

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

JANUARY 8, 2006 meeting at BLUE POINT FWB CHURCH

Bro. Ernie Lewis welcomed everyone to Blue Point FWB Church. Bro. Travis Penn played the piano and Bro. Ernie led us in singing "All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus". Bro. Ernie brought the morning devotion from Ephesians 5:15-21. This scripture encourages us to walk circumspectly, redeem the time and do God's will. This may be accomplished in three ways. First, to be filled with the Spirit by which we would act differently and talk differently. Secondly, speak in Psalms, hymns and spiritual Psalms. This will encourage others, it will share the gospel witness, and it is a way of praising God. Thirdly, give thanks for all things—always! Bro. Ernie then led in prayer.

The standing delegates were recognized and the church letters were read. In addition to the delegates listed in the letters, these were added: Dale Laughlin and Christina Taylor to serve as delegates from the Blue Point church, and Jason Kelly to serve as a delegate from the Salem Church. A motion to seat the delegates was approved. The minutes were presented in typed form and approved by the body. The treasurer's report was read and accepted by a MSC.

MISSIONS REPORT

Bro. Ernie Lewis gave a report on many of the mission works Illinois is involved in. A DVD from the work in Yuma was shown. This is where Jason and Melissa Taylor are located. The Northwest Church in Chicago is now paid off. They are working on going self-supporting by December 2006. The work in Elgin is going well. There have been 5 or 6 converts in the last year. Four were baptized recently. Pray for Jason, Josh, Carl & Sheila. Congratulations to Micah and Becky Derby on the birth of twins! William Grayson and Xavier Micah are doing well. The rest of the M team will be coming home this summer. They need to raise support. Melissa Gibbs needs prayer for health problems. Pray about a new work starting in our state. Pray that the Board will find the right person to be a missionary in the right place for this new work. Bro. Dennis Owen will share about the work in Uruguay. E-Team kids will be raising support very soon. Pray for Tiffany Thompson—Mt. Vernon and Stephanie Owen—Northwest. Phillip Kennedy will be going as an overseas apprentice to Panama.

MASTER'S MEN REPORT

Bro. Ernie Taylor gave a report about the Relief Trailer. The new trailer is present today at Blue Point. They have been to Mississippi, Louisiana and Indiana for some major relief efforts. This is an exciting opportunity. They have a couple of generators, but they still need a variety of other types of equipment. See Bro. Ernie Taylor for a list.

OTHER REPORTS

Bro. David Burgess reminded us about the IL State Meeting. Bro. James Forlines will be speaking for the CE Board and Bro. Keith Burden will be the speaker for the State Meeting.

Moderator Ernie Lewis filled the vacancies on the committees. David Shores to fill in on the Examining Committee, Don Edwards to fill in on the Business Committee, and Travis Penn and Donnie Shurtz to fill in on the Youth Committee. We were dismissed for a short recess to allow the committees to work.

We reconvened to do business after having enjoyed refreshment and fellowship.

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Give to Tiffany Thompson, Phillip Kennedy, and Ryan Lewis each \$75 for their mission trips.
2. Give Dennis Owen \$50 plus mileage for speaking today.
3. Remember Salem and Oak Valley churches as they seek pastors.
4. Need a Youth Committee member to replace Tammi Kash.
5. Need a representative for the Executive Board to replace Tony Kash.
6. We recommend that Mike Robertson will replace Tony Kash on the Executive Board.

Signed: Elmo Manahan, Mike Robertson, and Don Edwards

Travis Penn motioned to name Suzanne Lewis as the replacement for the Youth Committee. MSC
MSC to adopt these items of business.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following for cards of good standing:

David L. Burgess

Shane Davison

Ernie Lewis

Travis Penn

James Boggs

David Shores

Jesse Allen

George Waggoner

Clarence Porter

John Hollis

Motion, second, and carried.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

We urge all of our churches to get involved in several upcoming events:

1. Travis Penn has obtained the use of the Bluford Gym for anyone interested in playing basketball after the Friday night service of the State meeting on March 17th.
2. Welcome Days at FWBBC will be held on March 31st and April 1st.
3. State CTS competition will be held April 28 & 29 at the Decatur FWB Church.
4. We recommend that everyone try to support those going out on mission trips on spring break or summer break.

