

East Central District meeting met at the Mt. Vernon 1st Free Will Baptist Church on Friday evening, Jan. 13th at 7:30 with Bro. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of Nashville, Tenn. bringing the message.

Saturday, January 14 the meeting was called to order at 9:00 by the Moderator, ^{Bro.} Clifford Donoho.

Congregation song "When we all get to Heaven" was led by Bro. Melvin Gregory with Sis Jeanne Galli at the piano.

Prayer was led by Bro. Byford Campbell.

Song # 2 "At Calvary"

Welcome and devotion was given by host pastor, Bro. Tommy Street using I Cor. Chapt 3. "we are Christs" and closing with prayer.

Motion was received by Clerk to by-pass reading of By-Laws. Second received and motion carried.

Meeting was called into session to do business by your clerk.

Moderator ask standing delegates stand & there were 11 and a number of visitors 20-25 stood.

Minutes of previous meeting was read by your clerk. Motion was made to accept minutes, a second received and motion carried.

Treasurer report was given by Sis Kathy Hayes with bal. of 88.61 on hand.

Motion was made by Bro. Byford Campbell to accept report as information. Second received and motion carried.

yearly report letters was read by Clerk from 7 Churches and Delegates ask to stand.

Motion was made to accept letters and seat delegates, a second received and motion carried.

Moderator appointed the following to fill Committees for today as follows:

Ex. Comm. - Bro. Byford Campbell
youth " - Shirley Pettit
Kathy Hayes

Recess was called for 20 min for Committees to work and prayer was led by Bro. Grant Bruce.

Meeting was recommenced with Congregational song "When the Roll is Called up yonder".

youth Committee report was read by Clerk as follows:

"The Youth Committee hopes that the youth will participate in the Rock - A - thon in February at the Camp grounds. We are also hoping to have an Activity in March. We will send you further information concerning that.

Signed:

Kathy Hayes
Vickie Hollis
Shirley Pettit

Motion by Bro. Clifford Hicks to accept

the report as given. second followed
and motion Carried.

The Business Comm. report was
read by Clerk. Motion to accept
report of Business Comm. and act
upon it item by item. second followed
and motion Carried.

Item I we the business Committee
place Bro. Byford Campbell in nomination
to fill the unexpired term of James
Boyers on the exam. board. Motion
by Bro. Clifford Hicks to close nominations
and proceed to elect. a second was
made and motion Carried.

Item II we the Business Committee
recommend we give Bro. Melvin
Worthington a \$50.00 honorarium.
Motion by Bro. Clifford Hicks to accept
Item II, a second followed & motion
Carried.

signed: ^{crain} Loyd Crain
Grant Bruce
John Hiltibidal

Moderator ask that we remember
members that have deceased this
past year by standing for a silent
prayer with Bro. Turner leading
ending prayer.

Bro. Marlen Manning sang a
song "My Desire".

Nominations was made for
delegates to State Meeting Mar. 23 & 24
at Camp Hope. as follows:

Bakersville - Gwendolyn Clemmons
Blue Point - Cathy Donoho

Crossroads - Gene Pettit
 Mt. Vernon St. - Shirley Pettit
 Oak Valley - Dorothy Scott
 Salem - Marlin Manning
 Pleasant View - Kathy Hayes

The Exam. Committee report was read by Clerk. Motion was made by Bro. John Hiltibidel to accept report and act on it item by item. Second was made and motion Carried.

Item I We the examining board have met with Bro. Tommy Street and find his Credentials satisfactory and recommend he be received into this District with full fellowship and privileges upon receipt of statement of previous position and standing from the Association from which he has moved. Motion was made to accept Item I, second received and motion Carried.

Item II we have examined the ministers reports and recommend the following reports be forwarded to State Association with the recommendation for Cards of good standing:

Lloyd Crain
 Clifford Donoho
 George Capps
 Byford Campbell
 Clifford Hicks
 George Waggoner

John Hallis
~~John Hiltibidal~~
~~Devey Merritt~~

Signed
 Byford Campbell
 John Hallis
 George Waggoner

Motion was made to accept Item II, second followed and motion carried.

Motion was made by Bro. Clifford Hicks that names of retired ministers be listed for state card of good standing and they sign report forms. Namely Bro Devey Merritt & Bro. John Hiltibidal. Second was received and motion carried.

Bro. John Hallis made a motion that we get new Constitution & By-Laws printed. A second received and motion carried.

Moderator appointed a committee of Bro. Crain, Bro. Byford, & Bro. Geo. Waggoner to get By-Laws printed.

