

Minutes of the Quarterly Conference of the
Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists
of Tennessee
Held on January 23 & 24, 2015
At Crossville First Free Will Baptist Church

The Friday night service on January 23rd, 2015 began at 7:00 P.M.

Host Church pastor, Brother Michael McCoy, welcomed everyone to the evening service and the host church led the congregation in singing. After congregational singing, the offering was received. Prayer requests were given, many gathered at the Alter and there was a time of prayer. Special music was provided by the host church.

Brother Johnny Reeves was introduced as the speaker for the service. Brother Reeves used various scriptures to present his sermon entitled "Sons of God". He presented characteristics which should not belong to God's children followed by characteristics which should belong to God's children. The sermon was very well received. At the close of the sermon an invitation was given.

Moderator Kerry Higgins introduced Brother Scott Bee, home missionary to Oakland, Tennessee. Brother Bee thanked the association for their financial support in the Oakland mission project. Brother Higgins announced the finance committee would meet immediately after the close of service. The meeting was adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

The Saturday morning service on January 24th began at 9:30 A.M. Delegates and visitors were welcomed and the host church led the congregation in a song and prayer.

Host Church Pastor Michael McCoy brought the morning devotion from Acts 28:1-6.

Moderator Brother Kerry Higgins opened the business session of the meeting with prayer and reading of the rules of decorum.

Delegates were seated and visitors welcomed. Visitors included Brother Henry Van Kluyve (International Missions) and Brother Earl Langley (Welch College).

The Moderator requested all reports be given as he called for them.

*** Reading of Minutes/Church Letters:** The Clerk read the minutes of the yearly meeting held Sept 26 and 27, 2014. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion was accepted by vote of the delegates. A motion was made to accept Church Letters as information. Motion was seconded and passed by vote of delegates.

*** Finance Committee Report:** Committee requested the association purchase bibles for Youth Camp. Motion was made to purchase bibles. Delegates voted to affirm the motion.

*** Treasure's Report:** The Treasurer gave the treasures report. A copy of the report was available for all delegates. The yearly distributions to various Denomination entities had been made and all other bills had been paid. The report once again showed the association finances were in good shape. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Delegates voted to affirm the motion.

*** State Office Report:** No report – Brother Glenn Poston could not be at the meeting.

*** Youth Board Report:** Brother Kerry Higgins gave the Youth Board Report. The camp for 2015 will be held June 7-13. The camp evangelist will be Brother Locklear. Caleb Mackie (youth board member) is available to speak to churches concerning camping. Brother Higgins encouraged churches to encourage their young people to attend camp. He reminded everyone the association has approved money for needy campers.

*** Presbytery Board Report:** Brother Mike Gillock gave the Presbytery Board report.

1. Recommended Brother Dwayne Barnes of the Carthage Free Will Baptist Church for licensing to preach. Motion made, seconded and passed by vote of delegates.

*** International Missions Report:** Brother Mike Gillock gave the International Missions report. Everyone can be involved in missions, some by going and others by giving to help send those who will go. The Tennessee State IMF Board had distributed some \$42,000 to mission workers from Tennessee. He encouraged people to support E-team members. Presently one young man, Brother Connor Phillips had signed up for E-Team for the summer of 2015. He encouraged churches to encourage their young high school and college age youths to look at the possibility of being a part of this ministry.

Henry Van Kluyve spoke at the end of the business meeting. He discussed the drop in support for missions and the need for churches to continue to support the spread of the gospel worldwide. He also encouraged pastors not to give into political correctness and water down the gospel message.

*** Family Ministries Report:** Brother Jack Taylor gave the Family Ministries report. He provided information concerning the Foster Care Program and its expansion into middle Tennessee. They are currently looking for Foster Care Parents in this area.

In 2014 over 1100 people were provided services by Family Ministries. During the year 109 individuals had accepted Christ, 109 babies had been born through the Hope Center and 102 young men that completed the drug program.

He reported the 2014 rally raised over \$95,000 for Family Ministries.

*** Welch College Report:** Brother Earl Langley gave the report. He thanked the Crossville FWB Church for their work and thanked the churches of the association for their support of Welch College. He provided information concerning the College's new online degree programs and reported the college had entered into a contract to hopefully sell the campus located on West End Avenue in Nashville.

*** Miscellaneous Business:**

Brother Frank Bratcher asked if there was a need to continue sending in quarterly reports. If a good yearend report is made by each church, there would be not need (possibly) for quarterly reports.

Brother Mike Gillock requested the executive committee study the request.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed by vote of delegates.

Meeting was adjourned for a short break.

The Saturday Morning Worship service began at 11:00 A.M.

Those attending were lead in singing by the host church. After congregation singing the morning offering was received. Host church pastor, Brother Mike McCoy, welcomed everyone to the morning service. Special music was provided by the church and an Alter of Prayer was held. Brother Bernard Houk was introduced as the morning speaker. His sermon text came from Luke 10:38-42. He spoke on the need for there to be Martha's in the church if the church work was to be accomplished. There is a great need for those who will dedicate themselves to serving the church. He emphasized the importance for those who serve to serve with the correct attitude. Those who serve must not only serve they must also listen to God's word (just as Mary did). Very good sermon. At the end of the sermon an invitation was given.

The moderator requested a round of thanks be given to the host church. Brother Mike Gillock presented a license to preach to Brother Dwayne Barnes. Mike McCoy ended the meeting with prayer and an invitation for all to stay for a fellowship meal in the church's fellowship hall.

