

Quarterly /Yearly Meeting of the WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

AT LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday 6 June 1997

7:30 PM

Assembly

Congregational Singing

Welcome - Darryl Bass, Liberty Church

Scripture Reading and Prayer - Darryl Bass, Liberty Church

Moderator's Welcome

Offering - Ushers from Grace Church

Business Session Called to Order

Recognition of Standing/Elected Delegates and Visitors

1. Roll Call of Ministers

2. Recognition of Deacons

3. Reading of Elected Delegates from Church Letters

4. Recognition of Special Visitors

5. Other Association Officers present

Approval of Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting as Printed

Approval of Treasurer's Report as Printed

Old Business

New Business

1. Requests from Church Letters

2. Requests from the Floor

Presbytery Report

Business Session Closed

A Biblical Philosophy of Music, Rev. Gwyn Pugh

Announcements

Response - North Memphis Church

Next meeting will be Saturday September 13th at the North Memphis Church.

1996-97 Officers of the Association

Moderator - Terry Booker	Assistant - Tim Sizemore
Treasurer - Jerry Stollings	Assistant - Dick Archer
Clerk - Keith Walkley	Assistant - Betty Mutchler

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

Friday 7 March 1997

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 p.m. and the service was opened with a congregational hymns #247 Sunlight and #116 Lily of the Valley.
2. Brother Tim Sizemore welcomed the congregation to the Grace Church.
3. Scripture was read from II Timothy 2:1-16 by Brother Dan Vermillion and the congregation was led in prayer by Dr. Charles Thigpen, State Promotional Director.
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 - 7 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 3 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 11 present
 - d. Other officers present - Assistant Clerk, Treasurer
 - e. Recognition of visitors - Dr. Charles Thigpen, State Promotional Director and Brother Dick Williams from the Crosscreek FWB Church.
8. The minutes/treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
9. Old Business - None
10. New Business - Motion was made and carried to give \$100 to the State Promotional Director to cover expenses.
11. The presbytery had nothing to report.
12. Dr. Thigpen reported on the work in the State of Tennessee and provided encouragement to all. Tennessee is the leading state in giving and the church that give the most in our denomination is a Tennessee church.
13. The business session was closed.
14. Special music by Brother Jeff Gaskins and Brother Dick Williams.
15. Panel Discussion
 - a. Purpose of Sunday School - Rev. Tim Sizemore
 - b. Teacher Tips - Rev. Gwyn Pugh
 - c. Lessons for Learners - Rev. David Burgess
 - d. Follow-up Question & Answer Time - Rev. Terry Booker
16. Announcements
17. Response by Brother Jim Laverty of the Victory Church.
18. Closing prayer circle of the congregation followed by a time of fellowship.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (March '97 - June '97)

Balance on Hand 3/7/97	-	\$174.71
Offering received	-	\$39.00
Dues received	-	\$100.00
Disbursements	-	\$100.00
Balance on Hand 6/7/97	-	\$213.71
Campground Fund	-	\$11,064.22

Meeting Schedule

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

Meetings convene at 7:30 PM on the Friday following the first Sunday of March, June, and December and at 9:30 AM on the Saturday following the first Sunday in September.

Association Dues

Dues at each meeting are \$25 per church with an additional \$20 due at the yearly meeting in September for State Association dues.

Church Clerks

Please pick up additional quarterly/yearly report forms from the clerk as needed. Supplies are available at this meeting.

