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MINUTES  
OF THE  
Illinois State Association  
of Free Will Baptists



Canaan District Association  
Southern Illinois Yearly  
Meeting



Constitution and By-Laws of  
State Association

ANNUAL SESSION  
OF  
The Illinois State Association  
of Free Will Baptists

Friday Morning, June 22, 1962



The 1962 Session of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wallace Malone.

Congregational Singing: "Love Lifted Me" and "Are You Washed in the Blood" directed by Rev. Leon McBride.

Prayer: Rev. Charles Osborn, Pastor of Des Plaines F. W. B. Church.

Devotions: Rev. Leon McBride, Pastor of Johnston City F. W. B. Church. Psalms 5.

A count was taken to determine whether a quorum was present and the following representatives were presented:

Southern Illinois Yearly — 14; Canaan District Association — 24

Moderator Malone then appointed the Credentials Committee which were as follows: Rev. Claude Hampleman, Chairman, Rev. Charles Osborn, and Rev. Bobby Wright.

Moderator Malone recognized visitors to the Association.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists were then read by the Association Clerk, Rev. A. Eugene Norris.

The following report of the Credentials Committee was then presented by Chairman Hampleman; "We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters and find them in order except in the case of Bro. and Sis. Otterson who are licensed ministers. Their names do not appear on the Southern Illinois Yearly report; however their pastor, Rev. Charles Osborn says they are in good standing. Salem Church reported directly by sending a five (\$5.00) dollar fee. We the Credentials Committee recommend that the letters be accepted and adopted." Signed Committee:

Rev. Claude Hampleman, Chairman  
Rev. Charles Osborn  
Rev. Bobby G. Wright

Reading of Letters from the Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting and the Canaan District Association: The Southern Illinois Yearly Letter was accepted and the delegates seated;

The Canaan District Association letter and list of ordained ministers and deacons were read. Motion sustained to accept letter, seat delegates and to recognize ordained authority as delegates;

A list of ordained ministers and deacons of the Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting was read. Motion sustained to accept for discussion. Motion then sustained to recognize ordained authority as delegates;

Letter from the Salem F. W. B. Church was read requesting Mrs. Jola Henry be seated as delegate from

aid Church. Motion sustained to receive letter and seat delegate.

Moderator Malone then appointed the Committee on Committees which was as follows: Rev. Leon McBride, Chairman, Rev. William Buster, and Rev. C. J. Ketterman.

The Association was then recessed for the Morning Worship Service.

### **Friday Morning Worship Service**

Congregational Singing: Directed by Rev. Levy Corey.

Prayer: Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Congregational Singing.

Special Singing: Rev. Roger Reeds, Promotional Secretary of The National Association of Free Will Baptists Sunday School Board.

Sermon: Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Pastor of the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church. Hebrews 4: 9-13. "Let Us Labor."

Prayer of Dismissal: Rev. William Buster, Pastor of Aurora F. W. B. Mission.

### **Friday Afternoon**

Congregational Singing: "Every Day With Jesus" and "There Is Power in The Blood".

Prayer: Rev. Charles Waggoner, Pastor of Rock Springs F. W. B. Church.

Devotions: Rev. Charles Osborn.

Report of Committee on Committees: "We the Committee on Committees recommend the following peo-

ple for the following Committees: **Business Committee** — Rev. George Waggoner, Chairman, Rev. David Shores, and Rev. Bob Jones; **Educational Committee** — Rev. Claude Hambleman, Chairman, Rev. Tom Malone, and Rev. Bob Stone; **Literature Committee** — Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Chairman, Mrs. Roberta Bain, and Mrs. Earlene Galloway; **Temperance Committee** — Rev. Charles Osborn, Chairman, Rev. Bob Wright, and Bro. Dick Roberts; **Necrology Committee** — Sis. Irene Sullivan, Chairman, Mrs. Grace Bruce, and Mrs. Blanche Horn; **Finance Committee** — Rev. Cecil Walker, Chairman, Mrs. Chesta Clampet, and Mrs. Juanita Smith.

Signed Committee:

Rev. Leon McBride, Chairman  
Rec. C. J. Ketteman  
Rev. William Buster

It was brought to the attention of this Association that Rev. Tom Malone, Rev. Bob Stone, and Sis. Blanche Horn were not delegates and could not be placed on committees. Rev. Tom Malone and Rev. Bob Stone were replaced on the Educational Committee by Rev. Everett Beaty and Rev. George Ritter respectively. Sis. Blanche Horn was replaced by Bro. Aaron Drennan on the Necrology Committee.

Motion sustained that the report of Committee on Committees be accepted as corrected.

Report of Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association. Rev. Melvin expressed gratitude for the support given last year by the Illinois State Association. The Amount of \$15,785.48 was given last year. This is per capita giving of \$5.26 whereas the National giving was \$2.06 per person.

Report of Rev. Roger Reeds was given and we were challenged to support our Sunday School Board by ordering our literature from this department in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Lawrence Thompson presented the report of Illinois State Home Missions: "We, the Home Mission Board, wish to report the activities of the Board for this past year.

After much prayer work and survey work, Aurora, Illinois was selected as a site for our home Mission work. With the approval of the Executive Board of The Illinois State Association, Rev. William Buster was chosen as our Home Missionary. On August 26, 1961, he began his work there. The work was slow during the winter months, but there are about 30 enrolled in Sunday School at the present time.

Revival services are scheduled for August 7 through August 12 and it is hoped that after that time the mission can be organized into a church. Please pray for the church there!

After this church is organized we hope to start a work in one or more of these places, Rockford, Peoria, or Marion. If we are to continue to maintain a man on the field and give each new church \$500.00 after organization, we must have your prayers and continued financial support.

The Home Mission Board now has a letter out in regard to a new "100" Club. Each Church soon will have a supply on hand. We ask each delegate to the State Association to take the report back to their home church that we are moving forward in Illinois in regard to both Home and Foreign missionary work.

Finally, Brethern, pray for us that we will be led in every decision in Illinois Home Mission Work." The

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State Home Missions Board was composed of the following members: Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Chairman, Rev. George Ritter, Treasurer, Rev. A. Eugene Norris, Secretary, Rev. Everett Beaty, and Rev. Howard Flota.

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# Financial Statement of Illinois State Home Mission Board"

June 23, 1961 — June 22, 1962

Balance in treasury June 23, 1961 .....\$ 4,511.06

(Note that corrected balance was \$5.00

over-reported last year)

## Money Received:

Illinois State Cooperative ..... 1,647.03

Illinois "100 Club" ..... 75.00

Special Offerings ..... 727.89

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Total Offerings .....\$ 2,449.92

## Expenditures:

Rev. William Buster, Salary (Missionary to Aurora) .....\$3,150.00

Travel expenses (Rev. Gene Norris) ..... 25.20

Travel Expenses (Rev. Lawrence Thompson) .. 52.15

National Home Missions (Tracts) ..... 26.52

Lester's Music Store, St. Louis, Mo. (Songbooks) 15.84

Franklin Press, Marion, Illinois ..... 12.80

Baptist Book Store, Carbondale, Illinois (Survey

Cards) ..... 27.00

Bank of Egypt (Printed Checks) ..... 5.28

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Total Disbursements .....\$3,314.79

Balance on hand June 23, 1961 plus income for

1961 - 1962 .....\$6,960.98

Disbursements ..... 3,314.79

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Balance on hand June 22, 1962 .....\$3,646.19

Our deficit for Year 1961-1962 ..... \$865.87

Submitted by Rev. George E. Ritter, Treas.

