



East Central District

Association of

Illinois Free Will Baptists

Bakerville FWB Church, Blue Point FWB Church, Calvary FWB Church, Crossroads FWB Church, Mt. Vernon First FWB Church, Oak Valley FWB Church, Pleasant View FWB Church, Salem FWB Church

Minutes of the quarterly meeting of the East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists, January 12, 2002. The East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists met at the Pleasant View FWB Church.

Opening song, "Til' the Storm Passes By" was led by Bro. Dick Goodman, Sis. Paula Hayes at the piano. Prayer was offered by Bro. Larry Maas.

The welcome devotion was given by Bro. James Boggs, the host pastor, using Mark 4:35 - 40 as his text. Jesus knew the trouble that the disciples were in. How good when the voice of the God says, "Fear not" and He delivers us out of our distresses.

Bro. Ernie Lewis asked the clerk to call the meeting to order to business for our Lord.

Standing delegates were recognized.

Letters from 7 churches were read with only Bakerville FWB Church not reporting. Delegates were asked to stand as their names were read. Motion was made and seconded to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Sis. Kathy Hayes. We have a balance on hand today of \$932.63. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

Bro. David Shores gave a report of the promotional secretary. They are having some trouble with the newsletter this month. There is some trouble with new software, as well as the fact that they are trying to update the mailing list with new 911 addresses. The newsletter for January should go out this week, and then they should be on track for February again.

Mt. Vernon First FWB Church hired Bro. Mike Gillock as their new pastor. He comes from Ashland City, Tennessee.

Bro. Otis Smith has retired. The church at Rockford has called Bro. Mike Ray as their pastor. We thank God for this much needed appointment.

Bro. Brad Ryan has taken over pastoral duties at the Ina church, and Bro. Matt Crain has taken the pastorate at the Johnson City church.

Oak Grove and Pittsburgh churches are still without pastors.

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Remember the state association to be held March 14 - 16 at the Green Rock church in Colona, IL. Bro. Robert Picirilli will be our special speaker for these services.

Illinois is very blessed to have at least 7 youth going out as summer missionaries and missionary interns this summer. Five of them are from our district! We praise God for how he is moving in the lives of these young people.

Bro. Tommy Stife from the Mt. Vernon First FWB Church has recently answered the call to preach.

Bro. Carl Hawkins gave a report of the work at Elgin. He reported that growth there is a bit slow, but they are not discouraged. Pray for someone to come and help in the work. Bro. Carl would like to see a young couple move into the area to help them with the church. He reported two very important needs to further their outreach that they are planning to work on this summer. First of all, they are going to improve their restrooms to make them handicap accessible. Then, they plan to build a new handicap ramp to allow access to the church.

Bro. John Hollis gave a missions report.

Craig Portel is working in Mongolia for ELC. He is coming home in March.

Sarah Malone has recently received a promotion, and is now working mostly with administrative duties in China.

Mark King's account is about \$200 in the red. This not too bad, but pray that his account will improve.

The missions board attended a training program for missions recently.

Pray for the Mark Shores family and Tim and Jessica Lewis as they begin their new works in New Mexico and Utah, respectively.

Bro. Alexander Drozdov is in serious financial trouble. His work has been supported primarily by a generous donation that was tied to the stock market. With the fluctuations in the market recently, there just isn't much coming in. Pray that God will work this situation out to His glory.

The Potete's are averaging 55. The house in Johnson City that was donated to the missions board was recently sold. They received around \$35,000 to be applied directly to the mortgage in Chicago. Also, we just had our rate reduced by 1% and were allowed to stretch the loan out from 15 to 20 years. Bro. Potete reported that he had some damage to their sign when it was recently painted with graffiti. It will have to be repainted.

Ken Doggett is averaging around 68. They are hoping to build at least some type of structure this summer. They are looking at possibly a metal building. This should improve their space problems.

Jon Cannon is averaging 100 in Mascoutah. They have more than 20 people each week for visitation. They are expecting to go self-supporting this year.

He told us about a new program entitled, "What About Home?" to encourage more new churches to be built in Illinois. We will hear more about this program soon.

Audra Gifford, Ashley Lewis, and Karrissa Harrell from the Blue Point FWB Church spoke about their respective opportunities this summer as missionaries. They are available to speak at local churches to tell about their opportunities and receive an offering to their account. Contact Bro. Ernie Lewis for more information if your church is interested in having any one or all of them to speak.

Bro. Ernie filled vacancies on committees as follows:

Bro. Tim Hayes in place of Bro. Gary Culli on the Business Committee
Sis. Tia Wilson in place of Bro. Scott Porter on the Youth Committee

A recess was called to allow the committees time to do their work.

