

February 8, 1986

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists met with the North Side Free Will Baptist Church in Bowling Green for the Annual meeting. The morning session was opened by singing, "Victory in Jesus." Bro. moderator ask bro. Bob White to lead in prayer. After prayer, bro. moderator ask bro. Roy Swisher to come and give welcome and bring the morning devotion. Bro. Swisher read scriptures from Psalms 139 verses 23 & 24.

Bro. mod. then ask for a seating of standing delegates. Bro. moderator ask clerk to read list of delegates from the church letters. Bro. clerk read list of delegates and alternates. Bro. moderator then ask for a motion to seat delegates. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. moderator then read rules of decorum and asked that we abide by these rules.

We then had appointment of committees as were needed. Presbytery Board.....3 present.

Board of finance and student loan.....3 present.

Home Mission Board.....Appointed to serve are as follows, Bro. Frank Riddle, Bro. Roy Swisher and bro. Winkler.

Sunday School and C.T.S....Appointed to serve are as follows, Bro. Bruce Edwards, bro. Bill Garrett and bro. Terry Tate.

Business Committee.....Appointed to serve are as follows, Bro. Gary Taylor, (already on board) bro. NeSmith and bro. Leon Cook.

Statistical Committee.....Sis. Nell Hall, McHayes and sis. Angela Rasnake.

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

Bro. moderator then recognized all churches that were present.

Bro. Hensley made a motion that all boards meet at 1:10 P.M. to move on the offerings to the conference. Motion and seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. moderator then dismissed for a short break. After short break, bro. moderator called the session back to order for the morning worship service. We had congregational singing, "The Lily of the valley." then an alter of prayer. Prayer requests were made before prayer.

After prayer the morning offering was lifted in the amount of \$107.73.

Bro. moderator then ask for special singing. There was some testimonies, thanking the Lord for what He had done. Bro. Swisher sang, "I will rise again." What a happy time that will be and what a happy day.

Bro. moderator then introduced Dr. Picirilli and asked him to come and bring the morning message. Bro. Picirilli read scriptures from 2nd. Peter 1:20 & 21 and 2nd. Timothy 3: 14-17. Speaking on indifference toward the scripture emphasizing 2nd. Timothy 3:16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. A very inspiring message was enjoyed.

An invitation was given by bro. moderator, we sang, "Have thine own way," as the invitation was given. There was a full altar during the invitation.

Bro. moderator ask bro. Swisher to come and give the directions for the lunch. Bro. Bob white ask the blessing on the food and dismissed from the morning worship.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing, When we all get to heaven." We then had prayer led by bro. Winkler. Bro. Sturdivant was then ask to come and sing for us. He sang, "It's my desire to be like Jesus." A trio from the local church sang, "Since Jesus came into my heart." Bro. Tim and bro. John sang, "Come into the Ark." After wonderful singing, we then had reports from boards and committees. Before the reports were given, bro. moderator ask for a discussion on the recommendation that was made on how to spend the money that the churches sent into the conference. A suggestion was made that we keep 50% in the conference treasurer, send 30% to the Kentucky State CO-Operative fund, send 20% to the National Association CO-Operative fund. A discussion was had concerning this subject. Suggestion was made by bro. Varney that we delete the present distribution method of sending monies. It was then suggested that we table this motion until the next meeting. Another discussion was had, then a motion was made and seconded to keep 50% of the monies sent in to the conference by the churches fin the conference general fund. Send 30% to the Kentucky State Association Co-Operative fund. Send 20% to the National Association of Free Will Baptist Co-Operative fund. And to delete the present distribution method. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that bro. moderator appoint a committee to study the distribution of the 50% that the conference will receive. Bro. moderator appointed the pastor from each of the churches in the conference and 1 member of his church or a chairman of a board of the conference. This to be presented at the May conference meeting.

Reports were then given by the various boards and committees.

Home Mission Board. \$102.70 balance and recommend to give the Albany church \$75.00 Motion made and 2nd. Motion carried.

