

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

Friday 11 March 1994

1. The congregation assembled at 7:00 P.M. and the service was opened with congregational singing of 'Face to Face' (#63) led by Brother Danny Spencer.
2. Opening prayer was led by Brother Darryl Bass.
3. Brother Terry Booker greeted the West Tennessee Association.
4. Brother Dayton Pratt welcomed the association to the Grace Church.
5. Brother Dick Williams shared scripture from Isaiah 40:27-31 which was followed by another session of prayer led by Brother Gwyn Pugh.
6. Brother Booker called the business session in to order with a roll call of ministers (4 present), recognition of deacons (4 present), and a reading and seating of the elected delegates from church letters (12 present). Brother Burgess conveyed by letter his inability to be present due to Chaplain obligations in Knoxville, TN. Brother Halbrook sent a letter of best wishes for a good meeting.
7. The minutes of the previous meeting were modified to reflect that item 9 should read that a letter of good standing for Brother Burgess had been requested rather than the current wording that indicated the letter had already been received. The minutes were then accepted with this modification. Brother Walkley reported at this time that the letter of good standing for Brother Burgess had been received since the last association meeting.
8. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed in the program.
9. There was no old business to be discussed.
10. New business
 - a. Brother Pugh expressed the need to discharge his duty of coordinating the Foreign Missions walk-a-thon for West Tennessee and challenged each church to raise \$2,000 by the walk-a-thon time period, which is about 200 days away.
 - b. Brother Pugh voiced a request received by letter from Dr. Thigpen regarding the denominational/state/church/member responsibility to pay off the existing debt on the new Free Will Baptist denominational office building. A challenge was issued to contribute to a Victory Campaign at a rate of \$3.93 per person for each person in the state of Tennessee to meet Tennessee's portion of the debt. A motion and a second was made to adopt the Victory Campaign. The motion was carried.
 - c. A proposed amendment to the constitution was submitted by Brother Booker to read as follows:
'An outside speaker at any meeting shall be given a \$50 honorarium plus the current IRS mileage allowance subject to the availability of funds.' The amendment was tabled for the June meeting.
 - d. A second amendment was submitted to amend Article III of the constitution to read as follows:
'The officers of this quarterly meeting shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, and an assistant treasurer elected at the yearly meeting. Each office shall carry with it voting privileges in the association. Each officer is to continue in office until his successor is chosen and qualifies, and shall perform such duties as usually devolved upon such officers.' The amendment was tabled for the June meeting.
 - e. A motion was made by Brother Poston and seconded to encourage the churches to take up an offering for Foreign Missions Sunday the last Sunday of April 1994. The motion was carried.
 - f. Information was provided for clarification regarding the position of Brother Jeff Gaskins and that Randall Church is considering the sale of existing facilities and relocation.
 - g. Brother Poston reported on the sale of the First Church.
 - h. Information was provided regarding the acceptance of pastorates by Brother Eddie Hopkins (Waverly, TN) and Brother Eddie Vincent (Michigan).
11. Business session closed.
12. Congregational singing of 'My Savior First of All' (#82) led by Brother Danny Spencer.
13. Offering was received.
14. Congregational singing of 'When We All Get to Heaven' (#73) led by Brother Danny Spencer.
15. Brother Poston sang 'Great is Thy Faithfulness.'
16. Brother Jim Lavery brought the message from Psalm 63 entitled 'How Long Has It Been?'
17. An invitation was given followed by the closing response by the moderator.
18. Brother Poston announced a Friday/Saturday night revival forthcoming in March with Brother Booker.
19. The meeting was adjourned with prayer followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the Grace Church.

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

Friday 10 June 1994

1. The service was opened by the Moderator.
2. Congregational singing of 'Standing On the Promises' (#21) led by Brother Danny Spencer.
3. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Eddie Hopkins.
4. Brother Jerry Stollings welcomed the association to the North Memphis Church.
5. Brother Chuck Badget shared scripture from John 13:4-15 followed by prayer led by Rev. David Burgess.
6. Congregational singing of 'When We All Get to Heaven' (#73) led by Brother Danny Spencer.
7. Offering was received.
8. Special music was provided by the North Memphis choir and young ladies trio.
9. The message was presented by Rev. J.L. Gore from Romans 12:4,5. He also provided a report on the joint mission work which he pastors.
10. Brother Booker called the business session in to order with a roll call of ministers (7 present), recognition of deacons (4 present), and a reading and seating of the elected delegates from church letters (11 present). Special visitors recognized included Rev. J.L. Gore of the Cross Creek Free Will Baptist Church.
11. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the program.
12. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed in the program.
13. Old Business - Discussion of the addition of By-Law XIX and adoption of the amendment to Article III of the Constitution and By-Laws followed by a vote of approval to make the constitutional changes.
14. New Business
 - a. Theresa Spencer was nominated by Rev. Glenn Poston for the position of Assistant Treasurer. The nomination was seconded and approved unanimously.
 - b. Letters of good standing were approved for Rev. Eddie Hopkins to the Cumberland Association and for Rev. David Spears to the Green River Association as requested by the respective association clerks.
15. Information - Grace FWB Church has ordained three new deacons - Darryl Day, Rodney Baldrup, Dennis Edgar
Rev. Pugh provided a report on the forthcoming Foreign Missions Walk-a-thon and provided material for each of the association churches. The following individuals were appointed as walk-a-thon coordinators for their respective churches:

