church \$50.00 to help in expense of the State meeting. Motion carried.

(5) Then ask we stand and give rising vote of thanks to the church for the meal. This was then done.

Mention was made concerning the Bethel Echo paper and mentioned all that wanted to receive it to give their name and address to the moderator. Also a talk was made concerning church and conference news letters.

Presbytery Board Report: There was 4 liscensed ministers turned in a report.

A report was given on the meeting with the Friendship church. The church ask the conference to send them names of any available preachers for a Pastor. Recommended that we help this church secure a pastor. Each church, if they have one to give the name and address to the clerk so he can send it to them. Recommend that bro. William Hager be Ordained. He has been call to pastor a church in Ill. He has answered the questions satisfactorly. Motion made and seconded to receive report and act on item by item. Motion carried.

(1) Motion made and seconded to receive report of liscensed ministers. Motion carried.

(2) Motion made and seconded to assist in getting a pastor for the Friendship church. Bro. Troutman offered to help temporarily. Motion carried.

(3) Recommended bro. William Hager be ordained. Motion made and seconded,

Election of officers:

PRESBYTERY BOARD: Bro. Tim Hall was elected for 5 years, replacing bro. John Hall.

BOARD OF FINANCE: Three elected. 5 years: Bro. Dewey Hensley.

4 years: Bro. Mitch Edwards. 3 years: Bro. Larry Satterfield.

HOME MISSION BOARD: 3 years, bro. Joseph Bilbrey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. BOARD: 3 Years: Bro. Charles Potts.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Bro. Donnie Houk

Asst. Clerk/treas. Bro. Don Jones.

Clerk/treas. Bro. George Cooper.

Moderator; Bro. John Gilliland.

Asst. Mod. Bro. Lincoln Varney.

After the election of officers, bro. moderator ask that the conference go into the ordination service. He then turned the service over to the chairman of the Presbytery board. Bro. Rasnake came forward and ask that bro. and sis. Hager come forward forward for the ordination of bro. Hager. Bro. Rasnake then read scripture and ask bro. Hager some questions concerning his calling into the ministry. These questions were all answered excellent. Bro. Rasnak ask bro. Crisp to come and lead in the ordination prayer. Then bro. Varney ask that all come for prayer. After prayer he ask that everyone give bro. Hager a right hand of fellowship.

We were then adjourned until the next meeting in August at the Bowling Green church.

August 9, 1980

The Green River Assn. of Free Will Baptists met with the Trinity Free Will Baptist church in Bowling Green, Ky. for it's regular quarterly meeting. The service was began by singing, "How wonderful" led by host song leader. The service was then opened by clerk. Welcome was given then bro. Dewey Hensley led the congregation in prayer. Bro. clerk then turned the service over to the moderator. Bro. moderator then ask bro. Varney to come and give a devotion. Bro. Varney used scripture from Romans 12:1-3 for the devotion. Bro. Varney brought a wonderful devotion on feeding the sheep, presenting of our bodies to the Lord and committing of ourselves to the Lord. Also the importance of setting goals. After devotion then prayer by bro. Varney.

Bro. moderator then had reports and program past out to the congregation. Then ask all ministers to sign reg. Bro. mod. then ask clerk to read the list of elected delegates. List of elected delegates was then read by clerk. Bro. moderator then read list of standing delegates and then list of boards and committees and filled vacancies as needed.

Home Mission board: Tommy Davis appointed to fill in. S. S. & C.T.S. board: Billy Garrett, Jessie Craddock and Jim Anderson were appointed to fill in.

Business committee: Walter Thomas, Sam Bloomer and Billy Butler were appointed to fill in.

Presbytery board and board of finance were both o.k. to serve. After the reading of standing delegates and filling of vacancies on various boards and committees, the delegates were seated.

Bro. moderator then ask for corresponding messengers. There was two, bro. Robert Helms and bro. J.D. Capps. Bro. moderator then welcomed visitors to the conference.

Bro. moderator then read rules of decorum and ask that we abide by them. Bro. moderator ask clerk to read minutes from last meeting. Minutes were then read by clerk. Bro. moderator made mention that bro. Ken Riggs will be the speaker at the Annual meeting and ask the Business Committee to select an alternate.

