

East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2000

Salem FWB Church, Wayne City

The meeting opened with a song, I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, led by Brother Kent Waller. Brother Tony Williams led prayer.

Welcome and devotion was given by Bro. Ernie Lewis, Moderator, using Matthew 5:43-48; "Love Your Enemies And Bless Those Who Curse You", closing in prayer.

Your clerk called the meeting to order to do business for our Lord today.

Standing delegates were asked to stand and be recognized by the moderator.

The clerk read letters of 6 churches and delegates were asked to stand. Motion was made to accept the letters and seat the delegates. A 2nd was received and the motion carried.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the clerk. Motion to accept minutes as read, 2nd received and the motion carried.

Sis. Kathy Hayes gave a treasurer report of balance today on hand, \$53.12. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

Bro. Ronnie Mitchell gave a report of the Western Black District and National at Nashville. They are doing well.

Bro. Ernie stressed Operation Saturation is coming September 29 and you need to go help with this if you can. He also reported on Youth Camp. They have set a record of the most campers than before and all has went well. Also, 3 teams of teenage missionaries are back with good reports. Continue our prayers and support on all our various works.

Bro. Ronnie Mitchell gave a report of Mt. Vernon First FWB Church. Several members have passed away and new families are coming. VBS went well. A children's revival is planned for Nov. 5-8th. They are in a building enlargement program.

Bro. David Burgess gave a report of Oak Valley FWB Church. He is new, but appreciates his call here. 8 are to be baptized soon and one member, Gladys Taylor, passed away. Her funeral is tomorrow. VBS is to be soon. He challenges churches to help the camp with needs of chairs, etc.

Bro. Ernie filled committees for today as follows:

Examining Committee	Bro. James Boggs, Bro Clifford Hicks
Business Committee	Bro. Lyle Rutger, Bro. Travis Penn
Youth Committee	Sis. Shiela Hawkins, Sis. Marlys Manahan

Recess was called, with call back by music.

The meeting was called back into session by Bro. Ernie.

The Business Committee report was read as follows:

Oak Valley FWB Church challenges other churches to give new chairs to the camp. They would also like to challenge other associations to give.

Signed,
Travis Penn
Gary Culli
Lyle Rutger

Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. In discussion, it was noted that the camp board needs to give a list of needs to the churches. Motion carried.

Report of the Examining Committee was read as follows:

1. The Examining Committee have met with Bro. David Burgess and recommend his acceptance into our district upon receiving a letter from his present association, West Tennessee Association.
2. We, the Examining Committee, have met with Bro. Tony Williams and recommend his acceptance into our district upon receiving a letter stating his good standing in the West Central District

Signed,
Ronnie Mitchell

Clifford Hicks
James Boggs

Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and act on it item by item. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to accept item 1. concerning Bro David Burgess. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to accept item 2.. Motion carried.

The Youth Committee report was given by Bro Kent Waller as follows:

1. Encourage all youth to attend the children's crusade in Mt. Vernon.
2. We wish to congratulate all CTS winners.
3. Pray for those attending the National Youth Conference.
4. Praise God for this summer's camps and encourage all Jr. and Senior to attend in August.

Signed,
Kent Waller
Marlys Manahan
Shiela Hawkins

Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Bro. Travis Penn asked that the district switch to Calvary in January meeting and Blue Point in April of 2001 for weather and road conditions. Motion was made and seconded to accept the change. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn business and go into the worship service. Motion carried.

Congregational song, Take The Name of Jesus With You and prayer by Bro. Dale Braddock. Song, Blessed Assurance. Offering with prayer by Bro. Ernie Lewis. Special song, "Life's Railway to Heaven", sung by Sis. Glenda Phelps.

The message by Bro. David Burgess from Romans 12:3-21, "A Call for Christian Conduct" was very inspiring to us all. Closing in prayer.

Bro. Ernie asked for any announcements and special prayers for Bro. Carl Hawkins starting a mission work in Elgin.

The next meeting will be at Bakerville FWB Church with Bro. Tony Williams speaking.

Blessing on the food and closing prayer by Bro. Elmo Manahan.

A bountiful dinner was served by the host church.

Signed,
Marie Rutger, Clerk

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2000

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Salem, IL

The location of the quarterly meeting of the East Central District was changed to Calvary Free Will Baptist Church because of a wedding conflict at Bakerville. The next meeting will be held at Bakerville FWB church in January.

The meeting opened with a song, Standing On The Promises, led by Brother Scott Porter, with Sister Debbie Woolbright at the piano. Brother David Burgess led prayer.

A welcome devotion was given by Brother Travis Penn using I Samuel 4:3-11, titled, "Putting Our Trust in the Wrong Things". This was a stirring devotion reminding us not to just go through the motions in our Christian activity. After the devotion, Brother Travis closed in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Sister Marie Rutger to do business for our Lord.

Standing delegates were recognized, with 9 standing delegates present.

Letters from 8 churches were read and a motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates listed. Motion carried. There was also a letter from the West Central Association recommending Brother Tony Williams as being in good standing with their district.

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was sent by Sister Kathy Hayes and read by the moderator. We had an ending balance of \$474.62. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

The moderator filled vacancies in various boards as follows:

Examining Committee: Brothers James Boggs and David Burgess

Business Committee: Brothers Gary Culli, Elmo Manahan, & Dale Braddock

Youth Committee: Sister Paula Hayes, Brothers Kent Waller & Bruce Shurtz

Brother David Shores was recognized and asked to give a report. He stated that he would like to see others give reports about Operation Saturation and the National Conference. He then deferred his time to Brother Mark Shores.

