

East Central District

Association of

Illinois Free Will Baptists

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

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2011 MEETING

WELCOME AND DEVOTION

The Crossroads FWB Church welcomed us to Effingham with Sis. Vickie Hollis playing the piano and Bro. Mike Crabtree leading the singing. The congregation sang "Jesus Hold My Hand." Pastor John Hollis led in prayer and then the congregation sang "When We See Christ." Bro. Hollis read from II Corinthians 5:17. He shared some thoughts about change. Our generation resists change. Many of us have been saved and in church so long, we don't need to change. Yet, we are to change toward Christ. Philippians 3:21 "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Bro. John encouraged us thru these scriptures. God can change us now and He can change us later, I Corinthians 15:51 & 52. The world wants us to conform. God wants us to be transformed--Romans 12:1 & 2. Come to Bible study looking for something new to learn, something that will change you. Change is something desirable: the Israelites desired meat, David wanted Bathsheba, Nabal the vineyard. Some change is good: Zaccheus went from crooked to straight, the prodigal son, Paul—persecutor of the church to curator. I Corinthians 6:11 "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." In closing, Bro. Hollis challenged us, "Are you changing more into the image of the Lord?" Prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION

The clerk called the meeting to order to do business for our Lord. Standing delegates were recognized. Letters from the local churches were read, and the delegates were seated. The minutes were presented in typed form. MSC to approve the minutes. It was mentioned again that the Constitution and By-Laws need to be updated.

The treasurer, Kathy Hayes gave a financial report. Beginning with a balance of \$539.40, \$245 in dues and an offering of \$207.75 gave us \$992.15 available to work with. Expenditures included: \$50 Paula L. Hayes, \$50 David L. Burgess, \$200 John Hollis, and \$150 IL State Association (\$75 Mark King, \$75 Disaster Relief). The balance presently is \$542.15. MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

Moderator David Shores filled vacancies on the committees as follows:

Examining Committee—Ernie Taylor

Youth Committee—Lawrence Pennington and Suzanne Lewis.

MISSION REPORT

Bro. Ernie Lewis gave a report about the missionaries with ties to Illinois. The Davisions were beginning some new English classes. The teachers and administrators from ELI were preparing for an annual meeting. Pray as they gather to encourage one another. The Marana Project has about 25 attending a baptism class with 13 people in it. The Gray's in Collinsville are averaging 90 and working to accommodate more people upstairs in their building. Tim and Jessica Lewis in Utah are working to go self-supporting--planning a celebration. Hoping that no news from Darren Portell is good news. Mark and Khristi Shores are looking forward to Eddy & Dale Young helping in Albuquerque. Jason & Melissa Taylor in Yuma desire prayer that their people would mature and take care of their financial needs. Dennis & Carol Teague reported 10 decisions at their youth event in France.

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Bro. David Shores gave his report about the Illinois State news. Several churches are still looking for pastors—Oak Valley, Oak Grove, Hazel Dell and Calvary. Tanner Trails has called Mark Stanick to fill their position. David also spoke of the difficult times coming upon the Foreign Missions department. World Missions offering will be in April. He encouraged us to dig as deep as we can into our pockets to fund the foreign missions.

Ernie Taylor mentioned that Joy Davison is doing well. Clint and Lynette Morgan are in France. Lynette is having problems. The doctor is calling it extreme exhaustion. Pray for her. The Master's Men continue to work. Last year's retreat was good with David Potete as the speaker. The men's retreat is the second weekend after Labor Day. The Disaster Relief team inquired about the bad storms and tornados in Missouri and Arkansas, but the local groups were taking care of things there. Ernie thanked everyone for their support thru FWB ministries—Master's Men is a part of that.

Susan Burgess reported of the Illinois Women Active for Christ retreat last fall. Melissa Hodges was there and everyone got to meet her. It was a good retreat and well attended. The ILWAC State meeting will be May 14, 2011 at the Mt. Vernon Church.

The Illinois State Association meeting will be March 17 thru 19 at Camp Hope. We are celebrating 50 years of youth camp in the state of Illinois. Ernie Lewis will be the speaker and have special services pertaining to our youth camps.

