

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convening at

LOVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Crossville, Tennessee on January 23rd and 24th, 2004

FRIDAY NIGHT

JANUARY 23, 2004

We were welcomed by the host pastor, Bro. Johnny Reeves and the moderator, Bro. Sterl Paramore. Bro. Frank Bratcher opened the service by leading us in prayer. Bro. Justin Cecil led the congregation in singing, "Gloryland Way" and "Where Could I Go". An offering was taken in the amount of \$140.00 while we sung "He Touched Me".

Special singing was brought by The Ferrel Family from Smithville First FWB. Bro. David Yound also of Smithville First FWB delivered the evening message entitled "The Church That Jesus Is Building" taken from Col. 1:23-24. The benediction was given.

SATURDAY MORNING

JANUARY 24, 2004

Bro. Johnny Reeves welcomed the delegates back to the Love FWB Church. Bro. Justin Cecil led the congregation in singing, "I Shall Not Be Moved". We were led in a devotion and prayer by the host pastor Bro. Johnny Reeves. The morning offering amounted to \$147.53.

The **Business Session** was started by moderator Bro. Sterl Paramore reading the Rules of Decorum. Delegates were seated and visitors were recognized. The clerk, Bro. Johnny Reeves read the church letters and the minutes from the September session of the Liberty Association. There were no changes or additions and they were approved.

Bro. Tim Farley presented the **Treasurer's Report**, it was approved. Bro. Russell Walker presented the **Finance Committee Report** with a recommendation that \$1,000 be given to the Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptists for the Rally for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. The recommendation was voted on and passed.

The **CTS Report** was given by Bro. Rod Dablemont. He encouraged churches to have their children more involved in CTS activities and competition. The state competition will be held April 27th. There was no camp report given.

The **Presbytery Report** given by Bro. Tony Barnett contained the following recommendations:

1. Bro. Eddie Way be ordained by the association to preach the gospel.
- The recommendation from the Presbytery was voted on and approved.

Bro. Jack Taylor presented the report from **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries**. He gave us some information about the new work in Arkansas and about the matching grant that has been made available to Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. His report was received as information. He also gave a report from the **Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptists**. He gave us the date of February 20th for the Bible College rally to be held at Post Oak Shade at 7pm. He also told us the Foreign Missions Rally would be in May.

Dr. Charles Thigpen brought greetings and a report from the **Tennessee State Office**. His report was received as information.

Bro. Wayne Wagoner gave a report for the **TN State Home Missions Dept.** He told us of 3 Home Missionaries. Bro. Frank Bratcher, which is a part of our association, Bro. Clayton Hampton, and Bro. Shane Wilson. His report was received as information.

The business session was adjourned with prayer led by Bro. Ken Haney.

Following a short break the morning worship service was begun by singing, "I'll Fly Away" led by Bro. Justin Cecil. Special music was presented by Bro. Justin Cecil, Bro. Peter Baudendistel, and Bro. Ed Jones.

Bro. Jack Taylor introduced the speaker for the morning message, Bro. Frank Bratcher. The message was from II Timothy 1:6-14, The Profile of a Preacher. The ordination prayer for Bro. Eddie Way was led by Bro. Bernard Houk. The right hand of fellowship was given along with presentation of credentials to Bro. Eddie Way.

Thanks was given to Love FWB for hosting the meeting and the provision of the noon meal. Dismissal prayer was delivered by Bro. Johnny Reeves.

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
When convening at
TAYLOR'S SEMINARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cookeville, Tennessee on May 21st and 22nd, 2004

FRIDAY NIGHT

MAY 21, 2004

We were welcomed by the host pastor, Bro. Jerry Buckner and the moderator, Bro. Sterl Paramore. Bro. Raymond Riggs opened the service by leading the congregation in singing, "At the Cross". Bro. Daily McCowan led us in prayer. An offering was taken in the amount of \$_____ while we sung "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me".

