

**MINUTES OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Convening at the
Sparta First Free Will Baptist Church on JANUARY 25 & 26, 2002**

FRIDAY NIGHT

JANUARY 25, 2002

The Association meeting was opened in prayer by Bro. Raymond Riggs. Pastor Dan Horton welcomed us to the Sparta church. Bro. Russell Walker led the congregation in singing, "Heaven's Jubilee". Bro. Joel Lauckner led the song, "Love Lifted Me." An offering of \$206 was lifted. Special singing was brought Bro. Scotty Garrett of the host church. The evening message was delivered by Bro. James Phillips of Hilham Rd. Free Will Baptist Church. The text was James 5:17 on Elijah's prayers. Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Tony Barnett.

SATURDAY MORNING

JANUARY 26, 2002

Bro. Joel Lauckner led the congregation in singing, "Lily of the Valley". A devotion from Hebrews chapter 1 was given by Bro. Dan Horton. Following the devotion, an offering was taken which amounted to \$139.89.

The **Business session** began with the reading of the Rules of Decorum by moderator Mark Kennedy. The church letters were read and approved. The delegates were seated and the minutes of the September, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Bro. Sterl Paramore.

The **Finance Committee Report** was given by Bro. Russell Walker with the following recommendations:

1. \$1,000 be given to the Upper Cumberland Fellowship Rally for Free Will Baptist Bible College.
2. \$1,000 for the Following Rally of the Upper Cumberland Fellowship to be earmarked for Steve Riggs, Free Will Baptist foreign missionary.

Both recommendations voted on and passed.

Bro. Marcus Clagg delivered the **Upper Cumberland Youth Camp Report**. The report was received as information.

The **CTS Report** was given by Bro. Joel Lauckner.

Bro. Buddy Henry presented the **Presbytery Report**. He stated that Knights Chapel had presented Bro. Timothy Farley and Bro. Fred Maynard, Jr. to be examined as deacons. Hilham Road had presented Bro. Donald Looney to be examined as a deacon as well. The Presbytery made the following motions to the association:

1. Bro. James Phillips' credentials be ratified from the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. Bro. Josh Phillips of Taylor's Seminary be licensed to preach.
3. Bro. John David Wilson of Taylor's Seminary be ordained to preach the gospel.
4. Bro. Calvin Hartman of the Covenant Church be licensed to preach.
5. That each minister be given a Bible by the Association upon ordination by the body.

Each recommendation voted on and passed.

Bro. Jack Taylor presented the **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Report** along with a report on the **Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptists**. Both reports received as information.

Dr. Charles Thigpen was available to provide a report from the **State Promotional Office**.

Bro. Wayne Wagner provided a report from **State Home Missions**.

Bro. Mark Kennedy provided details about the Free Will Baptist **Foreign Missions Walk-A-Thon**.

A motion to replace Bro. Joel Lauckner as CTS director with Bro. Kerry Higgins was voted on and passed along with the placing Bro. Adam Clagg as assistant CTS director.

In **New Business**, a motion was made to give \$500 to Bro. Raymond Riggs to travel to France to participate in the dedication of Steve Riggs' church in France. The money will be made available when Bro. Riggs makes a final determination regarding the trip. Motion was voted on and passed.

Bro. Joel Lauckner expressed his appreciation to the Liberty Association and ask for prayers as he moves with his family to Arkansas.

Following a break at the conclusion of business, we were reconvened by singing, "Where the Soul Never Dies" and "At the Cross".

Wendy Hartman and Betty Collins sang a special along with the Dan Horton Family.

Bro. Carson Whiteaker delivered the morning message from I Corinthians 2:1-5, an ordination charge to Bro. John David Wilson. Following the message and ordination charge, a right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. John David Wilson, Bro. Calvin Hartman and Bro. Joshua Phillips.

A hand of thanks was given to the host church for its hospitality and for the noon meal. Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Dan Horton.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
When convening with the **RICKMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

On MAY 17 & 18, 2002

FRIDAY NIGHT

MAY 17, 2002

The congregation was led in singing by Bro. Wilson the songs "Victory in Jesus" and "Wonderful Peace". We were welcomed to the Rickman Church by host pastor, Bro. Bobby Roberts. An offering was taken in the amount of \$81.00. Special singing was delivered by members of the host church. Announcements were made about upcoming revivals.

The evening message was delivered by Bro. John David Wilson from II Timothy 3:1 and II Timothy 4:1-3. The evening was closed in prayer by Bro. Daily McCowan.

SATURDAY MORNING

MAY 18, 2002

The morning session was opened in prayer by Bro. Carson Whiteaker. Bro. Willis Wilson led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace". The morning devotion was delivered by Bro. Wilson from John 5:19-29 and was titled, "Like Father, Like Son". The offering amount was \$89.00.

Business Session

We were called to order by Moderator Mark Kennedy who read the Rules of Decorum. The Church letters were read and approved. Following the seating of the delegates the Minutes from the January, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

The **Treasurer's** Report was given by Bro. Harold Bilbrey, voted on and approved. Bro. Russell Walker delivered the **Finance Committee** report with the following recommendations:

1. \$1,000 be given to the Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Rally to benefit Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.
2. \$300 per session next year go to Signal Hills FWB Church.