Board of finance. General fund, \$400.37 Student loan fund \$2548.25 Louisville Mission fund \$530.00. No applications for a student loan. Motion made & 2nd. to accept report. motion carried.

Sunday School and C.T.S. Sunday school enrollment for quarter was, 435, avg. 308 71% difference. C.T.S. enrollment for the quarter was, 149, avg. 121 81% difference. Sunday school enrollment for the Annual was, 502 avg. 328 65% difference. C.T.S. enrollment for the Annual was, 165, avg. 131 79% difference. Recommend that we increase to 928 for 1986. A church must have a C.T.S. program for the youth to

compete in the competition. Motion was made and 2nd. to accept report. Motion carried.

Business committee report. Recommend bro. Varney be the speaker at the next quarterly meeting and bro. John Hall be the alternate.

Recommend the next conference be at the Louisville church. Recommend that bro. John Gibbs from the National Home Mission Board be the speaker at the Next Annual meeting. And Dr. Charles Thigpen be the alternate speaker.

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

Motion made and 2nd. to accept all of these motion carried and a rising vote of thanks was given.

Statistical report. Min. Deacons Del. Visitors Total
18 4 17 55 84

there was several that had not signed. Estimate to be over 100 present.

We then had the annual election of officers as follows: Nominations for moderator: Roy Swisher, declined. Lincoln Varney, declined. John Hall, declined. Tim Hall, Motion made and seconded that nominations cease and elect by acclamation! Carried.

Asst. mod. bro. Lincoln Varney. Motion & 2nd. nom. cease and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Clerk/treasurer. George Cooper. Motion & 2nd. nom. cease and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Asst. clerk/treas. Don Jones. Motion & 2nd. nom. cease and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Presbytery board. 5 years & chairman, Roy Swisher. Motion made & 2nd. nomination cease and elect by accl. Carried.

Motion made and 2nd. that men that have withdrawn from the conference, their offices be filled. Nom. were, David Young Bob White (declined) Bencie Rasnake. Motion made and 2nd. nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Carried. Bro. Rasnake 3 yrs. and David Young 2 yrs.

Board of finance. Quentin England Nom. Motion & 2nd. nom. cease and elect by accl. Motion carried.

Home Mission board. Nominations, Bro. David (declined) Ed Winkler, Bill Garrett. Motion made and 2nd. nomination cease Motion carried. Bro. Winkler 3 yrs. bro. Garrett 1 yr. carried.

Sunday school and C.T.S. 3 years. Terry Tate nom. declined. Frank Riddle. Motion made & 2nd. nom. cease and elect by acclamation. Carried. 2 yrs. Dave Rhoades, 1 yr. Leon NeSmith. Motion & 2nd. nom. cease & elect by acc. Carried. Business Committee. Sis. Jan Swisher. Nom. Motion made nom. cease and elect by accl. carried. 3 yrs.

Motion was made and seconded that description of board responsibilities be drawn up and presented to board members at the next meeting. Carried.

Presbytery board report. John Hall reported that bro. Ed Winkler and bro. NeSmith be ordained as ministers and that bro. Leon ~~NeSmith~~ be ordained as deacon. Carried.

Bro. moderator ask bro. Varney to come forward to give

the charge to these men that were being ordained. Bro. moderator ask bro. Winkler and bro. NeSmith to come with their wives and bow at the alter to receive their ordination. Prayer of ordination was had and they were accepted by prayer and laying on of hands.

Bro. Varney ask bro. ~~Davis~~ ^{Cook} and his wife to come forward as he gave them the charge of a deacon. The charge was given and bro. Davis was accepted into the conference by prayer as a deacon. A right hand of fellowship was given to all.

Motion and seconded to adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer until the next conference in May.

May 10, 1986

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists, met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. for the regular quarterly meeting. The morning session was opened by singing, "Power in the blood." Bro. moderator then ask bro. Winkler to lead in prayer. After prayer, bro. mod. ask bro. Dewey Hensley to come and bring the devotion. Bro. Hensley came and read from Jude verse 21. Bro. Hensley brought a wonderful devotion on keeping ourselves in the love of God.

