

Mt. Vernon First F.W.B. Church
January 9, 1988

The East Central District meeting meet at 9:30 with moderator Bro. Clifford Donoho asking the congregation sing "To God Be The Glory" - led by Bgo. David Burgess with his Susan at the piano.

Opening prayer was offered by Bro. John Hollis.

Welcome and devotion was given by host pastor Bro. Howard Plota using Luke 24:13-17

"Rekindle our spiritual fires for Christ to work better" - Closing with prayer.

your Clerk called the meeting into business session to do business for our Lord.

Minutes of last meeting was read - Motion was made by John Hollis to accept minutes as read - 2nd followed & motion carried.

Letters from 7 churches was read and Bro. George Waggoner gave oral report and delegates names from Pleasant View were Susan Burgess, Aiken Waggoner, Paula Hayes & Phyllis Boggs alt. A request that Bro. Melvior Boggs & wife be given full fellowship into district.

Motion was made by Bro. George Capps to seat delegates and give request to Business Comm. a 2nd followed and motion carried.

All standing delegates were ask

Bro. Dono & Hayes gave Treas report in Sis Kathy's
absence - \$274.20 in Treas. Motion by George Wiggins
to accept Treas report - 2nd followed & motion carried 247

to stand & be recognized and all our
visitors ask to stand & be recognized.

Bro. David Burgess gave a home
mission report of new work he is
starting in Bloomington, Ill. area.
Motion was made by Bro. Dewey Meritt
to accept the good report as information.
A 2nd quickly followed and motion carried.
The new Church name will be Grace
Fellowship E.W.B. Church.

Bro. Donoho filled Committees
for today as follows: Bro. Mike Johnston's
~~in~~ place by Bro. Jim Hayes on Business
Sis Sheri Nix's place by Sis Christina
Taylor on youth Comm.

Bro. David Shores gave State
Promotional report of activities in
our state - the financial giving has
increased past year & he encourages
this trend to continue - He has the
Calendar of activities for this year.
Motion was by Bro. John Hollis to
accept the report as information - a
2nd followed and motion carried.

Bro. Donoho called for a recess
for Committees to function - Prayer
was offered by Bro. Walter Ratts.

Business meeting come back
into session with Assist. Moderator
George Wiggins leading us, a
Congregational Song - Victory In
Jesus and Prayer offered by Bro.
James Boggs.

The Business Committee report
was read by your Clerk as follows.

Item I. We recommend James Boggs to receive full Membership and fellowship coming from the South Central quarterly.

Item II. Recommend Bro. David Burgess be received into full fellowship and membership after receiving letter from previous Church.

Item III. Recommend That Bro. John Hiltibidol, James Boggs, David Burgess and George Waggoner be recommended for Cards of good Standing.

Signed Gene Petty

David Milburn

Jim Hayes.

Motion was made by Bro. Buford Campbell to accept the report and act on it Item by Item. 2nd followed and motion carried.

Motion was made by Bro. John Hollis to accept Item I. a 2nd followed and Bro. Boggs was quickly accepted into our district by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Bro. George Capps to accept Item II. a 2nd quickly followed to accept Bro.

Burgess upon receipt of his church letter and motion carried.

Bro. George Waggoner declared Item III out of order since the Exam. committee would take care of this Item.

The Exam. Report was read by your Clerk. as follows:

We the examining Committee

Min¹ I have met with Bro. David Burgess and recommend he be accepted in this district with full fellowship upon receipt of the oncoming letter from the Liberty F.W.B. Church at Meltington Tenn.

Item II. We have examined the reports and recommend the following ministers reports be forwarded to the State Association with our recommendations for Cards of good standing:

George Waggoner	David L. Burgess
Howard Elth	John D. Hollis
George Lapps	Lloyd Crain
Byford Campbell	James F. Boggs
Ernie Lewis	David L. Milburn
Clifford Doncho	

Signed: Byford Campbell
Howard Elth
Byford McClure

Motion was made by Bro. Byford Campbell to receive the report Complete and delete Item I as it has been taken care of in previous business Comm. report. A second followed and motion carried.

Motion was made by Bro. Byford to adopt Item II - a 2nd followed and motion carried.

A motion was made by Bro. Ernie Lewis that Exam. Committee be given right to act on and late Ministers reports and send them in to state. A second followed and motion carried.