Signed: Christina Taylor, Donnie Shurtz, and Travis L. Penn

Motion, second and approved.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORTS

Bro. Ernie Lewis gave a report from the Blue Point Church. They took their Junior Church group to the zoo in October. Also in the fall they had a wiener roast and hayride. They are changing the Junior Church area and having good crowds. The Christmas program, "Mayhem in Bethlehem", was a good outreach tool. The VBS last summer was called Construction Zone. There are several new young couples coming to Blue Point. They are getting involved and one couple will soon be joining the church.

Bro. Dennis Owen shared a little about what is going on down at the Bible College. He is a missionary in residence. He is realizing that his purpose now is to have an impact on prospective missionaries. Bro. Dennis & Sis. Trena are on "loan" status from the mission field. Bro. Dennis is teaching Cross Cultural Leadership and Missionary Principles this year. The MIR house is a big house—about 4000 sq. ft. They only need about 400 sq. ft. to live in. He also made note of the talk about the Bible College trying to work out the campus relocation situation. Mark Johnson has been hired by the college to begin a feasibility study and then guide it through construction.

WORSHIP SERVICE

A motion to adjourn from business was approved. We entered into the worship service by Bro. Ernie leading the congregation in singing “My Jesus I Love Thee” and “Jesus Is All the World to Me”. Bro. Dennis Owen brought the message from Romans. He spoke of the construction going on in Uruguay. While it is going very well, he emphasized the importance of the foundation. He thanked the Illinois team that went to Uruguay. With God, church = missions. They are the same. He commands us to go and make disciples, and make communities of disciples. Don’t go and make churches—go make disciples. Romans 12:1&2 illustrate the priesthood of the believer. Life in Christ is one where we are constantly changing. There is a cost to planting new churches. Romans 14 speaks of the law of liberty. The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. This makes you approved by God and acceptable to men. Romans 15 shows the values that should be in every church. Perseverance. What does it take to stop you? “The cemetery is full of essential personnel.” Bro. Dennis then closed in prayer.

Bro. Ernie reminded us of the upcoming events and encouraged us to pray for Bro. Dennis Owen.

DELEGATES FOR THE STATE MEETING

Business was re-opened to get delegates for the State Meeting from the Quarterly meeting.

Christina Taylor—Blue Point

Kathy Hayes—Calvary

Esther Edwards, Loretta Rainey, Dorothy Hamilton—Mt. Vernon

Leatrice Angle, and Donnie Shurtz—Mt. Vernon

Marie Rutger—Oak Valley

A motion was made to set these as delegates and the moderator to appoint others as necessary at the State Meeting. Motion passed.

Lunch was served in the basement, and many enjoyed a good meal with good fellowship before going home.

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The East Central District Association met on April 8, 2006 at the Calvary FWB Church in Salem, Illinois. Bro. Travis Penn led the congregation in singing, "Little is Much When God is in it" while Sis. Debby Woolbright played the piano. Bro. Elmo Manahan offered the opening prayer.

As host pastor, Bro. Travis gave the morning devotion from Luke 14: 15. "The Lord's Banquet" is a call to reach out to people. Even though the call went out, some made their excuses about not coming. One lesson learned from this story is that it is not our job to save people, but it is our responsibility to tell them about the Lord. People have been invited to the wedding of God's Son, yet, they make excuses. The parallel scripture found in Matthew 22 indicates to us that people actually killed the servants sent out to do the inviting. God is merciful and forgives, and He will continue to invite people around His table. Something else we can learn from this scripture is to expect persecution and rejection, just as the servants in the story did. Keep in mind, God invites everyone to come. We need to focus on everyone, also. Bro. Travis ended his devotion with prayer.

BUSINESS

The clerk called the East Central District Association to order to do business for our Lord. The standing delegates were recognized. The local church letters were read. In addition to the information read, these delegates were named for the Pleasant View Church: Susan Burgess, Mary Street and Paula Hayes. A motion to accept the reports and seat the delegates was seconded and carried. The minutes were presented in typed form. MSC to accept the minutes.

