

March 11, 1977

Meeting at Randall Memorial F.W.B.

- 7:40 Cong. Singing led by Eugene Watkins
Prayer: by Bro. Richard Barnard
Welcome also by Bro. Barnard
Response: Bro. Bobly Moore in replacement of
Vernon Paradise.
- 7:45 Devotion - Bro. Bass "Go to the ant Thou Sluggard"
work for an increase
- 8:00 Special Music - Bro. Watkins of Randall Church
sang "I Am Amazed"
- 8:05 Message - Lloyd Olsen
Layman director of Master's Men
scripture theme: John 1:41, 42
Goal: To bring men to Christ
Our service depends on the Lord & unconditional
surrender.
- 8:40 Offering ?
- 8:40 Cong. Song "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"
Prayer - Bro. Lann Patrick
- 8:45 Business Session
Minutes read and approved
Reports read and accepted
- Old Business:
- (1) Letter was sent to Bro. Weaver and his card has been received back.
 - (2) Spilled Motion - Bro. Patrick made motion to remove from table, seconded, & carried.

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Old Business continued . . .

Motion made and seconded to accept all constitutional changes as a whole, seconded

Motion made by Bro. Patrick for amendment to #8 section of By Laws to read "rules #6 & 7 shall not apply to those retired, seconded, carried

Discussion that others wanted to act on each change separately, so Bro. Patrick withdrew his motion to accept all changes as a whole.

Article XIV change accepted to read:

It shall be the duty of the clerk to call roll of all ordained ministers at each Quarterly Meeting.

Article XV change accepted to read:

The clerk shall maintain a notebook in which the attendance of each ordained minister shall be kept.

Article XVI change accepted to read:

All ministers not present for two consecutive sessions shall be reported by the Quarterly Meeting Clerk to the Yearly Conference Clerk with recommendations that the Yearly Conference withhold their minister's cards. All members who are thus reported must be notified by certified mail of the Quarterly Meeting action, giving them the privilege of defence in person or by registered mail at the Yearly Conference.

Old Business Continued . . .

Addition to the By-Laws Article VI --

6. accepted to read . . . A minister who wishes to be ordained must have a place of specific service or ministry before he can be ordained. He may be licensed without such a place of service but not ordained.

New Business

1. Letter read from Jerry Austin that his church was withdrawing. The letter was accepted as information only. seconded, carried.

2. C.T.S. Rally at Cookeville June 10th, 11th

3. Motion made by Bro. Hopkins seconded & carried for next meeting to be June 3rd.

4. North Memphis invited next meeting - accepted.

5. Bro. Patrick made motion to table Article ~~XXII~~ change striking the word NEXT seconded, carried.

Article ~~XXII~~ now reads: These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided proposed amendment or alteration has been presented in writing at the next previous session.

6. Rising vote of Thanks giving to Randall Church

7. Treasurer's Report Bal. \$313.52 accepted

8. Motion made to give Executive Com. power to set an amount to be paid to Bro. Johnson with a travel expense - accepted

June 3rd Quarterly Meeting

- 7:30 Congregational Singing
"To God Be the Glory" led by
Brother Bruce Sasser
- 7:35 Welcome - Mrs. Spencer
- 7:40 Response - Mrs. Jean Allen
Prayer - Charles McNeese
- 7:50 Song "Higher Ground"
- 7:55 Devotion by Laron Rye Mark 5:18-20
"The Great Things Christ hath Done"
- 8:00 Special Singing - Bro. & Sis Sasser
"Holy White City"
- 8:05 Message - Bro. Eddie Hopkins
scripture II Chronicles 20:20
St. Mark 11:24

Theme: Believe in the Lord Your God, so
shall ye be established,

- 8:50 Cong. singing "Is Your All on the Altar"
Prayer - Bro. Presley

Business Session

Minutes were read & approved

Reports read & accepted

No Old Business

New Business

- (1) Letter read from Jackson Church asking
for recommendations to Sister Churches
for financial help - - - motion made to
this effect by Bro. McNeese, seconded, carried

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(Clerk will write letter - moderator will be pleased to co-sign if so desired)

(2) Bro. Presley commented about C.T.S. Rally June 10, 11 and encouraged participation by all churches.