Bro. Waggoner opened floor to nominations for Delegates to State Association coming

March 25+26 at Bethel F.W.B Church
 as follows: Susan Burgess - Pleasant View
 - Wilma Cameron - Mt Vernon
 Sherri Milburn - Bakerville
 Susan Lewis - Blue Point
 Marie Rutger - Oak Valley
 Kathy Hayes - Calvary
 Mike Johnston - Crossroads
 Brian Bruce - Interstate
 Jeanne Culic - Interstate
 Eric Connor - Interstate

Motion was made by Bro John. to
 to give memorations & proceed to start
 a 2nd solemnity, and motion carried.
 Bakerville Church report was given
 by Bro. Milburn - they have 5 acres
 property bought & paid for and new
 Church construction is set to begin
 in Sept. 1988 at Bonnie Rd road off
 Interstate 57.

Blue Point Church report was
 given by Bro. Lewis - they have built
 a new parsonage and did a Church
 directory this fall. An estate was left
 the Church by former members.

Motion was made by Bro. Holte
 to accept the Church reports - 2nd
 followed & motion carried. Next meeting
 Calvary and Crossroads report at
 Oak Valley April 9th.

The Youth Committee report was
 given by Bro. Lewis - next meeting is
 1st Sat. in Feb. at Calvary. Balance
 in their fund is \$67. Motion to accept
 report was made by Bro. Eric - a 2nd

followed and motion carried.

Moderator ask if there be any item of business from floor & there being none - declared business meeting adjourn.

Song "Standing on the Promises"

Prayer by Bro. Buford McClure

Songs by Bro. David's Milburns daughter Keri "A Rainbow" and "I Love you"

Bro. David brought us an inspiring message "To be ready to every Good work" using Titus 3:1 Closing with prayer.

Bro. Flota gave information about lunch and Bro. George Capps led blessing on food and dismissed prayer. A bountiful lunch was served by ladies of the church.

Signed: Marie Rietze
District Clerk

Oak Valley F.W.B. Church

April 9, 1988

The regular East Central Illinois District meeting began at 9:30 A.M. with Moderator Clifford Donaho asking Congregation Sing "At the Cross" and opening prayer by Bro Mike Robertson.

Welcome and Devotion ^{from Room 8} was given by Bro. Lyle Butcher.

The meeting was called into business by Sproul Clerk.

Bro. John Hollis read the Constitution and By Laws.

Bro. Donaho appointed the following to serve on Committees.

Youth Comm. - Sis. Juanita McElwain

Business Comm - Bro. James Boyce
Standing delegates and visitors were asked to stand & be recognized.

Minutes of last meeting was read by the Clerk. Motion was by Bro. Byford & 2nd by Bro. Floate to accept minutes as read - motion carried.

Sis. Cathy Hayes gave treasure report of \$344.20. A motion was made to accept report as given. A 2nd received and motion carried.

8 Church letters was read by Sproul Clerk and delegates asked to stand. Bro. Byford Campbell made motion to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. A 2nd followed and motion carried.

An information letter was read ^{by Moderator} from Bro. David Burgess. Motion was made by Bro. Byford to accept the letter as information - a 2nd followed and motion carried.

Our moderator called for a short recess & prayer was offered by Bro. Walter Katts.

Business meeting was called back into session by Pious Solo. "Sheltered in the Arms of God" by Bro. Clifford Donoho.

Youth Committee report was given by Bro. Ernie Lewis - they have \$75 in treasure - next youth Rally for grade 1 thru College. & others will be at Blue Point April 29th. at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Bro. Howard Elvath to accept report - a 2nd followed & motion carried.

Bro. Byford Campbell gave the Exam. Comm. Report and made motion to accept report & act upon it ~~thereby~~ ~~it~~. a 2nd quickly followed & the motion carried as follows.

~~It is~~ We the Examining Comm. have met ~~and~~ Bro. Martin Manning come before the committee and made report of past year. We recommend he be issued License and be permitted to begin his two year study prior to ordination.

Byford Campbell
 Byford McClellon
 Howard Elvath

Motion to accept the ~~Exam. Report~~ the Exam.

Committee request was made by Bro John Hollis - a 2nd quickly followed and motion carried. The Clerk is to send request for Bro Perry Cook for a Card of good standing for Bro Manning.

The Business Committee report was read by Bro Denaho. A motion by Bro Ernie Lewis to accept the report and set on it item by item, a 2nd followed and motion carried. Item I

We recommend following Changes of Constitution.

Article V (changed to read) Credentials issued by this Association.

Deleted: To request the Illinois State Association of F.W.B. to issue Credentials.

Article VI Page 5 added to end of Article "And receive a Card of good standing from this Association".

Article VIII Page 7 Para (C) "He must fully agree with the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as given in the Treatise and as interpreted by this Association, the National, and the State Associations and By-laws.

