

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

Friday 7 March 2003

1. The session was opened with congregational singing of His Name is Wonderful, How Great Thou Art, and Have Faith in God led by Brother Jim Laverty.
2. Brother Laverty welcomed the congregation and read scripture from Hebrews 11:1-3, James 2:14-18, and Hebrews 11:4-5. He then led the congregation in prayer.
3. Moderator Herman Hersey welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
4. Offering was received - \$62.00
5. Brother Allen Gober sang 'I Come to the Garden Alone' accompanied on the piano by Brother Herman Hersey.
6. Brother Tim Osborne from Grace Church brought the message titled 'Disciples or Dead Wood' from Luke 14:25-35. Points made included 'Dishonoring Christ, Defeated Christian, Dishonest to Commitment' with special emphasis placed on 'Christ before relationships, Christ before self, Bearing our cross and following Christ, and Come after Christ'.
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 - 0 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 7 present
 - d. Other officers present - Treasurer-Assistant Clerk
 - e. Special visitors - Brother and Sister Gober from Plummers Chapel FWB Church in Savannah, TN and Brother and Sister Weaver from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Jackson, TN.
9. The minutes and Treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting were approved as printed.
10. Old Business - none
11. New Business - none
12. The presbytery had nothing to report.
13. Report from Church Letters - 1 baptisms, 0 members added, 1 lost.
14. Announcements - Foreign Missions Walk-a-thon scheduled for September, Brother Booker has taken the pastorate of Fawn Grove FWB Church in Tupelo, MS.
15. Brother Hersey played a piano solo.
16. Brother James Laverty gave the response.
17. Session was closed in prayer followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (March 7, 2003 - June 6, 2003)

Savings Balance on Hand 3/7/03	-	\$860.61
Dues received		
Grace		\$200.00
Liberty		50.00
Victory		50.00
Offerings received		\$64.00
United Ministry Plan		70.32
Interest earned		\$1.30
Disbursements		\$0.00

Savings Balance on Hand 6/6/03	-	\$1296.23
Bank fee*		\$25.00
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)		\$1271.23

WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation		
Initial deposit		\$12,152.77
Balance as of 12/31/02		\$12,954.06
Account balance is only reported at the end of June and December.		

* The \$25 bank fee 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.

Meeting Schedule

	2003	2004
March	7 - Victory	12 - Grace
June	6 - Grace	11 - Liberty
September	12 - Liberty	10 - Victory
December	12 - Victory	10 - Grace

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

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 GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday 6 June 2003

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and the service was opened with congregational singing of 'Stand Up for Jesus' #618 (Stand Up for Jesus).
2. The congregation was welcomed to the Grace Church by Brother Tim Osborne.
3. Brother Kevin Traylor read scripture from Romans 12:1-2 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Assistant Moderator Murray Southwell welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering was received. -\$101. Offeratory played by Micah Osborne and Rebecca Pugh.
6. Special music by Brother Eric Hunter - 'You're My Hiding Place'.
7. Message by Brother Vernon Gober from John 14:16,26, 15:26-27, 16:7-13 followed by an invitation and singing of 'What a Friend We Have In Jesus' #589.
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 - 4 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 7 present
 - d. Other officers present - 2 (Clerk and Treasurer)
 - e. Special visitors - Brother and Sister Gober from Plummer's Chapel FWB Church in Savannah, TN
10. The minutes for the last quarterly meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting was approved as printed.
11. Old Business - none
12. New Business -
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to provide a \$200 one time scholarship to each of the Free Will Baptist Bible College students from our association. These students are Carmen and Khristi Pugh and Matthew Walkley. The motion was carried.
 - b. The clerk will contact Brother Bill Evans for guidelines regarding setting up an ongoing scholarship fund for current and future students.
13. The presbytery had nothing to report.
14. Announcements - Pray for Junie Laverty's niece, Beverly who has cancer.
15. Report from Church Letters - baptisms-2, members added-4, members lost-3.
16. Response by Brother Gwyn Pugh.
17. Session was closed in prayer by Brother Jim Laverty followed by a time of fellowship and food.