Charles Cook, Clerk

Kerry Higgins, Moderator

1/23-24, 2015

Minutes of the Quarterly Conference of the
Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists
of Tennessee
Held on May 15 & 16, 2015
At Monterey First Free Will Baptist Church

The Friday night service on May 15th, 2015 began at 7:00 P.M.

Host Church pastor, Brother Tony Barnett, welcomed everyone to the evening service. Host Church led the congregation in singing 'Heavens Jubilee' and 'Victory in Jesus.' After congregational singing, the offering was received. Special singing was provided by a group from the church pastored by Brother Bryan Bratcher. Prayer requests were made and many gathered at the Alter for a time of prayer. Brother Bryan Bratcher was introduced as the speaker for the service. Brother Bratcher took his text from Romans 8:35-39. His sermon was entitled 'Move to a Higher Realm'. After the invitation, the host pastor, Brother Tony Barnett closed the service with prayer. Brother Kerry Higgins (Association Moderator) announced the finance committee would meet immediately after the close of service. The meeting was adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

The Saturday morning service on May 16th began at 9:30 A.M. Delegates and visitors were welcomed and the host church led the congregation in a song and prayer.

Brother Matt Dunkin of the Monterey Church brought the morning devotion from Acts 4:6-8. Brother Tony Barnett announced that a young man had been saved after the Friday night service. Moderator Brother Kerry Higgins opened the business session of the meeting with prayer and reading of the rules of decorum.

Delegates were seated and visitors welcomed. Visitors included Brother Earl Langley (Welch College) and Brother Glen Poston (State Promotional Director).

The Moderator requested all reports be given as he called for them.

*** Reading of Minutes/Church Letters:** The Clerk read the minutes of the quarterly meeting held January 23rd and 24th 2015. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion was accepted by vote of the delegates. A motion was made to accept Church Letters as information. Motion was seconded and passed by vote of delegates.

*** Finance Committee Report:** Committee requested the association give \$1000.00 to help with the medical expenses of Brother John D. Wilson, pastor of the Hilham Road FWB Church. Delegates voted to affirm the motion.

*** Treasure's Report:** The Treasurer gave the treasures report. A copy of the report was available for all delegates. The report once again showed the association finances were in good shape. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Delegates voted to affirm the motion.

*** Youth Board Report:** Brother Kerry Higgins gave the Youth Board Report. The camp for 2015 will be held June 7-13. The camp evangelist will be Brother Jonathan Locklear. Currently about 150 campers have signed up for camp. Brother Higgins announced the Camp Board would be having a camp worker and counselor orientation meeting at Cookeville FWB Church on May 30th. Brother Higgins reminded everyone that the camp board had asked churches to help the camp provide one container (cost approx. \$5000.00) to the Edwin Hodges Organization to send Bibles and Bible related materials overseas.

*** Presbytery Board Report:** No report.

*** International Missions Report:** No report.

*** Family Ministries Report:** Brother Jack Taylor gave the Family Ministries report. The ministry is doing well. The middle Tennessee rally will be held at Knights Chapel FWB Church on October 19th. Brother Frank Woods will be the speaker.

*** Welch College Report:** Brother Earl Langley gave the college report. He thanked everyone for their young people who attended the college and for their continued support of the college. The close on the sale of the campus is set for June 15th. (Note: the close on the sale went through and the college is preparing for the building and relocation to its new campus area.) President Pinson's wife is still undergoing chemo treatments for breast cancer and appears to be doing well. He reminded everyone that online classes are available for college credit.

*** Tennessee State Office Report:** State Promotional Director, Brother Glenn Poston gave a very short statement on predestination – the need of Christians being conformed to Christ. He reported some FWB churches in Tennessee had great numbers at some of their recent services. He made several comments concerning the Bible College sale and move. Due to the move he is relocating to the Sunday School Department on Bush Road in Antioch. He reported that the International Missions financial position is improving. Over \$94,000 had been raised and given to the Widow of Tim Osborne. The money is earmarked to help pay off their home mortgage. Scott Bee replaced Brother Osborne and the work in Oakland, Tennessee is progressing.

*** Tennessee Home Missions Report:** Brother Darvin Oaks spoke on the need for more Churches in Tennessee. Many areas of Tennessee have no Free Will Baptist church presence. He report the Oakland Church had 69 for its last morning service and the Clarksville Church had one Sunday in April with 199 in attendance. Please continue to support Tennessee Home Missions so more churches can be planted.

*** Miscellaneous Business:**

The Moderator announced the nominating committee for the upcoming election in September. The committee members are: Randy Maynord; Eddie Way; and Andrew Shira.

Brother Jerry Buckner provided information on John David Wilson and reported a benefit fire Brother Wilson's was being held on June 13th. Attendees were reminded that reports and other denominational information is available in the Church lobby.

Meeting was adjourned for a short break.

The Saturday Morning Worship service began at 11:00 A.M.

Brother Tony Barnett, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to the morning worship service. The host church lead the congregation in singing and the morning offering was received. Special music was provided by Wade Shira and two daughters. His wife also joined them for one song. An Alter of prayer was held for the morning speaker, Brother Eddie Way, and for Brother Bernard Houk who was to have surgery on the following Monday. Brother Way took his sermon text from John 5:1-9 and the title of his sermon was 'Wilt Thou Be Made Whole'. Just as the waters in the bible text needed a stirring for healing to take place, Christians today need a stirring of their souls. The stirring in the water was of God and the stirring we need in our souls must also be from God. Great Sermon. At the end of the sermon an invitation was given.

The moderator requested a round of thanks be given to the host church. The meeting with prayer and an invitation for all to stay for a fellowship meal in the church's fellowship hall.

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