Before we recessed, David Shores mentioned that we would be seeking delegates to the State Meeting. The committees today were charged to take care of the matters brought before them.

BREAK

BUSINESS SESSION

David Shores read a letter from the Salem FWB Church as we gathered after a break. The **Business Committee** had only one item for consideration. The motion was to nominate David Burgess for the Examining Committee to replace David Shores. MSC—Phillip Kennedy, Mike Robertson and Tim Hayes committee members.

The **Youth Committee** report read as follows: We will not be able to host a youth activity following the April meeting at Oak Valley, however, we will continue the annual CTS practice during this meeting. Signed: Tyler Penn, Lawrence Pennington and Suzanne Lewis. MSC to accept the Youth Committee report.

With the Illinois State Meeting coming in March, delegates were sought from this district. Mike Robertson, Kathy Hayes, Ester Edwards, Susan Burgess, Suzanne Lewis, Phillip Kennedy and Ron Davis were named as delegates. MSC for these to serve and Moderator David Shores permission to appoint others as needed at the meeting.

The **Examining Committee** had two items for consideration. Item #1 was a list of pastors receiving a card of good standing. These pastors included: Tyler Penn, David Shores, John D. Hollis, Shane Davison, David L. Burgess, Ernie Lewis, Clarence Porter, James Boggs, Luther L. Ganieany, and Jesse W. Allen.

Item #2 was the committee met with Bro. Phillip Kennedy. He is still in the process of ordination. His last meeting with this committee is in April. We have approved his report. Signed: Clarence Porter, John Hollis and Ernie Taylor.

Each item was voted on individually. Item #1—MSC to accept. Item #2—MSC to accept.

The clerk sends a list of deceased members to the State clerk for the memorials at the State Meeting. There will be a presentation at the State Meeting, if anyone has a picture they would like to share.

WORSHIP SERVICE

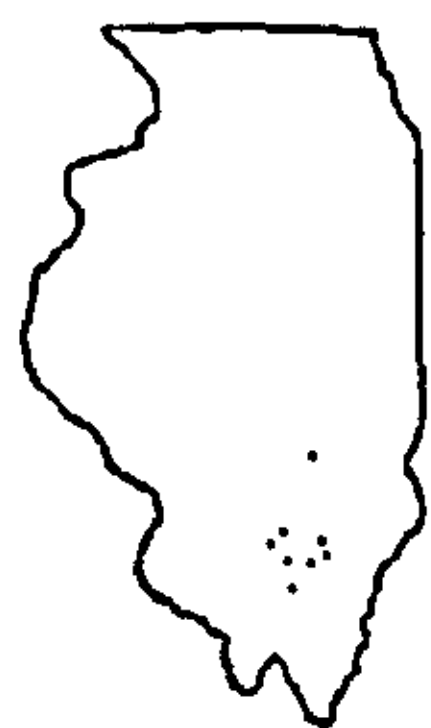
Mike Crabtree led the singing again with Susan Burgess playing "The Gloryland Way." Prayer was offered by Elmo Manahan and the congregation sang "The Unclouded Day." Mike Crabtree blessed the offering and Susan played "Is Your All On The Altar?"

Bro. Phillip Kennedy brought the morning message that God laid on his heart. He read from Matthew 16:24 about denying oneself for Christ sake. First, we must deny ourselves. This means to restrain especially from indulgences or pleasures. Society today encourages us to do what feels good—look out for #1—SELF. Phillip read Mt. 16:21-23. Jesus told Peter he was looking at this from the world view.

Next Jesus indicates that we need to take up the cross. A burden or hardship can be anything in our lives. Take up the cross—daily. Paul understood the idea of denying self and bearing the cross for Christ's sake.

The last step is to follow Jesus. The good thing about following Jesus is that He has already carried our burden to the cross for us. Bro. Phillip also encouraged us to follow Christ now. Choosing obedience to Christ is accepting Life. To lose life for Christ will find true Life in heaven—Eternal Life. Missionary Jim Elliott noted, "He is no fool to give up what he can not keep, to gain what he can not lose." A man's soul is everything to him. Bro. Phillip reminded us that it is a foolish thing to put off a decision to follow Christ. As he concluded with prayer, he challenged us to deny self, take up the cross and follow Him.