Gwyn Pugh	- Liberty	Rick Foster	- Grace
Burl Lasiter	- North Memphis	Dick Williams	- Randall
Terry Booker	- Victory		
16. Business session closed.
17. Announcements - Burl Lasiter shared that money from the treasury of First Free Will Baptist Church was being donated to the association in the amount of \$10,091.19 for use toward a campground for the association. Rev. Glenn Poston reported that the Tennessee State Home Mission Board had sold the First Church property for \$150,000 and bought 4 acres of land at the intersection of Dexter Lane and Cordova Rd. in east Memphis for the sum of \$134,000. The land was bought as a possible future sight for a new Free Will Baptist Church and as an investment of the money until a future sight and new work is established.
18. Brother Darryl Bass from the Liberty Church gave the response.
19. North Memphis church announced their homecoming service (June 26).
20. Rev. Eddie Hopkins requested prayer for the Waverly ministry and for a 10-year old girl's healing (she is presently at LeBonheur Children's Hospital).

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**MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE
WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT VICTORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Saturday 10 September 1994

1. Registration was held from 9:30 a.m.
2. Moderator Terry Booker called the body to order for worship.
3. The congregation was led in the singing of # 335 - Come Thou Fount and #366 - Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus.
4. Opening prayer led by Brother David Burgess.
5. Rev. Jim Laverty welcomed the association to Victory Church, read scripture from Ephesians 2:1-10 and led the congregation in prayer.
6. Moderator Welcomed the association and made the following committee appointments:
 - Nominating Committee - Gwyn Pugh, Mary Walkley, Jerry Stollings
 - Obituary Committee - Burl Lasiter, Rebecca Pugh, Audrey Collins
 - Resolutions Committee - David Burgess, Betty Mutchler, Roy Collins
7. The congregation sang #321 - Amazing Grace.
8. Offering was received.
9. Special music was provided by Brother Terry Booker - He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need and There's No Other Word For Grace But Amazing.
10. Prayer by Brother Booker.
11. The message was brought by Dr. Malcolm Fry from Randall House Publications, Nashville, TN from II Kings 2:1-15 and was titled "Let Thy Mantle Fall On Me or The Preacher Who Split His Britches".
12. Invitation hymn #378 - Where He Leads Me was sung and the invitation was conducted by Brother Booker.
13. Break for committees to meet.
14. Body reconvened for business at 11:00 A.M. Business session called to order by Moderator Terry Booker.
15. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 4 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 3 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 10 present
 - d. Other Officers Present - Clerk and Treasurer
 - d. Recognized Dr. Fry from Nashville and Brother Eddie Hopkins of the First FWB Church in Waverly.
16. Item 19 of the 1993 Yearly Minutes was recognized as unfinished business to be taken care of as old business. Item 20 of the same minutes was amended to change the wording "the Raleigh/Bartlett area" to "Shelby County, Tennessee. The 1993 Yearly minutes were approved as printed with the stipulated amendment.
17. The June 10, 1994 Minutes were approved as printed with the inclusion of the Treasurer's Report.
18. Old Business - Brother Walkley pointed out that item 19 of the 1993 Yearly minutes regarding an associational outreach ministry had not been reported on by the Presbytery at the 12/93 meeting as called for in the minutes. Brother Stollings made a motion that the presbytery discuss this item of business and report back to the body at the December meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.
19. New Business
 - a. Request from Grace FWB Church to ratify the credentials of Brother Tim Sizemore for acceptance into the West Tennessee Association. The clerk is to request a letter of good standing from Brother Sizemore's former association.
 - b. Motion was made and carried to conduct the next quarterly meeting at the Randall Free Will Baptist Church Friday December 9, 1994 to return the meeting schedule back to normal. This was due to their request to defer holding the meeting in September while in the process of acquiring a pastor.
20. Presbytery had nothing to report.
21. Committee reports were given as follows:
 - a. Obituary Committee reported the death of Brother Jerry Presley. The congregation rose for a moment of silence in memory of Brother Presley and a time of prayer was led by Brother Burl Lasiter.
 - b. Resolutions Committee - "Be it resolved that we of the West Tennessee Association give Victory Free Will Baptist Church a hearty thank you for hosting the Annual Meeting of the West Tennessee Association of Free Will Baptists and that we give a rising vote of thanks as a token of appreciation to the church."
 - c. Nominating Committee: Moderator David Burgess Asst. Mod. Jim Laverty
Clerk Keith Walkley Asst. Clerk Betty Mutchler
Treasurer Jerry Stollings Asst. Treas. Dick Williams
22. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominating committee's recommendation and elect by accepting the committee's recommendation in its entirety. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.
23. Additional business - Brother Walkley mentioned that a request had been submitted for information regarding a tax identification number for the association. This was being done so that a savings account can be established in which to place the designated money for the campground project. A motion was made by Brother Pugh to proceed with the acquisition of the federal tax identification number. The motion was seconded and approved.
24. Announcements
 - Tim Sizemore is the new pastor at the Grace Church
 - Brother Pugh encouraged everyone's participation in the upcoming Foreign Missions walk-a-thon (to be held at Aycock Park in Millington Saturday morning, Sept. 24, 1994) in honor of the memory of Brother Jerry Presley. All churches are encouraged to participate in this yearly event with a pot-luck cookout to follow the walking.
 - Brother Burgess and the North Memphis Church are hosting youth services beginning Sunday evening Oct. 23 and continuing through Oct. 26.
 - Brother Eddie Hopkins gave a praise item and report on the young lady whom he had requested prayer for in the June meeting. She is up and walking now and was previously in a wheelchair. He asked continued prayer for the family. He also indicated that his church (First FWB) in Waverly was celebrating homecoming October 2 and would have Dr. Charles Thigpen as a special guest preacher.
 - Liberty Church is celebrating their homecoming on October 2.
 - Brother Booker asked prayer for Joe and Greta Pogue who are in a new pastorate in Missouri.
25. The response was given by Brother Jerry Stollings.
26. Business session closed with final comments by Brother David Burgess, the new Moderator and the meeting was closed in prayer by Brother Gwyn Pugh.
25. A time of food and fellowship followed the business session.

