

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT VICTORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY 6 MARCH 1992**

1. Registration was held from 7:00 -7:15 P.M..
2. Call to worship and congregational singing of "When We All Get to Heaven" followed by prayer by Brother Eddie Hopkins and another congregational song - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
3. Scripture reading and prayer by Brother Jim Laverty from Psalm 78:1-7, and Psalm 127:3.
4. Offering was received.
5. Special Music "Praise to the Lamb" by the Memphis area churches mixed choir followed by a solo "There's Room at the Cross" by Brother Terry Booker
6. Message by Brother Tim Sizemore from the Grace Church from Acts 2:37-47 - Four Central Elements of a Local Church.
7. Invitation and prayer.
8. Business Session called to order by Moderator.
9. Recognition of Standing Delegates by the moderator followed by a reading of the elected delegates from the church letters by the clerk and seating thereof as approved by the standing delegates.
10. Reading of Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting by the Clerk. Approved as read.
11. Treasurer's report given and accepted as read.
12. Old business - None
13. There were no requests from Church letters.
14. A motion was made from the floor and carried to enact the Bylaw for the purpose of removing John Hewitt's name from the minister's role.
15. A request was made and approved to switch the order of the Grace and Liberty churches hosting of the quarterly meeting.
16. A request was made by Brother Presley for Associational support of \$200 for the Worldaid Golf Tournament to be played in May 1992. Discussion followed which resulted in a motion to give up to \$100 toward the funding of signs and other tournament expenses. This motion was approved.
17. A motion was made and approved to give \$100 to the Doropo mission in Ivory Coast, Africa.
18. The following announcements were made:
 - a. The West Tennessee Women's Auxiliary Retreat will be April 3-4.
 - b. Master's Men breakfast will be Saturday morning March 7 and takes place the first Saturday of every month.
 - c. The Master's Men fishing trip hosted by First FWB Church will be April 24-25.
 - d. The Grace Church will be hosting the Free Will Baptist Bible College Drama Team at 7:00 P.M. March 12 and will be conducting revival services with Rev. Billy Hanna in May.
 - e. Brother Eddie Hopkins reported that there is to be a special Mother's Day offering received for an emergency shelter at the Children's Home in Greenville, TN.
 - f. Brother J.L. Gore's church is having weekend revival beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
19. The response was given by Brother Burl Lasiter.
20. Benediction and blessing on the refreshments by Brother Terry Booker followed by a time of fellowship.

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**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY 12 JUNE 1992**

1. Registration was held from 6:30 -6:45 P.M.
2. Call to worship and congregational singing of "Praise Him! Praise Him!" followed by a welcome from Brother David Spears.
3. Scripture reading by Brother Keith Walkley from Proverbs 3:5-6 followed by prayer and a blessing on the banquet.
4. A time of food and fellowship was held from 7:00 -8:15 P.M.
5. Congregation gathered back in the sanctuary and sang "To God Be the Glory".
6. Special Music "And He's Ever Interceding" and "When He Comes Down" was presented by Sister Wanda Spears and Brother Gwyn and Rebecca Pugh.
7. Message by the area preachers on Psalm 23 - The Lord is My Shepherd. Verse 1 - Brother David Spears, Verse 2, Brother Jerry Presley, Verse 3, Brother Gwyn Pugh, Verse 4, Brother Eddie Hopkins, Verse 5, Brother Dick Williams, Verse 6 by Brother Terry Booker.
8. Invitation and prayer.
9. Business Session called to order by Moderator.
10. Recognition of Standing Delegates (6 ministers and 7 deacons) by the moderator followed by a reading of the elected delegates from the church letters by the clerk and seating thereof as approved by the standing delegates. The Hendricks family was recognized visiting from Indianapolis.
11. Reading of Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting by the Clerk. Approved as read.
12. Treasurer's report given and accepted as read with a balance on hand of \$341.23.
13. Old business - None
14. There were no requests from Church letters or from the floor.
15. A vote was taken and approved to direct the clerk to compose a letter to ordained ministers in the association with regard to Article XVI to bring the ministers role up to date. The letter is to be proofed by the presbytery prior to mailing.
16. The following announcements were made:
 - a. The West Tennessee Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions will take place in September. Brother Presley encouraged each of the six churches to raise at least \$1,000 apiece.
 - b. Dr. Charles Thigpen, the state promotional director, will be the guest speaker at the yearly meeting to be hosted by the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.
 - c. Prayer requested for the Randall Memorial church as they continue to seek God's will regarding a pastor.
 - d. The Lifeline Singers will be at the First Free Will Baptist Church on July 4th at 7:00 P.M. The singing will be preceded by a meal and fellowship.
 - e. North Memphis will be hosting their homecoming services and begin revival on June 28th.
17. Business session and quarterly meeting dismissed in prayer by Brother Mike Spikes.

**MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE
WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 1992**

1. Registration was held from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
2. Call to worship and congregational singing led by Darryl Bass.
3. Scripture reading by Darryl Bass from Revelation 22;6, 7, 12, 16-17, 20-21.
4. Prayer by Brother Darryl Bass.
5. Appointment of committees by the moderator.