Treasurer Kathy Hayes gave her report. A beginning balance of \$380.33 with receipts of \$1437.10 gave us a working balance of \$1817.43. Expenses paid out include the speaker, IL State Association, and dues leaving a balance of \$294.43. MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

Moderator Ernie Lewis filled the vacancies on the committees as follows: Bro. Boggs to the Examining Committee, and Christina Taylor and Marie Rutger to fill the Youth Committee.

MISSIONS REPORT

Bro. David Shores reported on the various mission groups going out this summer. The E-Team has not received very much financial support. Phillip Kennedy, Katie Hicks, Matt Riley and Stephanie Owen are all from Illinois and going on summer mission trips still needing funds. He encouraged us to remember our churches in prayer. Bro. Leon McBride is having very serious problems with cancer. Pray for him. Bro. George Waggoner is not doing very well-remember him. Russell Wolfe is experiencing serious problems with nerve damage in his brain causing memory loss. Many of our churches need pastors: Oak Valley, Salem, Butterfield, Rockford, and others. Benton is glad to have Bro. Harlan Johnson called to minister to them. April is Foreign Missions emphasis month. Bro. David encouraged us to work toward a good offering for World Missions. There are banks, posters (for prayer reminders), pads and pens as well as shirts available from the board of missions. Dennis and Trena Owen are still at the FWBBC until this summer. They are involved in a building project in Uruguay. The Teagues are coming home this summer. An associate pastor will lead the French church while the Teagues are in the States. The M-Team is coming home to shore up accounts and gain support. Sarah Malone is very busy and has much influence in her ELIC administrative position. Mark King is doing well. Craig Portell does well also. Yuma, Arizona missionaries Jason and Melissa Taylor have a video. They had 56 attending

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service two weeks ago. The Lewis' in Utah also have a thank you video. Mark Shores in Albuquerque updated us at the State Meeting in March. The Chicago work has the building paid for, but they are still renovating the bathrooms. Bro. David ran the stairs in the Hancock building to raise support for Shannon Little. Carl Hawkins took a group of four to welcome days at the Bible College. Pray as they continue to work in Elgin.

Christina Taylor gave a brief report of her visit with Joy and Shane in France. The Derby twins are doing well. The M-Team is packing to come home. While she was there, they went to church on Sunday. Joy had opportunity to bring a friend to church. Now this friend is bringing her boyfriend.

Bro. Ernie Taylor updated us on the Master's Men activities. Their retreat will be Sept. 14—16th at Camp Hope. Mike Cousineau will be the speaker. The group has purchased a relief trailer and has been using it to help in the recent disasters in Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana and Missouri. They are waiting to hear from Tennessee whether they are needed there next week or not. Every response has different needs. Each time they go out, they discover something else that would be helpful in their efforts. Right now, they seem to be using many blue tarps to cover the holes in building rooftops. When the relief team is in an area, they try to get names of people to whom they might be a witness. They leave those names with the local FWB church pastor to follow up on.

Bro. Ernie Lewis reminded us that the summer youth camps would be starting soon. He encouraged us to pick up camper forms, camp worker placement forms and the camp calendars that are available.

The IL Board of Missions is looking to start a new work in the state. Pray for the board as they seek out a person to begin this new work.

Bro. David Burgess commented on the recent State Meeting. He requested that we pray for our various boards that serve in our state. We have only one annual state meeting and it is necessary that the boards meet throughout the year to work, so that the one annual meeting will run efficiently. PRAY.

We were recessed for a short break so that the committees could meet.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

There was a motion to receive the report of the business committee as follows:

1. Crossroads Church asked that the Mt. Vernon Church host the July 8th District meeting. Crossroads will host the meeting in October.
 2. We recommend that the District give \$50 to the Master's Men Disaster Relief Fund.
 3. We recommend that we pray for all Free Will Baptist churches, especially those seeking pastors.
- Signed: Elmo Manahan, Tim Hayes, Mike Robertson
- Each item was made a motion and voted on. Each motion was carried. Bro. Tim Hayes led in prayer for these churches seeking pastors.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We recommend the clerk send a letter of good standing for Tony Kash, to the West Tennessee Association. Signed: David L. Burgess, Ernie Taylor, and James Boggs

This recommendation was made a motion, seconded and passed.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

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

1. Pray for the young people going on summer mission trips through E-Team or other programs.
2. Pray for the CTS competitors, judges, and the competition itself.
3. Encourage young people (grades 3 thru those who just completed high school) to attend Camp Hope.
4. Encourage teens and adults to go to Camp Hope and work a week or even donate a day or two to work around the camp (kitchen, trash detail, cleaning, etc.)