Added Para. H. Page 8 "Any Certificate be signed by Expanding ^{Board Chairman} Committee."

Article IX Page 9. Para. B added: "Another Illinois District Association and is in compliance with

the states Constitution and By-laws!"
Deleted: The Illinois State Association
 of Free Will Baptist.

Signed David L. Millburn

James Boggs
 Mike Robertson

Bro. George Waggoner made motion
 that Item I. proposed changes be laid
 on table until next meeting and the
 change be mailed to each church
 for study - a 2nd followed and
 motion was voted down.

Bro. Mike Robertson made motion
 to change. List of good standing
 words to the proper credentials in
 By-laws. 2nd was by Bro. Elton,
 discussion followed and motion
 carried.

Bro. John Hollis made motion to
 lay Constitution Changes on table -
 a 2nd by Bro. Byford and motion carried.

Item II To revise our quarterly
 reports to add the following Inf.

1. Average attendance in reported
 services

2. Number of Conversions.

Motion was made by Bro. Byford
 and 2nd by Bro. Walter Katts to accept
 Item 2. Motion carried.

Bro. David Shores gave State
 Promotion report - he would like
 churches mail news in each month
 for newsletter and also give offerings
 to Co-op plan. Motion was by Bro. John
 Hollis to accept report - 2nd followed & motion
 carried.

Bro John Hollis gave a good report of Crossroads Church - it has went self supporting. Motion by Bro. Byford to accept the report - a 2nd followed & motion carried.

Bro Donoho gave a good report of the work at Eden-Cildery Church. A motion was made to accept the report and 2nd followed - motion carried.

Next meeting will be at Pleasant Fair - July 9th at 9:00 A.M. - Mt. Vernon and Oak Valley Churches report.

Motion was made to adjourn a 2nd quickly followed and motion carried.

Worship Service followed with song - Love Lifted Me - a prayer by Bro. Ernie Lewis, Special Singing was by Bro. Donoho & family.

Guest Speaker was Bro. Jamil Allen from North Carolina & F.W.B. Bible College. An inspiring message "The Preacher's Greatest Danger" was brought from I Cor 9:27 - Be me a Castaway.

Closing prayer and blessing and food was given by Bro. Lyle Rutger.

your Clerk
Minnie Rutger

Pleasant View F.W.B. Church

July 9, 1988

The East Central Illinois District ~~met~~ ^{opened} at 9:00 A.M. with Congregational song "Love Lifted Me" and shaking hands as we sang "Showers of Blessings".

opening Prayer was offered by Bro. David Milburn.

Your Clerk called the meeting into session and Moderator, Bro. Clifford Donoho ask standing delegates stand and be recognized. ^{Also visitors was ask to stand + be recognized.} Minutes of previous meeting was read and motion was made by Bro. Buford Campbell to accept minutes as read. A second followed and motion carried.

Welcome and Devotion was given By host pastor Bro. George Waggoner from Book of Psalm: "Don't Give Up". Closing with prayer by Bro. Buford McClenon.

Letters from the 8 Churches was read by Clerk. Motion was made by Bro. David Milburn to accept the letters and seat the delegates. a 2nd followed and motion carried.

Treasure report was given by Sis Kathy Hayes with Bal. on hand today 464.20. Motion was made to accept the report as information - a 2nd followed and motion carried.

Bro Clifford Dawson read a letter of resignation from Bro. Byford Campbell. He wants to resign from the Exam. Committee.

Committee were all present today.

Motion was made by Bro. Earnie Lewis to bring Constitution Change off the table. 2nd given by Bro. ^{Hollie Smith} ~~Allen~~ ~~Conrad~~ and motion Carried.

Motion was made by Bro. John Hollis to Accept Constitution Change and 2nd given by Bro. Byford Campbell and motion Carried by majority of delegates present.

Article IV page 2 shall now read:
This Association shall have power to discipline its Churches for unchristian conduct, a want of conformity to gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of this Compact, and may withdraw Fellowship, if necessary, to license and ordain ministers, according to the regulations of Article VIII of the By-Laws and Credentials issued by this Association; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as Churches may refer to it; and to transact other business as may be necessary, consistent with liberty and independence of the Churches, according to the practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination and not repugnant to the Illinois State

Association of Free Will Baptist; and to make any By-laws necessary to its regulation, not repugnant to this Constitution.

Article IV page 5 shall now read: An ordained minister who is a member of another Free Will Baptist Association in Illinois and who is a pastor of a Church in this Association may represent that Church in this Association and discuss business but may not vote nor hold any office until he joins a Church in this Association, and receives proper Credentials from this Association.