Nominating Committee - David Spears, Terry Booker, Jerry Stollings, Glenn Poston
Obituary - Lola Hopkins, Wanda Spears, Betty Mutchler, and Sister Booker

Resolutions - Eddie Hopkins, Jerry Presley, Dayton Pratt

6. Offering was received.
7. Special music by the Liberty Choir and Quartet.
8. Message from Hebrews 10:25 by Dr. Charles Thigpen, State Promotional Director. The message dealt with the Ministry of Encouragement and a challenge was issued to all present to identify three people that are an encouragement personally and thank them and also to give a word of encouragement to at least three people.
9. A recess was held while committees met.
10. Business Session called to order by Moderator.
11. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll Call of Ministers by the Clerk - 7 present
 - b. Recognition of Deacons by the Moderator - 5 present
 - c. Recognition of Elected Delegates from Church Letters by the Clerk - 12 present
12. Reading of Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting by the Clerk. Approved as read.
13. Reading of Minutes of the Last Yearly Meeting by the Clerk. Approved as read.
14. Treasurer's Report given with a balance on hand of \$543.23. Accepted as read.
15. Old business - None
16. New Business - Request for licensing of Brother Tim Sizemore from the Grace FWB Church. The presbytery recommended that Brother Sizemore be licensed to preach the Gospel pending an examination and completion of a questionnaire.
17. Obituary Committee reported 1 death over the past year: Betty Arnold of the North Memphis Church. The moderator led in a word of prayer.
18. Resolutions Committee made a motion to give the Liberty Church a standing vote of appreciation for hosting the yearly meeting.
19. Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:

Moderator - David Spears
Assistant Moderator - Terry Booker
Clerk - Keith Walkley
Assistant Clerk - Jerry Stollings
Treasurer - Bob Johnson
Assistant Treasurer - Jerry Presley

There were no further recommendations from the floor and all officers were elected by acclamation.

20. Brother Poston made a motion that a rising vote and handclap be given in appreciation for the outstanding job done by Brother Pugh over the last 2 years as moderator.
21. Announcements
 - a. Brother Presley announced that the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament to raise monies for foreign missions will be held at the Whitehaven Country Club the 1st weekend of June 1993. He also gave a report on the Sextons and the Snows and requested prayer and encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming walk-a-thon to be held September 26 at Aycock Park in Millington.
 - b. Brother Spears gave the response and encouraged everyone's participation to attend and fellowship together at the next meeting of the association at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church on December 11, 1992.
 - c. Liberty FWB Church will be celebrating homecoming October 4th and invites everyone to join them for a meal and fellowship.
 - d. Brother Poston voiced appreciation and thanks and announced that Grace would be going self-supporting prior to the next association meeting.
 - e. Prayer was requested for Rev. Otis Whitehead of Jacksonville, Florida, whose wife is being tested for cancer.
22. Benediction and Blessing on the meal and fellowship by Brother Eddie Vincent.

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 1992

1. Registration was held from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
2. Call to worship and congregational singing of Joy to the World.
3. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Terry Booker.
4. Blessing on the fellowship banquet by Rev. Jim Lavery.
5. Special Music by Sara Poston, Dick Williams, and the Liberty Choir.
6. Offering was received.
7. Message from Matthew 2:1-12 and Isaiah 43:18,19 by Rev. Jeff Gaskins.
8. Invitation given followed by prayer of thanksgiving by Brother Hopkins and Brother Pugh.
9. Business Session called to order by Moderator.
10. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll Call of Ministers by the Clerk - 7 present
 - b. Recognition of Deacons by the Moderator - 5 present
 - c. Recognition of Elected Delegates from Church Letters by the Clerk - 13 present
 - d. Recognition of special visitors - Terry Booker's parents
11. Reading of Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting by the Clerk. Approved as read.
12. Treasurer's Report given with a balance on hand of \$299.23. Accepted as read.
13. Old business - None
14. New Business - None
15. Presbytery reported that Tim Sizemore would be examined immediately following the meeting.
16. Report was shared by Rev. Jerry Presley along with a letter from Eugene Waddell that the state walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions resulted in gifts of \$109,070.40 with the West Tennessee Association giving \$8,365. A letter was also shared from Howard Muncie regarding the needs of the Don Sexton family (specifically regarding medical needs with no insurance available). A report was also given regarding the monthly support needs of Nathan and Linda Snow.
17. A motion was made by Rev. Poston and seconded by Rev. Hopkins to send \$200 to the Sexton account. The motion was carried.
18. A motion was made by Rev. Pugh to send \$200 to the Snow account provided funds were available after the dues and offerings received were counted. Brother Johnson indicated funds were available. Motion seconded by Brother Walkley and carried.
19. Planning committee members Amel Norman, Dick Archer, and Burl Lasiter were appointed by their respective pastors.
20. Session was closed and dismissed in prayer.