

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

Friday 12 March 2004

1. The session was opened with congregational singing of Hymn #71 - Great Is The Lord - led by Brother Eric Hunter.
2. Brother Tim Osborne welcomed the congregation and read scripture from I Corinthians 15:50-58. He then led the congregation in prayer.
3. Moderator Herman Hersey welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
4. Offering was received - \$127.73
5. Melinda Traylor performed the Lord's Prayer song in sign language.
6. Brother Jim Laverty from Victory Church brought a message from James 1:13-16. The following were points of the sermon:
 - a. Sin will take you farther than you ever wanted to go.
 - b. Sin will keep you there a lot longer than you ever wanted to stay.
 - c. Sin is always going to cost you more than you wanted to pay.
7. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
8. 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 - 9 present
 - d. Other officers present - Clerk Treasurer
 - e. Special visitors - none
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 addressed the body regarding the possibility of starting a new work in east Shelby County. He proposed using the Telstart program, a scripted telephone survey system of contacting some 30,000 homes in the area, to determine if there was sufficient interest in the community to start a new work. The Telstart program would cost \$3000 to initiate and Brother Pugh requested that he perhaps borrow the money from the Trust Fund of the Association. Brother Osborne made a comment that the money should be given rather than loaned as a part of an associational outreach. A formal motion was made to this effect by Brother Jim Laverty and seconded by Brother James Mahaffey. A unanimous vote was received to do so and the clerk/treasurer was instructed to acquire the funds from the trust and send a check for \$3000 to Phil Spry of Telstart Ministries.
12. The presbytery had nothing to report.
13. Report from Church Letters - 0 baptisms, 1 members added, 0 lost.
14. Announcements
 - Foreign Missions Walk-a-thon promotional paks are available
 - Murray Southwell reported that our missionaries to Spain were all OK following the railway incident.
 - Brother Tim Ketchum will be preaching at the June meeting.
 - Kevin Traylor will be ordained on 2/28/04
 - Eric Hunter will be singing at the Strand Theater in Millington on June 4

- Brother Walkley reported on the Master's Men of Tennessee and informed of the upcoming retreat on 4/30-5/1.

15. Brother Pugh gave the response.

16. Session was closed in prayer followed by a time of fellowship and food.

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

Savings Balance on Hand 3/12/04	-	\$499.05
Dues (Liberty and Victory) and Offering received		277.73
Trust Fund receipt		3000.00
Interest earned		.63
United Ministry Plan		140.91
Disbursements		
Telstart disbursement w/shipping		\$3013.00

Savings Balance on Hand 6/11/04	-	\$905.32
Bank fee*		\$25.00
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)		\$880.32

WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation	
Initial deposit	\$12,152.77
Balance as of 12/31/03 (reports are semi annual)	\$13,510.44
Withdrawal for Telstart	3000.00
Approximate balance as of 6/11/04	\$10,510.44
Interest will be added at the end of June	

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Meeting Schedule

	2004	2005	2006
March		11 - Liberty	10 - Victory
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Meetings convene at 7:30 PM on the Friday following the first Sunday of March, June, September and December.

Association Dues

Dues at each meeting are \$75 per church. This amount will help us cover the cost of an outside speaker at our yearly meeting, our National Association dues (\$100 per church per year), State Association dues (\$10 per year per church and \$20 per association), and additional outside giving as decided on by the body.

Church Clerks

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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 11 June 2004

