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The Homegoing of Pastor Winford Floyd



Winford Floyd

Brother Winford Floyd died unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 7. He was one of the outstanding Free Will Baptist pastors in Tennessee. He had pastored First Church, Elizabethton, for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, and four daughters and sons-in-law: Myra and David Hogan, Rebecca and Nate Ange, Elisa and Dave Albury, and Sherri and Jim Acquaviva; there are six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at First Free Will Baptist church in Elizabethton on Thursday, November 9. Brothers Winston Sweeney, Robert Morgan, and Nate Ange officiated. Brother Floyd was 63 years of age.

The following editorial entitled "Servanthood Marked the Life of Reverend Floyd," appeared in *The Elizabethton Star*:

Rev. Winford Floyd, for more than half his life, had lived in Elizabethton. To many, he had been a pastor, and to the rest, he was a friend.

Rev. Floyd was in demand as a revival speaker, and was an almost daily visitor at local and area hospitals. To many he was their support, their "rock" in crisis. He had watched a generation of men and women grow up during his ministry in Elizabethton, had been there when they were born, had baptized them, married them, and rejoiced with them when they became parents. He had also been there during the tough times, during sickness and death and other crises that can shatter hearts and families.

His life and ministry were marked with courage, conviction and compassion. He was never one to compromise his faith, always speaking out against evil. Yet he was most merciful to those who sought a way of life different from the one he taught and lived.

Rev. Floyd, who like all men knew sorrow and heartache, never allowed it to conquer him. He was a man of joy, who reflected it daily in his conversation and actions. He rarely met a person whom he could not talk to, laugh with, and often times wept with them, as their burdens became his.

A spirited preacher, Rev. Floyd made his message simple and plain. He was a good shepherd, and he sought to lead by example.

Not enough can be said about this man who came and lived among us, and shared so richly with us his life and the message of the one he followed. Truly, he was a servant of all.

Donelson Church Celebrates 40 Years

Sunday, October 8, Donelson Free Will Baptist Church celebrated 40 years of ministry. A large tent was placed on the church's front lawn for this special occasion. Over 700 people gathered for the celebration.

Five former pastors gave greetings and shared memories of their years with the church: Robert Owen (1955-57), Francis Boyle (1961), Rolla Smith (1962-67), George Lee (1967-73), and Edward Cook (1976-79).

The message for this anniversary occasion, entitled "The Next Forty Years," was delivered by the pastor, Robert J. Morgan. This was a challenge which included plans for extending the effectiveness of the church in reaching the next generation. Brother Morgan has been the pastor of Donelson Church for 15 years. The church has experienced outstanding growth under his leadership. Many have come to know the Lord under his ministry and the church membership has grown. Three worship services are provided each Sunday morning.



1996 Associational Meetings

Tennessee State Association: November 11-13, 1996

Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, TN

Appalachian Association

January 20 Temple Church (Bristol)
 April 5-6 (Annual Session) Marbleton Church
 July 13 and October 19 Places not selected

Central Association

January 12 First Church, McMinnville
 April 12 Faith Church, Manchester
 July 12 Victory Church, McMinnville
 October 11 (Annual Session) First Church, Smithville

Cumberland Association

October 12 Harper Road Church

Southern Quarterly

January 12 Horton Heights Church
 April 12 New Life Church, Lewisburg
 July 12 Richland Church
 October 4 Smyrna Church

Northern Quarterly

January 13 Oak Lawn Church
 April 13 Harper Road Church
 July 13 Bethel Church
 October 5 Mt. Zion Church

Western Quarterly

January 13 Dickson First Church
 April 13 McEwen First Church
 July 13 Waverly First Church
 October 5 Hurricane Chapel Church

Liberty Association

January 19-20 Sparta First Church
 May 17-18 Hixson First Church
 September 20-21 Cookeville First Church
 (Annual Session)

Northeast Association

January 6 Union Street Church
 April 6 Fall Branch First
 July 13 Morrison City First
 October 5 (Annual Session) Macedonia Church

Toe River Association

February 17 Evergreen Church
 May 18 Oak Hill Church
 August 16-17 (Annual Session) Pearce Chapel Church