The congregation sang "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Our thanks was given to the Crossroads Church for their hospitality today. The next meeting will be April 9, 2011 at the Oak Valley Church near Geff.



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April 9, 2011 Meeting

WELCOME AND DEVOTION

The Oak Valley FWB Church welcomed everyone for the quarterly meeting. We sang "He Set Me Free" to open the meeting and prayer was offered by David Shores. Interim pastor Richard Brown gave the devotion. He read scripture from Luke 9:23—26 and Matthew 9. We should have the same compassion that Jesus had. We need to see people as Jesus saw them—with compassion and love. Jesus did not turn away anyone who needed Him. Bro. Brown mentioned a phrase of a song that says "give me your eyes..." Do we have Jesus eyes? He will come some day and take the redeemed home with Him. We are either redeemed or condemned. We were challenged to follow in the steps of Jesus and make a difference in the lives of people in this world. He closed the devotion in prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION

The clerk called the meeting to order to do business for the Lord. Standing delegates were recognized. The church letters from local churches were read and their delegates were seated. The minutes from the January meeting were available in printed form. MSC to approve minutes.

District treasurer, Kathy Hayes gave the report of our finances. We began with a balance of \$542.15 and received \$1220 in dues and an offering of \$205 giving an available amount of \$1967.15. Disbursement made include \$50 to Phillip Kennedy for speaking at our January meeting, \$150 to the IL Association, and \$960 in dues paid leaves a present balance of \$807.15.

Moderator David Shores filled vacancies on the committees. Elmo Manahan and Mike Crabtree completed the Business Committee. Ernie Lewis and Richard Brown filled in the Examining Committee. A Youth Committee vacancy was filled by Suzanne Lewis.

Many had comments about the good State Meeting attended in March at Camp Hope.

MISSIONS

Ernie Lewis presented an update on the missionaries from our state and district. Josh and Ashley Bennett along with Jeff and Heather Goodman are working in Marana, AZ. Their first service was April 24. They have seen 11 saved and have had 33 in Bible Study. Shane and Joy Davison continue in southern France. They teach English, French and computer literacy classes to stay involved with people. Josh and Jennifer Detherage continue to teach English in Mongolia. Stephen and Denise Gray are in Collinsville, IL. They have a new Youth Center in the upstairs of the building they are meeting in. They have seen 23 saved in the last year, baptized 7 and average 98 in their services. Mark King continues to teach in China. Pray for Sarah Malone as she travels throughout Asia. Be mindful of the terms you use when you communicate with all our workers on the computer. Craig and Sara Portell are in the capital of Mongolia wanting to go back to Western Mongolia to work in the center they opened. Darren and Dana Portell will soon be home as it is too dangerous in Morrocco for them to continue there. Dennis & Carol Teague are visiting in IL and OK. They are planning a center in France to continue working with youth. Mark & Khristi Shores desire prayer for a new facility to meet the needs in Albuquerque. Jason and Melissa Taylor averaged 200 in 2010 at the Vertical Church in Yuma. They desire 500 for Easter services. Illinois is sending a new missionary to Champaign. Tyler and Kelly Penn are planning to work with Internationals there. They have met with one couple to help in that work.

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and will be meeting with a second couple soon. Rusty and Brenda Carney are in the States seeking diagnosis and treatment for their little girl, Gracie. They want to return to Japan. Pray that God will direct them. There is a World Missions disk available with many ideas and lots of information on it. Your church may benefit from using it, as you support International Missions.

It was noted that a yearbook is available for each church in the district. If your church did not pick one up, see the clerk for your copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Marriage Retreat is scheduled for April 15-16 at the Rend Lake Conference Center.

Phillip Kennedy will be ordained at the Mt. Vernon Church April 17th, 2 p.m.

Illinois Women Active for Christ will meet May 14th at the Mt. Vernon Church, 9 a.m. Susan Burgess invited the ladies to attend. Angie Outlaw is the speaker along with many special things happening that day. Women Active for Christ is celebrating 70 years Illinois women supporting missions.