Article VIII paragraph (c) page 7 shall now read: He must fully agree with the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination as given in the treatise and as interpreted by this Association, National and State Association By-laws.

Article VIII page 8, paragraph (k) Any Certificate of Credentials must be signed by the Examining Board Chairman.

Article VIII page 9, paragraph (b) shall now read: A Free Will Baptist minister may now transfer from another District Association in Illinois to this Association by: joining a Church in this Association, if he has proper Credentials from another Illinois District Association and is in compliance with this Association.

Our Moderator Called for a recess so

the Committees could work and prayer was offered by Bro. Kyle Rutger. Business meeting was recalled by Congregation song "When we all Get to Heaven".

Exam. Committee report was read - a letter from Bro. David Burgess stating his absence today because of Naval Reserve Drills. Motion was made to accept Exam^{Comm.} report was made by Bro. Howard Elota and 2nd by Bro. Byford Campbell. Motion Carried.

Business Committee report was read by Bro. Clifford Donoho - Motion was by Bro. David Milburn to accept the report and act on it item by item a second followed and motion Carried.

Item I That we send letters to Bro. Wallace Malone, Earl Matthews and Clifford Donoho - to encourage them and let them know we are praying for them as they take part in the Sunday services at the National. (Clerk did this July 11) Motion was made by Bro. Hunt Bruce to accept item I. 2nd quickly followed and motion Carried.

Item II That we give our home Missionaries. Bro. Clifford Donoho and Bro. ~~David Burgess~~ David Burgess one hundred dollars apiece to help pay their way to the National. Motion was made by Bro. David Milburn and 2nd followed to accept Item II Motion Carried.

Item III It is recommended by Business Committee that our district donate \$200.00 for swimming pool at Camps Hope. Motion was made to accept Item III - a 2nd followed and motion carried.

Item IV Business Committee recommended filling position of Bro. Byford Campbell on Examining Board Committee from the available men from the body. Nominations from floor was Bro. James Briggs. Motion was made to close nominations and proceed to elect. a 2nd received and motion was carried.

Signed: David Milburn
Mike Robertson
Gene Petty.

Youth Committee report was given by Bro. Mike - a balance \$70.00 in treas. Aug. 6th will be a Picnic at Mt. Vernon 1st B.W. Bapt. Church at 5:00 P.M. Bring Chicken & side dish. Games & fun afterward in Park. Motion was by Bro. Floth to accept report as information - a 2nd followed and motion carried.

A motion was made by Bro John Hollis that we add constitutional changes as ~~follows~~ sent by clerk to each Church - ~~wrote up by committee~~ (shown for Mike Robertson) - and lay these changes on table until next meeting - a 2nd was received and motion carried.
(Read attached sheet)

Bro. James Baggs pastor of Oak Valley Church gave a nice report of work there and Bro. Howard Thote gave report of work going great for our Lord at the Mt. Vernon 1st. F.W. Bapt. Church.

Next meeting is to begin at 9:00 A.M. at Salem Church with reports from Pleasant View and Salem Churches and speaker to be Bro. John Hollis.

Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting until next regular session. A 2nd followed and motion carried.

Congregation song "I'll Fly Away" and prayer by Bro. Byford Campbell.

Special Song "It Took a Miracle" by Sis Jeanne Cullis.

An Inspiring message was brought by Bro. Clifford Dancoba from I Peter 5:7.

Closing Song "We shall wear a Crown" with dismissal prayer and blessing on food by Bro. James Baggs.

A nice lunch was served by the host Church and enjoyed by all present.

your Clerk
Marie Rutzger

October 8, 1988

East Central District Meeting began at 9:00 A.M. with moderator Bro Clifford Donoho. Opening Congregation song "I would not be Denied" and opening prayer by Bro. David Milburn.

Welcome and Devotion was given by Bro. Byford Campbell using Devt. Chapt. 11 "Victory in Christ" Closing devotion with prayer.

Business meeting was called into session by your Clerk.

Bro Donoho ask standing delegates to stand and be recognized also visitors.

Eight Church letters was read and delegates ask to stand. Motion was made to accept letters and seat delegates. A 2nd quickly received and motion carried.

Treasurer report was given by Sister Kathie Hays. We have \$62.65 on hand. Motion was made to accept the report as information, 2nd followed and motion carried.

The moderator filled Committees as follows - Sis Juanita McClarren on Youth Comm. and John Hollis and George Capps on Business Comm.

Minutes of last meeting was read by Clerk. ~~a 2nd followed~~ with request Clerk write or call National office for 9 Copies of address book. Motion was made to accept minutes as read - a 2nd followed and motion carried.

