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

Friday 8 March 1996

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 p.m. and was led in the singing of # 335 - Come Thou Fount and #299 - Work for the Night is Coming.
2. Rev. Terry Booker welcomed the congregation to the Victory Church.
3. Rev. Jim Lavery read scripture verses from Ephesians 5:25 and Song of Solomon and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Moderator David Burgess welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering was received.
6. Special music was provided by Terry Booker - I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy.
7. Rev. Gwyn Pugh brought the message from Haggai 1:1-9 with a challenge to all to build the church of God and a challenge to the laity to seek out their pastor each week and ask what they can do to help out in the church.
8. Young people were dismissed to a program provided by the youth of Victory Church.
9. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
10. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 6 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 2 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 11 present
 - d. Other officers present - Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer
 - e. Recognition of visitors - Rev. Robert Merriweather from the New Hope FWB Church in Union City, TN. Terry Booker's family members from Memphis.
11. The minutes/treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
12. Old Business - None
13. New Business

A motion was made and seconded to transfer the money from the campground fund to the Church Extension Loan Fund to earn higher interest and provide additional resources for Home Mission churches to draw from when needed. Brother Stollings made a motion to table this motion until the next meeting while the pastors look at the options and present the information to their congregations.
14. The presbytery had nothing to report.
15. The business session was closed.
16. Announcements
 - Grace - Encouraged churches to remember one another in prayer.
 - Liberty - Special Offering for building program-anticipation of completion in 1996.
 - North Memphis - revival in April with Terry Booker
 - Randall - last meeting with the association-merging with Cross Creek FWBC June 1.
 - Victory - Praise report and soon to have a new drive and parking area paved
 - Other announcements - Women's Auxiliary retreat in March, Master's Men breakfast 4th/last Saturday of each month, Roll Call Sunday March 31st.
17. Prayer Requests - Dick Archer with prostate cancer, Brother Bass from the New Hope church in the hospital, Brother Halbrook's health - he is now only able to preach from a chair, praise for healing of Brother Booker's voice.
18. Prayer for the requests made was led by Brother Walkley.
19. The response and closing prayer were given by Rev. Tim Sizemore
20. 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 GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday 7 June 1996

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 p.m. and was led in the singing of "At Calvary" by Brother Gwyn Pugh.
2. Rev. Tim Sizemore welcomed the congregation to the Grace Church.
3. Rev. Tim Sizemore read scripture verses II Tim 3:1, 14-17 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Moderator David Burgess welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering was received.
6. Special music was provided by Dan Vermillion - Come Unto Me and I Will Give You Rest
7. Rev. Tim Sizemore brought the message from I Timothy 4:1, II Thess. 2:3 on "Living in the Last Days". Three aspects regarded Prophecy, Problems, and the Prescription for last days living.
8. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
9. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 4 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 4 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 8 present
 - d. Other officers present - Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer
 - e. Recognition of visitors - Rev. Glenn Campbell
10. The minutes/treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
11. Old Business - Brother Jerry Stollings made a motion to take the Campground Fund motion off the table for discussion and a vote. Second by Mildred Spencer. The motion was to transfer the money from the campground fund to the Church Extension Loan Fund to earn higher interest and provide additional resources for Home Mission churches to draw from when needed. Discussion ensued with Brother Pugh making comments regarding the Biblical principle against lending money with usury to the brethren. A vote on the motion was held with 7 in favor and 10 opposing the motion.

A motion was made to investigate with Brother Bob Johnson and Brother Burl Lasiter on whether there was any flexibility on the use of the Campground money and determine the specific intent and purpose of the money. Brother Burgess is to contact the men and report back to the association.

12. New Business

A question was raised as to the disposition of officers in the Association who were part of the Randall Church, whose membership has merged with the Cross Creek church in Mississippi. This item was tabled.

A motion was made and seconded to revise the location schedule for the quarterly meetings to allow for a rotation until more churches come in to the association. The present schedule with four churches would put the same meeting time at each church every year. Several options were presented, some of which would require a constitutional change. Brother Walkley proposed a staggered meeting arrangement that was agreeable to the body and the motion was passed. The schedule follows:

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
March		Grace	Liberty	North	Victory
June		Liberty	North	Victory	Grace
September	Liberty	North	Victory	Grace	Liberty
December	North	Victory	Grace	Liberty	North

13. The presbytery had nothing to report.
14. The business session was closed.
15. Announcements
 - Liberty - Rev. Eddie Payne will be coming to speak at the Annual Meeting
 - North Memphis - Rejoice from FWBBC will be singing June 8 at Cross Creek in Mississippi and June 9 at North Memphis, VBS starts June 10, homecoming June 23
 - Other announcements - retirement Service for Brother Burgess July 20 at 1:00 pm at the Navy Base Chapel, Master's Men breakfast 4th Saturday of each month
16. Prayer Requests - Ruth Collins, who had been in an accident.
17. The response and closing prayer were given by Rev. Jim Laverty.
18. A time of food and fellowship followed the business session.

