

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

Friday 12 March 1999

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and the service was opened with a congregational singing.
2. Brother David Burgess welcomed the congregation to the Hope Church.
3. Scripture was read by Brother Don Hayes.
4. Moderator Jim Laverty welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering was received.
6. Special music was provided by Brother Burgess.
7. Brother Tim Osborne brought the message.
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 - 1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 10 present
 - d. Other officers present - 2
10. The minutes and treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
11. Old Business - None
12. New Business
 - a. Liberty Church requested examination of and request for letter of good standing for Brother Murray Southwell.
 - b. Victory Church requested examination of and request for letter of good standing for Brother Herman Hersey.
 - c. The clerk was directed to send off for the letters for Brother Southwell and Brother Hersey.
 - d. It was decided that after the business session the presbytery would meet to examine Brother Southwell and Brother Hersey.
 - e. Brother Walkley made a motion to increase the dues from \$25 to \$50 per session to better accommodate the financial needs of the association. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued which brought about an amendment to the motion to include the elimination of the extra annual fee for State Association dues at the September meeting. The new motion was seconded and approved with new dues beginning at the June session.
13. The presbytery had nothing to report.
14. Report from Church Letters - 2 baptisms, 5 members added,
15. The session in was closed in prayer.
16. A time of fellowship and food followed the service.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (March 12, 1999 - June 11, 1999)

Balance on Hand 3/12/99	-	\$12,111.61
Balance on Hand 6/11/99	-	\$12,329.97
Distribution		
Campground Fund	-	\$11,975.00
Association General Fund	-	354.97

We have closed out the Union Planters savings and checking accounts due to the fees being charged on the account. Due to the infrequent use of a checking account and the charges being associated with the account, as well as bank location and accessibility by the treasurers, all monies have been transferred to First South Credit Union, which has branches throughout the Memphis Area. This will provide us with easier access to funds as well as Saturday access if needed. Funds for disbursement will be drawn out via cash, money order or bank check. All banks currently charge fees for checking unless a tax exempt status is provided and we will have to do some checking to see if our association has tax exempt status.

Meeting Schedule

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Grace	9/11	6/9	3/9	12/6
Hope	3/12	12/8	9/8	6/7
Liberty	12/10	9/9	6/8	3/8
Victory	6/11	3/9	12/7	9/7

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 after the first Sunday in September.

Association Dues

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Church Clerks

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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 11 June 1999

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and the service was opened with congregational singing of #335 Come Thoum Fount followed by #294 Old Time Power
2. Brother Terry Booker welcomed the congregation to the Victory Church.
3. Scripture was read by Brother Booker from Ezra 8:21-34.
4. Assistant Moderator welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering was received.
6. Special music was provided by Brother Herman Hersey.
7. Brother Murray Southwell brough the message from Matthew 14:1-12 "Jesus Our Confidant' foloowed by invitation hymn "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour'
8. Business Session was called to order by the Assistant Moderator.
9. 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 - 10 present
 - d. Other officers present - 2
 - e. Special visitors - Lisa Ball and Liz Roberts
10. The minutes and treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
11. Old Business - None
12. New Business - None
13. The presbytery reported on their meeting with Brother Southwell and Brother Hersey and they were accepted into the association.
14. Report from Church Letters - 2 baptisms, 5 members added
15. Announcements
 - a. October 9 set as date for the Tennessee Walk-a-thon - Brother Pugh offered a challenge to each church to raise \$2500.
 - b. Invitation to Master's Men Breakfast the last Saturday of the month to be held at the Grace Church
15. The session was closed in prayer by Brother Burgess.
16. A time of fellowship and food followed the service.

**Treasurer's Quarterly Report
(June 11, 1999 - September 11, 1999)**

Balance on Hand 6/11/99	-	\$12,329.97
Dues and Offerings received		\$203.00
Interest earned		\$58.06
Balance on Hand 9/12/99	-	\$12,591.03
Distribution		
Campground Fund	-	\$12,033.06
Association General Fund	-	557.97
To be disbursed		
Sept - Clerk for 1998-99 service	-	\$50.00
Nov - State Association Dues	-	\$160.00
Available for disbursement (plus dues/offerings for Sept meeting)	-	\$347.97

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Victory	6/11	3/9	12/7	9/7

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Saturday 11 September 1999

1. The congregation assembled at 9:30 AM and the service was opened with a congregational hymn 'His Name is Wonderful.'
2. Brother Tim Osborne welcomed the congregation to the Grace Church.
3. Scripture was read from Psalm 39 by Brother Jim Laverty followed by prayer.
4. Moderator Jim Laverty welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
6. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 6 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 7 present
 - d. Other officers present - Assistant Clerk
 - e. Special visitors - Brother Gustavo Jasso from Hope Church
7. Appointment of Committees