Bro. moderator then ask if there was any unfinished business? Bro. Varney mentioned the idea of a conf. news letter, and made a suggestion that churches correspond with churches instead of a news letter. Motion was made and seconded that each pastor correspond instead of having a news letter. Motion carried.

We then had a short break from business.

After short break we were called back by music, then a congregational song, He Keeps Me Singing. After singing we had prayer by bro. Robert Helms, then the morning offering was lifted in the amount of \$62.66.

We then had special singing by host church singers. Some wonderful singing and we were blessed as they sang.

After singing, bro. moderator turned the service over to bro. Tim Hall for the morning message. Bro. Hall used scripture from Eze. 22:30-31 and brought a wonderful message. The Lord blessed as bro. Hall preached. After message bro. Hall ask bro. Gilliland to come and give the invitation. We had an altar call of prayer. After prayer we had a christian hand shake. Bro. moderator then ask bro. Ben Key to lead in prayer for the people that were in the Hurricane area and also to ask the blessing on the food.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by music. Bro. moderator announced that the youth was meeting down stairs, and would try to have a meeting from now on. Bro. moderator ask for announcements. Sis. Gilliland made an announcement concerning the Womans Aux. There was 11 out of 140 represented at the State Womans Aux. The Green River Conf. has 7 churches, 5 reported they have a Womans Aux. but only 2 in the Conf. that belong to the Conf. Aux. She encouraged all Aux. to belong to the conf. aux. She also mentioned the different goals that the Womans Aux. have taken on for the coming year. Sis. Gilliland gave a good report and mentioned that there would be a district meeting in the near future. She also encouraged all churches that don't have a Womans Sux. to try to get one started. Will let us know as soon as possible when the district meeting will be.

We then had cong. singing while waiting for committees to finish. We sang,

Then prayer by bro. Satterfield.

After prayer, pastors from various churches introduced themselves to the conference.. We had three visitors, bro. Chandler and bro. Helms from Indiana. bro. Jessie Capps from Edmondton, Ky. They gave good testimonies.

We then had the reports. (bro. Garrett)

Sunday School and C.T.S. report: There is 7 churches in the conference and the enrollment is 696 and average attendance is 525. Mentioned that the Nat. Sunday School campaign is Oct. 1st. encouraged everyone to take advantage of the literature. C.T.S. enrollment 155 average attendance 170. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Discussion was had then motion carried.

Home Board report: Bro. Key gave the report. He gave a good report and mentioned that there is \$1773.22 in the Home Mission fund. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Statistic committee report: Ministers Deacons Delegates Visitors Total
10 5 21 44 80

Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Board of Finance: Bro. Dewey Hensley gave report. He gave the amounts that were to be sent to the designated places as follows: F.W.B. Bible College \$37.48 F.W.B. Home for children \$37.48 F.W.B. Foreign Mission Dept. \$37.48 F.W.B. Home Mission Dept. \$15.47. There was \$123.00 with church letters, and the morning offering of \$62.66. Amount in General fund was \$481.47 after today there will be \$592.87. We recommend to give \$200.00 to the Bethel Bible Institute. Motion made and seconded to accept report and adopt recommendation.

Bro. Dewey made mention that we had one application requesting a loan from the student loan fund. Stephen Cooper ask for a loan of \$500.00, we recommend that we grant him this loan. Motion made and seconded, motion carried. Amount now in student loan fund including today's offerings is, \$2849.00

Business committee: Given by Billy Butler: Five items were given as follows, 1. Recommended the next conference be at the Brotherhood Free Will Baptist church in Glasgow, Ky.

2. Recommended that we get bro. Harold Harrison as the alternate speaker for the annual meeting in Feb.

3. Recommended that bro. Ricky Proffitt be the speaker for the next conference meeting.

4. Recommended that the conference buy the clerk a breifcase.

5. Recommended that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the fine meal and hospitality.

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

All items approved as read.