Bro David Shores gave State Promotion report - handing out 3 Copies per Church

of state meeting minutes and announced next year state meeting will be on March 17 + 18th at Betterfield Church in North Aurora.

Bro. Donoho Ask that we have a recess for committees to work - the dismissal Prayer by Bro. Howard Glott.

Business meeting was called back into session with Congregational Song "Victory In Jesus" and prayer by Bro. Ed Surser, Assistant Moderator. Bro. George Waggoner directing business.

Youth Committee report was given by Bro. Ernie Lewis. A Rally will be at Crossroads Nov. 12th at 7:00 P.M. & they have \$45.39 in treasure. A motion was made to accept the good report of youth - a 2nd followed and Motion Carried.

Business Committee report was read by Bro. Waggoner. A motion was made to accept the report and act upon it item by item. A 2nd followed and motion Carried.

~~Item I~~ We the Business Committee recommend to the body the following recommendations to be voted on on an individual basis:

Item I State Executive Board

John Hollis
Examining Committee
John Hollis (replaced from
Business Committee)

Mary Culli - 3 year
(Replacing Mike Robertson) George Capps - 1 year

Youth Committee - Walter Ketts
 Lee Fund - Lyle Rutger
 Moderator - Clifford Donoho
 Assist. Moderator - George Waggoner
 Clerk - Marie Rutger
 Treas. - Kathy Hayer.

Signed David Milburn
 John Hollis

George Capps.

Bro. John Hollis was nominated from
 floor to ~~State~~ Examining Committee.
 a motion was made to Close nominations
 & 2nd followed & motion carried.
 Motion was made to elect slate of
 officers as listed above. a 2nd
 quickly followed and motion carried.

Motion was made by Bro. John
 Hollis to bring Constitution Change
 from table under Article 8. part c.

"Where as dramatic changes are being
 made concerning ordination, licensing,
 and cards of good standing, we recommend
 the qualifications stated in the state
 Constitution concerning ministers (Article XII
 Section 1-3) be inserted into our
 district by laws under section VIII.

"Ministers must make a report
 of the past year's activities".

Ministers must not take part in
 practices repugnant to the Free Will
 Baptist such as:

- a. Sanctification as a second
 definite work of grace.
- b. oneness rather than Trinity.
- c. Unknown tongues as commonly recognized

D. Positional eternal security rather than provisional eternal security as taught by the scriptures and recognized by our treatise.

Minister must be consistent sitters.

Motion was made to insert the Constitution Changes into our by-laws, a 2nd quickly followed and motion carried.

The examining committee report was read by Bro. Waggoner as follows:

We the Examining board recommend that Bro. Martin Manning start his second period of study as he has successfully completed the first period of study. We also recommend that Bro. Manning be issued a license.

Signed: James Boggs
Howard Flota
Berford Milleren

Motion was made to accept and adopt Examining committee report. a 2nd quickly followed and motion carried.

Report of Pleasant View Church was given by Bro. Waggoner and a Report of Salem Church was given by Bro. Grant Bruce - they are looking for a pastor.

Next meeting will be at Blue Point because Bakerville is in building program. Reports on

to be given by Bakerville and Blue Point and speaker - Bro. Flota of Mt. Vernon 1st.

Program Committee is to meet after meeting during noon hour.

Motion was made by John Hollis to put new added article under Section C. of Article 8. a 2nd followed and Motion Carried.

Motion was made by John Hollis that District give \$100 gift to Calvary on building ground they are buying. 2nd quickly followed and motion Carried.

The Business Committee is directed from floor to get license printed.

Motion was made to Adjourn business meeting until next regular session. a 2nd renewed and Motion Carried by Congregation standing - prayer by Bro. Manning.

Songs "When we all Get to Heaven"
"Victory Ahead"

Prayer Bro. Ernie Lewis

Song by Shirl Hawkins "We are so Blessed"

Song By Sis Brenda Braddock "I've already won the war"

Bro. Ron Helms of Chat. lin. Burg. Tenn, youth Evangelist at Calvary brought a inspiring message from I Cor. 4:1-21.

"Biblical Prospective of Ministry"
Closing with prayer. An offering was taken for Bro. Helms.

Announcements was given, dismissal & blessing on food by Bro. Byford Campbell.

Program Committee Meeting
Chose speakers. Continue as
past year rotation.

Jan. Bro. Floa. Mt. Vernon
April - James Boggs - Oak Falls
July - George Wiggins - Pleasant
Oct - Clifford Donohoe (Calvary)