Bro. David Shores offered prayer before dismissing the group for a break. The committees looked after the items of business presented them while others enjoyed refreshment and fellowship.

BREAK

BUSINESS SESSION (cont.)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The delegates were called back into the business meeting as Marie Rutger played the organ. Moderator David Shores called for the Business Committee report.

1. Give \$150 to Maria Petty from Calvary FWB Church for her E-TEAM Panama trip this summer.
2. Give \$150 to Allison Lewis from Northwest Community FWB Church for E-TEAM Uruguay trip.
3. Appoint both Ernie Lewis and David Shores to serve on the committee to research and print the constitution.

Signed: Mike Crabtree, Phillip Kennedy, Elmo Manahan

There was a motion, second and motion carried to adopt the Business Committee report.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Examining Committee was given as follows:

1. We recommend that Craig Smith be issued a card of good standing.
2. Phillip Kennedy has met the requirements set forth by the East Central District Association of Free Will Baptists for ordination. We, therefore, recommend he be ordained.

Signed: Clarence Porter, David L. Burgess, Richard Brown

There was a motion, second and motion carried to vote item by item on the Examining Committee report. MSC Item #1—Card of good standing for Craig Smith. MSC Item #2—Ordination of Phillip Kennedy.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the churches support in attendance the CTS Competition at Ina Church. (April 29 & 30)
2. We recommend that the churches encourage and support Youth Camp this summer for the youth and the leaders.

Signed: Ed Ferguson, Suzanne Lewis, Craig Smith

It was noted that there would be pizza Friday night and a coaches reception at the CTS competition. The Youth Committee report was voted on item by item. MSC to accept #1. MSC to accept #2. Bro. David Shores commented that our youth camp at Camp Hope is very affordable when compared to other camps available to youth in the area.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next East Central District Association meeting will be July 9, 2011 at the Pleasant View FWB Church near Walnut Hill.

Ernie Taylor read from the hymnal the second from last paragraph of our FWB Covenant. This is the purpose of Master's Men. September 15—17th will be the Men's Retreat. James Evans from Bench Mark Ministries is the speaker. To this point in the year there has not been much relief work for the group to do. A phone tree has been set up. In February, some work was done to help clean up tree limbs from an ice storm. Bro. Ernie thanked us for the support we have given the Disaster Relief here in Illinois. The men have two trailers at the ready to go out when the need arises.

WORSHIP SERVICE

CTS COMPETITION

Bro. Ernie Lewis conducted a friendly round of CTS competition for the young people who had been able to come this morning.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Peyton Dandurand (Crossroads FWB Church) John 3:16 & 17, Model Prayer, Fruit of the Spirit

Kylee Gibson (Mt. Vernon 1st) Old Testament Books, Ten Commandments, Armor of God

Lauren Grace Conard (Blue Point) Beattitudes, Twelve Apostles, Ten Commandments

DRAMA

Colin Waller (Blue Point) The Offer

Noah Conard (Blue Point) Biblical Recitation "The Choice"

Hope Walker (Blue Point) Christian Recitation "Cropping Your Rock"

(Duo Drama) Colin Waller & Rebecca Smith "The Mostest Importantest Thing"

(Skit) Haylee Walker, Madison Smith & Noah Conard "All's Fair in Love & Bible Quiz Finals"

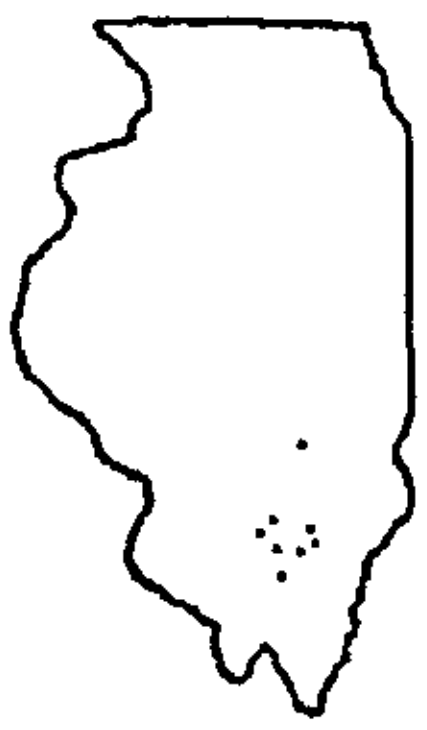
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Mt. Vernon—Michael Crow, James Gibson, Eric Peddicord, Derek Ferguson