Presbytery board report: Given by bro. Tim Hall:

Bro. Hall reported that bro. Eugene Garrett has left the Free Will Baptist and gone to another denomination. He has written a letter and turned in his liscense. Recommended that we void his liscense.

The conference that bro. Hager has joined has requested a letter of recommendation for him and we recommend that we grant him a letter of recommendation.

Recommend that we grant bro. Ricky Proffitt a liscense to preach.

Motion made and seconded to accept report and act on item by item.

Motion carried. All three items approved as read.

Recommend that anyone coming to conference to be orally examined be given a copy of questions and they are to be returned 3 months before ordination.

Motion made and seconded to accept this and for it to be standard procedure.

Motion carried.

Motion was then made and seconded to give bro. Adams \$250.00 from the conference Home Mission fund. Motion carried.

We were then dismissed in prayer until the next meeting which will be Sat.

Nov. 8, 1980

Officers, Boards and committees for the Green River Association of Free Will Baptists, for the year of 1980 are as follows.

MODERATOR:

John Gilliland

ASST. MODERATOR:

Lincoln Varney

CLERK/TREASURER

George Cooper

ASST. CLERK/TREASURER

Don Jones

PRESBYTERY BOARD:

5 yrs. Tim Hall

4 yrs. John Gilliland

3 yrs. George Crisp

2 yrs. Lincoln Varney

1 yr. Bencie Rasnake

BOARD OF FINANCE:

5 yrs. Dewey Hensley

4 yrs. Mitch Edwards

3 yrs. Larry Satterfield

2 yrs. Ernest Thomas

1 yr. Jessie Beles

HOME MISSION BOARD:

3 yrs. Joseph Bilbrey

2 yrs. Leonard Jelly

1 yr. Ben Key

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. BOARD:

3 yrs. Charles Potts

2 yrs. Curtis Perkins

1 yr. Paul Watson

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

3 yrs. Donnie Houk *Ricky Proffitt*

2 yrs. Sam Ford

1 yr. Wayne Garrett

November 8, 1980

The Green River Assn. of Free Will Baptists met with the Brotherhood Free Will Baptist church on Nov. 8, 1980, for it's regular quarterly meeting. Bro. Crisp came and welcomed everyone and gave information concerning lunch. He then led the congregation in singing, "Where the soul never dies." Bro. moderator ask bro. Tim Hall to lead in prayer. After prayer the business was called to order by clerk. He read Isiah 1-18 and turned the service over to the moderator.

Bro. moderator ask bro. Ben Key to come and give a devotion. Bro. Key read scripture from John 14:1-7 and brought a good devotion.

Bro. moderator then ask clerk to read list of elected delegates. List of delegates was then read by clerk. Bro. moderator then ask elected delegates and standing delegates to stand and be recognized. Motion made and seconded to seat delegates. Motion carried.

Bro. moderator ask if there was any visitors. Bro. J.D. O'Donnell from the Bethel Bible Institute. Bro. Sandy Adams and bro. Larry Goff from Lexington. Bro and sis. Garrett from Cannelton, Ind. They were then welcomed to the Assn.

Bro. moderator ask if anyone needed a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Assn. Copies were then passed out by clerk. Bro. moderator then read rules of decorum.

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

Board of finance; Norman Keith and Louis Anderson.

Home Mission Board; Cecil Garrett.

Sunday School and C.T.S. board: Preston Sowers, Jerry Troutman and Billy Butler.

Business committee: Bro. Crisp ask that bro. Houk be replaced, as he has moved to Greensburg. Bro. Crisp nominated bro. Ricky Proffit. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

All other committees were o.k. to serve.

Bro. moderator ask clerk to read minutes from last meeting. Minutes were read and approved as read.

Clerk then read list of churches requesting next meeting of conference.

We then had a short break. After break we were called back into session by singing, "When we all get to heaven," led by bro. Crisp. After singing, bro. mod. ask the congregation to sing, "Amazing Grace." And to have a christian hand shake. After hand shake we had an altar of prayer led by bro. O'Donnell.