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

Friday 6 June 1997

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and the service was opened with a congregational hymn #658.
2. Brother Darryl Bass opened with prayer and welcomed the congregation to the Liberty Church.
3. Scripture was read from II Corinthians 15 by Brother Bass.
4. Moderator Terry Booker welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Brother Tim Sizemore prayed and the 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 - 4 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters
 - d. Other officers present - Assistant Clerk, Treasurer
8. The minutes and treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
9. Old Business - None
10. New Business - None
11. The presbytery had nothing to report.
12. The moderator congratulated Brother Tim Sizemore on his graduation from Mid-America Seminary and for the birth of his new baby daughter.
13. The business session was closed.
14. Praise service was conducted in lieu of preaching - Brother Pugh, who was to preach, was called away at the last minute for a family emergency in Alabama..
15. A time of fellowship followed the praise service.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (June 1, 1997 -August 31, 1997)

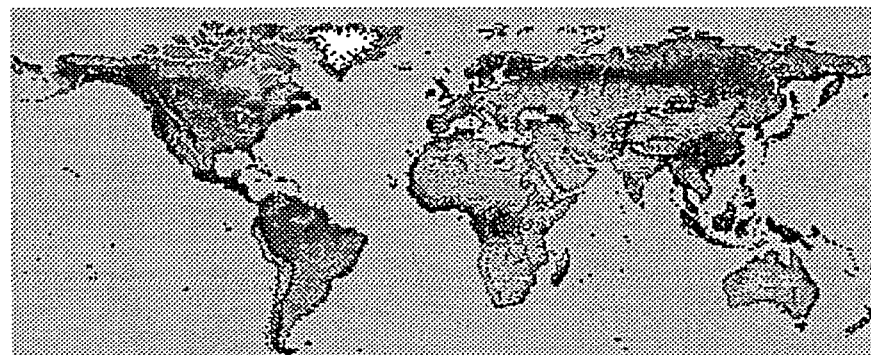
Balance on Hand 6/6/97	-	\$213.71
Offering received	-	\$40.25
Dues received	-	\$75.00
Disbursements	-	\$0.00
Balance on Hand 9/13/97	-	\$328.96
Campground Fund	-	\$11,214.12

Treasurer's Annual Report (1996-1997)

Balance on Hand 9/7/96	-	\$313.71
Offering received	-	\$144.25
Dues received	-	\$475.00
Total Funds Available	-	\$932.96
Disbursements	-	\$604.00
Balance on Hand 9/13/97	-	\$328.96
Campground Fund 9/7/96	-	\$10,739.12
Interest Earned	-	\$475.00
Campground Fund 9/13/97	-	\$11,214.12

Don't Forget Saturday October 4!

Please join us at Aycock Park in Millington on Saturday October 2 at 8:00 in the morning or whenever you can come to walk for missions, enjoy some food and fellowship, and help keep our Tennessee foreign missionaries on the field.



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

Saturday 13 September 1997

1. The congregation assembled at 9:30 AM and the service was opened with a congregational hymn #96 Joy Unspeakable.
2. Brother Jerry Stollings welcomed the congregation to the North Memphis Church.
3. Scripture was read from Nehemiah 1:3,4, 4:6 by Brother Stollings who also led the congregation in prayer.
4. Moderator Terry Booker welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Brother Tim Sizemore prayed and the 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 - 4 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 6 present
 - d. Other officers present - Assistant Clerk, Treasurer
 - e. Special visitors - Brother John Carey
8. Appointment of Committees

Nominating - Brother Pugh, Brother Lasiter, Brother Collins
 Obituary - Sister Lasiter, Sister Pugh, and Sister Pratt
 Resolutions - Brother Sizemore, Brother Pratt, Brother Josh Booker
9. Singing of congregational hymn #135 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.
10. Offering was received followed by special music by the North Memphis choir.
11. Brother John Carey was introduced and sang the song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and then preached from John 13:1-5, 12-15, and Galatians 5:13-14 with a message title of "That Ye Serve One Another". The message points included:
 - a. Serve our families
 - b. Serve our churches
 - c. Serve the public
 - d. Serve as Christ has served
12. An invitation hymn was sung #238 "I want to be a Worker for the Lord" followed by a break so that the committees could meet.
13. Business session reconvened.
14. The minutes and treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
15. Old Business - None
16. New Business
 - a. Brother Burgess provided information regarding the Radio and TV commission. A motion was made and carried to have the presbytery investigate the use of the commercial that was developed by the Radio and TV Commission on a Memphis TV station.
 - b. Motion was made and carried to increase the fee paid to the clerk annually from \$20 to \$50.
 - c. Brother Walkley was appointed as a delegate to the State meeting in November.
 - d. A motion was made and carried to give \$200 to the Tennessee Walk-a-thon.
 - e. It was discussed that membership items and baptisms from the church reports be included as information at each meeting. This meeting's reports indicated that of the churches reporting, there had been 7 baptisms, 5 members added, 15 members lost, and a total membership of 320.
17. The presbytery had nothing to report.