Motion sustained that report be accepted.

The following treasurer's report of the Illinois State Woman's Auxiliary was given by the treasurer, Mrs. Jane Norris:		Number
"Cash in Bank July 3, 1961 .....	\$ 91	Standard
Receipts:		I. Enlist
Mary Martha District Auxiliary .....	883	1. F
Loyal Workers District Auxiliary .....	790	2. F
Illinois State Convention .....	59	
Total Receipts for year 1961-1962 .....	\$1,733	II. Youth
Disbursements:		1. F
Free Will Baptist Children's Home .....	\$ 99	2. F
F. W. P. Bible College Student Loan Fund .....	46	
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	99	3. F
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention .....	273	
Foreign Missions .....	528	4. F
Home Missions .....	401	5. F
Youth Camp .....	99	6. F
Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	61	7. F
Co-Laborer Fund .....	20	8. F
Other Expenses .....	98	
Total Paid Out for year 1961-1962 .....	\$1,729	III. St
Balance in Treasury .....	\$95.73	1. F

The Report of the Recording Secretary was given by Sis. Alene Hanna:

President — Emily Malone, Mulkeytown, Illinois  
Treasurer — Jane Norris, Route 3, Benton, Illinois

Delegates to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention are Carrie McBride, Betty Hampleman, Roberta Bain, Jane Norris, Reba Ritter, Helen Parks (delegation to be completed at Convention by highest officer present.)

Stat Mrs Representation fees sent to Treasurer **10c**; No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries **None**.

91.64 I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrollment at beginning of Convention year **164**  
Present 168 .....
2. Number of new members **19**; Number lost **15**;  
Average attendance **100**

733.68 II. Youth Department:

1. Number Youth Organizations: G. T. A. **4**; Y. P. A. **3**; Misisonary Midgets **1**
2. Total Membership: G. T. A. **56**; Y. P. A. **37**;  
Missionary Midgets **10**.
3. Number Mission Declamation Contest Held **None**.
4. Number Active Church Libraries **3**.
5. Number Vacation Bible School assisted in **7**.
6. Number Bible College students assisted **10**.
7. Number Essay Contests Held **None**.
8. Other Activities: **Youth Camp, Youth Rally, Youth Revivals, 2 full students and 1/2 time student at Arizona Mission.**

29.60 III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses conducted: Missions **2**; Doctrine **1**; Stewardship **11**.
2. Reading Circles **1**.
3. Number Daily Bible Readers **56**.

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IV. Program-Prayer Department:

1. Number Special Programs Held **12**.
2. Number Weeks of Prayer Conducted **15**.
3. Total Amount Self-Denial Offerings resulting from Weeks of Prayer **\$187.21**.
4. Total Number Family Altars **36**.
5. Prayer Fellowship **90**.

V. Personal Service Department:

1. Number making Soul Willing Efforts **100.**
2. Number Souls won **1.**
3. Number active in community missions **98.**
4. Total value of all contributions to Children's Homes \_\_\_\_\_.

VI. Publicity Department:

1. Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers **107.**
2. Number articles written for publication **18.**
3. Other publicity work done **None.**

VII. Personal Gifts:

Missions **\$70.75**; F. W. B. Bible College **\$134.50**; Children's Home **\$16.00**; Others **\$3.30**; Hospital Gowns for sending to Dr. Miley . . (Africa Missions); Baskets of food given to needy; Fruits and gifts to nursing homes; Approximately 50 TV Stamp books were given to Hersey's and they were able to obtain 3 pieces ladies luggage, 2 men's and 1 briefcase with these; also . . . mattresses and gas stove were purchased for Hersey's.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Catherine Waggoner.

Motion sustained that the Womans Auxilliary reports be accepted.

The report of Illinois Foreign Missions was given by Rev. Leon McBride, State Director of Foreign Missions: "As Director of Foreign Missions for the State of Illinois, I would like to express by appreciation to all of the churches represented at this State Association for the wonderful way that most of you responded to the need of our Mission program, and the support you have given to our missionaries who did itenary work this past year.

All of the money, or at least most of it, is sent directly through our State Treasurer so that our State will receive credit for their efforts.

As of April 1, our state had approximately 1/3 of our state quota. This is very good and if we continue, the remainder of the year as we did the first three months we will again go over our goal. Our goal as a state is \$10,000.00

We have some pressing needs in the mission fields that I would like to challenge you with. One is the need for medical supplies for the Mileys and we suggest you organize a drive in your church to obtain these supplies. The other need is for clothes, money or anything that people can use to be sent to the C. E. R. F.

We would like to know if this Association is behind another Missionary Conference and if you will support same if I can arrange for speakers.

Signed: Rev. Leon McBride.

Motion sustained that report be accepted.

Motion sustained that business be adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, June 23, 1962.

### **Friday Evening Worship**

Congregational Singing: "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" and "Count Your Blessings" directed by Rev. Leon McBride.

Prayer: Rev. George E. Ritter, Pastor of Arnold View F. W. B. Church

Congregational Singing: "Higher Ground" and "Have Thine Own Way"

Special Singing: Mrs. Bessie Greer (Solo); Choir from the Olivet (Negro) Free Will Baptist Church in Carbondale, Illinois.

Sermon: Rev. A. Eugene Norris, Pastor of the Webb's F. W. B. Church. Hebrews 4:14, "Let Us Hold Fast Our Profession"

### Saturday Morning, June 23

Congregational Singing: Directed by Rev. Leon McBride.

Prayer: Rev. Dwight Dame, Pastor of New Hope F. W. B. Church.

Devotions: Rev. John Hiltibical, Pastor of Salem F. W. B. Church.

A quorum being present Moderator Malone called the Association into conference to transact business.

In the absence of Bro. Dick Roberts, Rev. Albert Bays was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Temperance Committee.

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee: Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Chairman, Rev. Everett Beaty, and Rev. Cecil Walker.

Report of the Necrology Committee: We the Necrology Committee in session at the Second Annual Meeting of the State Association of Free Will Baptists, do hereby offer our sympathy and condolences to those whose friends and loved ones, who have passed from this stage of action to the undiscovered country from whose borne no travelers return. Those from the Canadian District are: Joe Presley, Bob Piercy, Eva Jamerson, Johnny Whitlow, George Dennis, Anna Lisenby, Harmon Wells, Alva Robinson, Charles Stilley, Harry Dietz, Milton Ford, Nora Greer, Arlin Jones, Sid Mindlow, Edward Pijut, Maggie Hosick, Lawrence Tucker, George Minor, Thomas Dempsey, and Dearas McBride.

Those from the Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting are: Helen Everhart, Miss Collins, John Hoffard, Tom Shipman, J. T. Bundren, Allie Elam, Lillie Williams, Opal Waggoner, Merriel Schwarm, Logan Felts, Myrtle Lappin, Bessie Downs, Dorothy Parks, Rev. J. O. Travelstead, Sharon Melvin, Jennie Mocaby, Lee Britton, Wallace Wells, James Bowden, and Charlie Grant.

We recommend a moment of silent meditation and prayer."

Signed Sis. Irene Sullivan  
Sis. Grace Bruce  
Bro. A. E. Drennan

Motion sustained that the report be accepted and request be granted.

Rev. George E. Ritter gave a report of the Sunday School Alliance and Youth Camp. "During the past year, the Sunday School Alliance has experienced both blessing and growth. We have had two churches, Union Grove and Oak Valley received into membership. We have seen the caretakers' home cleared of all indebtedness though our Youth Rally offerings, and now the Youth Rally is sponsoring the purchase of our new Free Will Baptist Hymnals and book racks, which we hope to have installed soon.

