

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
When convening at
Hilham Road Freewill Baptist Church

FRIDAY NIGHT

26-Jan-07

The service began with a piano selection of "Amazing Grace." Bro. Jerry Buckner welcomed everyone to the Hilham Road Freewill Baptist Church. He informed the congregation that Bro. James Phillips (pastor of the church) would not be able to attend due to the death of a family member in another state. Bro. Jerry led prayer asking God's blessings over the weekend services. The song leader led the congregation in singing "Won't it be wonderful there". Bro. Jerry recognized a special guest, (Bro. Carson Whitaker) who would be celebrating his 93rd birthday on Sat. the 27th. Cumberland Association representatives, Bro. Layne and Bro. Hayes were recognized and invited preachers and deacons from the Liberty Association to a retreat with their association to be held in March. An offering was taken in the amount of \$223.00 dollars.

The Ball family was introduced for the special singing. They sang "Nearer to thee, Vision of Heaven, It'll be worth it all and Because He loved me." After the beautiful singing Bro. Eddie Way was introduced as the speaker of the hour. Bro. Jack Taylor led prayer. Bro. Eddie brought a great message from Deut. Ch 8 vs 11-20. He spoke of America the Great Nation that has forgotten God and is in trouble. He reminded us that all blessings come from God. After the message and altar call Bro. Jerry Buckner asked to be anointed for healing. This was done and Bro. Danny Lane led the dismissal Prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

27-Jan-07

The session began with the congregation singing "The Gloryland Way". Bro. Jerry welcomed everyone back to the Hilham Road Church. Bro. Jerry led the devotion from 2nd Tim. ch 2 titled "A Good Soldier for Jesus Christ." After prayer the **Business Session** was called to order by Bro. Jerry Buckner. Bro. Frank Bratcher was appointed to fill in as the assistant moderator for Bro. Sterl Paramore who was out of town and unable to attend. Rules of Decorum were read and the delegates were seated. Bro. Craig Mahler asked the blessing over the business session. Visitors were recognized. Bro. Steve Palmer missionary to the Ivory Coast was present. Bro. Daily McCowan from 2nd FWB Church of Monterey was present. A large delegation from the Calvary FWB Church of Pikeville was recognized including the interim Pastor Bro. Jack Williams, Will & Fran Frady, Cliff & Frances Wyatt, Don & Edith Angel, Ervin Detwiler, Steve Haston, Johnny & Irene Mooneyham, Jacob Frady Dion Frady and Anthony Frady.

Bro. Bobby Tosh was recognized for the reading of the minutes and the church letters. Both were approved by the body. Bro. Russel Walker was recognized to give the **Finance Committee Report**. The following recommendations were made and approved by the body. \$1,000 for the FWB Bible College rally to be held Feb 23rd. at Cookeville FWB Church, \$300 per qtr. to assist Signal Hills Church, \$500 for Miranda Higgins mission trip to New York City during spring break, \$250 for Liberty Association youth revival April 6th & 7th at Knight's chapel and \$1000 for youth camp June 17th - 23rd 2007. **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Bro. David Young assistant treasurer and approved. **Youth Camp Report** No official report given as Bro. Ken Akers was unable to attend but, Bro. Kerry Higgins reported that Bro. David Crowe would be the speaker for June 2007 camp. **CTS Report** Bro. Kerry Higgins gave an update on the Liberty Association Youth Revival to be held at the Knights chapel FWB Church April 6th & 7th. He encouraged all churches to attend and bring their youth. Bro. Jacob Frady from the Bible College will be the speaker and a group from the College will be singing. CTS report approved for information.

The **Presbytery Report** was presented by Bro. Tony Barnett. They recommended the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church of Pikeville be accepted into the Liberty Association. This was approved

by the body, making a total of 19 churches in the association. **Family Ministeris Report** was presented by Bro. Jack Taylor. He reported that the Childrens home is doing very well with some 100 children gave their hearts and lives to the Lord last year. He asked that all churches keep them in their prayers and continued support. He encouraged children from each church VBS to help raise funds for the family ministeries. It would be children helping children. This report was received as information. **TN State Office Report** was given by Bro. Jerry Buckner. He reported on the state meeting previosly held at Elizabethton, Tn. and informed the association of the plans for the next state meeting to be held at the New Hope FWB Church in Joelton, Tn. in Nov. 2007. He also gave a report on the Walk-A-Thon for missions. Three churches from the Liberty Association were recognized for participating in 2006. They were Crossville 1st FWB Church, Taylor's Seminary and Love FWB Church. He encouraged more churches to participate to help misions. Bro. Mike Gillock will replace Bro. Jerry on the missons board in 2007. This was approved as information.