18. Committee Reports

Obituary Committee reported no deaths during the past year
 The Resolutions Committee recommended the following resolutions:

1. Whereas the U.S. military is a needy mission field, we resolve to pray for and encourage those currently serving as chaplains as well as those we know who are preparing to serve.
 2. In view of the new church start anticipated in Cordova, we resolve to pray for and support Brother Tim Osborne in his efforts.
 3. We encourage our churches to support the cause of the pro-life movement through events like the Life Chain on October 5, 1997.
- Each resolution was accepted by the body

Nominating Committee recommended the same slate of officers as the previous year with the exception of Brother Tim Sizemore as moderator and Brother Greg Hollifield as Assistant Moderator. The entire slate was accepted by acclamation of the voting body.

19. The business session was closed.

20. Announcements

Walk-a-thon at Aycock Park in Millington Saturday October 4
 An information report was received from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries
 Prayer was requested for Gene Workman, Dan Cronk, Bob Johnson
 Report was given regarding the passing of Brother Charlie McNeese

21. A time of fellowship and food followed the business session.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (September 1, 1997 -November 30, 1997)

Balance on Hand 9/13/97	-	\$328.96
Offering received	-	\$17.71
Dues received	-	\$195.00
Disbursements	-	\$460.00
Balance on Hand 12/12/97	-	\$81.67
Campground Fund	-	\$11,326.33

Meeting Schedule

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June	North	Victory	Grace
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MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS AT VICTORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday 12 December 1997

1. The congregation assembled at 9:30 PM and the service was opened with a congregational hymn #274 O Come All Ye Faithful.
2. Brother Terry Booker welcomed the congregation to the Victory Church.
3. Scripture was read from Isaiah 9:2-7 by Brother Booker, who also led the congregation in prayer.
4. Offering was received.
5. Special music by Jamie Forrester "Away In a Manger"
6. Message by Brother David Burgess entitled "The Eagle Christian" from Isaiah 40:28-31 and a reference to Psalm 103:5.
7. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
8. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 5 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 2 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 4 present
 - d. Other officers present - Assistant Clerk, Treasurer
 - e. Special visitors - Jim Laverty's mother and Bro. Eddie Hopkins from Waverly.
9. Report from church letters indicated 4 baptisms and 2 members added.
10. Old Business - None
11. New Business - none
12. The presbytery had nothing to report.
13. The business session was closed.
14. Announcements

Brother Booker reported on Brother Vernon Long and his work in Jackson, Missouri. Tim Osborne, missionary to Memphis is moving to Nashville to begin itinerant work prior to coming to Memphis. Prayer requested for the Bob Johnson family. Brother Bob's funeral will be December 13.
15. Response by Brother Jerry Stollings.
16. Closing prayer by Brother Hopkins followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Meeting Schedule

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June	Hope	Victory	Grace
September	Victory	Grace	Liberty
December	Grace	Liberty	Hope

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Treasurer's Quarterly Report (December 1, 1997 - February 28, 1998)

Balance on Hand 12/1/97	-	\$81.67
Offering received	-	\$25.50
Dues received	-	\$75.00
Disbursements	-	\$0.00
Balance on Hand 2/28/98	-	\$182.17
Campground Fund	-	\$11,403.42