Special singing was brought by Taylor's Seminary FWB Women's Chorus and a duet. Bro. Tony Barnett led us in prayer. Bro. Kerry Higgins delivered the evening message entitled "The Reputation of the Church" taken from 1 Thes. 1:1-10. "Old Time Power" and "Draw Me Nearer" were led by Bro. Riggs for the invitation. The benediction was given by Bro. Carson Whittaker.

SATURDAY MORNING

MAY 22, 2004

Bro. Jerry Buckner welcomed the delegates back to Taylor's Seminary FWB. Bro. Raymond Riggs led the congregation in singing, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings". We were led in a devotional by Bro. Josh Phillips and prayer by Bro. Kenneth Akers. The morning offering amounted to \$146.

The **Business Session** was opened by moderator Bro. Sterl Paramore reading the Rules of Decorum. Delegates were seated and visitors were recognized. Dr. Charles Thigpen and Bro. Wayne Wagner were the visitors. Bro. Kerry Higgins, standing in as clerk, read the church letters and the minutes from the January session of the Liberty Association. There were no changes or additions and they were approved.

Bro. Tim Farley presented the **Treasurer's Report**, it was approved. Bro. Russell Walker presented the **Finance Committee Report** with a recommendation that \$1,000 be given to the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. The recommendation was voted on and passed.

No **CTS Report** was given. The **Youth Camp Report** was given by Bro. Kenneth Akers. Camp was held June 20-26, 2004. He also talked about the FWB Foreign Mission Walkathon, gave the Masters Men Report, and a Mountain Faith Mission Report.

The **Presbytery Report** given by Bro. Tony Barnett contained the following recommendations:

1. Extend license of Bryan Bratcher for 4 months.
2. Rickman FWB requested to be removed from membership of Association.
3. Crossville First FWB request to join Liberty Association.

All recommendations from the Presbytery was voted on and approved.

Bro. Jack Taylor presented the report from **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries**. His report was received as information. He also gave a report from the **Upper Cumberland**

Fellowship of Free Will Baptists. He gave us some information about the Rally on Sept. 17, 2004 at Rinnie Baptist Church. This was also received as information.

Dr. Charles Thigpen brought greetings and a report from the **Tennessee State Office**. His report was received as information.

Bro. Wayne Wagoner gave a report for the **TN State Home Missions Dept.** He told us of 3 Home Missionaries. Bro. Frank Bratcher, which is a part of our association, Bro. Clayton Hampton, and Bro. Shane Wilson. His report was received as information.

A Nominating Committee was named. Bro. Roger Cooper, Bro. Tony Barnett, and Bro. Adam Clagg were all named to the committee.

A Resolution in Support of Marriage as Instituted by God was presented by Bro. Craig Mahler and was voted on and passed. A copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes.

Crossville First Free Will Baptist was welcomed into the association by right hand of fellowship while Bro. Raymond Riggs led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

The business session was adjourned with prayer led by Bro. Frank Bratcher.

Following a short break the morning worship service was begun by singing, "Standing on the Promises" and "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" led by Bro. Raymond Riggs. Prayer was led by Bro. David Young. Special music was presented by the host church, Taylor's Seminary FWB.

The morning message was brought by Bro. Roger Cooper. The message was from II Timothy 4:1-8.

Thanks were given to Taylor's Seminary FWB for hosting the meeting and the provision of the noon meal. Dismissal prayer was delivered by Bro. Bernard Houk.

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convening at

CARTHAGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Carthage, Tennessee on September 24th and 25th, 2004

FRIDAY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

We were welcomed by the host pastor, Bro. Frank Bratcher and the moderator, Bro. Sterl Paramore. Bro. Frank Bratcher opened the service by leading the congregation in prayer. Bro. Craig Mahler led us in singing, "Keep on the Firing Line". We were encouraged to get monies in for the September 17th Rally for FWB Family Ministries.

Special singing was brought by Les and Barbara Skeens and The Woodard Family. An offering was taken in the amount of \$ 243.00 while we sung "The Old Rugged Cross". Bro. Mike McCoy led us in prayer. Bro. Buddy Henry delivered the evening message entitled "Thus Saith the Lord" taken from Ezek. 11. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Phillip Hawkins.

