

MINUTES

**OF THE
NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF TENNESSEE**

September 23, 24, 1994

**When convening with
Love Free Will Baptist Church
Crossville, Tennessee**

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Rev. Bobby Greene	1995
Rev. Roger Hayley	1996
Rev. Paul Taylor	1997
Rev. Gary Farris	1998
Rev. Earl Langley	1999

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Monroe Walker	Cookeville
Fred Haney	Cookeville
Mark Kennedy	Monterey
Donald Winningham	Monterey
Jerry Proffit	United
Tom Hall	United
Virgil Johnson	Community
Orvan Sparks	Community
Junior Davis	Hilham Rd.
Roger Culwell	Hilham Rd.
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Jerry Buckner	Rickman
Bill Phipps	Rickman
Marc Clagg	Hixson
Lanny Bowlin	Albany
Brenda Stinson	Albany

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Brent Walker	1995
Mark Kennedy	1996
Reta Sells	1997
Kenny Gilliam	1998

YOUTH CAMP OFFICERS

Kenneth Akers	Director
Marc Clagg	Assistant Director
Verna Ridgell	Treasurer
Albert Harris	Assistant Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FWB CONVENING AT COOKEVILLE FWB CHURCH JANUARY 21 & 22, 1994

The evening session was opened with singing, "Heaven's Jubilee." The opening prayer led by Bro. Raymond Riggs and welcome by the host pastor. Following announcements, the congregation was led in "Victory In Jesus," while an offering was taken in the amount of \$71.80.

Special singing was brought by Bro. Geoff and Sis. Pam Rogers. The message was brought by Bro. Marcus Clagg from Revelation 19:1-10 on the subject of, "Excitement in the Church." The service was adjourned in prayer by Bro. Charles Cook.

MORNING SESSION

JANUARY 22, 1994

Opened with singing, "When I See the Blood." The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Ray Farris of the host church from Hebrews 5:8,9. Bro. Gary Farris led the opening prayer.

A motion was passed to enter into the business session. Letters from the churches were read, voted and approved. Delegates were seated with prayer by Bro. Coleman Looper. Motion made, seconded and approved to have the treasurer's report out of order to allow the Treasurer to attend the funeral of an uncle. Treasurer's report made, voted and approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, voted and approved. The Finance report was presented by Bro. Marcus Clagg. Recommendations were:

- 1) To give \$500 to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home
- 2) To give \$2,000 to the work in Mexico.
- 3) Everything else to remain as is.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations, voted and approved.

The Youth Camp report was given by Bro. Kenneth Akers. The dates for the next three years are:

June 19-25, 1994

June 11-17, 1995

June 23-29, 1996

The Camp Evangelist for the upcoming 1994 camp will be Bro. Tom Malone. Bro. Akers also brought a report from the annual Fall Retreat last October. The Youth Camp Report was received as information.

The Placement Committee Report, May 20, 21, 1994 at Taylor's Seminary. Bro. Mark McCreeless preaching Friday night, Bro. Paul Taylor on Saturday morning.

The Presbytery Report recommended that Bro. Paul Taylor fill in to replace Bro. Rudy Oakes on the Presbytery. Nominations were opened from the floor. No other nominations, the motion was voted and approved.

It was noted that the Albany Church was without a pastor. It was requested that a list of preachers to fill in be made for that church's benefit.

A Children's Home Report was brought by Bro. Claudie Richardson. Received as information.

Tennessee State Office Report was given by Bro. David Crowe and received as information. A report on the Upper Cumberland Area-Wide Fellowship of Free Will Baptists was given by Bro. Crowe.

The business session was dismissed with prayer led by Bro. Tracy Langford.

The worship service was opened with singing, "Jesus Paid It All." Following announcements, an offering was taken in the amount of \$73.34. The congregation sang, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Special music provided by Sis. Cindy Essex Walker. The morning message was brought by Bro. Earl Langley from Joel 3:9, 14-16 on the subject of the "End of Time and Decision to Make."

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business session.

Dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Raymond Riggs.

**MINUTES OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENING AT THE
TAYLOR'S SEMINARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ON MAY 20 & 21, 1994**

The evening session was opened with congregational singing of the hymn "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Keep Walking." The opening prayer was brought by Bro. Carson Whiteaker. An offering was taken in the amount of \$70.27.

Special singing was brought by the host pastor, Bro. Claudie Richardson singing "Paul's Ministry" and "The Lights of That City." The message for the evening service was delivered by Bro. Mark McCreeless from Psalms 23:1-4. The subject was "Walking Through the Valley of Death." Dismissal prayer by Bro. Roger Haley.

MORNING SESSION

MAY 21, 1994

The morning session was begun by Bro. Randolph leading the congregation in singing, "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Moderator Bro. Crowe welcomed everyone to the meeting. A morning devotion was brought by Bro. Bill Holman with scripture reading from John 14:3 on "Our Great Hope." An altar of prayer was then called for followed by fellowship and handshakes.

