

March 11, 2023

The Northeast Association of Free Will Baptists met at Fawn Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Terry Booker, Pastor.

Rev. Terry Booker welcomed association and led in singing Victory in Jesus.

Bro Thomas Loyd, missionary church planter from New Albany, MS Crosswalk FWB Church brought the missions message this morning. His scripture passage from Acts 16:9-10 "What Is Missions?" Do we understand the concept of yielding, that is what missions is - yielding to the call of God.

Missions is a spiritual calling

Mission is a simple communication - conversations and relationships. Must slow down in our fast paced world to connect with others.

Mission is a steadfast commitment

Mission is a specific commandment

Moderator Rev. John Johnson called the meeting to order.

Standing delegates (deacons and ordained minister in good standing) seated and voted to seat delegates from local churches.

Dr. Rich Dilling presented the financial report to the association. M/S/C to receive report.

Association gave a rising vote of thanks to Bro Dilling for his faithful service over the years.

Credentials committee did not have any report.

Dennis Kizzire shared on behalf the state. New state website is running well. Any changes need to be sent to Bro Dennis. Events etc for Messenger send to him before Tuesday for inclusion. March for Missions month. Camp season is ramping up. Pre-registration is open. Water line burst earlier this year and repairs had to be made. Requesting pantry items to help keep the costs of camp down. M/S/C to receive as information.

Bro Terry Booker presented state mission board report. Copy attached to minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

Bro George Kimbrow stated state masters men is working on fall retreat and more information will be forthcoming.

Before break prayer around the altar for our churches, missionaries and Pastor Gerald Gann who is recovering from surgery.

After the break Bro Booker led in the singing of Draw Me Near. Offering was received. Offering total \$218.

Bro John Johnson brought the message from 1 Cor 4:6-8. We must be careful not allow spiritual pride and critical spirit into the church. We must support and pray for one another. Love and help one another.

Pride is limited when we are grounded in the Word of God. Focus of how we see ourselves, our ministry, and our people.

Must be gracious in our differences.

Gratefulness for God's blessings and workings - What you possess you are responsible for

Real danger of pride is it separates us from the REAL KING

After the message concluding business was conducted.

Executive Committee nominates Terry Booker to replace Aaron Baldrige on the association Executive Committee. Motion made to cease nomination and elect Bro Booker. M/S/C

Resolutions committee: Bro Lumpkin gave report. Resolution 1 - Be it resolved that we encourage all of our Churches to attend the State Association as it is being held at Crosswalk in New Albany. The evening service is at 7 pm. Resolution 2 - Be it resolved that we give our host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting today. The body adopted both resolutions.

Attendance today: 11 pastors, 2 preachers, 6 deacons, 4 delegates, and 5 visitors. Total 28

M/S/C to allow moderator to appoint delegates for state meeting in April.

Dennis Kizzire dismissed meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron R. Baldrige, DMin.
Clerk

Bro. Michael Lumpkin gave the recommendations from the Resolutions Committee:

Resolve that our association stand in support of Bro Dennis Kizzire and our camp board in opposition to building of drug rehab center in proximity to Morganwood Camp. MSC

Resolve that the association give \$500 to Morganwood. MSC

Resolve that we praise the Lord and continue to pray for and support Hannah Goucher. She has reached fully funded status and will be leaving for Japan very soon. MSC

Resolve to give Beech Springs a rising vote of thanks for hosting our meeting. MSC

Due to Chris Mitchell resigning from positions, there is an opening for terms that expire in 2024 on the Executive Committee and Credentials Committee. Motion was made by Bro. Terry Pierce that the Executive Committee appoint someone to fill these positions. MSC

Moderator John Johnson presented certificate of ministerial license to Matthew Wilson and asked the ministers and deacons to gather and pray over him. He then concluded our meeting with the blessing on the fellowship meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron R. Baldridge, DMin.
Clerk

June 10, 2023

The Northeast Mississippi Association met at Fulton Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Michael Hutton is the pastor.

New Life Free Will Baptist Church sent a letter requesting their pastor Rev. Johnny Cook be received by the association. Forwarded letter to the Ordaining Committee. Will request letter of good standing and he will meet with the ordination committee.

Pastor Michael Hutton welcomed the association. A men's trio from Fulton Church sang "Great Getting Up Morning." Bro. Terry Booker preached from Ephesians 1:3-17 "IN Him".

Moderator John Johnson called the meeting to order. Standing delegated recognized and MSC to seat delegates.

Clerk gave treasurers report. MSC to receive as information

Bro Gerald Gann gave mission board report from state association. Report is attached. MSC to receive report as information.

Bro Dennis Kizzire gave a brief update about camp. Teen camp at Morganwood was this past week. It went very well. The camp numbers were down a little bit again this year. Elementary camp begins Sunday at 3 pm. A number of churches and individuals have helped with the pantry project. MSC to receive as information.

Jacob Johnson gave a brief report from Welch College. There were 78 graduates this year, one of the highest number in several years. Enrollment is increasing as well. New online programs are being launched. MSC to receive as information.

Registration today - total 25

Bro Thomas Loyd expressed appreciation for those that have participated in the kitchen shower for Crosswalk. July 2 church will be hosting a bluegrass, bbq, and bounce house event at 5 pm.

Resolutions Committee report given by Bro. Michael Lumpkin. Resolved to give a rising vote of thanks for Fulton's hospitality. MSC.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron R. Baldrige, D.Min.
Clerk

September 9, 2023

Met September 9 at Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church for annual session.

Opening hymn O How I Love Jesus

Bro Dennis Kizzire welcomed the association to Beech Springs.

Moderator John Johnson led in prayer.

Bro. Barry Raper, pastor of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church and professor at Welch College is our guest speaker for the day. His first message was from 2 Timothy 2:1-2

10:00 Business Session

Moderator John Johnson called meeting to order.

Standing delegates recognized and delegates from local churches appointed and registered were seated.

Credential committee gave report. Report attached to minutes. Recommended that we receive Johnny Cook into association. Recommended that Matthew Wilson be licensed for a period of one year. Received letter from Chris Mitchell surrendering ministerial credentials. Received as information. Recommend that all ministers who have met attendance requirements be given cards of good standing. All recommendations were adopted.

Treasurers report MSC to receive as information.

Bro Dennis Kizzire gave a report on Morganwood. Attached to minutes. MSC to receive as information

Bro. Dennis Kizzire gave state secretary report. MSC to receive as information

Nomination committee report given. MSC to by acclamation as recommended.

Bro. Terry Booker made motion that we affirm our standing in support with Board of Morganwood Camp. Referred to Resolutions Committee.

After break we came back and sang "Tell Me The Story of Jesus"

Offering received was \$174.00

Barry Raper gave a brief report on the College. He spoke from Acts 17:16-34

"How Do We Reach People In A Culture Against Christ?"

Registration report. Crosswalk FWB Church won the attendance banner. Total attendance 37