After devotion, bro. mod. then had the seating of delegates. He read the list of standing delegates. Then the reading of the elected delegates, by bro. Don Jones. The church from Hopkinsville and Albany were not present, but were represented by letter. List of delegates from the other churches were read, and filled as were needed. Motion was made and seconded to seat the elected delegates. Carried.

Bro. moderator then read rules of decorum and ask that we abide by these rules.

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

Presbytery board: O.K.

Board of Finance and Student Loan: Billy Jackson and Gilbert Emberton appointed to serve.

Home Mission Board: Sanford Davis appointed to serve.

Sunday School and C.T.S. Board: Leon Cook and Doug Thomas appointed to serve.

Business committee: Marion Cook and Alta Winkler were appointed to serve.

Statistical committee: Sis. Nell Hall, Sis. Davis were appointed. With no objections, these were considered to set on these boards.

Bro. moderator then ask if there were any visitors, there were none.

We then had the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, which was the Annual meeting. Corrections were made and then accepted.

Bro. Moderator mentioned that committee responsibilities had not been made, but would be done. And he had these responsibilities gone over. Bro. Dewey went over the Board of Finance and bro. moderator went over the others. Motion made and seconded to receive after corrections were made. Motion carried.

We then had a break and after break, we sang, "Leaning on the everlasting arms." We had a hand shake as we sang. We then had prayer requests and an alter of prayer. After prayer the morning offering was lifted in the amount of \$55.25

We then had some special singing, Bro. Tim Hall, bro. John Hall and bro. Bill Garrett, (conf. trio.) wonderful singing.

Bro. moderator then introduced bro. Varney to come and bring the morning message. Bro. Varney came forward for the

message. He read scriptures from 2nd. Timothy 2:1&2. Title of message was, "PASSING IT ON" Passing our christian heritage, our love for Christ, etc. on to others. Everything that is good concerning the Lord's work and the work of the Lord we need to pass on to others. The great need of training others to carry on the work of God. The importance of burning the bridges and the importance of looking ahead. Bro. Varney preached a wonderful message, then turned the service back to the moderator.

We then had an alter of prayer. Bro. Varney then gave directions for lunch and committee meetings.

We were then dismissed from the morning session and the blessing on the food by bro. Satterly.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "When the roll is called up yonder." We then had prayer by bro. Don Jones. We then had a wonderful testimony service.

We then had reports from boards and committees.

Board of finance and Student Loan:

Bro. Dewey Hensley gave report: There was one application for loan. Bro. Danny Smith ask for a loan of \$1000.00, (1) Recommend to loan Bro. Danny Smith \$1000.00

(2) He mentioned the suggestions that was made in the morning session and explained it as follows. (this is concerning the monies brought in from the various churches.)

General fund.....35%

Student Loan fund...10%

Home Mission fund...40%

C.t.S.....15%

(3) The church in Albany, Ky. is in need of repairs and we recommend that the conference brick the church for, possibly \$500.00. Motion made and 2nd. to receive report and act on these items.

(1) Motion made and 2nd. to loan bro. Danny Smith \$1000.00 to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Bro. Varney gave some information about bro. Danny. He told us that the Lord is dealing with him to go to the Bible College. Good report by bro. Varney. Bro. then gave his testimony. Motion then carried.

(2) motion made and 2nd. to adopt the financial system that was recommended. Carried.

(3) A discussion was had concerning this matter. Motion was then made and 2nd. to allow \$700.00 to make the repairs on the church in Albany. Carried.

Home Mission Report. (1) Recommend to give bro. Phillip Miller \$100.00 to make repairs on his car. (2) To transfer \$100.00 to the Louisville Mission fund. (3) To send \$100.00 to bro. Bob White for the work in Paducah.

There is \$358.69 in the Home Mission acct. Motion made and 2nd to receive report and act on these items.