A motion was made to enter into the business session. The rules of decorum were read. The church letters were read and approved. After the seating of the delegates, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was brought by Bro. Harold Bilbrey. The report was approved as read. The Finance Report was brought by Bro. Profitt with the following recommendations: that the association give \$2,000 to the Upper Cumberland Area Wide Fellowship of Free Will Baptists to be disbursed equally between Home and Foreign Missions. A motion was made, seconded and approved to follow the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Youth Camp Report was received as information as was the placement committee's reminder that the annual meeting of the Liberty Association will be held at Love Free Will Baptist Church in Crossville.

The Presbytery Report included recommendations that Mark Kennedy, Chris Sullivan and Danny Allen be licensed to preach the gospel. Votes were taken individually and approved.

A further recommendation was made to be an addition to the By-Laws #14:

"A licensed minister will be able to assist an ordained minister to perform any of the ordinances such as baptism, communion, and feet-washing. A licensed minister would not be able to take the lead."

Discussion was made regarding the recommendation.

A report was given by Bro. Roger Hood from the Children's Home. It was received as information.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the business session.

The worship service was opened with Bro. Gary Farris leading the congregation in singing, "The Unclouded Day." Opening prayer was led by Bro. Danny Allen. An offering was taken in the amount of \$66.78. The special music was brought by Bro. Geoff and Sister Pam Rodgers along with Bro. Claudie Richardson. The message for the morning services was brought by Bro. Paul Taylor from Hebrews 2:1-3 on the subject of "The Great Escape."

After the message a motion was made and approved that the Moderator be allowed to select delegates for the National Association from among the non-standing delegates who were in attendance at the conference.

The host church served a delicious meal after the meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENING AT ITS ANNUAL
MEETING AT THE LOVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ON SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 1994**

FRIDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 23, 1994

The evening session was begun with congregational singing led by the choir of the host church. Following a time of handshaking and fellowship, we met for an altar of prayer.

Special singing for the service was brought by Bro. Coleman Looper and family. The evening message was brought by Bro. Verna Ridgell from Psalms 90:1-12 on the subject of "God's power and making good use of one's time." An offering was taken in the amount of \$51.00. We were led in dismissal prayer by Bro. Lyle Ledbetter.

SATURDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 24, 1994

The morning business session began with Bro. Lyle Ledbetter leading the congregational singing. Bro. Dave Thompson brought a devotion from Joshua 6:1-6. The opening prayer was brought by Bro. Lyle Ledbetter.

The business session was begun with the rules of decorum being read. The church letters were read and approved. Following the seating of the associational delegates, the reading of the minutes from the last meeting was dispensed with. Visitors were recognized.

The Finance Committee Report from Bro. Profitt recommended the association give \$1,000 to the Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptists to go to the Children's Home. All else to remain the same. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

A report was given by Bro. Marcus Clagg on the mission church from the Hixson Church which is called Covenant Free Will Baptist Church. The moderator presented the idea of the Liberty Association financially supporting the Covenant Church work if possible. Following some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Association give the Covenant Church a one-time gift of \$500 and to also ask the Finance Committee to determine an appropriate amount of continuing financial support. The discussion that the Finance Committee also consider the needs of the Love Church.

The Upper Cumberland Youth Camp Report and Financial Report was presented by Bro. Kenneth Akers. He gave the dates of the upcoming 1995 camp to be June 11 to June 17, 1995, with Bro. Rick Locklear as evangelist. Camp report received as information.

The Placement Report by Sister Gladys Haney made the following recommendations:

- The meetings for the 1995 year be held at:
 - Rickman FWB Church - Jan. 20, 21
 - Monterey FWB Church - May 19, 20
 - Hilham Rd. FWB Church - Sept. 22, 23

- For 1996 the Placement Committee added:

Cookeville FWB Church - January

Hixson FWB Church - May

Albany FWB Church - September

The Placement Committee recommendations were approved by the body.

The Presbytery Report by Bro. Roger Haley included a listing of the speakers at the 1995 meetings, along with recommendations.

	<u>Friday night</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Devotion</u>
January	- Danny Allen	/ Kenneth Akers	/ Albert Harris
May	- Steven Clagg	/ David Crowe	/ David Dunn
September	- Mark Kennedy	/ Gary Farris	/ Junior Davis

The Presbytery made the following recommendations:

- 1) Bro. Mark McCreeless license to preach be extended for one year. Approved.
- 2) Bro. Steven Clagg be licensed to preach the Gospel. Approved.
- 3) Bro. Jonathan Kell be licensed to preach the Gospel. Approved.
- 4) Bro. Lyle Ledbetter have credentials ratified by the Liberty Association from the Stone Association. Approved.
- 5) Bro. Jerry Beryl have credentials ratified from an independent Free Will Baptist Church. Approved.
- 6) Bro. Marcus Clagg be ordained to preach. Approved.
- 7) Bro. James Lussford was presented for licensure but it was recommended that he be in attendance at Love Free Will Baptist Church for 6 months prior to licensing.