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS AT RANDALL MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday 9 December 1994

1. Registration was held from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
2. The congregation was led in the singing of #241 - Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus and #232 - Since I Have Been Redeemed.
3. Brother Mike Spikes welcomed the congregation to the Randall Church.
4. Brother Dick Williams read scripture from Matthew 16:13-20 and led the congregation in prayer.
5. Offering was received.
6. Special music was provided by the North Memphis Choir singing Beautiful Star of Bethlehem.
7. The message was brought by Pastor Greg Hollifield of the Randall Church from Matthew 16:13-20 and Romans 8:31-39 "The Church's Incredible Inevitable Destiny".
8. Invitation was given.
9. A ten minute recess was held for a brief presbytery meeting.
10. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
11. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.

- a. Roll call of ministers - 4 present
- b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator
- c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 11 present

d. Other Officers Present - Clerk and Treasurer

12. Old Business - A follow-up report by the presbytery was given regarding an associational outreach ministry. The report specific detailed information regarding the Free Will Baptist Radio and TV Commission programs and the cost for air time from WCRV. A motion was made by Brother Amel Norman and seconded by Brother Walkley to proceed with the radio ministry inquiry as a possible outreach vehicle for our association (specifically in the Memphis area).

13. New Business

- a. The presbytery made a motion to accept Rev. Tim Sizemore and Rev. Greg Hollifield into the association pending presbytery examination. Letters of good standing have already been received for each minister. The motion was carried.
 - b. A motion was made and carried to grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Glen Poston who has joined the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists.
 - c. It was agreed that the preregistration time allocation be done away with for each quarterly meeting since no actual registration was done and each business session publicly recognizes all Standing and Elected delegates.
14. Announcements
- Randall will be showing the video "Left Behind" Wednesday Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Rev. Terry Booker gave praise for the support of his people and asked prayer for Robert West to get him back in the field to Ivory Coast. Victory Church is hosting the Drama Team January 29.
 - The North Memphis Church is having a Christmas play Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m.
15. The response and closing prayer were given Rev. Gwyn Pugh.
16. A time of food and fellowship followed the business session.

Treasurer's Report

December 1994 - March 1995

Balance on Hand 12/9/94	-	\$614.23
Offering & Dues received	-	158.00
Total Funds Available	-	\$762.23
Disbursements	-	0.00
Balance on Hand 3/10/95	-	\$772.23
Campground Fund	-	\$10,091.19