9:35 offering - \$24.50

(3) Jackson, First Church invited Ass. for yearly meeting Sept. 9-10 - accepted

(4) Rising vote of Thanks to North Memphis Church - meeting adjourned

Dismissal prayer - Bro. Burl Lassiter.

Annual Meeting----First F. W. E. Church Jackson.....Sept. 9 & 10, 1977
Friday evening

- 7:30 Congregation singing
Prayer, Bro. Glen Wright
- 7:40 Devotion, Bro. Albert Halbrook, "How Great Salvation", Heb. 2:3
Special Song by Kathy Dye, "Ever Gentle, Ever Sweet"
Congregation Singing "Heavenly Sunlight"
Prayer, Bro. Eddie Hopkins
- 7:55 Message---Rev. Stanley Outlaw. Scripture from Heb. 9

Saturday Morning

- 10:00 Opening prayer and Congregation song.
Welcome-----Judy Oliver
Response----Lola Hopkins
- 10:15 Devotion-----Bro. Eddie Hopkins, Scripture from Psalms 73.
- 10:20 Prayer, Burl Lasiter
Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.
Church Letters read and accepted as read.
Delegates Seated.
Moderator appointed: Nominating Committee,
Eddie Hopkins.....(Chairman)
Charles Oliver
Dennis Edgar

Obituary Committee,
Burl Lasiter (Chairman)
Mary Blackwood
David Thomas
Congregation song led by Bro Presley
- 10:55 Message---Rev. Stanley Outlaw. Scripture from Hebrews 6:1
Subject, "Let Us Go On"
- Dismissed with prayer and blessing on food by Bro. Larry Carr.

Afternoon

- 1:00 Congregation Singing
- Camp Board report was given by Brother Dann Patrick, Motion
made to accept report, seconded and carried.
- Offering was received, total \$64.00
- Devotion-----Dennis Edgar, Scripture from 11 Timothy 2
Subject "Understanding in All Things"
- Business:
Treasurers Report-----balance \$229.12. Motion made, seconded,

Business:

Treasurers report-----Balance \$370.37. Motion made, seconded, report was accepted as read.

Motion made by Brother Patrick to put two hundred & fifty dollars (\$250.00) from general treasury to the camp board to cover unpaid expenses. Motion seconded and carried.

Obituary Committee reported only one death in the past year Brad Cox from Randall Church.

Nominating Committee made the following recommendations:

Moderator.....Larry Carr
Assistant.....Jerry Presley
Clerk.....Lola Hopkins
Treasurer.....Elo Edgar

Program Committee

Charles Oliver.....First Church, Jackson
Bruce Bass.....North Memphis Church
Burl Lasiter.....First Church, Memphis
Dennis Edgar.....Randall Church

Camp Board

Pastors,
Bro Presley
Bro Carr
Bro Patrick
Bro Hopkins

Laymen,
Charles Mcneese
Laron Dye
John Shores
Bobby Johnson

Motion made by Brother Laron Dye to accept these recommendations by acclamation: motion seconded and carried.

Motion made to accept Brother Albert Holbrook into West Tennessee Association, motion seconded and carried.

New Business:

Brother Patrick made mention of the fact we need a decision as to who will be responsible for printed programs for Ass. meetings.....Also that the By-Laws need studying and revising.

Motion made by Brother Patrick that Program Committee get copy of program to Brother Charles Oliver one month in advance of Association meeting for printing, motion seconded and carried.

Motion made by Brother Hopkins that the Executive Committee get together to set rules and guidelines for Association procedures, where revising is needed, also including interested laymen....Motion seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Bro Glenn Wright to send Bro. Norlin Jones a letter of good standing as well as appreciation for services rendered while here. Letter of recommendation for Bro. Jones will be sent to his Association and a carbon copy to Bro Jones. (Letter requesting this letter of good standing was read by Moderator, Jerry Presley).