Bro. Ernie gave a report of the Blue Point FWB Church. They had 179 for Christmas with several new families that had not been there before. They have several going out on missions trips this summer. The entire youth group is planning a trip to Appalachia as well. A manger scene was set up in the park at Cisne. Bro. Ernie has also been very active in the minister's alliance and has had a chance to speak to several people this way as well.

A report of the Business Committee was read as follows:

1. Pay Bro. Sean Warren \$75 plus mileage for speaking today
2. Give the eight summer missionaries from our quarterly each \$75.
Jennifer Angus
Phillip Kennedy
Eddie Ramsey
Karrissa Harrell
Ashley Lewis
Amy Taylor
Joy Taylor
Audra Gifford
3. If anyone is going to the Global Focus conference, March 6-8, we would like a report back to the quarterly if this should be considered.

Signed,
Ernie Taylor
Elmo Manahan
Tim Hayes

Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and adopt all items. Motion carried.
With two committees still out, we entered into our morning worship service.

Songs, "Now I Belong To Jesus", "We Have Come Into His House", and "Jesus, Name Above All Names" was led by Bro. Goodman. Sis. Vickie Newman played the piano. The offering was taken. Vickie Newman played the offertory and sang "My God Is Real".

Bro. Sean Warren spoke about his opportunity to minister to Muslims in France. He told us that only 6% of our missionary outreach is to the Muslim people, yet they make up one of the largest people groups in the world. He said that one of the biggest problems with reaching them is the fact that they do not believe in man's original sin. Bro. Sean is available to speak to your church as he tries to raise his financial support. Pray for this team as they try to reach the Muslims in France for God.

A report of the Youth Committee was given by Bro. Spencer Meagher as follows:

We the undersigned report the following youth announcements.

1. Pleasant View FWB Church will host the next youth rally on March 2.
2. Please support all youth going out as summer missionaries.
3. The Christmas break winter youth retreat was well attended.
4. The state CTS competition will be held in Effingham in May.
5. Welcome Days will be held at Free Will Baptist Bible College from March 28-30.
This is for all high school youth from Sophomores on up.

Signed,
Spencer Meagher
Paula Hayes
Tia Wilson

Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and adopt all items. Motion carried.

The Examining Committee report was read as follows:

1. We recommend the following for cards of good standing:

Spencer Meagher	John D. Hollis
Johnny D. Hollis II	Mike Gillock
David Burgess	Ernie Lewis
James E. Boggs	Travis Penn
Tony Kash	Clarence "Bud" Porter
Jesse Allen	Clifford Hicks

2. This committee met with Bro. Mike Gillock, now pastoring Mt. Vernon First FWB Church. He was interviewed as to doctrine, faith and practice in line to scripture and our constitution. The committee recommends his approval into the East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists upon a letter of recommendation/good standing from his previous association.

3. We met with Bro. Tony Kash for his quarterly reporting time. He is in the process of his study course. Having received a letter of recommendation from the South Central District, we would now like to officially present his minister's license.

Signed,
Clarence Porter
James Boggs
John Hollis

Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and adopt all items. Motion carried.

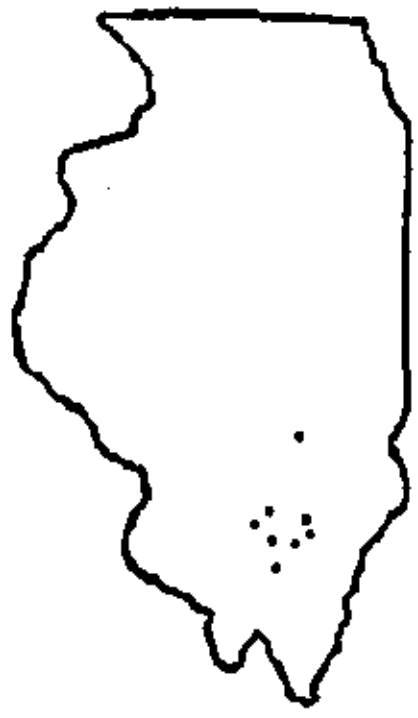
At this time an official presentation was made to Bro. Tony Kash to license him as a Free Will Baptist minister in the East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists.

State Association meeting delegates were appointed as follows:

Kent Waller
Kathy Hayes
Susan Angus
Bobby Angus
Phyllis Boggs
Tony Kash
Tammy Kash
Peggy Furguson

Motion was made and seconded to accept these delegates and give the moderator power to make substitutions as needed the day of the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.



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The East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists met at Salem FWB Church, Wayne City, Illinois on April 13, 2002.