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and the service was opened with congregational singing of #38 - Isn't He Wonderful, #49 - We Will Glorify the King of Kings, and #53 - We Have Come Into His House.
2. The congregation was welcomed to the Liberty Church by Brother Gwyn Pugh.
3. Brother Pugh read scripture from 1 Timothy 2:1-5 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Assistant Moderator Murray Southwell welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering received -\$108, dues received - \$75 from Liberty and \$75 from Victory
6. Congregational music #11 - Come Thou Fount.
7. Message by Brother Tim Ketchum from John 12:42-43 and Romans 9:1-5 followed by an invitation and singing of 'Is Thy Heart Right With God #255.
8. Brother Hersey gave a testimony and a report on his physical condition. He is facing a heart catheterization and possible open heart surgery. He requested that the ordained brethren anoint him with oil, lay hands on him and pray for God's will to be done. Brother Laverty and Brother Southwell led in this prayer.
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 - 1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 9 present
 - d. Other officers present - 1 (Clerk/Treasurer)
 - e. Special visitors - none
11. The minutes for the last quarterly meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting was approved as printed.
12. Old Business - Brother Pugh gave an update on the Telstart program progress. The results were about half of what was expected. Time will tell whether there is sufficient interest in started another church in East Shelby County.
13. New Business -
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to continue the \$200 annual scholarship program started in 2003. This scholarship is for each of the Free Will Baptist Bible College students from our association. The motion was carried.
 - b. Rebecca Pugh asked if Brother Wayne Wagner would be attending the yearly meeting and encouraged the women of Victory church to join the West Tennessee District Auxiliary when they meet on Saturday September 11, 2004.
14. The presbytery had nothing to report.
15. Announcements
 - a. Brother Osborne reminded the Association of the upcoming walk-a-thon and encouraged everyone regarding soliciting of pledges and trying to have a large offering for this event.
 - b. The National Association will be convening in Kansas City in July.
 - c. Brother Ketchum asked for prayer as he and his wife travel to Asheville, NC where they hope to have an opportunity for a good witness to Mrs. Ketchum's brothers.
16. Report from Church Letters - baptisms-3, members added-1, members lost-1.
17. Response by Brother Jim Laverty.
18. Session was closed in prayer by Brother Alan Gober followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Treasurer's Annual Report

(September 12, 2003 - September 10, 2004)

Savings Balance on Hand 9/12/03	\$907.24
Bank fee*	-\$25.00
Dues and Offerings received	
September 2003	\$313.00
December 2003	\$143.00
March 2004	\$277.73
June 2004	\$558.00
	+ 1291.73
Interest earned	+3.35
United Ministry Plan	+ 347.28
Disbursements	
Guest Expenses	\$560.00
TN State Association	\$350.00
Scholarships	\$200.00
Clerk (fees/postage/mailling)	\$63.00
	- 1173.00
Balance on Hand 9/10/04	\$1351.60
Projected expenses Sept - Dec 2004	
TN State Association	\$350.00
Clerk (annual fee)	\$50.00
	-400.00
Balance Available for Other Disbursement	\$951.60
(plus dues and offerings received at yearly meeting)	
WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation	
Balance 6/30/03	\$13,245.53
Interest 7/1/03-6/30/04	+\$503.75
Withdrawal for Telstart	-\$3,000.00
Balance as of 6/30/04 (reports are semi annual)	\$10,749.28

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Association Dues

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Church Clerks

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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 10 September 2004

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and Brother Laverty led the congregation in singing hymn number 35 (Come Thou Fount) and 96 (Joy Unspeakable).
2. Brother Laverty welcomed the congregation to the Victory Church
3. Brother Laverty read Psalm 70 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Special music was provided by Alan Gober of the Victory Church - I Must Tell Jesus.
5. Moderator Herman Hersey welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
6. Offering was received -\$93. Dues received at this meeting - \$150. All churches are current with Association dues.
7. Message by Brother Wayne Wagner, Tennessee State Home Mission Board - "Memories" from Joshua 4:21-24.
8. Invitation - Hymn #73 - When We All Get to Heaven.
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 - 1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 10 present
 - d. Other officers present - 1 (Clerk/Treasurer)
 - e. Special visitors - Wayne and Maxine Wagner from Pleasantview, TN.
11. Brother Hersey appointed committees from the Standing and elected delegates of the association.
Nominating Committee - Brother Pugh, Brother Osborne, and Brother Laverty
Resolutions Committee - Brother Southwell, Brother Gober, and Brother Ketchum
Obituary Committee - Sister Ketchum, Sister Southwell and Sister Bridger
12. Brief recess for committees to meet
13. The minutes for the last quarterly meeting were approved. The annual Treasurer's Report was approved as printed.
14. Old Business - none
15. Brother Wayne Wagner gave a report on the status of Tennessee Home Missions reporting that two of the three currently active missionaries are about to go self supporting and the Tennessee Home Missions Board is trying to assist in retiring the debt on their buildings.
16. New Business - A motion was made by Brother Walkley to withdraw \$500 from the trust fund along with \$500 from savings. These funds are to be sent to the Tennessee State Home Missions Board to assist in retiring the building debt for Home Missionaries Frank Bratcher and Shane Wilson. \$500 is to go toward each program. The motion was seconded and approved by the body.
17. The presbytery had nothing to report, but will meet following the business session.
18. Annual report from Church Letters - 6 baptisms, 10 members added, 4 members lost.
19. Committee Reports
 - a. Obituary Committee reported the death of Anne Lacombe from Liberty. A request was made for a memorial prayer to be offered. Brother Pugh led in this prayer.
 - b. The Resolutions Committee recommended the following resolutions:
Whereas the Bible encourages us to pray for and support those in authority over us, and whereas we have the privilege to choose those leaders, be it resolved that the association be encouraged to thoughtfully pray and vote at every opportunity.
 - c. Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:
Moderator - Alan Gober Assistant - Jim Laverty
Clerk/Treasurer - Keith Walkley Assistant - Murray Southwell
The slate of officers was elected by acclamation of the body.