Bro. Geo. Waggoner moved we adjourn the business meeting. second followed & motion carried.

Congregation Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Bro. Melvin Worthington brought an inspiring message from Daniel 6 on "Principals for Prosperity" Closing with prayer.

Moderator ask for announcements.
A love offering of \$113 was
received for Bro. Worthington
with offering prayer led by Bro. Street.

Closing prayer and Blessing
on the food was offered by
Bro. John Hollis.

Signed: your Clerk
Marie Rutger

April 13-14, 1984

The East Central District meeting met at the Oak Valley Church on Friday night, April 13th at 7:00 P.M. with about 35 attending. Bro. Chuck Wilson sang several specials accompanied by Mike Hicks at the piano - also Bro. Marlin Manning sang for us.

Bro. Tommy Street, pastor of Mt. Vernon Church brought an inspiring message from Heb. 10:25 - about "Needs for Revival" - Attend, Extend, Defend, and Commend.

The Saturday morning meeting was opened at 9:00 A.M. ~~By~~ Moderator Clifford Dencker with a song His So Sweet to trust in Jesus. And Jesus came into my heart.

Welcome and Devotion was given by Host Pastor Bro. Clifford Hicks using Psalm 134 - "Follow the old Paths"

Closing with a prayer.

The By-Laws was read by Bro. George Waggoner.

Meeting was called into session to do business by Clerk.

9 standing delegates and 6 visitors was recognized by Moderator.

Minutes of last meeting was read by Clerk. Motion to accept minutes as read was made by Bro. Clifford Hicks a second received and motion carried.

The Treasurer report was given with 13361 balance in treasure. Motion by Bro. John Hiltibridal to accept the report.

as given - a second received and motion carried.

The Church Letter was read and delegates ask to stand.

Bro. Clifford Hicks made motion to accept the letter and sent the delegates. a second received and motion carried.

Bro. Clifford Donoho appointed the following to fill vacancies on youth Committee for today - Kathy Hayes, Beverly Laughlin and Violet Crain.

A 15 minute recess was called so committees could work and prayer was by Bro. Robert Hilliard.

The business meeting recommenced with Congregational songs "Amazing Grace" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus" followed by Bro. Buford McClellan leading in prayer.

The youth Committee report was read by the Clerk as follows:
"The youth Committee discussed different possibilities but has nothing to report."

Signed Kathy Hayes.

Motion was made by Bro. Buford Campbell to accept the report.

Second was made and motion carried.

The floor was opened for discussion and suggestion that perhaps youth Committee might form a youth Rally group in this District.

The Business Committee report was read by the Clerk as

follows: We the Business Committee recommend that this quarterly Church report form be reviewed to see what items should be read each time we meet and if there are items the body feels should be deleted.

Signed Loyd Crain
John W. Hillitlal
Grant Bruce.

Motion was made by Bro Clifford Hicks to accept the report. A second was received and motion carried. A motion was made by Bro Grant Bruce that the business committee review the form and present a report at the next meeting for approval. A second was received and motion carried.

Bro Dennis Owen, missionary from Spain gave a report of his work. Closing with prayer.

Announcements were made and next meeting will be held at the Pleasant View Church July 13 & 14th. Bro. Wallace Malone to be Saturday speaker.

Bro. Loyd Crain made motion we adjourn the business meeting until next regular session. A second was given & motion carried.

Congregational songs "Blessed Assurance" and "Showers of Blessings" was sung.

Bro. David Shores gave a report on state work and then brought an inspiring message from Mark 6

Entitled "Cooperation in the Church,
District State and National".

Closing prayer was offered
by Bro. Clifford Hicks.

Signed: Marie Rutger
Clerk.

July 13 & 14, 1984

The Friday evening fellowship and worship service began at 7:30 with a full house. Bro Clifford Hicks, pastor of Oak Valley Church brought an inspiring message and a very entertaining Puppet Show was put on by the Host Church.

The Saturday morning service began at 9:00. The meeting was began with Congregation song "Blessed Assurance" led by Bro. Byford Campbell and Sherri Nix at the piano.

Prayer was led by Bro. Ernie Lewis. Song No 2 - There is Power in the Blood. Welcome was given by the host pastor Bro. J. D. Mitchell and devotion from Realms "Praise Gods Name".

Bro. Clifford Donoho, Moderator, ask for motion to By-Pass reading of the By-Laws. This motion was made by Bro. Byford Campbell a second received and motion carried.

The Clerk, Marie Rutge, called the meeting to order to do Business.

All ministers and deacons was recognized as standing delegates and our visitors was also recognized and made welcome by the moderator.