Visitors were recognized. Bro. Steve Palmer missionary to the Ivory Coast gave a report of his work there. Bro. David Kell gave a report from the Signal Hills Church and thanked the Association for their support. **Other Business** Bro. Jack Taylor requested that 500 new Constitution & By-Laws be updated and printed. This was approved. Bro. Jerry asked that a moment of silent prayer be given in honor of Bro. Jim Mott pastor of the Union Grove Church, who passed away last week.

The group from the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church of Pikeville (the Liberty Association's newest members) were asked to come forward and were given the right hand of fellowship from the body. Business session was dismissed by Bro. Frank Bratcher.

After a short break, the **Morning Worship Service** began with the congeration singing "Come unto me". Bro. David Kell asked the blessing and an offering of \$ 209. was taken. The Ball family was again introduced for the special singing. They sang "I'll not turn back now, A miracle in me, Victory is sweet and Peace peace wonderful peace" Bro. Gary Lewis from the Crossville 1st Freewill Baptist Church was introduced to bring the morning message. Bro. Bernard Houk led prayer and asked God to be with Bro. Gary. The message was taken from Judges ch 6 vs 11-16 and was titled "Live what you preach" After a challeging message and alter call, thanks was given to the Hilham Road Freewill Baptist Church for hosting this conference Bro. Buddy Henry dismissed the service in prayer and asked a blessing on the meal.

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

When convening at
Sparta 1st Free Will Baptist Church

FRIDAY NIGHT

18-May-07

The service began with congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" Bro. Dan Horton welcomed everyone to the Sparta First Freewill Baptist Church. Bro. Grover McCoy led the opening prayer. An offering of \$265.00 was taken while the congregation sang "When we all get to Heaven". Special singing was presented by sister Wanda Bullock. She sang a beautiful song titled "Something in Red". The moderator (Bro. Jerry Buckner) thanked the Sparta Church for hosting this session of the Liberty Association Conference.

Bro. Buckner then introduced Bro. Sterl Paramore from the Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church as the speaker for the evening message. An altar of prayer was offered for Bro. Paramore and the service. After prayer Bro. Sterl preached an inspiring message on faithfulness. His text was taken from Psalms 71. After the message, Bro. Kerry Higgins led the dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

19-May-07

The service began with Bro. Craig Mahler leading the congregation in "Heaven's Jubilee" Bro. Mike McCoy opened the session with prayer. Bro. Dan Horton welcomed the congregation back to the Sparta church and held the morning devotion. His text was taken from Col chapter 1 vs 12. Bro. Jerry Buckner opened the **Business Session** with the reading of the Rules of Decourm and the seating of the delegates. Bro. Mike Gillock led prayer asking for a blessing on the business session. Visitors were recognized. Bro. Glen Poston from the TN State Association was present.

The Clerk was recognized for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the church letters. These were approved as read.

Bro. Mike McCoy was asked to fill in as assistant moderator for Bro. Sterl Paramore who was unable to attend this session. Bro. Roger Bryant filling in for Bro. Russell Walker gave the **Finance Committee Report**. The committee recommended the Association send \$2000. to the Home Missions rally to be held at Lilly's Chapel Church Fri. May 25th. This money to be earmarked to be split equally between the Signal Hills and Brotherton Free Will Baptist Churches. This was approved by the body. Bro. David Young filling in for treasurer Tim Farley gave the **Treasurer's Report** and it was approved.

Bro. Kenneth Akers was recognized and asked to give a report on the **Youth Camp** to be held in June. Bro. Kenneth informed the body that Bro. David Crowe would be the speaker at the camp this year and urged all churches to get their applications in immediately for the camp. He also spoke about the Fall retreat to be held in Gatlinburg on Nov. 16th and 17th. He said the state association was going to be combining their retreat with this one to make it a state retreat. He urged all churches of the Liberty Association to get involved with this. Bro. Kenneth also stated that the mission in Haiti was doing well. These reports were accepted as information.

CTS Report. No report was given but, Bro. Jerry Buckner reported that the 1st youth revival held at Knights Chapel Church was a success and urged more churches to get involved in youth activities.

