

Minutes of Mountain Empire Fellowship of Free Will Baptist

The second annual meeting of the Mountain Empire Fellowship of Free Will Baptists convened at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tennessee on May 2, 2015. Moderator Rev. Jim Cox called the meeting to order, Rev. Todd Tennant led the opening invocation, and Rev. Bob Lewis gave the welcome from the host church.

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

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

The moderator reviewed the purpose of Mt. Empire Fellowship as minimum business and more focused upon worship. The clerk reported \$398.30 in the treasury as of May 2, 2015.

The fellowship received reports from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries given by Evan White. He appealed of the on-going need of especially the children's homes, and appealed for support through their Mother's Day offering on May 9th, 2015.

Rev. Glen Poston, Tennessee State Promotional director gave a report on various state-wise activities. Rev. Poston gave exhortation of "what" unites us as Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Jim Cox reports the work of Hispanic Bible Institute of the Appalachian through the leadership of Rev. Hector Perez. Currently, Rev. Cox and Rev. Perez are praying for buildings in Morganton and Forest City, North Carolina and Knoxville, Tennessee for church planting endeavors. They report that trained pastors remain ready to serve the Hispanic community. Rev. Perez reports numerous conversions through their work with Hispanic prisoners.

The seated ministerial delegates voted unanimously to receive Siempre Gozosos of Kingsport and Siempre Gozosos of Bristol. Rev. Hector Perez serves and pastor of the Bristol church and Rev. Roman Castro serves as pastor of the Kingsport church. The business portion of the meeting properly adjourned.

Dr. Greg Sergent led in congregational worship with singing Brethren We Have Met to Worship and No Not One. A spirited altar prayer, followed prayer requests.

Rev. Glen Poston gave a challenging message *To Be Like Jesus*. He exhorted that "Christlikeness is the will of God for the People of God." Referencing Philippians 2 and Matthew

9:36. His thought provoking message was outlined as follows: We need the mind of Christ, the walk of Christ, to see others as Jesus sees them, and to love others like Jesus.

A fellowship meal followed at Mama's House restaurant for those attending.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Greg Sergent, Clerk

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