Last summer's Youth Camps were conducted from July 17 to July 29 with a total of 193 campers, 115 in Junior Camp and 78 in Senior Camp. Camp directors were Catherine Waggoner and Reba Ritter. Our missionaries in camp were Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr. Evangelists were Rev. Leon McBride and Rev. William Buster. The Youth Camp was, with the help and support of churches and individuals, able to take care of its local expenses during camp. The income was \$1,721.-

51; expense was \$1,648.37, leaving a balance of \$73.14. Campers insurance and other outside expenses were paid from the Alliance general fund.

The 1962 Free Will Baptist Youth Camp will be July 16 to July 20 for the Junior Camp and July 21 to 27th for Senior Camp. The director will be Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Our missionaries will be Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, the first week, and Rev. Dave Franks, second week. Evangelist will be Rev. Tom Malone. Rev. Jerry Norris will be song leader and Mrs. Jane Norris, pianist. Junior Camp Deans will be Mr. Neal Sulcer and Mrs. Reba Ritter. Senior Camp Deans will be Rev. Leon McBride and Mrs. Ollie Sulcer. Teachers are as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, Rev. Bob Jones, Mrs. Earlene Galloway, Rev. Jerry Norris, Rev. Dave Franks, Rev. George Waggoner, and Mrs. Eddie Hollis. Rev. Jesse Webb will be recreational director. We trust that through God's leadership and blessing this year's camp will prove a blessing and inspiration to all our people, and win boys and girls to Christ."

Rev. George E. Ritter, President

Motion sustained that report be accepted.

The report of the Executive Board was given by Rev. Dwight Dame, Chairman.

### **Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting during the year of 1961-1962**

#### **Meeting No. 1**

"Motion sustained that the newsletter editor publish a recommendation from the Executive Board that the church year begin May 1. The Committee on minutes and by-laws then gave the following report: "The minutes be printed and placed in book from size 5" by 8" with the moderators picture on the inside cover and

f \$73.14. a picture of the Executive Board appearing below The  
es were By-Laws are to be printed on book form size 3" by 5"  
be July with four additional pages for notes and corrections.  
27th for Report accepted. Committee on Insurance the recom-  
r Turn- mended that the insurance be increased to \$5000.00 on  
rs. Dan the Administration Building and the name be changed  
second to the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.

sv. Jerry Motion sustained that new credentials be issued to  
s, pian- ministers requesting them within ninety (90) days from  
cer and date. (Sept. 2, 1961) Report of the committee on the  
ev. Leon form letters was accepted and the committee was in-  
as fol- structed to print 500 copies.

es, Mrs. Motion sustained that the Board employ Rev.  
Franks, George W. Waggoner as Promotional Secretary to pro-  
is. Rev. mote the Free Will Baptists in general. The board adopt-  
ust that ed presented by Chairman Dame paying seven (7) cents  
's camp per mile exceeding 35 miles and not to exceed forty  
people (\$40.00) dollars per quarter. The base salary is \$35.00  
resident per week. The meeting of the Executive Board of the  
State Association was called to order with the secre-  
tary calling the roll. The following were present:  
Dwight Dame, Cecil Walker, Jack Kettelman, Wallace  
Malone, Clifford Hicks, James Hicks, A. E. Norris. Floyd  
Hartley, and George Ritter were absent.

ring Chairman then appointed the following commit-  
mittees: C. J. Kettelman and Wallace Malone to con-  
sider type of minutes and by-laws to be printed and  
report back to the board; Cecil Walker and Jimmie  
Hicks to make up a form letter that will be accepted  
by all subordinate bodies. Claude Hampleman, who sat  
in the meeting, was asked to be on this committee;  
Clifford Hicks and Gene Norris were to look into the  
insurance situation on the Administration Building.

Motion sustained to purchase an adding machine.

Motion sustained to endorse the action taken by the State Home Mission Board in regard to sending a missionary to the field.

Motion sustained that the Newsletter Editor be requested to publish an article stating that the Executive Board disapprove of the hiring of any preacher who does not have a card of good standing in the Free Will Baptist organization of which he is a member.

Motion sustained that the Board employ Rev. Claude Hambleman to establish the Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College and act as its President at a salary of \$20.00 per week.

Motion sustained to empower our State Treasurer to send the 40% allocation to the State Home Mission Board.

Motion Sustained to adjourn."

### **Meeting No. 2**

The Executive Board meeting called to order by Chairman Dame and opened with prayer by Rev. George Ritter. The following have been recommended to receive credentials: Leslie E. Elliot, Charles Waggoner, Hazel Buick, Gilbert King, George W. Waggoner, Wallace Malone, Dwight Dame, George E. Ritter, Thomas Marlowe, Claude Hambleman, Leo K. Grider, Johnnie Holmes, Bob Jones, C. J. Kettelman, Charles Price. These are to receive ordination credentials. The following are to receive Exhorter's License: June Merri-man, Tom Malone, Ernest Talor, Thomas Bain, Bob Stone, and James Beaty. Motion sustained to grant credentials to the above named applicants.

Motion sustained that credentials turned in by Richard McNeil be accepted by this Board and destroyed.

The following requests have been made for Minister's cards for Bob Wright, Charles Price, Bernice Goddard, and Bob Jones. Motion sustained to grant cards to names listed above.

Motion sustained that Letter Reporting Forms be printed with blank for gifts to "Illinois State Association General Fund" added to original form.

Motion sustained that Jesse Boswell be paid \$25.00 for his work as clerk from August 20, 1960 to June 1961.

Motion sustained that State Association Treasurer be instructed to pay Rev. Waggoner \$20.00 per week from general fund for promotional work and Gene Norris to pay Rev. Waggoner \$15.00 per week from Executive Board fund for Newsletter Work. These amounts to be paid every 4 weeks.

Motion sustained to instruct Executive Board treasurer to transfer any income from promotional work to the State general fund.

Motion sustained to adjourn."

### Meeting No. 3

"The Executive Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwight Dame and opened with prayer by Rev. George Waggoner.

Letter was read from Rev. Paul Barnfield requesting new ordination credentials issued by the State Association of Free Will Baptists. Motion sustained that request be granted.

Rev. Clifford Hicks and C. J. Kettelman were appointed to investigate the matter of the "Lee Fund" which was to have been transferred to the East Central Quarterly Meeting from the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting.

The Promotional Secretary gave his quarterly report. Report accepted .

Rev. Floyd Hartley suggested that a sympathy card be sent to John Elliston regarding the loss of his wife. Clerk instructed to send same.

Committee of George Ritter, Cecil Walker, Clifford Hicks, and C. J. Ketteman was appointed to investigate the work of the colored Free Will Baptist churches as to faith and practices.

Rev. George Ritter shall act as chairman of said committee.

Motion sustained that we as the Executive Board reaffirm our belief in the Congregational form of church government.

Motion sustained that the Promotional Secretary be empowered to purchase stationery for his needs.

Motion sustained to authorize clerk to secure services of an individual to write new credentials in long hand and to pay for mailing.

Motion sustained to adjourn."

Motion made and seconded to accept the report of the Executive Board and release funds to pay Rev. Claude Hampleman for teaching in the Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Motion ammended to accept report and endorse the action of the Executive Board, but for the financial part of the report come before the Business Committee for approval. Motion carried. The vote on the first motion was then in the affirmative.