Signed: Suzanne Lewis, Marie Rutger, and Christina Taylor

Moderator Ernie Lewis directed attention to the back of the bulletin concerning youth activities. The CTS competition, camp workers, other notable things are listed there. He made mention of the YET Team coming to Calvary FWB Church in June. Bro. Bruce Petty is a member of that team.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORTS

Bro. Travis Penn shared with us the things Calvary has been doing. Last year they had a successful week of VBS experiencing the Jewish culture. They sent kids to camp, even had someone donate a nice sum of money to send the kids to camp. In the fall, they had a 3-wagon hayride. Travis has become a full time pastor. The youth put on a splendid musical program titled "Are You Joshin' Us?" They had 20 visitors Christmas Day, 10 new believers were baptized on New Year's Day and two babies were dedicated. God is working in His people at Calvary. A revival in the fall made evident God's direction in this church. This spring they will experience Stressed Out in Salem. Pray for Calvary as they reach out. Pray for Bruce as he travels with the YET Team.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Travis Penn led us back into worship service with some choruses: "Majesty," "He Is Lord," and "Jesus, Lord to Me." The offering was received after Bro. Tim Hayes prayed. Sis. Debby Woolbright played the piano. Bro. Travis Penn brought the special in song—"Throw Out the Lifeline."

Bringing the message for the worship service was the newly called pastor from the Benton FWB Church, Bro. Harlan Johnson. He read scripture from Acts 4:1-4 and prayed. These verses illustrate how great works were performed by perseverance and spiritual determination—living for Christ. There was a crowd around Peter & John because of the healing—a changed life. Peter & John seized the opportunity to shout out the Word of Christ. The enemy wanted to squelch that. Those that heard the Word—believed! If we are going to remain spiritually determined, we need to know we are going to face persecution. Don't be surprised by it. It is going to happen. Be mindful of where it's coming from—Satan. Look beyond the situation and circumstances and praise God. Look to Him who changed our lives. Look to Him who saved us. In Acts, they began to saturate Christ with praise. Pastor Johnson gave an illustration about the United States troops in its worst situation against the Chinese troops in 1950. Truman quietly and calmly urged his troops to go ahead and do the job the best they could. We need to determine to proclaim Jesus and prepare for persecution. Look back on the situation and see that it was a "God thing".

CLOSING

Announcements made include: The Relief Team is waiting to hear from Tennessee about going to the damaged area of the state to help, June 23rd the YET Team will be at the Calvary FWB Church in Salem, and June 10th is Ashley Lewis' wedding at the Blue Point Church.

Bro. Kent Dunford offered prayer on behalf of the many requests that had been mentioned throughout the day.

We enjoyed great food and fellowship before departing to our homes.

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July 8, 2006 Meeting

MORNING DEVOTION

Bro. Jim Beatty led the singing and Sis. Debby Woolbright played the piano as the Mt. Vernon First Church welcomed the district association to their church. The congregation sang "Power in the Blood." Pastor David Shores gave a warm welcome and devotion. He read scripture from Ephesians 1:3-14 and pointed out some things scripture has to say about predestination. The fact that we could be saved at all was determined long ago by God. It is by God's work—grace—that we are saved, not ours. His plan of salvation was predestined. If a man comes to Jesus, he shall be saved. God predetermined that He would give forgiveness and redemption before the foundation of the earth was formed. Bro. David ended his devotion by sharing three ways predestination affects the believer: It intensifies our love of God. His ways never change—we know we can trust Him. We have assurance against Satan's onslaughts. He closed in prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION I

In the absences of Moderator Ernie Lewis, Assistant Moderator Travis Penn presided over the meeting. The clerk called the meeting to order to do business for our Lord Jesus Christ. The standing delegates were recognized and the church letters were read. MSC to seat the delegates.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented in typed form. MSC to accept with a notation that Christina Taylor is actually a member of the Youth Committee.