Pleasant View—Erin Maas, Callah Mathena, Blake Hayes

We thank the young people for sharing their competition entries. It is obvious it takes a great deal of hard work to learn and memorize the material for these entries. God bless you and your coaches as you participate in the state competition.

Everyone stood and gave thanks to the host church for the meal they had prepared and the hospitality they had shown today. Bro. David Shores prayed.



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MINUTES FOR JULY 9, 2011 MEETING

WELCOME AND DEVOTION

The East Central District Association met at the Pleasant View FWB Church near Walnut Hill on a beautiful summer morning. Pastor David L. Burgess welcomed everyone after Larry Maas led the congregation in singing "Revive Us Again". Susan Burgess played the piano. Bro. Burgess shared his thoughts on the crisis America is in today. He based his devotion on Isaiah 59:1—15. Isaiah tells the sins of his day. Verse three—"hands stained with blood" and "lying lips." Verse five refers to a diet of deception and web of wickedness. David reminded us of the time of Judges when "everyone did what was right in their own eyes." Continuing on David pointed out that verses 12 thru 15 indicate a people trashing the truth. Truth is the only thing that can set someone free! Bro. David encouraged us with Proverbs 23:23 "Buy the truth and sell it not..." We must not try to be neutral today. Preach the truth—get involved. Bro. David closed his devotion in prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION I

The clerk called the meeting to order. Standing delegates were recognized. The letters from eight churches were read. It was noted that 3 churches are without pastors. MSC to receive the reports and seat the delegates. The minutes of the April meeting were presented in typed form. MSC to approve the minutes. Treasurer Kathy Hayes gave her report. Beginning with a balance of \$807.15 we received dues of \$280 and an offering of \$100, giving an available balance of \$1187.15. Expenditures made include: \$75 to Mark King and the Disaster Relief Fund each, \$150 to Allison Lewis and Maria Petty each; thus leaving us today with a balance of \$737.15. MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

Members of each committee were present except the Youth Committee. Since there was no business for the Youth Committee to consider, there was no need to fill the vacancies today.

MISSIONS REPORT

Ernie Lewis brought us up to date on the mission happenings from our Illinois based works. The Immanuel church at Joliet is closed. Tyler Penn has been at Camp Hope this summer to promote the new work beginning in Champaign, IL. July he will be starting as full time missionary and is looking for team members to join him. The Bennett's and the Goodman's enjoyed having a group of teenagers from Blue Point in Arizona to help the Marana Project. The Davison's in France have prepared packets for the port ministry that continues. The Detherage's are in the states—Jennifer recovering from surgery. The Discovery Church in Collinsville sent "lots" of kids to camp. Mark King is home and wants to have services with your church. Sarah Malone has been at camp a couple of days. Craig Portell is working on opening an English language center in western Mongolia. Darren Portell is in Tennessee. Pray for direction. Mark Shores is traveling with an E-TEAM group. He is looking for a bigger facility. Jason Taylor is presently having their worship services in a theater. The Teague's are in Illinois and Oklahoma to raise funds for a new project—an English language center in France. Their son Joel and his wife are working with them. David Burgess added that Becky Ham is in the states and will be at the National Association.

Master's Men—Tim Hayes gave a report on all the places the Disaster Relief team has tried to help. Romans 8:22 speaks of a nation groaning, waiting to be delivered. This year we have had ice, wind and

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tornadoes that have left behind a lot of destruction. Tim shared his observations of people's emotions during these times of disaster. He has met a lot of good people and generous people. God has blessed him with a machine that is able to remove trees and debris. Unfortunately, when he is operating the machine, he can not be with people until he takes a break. The Disaster Relief Team is a great opportunity to minister to people whether you work, give, or pray. Suzanne Lewis added that the volunteers had done a lot of work at Camp Hope after the storm there destroyed many trees.