Opening song, "I Would Not Be Denied", led by Dale Braddock, with Brenda Braddock at the piano. This song was picked in honor of Grant Bruce, who was not able to be with us today due to a recent fall and injury. This is the first quarterly meeting that Grant has missed in many years.

Bro. Tony Kash gave a welcome devotion from Leviticus 19:35 about integrity. Our Christian lived must be balanced, but we must treasure things of the Lord higher than things of the world.

Bro. Ernie Lewis asked the clerk to call the meeting to order. Standing delegates were recognized. Letters from 5 churches were read, with Bakerville FWB Church, Pleasant View FWB Church, and Calvary FWB Church not reporting. I later received letters from Bakerville and Pleasant View. Motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Because printed copies of the previous minutes were not available, a motion was made and seconded to have the minutes read by the clerk. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and we had a balance on hand of \$361.63. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Bro. Ernie filled vacancies on boards as follows:

Ed Ferguson on the examining committee for Bud Porter

Dale Braddock on the youth committee for Scott Porter

John Hollis gave a report of missions. The piggy banks are coming in with around \$7 to \$10 per pig. David Potato is losing a good couple from his church. They are going back to Decatur. Income is down at the Elgin church. The mission board is helping as much as they can. Carl is still praying that God will send a couple to come and help with the work. Bro. Drosdov was very grateful for the over \$900 that was taken up at the state meeting for his work. Ken Doggett hopes to be able to break ground very soon on an addition. The work at Mascoutah is now self-supporting. They are considering relocation to O'Fallon. Dennis Teague is still available to come to your church if you haven't had him yet.

Fairview Heights

Bro. Ernie gave a report of the camp board. Youth camp is starting soon. If you can spend a week at camp, please fill out a worker's placement form soon.

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David Shores gave a promotional secretary report. He attended the New Mexico state meeting. Mark had 20 on Easter Sunday and 19 the next week. Melvin Worthington's father passed away. Any memorials can be made to the Together Way. A book of memories is being prepared for Bro. Worthington as his retirement approaches. If you want to send something, it must be sent to Jack Williams at the national offices, and should arrive by June 4. Bonnie and Jessie Allen have been married for 50 years. Also, a reception was held for Byford and Wastina Campbell in honor of their 55 years of marriage.

Dave and Pat are going to Cuba at the end of May. They are also acting as chaperones for the TEAM group that is going to St. Croix in June. Bro. David mentioned his concern that many foreign missionary accounts are in the red. Dennis Owen, Dennis Teague are two missionaries from Illinois that are having financial difficulties.

Bro. Ernie Taylor gave a report of the Master's Men. The annual retreat is scheduled for September 5 - 7. Randy Sawyer will give a seminar on stress management. He told about three national retreats that are available. Bro. Ernie has flyers with details if you are interested. Operation Saturation is scheduled for September 13 - 21, and will be held in Canada and New Hampshire.

Bro. Ernie called a recess to allow time for the boards to meet and form their report.

Youth Committee report was read as follows:

The youth committee of the East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists has discussed the following?

1. CTS competition will be held at Mt. Vernon First FWB Church. We encourage all to attend and support our youth.
2. The 2nd quarterly youth rally will be held May 4 hosted by the Salem FWB Church. Tommy Stief will be the guest speaker. Games and activities will follow. Jake Chambliss, a 12 year old, may also be present to speak.
3. Encourage all youth to attend their appropriate week of camp.
4. Camp Hope work day is set for 4/27/02.
5. National Convention. Mark Roberts will be speaker to the youth. He is great!

Signed,
Spencer Meagher
Dale Braddock
Paula Hayes

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

A report from the Calvary FWB Church was given. They are using Philippians 1:9 as their vision. They had a day of consecration in September. They had services from 7:00 a.m until 7:00 p.m. They had 102 for Roll Call Sunday.

Our worship service was started with a song, "Dwelling in Beulah Land." Pray was offered by Bro. Mike Robertson. Song, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." The offering was taken. A special song, "He's The Master of The Sea", sung by Sis. Brenda Braddock. The message was brought by Bro. Mike Gillock, new pastor of Mt. Vernon First FWB Church.