Treasurer Kathy Hayes reported that the present balance is \$377.03. Dues collected from six churches were \$210 and the offering of \$158.60 was received. Expenditures included \$86 to the speaker, \$50 to the Disaster Relief Fund and \$150 to the State Association for the Owens and Mark King. MSC to accept the report from the treasurer.

Bro. Travis filled the vacancies on two committees as follows: Debby Woolbright and Peggy Ferguson—Youth Committee. JD Shurtz—Business Committee.

REPORTS

Bro. David Shores reported on several churches from around the state. Some need a pastor. Oak Valley is considering Craig Smith. Salem has no pastor. Butterfield changed their name to Tanner Trails, they have a new building being dedicated at the end of July, and they have no pastor. The church at Rockford needs prayer as Bro. Smith is not well. Bro. Wallace Malone needs prayer. Ken Doggett has resigned the church at Springfield and is now in Arkansas. Bro. Smith is driving from Decatur for services in Springfield. Peoples moved to Hoopeston. The Bible College has sold the property. There are other announcements on the back of your bulletin. Bro. David emphasized the importance of the Together Way Plan. This is a very good way for the local churches to give to the various FWB organizations. It is a voluntary plan that is a good way for the churches to finance other FWB organizations. He encouraged every church to be involved in the Together Way Plan.

MISSION REPORT

There are two families of the M-Team at Camp Hope. Invite them to your church and support them as you can. We have conducted four weeks of youth camp so far. Junior and Senior High remains after the Northern Camp. Pray for these weeks of camp.

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Bro. Ernie Taylor gave a report about the Disaster Relief Team. They have been to Tennessee to help in Eddie Hodge's church. There are a lot of good things coming out of this ministry. They have been debating whether to get a second trailer. Pray that God would give direction on how to run this ministry. It is an exciting ministry. It is impacting the non Christians that we are helping. Bro. Ernie reported that they were able to help about five or six families in Tennessee. This is a good witness, continue to pray for it. Blue tarps are one thing that they seem to be using a lot of when they go out to an area. If you would like to donate things for the trailer, that is one thing needed.

Bro. David Burgess spoke about the Co-op giving. Only 1% goes to the Relief Team. That might pay insurance (barely). He encouraged us to give (churches give) to this team to help with expenses. Bro. David also mentioned several events coming up, such as the Impact Birmingham before the National Association. The Women Active for Christ will also be having a retreat at Camp Hope in September.

Bro. Tim Hayes offered prayer as we were recessed.

BUSINESS SESSION II

The report of the Business Committee was read.

1. We recommend that we give Craig Portell for mileage and speaking today \$200.

Signed: Elmo Manahan, Tim Hayes, JD Shurtz

MSC to accept the report of the Business Committee.

The Youth Committee report contained three points of information.

1. Pray for the CTS competitors, judges, and the competition itself.
2. Pray for the decisions that need to be made during Junior/Senior Camp.
3. Pray for and support our young people as they try to live out the promises they've made to God this summer.

Signed: Christina Taylor, Debby Woolbright, and Peggy Ferguson.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORTS

Bro. Elmo Manahan gave the report from Oak Valley. Remember them in prayer as they seek a pastor. They have a young man who will possibly accept the position. One of their young ladies was saved at Camp Hope. They had a good VBS. They have been without a pastor for nine months. But, God has provided someone to fill the pulpit every Sunday. Pray that God will lead this congregation.

Mt. Vernon's report was presented by Pastor David Shores. They had a good VBS program. They are fortunate to have a good bus ministry that includes two vans. Bob Jones is the director and does an outstanding job. The roof has been a problem they have recently tried to take care of. Some of their young people have been active in mission trips this summer. Tiffany Thompson went to Mexico with the E-Team and Phillip Kennedy is an apprentice. They have a group going to the National Association. The Senior Saints group is active and going on trips here and there. Bro. David said it is a challenge to pastor a church of any size or in any place, but it is very rewarding.

RETURN TO BUSINESS

The Examining Committee presented this report: We, the Examining Committee met with Tony Williams concerning his standing as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. He believes that it is permissible for a minister to divorce and remarry. Being consistent with our position in the past, we do not recommend Tony Williams for a card of good standing. Signed: David L. Burgess, Ernie Taylor, and Clarence Porter.