Minutes of previous meeting was read by the Clerk and motion made by Bro. Byford Campbell to accept minutes as read - second received & motion carried.

Sister Kathy Hayes gave the Treasurer report and Bro Byford made motion to accept the report as information. a second was given and motion carried.

The letters from district Churches was read and delegates named ask to stand. Bro. John Hollis made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. a second was received & motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following to fill in on Committees for today: Exam. Comm. Bro. Tommy Street.
youth Comm. Sis Violet Crain
and Bro Ernie Lewis.

A request was given by Bro. Clifford Dorcher that the Salem Church mission be accepted into the District and this matter was referred to the Business Comm.

Nominations was opened to replace Bro. Jim Hayes on youth Committee. Bro. Lloyd Crain nominated Bro. Lewis. Motion was made by Bro. Tommy Street to Close nominations and proceed to elect by acclamation. Second was received and motion carried.

A recess was called for committees to work and dismissal prayer was by Bro. Tommy Street.

The meeting was called back into session by Congregational songs "Farther Along" and "In the Shadow of the Cross"

The Edministering report was read by Bro. John Hollis. a motion

was made by Bro. John Hollis to accept the report and act upon it item by item. a second received and motion passed.

Item I - That the District purchase a Minister's Free Will Bapt. Manual for the District library. Motion was made to accept Item I - a second followed & motion carried.

Item II Recognize Bro. Ernie Lewis as a new minister in this district and accept him. Motion was made to accept item II and second received & motion carried. Signed: John Hollis, Byford Campbell & Tommy Street.

The Business Committee report was read by the Clerk and motion was made by Bro. Byford C. to accept the report and act upon it item by item.

Item I We recommend that Calvary Free Will Bapt. Mission be received into the East Central District with full voting privileges. It is recommended that they host the District meeting when it comes their turn. Motion was made by Bro. Tommy Street to accept Item I. A second received - discussion followed and motion carried.

Item II We recommend that we give Bro. John Hollis \$100.00 as an Honorarium. Motion was made by Bro. Tommy Street to accept Item II. A second followed & motion carried.

Signed: Lloyd Crain
Grant Bruce
John W. Hiltabridal

The youth Committee has no report today - Bro. Ernie Lewis was elected Chairman.

Bro. Crain ask the The business Committee be allowed time to go over the District meeting report form and bring a report to the next meeting.

Bro. John Hollis gave a report on work at Crossroads Church mission and asks we continue support to them for additional growth. A Motion was made by Bro. Byford to accept the report. A second received & motion ^{carried}.

Bro. Clifford Donoho gave report on the new Salem (Calvary) mission. They have selected sister Kathy Hayes Clerk. Motion was made by Bro. Loyd Crain to accept this report. His information - a second was received and motion ^{carried}.

The next meeting will be at the Salem Church by Wayne city. Bro Stanley Outlaw will be speaker. New time selected was 7:30 Friday night and 9:30 on Saturday.

Bro Clifford Hicks will be leaving Oak Valley & going to pastor Rescue F.W.B. Church Aug. 1. Bro. Tommy Street is also leaving Mt. Vernon church.

Motion was made by Bro. Byford Campbell to adjourn business meeting until next regular session. A second was received & motion ^{carried}.

Congregation sang "At the Cross" and "Near the Cross" and Prayer by Bro. Clifford Hicks. Bro. & Sis Donoho sang "For God So Loved". Message by Bro John Hollis from Rev. 47. 29 "Don't bury me in Egypt". Dismissal prayer & thanks on food by Bro. J. D. Mitchell. Signed Irene Butcher-Clerk.

Salem F.W.B. Church.

October 12 & 13, 1984

The Friday evening fellowship service was attended by approximately 80 beginning at 7:30. Several special numbers was rendered by Bro. Martin Manning and his family and ~~and~~ a very inspiring message was brought by Bro. Stanley Outlaw from Nashville Bible College using scripture from Gen. 12 and 13 "God Always calls His Children out of Egypt."

The Saturday morning service began at 9:15 with Congregation song "Since Jesus Came Into my Heart" with Bro. Keith Fletcher at the piano and Sis Brenda Braddock leading.

Prayer by Bro. Ernie Lewis.

The meeting was called to order to do business by your Clerk.

A motion was made by Bro. George Capps to by-pass reading of By-Laws for today. A second received and motion carried.

Bro. Byford Campbell, Host pastor, gave welcome and devotion from Psalms entitled "Praise for all things" Closing with a prayer.

Moderator, ^{Bro.} Clifford Donoho ask deacons, ministers and visitors to stand and be recognized.

