

Minutes of Mountain Empire Fellowship of Free Will Baptist

The inaugural meeting of the Mountain Empire Fellowship of Free Will Baptists was held at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tennessee on May 3, 2014. Dr. James Kilgore led in the opening invocation, and Rev. Bob Lewis gave the welcome from the host church.

The moderator Rev. Jim Cox recognized the churches representing the inaugural meeting:

Fellowship FWB Church, Kingsport Tennessee, Bob Lewis
Glamorgan Chapel, Wise Virginia Greg Sergent
Siempre Gozosos, Johnson City, Tennessee, Hector Perez
Morning Light Community Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, Jim Cox
Yorkshire FWB Church, Manassas, Virginia, Todd Tennant

The Purpose State

Rev. Cox stated that the association's purpose was the business of worship, including fellowship and the mutual encouragement of churches. He likewise announced the associations acceptance into the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptist voted at the Tennessee State Meeting in November 2013 held at Pigeon Forge Tennessee, and thus our standing with the National Association of Free Will Baptist, Inc.

Following a short time of fellowship, Earl Langley of Welch College spoke to the meeting about the college and its current endeavors, particularly the online courses the college offers as a means of reaching out to those who cannot relocate to Nashville to further their education

Dr. Greg Sergent led in congregational praise and worship, followed by the reading of Psalm 24.1-4a and leading the congregational prayer by Rev. Cox. Praise and worship continued and Rev. Cox read Ephesians 6:18, and opened for congregational response to prayer requests and an altar prayer. The congregation sang "Above All" and then Dr. Tim York, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptist was introduced as the guest speaker.

Rev. York gave a challenging and stirring message entitled *Join the Lord in His Labor* Psalm 127. In closing Rev. Cox reminded our stated purpose of worship and preaching of the word. He gave the closing prayer and received an offering for the guest speaker, as the congregation sang Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone. Meeting adjourned.

Praise God from whom all blessing flow!

Dr. Greg Sergent, Clerk

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