Tony Williams was given the floor for comments. He stated how he had been a Free Will Baptist for 35 years. His father was a deacon, David Shores had been his pastor. However, he is ashamed of the Free Will Baptists. While he needs an endorsement to become a military chaplain, he claimed a higher endorsement from the Lord Jesus Christ. Tony then left the meeting. Bro. Travis led in a time of prayer.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Having concluded the business for the quarter, Bro. Travis shared about Calvary paying off their note and having a "note burning." Others shared some things they have been blessed by recently.

Bro. Jim Beatty led the group in singing "Love Lifted Me." Bro. Ernie Taylor led in prayer. The congregation sang "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago." Bro. Jesse Allen offered prayer and thanksgiving for the offering and Debby Woolbright played "Freely, Freely." Sis. Linda Polston sang a heartfelt arrangement of "Back to the Cross, Under the Blood" for the special music.

Craig Portell, teacher for English Language Institute, greeted us dressed in the traditional garb of the Mongolian people. He is in his sixth year there. He shared with us how the language in Mongolia was very tricky. A word could mean different things, depending on which area you were using it. Mongolia is three times the size of Texas and has 2 ½ million people. A good size city is about 50,000 people. He likes to go out into the country. These people are friendly, hospitable people and they are open and searching for something.

Bro. Craig read from Romans 10:14&15. Are your feet beautiful? How can they call on Him they have not believed? How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How can they hear without someone telling them? How can they preach unless they are sent? If we tell someone about Christ, our feet will be beautiful in God's sight. Pray for Craig, as he is not sure at this point whether he will be going to Tibet or back to Mongolia. There is a very great need in Tibet, as it is pretty much the birthplace of buddism.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting—second and carried. Bro. David Burgess dismissed the group in prayer and gave a blessing on the meal as well as Bro. Craig's ministry.

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OCTOBER 14, 2006

The East Central District Association of FWB was welcomed to the Crossroads FWB Church in Effingham for the fall quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2006.

MORNING DEVOTION

Sis. Vickie Hollis played the piano and Bro. Mike Crabtree led the congregation in singing "I'll Fly Away." Rev. John Hollis brought the morning devotion from Leviticus 11:44 and Romans 12:1. We are to be holy—sanctified. Bro. Hollis defined sanctified as being separate, or a separation of His people, which sometimes involved a ceremonial cleansing of the body. He encouraged us to live a pure life as the bride of Christ. Sometimes looking at familiar scripture, we learn new things or see something new. Bro. Hollis shared from Ephesians 3 where Paul speaks of the mysteries revealed to him. The angels had a desire to look into the mystery of salvation. From the time Jesus left their presence until the time of the church forming, angels were still anxious to look into and learn about these things. If the angels are still learning, how much more we should be learning. I Peter 4 gives a picture of what a follower of Christ should look like—Christ. Jesus verbalized holiness as he cried out from the cross, "My God, My God..." His suffering not only physical but heart breaking, as God had to turn away from Christ's unholiness at that moment. The love of holiness was seen on Calvary, the power of holiness seen on Resurrection Day. This great change of people's lives brought spiritual church growth. Live in holiness—walk in victory!

BUSINESS SESSION

Moderator Ernie Lewis welcomed everyone to the meeting. The clerk called the meeting to order to do business for our Lord. The standing delegates were recognized. The local church letters were read and their delegates named. Pastor Travis Penn asked that Mike Robertson, Kathy Hayes and Debby Woolbright be seated as Calvary's delegates. A motion to accept the church letters and seat the delegates was seconded and carried.

Minutes from the last meeting were available in typed form. A motion to accept the clerk's report was seconded and carried.

Treasurer Kathy Hayes gave her report. Beginning with a balance of \$377.03, we received dues of \$245 and an offering of \$170, making available \$792.03. Dispersed to Craig Portell as speaker at our last meeting \$200 and \$150 to the Owens' account and Mark King leave us with a balance of \$442.03. A motion to accept this report was seconded and carried.