The report of the Business Committee was read as follows:

1. Last quarterly, the district voted to give \$75 to each of the summer missionaries from our district. Since that time, Eddie Ramsey has been unable to continue toward his trip. The Business Committee recommends the \$75 be applied to the summer missionary from our quarterly that needs it the most, and we let Sis. Kathy Hayes take care of the matter.
2. That we move the October quarterly meeting forward one week from October 12 to October 5 so not to conflict with the "Vibrant Church" seminar at the Bethel Church in October.
3. Accept the resignation of David Burgess from the Executive Board as representative from our quarterly. (He was elected as the state Assistant Moderator)
4. We recommend Mike Gillock to fill the unexpired term to the Executive Board.
5. We send \$100 to the Ken Doggett building project.
6. The Examining Committee has another item of business concerning ministers over age 65, that they continue to receive a card of good standing, as long as they continue to uphold the Free Will Baptist practices.

Signed,

Ernie Taylor
Gary Culli
Elmo Manahan

Motion was made and seconded to act on the report item by item. Motion carried. All motions passed as written except that the October meeting was moved to October 19 instead of October 5.

A report of the Examining Committee was read as follows:

1. We have received a letter of good standing from the Northern Quarterly of Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, Clarksville, TN, for Bro. Mike Gillock.

2. An item concerning minister's cards of good standing for ministers over 65 was transferred to the Business Committee.

3. We have met with Bro. Tony Kash. He turned in his first 6 months study course lessons. (All complete) He has been faithful in his study exams and can be proud of his efforts. We have gone over his quarterly report and find it complete, reflecting a very active and faithful pastor and minister. Bro. Kash was issued his next series of books and questions for his second section of study toward his ordination.

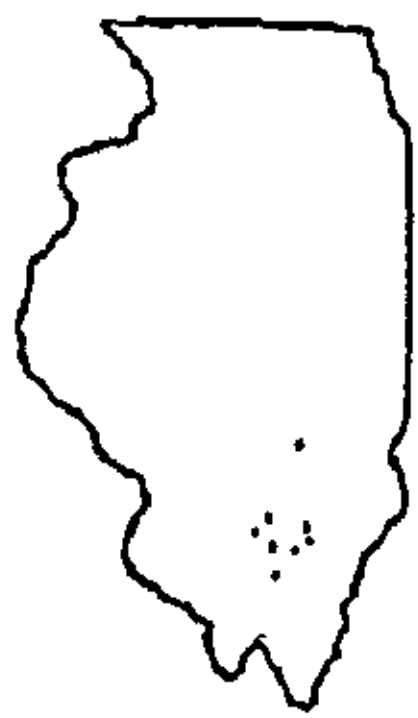
Signed,

John Hollis
Ed Ferguson
James Boggs

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

John Hollis gave a report from the Crossroads FWB Church. They have lost several families after having to deal with some spiritual matters in the church. Pray for them. They made 4,764 contacts in February. Several families have visited since then. They will celebrate 21 years on 5/12. The Brashear's will be ministering in song on 7/13.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.



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The East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists met at the Calvary FWB Church in Salem, IL, on October 19, 2002.

The meeting was opened with song, "The Family of God", led by Scott Porter, with Tia Wilson at the piano. A welcome was given by Travis Penn, the host pastor, using Hebrews 11 for his text. He reminded us of the heroes of faith in the bible, but also reminded us of the heroes of faith in our own churches. He spoke of Tom Johnson, a faithful member of his church who had recently passed away. He said that Bro. Tom exemplified faith in how he handled a terminal illness.

The clerk called the meeting to order to business for our Lord.

Standing delegates were recognized.

Letters from 7 churches were read, with Calvary FWB Church being the only church not reporting. Delegates were asked to stand. Motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Kathy Hayes read the treasurer's report. We had a balance on hand today of \$1410.14. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

David Shores gave a report of the Promotional Secretary. He wished to thank everyone for their prayers on behalf of the situation in the Ivory Coast. All of our missionaries are home now, and we are thankful that none of our people were killed or hurt. Soon, they will be asking for help for their accounts. It cost a large amount of money to move everyone home. Please continue to pray for our national pastors and the families of the church that are still caught up in this situation. Many have been extorted for protection money.

Dennis Owen was with us today. He took a few moments to speak with us. He is thankful that the Lord saw him through his recent heart attack and recovery. Pray that the Lord will bless the local pastors with at least 15 people to help lead the churches. He has been home since May, but is hoping to return to the field soon. His account is not doing very well. Pray for God's guidance for Dennis and his family's future endeavors.

Illinois has been blessed with young people being called to missions. We need to remember these young people in prayer and in our finances.

Mark has suffered a setback recently at the loss of a rather large family. They have decided to start attending the Seventh Day Adventist church. Pray for Mark and Christie.

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Several pastors have resigned and we have churches needing pastors. James Boggs has resigned at Pleasant View FWB Church. He will stay up to the end of the year, but would like to leave sooner if the church can find a pastor. Bruce Thurmon will soon be leaving the Waltonville church for a church in Oklahoma. Raymond Capps has left the New Hope Church near the camp. Jason Jean left the Mt. Olive church near Benton a year ago, and they are still without a pastor as well. Pray that God will send the right man to these churches soon.