(1) Motion carried to give bro. Miller \$100.00

(2) Motion carried to transfer \$100.00 to the Louisville

Mission fund.

(3) Motion was made and 2nd. to give bro. Bob White \$150.00 instead of the suggested \$100.00. Motion carried.

Sunday School & C.T.S. report by bro. Frank Riddle.

Sunday school enrolment 453 average attendance 341

C.T.S. enrolment 128 average attendance 118

Motion made and 2nd. to receive report, carried.

Business committee report...(1) Recommend that the next conference be at the church in Hopkinsville.

(2) Bro. NeSmith be the speaker and the Alternate be bro. Winkler.

(3) To give a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

Motion made and 2nd. to accept report and act on these items.

Items 1 & 2 carried.

(3) A rising vote of thanks was then given.

Presbytery Board had no report.

Statistical report. Min. Deacons Del, Visitors Total

5	3	17	23	48
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Motion made and 2nd. to receive report, carried.

We then had announcements and testimonies.

Appointment of delegates to the State Association.

Bro. Dewey Hensley, bro. Ed Winkler, Sis. Audrey Hensley,

Sis. Frances Varney and Sis. Jan Swisher.

Motion and 2nd. to adjourn. Carried, and we were dismissed in prayer.

August 9, 1986

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists, met with the Shady Lawn Free Will Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Ky. on August 9, 1986 for it's regular quarterly meeting. The morning session was opened by singing, "Love lifted me." Then prayer by bro. Winkler. After prayer, we sang, "Victory in Jesus."

Welcome was then given by host pastor, bro. Rasnake. He also read scripture from Heb. 11:1-6 and gave a good devotion concerning faith.

Bro. moderator then read listing of standing delegates and ask them to stand. He then ask clerk to read the list of elected delegates from the churches. List was then read and motion was made and seconded to seat delegates. Motion carried. Bro. moderator encouraged all delegates to be sure and participate.

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

Presbytery board....2 present, Leon NeSmith to serve.

Board of finance....1 present, Gilbert Emberton and Bill Jackson to serve.

Home Mission board..2 present, John McClain to serve.

Sunday school and C.T.S..2 present, sis. Troutman and sis. Peters to serve.

Business committee..none present, sis, Naomi Garrett, sis. Nell Hall and sis. Vonda Cooper to serve.

Statistical committee..Sis. Hensley and sis. Jackson were appointed to serve.

Bro. moderator then recognized visitors. They were bro. and sis. Bashen from Cannelton, Ind. Bro. mod. then welcomed them to the conference.

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

Bro. Winkler then gave a testimony and encouraged everyone to try to get everyone in all 11the churches to attend the conferences. He gave some good words of encouragement. Bro. moderator also mentioned the importance of attending all of these meetings.

We then had a short break. After break the congregation sang "I am thine oh Lord." Then prayer by bro. Bashen. After prayer another song, "When the roll is called up yonder." Bro. mod. then ask for the offering to be lifted and ask bro. Dewey to ask the blessing on the offering. The amount of offering was, \$28.00

Bro. Bill and sis. Naomi then sang, "Beulah Land and it could happen in a moment." Wonderful singing and the Lord blessed as they sang. We had some wonderful testimonies and the Lord also blessed in these.

Bro. moderator then ask bro. NeSmith to come for the morning message. Bro. NeSmith then came and gave the title of his message as, "The importance of preaching Christ." He read scriptures from 1st. Cor. 1:21 and Acts 9:20 Bro. NeSmith preached a wonderful and inspiring message concerning this

subject. After message, service was turned over to bro. mod. He gave an opportunity for anyone to come to the Alter that felt they had a need, as we sang, "Amazing Grace." Bro. Rasnake then gave directions for lunch. Bro. moderator ask all committees to meet during lunch. We were then dismissed from the morning session and the blessing was ask on the food by bro. Rasnake.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Glory to His Name." Then prayer by bro. McClain. We had some testimonies Bro. moderator read a letter from bro. Tim York, State promotional minister. He gave some good and interesting information from both state and National, the attendance etc. from the National this year.