In old business, the Presbytery presented the following addition to be By-Laws:

"Any licensed preacher, when performing any of the ordinances (communion, feet-washing, baptism), should act under the supervision of an ordained minister, but he is not to take the lead in any of these ordinances until he is ordained.

Bro. Roger Haley explained that the intent of the amendment was that an ordained minister be present and supervise when a licensed minister performs the ordinances.

The Finance Report was brought by Bro. Harold Bilbrey and approved.

The Children's Home report was presented by Director Roger Hood. Received as information.

The Tennessee State Office Report was delivered by Dr. Charles Thigpen. Report was received as information.

A motion was made that the elected officers of the Association be made standing delegates to the Association. This would constitute a change in the By-Laws and was tabled.

A motion was made that the Treasure be invited and encouraged to attend the Finance Committee meetings for advisement. The motion was approved.

The Nominating Committee made the following recommendations for officers for the Associational offices:

1. Moderator - Bro. David Crowe
2. Assistant Moderator - Bro. Bobby Greene
3. Clerk - Bro. Ronnie Lee
4. Assistant Clerk - Bro. Verna Ridgell
5. Treasurer - Bro. Harold Billbrey
6. Assistant Treasurer - Bro. Geoff Rogers
7. Presbytery Board member - Bro. Earl Langley, term to expire 1999
8. Youth Camp Board - Kenny Gilliam
9. Upper Cumberland Youth Camp Officers
 - Director - Bro. Ken Akers
 - Assistant Director - Bro. Marcus Clagg
 - Treasurer - Bro. Verna Ridgell
 - Assistant Treasurer - Bro. Albert Harris

All nominations were individually voted on and approved by the body.

Bro. Roger Haley dismissed the Business portion with prayer.

The worship service was begun with Bro. Lyle Ledbetter leading the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves." The service was opened in prayer by Bro. David Crowe. Special singing was provided by Bro. Coleman Looper and family. An offering was taken in the amount of \$118.05.

The morning message was brought by Bro. Carson Whiteaker from Hebrews 13:8 on the subject of "The Need of the Hour."

Following the message, Bro. Bobby Greene delivered the charge of ordination to Bro. Marcus Clagg as he was ordained to preach the Gospel.

The moderator recognized Bro. Claudie Richardson for his work in the Liberty Association. He will be going to pastor a church in southern Georgia in Moultrie, Georgia.

All the churches were asked to select 2 men for the Finance Committee for the Association.

The Business session was adjourned with a dismissal prayer by Bro. Joseph Mullen. Following the service the host church provided a tasty meal and time of fellowship.

Church	Pastor	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Number of Baptisms	Members Added	Total Membership	Clerk
Albany 1st FWB 120 Oak St. Albany, KY 42602	Danny Allen P.O. Box 67 Rickman, TN 38580 (615) 498-2473	-	1	1	3	-	65	Janell Masiongale 214 E. Cumberland St. Albany, KY 42602 (606) 387-4582
Community FWB P.O. Box 754 Sparta, TN 38583	Tracy Langford 904 Jackson Ave. Monterey, TN 38574 (615) 839-3947	1	-	-	9	12	60	Margaret Langford 904 Jackson Ave. Monterey, TN 38574 (615) 839-3947
Cookeville FWB 833 S. Willow Ave. Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 526-8319	David Crowe 1098 Tanglewood Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 526-5831	5	2	11	24	51	502	Pam Rodgers 215 E. Jere Whitson Rd. Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 526-4170
Hilham Rd. FWB 2350 Hilham Rd. Cookeville, TN 38501	Paul Taylor Rt. 4, Box 47AA Smithville, TN 37166 (615) 597-4479	3	-	1	6	18	39	Linda Davis 5410 Bob Lynn Rd. Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 528-5306
Hixson1st FWB 625 Ely Rd. Hixson, TN 37343 (615) 875-9092	Bobby Greene 3507 Oak Ridge Dr. Chattanooga, TN 37415 (615) 875-3901	2	2	2	4	3	115	Glenda Barnes 5112 Skillern Drive Hixson, TN 37343 (615) 843-0068
Love FWB Rt. 10, Box 225 Crossville, TN 38555	Coleman Looper Rt. 10, Box 225 Crossville, TN 38555 (615) 277-3864	3	-	-	-	12	36	Marie Looper Rt. 10, Box 225 Crossville, TN 38555 (615) 277-3874
Monterey 1st FWB P.O. Box 115 Monterey, TN 38574 (615) 839-3433	Roger Hayley P.O. Box 115 Monterey, TN 38574 (615) 839-3011	1	1	3	2	1	145	Sylvia Henry 105 E. Crawford Ave. Monterey, TN 38574 (615) 839-3493
Rickman 1st FWB P.O. Box 128 Rickman, TN 38580 (615) 498-3286	Eugene McCowan Rt. 3, Box 118 Monterey, TN 38574 (615) 839-3378	2	-	3	18	10	85	Berta Wilson 151 Norrod Rd. Rickman, TN 38580 (615) 498-2195
Taylor's Seminar FWB 247 Lavefer Rd. Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 432-5486	Irvin Detwiler Rt. 3, Box 354-A Pikeville, TN 38367 (615) 818-3018	2	-	2	2	2	72	Gary Holman 1135 Holladay Rd. Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 432-5636
United FWB 1924 N. Dixie Ave. Cookeville, TN 38501	Earl Langley Buffalo Valley Rd. Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 432-5670	1	-	1	-	-	67	Reba Proffitt 266 Clover Ave. Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 526-2855

**LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
1-5-94 THRU 5-10-94**

Balance Brought Forward\$4,441.12

Receipts

Association Offering	\$ 180.14
Monterey F.B.C. Church	150.00
United F.B.C. Church.....	300.00
Taylor's Seminary F.B.C. Church	100.00
Love F.B.C. Church.....	100.00
Community F.B.C. Church.....	449.02
Rickman F.B.C. Church.....	100.00
Hilham Rd. F.B.C. Church.....	100.00
Cookeville F.B.C. Church.....	1,800.00
Hixson F.B.C. Church.....	30.00

Interest..... 16.38

TOTAL\$3,325.54

Disbursements

Association Speakers	70.00
Clerk.....	25.00
Treasurer.....	25.00
FW.B. National Home Missions (Mexico Work) .	2,000.00
FW.B. Promotional Office.....	166.28
FW.B. Children's Home	166.28
FW.B. Tenn. State Home Missions	332.56
FW.B. National Home Missions	332.56
FW.B. National Foreign Missions.....	332.56
FW.B. Bible College	332.56
FW.B. Board of Retirement & Insurance	180.00
Anderson Performance Printing.....	300.94

TOTAL\$4,263.74

BALANCE IN TREASURY\$3,502.92

**TREASURER
HAROLD BILBREY**

**LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
5-11-94 THRU 9-10-94**

Balance Brought Forward\$3,502.92

Receipts

Association Offering	\$ 137.05
United F.W.B. Church	150.00
Community F.W.B. Church	300.00
Rickman F.W.B. Church.....	400.00
Hilham Rd. F.W.B. Church.....	150.00
Cookeville F.W.B. Church	1,800.00
Hixson F.W.B. Church	50.00

Interest..... 17.84

TOTAL\$3,004.89

Disbursements

Association Speakers	70.00
Clerk.....	25.00
Treasurer.....	25.00
Upper Cumberland Fellowship Conference....	2,000.00
F.W.B. Promotional Office	150.24
F.W.B. Children's Home	150.24
F.W.B. Tenn. State Home Missions	300.84
F.W.B. National Home Missions	300.84
F.W.B. National Foreign Missions.....	300.84
F.W.B. Bible College	300.84
F.W.B. Board of Retirement & Insurance	170.00
Union Association of F.W.B.	50.00

TOTAL\$3,842.40

BALANCE IN TREASURY\$2,665.41

TREASURER
HAROLD BILBREY

**UPPER CUMBERLAND YOUTH CAMP
FINANCIAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 22, 1994**

Balance Brought Forward (checking)	\$ 28.85
Deposits	5,109.61
Total	5,138.46

Expenditures

Fall Creek Falls State Park	\$ 927.50
Monterey Insurance Agency	235.00
Wal-Mart (food)	40.41
Kern's	24.86
Kevin Brown (T-shirts and printing)	800.00
Buddy Gaw Produce	45.60
Food Town (Groceries)	172.43
Institutional Wholesale Company	924.80
T & L Vending (Canteen drinks)	266.00
Randall House (Literature)	75.62
Sacred Films	60.96
Rev. Tom Malone (Evangelist)	300.00
Ronnie Lee (Supplies)	16.00
Kenneth Akers (Supplies)	382.03
Cash (Canteen)	440.00
Refunds	395.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,106.21

BALANCE IN CHECKING	32.25
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Balance brought forward (Savings)	810.02
Deposits	3,518.25
Withdrawals	3,650.00
Interest	26.33
BALANCE IN SAVINGS (9-20-94)	704.60

Balance brought forward (CD)	3,859.12
Interest	188.75
BALANCE IN CD (8-27-94)	\$4,047.87

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