MISSIONS REPORT

Bro. David Shores began by thanking everyone for their prayers, cards and visits while Sis. Pat recovered from surgery. The doctor report was very good and it is believed she will not need any treatments. Bro. Larry Clyatt sends a message from Florida, "It is warm" down there. Bro. Craig Smith has been called to pastor the Oak Valley church. The Salem church is looking for a pastor. Bro. Tony Kash went to Tennessee. Bro. Travis Penn gave a report on Bro. Wallace Malone—he is not doing well. The family is trying to care for him—remember him and his family as you pray. Bro. George Waggoner is not well. He is experiencing some memory loss. There is a Youth Rally scheduled at Camp Hope. It is hosted by the West Central Quarterly. Our youth are invited. Tanner Trails FWB Church (formerly

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Butterfield) has no pastor. November is National Home Missions month. The back of your bulletin has information about the Benjamin Randall offering. November 11 is TEAM church conference in Mt. Vernon. Several churches are having revivals: Arnold View, Bear Point, Bakerville—100 year Homecoming, Jim Beatty will be preaching revival at Richview Baptist church. The M-Team is home. The Davisons are having services in the area, trying to get their account out of the red. The Portells are in Carolina, Derby in Missouri, the Warrens are MIR at the Bible College. They are looking at the possibility of a different ministry. Jason and Melissa Taylor continue to work in Yuma, AZ. The church group is growing, but their account is not. Mark Shores has had an attendance of 30 in the last two services. They have had 5 or 6 new visitors this month. Mark made contact with an Hispanic pastor and offered the use of the building. Pray for Mark, Kristie and family. Tim Lewis in Utah is doing well and the account is too. Stephen Gray will be planting a new church in the Collinsville area. Dennis Teague is in Illinois. The Owens are in Uruguay. You can check on them at the International Missions website. Mark King's account is in the red a little bit. Sarah Malone still needs our prayers as she oversees the ELIC operations in Asia. Craig Portell went to Tibet. He needed a new bicycle—he has a new bicycle. The Master's Men Relief trailer appeared in the Little Egypt parade in Salem. Bro. David praised the work the relief team did after the storm in Mt. Vernon. Bro. David Burgess made mention of the Relief Team needing funds. The 1% of Co-Op giving that goes to the Relief Team, basically pays for insurance. It would be nice to increase their receipts so that they have some money for other things needed. The mission board will be filling a couple of positions soon. Anthony and Lea Edgemond's son broke his leg. Danny and Amy Wells in Arizona have a little boy who broke his leg. The Potete's work in Chicago will be going self-supporting. The church has been picking up the support and doing well. Pray for construction concerning the codes involved. Carl Hawkins continues to need our prayers as one family moved to Texas. Bro. John Hollis shared about Mark and Melissa Gibbs working with the Teagues in France. They will have to come home because of some troubles.

BUSINESS SESSION

Before recessing the group, Moderator Ernie Lewis filled these vacancies on the committees: Ed Ferguson to replace Tim Hayes on the Business Committee, David Shores to replace Ernie Taylor on the Examining Committee, and Travis Penn and Debby Woolbright to replace Christina Taylor and Bruce Shurtz on the Youth Committee. We were recessed to allow the committees to work.

We were called back into business session with Mike Crabtree leading us to sing "We're Marching To Zion."

YOUTH COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the churches encourage their young people to participate in CTS competition.
2. Seniors in high school are reminded to attend "Senior Days" at the FWBBC on November 17 & 18.
3. Our youth are invited to the youth rally at Camp Hope this Friday evening. It is sponsored by the West Central District.
4. We encourage the Oak Valley Church to sponsor a youth rally during the next quarter.

Signed: Travis L. Penn, Suzanne Lewis, and Debby Woolbright.

MSC to receive the Youth Committee report.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee recommend that Bro. Craig Smith continue with his studies with the General Baptist Conference and bring a letter of Good Standing and the results of his completed study course to this committee for evaluation. This will be discussed in our next quarterly meeting. The Credentials Committee will meet with Bro. Smith before the next quarterly meeting. Signed: David Shores, Clarence Porter, and David L. Burgess. MSC to accept the report of the Examining Committee.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORTS

Bro. David Burgess brought us up to date on the things Pleasant View has been doing. They have completed a nice, fully enclosed ramp for the handicapped. They sponsored the Relief Team trailer with Calvary for the Little Egypt Parade in Salem. They will also enjoy a joint Thanksgiving service and meal with the Calvary Church. Pleasant View conducted VBS on SonTreasure Island this summer. The kids enjoyed many activities and treasures.