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

Saturday 7 September 1996

1. The congregation assembled at 9:30 a.m. and was led in the singing of "Send the Light".
2. Brother Darryl Bass welcomed the congregation to the Liberty Church.
3. Brother Darryl Bass read scripture verses from Matthew 28:18-20 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Moderator David Burgess welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting and appointed the following committees:
Resolutions: Darryl Bass, Willie Leland, Joyce Booker
Nominating: Dick Archer, Tim Sizemore, Jerry Stollings
Obituary: Sue Bass, Carolyn Mauldin, Mildred Spencer
5. Offering was received.
6. Special music was provided by the Liberty Children's choir (People Need the Lord and A Song for the Nations).
7. Brother Eddie Payne - veteran missionary to Africa brought a teaching session on the Biblical Basis for Missions.
8. Break for committees to meet.
9. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
10. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 4 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 4 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 7 present
 - d. Other officers present - Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer
 - e. Recognition of visitors - Rev. Jack Taylor, FWB Family Ministries - Brother Jack gave a report on the status of the children's home and associated ministries in East Tennessee.
11. The minutes/treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
12. Old Business - The moderator gave a report regarding the use of the youth camp funds.
13. New Business
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to give \$150.00 to the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries based on availability of funds following the normal business of the association being taken care of.
 - b. Brother Walkley was appointed as delegate to the State Association meeting.
14. The presbytery had nothing to report.
15. Committee reports were given as follows:
 - a. Obituary Committee reported the death of Brother Albert Halbrook. The congregation rose for a moment of silence in memory of Brother Halbrook and a time of prayer was led by Brother Terry Booker.
 - b. Resolutions Committee - "Be it resolved that we of the West Tennessee Association give Liberty 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 all of the churches of the West Tennessee Association."
 - c. Nominating Committee:

Moderator	Terry Booker	Asst. Mod.	Tim Sizemore
Clerk	Keith Walkley	Asst. Clerk	Betty Mutchler
Treasurer	Jerry Stollings	Asst. Treas.	Dick Archer

16. 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.
17. Terry Booker took over moderator duties and a rising vote of appreciation was given for Brother Burgess and his service as moderator for the past year.
18. The business session was closed.
19. Announcements
 - Liberty - Home Coming picnic at Navy Lake Saturday October 6.
 - Grace - 10 year celebration with Glenn Poston September 29. Rejoice from FWBBC will also be performing.
 - Other announcements - Walk-a-thon at Aycock Park in Millington September 21 and District WAC at North Church October 11.
20. The response and closing prayer were followed by a time of food and fellowship.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (September-December '96)

Balance on Hand 9/7/96	-	\$313.71
Offering received	-	\$37.00
Dues received	-	\$200.00
Disbursements	-	\$504.00
Balance on Hand 12/6/96	-	\$46.71
Campground Fund	-	\$10,847.46

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

Friday 6 December 1996

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 p.m. and the service was opened with a congregational hymn,
2. Brother Jerry Stollings welcomed the congregation to the North Memphis Church.
3. Scripture was read and the congregation was led in prayer.
4. Moderator Terry Booker welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering was received.
6. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
7. 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 - 9 present
 - d. Other officers present - Assistant Clerk, Treasurer
 - e. Recognition of visitors - Rev. Jack Taylor, FWB Family Ministries
8. The minutes/treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were corrected and approved.
9. Old Business - None
10. New Business - None
11. The presbytery had nothing to report.
12. The business session was closed.
13. Announcements
14. Response by Liberty Church.
15. Christmas program by the North Memphis Church
16. Closing prayer followed by a time of fellowship.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (December '96 - March '97)

Balance on Hand 12/6/96	-	\$46.71
Offering received	-	\$28.00
Dues received	-	\$100.00
Disbursements	-	\$0.00
Balance on Hand 3/7/97	-	\$174.71
Campground Fund	-	\$10,957.00