Report of the Literature Committee:

Item 1. We the Literature Committee recommend that our churches be urged to use our own Free Will Baptist Literature published at Nashville, Tennessee.

Item 2. That our Free Will Baptist families carefully screen and examine all literature coming into our homes.

Item 3. We recommend that our churches establish and maintain a church library so that good books would be available, especially to our young people.

Signed Committee:

Rev. Lawrence Thompson,  
Chairman

Sis. Roberta Bain

Sis. Earlene Galloway

Motion sustained to receive the report and dispose of same item by item.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 1; Motion sustained to adopt Item 2; Motion sustained to adopt Item 3.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College of Illinois:  
"In the late summer of 1961 the executive committee asked this writer (Rev. Claude Hampleman) to take the necessary steps and establish a Bible College in Illinois for the State Association of Free Will Baptists. The Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Bible College was contacted for information. This writer went to Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee to gather information and help. Both Colleges were very helpful. Rev. Dwight Dame, Rev. Clifford Hicks, and this writer went to Nashville, Tennessee to visit the administration of the National Free Will Baptist Bible College. The administration advised us that if we would send a list of objectives they would consider them and possibly grant our College credit.

On September 18, the writer submitted the following objectives for the Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible

College to D. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee:

1. To Accomplish the Will of God — Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College gladly acknowledges its absolute allegiance to the Lord Jesus and to the inspired Word of God and sets as its chief objective the realization of His will and way in the education of men and women.
2. To Educate Leaders for the Denomination — Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College acknowledges its dependence upon and pledges its loyalty to the Free Will Baptist denomination of which it is a part in fulfilling its mission of Christian service to the world.
3. To Promote the practice of Christian Principles — Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College endeavors to promote in its students the practice of Christian principles in every area of life.
4. To Maintain a High Level of Scholarship.

We also asked the Bible College in Nashville to sanction the Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College by giving us a statement concerning the acceptance of our credits.

This they did, following is a quote . . . "In answer to your request, we submit the following statement: we shall accept by validation up to two years of work from your institution. Of course, the subjects which we accept for credit must be in line with our current course offerings." Signed by Rev. Charles Thigpen, Dean.

# **Financial Report of Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College:**

## Receipts:

Books and Tuition .....	\$ 177.52
Mary Martha District Auxiliary Gift .....	24.68
Gift .....	34.96
Loyal Workers Auxiliary .....	36.58
Bill Bain, Gift .....	11.50
Johnston City Church .....	23.25
Pleasant View Auxiliary .....	10.00
Johnston City Auxiliary .....	10.00
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	\$ 328.49

## Disbursements:

Carson Newman College Bookstore, Books .....	\$ 75.45
Carson Newman College, Books and Postage....	17.24
File Drawer and steel shelves, Montgomery Ward .....	26.74
Paper .....	3.00
Baker Bookhouse, Books and Postage .....	36.68
Railway Express Agency .....	5.40
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	\$ 167.37

Balance on hand ..... \$ 161.12

On Saturday, October 28, 1961 the following were enrolled for a course in **The Church and Its Auxiliaries:** Gene Norris, Janet Coleman, Edward Hollis, Betty Hampleman, Ruth Thompson, Lawrence Thompson, Irene Sullivan, Sherman Sullivan, Jane Norris, Sharon Eubanks.

The following were enrolled for **Bible Survey of the Old Testament:** Dwight Dame, Leon McBride, Clifford

Hicks, Janet Coleman, Edward Hollis, Betty Hampleman, Irene Sullivan, Sherman Sullivan, Sharon Eubanks, Lonnie White, Thomas Baine, Jacob Thatcher, Dempsey Tucker, Donna Tucker.

The following were enrolled for **Bible Survey of the New Testament** on March 3, 1962: Wesley Thatcher, Bob Stone, Howard Adams, Sherman Sullivan, Irene Sullivan, Betty Hampleman, Melvin Adams, Dempsey Tucker, James Coulson, Thomas Baine, Leon McBride.

A total of 35 enrollees. We have finished a wonderful year under God's blessing and we are looking forward to a better year in 1962-1963.

Respectfully spbmitted: Rev. Claude Hampleman.  
Motion sustained to accept report of Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rev. Homer Willis, Promotional Secretary for National Home Missions then gave a report on the work of home missions on the National level. He stated that five new states will be seeking admittance into the National Association of Free Will Baptists this year. They are presently working in Cheyenne, Wyoming and will then move their attention to Topeka, Kansas. There are now 28 full time adult missionaries working under the Home Mission Board. Rev. Willis then gave the Association some startling information concerning the heathenism of America. In the United States and Canada there are some 314,000 churches. In this same area there are ten (10) times more taverns. Out of every five (5) churches, only one (1) recognized the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, the infallible Work of God and the New Birth. A challenge was extended that we might realize the necessity of beginning new Free Will Baptist churches in our larger cities, because the majority of people are now living in these larger cities.

Mrs. Clifford Hicks then gave a report of the 1961 National Association of Free Will Baptists. "The National Association opened by singing and prayer. We were called into business by the moderator, Rev. Ralph Staten. The total dues were \$860.00 from all of the states. We had a report from the General Board. Items read as follows:

Item 1. Approved \$125,000.00 building program. (For National Headquarters building)

Item 2. Adopt Church Bond program.

Item 3. That we form a stewardship committee.

Item 4. Support the "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation" in 1961.

Each of the above mentioned Items were adopted separately.

Motion sustained to adjourn until evening.

Called back into session at 1:00 P. M. to continue business.

Item 5. Move that we adopt the statement of the Executive Board that the local church be governed independently. Motion carried.

Item 6. Edgemont Church be returned to the North Carolina State Convention. Sustained.

Item 7. The printing of treatise be left to the Executive Board. Motion carried to adopt.

This concluded the report of the General Board.

Motion sustained to dismiss for the Worship hour.

Rev. John Welch delivered the message from Jeremiah 1. The main theme was that we have loyalty to our denomination. He stated that we are facing two (2) things: Getting everybody together where we will lose our identity, and (or) a movement to put everybody apart. He also said that we should stand for

what we believe and stay together and help evangelize the world.

Dismissed until the evening session.

Opened evening session by singing "I Must Tell Jesus." Then we had devotions and prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Rev. Rolla Smith gave the foreign Missions report. Motion sustained to adopt report. There was quite a bit of conflict from the floor on the North Carolina situation. Motion sustained that the National Association protest the action of these officers who signed an affidavit favoring the Connectional Form of Church Government. Rev. Lawrence Thompson was elected to the General Board from Illinois.

Motion sustained to accept this report.

We were recessed until 1:30 P. M. from business.

### **Morning Worship**

Congregational Singing directed by Rev. Leon McBride.

Prayer.

Congregational Singing:

Sermon: Rev. Claude Hambleman, Pastor of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Hebrews: "Let Us Go On To Perfection"

Benediction:

### **Saturday Afternoon**

Congregation Singing:

Prayer:

Congregational Singing:

Report of activity of the Promotional Secretary for the State of Illinois, Rev. George W. Waggoner.

evangelize

## Background

The Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists voted one year ago to authorize the Executive Board to set up a program of promotion on a limited basis. The Executive Board met on September 2, 1961 and, among other things, voted to employ a part-time promotional secretary. Qualifications, duties, and other items were drawn up. These were published in the Newsletter of October 12, 1961. George W. Waggoner was hired to begin this work on January 1, 1962. This report covers the six months period since that time.

