

Minutes of the Northern Quarterly

The Northern Quarterly met in regular session January 14, 2017 at Lakeview Fellowship Free Will Baptist in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Bro. Andrew Pierce led the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises." This was followed by an opening prayer given by Moderator Rev. Dwayne James. Bro. Pierce then led the congregation in singing "Grace Greater than All Our Sin." Rev. Scott Bee welcomed the assembly and Rev. Corey Minter offered a response of thanks. The Resolutions Committee was named as follows: Chair: Rev. Roy Jensen, Bro. David Blades, and Bro. Max Harris.

Rev. Reid Wilkerson opened the time of devotion in prayer. Rev. Cecil Boswell brought the morning devotion from Phil. 1:12-13, 29-30; Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 12:7. Why does God allow his children to suffer? 1. To further the Gospel; 2. It is God's will so that Christ might be glorified; 3. To show us how big God really is.

The business session began with the seating of the ordained ministers, ordained deacons, and delegates. Visitors were recognized. Rev. Phillip Morgan presented the minutes and a motion was made to accept them and seconded. Roy Jensen recommended that the word "in lieu of" in Resolution 2 be changed to "for." Minutes were approved with that adjustment. Rev. Morgan then gave the treasurer's report for Quarter 4 and Quarter 1 of the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Motion was made to accept it, seconded, and approved. The 2016-2017 proposed budget was presented, accepted, seconded, and approved.

The body was dismissed for refreshments with a prayer from Bro. Josh Morris.

Rev. Morgan gave the Executive Committee report from the meeting of January 10, 2017.

Moved to accept Immanuel Church Free Will Baptist, seconded, and approved. Rev. Jesse Owens gave some background information about Immanuel Church, which had been meeting for several months in a local community center. They are looking toward a grand opening in Fall 2017. Rev. Owens is an associate church planter under North American Missions. They aim to reach the lost in the Gallatin area, and hope to train young church planters attending Welch College.

Moved to accept Rev. Wilkerson to fulfill Rev. Bud Hill's unexpired term as a Member at Large on the Executive Board. Seconded and approved.

The Resolutions Committee met and made the following recommendations:

1. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thank to Lakeview Fellowship and to its pastor, Rev. Bee, for hosting the Northern Quarterly Meeting today.
2. Be it resolved that today's offering be given to Sis. Shannon Little to assist her return to the mission field.

The resolutions were voted on individually. Motions were made to accept both resolutions, seconded, and approved.

Examining Committee:

1. Recommended Rev. Jesse Owens be accepted as an ordained minister in good standing, transferring from the Southern Quarterly of the Cumberland Association.
2. Recommended Rev. Scott Bee be accepted as an ordained minister in good standing, transferring from the West TN Association.
3. Recommended Dr. Matthew McAfee be accepted as an ordained minister from the Southern Quarterly of the Cumberland Association.
4. Recommended Andrew Pierce of Lakeview Fellowship be accepted as a licensed minister to the Northern Quarterly.
5. Recommended that Josh Hunter be accepted as a licensed minister to the Northern Quarterly.

Motion made to accept recommendations, seconded, and approved.

Rev. Phillip Morgan gave a report for the NQCTS Committee concerning the upcoming quarterly competition.

Rev. James gave information about Greenwood FWB Church. They are struggling financially to the point of not being able to pay their dues. We recommend that the quarterly carry their dues for the coming year. Also Rev. Mike Callis has requested that Liberty FWB Church be removed from the quarterly due to their distance from the rest of the churches.

Rev. Glen Poston gave a report on behalf of the Tennessee State Promotional Office. Rev. Poston invited everyone to attend the Spring Retreat March 13-15, 2017 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Please help sign people up to receive *Echo*. Rev. Poston also recommended the everyone read a copy of Dale Edwards Young's, *Founded Upon a Rock* about William Henry Oliver. Rev. Poston also had free copies of *Integrity* for all ministers as well as copies of the 2016/17 Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists minutes and digest of reports.

Rev. Eddie Hodges gave a report on behalf of Family Ministries. This past year 155 people made decisions for Christ through the work of Family Ministries. But Family Ministries is also concerned about making disciples. Rev. Hodges read a testimony of some of the people working with the children.

Rev. Mike Edwards gave a report on behalf of Welch College. He thanked the NQ for their support and very big offering last year. Derek Altom is signing up representatives to visit the NQ churches on Welch College emphasis day. Concerning relocation: God has been providing. As of Tuesday the contractor said that we can still move students in on February 11. Please pray for good weather to pour concrete for the sidewalks, laying asphalt for parking lots and driveways, and doing landscaping. Throughout the denomination, there is a lot of excitement about the relocation and what is going on at the college.