Unfortunately, there was no one present to give a report from the Salem FWB Church. We continue to pray for them as they seek a pastor.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The report from the Business Committee read as follows:

1. We recommend to pay to Dr. Paul Park for speaking and mileage \$200.
2. We recommend to pay the Disaster Relief Team \$75 per quarter.
3. We recommend to elect the following officers:
Moderator—Ernie Lewis
Assistant Moderator—Travis Penn
Clerk—Paula Hayes
Treasurer—Kathy Hayes
Business Committee—(3 yr. term) Mike Robertson
Examining Committee—(3 yr. term) John Hollis
Youth Committee—?
Executive Board—John Hollis
4. We recommend that the Bakerville Church motion in reference to and in compliance with the Treatise and the District and State Constitution & By-Laws be brought to the floor of the District for discussion.

Signed: Elmo Manahan, Ed Ferguson, and Mike Robertson.

There was a motion, second and vote carried to work on this report item by item. Items #1, #2, and #3 each were passed by a motion, second and carried. It was noted that we will continue to look for someone to fill the position on the Youth Committee.

Concerning item #4, Moderator Ernie Lewis read the resolution as presented to the Business Committee in writing. (See the attached page.) Doris Troutt from the Bakerville Church asked the group to meet with their pastor and deacons. There was a motion and second to follow the recommendation of the Business Committee—to discuss this matter. Doris Troutt then motioned to table the motion until meeting with the Bakerville Church.

John Hollis pointed out that in January of 2000, a delegation met with the Bakerville pastor, church deacon board and others and it was made known that their plan was not to comply—that was six years ago. Bro. Ernie Lewis encouraged a meeting with Bro. Russell and the deacons. Bro. Bud Porter reminded us that one year ago, young men came to the meeting and were invited to talk with the examining committee.

Sis. Jeannie Culli shared some of the things that have happened while Russell Wolfe has pastored their church. He has brought many people in from all denominations. They have added another service. Some have wanted to add “tongues”, but Bro. Russell said no. These have left the church. She asked us to pray for Bakerville and give them time to resolve this matter within their church.

Many voiced their thoughts about this matter. It has been a long enough time for Bakerville to comply. We should resolve this now. Yet others recognize the desire for tolerance so as not to turn others away from the ministry. It was also noted that whatever is decided should be done out of love, not hatred or to be mean.

A motion to table the resolution concerning Bakerville’s compliance was seconded and carried. Bro. Hollis added that this will be resolved by the next quarterly. Bro. Ernie thanked

the group from Bakerville for coming. . Bro. Ernie as moderator, and the assistant moderator as well as the examining committee members will meet with the Bakerville leaders. He will call Bro. Russell Wolfe and set up the meeting. Bro. David Shores suggested notifying all their deacons of this meeting.

A motion to adjourn this quarterly meeting was seconded and passed.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Mike Crabtree and Sis. Vickie Hollis led the congregation in singing "Jesus Hold My Hand." Bro. Mike Altigilbers offered prayer. We sang "Faith Is the Victory." Sis. Vickie played "Because He Lives" as the offering was received.

Dr. Paul Park brought the message for the worship service. Using scripture from I Kings 19 he spoke of Elijah and his servant and how he became discouraged and afraid. Listen to the Word of God. It is enough to succeed—be satisfied. Elijah waited for the Lord to pass by the mouth of the cave he had taken refuge in. Strong wind, earthquake, fire, but God was not in these. He was the still small voice that Elijah heard. God is speaking to us. Thru the Word of God, listen. God encourages us again and again to raise young leaders. Raise young people to different occupations. Raise Christian young people for the Kingdom of God. Dr. Park challenged each of us to think of one person who is not a Christian. Target that person, focus on them. Begin to pray for that one person. Then invite him to church again, and again. God will save thru your ministry. We stood and sang "Jesus Saves." Many came to the altar to pray for that one person they had on their mind.

As the service came to a close Bro. Ernie called on Bro. Mike Robertson to dismiss us in prayer and ask the blessing on the meal we would enjoy.