## Report of Work

As per agreement, all churches in the State Association less than 50 miles have been visited at least once. Services have also been held in some churches which are farther away. Several churches have been visited more than once. Services have primarily been preaching and showing colored slides of our local, state, and national work. In all, fifty-seven services were attended for promotional activities.

We are convinced that this is a work that is paying big spiritual dividends now and that these will increase in the future. Our job is to coordinate the efforts of the various churches in reaching the lost for Christ and to work with local pastors and churches in efforts of inspiration, information, and evaluation. Newsletters 25-33 have been printed and mailed to some 1200 people. More than half these are mailed individually. "Things You Should Know About Free Will Baptists," a tract about our work, has been published and distributed. We are actively promoting the 10-10-10-Program for Christ. This is an effort to get 10% Sunday School attendance increase, and equal number saved, and churches tithing their income to the

COOPERATIVE PAN for denominational work, both state and world-wide.

We are very encouraged with the results so far. We have had many private and group conferences about church decisions and programs with individuals and groups. We believe we are seeing a new awakening of interest and responsibility.

During this period the East Central Quarterly presented a slide projector and screen to the State Association for our use. This is added to equipment presented earlier by other groups. These were an electric typewriter by the Des Plaines Church, a duplicator by the New Hope Church, and an addresser by the Bethel Church. The South Central Quarterly is now working on a project of buying a folding machine.

### **Other Contacts**

We are in the first stages of establishing fellowship contacts with Negro Free Will Baptist churches in Illinois. We have visited with a group in Carbondale, the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, and have invited them to visit with us in this meeting. We hope these contacts can be mutually helpful.

### **The Outlook**

The future is bright. There is real evidence of growth. More and more churches are giving Cooperatively. More and more churches are giving to special needs. We hope to enlist all churches to share in these phases of the ministry of the church. An attempt will be made to enlist other Free Will Baptist Churches which are not now members of the State Association.

We shall try to interest all churches in using Free Will Baptist literature published by our Sunday School and League boards. We hope several will adopt the Free Will Baptist Hymnal. We expect to increase the effectiveness of the **Newsletter** ministry during the coming year. We hope to work with all phases of our denominational work here in Illinois so that our energy and money will be used to the greatest advantage for the cause of Christ. Please pray for us and for the work of promotion.

—Yours in Christ,  
George W. Waggoner.

Motion sustained to accept this report.

Report of the Business Committee was presented by Rev. George W. Waggoner, Chairman. "We the Business Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the official church year be from May 1 to April 30 the following year.

2. That all ministers turn in their reports at the May quarterly, that these be examined by the quarterly, passes on to the district or yearly, and then to the State Association for consideration for cards of good standing, it being understood that no minister is in good standing unless he has been issued a card.

3. That requirements for minister's cards of good standing include the following:

- A. A written report of the past years work must be submitted;

- B. Unless physically handicapped or over 65 years of age, at least twelve sermons must be preached;

- C. Must not take part in practices repugnant to Free Will Baptist Doctrine as (1) Unknown

tongues as commonly recognized, (2) Sanctification as a definite second work of grace (3) Oneness rather than the Trinity, (4) Positional eternal security of the believer rather than provisional security as taught by the Scriptures and recognized in our Treatise.

4. That requests for cards of good standing or other credentials be considered, and issued, if approved, by the Executive Board, during the year before next meeting.

5. That all churches be encouraged to support our State Cooperative Plan:

6. That Cooperative monies be divided on a percentage set by this body.

7. That Free Will Baptist literature as published by the Sunday School and League Boards in Nashville, Tennessee, be used in all our churches.

8. That people and churches be urged to help the National Association project of building a new Headquarters building.

9. That we continue fellowship contacts with Negro Free Will Baptists in Illinois.

10. That the Constitution and By-Laws be printed in the Minutes this year.

11. That the clerk and treasurer be paid the same amount as last year.

12. That the official address of the Tabernacle be Route 3, Benton, Illinois.

13. That Article V of the By-Laws be amended to read: "The fiscal year of the State Association shall begin on the first day of May and end on the last day of April in each year."

14. That this body approve work of the Executive Board and release funds to pay Rev. Hampleman for

services rendered in the amount of \$600.00 at \$20.00 per week for (30) weeks.

15. That a committee be appointed to secure all past minutes of the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference and pre-existing Free Will Baptist organizations in the State of Illinois.

16. That a Christian Education Board of three ministers be elected so that the terms of one will expire each year and thereafter one elected each year for three years to supervise, operate, and direct the Bible School here in Benton.

Signed Committee:

Rev. George W. Waggoner,  
Chairman  
Rev. David Shores  
Rev. Bob Jones

Motion sustained that Items be considered Item by Item; Item 1 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 2 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 3 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 4 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 5 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 6 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 7 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 8 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 9 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 10 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 11 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 12 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 13 — Motion sustained to adopt and lay on the table as a change in the By-Laws is involved; Item 14 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 15 — Motion sustained to adopt; Item 16 — Motion sustained to adopt.

In reference to Item 6 a motion was sustained that this body set the following allocations: National Association of Free Will Baptist to be allocated on a Na-

tion level — 50%; State Home Missions — 16%; State Bible College — 10%; Sunday School Alliance — 12%; General Fund — 12%. A motion was made and seconded that if these various funds do not need this allocation, that the Executive Board be empowered to revise, or reallocate to the 60% — National and 40% State plan. Motion and second was withdrawn.

In reference to Item 15, a motion was sustained to empower the Chair to appoint this committee. They were appointed as follows: Rev. C. J. Kettelman, Chairman, Rev. Cecil Walker, and Rev. James Fite.

Nominations for the Christian Education Board (Item 16) will be presented by the Nominating Committee.

Rev. William Buster, Illinois Free Will Baptist Missionary, then gave a report on the work in Aurora. "We opened our Mission September 3, 1961 in the Y. W. C. A. with five (5) in attendance at our first services to the East Side High School the third Sunday in October. Services have gone up and down some in attendance but we have a Sunday School enrollment of twenty-eight (28). We have about eight interested, or partially interested, families. Thirty-four (34) is our record attendance. We have had 25-30 for several consecutive Sunday's. Summer vacations and some minor causes have reduced our attendance the past few weeks.

We have called on from 1000 to 1200 families. We know of several Free Will Baptist that were formerly good workers in their churches at home that have completely backslidden. One, incidently, was a Free Will Baptist preacher.

We have succeeded in getting four families to go back to their own churches. This was through prayer and counsel.

We have been permitted to counsel and help people in trouble."

Rev. Buster then made brief comments of the heathenistic attitudes and practices of America. Trust more in Church Membership and Baptism than in the New Birth.

Rev. Buster then stated that they are in need of one or two good solid (spiritually) families before organizing into a Free Will Baptist Church. A revival is scheduled for late summer. A request was made for offerings of prayer and finance.

Motion sustained to receive this report.

Report of the Temperance was then given by Rev. Charles Osborn.

1. We the temperance committee bring to remembrance our Church Covenant, Free Will Baptist Treatise, and our Christian obligation to refrain from the sale and use of intoxicant beverages.

2. That we as Free Will Baptists oppose all bills or laws by voice and by letter to our legislators promoting the cause of the liquor industry.

Signed Committee:

Rev. Charles Osborn, Chairman

Rev. Albert Bays

Rev. Bobby G. Wright

Motion sustained that this report be accepted.

Rev. Cecil Walker then gave the report of the Financial Committee: "We the Committee on Finance have examined the books of the State Association treasurer and find them in order. We commend Mr. Hampleman for a work well done. We have also ex-

amined the books of the Illinois Bible College and find them in order.