Remember that November is National Home Missions month. The Benjamin Randall offering is this month to help with that need.

Ken Doggett gave a report regarding the Springfield work. He hopes to break ground on a building addition this spring. He presented a sketch of the planned addition. The new building will seat approximately 150 people. They have \$60,000 in the building fund now. They expect the addition to cost between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

Bro. Ernie filled vacancies on committees as follows:

David Burgess for John Hollis on the Examining Committee
Ed Ferguson for Spencer Meagher on the Youth Committee

A recess was called to allow the committees time to do their work.

A report of the Youth Committee was read as follows:

Please encourage your high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to attend Welcome Days at FWBBC November 14 - 16.

Calvary FWB Church is having a revival November 3 - 8. Friday, November 8, will be youth night. We encourage the district youth to attend. Michael Kniffen is the evangelist.

Winter youth retreat will be at Camp Hope December 26 - 28 for high school and college youth.

Signed,
Paula Hayes
Ed Ferguson
Scott Porter

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

Since the Business Committee and the Examining Committee were not finished yet, we opened our worship service with a song, "We Will Glorify the King of Kings". Prayer was offered by Mike Robertson. Song, "My Savior's Love".

An offering was taken with Tia Wilson playing a beautiful offertory on the piano.

Tia Wilson and Debbie Woolbright sang a special, "He Paid My Ransom".

Ken Doggett was our special speaker today. He spoke from Proverbs 3:1-10 on successful living. He said that trust is the key. He asked two questions, "Do I trust God?" and "Can God trust me?"

A report of the Business Committee was read as follows:

1. We send \$200 to help with expenses of the Ivory Coast mission's accounts.
2. Bring from the table the item concerning changing the reporting requirements of ministers aged 65 or older.

We recommend to add to our constitution and by-laws, under "By-Laws", Article VIII, section J, (add a new section) the following; "ANY MINISTER, AGE 65 OR OLDER, OR RETIRED, WOULD BE GRANTED A CARD OF GOOD STANDING, AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN FAITHFUL IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE AND PRACTICES. THE YEARLY REQUEST AND REPORT WOULD BE OPTIONAL."

3. We give Ken Doggett \$100 plus the regular speaker's fee.
4. We recommend to increase the speaker's fee from \$25 to \$50, effective January 1, 2003.
5. We recommend the election of the following officers:

Moderator	Ernie Lewis
Assistant Moderator	Travis Penn
Clerk	Kent Waller
Treasurer	Kathy Hayes
Youth Committee	Ed Ferguson (Replacing Spencer Meagher)
Business Committee	Ernie Taylor
Examining Committee	James Boggs

Signed,
Ernie Taylor
Elmo Manahan
Gary Culli

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. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to bring item 2 from the table. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to accept the first reading of the change and to have it placed on the table to be voted on at the next meeting. There was some discussion as to who would monitor whether a minister remained faithful to Free Will Baptist doctrine or not. It was stated that anyone who receives a card of good standing from the Examining Committee must either submit a report or be requested by the church that minister is associated with. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to accept item 3. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to accept item 4. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to accept item 5 and elect the slate as read. Motion carried.

A report of the Examining Committee was read as follows:

The Examining Committee recommends Tommy Stief to be placed on the one year probation period in preparation for licensing.

The Examining Committee recommends James Hawkins to be placed on a six month probation period for licensing as per Article VIII, Section E, of the East Central District Association of Illinois Free Will Baptists Constitution and By-Laws. He has more than 60 credit hours at the bible college.

The Examining Committee met with Tony Kash who has completed the second session of his study course. Bro. Tony is making very good progress. .

Signed,

David L. Burgess
James Boggs
Clarence "Bud" Porter

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

A motion was made from the floor to give \$50 to Dennis Owen's account. The motion was seconded and carried.

James Boggs gave a report of the Pleasant View FWB Church. He said they are "holding their own". He asked that we pray for the church. They had a good VBS. They have had some trouble with black snakes. The remaining nights of VBS they had to have a "snake patrol" to ensure the security of the building.

Tony Kash gave a report of the Salem FWB Church. The lord has been faithful. Some new families are coming. They have had several new converts and some rededications as well. They entered a float in the local "Bean Days" parade and won first place. Their homecoming was last month. Pray for some of the elderly members of the church. Pray that the church will be a light to the community. They are making plans for a revival soon. He said that he told his congregation that we can not grow numerically until we grow spiritually.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.