

The regular quarterly meeting of West Tennessee Association, convening with Randall Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, on March 9, 1979.

7:30--Singing, "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul", and "Higher Ground", directed by David Thomas.

Prayer, Bro. Bobby Moore

7:35--Welcome, Larry Messor

7:40--Response, Ruth Thomas

7:45--Devotion, Rev. Jerry Presley. Scripture, ICor. 13 verses 1-4
Comments on love.

7:55--Reading of Church Letters, Motion made by Bro. Patrick, second by Bro. Hopkins that letters be accepted and delegates seated. Motion carried.

8:10--Special Music, "He Could Have Called Ten Thousand Angels", by Linda Wright, from Randall Church.

8:15--Message, Rev. Wallace Hayes, State Promotional Director, first commenting on work and progress of his office and other Free Will Baptist work across the State.

Scripture read from Acts 2; 41-47 also Acts 20-20, followed by prayer. Subject was on Evangelism, both Mass and Personal with emphasis on personal soul winning.

5 Reasons we need to be soul winners:

1-To tell the lost about Jesus.

2-To help the lost escape the awfulness of Hell.

3-Because of the unusual opportunities available to me.

4-It is the best way to say "thank you" to God.

Also emphasized that in order to be a soul winner there must first be a personal commitment to Christ, challenging each one present to make that commitment to witness to at least one

per person and present the plan of salvation to at least one person
each week.....followed by prayer.

BUSINESS:

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted as read.

Treasurer's report given and approved.

Minister's roll call---All Minister's present, except Bro. Larry Carr who has resigned and moved away.

OLD BUSINESS, Letter of recommendation from West Central Association in Illinois, for Bro. Glenn Poston, was read. Motion made by Bro. Patrick, seconded by Bro. Hopkins, recommending that Bro. Poston be received into our fellowship. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

On behalf of the camp board Bro. Patrick commented on the camp program for the coming year. The following camp dates were announced.....Senior camp...June 11 thru 15, plans are to be there for lunch on the 11th and leave the morning of the 16th. Junior camp will begin with the evening service on July 8 and close at noon on July 12th. Bro. Patrick also gave specified ages for each camp. Applications will be out soon, Fee-\$25.00

Bro. Presley invited the next Association meeting to North Memphis Free Will Baptist Church on June 22, 1979. Motion to accept this invitation made by Bro Patrick, seconded by Bro. Hopkins, & carried.

Letter was read from Glenn Masters III requesting confirmation of his ordination at Randall F. W. B. Church in Jan. 1970. Bro. Patrick commented on this request and then made motion we send him a letter confirming the fact he (Glenn Masters III) was ordained on said date and also state that he has not been affiliated with this Association for a good number of years.

Question was asked whether we have a credentials committee? Bro. Patrick explained the Ordaining Council functions in this capacity.

After brief discussion the previous motion was withdrawn and a motion was made that the credentials committee examine any information available concerning the request from Glenn Masters and make a discision accordingly, motion seconded and carried.

Moderator read a letter from Eddie Hopkins, & Lola Hopkins to the Association stating their desire to resign from the office of Moderator and Clerk, respectively, Motion made to accept these resignations, seconded and carried.

Floor was then opened for nominations for Moderator for the remaining of the year. Rev. Glenn Poston was nominated & then elected by acclamation. Nomination for Clerk was Kathy Dye and she was elected by acclamation.

Bro Presley made motion to give rising vote of thanks to Bro. & Sis Hopkins for their efforts also to Randall Memorial Church for their hosting this meeting. motion seconded, carried.

Bro. ^{Poston}~~Presley~~ commented on the work in Millington and Bro. Presley commented on the work at North Memphis Church, each expressing desire for prayer on behalf of the work.

Letter from Historical Comission was read; tabled until future date to see what can be done to get the information requested together.

Letter from First Free Will Baptist Church, Memphis, was read requesting the ordination of Bobby Johnson as a deacon of said church. Bro. Patrick stated he (B. Johnson) had been examined by the Ordaining Council and recommended his ordination. Bro. Poston made motion to accept the letter and also the recommendation, motion seconded by Bro. Presley & carried. Ordination services will be April 22, 1979 at the church.

Offering was received.....\$44.74

No further business to come before the body the meeting was adjourned after proper motion.

Dismissed with prayer and blessing of the refreshments by Charles Oliver.

9:45--Refreshments and fellowship.

Friday Sept. 7th 1979

7:30 Services began by Cong. Singing
"Send a Great Revival" led by Bro. Presley

Prayer - by Bob Johnson

Welcome - Wayne Jones

Response - Rev. Vernon Long

Call to Order - by Bro. Palston

Seating of Delegates

Reading of Church Quarterly Reports

Nom. Committee appointed: Bro. Presley, Bob Johnson,
Denis Edgar, Wayne Jones, Sharon Dye

Cong. Song - "Ring the Bells of Heaven"

Offering - \$51.96

Special Music by Linda Wright

"All Because of God's Amazing Grace"

Message - Bro. Don Roberts

Acts 3

Spoke about our concern of these souls
"on our steps"

Saturday morning - Sept 8

9:00 Cong. Sing - "Victory in Jesus"

Prayer by Bro. Bill Foster

Bro. Jim Brinley who was supposed to bring
the devotion was sick so we
had a testimony time.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws by Diane Lambert
Roll Call for ministers

Treasurer's Report by Felo Edgar:

3-1-79 to 8-31-79	Beginning balance	43.04
	Dep.	<u>179.74</u>
		222.78

Disbursement	West Tenn.	67.50
	Youth Camp	

Ending balance	<u>\$ 155.28</u>
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Minutes read & accepted as read

Moderator appointed Obituary Committee: Ed Hopkins
 Bro. Halbrook
 S. Moore

Reading of Yearly Church Letters by a member of each church. They were read & accepted

Reports from Committees

Nominating Committee recommended the following for officers

Mod.	Glenn Polston	-	acclamation
Ass. Mod.	Bobby Moore	-	"
clerk	Kathy Dege	-	"
Ass. clerk	Jan Allen	-	"
Treasurer	Felo Edgar	-	"

Obituary Committee reported that 2 had died this yr.