Presbytery Report. Bro. Tony Barnett gave the report and recommended that Bro. Luke Judkins from the Smithville Church and Bro. Glen Marmon and Bro. Ellis Ferrel from the Mt. Pisgah Church be ordained as deacons. These were approved by the body.

Family Ministries Report. Bro. Jack Taylor reported of 2 projects aimed at helping the children's home. The first "A Mother's day offering" be taken as a special offering during May or June by each church in the Liberty Association. 2nd was titled "Children helping Children" where an offering was to be taken during VBS at each church by the children attending VBS. He also informed the body of the Children's Home Rally to be held on Sept. 28th at the Crossville FWB church. He said

the Children's home has 8 different departments serving over 1000 children and that 102 children had accepted Christ last year. This was received as information.

Bro. Jack also informed the body of the upcoming Home Missions Rally to be held at Lilly's Chapel and co-hosted by the Post Oak Shade FWB Church. Monies raised at this rally was to be divided equally between the Signal Hills Church and the Brotherton FWB Church. Bro. David Crowe to be the guest speaker for this rally. This was also received as information.

TN State Office Report. Bro. Glen Poston was introduced as the new Promotional Director for the State Association replacing Bro. Charles Thigpen, who retired at the end of last year. Bro. Glen pledged his continued support for state FWB. He encouraged our churches to establish Women's Aux, Master Men's and CTS programs in our churches. He offered the states assistance with any of these programs. He said that Foreign Missions offerings exceeded last years offerings and that the FWB Bible College had record enrollment and graduation excercises last year. This report was accepted as information.

Nominating Committee was appointed by the moderator. It will consist of Bro. Bryan Bratcher (Chairman) Bro. Albert Harris and Bro Phillip Luna members.

Miscellaneous Business Bro. Mike Gillock gave a report on the Walk-a-thon held in September for International Missions. He said 3 churches from the Liberty Association participated and raised more tha \$13,000 for this cause.Churches recognized for this effort were Taylor's Seminary \$867.25, Love FWB \$200.00 and Crossville 1st FWB \$300.00. Cirtificates were awarded these Churches. The moderator read a thank you card from Miranda Higgins of the FWB Bible College for the associations support of her mission trip. Bro. Jacob Frady thanked the association for the support he is reciving while attending the Bible College.

Bro. David Young dismissed the business session with prayer.

After a short break, **the Morning Worship Service** began with the congeration singing "I'm going that way" Bro. Dan Horton from the host church welcomed everyone to the Worship Service. Bro. Roger Bryant asked the blessing on the service and offering. An offering of \$212.00 was received as the congregation sang " I'm never alone" The gospel group Set Apart was introduced for the special singing for the service. They sang "Solid Ground", Wonderful Morning", He'll always be near", "Son of the King", " I can feel the tug", and "Still alive". Bro. Charles Cooper was introduced to bring the morning message. Bro. Mike McCoy asked the blessing on Bro. Charles and the message. Bro. Charles took his text from Luke ch 5 vs 1 thru 11. His title was "Do what you can for the Lord" After an encouraging message Bro. Dan Horton led the dismissal prayer.

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
When convening at
Carthage Free Will Baptist Church

Friday Night

21-Sep-07

The service began with Bro. Bryan Bratcher welcoming everyone to the Carthage Free will Baptist Church. The congregation sang "Heavens Jubilee". Bro. Johnny Reeves lead the opening prayer. The congregation sang "Leaning on the everlasting arms". The Moderator, Bro. Jerry Buckner opened the meeting. An offering of \$221.00 was taken. Special singing was presented by Bro. Byran and Tracy Bratcher and Bro. Bernard and Aniata Houk. After the singing Bro. Phillip Luna was introduced to bring the evening message. His text was taken from 2nd Timothy ch 4 vs 6,7,8. Meeting was dismissed by prayer.

Saturday Morning

22-Sep-07

The Saturday morning session began with Bro. Craig Mahler welcoming everyone back to the Carthage church. Bro. Gary Lewis led the opening prayer. Bro. Les Skeens led the congregation in singing "Higher ground". Bro. Craig Mahler led the morning devotion. His text was taken from 1st Cor. Ch3 vs 16, 1st Cor. Ch6 vs 19 and 2nd Tim. ch1 vs 14.