Union Association

August 15-17 West Green Church

Central Quarterly

February 10 Overlook Church
 May 11 Red Hill Church
 August 19 Peace Church
 November 9 Place not selected

Eastern Quarterly

January 12 Faith Church
 April 12 Fellowship Church
 July 12 Roan Street Church
 October 11 Unicoi Church

Northern Quarterly

January 27 Pine Grove Church
 April 27 Pine View Church
 July 27 Pyburn Church
 October 26 Riverside Church

Western Quarterly

February 3 Fairview Church
 May 4 Valley View Church
 August 3 Wooddale Church
 November 2 Burls Chapel Church

West Tennessee Association

March 8 Victory Church
 June 7 Grace Church
 September 8 (Annual Session) Liberty Church
 December 7 North Memphis Church

A Great State Association

The 58th annual session of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Keystone Church in Johnson City. The Christian fellowship was sweet, the singing was very good, the preaching was "Spirit-anointed." The business sessions were characterized by harmony and unity. The moderator for this session was Brother Terry Eagleton, who said near the close of the last business session, "It has been evident to me that no one in our meeting had any hidden agendas."

Each preacher stirred our hearts as he spoke. It was a blessing to hear Brothers Alfred Cutshall, Ken Haney, Garnett Reid, Robert Morgan, Wayne Wagner, and David Kemper. Instrumentalists Winona Riggs and Herman Hersey were inspiring. Brother Raymond Riggs did a superb job of leading our congregational singing. Special musical numbers by the Adult Choir, the Youth Choir, and other singing groups from Keystone Church were a great blessing.

Pastor and Mrs. William Greer and the members of Keystone Church were gracious and thoughtful hosts. The breakfast and the banquet were most adequately provided. Special thanks to Pastor Gene Deaton and his members for providing their church auditorium for the Bible Conference on Tuesday morning.

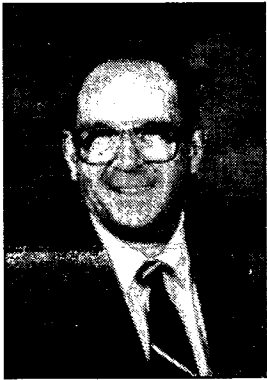
Each department of the state presented a report of the past year's work, presented a budget, and gave an overall plan of work for the new year. Mother's Day was officially designated as a time when each church is asked to receive an offering for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. The next meeting will be held at Cofer's Chapel Church, 3915 Franklin Road, in Nashville. The dates are November 11-13, 1996.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Keystone Church for hosting this session of the Tennessee State Association.

Edward B. Hall, Sr.

—Promoted!

Brother Edward Hall was promoted to glory on September 30, 1995. A more dedicated layman could hardly be found—he served the Lord through First Free Will Baptist Church, the Union Association and the Tennessee State



Edward B. Hall

Association of Free Will Baptists. He was a deacon, Sunday School superintendent, Promotional Secretary for the Union Association and President of the Tennessee State Master's Men.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; son and daughter-in-law, Edward B. Jr. and Janice Hall; and grandson Blake. He was a native of Virginia, a U.S. Army veteran, and was retired from Martin-Marietta at the Y-12 facility.

Funeral services were held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Oak Ridge with Pastor Terry Mosley and James Vallance, Director of National Master's Men, officiating. To honor this outstanding layman, the church building was filled to overflowing with family and friends. More than a score of ministers were present.

National Youth Workers Retreat

Make plans now to attend the third annual retreat for Free Will Baptist youth workers. This weekend will be full of ideas, activities, encouragement, fellowship, networking, food, and fun. This year's program offers two exciting locations: February 16-18, Branson, Mo.; and February 23-25, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

If you are a full-time or part-time youth worker, Sunday School teacher, Children's Church worker, parent, or pastor who is interested in helping meet the needs of the present generation, then you should plan to attend.

For more information call (615) 361-1221, ext. 344, or write Youth Workers Retreat, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.

Roll Call Sunday

Roll Call Sunday this year is March 31, 1996. Everyone, including pastors and members, should work to make this year the greatest ever for Tennessee. Last year we had 18,558 people in attendance. We need to break that record—both in attendance and in number of conversions on that Sunday.



