

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

Friday 11 March 2005

1. The session was opened with congregational singing of Hymn #607- Footsteps of Jesus and #618 - Stand Up For Jesus - led by Brother Steven Walkley.
2. Brother Gwyn Pugh welcomed the congregation and Andrew Walkley read scripture from Psalm 133. He then led the congregation in prayer.
3. Moderator Alan Gober welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
4. Offering was received - \$78.00
5. Karyn and Rebecca Pugh sang 'In the Presence of Jehovah'.
6. Brother Herman Hersey from Victory Church brought a message from Colossians 4:15-17 - The Hindrances, Helps and Hallelujahs of Fulfilling the Ministry. The following were points of the sermon:
 - a. Hindrances - discouragement, defeat, distorted priorities
 - b. Helps - Word of God, Holy Spirit, Prayer, Other Believers
 - c. Hallelujahs - souls saved, joy and peace
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 - 8 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

A motion was made by Brother Walkley, seconded and approved to send \$200 to the Edgmon account, foreign missionaries to Spain.
12. The presbytery had nothing to report.
13. Report from Church Letters - 5 baptisms, 10 members added, 6 lost.
14. Announcements
 - Foreign Missions Walk-a-thon raised over \$200,000 last year. Brother Osborne encouraged everyone to begin preparing for our walk-a-thon this fall.
 - Murray Southwell reported that a number of our missionaries to Spain are Tennessee missionaries and that the walk-a-thon is a great blessing to the whole team because of how it keeps those missionary accounts in the black.
 - Brother Gober gave a report on Family Ministries and that there was a new home in Little Rock, AR and an assisted living facility was being established in Virginia.
 - Brother Gober announced his resignation due to a job move that is taking him to Pennsylvania.
 - Brother Murray Southwell asked the body to pray for Brother Lester Horton in Virginia who is not doing well following recent surgeries.
15. Brother Jim Laverty gave the response.
16. Session was closed in prayer by Brother Tim Osborne followed by a time of fellowship and food .

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

Savings Balance on Hand 3/11/05	\$707.75
Dues and Offerings received*	\$228.00
Interest earned	\$0.78
United Ministry Plan	\$30.47
Disbursements	
Foreign Missions - Edgmon account	\$200.00
Savings Balance on Hand 6/10/05	\$767.00
Bank fee**	\$25.00
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)	\$742.00
WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation	
Balance 12/31/04	\$10,465.41
Interest will be added at the end of June	

* \$150 dues outstanding from Grace Church

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Meeting Schedule

	2005	2006	2007
March		10 - Victory	9 - Grace
June		9 - Grace	8 - Liberty
September	9 - Grace	8 - Liberty	7 - Victory
December	9 - Liberty	8 - Victory	7 - Grace

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

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

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

Friday 10 June 2005

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM and the service was opened with congregational singing of #160 - To God Be the Glory
2. The congregation was welcomed to the Victory Church by Brother Jim Laverty.
3. Brother Laverty read scripture from Psalm 1 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Assistant Moderator Murray Southwell welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
5. Offering received -\$51, dues received - \$75 from Liberty, \$75 from Victory, \$375 from Grace
6. Special music by Oscar Stark - trombone solo of Amazing Grace
7. Message by Brother Murray Southwell from II Timothy 4:1-4, I Timothy 6:13 - Preach the Word, Practice the Word, Persist in the Word. The message was followed by an invitation and singing of 'I Surrender All' #394.
8. Business Session was called to order by the acting moderator.
9. 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 - 1 (Clerk/Treasurer)
 - e. Special visitors - Carolyn and Oscar Stark
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 - motion was made and seconded to send \$50 per month to the Edgmon account (foreign missionaries to Spain - son-in-law and daughter to the Southwells). The motion was carried.
13. The presbytery had nothing to report.
14. Announcements
 - a. Brother Osborne reminded the Association of the upcoming walk-a-thon. Grace will be hosting theirs on September 25.
15. Report from Church Letters - baptisms-0, members added-0, members lost-3
16. Response by the Grace Church.
17. Session was closed in prayer followed by a time of fellowship and food.

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Treasurer's Annual Report

(September 10, 2004 - September 9, 2005)

Savings Balance on Hand 9/10/04	\$1376.60
Bank fee*	-\$25.00
Dues and Offerings received	
September 2004	\$243.00
December 2004	\$226.75
March 2005	\$228.00
June 2005	\$576.00
	+ 1273.75
Interest earned	+3.27
Drawn from Trust Fund	+\$500.00
United Ministry Plan	+ 268.53
Disbursements	
Guest Expenses	\$150.00
TN Home Missions	\$1000.00
E-Team Trip to Cuba	\$200.00
Foreign Missions - Edgmon	\$350.00
TN State Association	\$350.00
Scholarships	\$400.00
Clerk (fees/postage/mailling)	\$50.00
	- 2500.00
Balance on Hand 9/9/05	\$897.15
Projected expenses Sept - Dec 2005	
TN State Association	\$350.00
Clerk (annual fee)	\$50.00
Edgmon Account	\$150.00
	-550.00
Balance Available for Other Disbursement	\$347.15
(plus dues and offerings received at yearly meeting)	
WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation	
Balance 6/30/04	\$10,749.28
Interest 7/1/04-6/30/05	+\$441.14
Withdrawal for TN Home Missions	-\$500.00
Balance as of 6/30/05 (reports are semi annual)	\$10,690.42

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Association Dues

Local association dues are \$75 per church payable at each meeting. Annual dues of \$110 per church and \$20 for the Association are paid at the Tennessee State Association meeting to defray costs of the National and State Association meetings.