ILLINOIS WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Susan Burgess gave a report of the ILWAC state meeting back in May. The ladies celebrated 70+ years of women serving in Illinois. They honored some of the charter members who could be there. Angie Outlaw was the featured speaker and everyone enjoyed the young ladies who played the piano. The 2012 meeting will be in Ina.

Before we recessed for a short break, John Hollis requested prayer for Kelly Douglas and his family. Lawrence Pennington offered prayer.

BREAK

BUSINESS SESSION II

The Business Committee had two items of business for consideration.

#1. Recommend that a committee be appointed to look into legal wording for constitutional wording to protect churches, district, and state Free Will Baptists from homosexual civil unions and marriage because of state laws.

#2. Recommend that we send an offering to Generations FWB Church, Joplin MO of \$400. Address is Generations FWB Church, 2301 Connecticut, Joplin, MO 64804.

Signed: Phillip Kennedy, Mike Robertson, and Tim Hayes. MSC to deal with this report item by item.

Mike Robertson, John Hollis and Mike Crabtree volunteered to serve with David Shores and Ernie Lewis on a committee to review the constitution and by-laws and make up-grades concerning civil unions and marriages. MSC A comment was made that this would need to be a recommendation brought before the State Executive Committee.

Item #2 was made a motion and seconded. The motion was passed to send \$400 to the Generations FWB Church in Joplin, MO.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORTS

OAK VALLEY—Richard Brown brought greetings from the Oak Valley FWB Church. The youth had helped the Children's Home in Alabama last summer. The church was full for Homecoming—everyone had a good time. They have had missionaries visit throughout the year. They have been getting more involved with other ministries such as Crisis Pregnancy Center, the food pantry, and a lunch program where they help feed the high school kids lunch and give a little devotion. Oak Valley desires to grow spiritually by dying to self and being more like Jesus.

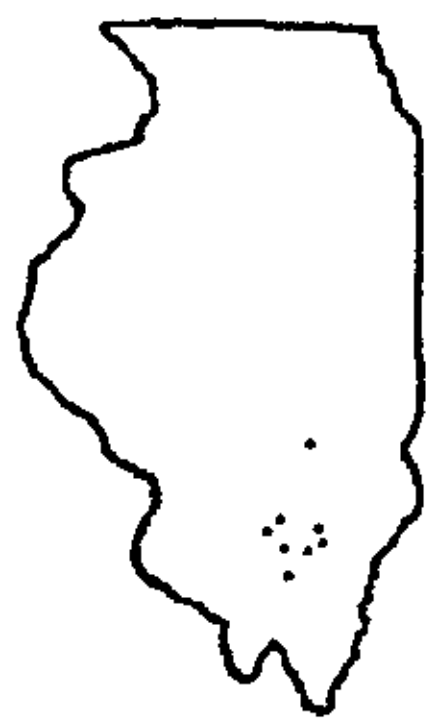
MT. VERNON—**81 YEARS!!!** David Shores was excited to share the happenings from Mt. Vernon First FWB Church. They have 99 members. Phillip Kennedy is the youth minister. Phillip was ordained in April. Mt Vernon supports the IGO/Together Way plan. They plan a "Jesse Allen" day. His health is declining and they wanted to recognize his good work. They have enjoyed Homecoming services, VBS and various meetings thru the year. Their Tic-Tac-Toe team will be going to the National competition next week. Through the year they have seen 6 people baptized and have tried earnestly to reach neighborhood families. The food pantry the church used to support has shut down. Pray that the congregation will be led in the right direction to help people in need. Mt. Vernon has a lot of needy people. Bro. David's dream is to have someone call him and say that they need to get saved, instead of asking for help paying groceries and rent bills.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Larry Maas and Susan Burgess led the congregation in song and praise as we turned our attention to His Word. Jamie Lee, pastor at the Calvary FWB Church in Salem brought the message God had for us. He read scripture from Mark 6:53-56. We need to have a passion for the lost as Christ did.