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Treasurer's Report (June 6, 2003 - September 12, 2003)

Savings Balance on Hand 6/7/03	\$1296.23
Dues and Offerings received	+\$201.00
Interest earned	+\$1.93
United Ministry Plan	+\$138.08
Disbursements	
Brother Gober (honorarium and travel)	-\$130.00
College Scholarships	-\$600.00
Amount used to hold bank account open	-\$25.00
Disbursable Balance on Hand 9/12/03	\$882.24
WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation	
Balance as of 6/30/03 (reports are semi annual)	\$13,245.53

Annual Report (September 5, 2002 - September 12, 2003)

Savings Balance on Hand 9/5/02	\$923.18
Bank fee*	-\$25.00
Dues and Offerings received	
September 2001	\$155.00
December 2002	\$206.91
March 2002	\$364.00
June 2002	\$201.00
	+ 926.91
Interest earned	+ 6.75
United Ministry Plan	+ 208.40
Disbursements	
Guest Expenses	\$308.00
TN State Association	\$200.00
Scholarships	\$600.00
Clerk (fees/postage/mailling)	\$50.00
	- 1158.00
Balance on Hand 9/12/03	\$882.24
Projected expenses Sept - Dec 2003	
TN State Association	\$200.00
Clerk (annual fee)	\$50.00
	-250.00
Balance Available for Other Disbursement (plus dues/offerings received at yearly meeting)	\$632.14
WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation	
Balance 12/31/2001	\$12,954.06
Interest 1/1/02-6/30/02	+\$291.47
Balance as of 6/30/03 (reports are semi annual)	\$13,245.53

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Association Dues

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

Friday 12 September 2003

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and Brother Pugh led the congregation in singing hymn number 363 and 368.
2. Brother James Hathcock welcomed the congregation to the Liberty Church
3. Brother Murray Southwell read from Romans 10:13-15 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Special music was provided by the Liberty Church.
5. Moderator Herman Hersey welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
6. Offering was received -\$163.
7. Special music by Liberty youth choir.
8. Message by Brother David Aycock, missionary to Brazil - "Will You be the One"
9. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
10. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 5 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator -1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 9 present
 - d. Other officers present - 1 (Assistant Clerk/Treasurer)
 - e. Special visitors - the Gober and Aycock families
11. Brother Hersey appointed committees from the Standing delegates of the association.
 - Nominating Committee - Brother Osborne, Brother Gober, Brother Southwell
 - Resolutions Committee - Brother Pugh, Brother Traylor, Brother Laverty
 - Obituary Committee - Karen Southwell and Junie Laverty
12. The minutes for the last quarterly meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting was approved as printed.
13. Brief recess for committees to meet
14. Old Business - none
15. New Business - Request for letter of good standing for Brother Terry Booker from the Fulton Free Will Baptist Church - approved by the body.
16. The presbytery had nothing to report, but will meet following the business session.
17. Annual report from Church Letters - 3 baptisms, 12 members added, 3 members lost.
18. Committee Reports
 - a. Obituary Committee reported the deaths of Helen Faith and Bennie Craig, Sr from Liberty and Pam Walker from Grace.
 - b. The Resolutions Committee recommended the following resolutions:
 - 1) Continue to lift our nation's leaders up to God for His divine guidance.
 - 2) Prayer and supplication be offered for our military forces throughout the world according to Paul's writing in I Timothy 2.
 - 3) Continue to lift those up to God that boldly support the 10 commandments and religious freedom and Fundamental Christian beliefs throughout all denominations.
 - c. Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:
 Moderator -Herman Hersey Assistant - Tim Osborne
 Clerk/Treasurer - Keith Walkley Assistant - Murray Southwell
 The slate of officers was elected by acclamation of the body.
19. Announcements
 - 1) Executive Secretary Keith Burden will be speaking at the December meeting in Jackson at the Victory Church.
 - 2) Bible conference with David Crowe September 27,28 at Grace Church.
 - 3) Grace Church - couples retreat October 9-11
 - 4) Liberty 25th homecoming with Dr. Robert Picirilli -October 26.