Minutes of last meeting was read by Clerk. Bro. Loyd Crain made motion to accept minutes as read ~~and read the delegates~~. Second was

received and motion carried.

Sis. Kathy Hayes gave the treasurer report. Motion was made by Bro. John Hollis to accept the report and second followed. Motion carried.

Letters from churches was read and delegates ask to stand.

Bro. Byford Campbell made motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. a second was received and motion carried.

Committees was all present so Bro. Clifford ask for meeting to recess for 15 minutes for committees to work. Dismissal prayer by Bro. George Capps.

The meeting recommenced with song "Kneel at the Cross".

a youth Committee report was given by Bro. Ernie Lewis. A youth Rally to be at Blue Point Nov 3. Motion was made by Bro. John Hillibidal to accept the report. a second received and the motion carried.

Business Committee report was read by Clerk. and motion to accept the report and act upon it item by Bro. George Capps. A second received and motion carried.

We the Business Committee recommend the following people to serve in the stated offices:

1. youth Committee - Essie Lewis
2. Exam. Board - Byford Campbell.
3. Business Committee - John Hiltibidal
4. Lee Cemetery Fund - Glen Byars
5. District Clerk - Marie Rutger
6. District Moderator - Clifford Doroho
7. Dist. assist. Moderator - George Waggoner
8. We the business Committee recommend that the East Central District cease using the reporting forms we are presently using and begin using the forms suggested by our National Assoc. While it is a form to be used for the annual report to the district it could easily be used each quarter. We also recommend that we adopt the new form for the annual report to the State association.

Signed Hunt Bruce
John W. Hiltibidal
Lloyd Crain.

Nominations was opened to the floor for each office and there being no new nominations each was elected by acclamation.

A motion was made by Lyle Rutger that the Lee Cemetery fund be checked into and a report be brought to the next district meeting. A second received and motion carried (Lyle is to get report together)

Bro. Hunt Bruce make motion to give Clerk a standing vote of thanks for work done past year. A second followed and motion carried.

Bro. Clifford Donoho gave a report on Calvary mission work at Salem, Ill. motion by Bro. Lloyd Cain to accept the report and second received & motion carried.

The Examining Committee was still out and song "When we all Get to Heaven" was sung. And various announcements was made. New ministers in dist. was recognized - Bro. John Postlewaite & wife of Mt. Vernon 1st F.W.B. and Bro. Keith Fletcher & family from Oak Valley Church.

Examining report was given by Bro. John Hollis. Motion was made by Bro. Lloyd Cain to accept the report and act upon it item by item. Second was made & motion carried.

We the Examining Committee have met and considered the recommendations from Mt. Vernon 1st and Oak Valley Churches.

Item I we recommend Bro John Postlewaite be accepted into this Dist with full privileges upon receipt of a letter of good standing from past Church or Association, request being made to state assoc. for a card of good standing after receipt of letter.

Motion by Bro. George Waggoner to accept Item I. Second received and motion carried.

Item II we recommend Bro. Keith Fletcher be accepted into this

district with full privileges upon receipt of a letter of good standing from past Church or association. Request being made to State Assn. for card of good standing after receipt of letter. Motion by Bro. Ernie Lewis to accept Item II. Second was received and motion carried.

Item III we recommend the Clerk send a letter acknowledging good standing of Bro. Sammy Street in this Association to the Big River Conference, Red Jacket, West Va.

Motion to adopt Item III was made by Bro. George Waggoner. Second was received and motion carried.

Signed Bedford Campbell
John Hollis
George W. Waggoner.

Bro. John Hollis gave report of work at Crossroads Church and ask for continued support. Motion was made by Bro. Lloyd Cain to accept report. a second followed & motion carried.

Motion was made by Bro. George Capps to adjourn until next meeting January 11 and 12 at Bakerville Church, 7:30 Friday and 9:15 Sat. Second was received & motion carried.

Song: "Count your Blessings" and Amazing Grace was sung by the Congregation and prayer by Bro. Bob Norton.

Bro. Stanley Outlaw, gave a brief

report on J.W. Bible College and his work past 19 years there teaching Greek and other subjects.

a great message from Heb. 4: 11-16 entitled "Superiority of Christ" was brought by Bro. Outlaw Closing with a prayer.

The business Committee went into a session and suggested we give Bro. Outlaw - \$50 honorarium - Bro. Jim Hays made motion we give him \$150 - a second was received and motion carried.

Bro. Byford gave directions for lunch and ask Bro. Lloyd Crain dismiss and Bless food. A bountiful lunch was served about 80.

Yours Clerk
Marie Rutger