Mrs. Louise Pruitt - First Church, Memphis
 Mrs. Irene Pruitt - Randall

Report by Bro. Wallace Hayes State Promotional Director

"There are more counties in Tenn. that do not have FwB churches than do have"

"It is our responsibility to stir up response for missions"

Sept. 17-19 State Emphasies for Pastors
 Asked that each one who receives Eko give \$1
 to cover expense but Pray most of all

Nov. 12-14th State Ass. at Union Chapel near
 Greenville, Tenn. 300th Celebration of Sunday School

Reports from missionaries & visiting Denomination Departments

1. Letter read from Bro. Kettlemen from Bible College
2. Bro. Bill Foster Sunday School Reports

Free Publication Scope

- 2 Enlargement Campaigns CTS & S. S.
3. Meeting from Bro. Buddy Bell at Lebanon Church
4. Bro. Vernon Long - report of Jackson work

Prayer support above all else

5. Bro. Don Roberts shared about Foreign Missions

Praying for more missionaries to the field
 \$2 million budget for this year

Unfinished Business

1. Next meeting will be held at Millington, Dec. 7th
 Hwy 51, Navy Rd, 2 miles off
 Shopping Center behind Bank
2. Bro. Vernon Long - from Tidewater Ass. was questioned by
 Executive board & recommended to Ass. for membership
 upon receipt of letter from last Ass.
3. Question of Glenn Master III -
 Mod. Bro. Glen Pelton spoke
 Bro. Lann made motion that Mod. write Bro. Master III
 letting him know what we know and ask him of his
 intentions, seconded, carried.

4. Tabled motion about Historical Com. request was left tabled.

5. Delegates to State Ass.

Mrs. Presley

Bro. & Mrs. Wayne Jones

Brenda Patrick

Linda Wright

Bro. Hopkins spoke as they had appreciated the privilege to serve in Tenn. as they are moving to Ohio.

Executive Committee to act as program committee, too.
Dismissed for short recess 10:50

11:15 Cong. Sing.

Special Music: Mrs. Bass
Mrs. Lambert } "I'm Free"
Mrs. Polston }

Special Speaker - Bro. Don Roberts Romans 1:14
"Our Debt to Men"

Business: Ex. Com. recommend Bro. Wright to be ordained at Rendall Church at a deacon.

- Ex. Com. also examined and recommended Bro. Vernon Long to Ass. as a member pending his letter from previous Ass.
 - Bro. Dann announced revival with Jack Stallings Sept 9th
 - Bro. Presley announced Bro. Hayes will be speaking at N. Memphis
 - Liberty Church Revival Sept 23-25 Tryon Messer
Oct 7th - First Anniversary
 - First Church Memphis Sept 16th Homecoming & singing
- Bro. McNeese made motion, seconded, carried to give rising vote of thanks to N. Memphis FWS for hosting this meeting.
- Motion made to adjourn, seconded, carried
- Lunch & fellowship

Minutes Dec. 7th meeting
at Liberty F.W.B. (March 14th)

Dec 1979 ?

7:37 Cong. Song led Bro. Dulin

#286 "The Glory-Land Way"

#120

Victory In Jesus

Special Prayer by Bro. Charles McNeese

Welcome - Ed Allen

Response - Laron Dye

Absent - Don Hase of N. Memphis Church

"I beseech you therefore brethren -"

Meeting called to order

Seating of delegates

Motion made & seconded, carried to seat delegates

Church Quarterly Reports Read by Clerk & Ass. Clerk

Corrections made

Motion made to accept church reports

- Treasurers report - stood approved as read
- Minutes read - stood approved as read
- Report from each church ^{of a sense of revival} ~~of the wonderful things~~
^{in each ch. church} ~~happening~~, souls being saved, people getting right
- Cong. Song - Jesus Saves
- Offering - \$31.86
- Special Bro. Bobby Moore read letter from the
Cosias
- Bro. Wallace Hayes, Tenn. State
F.W.B. promotional director
spoke of F.W.B. work being done
needs: slide projector, screen
- Pray for brother mission to be started in Tenn. this year.
- Special Music by Bro. Gary Hayes
- Message by Bro. Wallace Hayes #Kings 22:

Business:

- Pastors roll call
- First F.W.B. of Jackson has set aside Melvin Haas to be under the watch care to be licensed as a minister
- Bro. Presley made reports of National Ass.

Randall Church will host next meeting June 13th

Randall
25th Anni. June 6, 8,

Treasurer Report

9-79 - 12-79

Beginning Balance	155.28
Deposit	221.96
	377.24

Disbursements		
Kathy Rye	Clerical Service	20.00
Don Rabuda	Yearly Speaker	115.00
In. Stet Assoc.	Dues	35.00
Youth Camp		85.00
	Spent	255.00

Closing Balance 122.24

Edgar
Treasurer