20. Response was given by Brother Jim Laverty..
21. Closing prayer by Brother Gwyn Pugh followed by a time of fellowship and food.

**Treasurer's Quarterly Report
(September 12, 2003 - December 12, 2003)**

Savings Balance on Hand 9/5/02	-	\$907.24
Dues and Offerings received		\$313.00
Interest earned		\$1.36
United Ministry Plan		\$34.82
Disbursements		
Clerk		\$50.00
State Association		\$350.00
Expenses for Aycocks		\$410.00

Savings Balance on Hand 12/12/03	-	\$446.42
Bank fee*		\$25.00
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)		\$421.42

WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation		
Initial deposit		\$12,152.77
Balance as of 6/30/03 (reports are semi annual)		\$13,245.53
Update on new amount will be available at the March meeting		

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Meeting Schedule

	2004	2005	2006
March	12 - Grace	11 - Liberty	10 - Victory
June	11 - Liberty	10 - Victory	9 - Grace
September	10 - Victory	9 - Grace	8 - Liberty
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Friday 12 December 2003

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM. Brother Laverty welcomed the congregation and gave a praise item regarding his wife's niece, whom he had asked the association to pray for regarding cancer and other health issues in a past meeting. She had recently been examined and proclaimed as cancer free. Brother Hersey could not be present due to having recently broken his arm.
2. Brother Laverty lead in a responsive reading from Psalm 98 and led the congregation in prayer.
3. The congregation sang Joy to the World - #270 and Angels From the Realms of Glory - #276.
4. Special music was provided by Brother Allen Gober of the Victory Church - O Holy Night.
5. Assistant Moderator Tim Osborne welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
6. Offering was received -\$43.
7. Message by Brother Keith Burden, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists from I Chronicles 26:18
 - a. Every believer has a job
 - b. Every job is important
 - c. Every believer must be qualified
 - d. Our greatest ability is dependability
8. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
9. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
 - a. Roll call of ministers - 3 present
 - b. Recognition of deacons by the Moderator - 0 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 8 present
 - d. Other officers present - 1 (Clerk/Treasurer)
 - e. Special visitors - the Gober family and Brother Keith Burden
10. The minutes for the last quarterly meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting was approved as printed.
11. Old Business - none
12. New Business - A motion was made by Brother Walkley to increase the quarterly dues per church from \$50 to \$75 due to increased expenses for the National Association meeting each year. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
13. The presbytery reported that they had examined Brother Tim Ketchum and recommended that the body accept him as an ordained minister into the association pending a letter from his previous church or association. The clerk is to contact Brother Ron Parker, Shreveport, LA regarding the letter and whom it should come from.
14. Report from church letters - baptisms-2, members gained-0, members lost-2
15. Announcements -

Brother Walkley shared about a recent visit with Chaplain David Spears and gave a brief report on what is happening with our Home Missions sponsored chaplains in Iraq. Prayer was asked for regarding our Chaplains and servicemen.
16. Closing prayer by Brother Tim Ketchum followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (December 12, 2003 - March 11, 2004)

Savings Balance on Hand 12/12/03	- \$446.42
Dues and Offerings received	\$143.00
Interest earned	.51
United Ministry Plan	59.12
Disbursements	
Expenses for Keith Burden	\$150.00
Savings Balance on Hand 3/12/04	- \$499.05
Bank fee*	\$25.00
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)	\$474.05
WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation	
Initial deposit	\$12,152.77
Balance as of 12/31/03 (reports are semi annual)	\$13,510.44

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