After prayer we had special singing by bro. Norman Keith and children. After singing the morning offering was lifted in the amount of \$44.85

Bro. moderator then turned the service over to bro. Ricky Proffit for the morning message. Bro. Proffit used scripture from 1st. Samuel ch. 17 for his message. His text was, Preparing for the Battle. He brought a wonderful message then ask bro. Crisp to come and give the invitation. Bro. Crisp ask for Just as I am to be played. We had an altar of prayer and then service turned back to moderator. Bro. moderator ask for testimonies. Wonderful testimonies were given. We were then dismissed in prayer for lunch and fellowship. Prayer by bro. Adams.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Come unto me." Then prayer by bro. Varney. We then had testimonies and acquaintance, then more congregational singing.

Bro. moderator then ask bro. O'Donnell to come and give a report on the Bethel Bible Institute. Bro. O'Donnell came and gave a good report. He gave information about the need of churches in various cities in the state. About the State meeting asking each church for an additional \$25.00 to help out in the 1981 meeting of the National Association in Louisville, Ky. He gave a good report concerning the Camp Caleb. He also mentioned the news letter and ask that everyone get it. He gave an encouraging report concerning the Bethel Bible Institute.

Bro. moderator then ask bro. Adams to come and give a report on the work in Lexington, Ky. He made mention that they have bought some ground for building for \$26,000.00. They hope to break ground for building either this Nov. or Dec. He gave a good report about the work and ask for prayer for the work and also for financial support.

Bro. moderator then ask everyone to read with him in the constitution and by-laws concerning the sending in of the letters on time. This is to be enforced by the next conference meeting. He encouraged everyone to abide by this.

We then had reports from various boards and committees.

Sunday school and C.T.S. report: There was 6 of the 7 churches reported. Enrolment for these 6 churches was, 612. Average attendance was 79. Just 2 of these churches have C.T.S. and the enrolment is 115 with an average attendance of 16. Encouraged each church to try to improve on both of these ministeries. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Home mission board: Recommended to give bro. Adams \$250.00 for the work in Lex. Motion made and seconded to accept report and to give the recommended amount. Motion carried.

Statistical report:	Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
	7	4	17	19	47

Board of finance:	Amount in General fund,	\$484.80
	Home Mission	\$1523.22
	Student Loan fund	\$2501.57

Amount sent to 4 designated locations as follows;

Bible college	\$36.80
Childrens Home	\$36.80
Foreign Missions	\$36.80
Home Mission Dept.	\$11.48

There is no applications for loans at this time.

Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Business Committee: Recommend to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the fellowship and food.

Recommend that the next meeting be at the First F. W. B. church in Glasgow.

Motion made and seconded to accept report and act on these two items. Carried.

[1] Rising vote of thanks was given to host church.

[2] Vote was taken and next conference meeting to be at the first church in Glasgow.

Presbytery board: Two liscensed ministers turned in report. Recommended to accept report of ministers. Motioned and seconded to accept reports. carried

Made mention that all Ordained ministers are to bring their reports to the annual in Feb. Motion made and seconded to accept presb. report. Motion carried.

Clerk ask that all churches send him the \$25.00 requested by the State Assn. so he can send it on to them.

Bro. O'Donnel ask all pastors to send 35mm slides of church to bro. Varney, this to be used at the National meeting.

Bro. Dewey Hensley ask for a few minutes to meet with the finance committee. Granted to him.

Bro. Crisp announced they are to have a revival conducted by him and bro. Proffit. We then sang, "Just over in the glory land."

Bro. mod. then took the floor. Bro. Jerry Troutman mentioned a possible mistake in the reports of Sunday school and C.T.S. This is corrected on report in letter.

Bro. Dewey then came and they recommend to give bro. O'Donnel \$100.00 for the Bethel Bible Institute. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

We then had a few announcements as follows. Bro. Varney, Revival with bro. Jerry Troutman, Nov. 21, 22, & 23 He mentioned a good revival with bro. Johnson.

Woman's Aux. to have a meeting Dec. 13 at the First church in Glasgow at 9 A.M. with sis. Hensley in charge. All ladies invited to attend. Louisville Aux. is having a retreat this Friday [Nov. 14] they ask that all attend if possible.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried and we were dismissed in prayer by bro. Dewey Hensley.