Signed:

Rev. Cecil Walker, Chairman  
Sis. Chesta Clampet  
Sis. Juanita Smith

Motion sustained that this report be accepted.

The report of the Educational Committee was given by Rev. Everett Beaty as follows: "We the Educational Committee, recommend that due to the importance of Christian education, and the present demand for qualified personnel, the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists support and encourage our National Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and our Illinois State Bible College.

We further recommend that since Mt. Olive Junior College has taken a "Liberalistic Position" that no support be given them by this body."

Signed Committee:

Rev. Claude Hempleman, Chairman  
Rev. George E. Ritter  
Rev. Everett Beaty

Motion sustained that report be accepted.

In the absence of Mrs. Hampleman, Rev. Claude Hampleman gave the treasurer's report.

Name of Church	Amount Gave	Total
	Cooperatively	Amount Gave
Arnold View	\$ -0-	\$ 456.72
Bakerville	-0-	504.28
Bear Point	983.07	1,323.58
Bethel	774.37	1,110.57
Blue Point	458.35	777.68
Des Plaines	-0-	126.00
Harmony (West Frankfort)	305.83	380.15
Harmony (West City)	-0-	6.25
Hazel Dell	531.72	765.44
Ina	457.91	2,010.61
Mt. Vernon	-0-	220.81
Nason	265.00	425.46
New Hope	221.77	356.77
Oak Grove	191.80	261.80
Oak Valley	223.65	525.56
Plasters Grove	-0-	25.00
Pleasant View	211.58	863.47
Rescue	136.86	191.86
Rock Springs	-0-	88.57
Salem	176.20	187.70
Union	201.26	201.26
Waltonville	377.93	447.03
Webb's Prairie	363.85	594.34
Johnston City	914.15	1,565.66
Union Grove	15.00	95.00
Alexander	-0-	25.00
Aurora (Not organized as yet)	-0-	105.95
Eakin Grove	-0-	110.00
Granite City	237.84	237.84
Johnsonville	15.00	15.00
Faith	52.63	52.63
Hoit's Addition	-0-	5.00

Free Will Offering		140.36
West Central Quarterly	246.55	291.55
Northern Quarterly		50.00
South Central Quarterly	264.04	212.04
Executive Board (Special Offerings)		179.80
Personal		40.00
Auxiliaries		61.53
Free Will offering at State Meeting		100.58
Canaan District Dues		110.00
Southern Illinois Dues		65.00
13 Churches at \$5.00 per church		65.00
Youth Camp Offerings		125.60
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		\$15,504.45

#### Paid Out of Treasury

Destination	Amount
National Association	\$ 4,272.31
Sunday School Alliance	971.28
Illinois Bible College Savings Acc't.	162.62
Foreign Missions	1,826.05
National Bible College	291.52
Adult Camp	48.62
Illinois Home Missions	2,370.92
National Home Missions	397.98
Thomas Willey, Sr. (Missionary)	832.91
Rev. George W. Waggoner (Promotional Secretary)	420.00
Benito Rodriquez	375.00
Dev. Dan Merkh (Missionary)	1.10
Thomas Willey, Jr. (Missionary)	155.60
Free Wall Baptist Children's Home	160.32
Arizona-Mexico Missions, Inc.	229.73
Herbert Wade (Missionary)	25.20

Fred Hersey (Missionary)	1,613.41
La Verne Miley (Missionary)	86.00
Free Will Baptist League	44.44
Rev. William Buster	100.00
Illinois Bible College	33.25
Dan Cronk (Missionary)	50.00
Miscellaneous: Delegates to National—\$100.58;	
Mrs. Betty Hampleman, treasurer \$100.00;	
Jess Boswell, Clerk — \$25.00; Dues to National	
Association — \$20.00; Adding Machine —	
\$178.50; Printing 500 Ministers' Cards — \$6.50;	
Ledger Sheets and Stamp Pad — \$4.05; In-	
surance on Administration Buiding — \$65.67;	
Filing out Ordination Credentials — \$20.00;	
Imprinted Checks — \$3.91; One Thousand	
(1,000) letter forms — \$22.50; Printing Min-	
utes of 1961 Meetings — \$121.05; Stamps and	
envelopes — \$26.00.	694.66
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	\$15,162.92
Balance of	341.53
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	\$15,504.45

Motion sustained to accept the treasurers report.

Rev. Paul J. Kettelman made a few challenging remarks regarding the needs of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Kettelman mentioned the lack of dormitory rooms and proper space for the Library and Class rooms.

Report of the Credentials Committee by Rev. have examined the ministers letters. They are as follows:

L. E. Abel, Jesse Allen, Jasper Armstrong, T. E. Blaine,  
 Paul Barnfield, Albert Bays, Everett Beaty, James  
 Beaty, Janice Bades, Richard Bray, William Buster, Paul  
 Crites, C. A. Curry, Byford Campbell, Dwight Dame,  
 Howard Flota, Bernice Goddard, Marshall Hamilton,  
 Sharon Hamilton, Claude Hampleman, Louie Hanna,  
 Alene Hanna, Floyd Hartley, Clifford Hicks, James  
 Hicks, Ella Mae Hiltibidal, John Hiltibidal, Johnnie  
 Holmes, Bob Jones, Floyd Kash, Joseph Kearney, Arthur  
 Kern, Oran Kersh, Jack Kettelman, Gilbert King, Loyd  
 Lasley, Geraldine Lewis, Tom Malone, Wallace Ma-  
 lone, Leon McBride, Emma Moore, Euene Norris, Mel-  
 vin Oathout, Charles Osborn, Pauline Osborn, Fred  
 Pierson, Charles Price, Sr., George E. Ritter, David  
 Shores, Tom Skinner, Paul Sulcer, Irene Sullivan, Sher-  
 man Sullivan, Zenas Sullivan, Guy Terry, Lawrence  
 Thompson, Charles Waggoner, George W. Waggoner,  
 Cecil Walker, Jesse Webb, Bobby Wright. Roy and  
 Vivian Otterson did not report or it was lost. Suggested  
 that the State Association follow the recommendation  
 of the Quarterly Meeting of the Ottersons." We recom-  
 mended that those who meet State Association qualifi-  
 cations be given cards of good standing. Signed Com-  
 mittee:

Rev. Claude Hampleman, Chairman  
 Rev. Charles Osborn  
 Rev. Bobby G. Wright

Motion made and seconded that this report be ac-  
 cepted. Motion amended that we grant cards to those  
 who have complied to the rules. Motion on the amend-  
 ment was sustained. The main motion then carried.

The report of the Registration Committee given by Sis. Rita Ryan was as follows: Seven (7) Deacons, Forty-One (41) Delegates, Forty (40) ministers, and Thirty-two (32) visitors.

Motion sustained that this report be received for information.

The following individuals were elected to serve as delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptists which will be in Nashville, Tennessee, July 10-12, 1962: Mrs. Jane Norris, Mrs. Pat Shores, Mrs. Roberta Bain, Sis. Ella Mae Hiltibidal, and Mr. Bertis Maynard.

The report of the Nomination Committee was given by Rev. Lawrence Thompson as follows: Moderator — Rev. Claude Hampleman; Assistant Moderator — Rev. Charles Osborn; Clerk — Rev. Gene Norris; Assistant Clerk — Rev. George W. Waggoner; Treasurer — Mrs. Betty Hampleman. Executive Board — Rev. C. J. Kettelman and Rev. Everett Beaty. Home Mission Board — Rev. Guy Terry (1967). Foreign Mission Director — Rev. Leon McBride. Home Mission Director — Rev. Lawrence Thompson. Christian Education Board — Rev. Dwight Dame, Chairman (1965), Rev. Claude Hampleman, (1964), and Rev. Leon McBride (1963).