After devotion, Bro. Jerry Buckner called the **Business Session** to order by reading the Rules of Decorum and seating of the delegates. Bro. Dan Horton offered up a prayer over the business session. Visitors were recognized. Bro Glen Poston with the TN State Association and Bro. Bert Tippet from the Bible College were present.

The Clerk, Bro. Bobby Tosh read the minutes from the last meeting and the Church letters. They were approved as read.

Bro. Tim Farley gave the **Finance Committee Report** for Bro. Russel Walker. The committee recommended \$1000. be given to the childrens home rally to be held at the Crossville 1st FWB Church on Sept 28th. This was approved by the body. Bro. Tim Farley gave the **Tresurer's Report** and it was approved.

No Youth Camp Report was given. Bro. Kerry Higgins gave a **CTS Report**. He informed the body that the 1st youth revival held at the Knights Chapel Church was a great success and asked that all churches participate in future youth revivals. He reported that the lock in at the Cookeville FWB Church was very successful with 65 to 70 young people in attendance. Bro. Kerry told of the upcoming retreat in Gatlinburg Nov. 16 & 17 for the young people. The state will be combining their retreat with the Liberty association this year in Gatlinburg. This was approved as information.

Bro. Glen Poston (State Promotional Director) was recognized and gave a report of state activities. He gave out copies of the ECHO state association paper and told of the upcoming senior's retreat to be held in Pigeon Forge in March 2008. He said 2.6 million dollars had been raised for FWB nationally last year. This was approved as information.

Bro. Bert Tippet spoke about the FWB Bible college and its growth and success in the past year. This was also approved as information. Bro. Mike Gillock gave a report on the walk-o-thon for International missions. He said \$13,523.52 was raised last year and challenged all churches to get involved this year. This was received as information. **Families Ministries Report** was given by Bro. Jerry Buckner as Bro. Jack Taylor was unable to attend due to illness. Bro. Jerry said the speaker for the children's home rally, to be held Sept 28th at the Crossville 1st FWB Church would be Bro. Frank Wood from the Children's home and Knights Chapel youth would be singing. This was also received as information.

Bro. Tony Barnett gave the **Presbytery Report**. The Presbytery had two items to recommend. 1st Bro. Adam Holloway from the Covenant FWB Church be ordained and 2nd Bro. Jacob Frady of the Calvary FWB Church be licensed. These were approved by the body. The **Nominating**

Committee Report was given by Bro Mike McCoy. They recommended Bro. Frank Bratcher be elected as Assistant moderator replacing Bro. Steryl Paramore, Bro Jimmy Pleasant elected as Associational clerk replacing Bro. Bobby Tosh and Bro. Bryan Bratcher be added to the youth camp board filling the vacancy left by Bro. Ron Dablemont. Bro. Mike Gillock was added to the Presbytery board. Bro. Bernard Houk to be clerk for Presbytery. These was approved by the body.

The 2008 Associational meetings were set with the Jan. 25th & 26th meeting to be held at the Cookeville FWB Church, The May meeting at the Love FWB Church in Crossville and the Sept. meeting at the Mt. Pisgah FWB Church in Smithville. Bro. Bernard Houk dismissed the business session.

After a short break the **Morning Worship** began. Bro. Irvin Detwiler asked a blessing on the service and an offering of \$275.12 was lifted as Bro. Craig Mahler led the congregation in the hymn "I'll Fly Away". Special singing begin with Bro. Ed Jones singing "Flying higher than I've ever been"& "Three wooden crosses". Bro. Craig Mahler sang "Thank God I am free". Bro. Jacob Frady sang "Its True". Bro. Jerry Buckner introduced Bro. Dan Horton to bring the message and preach the charge to Bro. Adam Holloway. Bro. Jerry asked all preachers to gather around Bro. Dan for prayer. Bro. Rodney Brazil from the Calvary church led the prayer. After prayer, Bro. Dan presented the morning message and charge. His text was taken from 1st Tim. ch 1 vs 12-15. The charge was to " Stay Faithful to God and Preach the Word". After a great message Bro. Tony Barnett presented ordination papers to Bro. Adam and a license to Bro. Jacob Frady. Bro. Mike McCoy asked God's blessings be on these two men of god.

Bro. Jerry Buckner thanked the Carthage church for hosting this associational meeting and Bro. Johnny Reeves led the dismissal prayer.