SATURDAY MORNING

SEPTEMBER 25, 2004

Bro. Frank Bratcher welcomed the delegates back to Carthage FWB. Bro. Brian Bratcher led the congregation in singing, "Love Lifted Me". We were led in a devotional by Bro. Leslie Skeens from Amos 8:11.

The **Business Session** was opened by moderator Bro. Sterl Paramore reading the Rules of Decorum. Delegates were seated and visitors were recognized. Dr. Charles Thigpen, Sis. Mary Clemons, and Burdett Randolph were the visitors. Bro. Johnny Reeves read the church letters and the minutes from the May session of the Liberty Association. There were no changes or additions and they were approved.

Bro. Tim Farley presented the **Treasurer's Report** and it was approved. Bro. Russell Walker presented the **Finance Committee Report** with a recommendation that \$1,000 be given to the Bible College Rally and \$1,000 be earmarked for the Disaster Relief Response Team. The recommendation was voted on and passed.

No **CTS Report** was given. The **Youth Camp Report** was given by Bro. Adam Clagg. He encouraged more participants for staff members. He also talked about the Youth Retreat in Gatlinburg.

The Nominating Committee Report was given for officers as follows:

Moderator- Jerry Buckner

Assistant- Sterl Paramore

Clerk- Bobby Tosh

Assistant- Ronnie Lee

Treasure- Tim Farley

Assistant- David Young

CTS Director- Rod Dablemont
Assistant- Kerry Higgins

Presbytery- Bernard Houk

Youth Camp Board- David Jackson

Youth Camp Officers-Kenneth Akers, Director
Rod Dablemont, Assistant
Ronnie Lee, Treasurer
Junior Stamps, Assistant

All recommendations from the Nominating Committee was voted on and approved.

The **Presbytery Report** given by Bro. Tony Barnett contained the following recommendations:

1. Ordination of Bro. Brian Bratcher.
2. Receive deacons from Cookeville FWB Church. They are as follows: Albert Harris, Charlie Bean, Junior Stamps, David Bohannon, Robert Mosley, and Larry Boswell
3. Bro. Steven Rogers with Covenant to be licensed.
4. Send \$50 flowers for funeral of passing ministers.

A deacon card would be issued if a list of deacons is submitted.

All recommendations from the Presbytery was voted on and approved.

Bro. Jack Taylor presented the report from **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries**. His report was received as information. He also gave a report from the **Upper Cumberland Fellowship of Free Will Baptists**. He told us the Upper Cumberland Fellowship Rally raised almost \$25,000. He also gave us information about the Bible College Rally in February 2005. This was also received as information.

Dr. Charles Thigpen brought greetings and a report from the **Tennessee State Office**. His report was received as information.

Bro. Jerry Buckner gave us information about the Foreign Missions Walkathon set for Oct. 2 at Cane Creek Park in Cookeville at 9:00 A.M.

Bro. Sterl Paramore turned over the business session to Bro. Jerry Buckner, the new moderator for new business. He told us of the 2005 meetings. The January meeting will be at Smithville First FWB, the May meeting at Signal Hills, and the September meeting at Covenant.

The business session was adjourned with prayer led by Bro. Bernard Houk.

Following a short break the morning worship service was begun by singing, "I Never

Shall Forget the Day" led by Bro. Brian Bratcher. An offering of \$185.10 was received while Bro. Mike Jones played an instrumental. Special music was presented by Bro. Ed Jones, Bro. and Sis. Skeens, Scarlett Bratcher, and Bro. Brian and Sis. Tracy Bratcher.

The morning message was brought by Bro. Bernard Houk. He gave the charge to Bro. Brian Bratcher from 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

The ordination service was held for Bro. Brian Bratcher. Ordination prayer was given by Bro. Frank Bratcher. A certificate was presented by Bro. Tony Barnett. Right hand of fellowship was given to Bro. Brian Bratcher. The benediction and blessing of the food was given by Bro. Johnny Reeves. The noon meal followed.

Thanks were given to Carthage Free Will Baptist for hosting the meeting and the provision of the noon meal.