By this time, Jesus' ministry had grown rapidly. He went to Gennesaret and was well known. Many came to see Him and what He might do. First, look at those who carried the sick to where Jesus was. They had a burden for those who were hurting. Romans 10:1 Paul had a burden for Israel. Do you have a burden today for the lost. Secondly, see the need in those who are hurting, and thirdly, take action. In this passage, four men carried their friend to Jesus. It was a burden, they saw the need, and took action. When they got there, they could not get into the house. They carried their friend up on the roof and tore the roof apart so their friend could be lowered into the house where Jesus was. Sometimes it takes a group effort. Bro. Jamie encouraged us to have a burden for the lost, have faith believing that God can change life, and take action. These friends might have said, wait until next time. We don't know if there will be a next time. He closed with an illustration: A young man was trying to rescue starfish on the beach as the tide receded. He would find a stranded starfish and throw it back into the ocean. Someone pointed out to the young man that he couldn't help all the starfish. Why should he try? He just kept throwing one at a time back into the ocean and saying, "It makes a difference to this one."

Before closing the service, these prayer requests were mentioned: John Mentor—Crossroads, Lori Thompson, Eloise Porter's sister and unsaved husband, Kelly Douglas family, Ester Edwards' brother—Hospice, the National Association. Bro. Phillip Kennedy offered prayer on the behalf of these concerns and asked the blessing on the meal we would share downstairs.



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OCTOBER 8, 2011 MEETING

WELCOME AND DEVOTION

Pastor Jamie Lee welcomed the East Central District Association to the Calvary FWB Church. Debby Woolbright played the piano while we sang "Jesus, There's Something About That Name." Opening prayer was offered up and Bro. Jamie read I Thessalonians 5:18 and Acts 16:22-28. Paul and Silas after being beaten, were thrown in jail, left bleeding, and could have been discouraged. But, what did they do? They sang and praised Jesus. The door was opened, chains were loosed! "In everything give thanks." I Thess. 5:18. Sometimes we let discouragement be our bonds. Bro. Jamie shared a personal illustration and encouraged us to let Him break the bonds of discouragement for us.

BUSINESS SESSION I

The clerk called the meeting to order to do business for our Lord. Standing Delegates were recognized and the letters from six churches were read. MSC to accept reports and seat the delegates from these churches. *Clerk's Note: letters and dues from the other two churches were received after the October meeting.* The minutes from the previous meeting were available in typed form. MSC to approve the minutes.

In the absences of the treasurer Kathy Hayes, Bro. Tim gave the financial report of the district. Beginning Balance of \$737.15 plus dues of \$280 and an offering of \$246 makes available \$1,263.15. Disbursements made include \$50 Jamie Lee, speaker, \$400 Generations FWB Church, Joplin, MO and \$75 each to Mark King and the Disaster Relief Fund. This leaves a balance of \$663.15 presently. Tim also read the Thank You note the District had received from the Generations Church for the donation sent after the tornado.

REPORTS

Steve Schaffer from the Family Ministries greeted us. Seventy-two years Family Ministries has been working. 2010 was the 12th year in a row that more than 100 souls were saved thru this ministry. He shared information with us about each aspect of Family Ministries and thanked us for prayer and financial support.

David Shores gave the report of things going on around the state of Illinois. Two churches have closed—Joliet and Milan. Salem, New Hope and Oak Grove are without pastors and looking for someone to fill those vacancies. November 11th thru 19th has been set apart for prayer and fasting. The National Association voted to recommend changing the name of the Bible College to Welch College. For the State Meetings they are looking for pictures and names of deceased ministers. Pictures will be used for a power point presentation memorial.

Susan Burgess reported from the Illinois Women Active for Christ. Plans are being made for the annual meeting in May. The meeting will be the second Saturday in May at the Ina FWB Church.

Illini Initiative home missionary, Tyler Penn gave his report. Their desire is to reach the community by reaching students in Champaign and thus reaching the world. Tyler and Kelly's family have moved to Champaign and the children are in school. The school is 17% Asian, which will be good for the child they are adopting. They have been to Marana, Arizona to observe the work the Goodman's and the Bennetts are doing.