Both items voted on and approved.

The **Upper Cumberland Youth Camp** report was given by Bro. Mark Kennedy and received as information. Bro. Kerry Higgins presented the **CTS** report which was also received as information.

Bro. Bernard Houk presented the **Presbytery** Report with the recommendation that Bro. Kerry Higgins from the Knights Chapel Free Will Baptist Church be licensed to preach the gospel. The motion was voted on and approved.

Bro. Jack Taylor presented reports from both **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries** and the **Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptists**. Those reports received as information given.

Dr. Charles Thigpen spoke on behalf of the **Tennessee State Promotional Office** and Bro. Terry Eagleton gave a report about a new program of support for Tennessee State Programs and gave an invitation to vote on the program at the next State Association meeting. Bro. Mark Kennedy provided information about the state's Sexton Walk-a-thon for missions. These reports given for informational purposes.

A **Nominating Committee** was selected consisting of Bro. Bernard Houk, chairman, Bro. Dan Horton and Bro. Ken Akers.

Following the dismissal of the business session we were reconvened by singing "Hallelujah Side. The host church provided the special singing for the morning service.

Bro. Dan Horton delivered the message from Titus 2:11-13 on Jesus' Return. Thanks was given to the host church for the facilities, hospitality and the meal. Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Jerry Buckner.

**MINUTES OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENING AT THE MONTEREY FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH on September 27 & 28, 2002**

FRIDAY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

We were welcomed to the evening service by host Pastor, Tony Barnett. Bro. David Dunn led the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus" and "Heaven's Jubilee". The Moderator announced that Rev. Critt Holman passed away earlier in the day. Following additional announcements from the moderator, an offering was taken in the amount of \$125.00. Bro. Jack Taylor offered a report on **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries** which was received as information.

Special music was provided by Sis. Debe Barnett of the host church. The evening message was delivered by Bro. Claudie Richardson. His text was from Luke 10:25-37 titled, Putting faith in practice.

SATURDAY MORNING

SEPTEMBER 28, 2002

Bro. David Dunn led the congregation in singing "What Love". The people were welcomed by Bro. Tony Barnett. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Eddie Way from Acts 19:20,23 with the idea, The Eagle Stirring her Nest.

The Business Session was begun by Sterl Paramore, Moderator reviewing the Rules of Decorum. Delegates were seated and visitors recognized. The Church letters were read and approved. The Minutes of the May, 2002 session were read and approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Bro. Harold Bilbrey and approved.

The **Finance Committee** report was given with the following recommendations:

1. That \$1,000 be given to the Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptists which is raising money for the Free Will Baptist Bible College.
2. That \$1,000 be given to the Carthage Mission building fund through Home Missions.
3. That up to \$100 per association meeting be used for a CTS Youth Service to provide refreshments.
4. That a person be allowed to go to France for the dedication of new church building if Bro. Raymond Riggs' health will not allow him to go.

All of the recommendations were voted on and approved.

The **CTS Report** was given by Bro. Kerry Higgins and received as information.

The **Upper Cumberland Youth Camp** report was provided by Bro. Kenneth Akers as well as information about upcoming UCYC Fall Retreat. Bro. Akers also gave us a report from **Masters Men**. Both reports received as information.

Bro. Buddy Henry delivered the **Presbytery Report** with three recommendations:

1. Bro. Frankie Bledsoe be licensed to preach.
2. Bro. Bobby Roberts' credentials be accepted into the Liberty Association.
3. Bro. Charles Cook be licensed to preach.

All three recommendations were voted on and approved.

Dr. Charles Thigpen from the **State Promotional Office** delivered greetings.

Bro. Bernard Houk made the following recommendations from the **Nominating Committee**:

1. Moderator, Sterl Paramore
2. Asst. Moderator, Jerry Buckner
3. Clerk, Ronnie Lee
4. Asst. Clerk, Johnny Reeves
5. Treasurer, Harold Bilbrey
6. Asst. Treasurer, Geoff Rodgers
7. CTS Director, Kerry Higgins
8. Asst. CTS Director, Adam Clagg
9. Presbytery Board, term ending 2007, Tony Barnett
10. UCYC Camp Board, term ending 2007, David Bohannon
11. UCYC Director, Kenneth Akers
12. UCYC Asst. Director, Marcus Clagg
13. UCYC Treasurer, Verna Ridgell
14. UCYC Asst. Treasurer, Albert Harris

The nominations from the committee were voted on and approved by acclamation.

Bro. Frank Bratcher provided the delegates with a report from the **Carthage Mission**.

Business meeting adjourned.

The Worship Service was begun with the congregation singing, "I'll Fly Away". Sis. Danette Way brought the special singing.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Verna Ridgell. The text was from I Thess. 5:14-24 and titled, "What are the Grown Ups Doing?"

The upcoming associational meetings during 2003 are:

January 24, 25.....	Knights Chapel
May 16, 17.....	Carthage
September 26, 27.....	Mt. Pisgah