Brother Mark Shores informed the body that he has been called to be a home missionary to Albuquerque, NM. His duties as pastor at Johnson City FWB will end as of the end of October. At that time, he will begin itinerate work to prepare his upcoming ministry. He asked for our prayers and asked for the pastors present to set up services with him for a presentation of the work.

Several reports were given concerning Operation Saturation. Brother Mark Shores spoke about going to Paducah, KY. He mentioned how excited the pastor was that so many people were coming to help them to reach people in their community. He also spoke of a conversation he had with Brother Tryman Messer, National Home Missions Director. Brother Messer said that there were at least 17 people led to the Lord on that day, and over 100,000 contacts made across the nation.

Brother James Boggs and several youth from Oak Valley went to the Elgin FWB church and helped Brother Carl Hawkins.

Brother Lyle and Sister Marie Rutger went to Chicago. Sister Marie said they handed out over 4,000 pieces of literature. Brother Lyle reported that there were two telephone calls asking for more information even before the group had finished their work and returned to the church.

Brother Mike Robertson reported that 19 people from Effingham made the trip to Springfield to help Brother Doggett there.

Another day is planned for the last weekend in September next year.

Recessed was called to allow the committees time to complete their work.

The meeting was called back into session by Brother Ernie Lewis.

Brother Ernie Lewis gave a report for Camp Hope. The Oak Valley church had made a challenge to the other churches in the district to fund new chairs for the camp. Brother Ernie reported that they already had about \$700 toward that project. He also stated that the camp board had looked into the price of the chairs they would like to buy. One cost \$16, the other cost \$17 each. The board would like to purchase about 100 new chairs. Brother Ernie again challenged the district churches to meet this need. He spoke of many other projects that the camp board would like to undertake and the possibility of challenging the other districts in the state to match what the East Central Quarterly has done.

The all-purpose building is still having problems with the roof. The roof is "sliding off" on one side of the building. It is now starting to leak. Estimates to fix the problem range from \$20K to \$50K.

A few years ago, it was decided by the board to replace the beds in each of the dorms one cabin at time. Unfortunately, they have only been able to replace beds in one cabin at this time.

Brother Ernie stated that any designated money that an individual or group would like to give for any of these needs can be mailed to Brother Ronnie Mitchell, camp board treasurer. He also stated that the money could be given through state channels by sending it Brother Tim Hayes.

A report of activities at the Pleasant View FWB church was given by Sister Paula Hayes. Their pastor, Brother Clifton Buchanan, has resigned and moved to southern Georgia. They appreciate all of those speakers who have filled in while they look for a new pastor. They recently had a service conducted by the youth of the church. They were excited to see how eager the youth were to take over the various duties. She encouraged all of the churches to involve the youth as much as possible. They had a hailstorm last spring that damaged the roof and siding of the church. They have now replaced the roof and hope to replace the siding soon. They have also finished the handicap access ramp and bathrooms.

A report on activities at the Salem FWB church was given by Brother Dale Braddock. He also mentioned that they were without a pastor, for nearly two years now, and they have really appreciated those who have filled the pulpit. Even though this is a tough time for a church, he mentioned that several have really grown in their spiritual relationship during this time. Their Wednesday night prayer meeting has grown in number as well.

The Youth Committee report was given by Brother Kent Waller as follows:

- Item 1: Blue Point FWB church will host a youth rally this quarter. A letter will be sent at a later date outlining the arrangements.
- Item 2: Encourage all high school aged youth of our churches to attend Welcome Days at FWBBC in Nashville.
- Item 3: Encourage high school aged youth to attend the winter youth retreat at Camp Hope.
- Item 4: Challenge all of our youth to take over the services in our churches on a regular basis.

Signed,
Kent Waller
Paula Hayes
Bruce Shurtz

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Youth Committee report. Motion carried.

There was no report of the Examining Committee.

A report of the Business Committee was given as follows:

Item 1: The Business Committee recommends the following officers be elected for the next year:

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| Moderator | Brother Ernie Lewis |
| Assistant Moderator | Brother James Boggs |
| Clerk | Brother Kent Waller |
| Treasurer | Sister Kathy Hayes |
| Examining Committee | Brother John Hollis |
| Business Committee | Brother Gary Culli |
| Youth Committee | Brother Scott Porter |
| Executive Board Member | Brother David Burgess |
| Business Committee | Brother Elmo Manahan |

Signed,
Gary Culli
Elmo Manahan
Dale Braddock

Nominations were opened for each office as it was read. There were no other nominations for any of the offices. A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendations and elect the entire slate of officers. Motion carried.

A rising ovation was given to Sister Marie Rutger for more than 30 years as the clerk of our district. We thank her for her many years of labor.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business session and go into the worship service. Motion carried.

Song, "Victory in Jesus". Prayer by Brother Jesse Allen.

Song, "To God Be the Glory".

Offering with prayer by Brother Kent Waller

A special song, "He Touched Me", by Sister Debbie Woolbright, Brother Scott Porter, and Brother Travis Penn.

Brother Tony Williams, member of the Bakerville FWB church, preached an inspiring and motivational message from Judges 6:12-13. We should not forget God, He has never forgotten us. He also stressed that change is good. If we are to reach the world for the Lord, we may have to change the way we do things. He closed in prayer.

Brother Ernie asked if there were any announcements. Several mentioned revival services in their churches in the near future. There will also be a "Gaither style" Christmas concert at Calvary FWB church on December 2.

Closing prayer and blessing on the food was made by Brother Ronnie Mitchell.

After adjournment, the committees met and organized with the following serving as chairman:

Examining Committee	Brother Ronnie Mitchell
Business Committee	Brother Gary Culli
Youth Committee	Brother Spencer Meagher

The offering for today was \$68.26

The next meeting will be January 13, 2001 at the Bakerville FWB church with Brother Mark Shores as the speaker.