Rev. Kenneth Eagleton gave a report from International Missions. He and Mrs. Eagleton are on stateside assignment from Brazil. Eagleton has become the regional director for the work in Latin America and Africa. Uruguay is very secularized area and it is very hard to do church planting and evangelism. We had five churches there with only two Uruguayan pastors, but they are training leaders. In Brazil, a Brazilian pastor has moved into northern Brazil where there is no evangelical churches and has seen some success. Also a Brazilian missionary is working in Turkey with Syrian refugees. In Cuba, many pastors are answering the call to missions. Some are going to Southern Mexico to reach unreached people groups. Some Cuban medical missionaries are headed to the Ivory Coast to fill positions in our work there. The Ivory Coast churches are planting more churches in their country as well as in Ghana. The Ivorians had a 10% growth in churches over the past year and their attendance has grown 15%. We are opening up a new field in Kenya.

Rev. Stan Coker gave a report from Cumberland Youth Camp. The camp desires prayer for opportunities to add nine holes of Disc Golf for the coming summer, changing paintball to laser tag, and adding more housing. They have already received \$10,000.00 toward the new housing. The summer schedule has been reworked. The pastors' wives retreat will be held January 27-29.

Motion was made to adjourn from business, seconded, and approved.

The worship service began with the Lakeview Fellowship praise team leading the congregation in singing "How Great Thou Art." Followed by prayer. Rev. James introduced Dr. Dwyer as the speaker for the morning. The praise team led the congregation in singing "All I Have is Christ" and then brought a special song.

Rev. Danny Dwyer brought the morning message entitle "Oh to Be Like Him" from Rom. 8:28-29 and 1 Jn. 3:2-3. He opened by asking for prayer for he and Sis. Dwyer as they travel to Cuba for a pastors' training seminar. The Christian life has a design to it. We are predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ. Ultimately, when He appears we shall be like Him. 1. The pattern of Christlikeness consists of Christ and His followers who model Him in this world. 2. The process of becoming Christlike consists of knowing the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit working in us, living like Christ. 3. The problems we face becoming

Christlike consist of our flesh, Satan, and the world. 4. The power of Christlikeness heals broken, sin-ridden souls. (Dr. Danny Dwyer, "I don't look for the Devil behind every bush, but he's there.")

The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Poston. The next Northern Quarterly meeting will be held April 8, 2017 at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Joelton, Tennessee.

Registration Report:
Ministers: 18
Deacons: 5
Delegates: 7
Visitors: 17
Total: 47

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Morgan, Clerk

Officers and Committees of the Northern Quarterly 2016-2017:

Executive Committee:

Moderator: **Rev. Dwayne James**
Asst. Moderator: **Rev. Randy Corn**
Clerk/Treasurer: **Mrs. Megan Morgan**
Worship Leader: **Rev. Corey Minter**
Asst. Worship Leader: **Dr. Seldon Buck**

Members at Large:

Rev. Cecil Boswell, 2017
Rev. Mark Milling, 2018
Rev. Reid Wilkerson, 2019 (replacing Rev. Bud Hill)

CTS and Christian Education Committee:

Mrs. Margaret Hampton, 2017
Rev. Phillip Morgan, 2018
Mr. Zack Vickery, 2019 (new)
Mr. David Dell, 2020 (new)
Ms. Misty Waldrop, 2021

Examining Committee:

Rev. Randy Corn, 2017
Rev. Barry Raper, 2018
Rev. Randy Riggs, 2019
Rev. Ronnie Smith, 2020
Rev. Billy Ellis, 2021

Northern Quarterly Treasurer's Report for Quarter 4 and Quarter 1

7/9/16-1/13/17

Unified Giving:

Balance Brought Forward \$ 611.81

Receipts:

Deposits

Total Receipts

Total Balance \$ 611.81

Disbursements:

67% to the Cumberland Association

15% to PVCS

10% to NQ CTS

4% to Emergency Fund

Total Disbursements:

Balance On Hand: \$ 611.81

Regular Account:

Balance Brought Forward \$11,801.53

Receipts:

Quarterly, Cumberland, Nat'l Dues \$ 4,675.00

July Quarterly Meeting Offering \$ 130.00

NQ Offering to Host Cumberland \$ 285.00

Total Receipts \$ 5,090.00

Total Balance \$ 16,891.53

Disbursements:

NQ Offering to Heads Church \$ (130.00)

Benevolence from NQ to Heads FW \$ (1,000.00)

Cumberland Association (Dues Pd) \$ (7,475.00)

Offering to 180 for Hosting Cumb. \$ (285.00)

Clerk & Treasurer (2 quarters) \$ (200.00)

Office Supplies \$ (47.95)

USPO \$ (37.60)

\$ (9,175.55)

Total Disbursements:

Balance On Hand: \$ 7,715.98

Emergency Fund:

Balance Brought Forward \$ 112.35

(No Transactions)