Bro. Varney also gave a good report on the State and National work. The possibilities of selling the National Offices bldg the Randall book store etc. Also that the National Assn. would be in Fort Worth in 1996

Board of finance and Student Loan..by bro. Dewey, there was no application for loan from student loan fund. Amount in the fund is \$1835.42, General fund \$463.69, Louisville Mission fund, \$630.00 Motion and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Home Mission fund...by bro. Ed Winkler. Good report given, but as of now to hold the monies in the account. Motion and seconded to accept report, carried. Bro. Varney read some of the duties of the Home Mission Board.

Sunday school and C.T.S. Board..Bro. NeSmith gave report. He gave a comparsion from the last quarter, enrolment in Sunday school down 16, C.T.S. down 2. Average attendance was down in Sunday school 43 and C.T.S. 14. Encouraged everyone to try to build these back up to an increase. Motion and 2nd. to accept report, carried.

Business committee...sis. Naomi gave report. Four items

- (1) Give rising vote of thanks to host church.
- (2) Next conference to be in Owensboro, Ky.
- (3) The speaker to be bro. John Hall
- (4) Request that from letter of notification from clerk, that each board member receive a copy of letter from pastor. Motion and seconded to receive report and act on each item. Motion carried.

- (1) Rising vote of thanks was given.
- (2) Motion carried that next conference be at Owensboro, Ky.
- (3) Motion carried that bro. John Hall be the speaker and bro. Winkler be the alternate.
- (4) Motion changed to read, that each pastor be responsible to see that all the board members receive a copy of the letter from the clerk. Motion and 2nd. motion carried.

Presbytery board..by bro. Rasnake. He read letter requesting letter of recommendation for bro. David Young. Motion made and seconded that that we give letter of recommendation for bro. David Young. Motion carried.

Statistical committee report.

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors	Total
4	2	11	17	34

Bro. Winkler requested we pray for the Friendship church to get back into the conference. Also that he might do mission work with the Indians. Bro. Varney also made request concerning this matter.

Announcement was made that the next womans auxiliary meeting would be at the First Free Will Baptist church in Glasgow, Ky. and that Sharon Ferguson would be the speaker.

Bro. NeSmith made announcement that he is available for meetings, singings, weekend revivals etc.

Sis. Varney gave a report on the Womans Auxiliary giving. The giving was excellent.

Information was given by various ones on the National work. Kevin Taylor gave a good report from the Peace and Truth Conference. A good report was given by Kevin.

Motion and seconded to adjourn and we were dismissed by singing, "Gpd be with you 'til we meet again."

November 8, 1986

The Green River Association of Free Will Baptists, met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Owensboro, Ky. on Nov. 8, 1986 for it's regular quarterly meeting.

The morning session was opened by singing, "Jesus is all the world to me." Bro. moderator then ask bro. Bob White to lead in prayer. Also he mentioned the loss of bro. Walter Smith and that his funeral was this afternoon.

After prayer, bro. John Hall, host pastor gave welcome.

Bro. Roy Swisher brought the devotion, using scripture from John chapter 17. A wonderful devotion.

Bro. moderator then recognized the standing delegates and ask them to stand. He also ask clerk to read the list of elected delegates and ask them to stand and be recognized. Motion was made and seconded to seat the elected delegates. Motion carried and delegates were seated.

Bro. moderator gave duties of the delegates, then read rules of decorum and ask that we abide by these rules.

Visitors were then recognized. There was four from Albany.

He ask that all from each church stand and be recognized.

We then had appointment of committees as were needed.

Presbytery board...3 present, but o.k. to serve.

Board of finance...2 present, Sis. Evelyn Peters appointed to serve.

Home Mission board...2 present, Bro. Bill Cook appointed to serve.

Sunday School & C.T.S...1 present, Bro. Ralph Creekmore and Bro. Joel Berkley appointed to serve.

Business committee...none present, Bro. Leon Cook, Bro. Henry Brown and Bro. Danny Araujo appointed to serve.