20. Announcements

- 1) Brother Osborne encourage all churches participating in the walk-a-thon to send their monies in by the end of October for a good accounting prior to the state meeting.
 - 2) Liberty is celebrating its 26th Homecoming in October and invites all of the churches to join them for a picnic at the church on Saturday, October 2 beginning at noon.
21. Response was given by Brother Tim Osborne.
22. Closing prayer by Brother Alan Gober followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (September 10, 2004 - December 10, 2004)

Savings Balance on Hand 9/10/04	-	\$1376.60
Dues and Offerings received		\$243.00
Interest earned		\$1.13
United Ministry Plan		\$32.36
From Trust Fund		\$500.00
Disbursements		
Clerk		\$50.00
State Association		\$350.00
Expenses for Wayne Wagner		\$150.00
Tennessee State Home Missions		\$1000.00
(for Bratcher/Wilson building funds)		
Savings Balance on Hand 12/10/04	-	\$603.09
Bank fee*		\$25.00
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)		\$578.09

WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation

Balance 6/30/04	\$10,749.28
Withdrawal for Tennessee State Home Missions	-\$500.00
Balance as of 6/30/04 (reports are semi annual)	\$10,249.28

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AT GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Friday 10 December 2004

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM. Brother Osborne welcomed the congregation to the Grace Church.
2. Brother Ketchum read from Matthew 1:18-25 and led the congregation in prayer.
3. The congregation sang Joy to the World - #118
4. Brother Gober welcomed the congregation to the December meeting of the West Tennessee Association.
5. Offering was received.
6. Message by Brother Gwyn Pugh from I Thessalonians 5:23 regarding Advent.
7. Business Session was called to order by the moderator.
8. Recognition of Standing Delegates, Elected Delegates and visitors.
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 - d. Other officers present - 1 (Clerk/Treasurer)
9. The minutes for the last quarterly meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report for the last quarterly meeting was approved as printed.
10. Old Business - none
11. New Business - A motion was made by Brother Walkley to designate \$200 to the Jordan Osborne account with Foreign Missions toward his summer trip with the E-Team going to Cuba. The motion was seconded by Karen Southwell. The motion was amended to allow the Pastors and Officers to designate additional funds if necessary to assist Brother Jordan to ensure he has enough funds to make the trip. The motion was carried unanimously.
12. The presbytery had nothing to report.
13. Report from church letters - baptisms-0, members gained-6, members lost-0
14. Announcements -
 - Brother Tim Osborne gave a report on the success of the walk-a-thon
 - Brother Alan Gober is serving out his father's term with Family Ministries
 - Breakfast with Santa at Grace Church on 12/11/2004
 - Special prayer was requested for Brother Dick Archer
 - Brother Laverty is having surgery on 12/21/04
15. The response was given by Rebecca Pugh.
16. Closing prayer by Brother Murray Southwell followed by a time of fellowship and food.

**Treasurer's Quarterly Report
(December 10, 2004 - March 11, 2005)**

Savings Balance on Hand 12/11/04	-	\$603.09
Dues and Offerings received		\$226.75
Interest earned		\$0.60
United Ministry Plan		\$77.31
Disbursements		
Jordan Osborne Mission Trip		\$200.00

Savings Balance on Hand 3/11/05	-	\$707.75
Bank fee*		\$25.00
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)		\$682.75

WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation		
Balance 12/31/04		\$10,465.41
Interest will be added at the end of June		

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