Signed Committee:

Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Chairman  
Rev. Everett Beaty  
Rev. Cecil Walker

Motion sustained that report be received and elect one by one.

Rev. Claude Hampleman duly elected as Moderator; Rev. Charles Osborn duly elected as Assistant Moderator; Rev. Gene Norris duly elected as Clerk; Rev. George W. Waggoner duly elected as Assistant

Clerk; Mrs. Betty Hampleman duly elected as Treasurer. Rev. Guy Terry was duly elected to serve on the Home Mission Board; Rev. Leon McBride duly elected as Foreign Mission Director; Rev. Lawrence Thompson duly elected as Home Mission Director; Rev. C. J. Kettelman declined nomination to serve on the Executive Board and nomination was placed on Rev. Paul Sulcer. Rev. Sulcer and Rev. Everett Beaty were duly elected to serve on the Executive Board. Rev. Dwight Dame, Rev. Claude Hampleman, and Rev. Leon McBride were duly elected as nominated to serve on the Christian Education Committee.

Motion sustained to pay the State Treasurer an additional \$150.00.

Motion sustained to allow each delegate the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars to help with expenses to the National Association.

Motion sustained to combine the Canaan District Association Minutes, the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference Minutes and the State Association Minutes into one booklet.

Motion sustained to adjourn. State Association closed by having a handshake and an offering was received which amounted to \$41.45.

Rev. Leon McBride and Rev. Levy Corey served as music directors and Mrs. Jane Norris as pianist.

Rev. Wallace Malone, Moderator

Rev. James Hicks, Assistant Moderator

Rev. A. Eugene Norris, Clerk

Rev. George W. Waggoner, Assistant Clerk

Mrs. Betty Hampleman, Treasurer

The following letter was received and is being placed in these minutes.

"On behalf of the entire missionary family in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, and through the continental United States—greetings!

The Board of National Home Missions wishes to express thanks to each of your churches, ministers, and members for their prayers and gifts this past year.

Your quota for 1962 was set at \$3,000.00 and to date you have given \$560.76.

We need your support **now** more than ever in the past, and feel that Free Will Baptists of Illinois will continue to pray and give for the National Home Missions cause.

We expect four new states to be brought into the National Association this year as a result of National Home Missions work. (Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, and Kansas) Other new areas added recently are—Alaska, Washington, District of Columbia, Oregon, and Monterrey, N. L. Mexico.

May this be a great session of your State Meeting.

Signed:

Rev. Homer Willis, National Board of Home Missions.

P. S. Please urge your churches to:

1. Send their Vacation Bible School offering to National Home Missions.
2. Place this department of work in their church budgets.
3. Observe November as National Home Missions month.
4. Receive a special offering on Sunday, November 18, which is National Home Missions, Sunday.

Listed below are the names and addresses of the ministers reporting and granted Cards of Good Stand-

ing by this Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.

L. E. Abel (O) 816 S. 12th Street .....	Mt. Vernon
Jesse Allen (O) .....	Bonnie
Jasper Armstrong (O) 804 W. Webster Street ....	Benton
T. E. Baine (L) Route 1 .....	West Frankfort
Albert Bays (O) .....	Sesser
Everett Beaty (O) .....	Ewing
Janice Blades (O) Route 1 .....	Marion
Richard Bray (L) Box 116 .....	West Frankfort
William Buster (O) 554 Spring Street .....	Aurora
Byford Campbell (O) .....	Ina
Paul Crites (O) Route 2, Box 717 .....	St. Charles
C. A. Curry (O) Route 3 .....	Thompsonville
Dwight Dame (O) .....	Sesser
Howard Flota (O) Route 1 .....	Mt. Vernon
Marshall Hamilton (O) 3333 Chicago Rd. ..	Chicago Hts.
Sharon Hamilton (O) 3333 Chicago Rd. ....	Chicago Hts.
Claude Hampleman (O) .....	Sesser
Louie Hanna (O) .....	Scheller
Alene Hanna (O) .....	Scheller
Floyd Hartley (O) .....	Scheller
Clifford Hicks (O) .....	Waltonville
Jimmie Hicks (O) .....	Waltonville
John W. Hiltibidal (O) Route 1 .....	Centralia
Johnnie Holmes (O) 713 Eads Street .....	Benton
Bob L. Jones (O) .....	South Roxana
Floyd Kash (O) Route 2 .....	Ina
Joseph Kearney — Route 1 .....	Benton
Arthur W. Kern (O) .....	Belle Rive
Oran W. Kersh (O) 507 S. 20th Street .....	Mt. Vernon
C. J. Kettelman (O) .....	Ewing
Gilbert King (O) Route 9, Box 291 .....	McHenry
Loyd Lasley (O) Box 201 .....	Benton

Geraldine Lewis (O) 1514 Thorn Street .... Chicago Hts.  
 Tom Malone (L) 405 N. Park Circle .... Nashville, Tenn.  
 Wallace Malone (O) 312 Prairie Avenue .. South Roxana  
 Leon McBride (O) 506 E. 9th Street ..... Johnston City  
 Emma Moore (O) ..... Springfield  
 A. Eugene Norris (O) Route 3 ..... Benton  
 Melvin Oathout (O) ..... Belle Rive  
 Charles Osborn (O) 296 Anderson Ferr. .... DesPlaines  
 Fred Pierson (O) Route 3 ..... Benton  
 Charles Price, Sr. (O) 2925 Weaver Street .. Granite City  
 George E. Ritter (O) Route 4 ..... Marion  
 David Shores (O) ..... Rinard  
 George W. Waggoner (O) Route 4 ..... Mt. Vernon  
 Tom Skinner (O) ..... Mattoon  
 Paul Sulcer (O) Route 1 ..... Ashley  
 Zenas Sullivan (L) Route 2, Box 13 ..... Thompsonville  
 Guy E. Terry (O) 1200 W. Stockton Street ..... Marion  
 Lawrence Thompson (O) ..... Sesser  
 Charles Waggoner (O) Route 1 ..... Ava  
 Cecil C. Walker (O) 825 W. Lindell St. .. West Frankfort  
 Jesse Webb (O) 1315 South 18th Street ..... Mt. Vernon  
 Bobby G. Wright (O) 16 Agus Drive ..... E. St. Louis  
 (O) — Ordained      (L) — Licensed

The Canaan District Association meet at the Tabernacle in Benton, Ill. on June 8, 1962 at 7:30 P. M.

Devotional: Rev. Clifford Hicks, Haggai 2:19

Song Service, Rev. Lawrence Thompson

Message: Rev. Wallace Malone, Deuteronomy 1:6-38

There was no business transacted.

### Saturday, June 9, 1962

Devotional: Rev. Tommey Skinner, Ephesians 4:1

Rev. George Waggoner elected acting Moderator,

Rev. Howard Flota elected Assistant acting Moderator.

Letters were read and accepted from the East Central and West Central Quarterly meetings. Motion made and seconded that the delegates be seated.

Business Committee: Rev. Jesse Webb, Rev. Tom-mey Skinner and Henry Grubb.

Closing Resolutions Committee: Effie Waggoner, Alene Waggoner and David Hauley.