Unicoi Church Gives Church Van

Pictured above are members of West Madison Free Will Baptist Church in Madison, Wisconsin. They are standing beside the church van given to this mission church by Unicoi Free Will Baptist Church, pastored by Brother Thurman Sullivan in Unicoi, Tennessee.

The Home Missionaries who are directing West Madison Church are the Carlie Loyd family from Tennessee! Special thanks to the Unicoi Church member for this generous gift to Home Missions!

From My Heart

Charles A. Thigpen

Tennessee's share of the National Offices Building is \$78,557. Up through October Tennessee has given a total of \$56,884. This means that we still need \$21,672.

I would like to challenge all of us in Tennessee to work a little harder and get this debt paid off. It would be such a blessing to know that the state of Tennessee had completely paid off its share. If one hundred of us would give \$200 each, we would be very close to victory. Some could give \$200 in one check, while some would prefer giving it in smaller amounts. If you will join me in giving \$10 per month for 20 months (total, \$200), please let me know. Perhaps a Sunday School class, a Master's Men chapter, or a Woman's Auxiliary could raise an extra \$10 per month for such a worthy cause. Let me know if you will join me in this drive. Send all checks to: Executive Office, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

**TENNESSEE STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**TREASURER'S REPORT
September-November 1995**

INCOME

Appalachian Assn.
Grace \$134.62
Keensburg 75.00
Union Street 150.00
Watauga Valley 100.00
Appalachian Assn. 63.34

Central Assn.
Faith 50.00

Cumberland Assn.
Bethlehem 175.00
Brandon's Chapel 452.00
Cross Timbers 62.50
Cumberland Assn. ... 1,272.26
Donelson 500.08
Dunbar's Chapel 75.00
East Nashville 75.00
Friendship 45.00
Good Springs 149.07
Heads 123.37
Hendersonville 200.00
New Hope 50.00
New Life 70.00
Pardue Memorial 50.00
Trinity 89.32
Woodbine 411.85

Liberty Assn.
Cookeville 150.00
Liberty Assn. 193.04

Union Assn.
Bethany 30.00
Church Hill 275.00
Doran Addition 25.00
Fellowship 150.00
Forest Grove 75.00
Loudon 25.00
Oak Ridge 389.18
Valley View 25.08
Union Assn. 511.94

Toe River
Berea 13.00

Others:
Keystone 158.10

Individuals 420.00

State Assn.
Registration Fees 540.00

State Assn. Offerings ... 660.10

State Assn.
Annual Fees 4835.00

Total Income \$13,073.85

Expenditures \$8,715.86

Transfer to Savings . \$4,835.00
(Nat'l Assn. Fees)

*Thank you for your gifts to the State Association work.
All checks should be made payable to Tennessee State
Association of Free Will Baptists and sent to E. B.
McDonald, P.O. Box 685, Ashland City, TN 37015.*

**Charley and Ellen Carmack
Home Missionaries
to Lewisburg**



Sunday, October 8, marked a new beginning for the Free Will Baptist Church in Lewisburg. The church had not been holding services for about two years. Brothers Jesse Meade and Steve Swango led the Loyal Chapel Church people to give many hours of labor to repaint, clean, and repair the church building. Some from other churches assisted. Gary Lovitt and Wayne Wagner of the Tennessee State Home Missions Board, together with Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, Promotional Director, worked together with Jesse Meade, Steve Swango, and layman Billy Griffin of Lewisburg to get the church started again. The church address is 1001 Easy Street.

Charley and Ellen Carmack have been chosen to lead "New Life Free Will Baptist Church"—the new name for the church. The inaugural service on October 8 was led by Dr. Thigpen. More than eighty people attended. Pastor Carmack brought the message. Interest and attendance have been increasing at New Life Church with attendance running from 29 to 47.

Please pray for the Carmacks and this new work. Financial support is still needed and may be sent to Wayne Wagner, State Home Missions Treasurer, 3156 Head's Church Road, Cedar Hill, TN 37032 (please earmark gifts "Lewisburg Church").

Dates to Remember

February 16-18 National Youth Workers Retreat
Pigeon Forge, TN
February 23-25 National Youth Workers Retreat
Branson, MO
March 10-14 Bible Conference, FWBBC
March 28-30 Welcome Days, FWBBC
March 31 Roll Call Sunday

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