Statistical committee...Sis. Nell Hall, Sis. Vonda Cooper and Sis. Marion Cook appointed to serve.

Visitors recognized were, Sis. Cross and bro. Danny Araujo from Sylvester, Ga. and stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky.

Minutes were then read from last meeting and approved as read.

We then had a short break. After break we sang, "Leaning on Jesus." Then prayer by bro. Carl Cross.

The morning offering was then lifted in the amount of \$67.00

We then had some special singing. "Reach out and touch Him."

Wonderful singing, the Lord blessed as they sang.

Bro. moderator then ask bro. John Hall to come and bring the morning message. Bro. Hall used scripture from Nehemiah ch. 4 verse 6. He preached a wonderful and inspiring message on "For the people had a mind to work." An invitation was then given.

We were then dismissed for lunch and fellowship by bro. Dewey Hensley.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing, and prayer by

bro. Bill Garrett.

Pesbytery report was then given by bro. Varney. He mentioned that there was four men to be liscensed to preach. Motion & seconded for this to be done. Motion carried.

Bro. Baron King from the Owensboro church to be ordained.

Motion & seconded for this to be done also. Motion carried.

Bro. Varney gave the charge and had prayer. Then the prayer of ordination was had. We then had a right hand of fellowship. The Lord blessed in this.

Motion was then made and 2nd. that we liscense these four men Carl Cross, Joseph Nadile, Phillip Miller and Danny Smith.

Bro. moderator called each of these forward and they gave a good testimoney.

We ~~then~~ had reports from committees as follows.

Board of finance and student loan...given by bro. Dewey.

There has been three that has made payments since last quarter. No requests for loan. Now in Gen. fund \$593.12

Home Mission fund, \$495.25..C.T.S. fund, \$289.80..Louisville Mission fund, \$630.00..Student Loan fund, \$1883.17

Sent to State Co-op \$180.33...Nat. Assn. Co-op \$120.22

Bro. England said he did intend to resign, but requested that he be releaved for 6 mo. because of health reasons. Motion

and seconded to accept report and grant bro. England's request. Motion carried. Bro. Bill Cook was nominated to fill in for bro. England. Motion made 2nd. and carried.

Bro. Leon Cook elected to replace bro. David Young on this committee.

Home Mission report..by bro. Ed Winkler. Two items of business. (1) recommend to give \$247.63 to bro. Bob White for the Paducah work. (2) recommend to put the other \$247.62 in the Louisville Mission acct. He requested prayer for the Louisville Mission work. Also prayer for the American Indian We then voted on these two items.

(1) \$247.63 to bro. Bob White

(2) \$247.62 to the Louisville Mission acct.

Motion and seconded and both carried.

Bro. moderator ask bro. White to give a report on the work.

Bro. White ask clerk to read the letter he had written to the conference. Letter was read by clerk.

Sunday school and C.T.S...given by bro. Creekmore. Sunday school was up enrol. 42, avg. attnd. up 25 C.T.S. enrol. up 3 but avg. attnd. was down 1. He gave a good report.

Motion & 2nd. motion carried.

Bro. moderator gave a good report on the work in Albany and the church there is doing good.

Bro. moderator ask bro. Winkler to give a report concerning the American Indian. He gave a good report and mentioned his concern for them. Their great need for the Free Will Baptist teachings. Pray that God will open doors. He plans to go this summer and scout this work.

Business committee report..by bro. Danny Araujo. 3 items

(1) The next conference be at the 1st. Free Will Baptist Church in Glasgow, Ky.

(2) Bro. Varney bring the devotion

(3) Give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the wonderful food and fellowship.

These three items were then voted on as follows.

(1) Carried, next meeting to be in Glasgow, Ky.

(2) Carried, bro. Varney to bring the devotion.

(3) a rising vote of thanks was then give.

Statistical committee report..

Ministers Deacons Delegates Visitors Total

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Motion and 2nd. to accept report. carried.

Motion & seconded to adjourn. carried and we were dismissed in prayer.