Nominating - Brother Osborne, Brother Frank Lasiter, Brother Southwell
 Obituary - Sister Rebecca Pugh, Sister Junie Laverty, and Brother Pickler
 Resolutions - Brother Booker, Brother Pugh, Brother Burgess
8. A brief recess was held to permit committees to meet.
9. Special music by Tshanna Burnett.
10. Message by Brother Gustavo Jasso from Exodus 8:9 with interpretation by Brother Carlos Rubio.
11. Business session reconvened.
12. The minutes and treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
13. Old Business - None
14. New Business - A memorandum from the State Promotional office was read and discussed regarding an increase in dues for the State and National association meetings. New amount due at the state meeting is \$60.00 per church (\$50.00 for the National meeting and \$10.00 for the State meeting).
15. The presbytery had nothing to report.
16. Report from Church Letters - 7 baptisms, 15 members added, 0 members lost.
17. Committee Reports
 - a. Obituary Committee reported no deaths.
 - b. The Resolutions Committee recommended the following resolutions:
 - 1) Whereas the Hope Church has become a ministry of outreach to the Hispanic people, and whereas the West Tennessee Association desires to show its support, be it resolved that the Association purchase 20 Hispanic song books 'Hymns of Glory and Triumph' (words only) and 3 hardbound hymnals (words and music) for the Hope Church ministry. Hymnals are available through Randall House.
 - 2) Whereas the Grace Church has provided their facilities for the yearly meeting as well as being hospitable as the host church, be it resolved that the Association give a rising vote of thanks in appreciation.
 - 3) Each resolution was accepted by the body
 - c. Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:
 Moderator - David Burgess Assistant - Murray Southwell
 Clerk - Keith Walkley Assistant - Betty Mutchler
 Treasurer - Betty Mutchler Assistant - Keith Walkley
 The slate of officers was elected by acclamation of the body.

18. The business session was closed.
19. Announcements

Walk-a-thon at Aycock Park in Millington Saturday October 11- challenge issued to do more than ever and each church try to raise \$2500.
 Founders Day at Victory Church October 10
 'Mending the Gap' 3 day revival at Grace Church in October
20. Response was given by Rebecca Pugh.
21. Closing prayer by Brother Southwell followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (September 11, 1999 - December 10, 1999)

Balance on Hand 9/11/99	-	\$12,591.03
Dues and Offerings received		\$224.00
Interest earned		\$60.09
Disbursements		
Clerk		\$50.00
State Association		\$260.00
Hymnbooks for Hope Church		\$152.81
Balance on Hand 12/10/99	-	\$12412.31
Distribution		
Campground Fund	-	\$12,093.15
Association General Fund	-	\$319.16
Available for disbursement (plus dues/offerings for December)	-	\$319.16

Meeting Schedule

	2000	2001	2002
March	10 - Victory	9 - Grace	8 - Liberty
June	9 - Grace	8 - Liberty	7 - Hope
September	9 - Liberty	8 - Hope	7 - Victory
December	8 - Hope	7 - Victory	6 - Grace

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Friday 10 December 1999

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and the service was opened with a congregational hymn.
2. The congregation was welcomed to the Liberty Church.
3. Scripture was read followed by prayer.
4. Moderator David Burgess welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering was received.
6. The youth group from Liberty Church performed the 'Soldiers of the Cross' program.
7. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
8. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 7 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 8 present
 - d. Other officers present - Clerk, Assistant Clerk
 - e. Special visitors - Brother Gustavo Zuniga, Jose' and Miguel
9. The minutes and Treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
10. Old Business - None
11. New Business

Brother Pugh made a motion to reinvest the campground money into a higher yield program with the Board of Retirement. The motion was seconded by Brother Southwell. Brother Hersey suggested that we contact Bill Evans with the Free Will Baptist Foundation and look into our options for investment opportunities. The motion carried.

NOTE: Brother Burgess has spoken with Bill Evans of the Free Will Baptist Foundation since the December quarterly Meeting and he is planning to attend the March Session to explain to the Association what some of its options are for investment.

12. The presbytery had nothing to report.
13. Report from Church Letters - 3 baptisms, 7 members added, 1 member lost.
14. Brother Buddy Lepard requested that the ministers pray over him for continued healing. A time of prayer for Brother Buddy was conducted at the altar by the ministers of the association.
15. Brother Jim Laverty gave the response and solicited a round of applause for the young people of Liberty Church for their performance of the 'Soldiers of the Cross' program. The congregation responded with a round of applause.
16. Session was closed in prayer by Brother Hersey.
17. A time of fellowship and food followed the service.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (December 10, 1999 - March 10, 2000)

Balance on Hand 12/10/99	-	\$12,412.31
Dues and Offerings received		\$230.00
Interest earned		\$59.62
Disbursements		\$0.00
Balance on Hand 3/10/00	-	\$12701.93
Distribution		
Savings/Campground Fund	-	\$12,152.77
Association General Fund	-	\$549.16
Available for disbursement (plus dues/offerings received in March)	-	\$524.16

The \$25 difference between the general fund and the amount available for disbursement is the minimum requirement on deposit with First South Credit Union to keep the account open. The money is returned upon closure of the account.

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	2000	2001	2002
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June	9 - Grace	8 - Liberty	7 - Hope
September	9 - Liberty	8 - Hope	7 - Victory
December	8 - Hope	7 - Victory	6 - Grace

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