Rising vote of thanks for First Church, Jackson.

First Church, Memphis requested next meeting which will be December 9, 1977.

Motion to adjourne....Dismissal prayer by Bro Charles Oliver.

Quarterly Meeting of West Tennessee Association of Free Will Baptists
convening with First Free Will Baptist, Memphis, Dec. 9, 1977

7:30...Congregation singing followed by prayer by Bro. Bruce Bass.

7:35...Welcome, Bro. Bobby Johnson, scripture IITim. 4:7&8

7:40...Response...Bro Laron Dye

7:45...Devotion, Bro Glenn Wright, Scripture IPeter 5:7; Phil. 4:4-7
Subject, Ways to avoid worrying.

7:55...Special music, First church Memphis

8:00...Message, Bro Jerry Presley, comments from The Sermon on the Mount
Matthew chapter 5 6 & 7....message on building from
chapter 7 verses 24 through 27.

9:00...Business:

Church Letters read and approved, Delegates seated.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Roll call for ministers, with all ministers present.

Treasurers report given,.....balance \$93.12, approved as read.

Old Business:

Moderator reported the letter of good standing for Bro. Halbrook
has been received.

Executive board has met but the revised by-laws and constitution
are not complete but should be completed by March meeting.

New Business:

Brother Carr read a letter from Foreign Missions expressing the
need for support to help raise \$61,000.

Brother ^{Patrick} made motion to send \$25.00 to Coscia account, also
Sister churches be made aware of this need and do whatever possible
in each church. Motion seconded and carried.

Letter from Bro. John Gibbs, State Promotional Director, was read
requesting schedule of Association meetings....Motion made by Bro.
Presley to send Bro. Gibbs projected dates of meetings and send place
as soon as we know. Motion seconded and carried.

Brother Patrick was asked to comment on State Association Meeting... He stated that the business reports from Children's Home, Women's Auxiliary, Home Missions and others within the State, as to work and progress, were very good.....special comments about the new work at Lebanon with Brother Wallace Hays.

Brother Patrick also made a special prayer request for Paul Robinson and Doug Elison families, Missionaries to Uruguay. Commenting on the hardships they are facing under the pressure of Communism.....

Brother Patrick gave report on Youth Camp finances.....Made motion that West Tenn. Ass. give the Youth Camp fund \$30.00 to retire the debt from last Summer.....Motion seconded and carried.

Brother Presley made motion that the next meeting be changed from March 10 to March 17 to accomodate the Randall Church who will be in revival that week.....motion seconded and carried.
Next meeting will be at North Memphis Free Will Baptist Church.

Offering received.....\$46.09

Brother Presley made motion to give the program committee a rising vote of thanks for a job well done; also a rising vote of thanks to First church Memphis.....Motion seconded and carried.

After proper motion meeting was adjourned.....followed by a time of fellowship, and refreshments.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on food by Brother Jerry Presley.

New Business:

^{presley} Place of next meeting was set.....Motion by Bro. Dye, seconded by Bro. Carr and carriedthe next meeting will be at First F. W. B. Church in Jackson.....This meeting was postponed one week because of the scheduled C. T. S. Rally, and will be June 16, 1978. *Rescheduled June 2.*

Bro. Patrick explained Bro. Carr, Moderator, had traveled to Memphis different times, as well as done a lot of work on the revising of the constitution and by-laws.....and made a motion that he (Bro. Carr) be reimbursed for travel expenses in the amount of twenty (20) dollars,

Motion seconded by Bro. Hopkins and carried.

Announcements.....Meeting of camp board after meeting and the copies of both the National and State Association meetings are available for pastors.....

Since no Chairman was elected for the camp board, Bro. Patrick was appointed acting chairman.

Offering received.....\$31.08.

No further business meeting was adjourned after proper motion, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Dismissal prayer by Bro Bruce Bass