Ernie Lewis gave a missions report. Milan sold their property and divided the money. Joliet has not sold. There is another group using the facility. The National Association is in Memphis, TN 2012. Pray for Clint Morgan the new director of the Missions Department. There are more fields opened up but it is difficult to place people there because of lack of funds or lack of personnel. Pray for Shane and Joy Davison as they are serving alone and needing another team to bare the burden in France.

David Burgess clarified that the Faith Church in Milan sold their property and paid off some bills. They also gave some money to other ministries. Pray for Brian and Melissa Lewis as Melissa struggles with cancer. Patrick and Jill McCann (spelling?) are hoping to join the Davisons in France to help.

BREAK

Debby Woolbright played the piano to call the group back together for business.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee had two recommendations.

1. We recommend that we have a youth outing after the April Quarterly Meeting.
2. We recommend that we support the churches youth in CTS competition.

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There was a motion and second to adopt the report of the Youth Committee. Motion was passed. The January meeting will be at the Crossroads Church. In April we will meet at the Blue Point Church where the youth will have their CTS practice competition.

While we waited for the other committees to finish meeting, we went on with other reports. Susan Burgess gave the report of the Pleasant View Church. In October they pass out treat bags with church information at the parade in Kell for the school children. December is carolling month and making up baskets to take to shut-ins while singing to them. In January or February the youth go bowling as weather allows. They put a new roof on the Sunday School section of the building.. They also shortened two pews that had been at the front of the sanctuary. The Tic Tac Toe team is eager to prepare for the next year of competition. In June there was a wedding—Caitlin Mathena and Todd Burroughs. Two days later the church was filled with kids for Vacation Bible School. The Penns came to share their plans with the children during VBS. Mark King shared with them while he was home. The nursing home services on Sunday afternoon are always uplifting. Pleasant View received a Historic Site award from the local DAR and CAR chapters. Pray for recently baptized Faith as she follows Christ. Her great grandfather came for that special service and his family has tried for many years to get him to come to church.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

This Committee met with Bro. Jamie Lee and feel very satisfied to recommend him to be received into full fellowship with the East Central District as an ordained minister. Bro. Jamie presented his ordination certificate and card of good standing from Rend Lake District as evidence of his good standing. We recommend a card of good standing to be issued from the East Central District. Signed: Clarence Porter, David L. Burgess, John Hollis. There was a motion, second and motion carried to receive this report.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Recommend we give FWB Family Ministries \$150.
2. Recommend we give Tyler Penn \$150.
3. Officers for the coming year nominated:

Moderator---David Burgess

Assistant Moderator—Ernie Lewis

Clerk—Paula Hayes

Treasurer—Kathy Hayes

Business Committee—Tim Hayes 2014

Examining Committee—Ernie Taylor 2014

Youth Committee—Jamie Lee 2014

Executive Board Member—John Hollis

There was a motion to adopt the report item by item. Item #1 MSC. Item #2 MSC. Motion to elect the slate of officers as given. Motion, second and passed. Business was adjourned.

WORSHIP SERVICE

We entered into worship service with Debby Woolbright and Bro. Jamie leading the congregation in song. Sis. Debby played “He Is Lord” while the offering was received. Bro. Luther Ganiey brought the message about temptation. It is an ever present thing in the life of every one of us. Failure to resist is the source of countless tears. Temptation slips in quietly and unnoticed sometimes. Bro. Luther read from I Corinthians 10:12—14. The three deadly temptations are idolatry, immorality and greed. As a pastor one might think temptation is unique to “me”. Bro. Luther led us from Genesis thru Revelation with examples of temptation. Jesus was tempted but remained sinless. You never have to give in and sin. God does not give us more than we can resist—with HIS help. God receives glory from our resistance to temptation. Escape from temptation . It doesn’t matter who we are—God sees the end of temptation at the same time as the beginning of it. He is able to help with every temptation. Bro. Luther continued to use scripture to point out why idolatry, immorality and greed are deadly temptations. He emphasized the importance of taking the way out that God shows us when we first see it. It may not be there later. The wisest thing a soldier of God can do is run—run to Jesus.