Church Clerks

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

Friday 9 September 2005

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM.
2. Brother Ketchum welcomed the congregation to the Grace Church and the congregation sang #182 - Because He Lives
3. Brother Ketchum read II Timothy 4:1-8 and led the congregation in prayer.
4. Special music - Frank Lasiter of the Grace Church - He Did It All For Me
5. Moderator Jim Laverty welcomed the congregation to the West Tennessee Association meeting.
6. Offering was received -\$57. Dues received at this meeting - \$150. All churches are current with Association dues.
7. Message by Dr. Charles Thigpen, State Promotional Director - John 1:1-12 Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, Creative Word, Lifegiving Word, Rejected Word, Regenerating Word, Incarnate Word, Illuminating Word
8. Invitation - Hymn #483 - I Surrender All
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 -1 present
 - c. Recognition of elected delegates from church letters - 7 present
 - d. Other officers present - 1 (Clerk/Treasurer)
 - e. Special visitors - Dr. and Mrs. Charles Thigpen, George Hyatt and his wife, representatives of the Harvest Children's Ministry to Mexico..
11. Brother Laverty appointed committees from the Standing and elected delegates of the association.

Nominating Committee - Brother Pugh, Brother Ketchum, and Brother Keith Walkley

Resolutions Committee - Brother Southwell, Brother Matt Walkley, and Brother Cecil Hudson

Obituary Committee - Brother Frank Lasiter, Sister Junie Laverty and Sister Terry Hathcock
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. New Business - A motion was made to increase the Clerk's annual fee from \$50 to \$100 and to provide \$25 per session to the Moderator for travel expense. The motion was seconded and approved by the body.
16. The presbytery had nothing to report, but will meet following the business session.
17. Annual report from Church Letters - 0 baptisms, 0 members added, 0 members lost.
18. Committee Reports
 - a. Obituary Committee reported no deaths
 - b. The Resolutions Committee recommended the following resolutions:
 - 1) The devastation from the recent hurricane Katrina is beyond our comprehension. Be it resolved that we prayerfully put it in the hands of the One who can comprehend it all and pray for the victims continually, and all unemployed that are seeking employment.
 - 2) Whereas there is serious illness among our members, be it resolved we renew fervent prayers, specially for Jeff Burch and Brother and Sister Dulin from Liberty and Brother Walter Bridger, Brother Herman Hersey, and Sister Ruth Collins from Victory.

- c. Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:
 Moderator -Jim Laverty Assistant - Tim Ketchum
 Clerk/Treasurer - Keith Walkley Assistant - Murray Southwell
 The slate of officers was elected by a vote of acclamation of the body.

19. Announcements
 - 1) George Hyatt addressed the body about the Children's Ministry to Mexico
20. Response was given by Brother Gwyn Pugh.
21. Closing prayer followed by a time of fellowship and food.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report (September 9, 2005 - December 9, 2005)

Savings Balance on Hand 9/9/05	-	\$922.15
Dues received		\$150.00
Offerings received		57.00
Interest earned		\$1.07
United Ministry Plan		\$85.28
Disbursements		
Clerk		\$100.00
Moderator		\$25.00
State Association		\$350.00
Edgmon Account		\$150.00
Yearly Speaker - Dr. Thigpen		\$200.00
Savings Balance on Hand 12/9/05	-	\$390.50
Bank fee*		\$25.00*
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)		\$365.50

WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation
Balance 6/30/05 \$10,690.42

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Association Dues

Dues are \$100 per church per session. This amount plus offerings and monies received from the United Ministry Plan help us cover the cost of annual dues to the State and National Associations (\$350), book scholarships for students attending FWBBC (200 per student per year) current missions giving to the Edgmon account (\$50 per month), clerk and moderator fees (\$200 per year) and other expenses that may occur as voted on by the body. Dues should be paid at each session of the association, but may be paid in advance as desired.

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Friday 9 December 2005

1. The congregation assembled at 7:30 PM. Brother Pugh welcomed the congregation to the Liberty Church.
2. Brother Pugh led in a responsive reading #100 in the hymnal (Philippians 2:5-11).
3. The congregation sang #97-Why Should He Love Me So, #98-Jesus Loves Even Me, #99-O How He Loves You and Me, and #125-Away In a Manger.
4. Offering was received. Offertory was played by Justin Hudson on the flute.
5. Special music - I Have Seen the Light by Karyn Pugh.
6. Message by Brother Tim Osborne from Luke 2:7-20.
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10. Old Business - none
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12. The presbytery had nothing to report.
13. Report from church letters - baptisms -2, members gained -2, members lost -3
14. Dues received from Liberty Church (\$100) and Victory Church (\$75)
15. Announcements
16. The response was given by Brother Laverty.
17. Closing prayer by Brother Kevin Traylor followed by a time of fellowship and food.

**Treasurer's Quarterly Report
(December 9, 2005 - March 10, 2006)**

Savings Balance on Hand 12/9/05 -	\$390.50
Dues received (Liberty, Victory)	\$200.00
Offerings received	107.00
Interest earned	\$.52
United Ministry Plan	\$13.98
	80.85
	19.70
	<u>126.43</u>

240.96

Disbursements

Moderator	\$25.00
Edgmon Account	\$150.00

Savings Balance on Hand 3/10/06 -	\$763.98
Bank fee*	\$25.00*
Available for Disbursement (plus dues & offerings)	\$738.98

WT Association Trust - FWB Foundation

Previous Balance from 6/30/05	\$10,690.42
Current Balance as of 12/31/05	\$10,930.95

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