Memorial Committee: Allie Galliher, Stanton Jones and Elver Bunnell.

Credentials Committee: Lawrence Thompson, Chairman Clifford Hicks and David Shores.

Motion made and second that business be adjourned until 1:30 P.M.

Message: Rev. W. S. Monneyham II Tim. 4:1-5

### **Saturday Afternoon**

Song Service: Rev. Lawrence Thompson.

Devotional: Rev. John Hiltibedal St. John 15

Report of Home Mission Board by Rev. Lawrence Thompson as follows.

We have a Missionary, Rev. Billy Buster on the field at Aurora, Ill. full time.

His salary is \$75.00 weekly which is underwritten by the Home Missions Board.

Other Cities such as Rockfort, Peoria, and Marion are being considered for our next Home Missionary project. We request your prayer support and continued financial support. We also request that all pastors promote our new 100 Club.

Signed:

Lawrence Thompson

State Home Mission Director

Balance in Treasury: \$3,777.00

Report of State Bible College by Rev. Claude Hampleman. There were 34 students enrolled.

The Business Committee recommended the following:

"When a deacon leaves a church and joins another church, it is our opinion that his deaconship is no longer in effect at his former church. Also, he is not a deacon of the church he joins unless voted on and elected by the governing body of the church. If elected by the church he joins, it is not necessary to be re-ordained."

We the Business Committee recommend that our as it reads and it be adopted by this Canaan District Association also this recommendation be forwarded to the State Association for adoption.

We the Business Committee recommend that our ministers and lay members use the King James Version, as a standard in Bible study and teaching due to passages of Scripture being left out and incorrect statements in other translations.

Signed Committee:

Bro. Henry Grubb

Rev. Jesse Webb

Rev. Tommy Skinner

Report of the Promotional Secretary was given by Rev. George W. Waggoner regarding progress and denominational work throughout the state. Motion sustained that Rev. Waggoner's report be accepted and forwarded to the State Association.

Report of the Credentials Committee: "We the Credentials Committee recommend that the names of the ministers submitted by the Quarterly Meetings be submitted to the State Association Credentials Committee for consideration for cards of good standing."

Signed Committee:

Rev. Lawrence Thompson  
Rev. Clifford Hicks  
Rev. David Shores

Report of the Resolutions Committee: "We the Resolutions Committee and the East Central Quarterly Meeting wish to thank the West Central Quarterly Meeting for the good meal and kind hospitality."

Signed Committee:

Bro. David Hawley  
Sis. Effie Waggoner  
Sis. Aileen Waggoner

Motion sustained that the report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted.

Report of the Memorial Committee: "We the Memorial Committee of the Canaan District Association hereby offer our sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. Be it resolved that the congregation stand for a moment of meditation in respect of the memory of these loved ones.

Signed Committee:

Bro. Stanton Jones  
Bro. Allie Galliher  
Bro. Elver Bunnell

The above request was granted with precious memories of the deceased.

Motion was made and sustained that (500) copies of the By-Laws and Constitution of the Canaan District Association be printed for distribution.

The election of delegates to the State Association Consisted of a total of twenty-four representing one from each church within the District.

Report of District Association Treasure given by Melvin Oathout and accepted.

The Committee appointed for this session were released.

Bro. Henry Grubb was elected as a member of the board of trustees for a three year term.

David Hawey, and Frank Farris were elected as program Committee members.

The election of officers were as follows:

Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Moderator Charles Waggoner, Assistant Moderator, Paul Sulcer, Clerk and Melvin Oathout Treasure.

Motion was then sustained to adjourn until the next Yearly Session.

A. E. Norris, Moderator  
Paul Sulcer, Clerk

### **Southern Illinois Free Will Baptists Yearly Conference**

The Forty Third Annual Session of the Southern Illinois Free Will Baptists Yearly Conference convened at the Tabernacle in Benton, Illinois June 15-16, 1962.

#### **Friday Night 7:30 P. M.**

Service opened by Congregation singing the theme song, "Seeking The Lost". Followed in prayer by Bro. Arthur Jones.

Welcome by Bro. George Ritter-Assistant Moderator. Meditation: "The Church Reaches Out Manifesting God's Power" by Bro. Dwight Dame using a part of Matthew 16th Chapter for his remarks.

Association called to order by Assistant Moderator, Bro. George Ritter. Bro. Ritter stated that the Clerk received a letter stating the resignation of our Moderator, O. C. McClerren. Motion then hade and seconded we accept his resignation. Carried.

Election of Moderator—Rev. Dwight Dame nominated. Motion made we declare Nomination Closed and elect by acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Special Music by Choir Composed of the Various Churches singing "To The Work" "What if It Were Today" "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men" "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and "If Jesus Goes with me".

The Arnold View Quartet then sang "Because of Thee" and "In Times Like These".

Message by Bro. George Waggoner using the theme "The Church Reaches out to Evangelize and Christianize." This was a wonderful message.

Benediction by Bro. Byford Campbell.

#### **Saturday Morning, 9:30 A. M., June 16**

Conference opened by singing "Since Jesus Came into My Heart," "His Way with Thee" and "I Am Resolved".

Credentials Committee then appointed by Chair. Those elected were: Bro. Cecil Walker, Arthur Jones and Claude Hempleman".

Meditation: The Church reaches out through the Demonination by Bro. Everett Beaty using a part of Acts 8 for the scripture. After a few remarks, the Meditation was Closed with prayer by Bro. Beaty.

Minutes of previous Conference was then read by Clerk. They were approved as read.

Letters of South Central and Northern Quarterlies were then read. Motion and second we accept letters as read.

Treasurers report was then given by Sis. Betty Hampleman.

June 17th, 1961 amount of Cash in bank .....	\$ 43.61
June 17th, 1961 Dues South Central Q.M. ....	75.00
June 17th, 1961 Dues Northern Q.M. ....	22.50

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Balance .....	\$141.11
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Paid out:

June 19, 1961 Dues Ill. State Association (\$5.00 for 13 Churches) .....	\$ 65.00
June 19, 1961 Jess Boswell Clerk .....	25.00
June 19, 1961 Betty Hampleman Treasurer .....	25.00
June 19, 1961 Betty Hampleman expenses .....	5.00

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Total paid out .....	\$120.00
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Balance in Treasury .....	21.11
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A short talk on Working Together: "The Church Reaches Out" by Bro. George Waggoner.

Bro. George Ritter gave a talk on Working Together; Using the Youth Camp reaches out.

Bro. Claude Hampleman then followed with "The School Reaches Out."

Business Committee appointed by chair: Leon McBride, Clyde Gulley and Everett Beaty.

Report of the official board given by Bro. Ritter concerning the nullifying of our Charter. Nothing has been done as yet as our Moderator (O. C. McClerren) had resigned and no one legally qualifies to do this.

Credentials Committee report given by Bro. Claude Hampleman: "The Northern Quarterly lists 6 ordained Ministers, 5 licensed ministers and 7 deacons all in good standing, however the names are not listed. The rest appears to be in good order and we commend them for having compiled each Church letter into one report.

We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters of Churches in Southern Illinois Yearly Conference and find irregularities as to form and listing Called for. Mt. Olive Church of the Southern Illinois Yearly, did not list names of Ministers, deacons and deceased. We Commend the Southern Ill. Yearly Clergy for Compiling all letters into one report. We recommend that reports be accepted as read.

Signed Committee:

Claude Hampleman  
Cecil Walker  
A. R. Jones

Motion made we accept the report of George Wagner as information. Motion seconded and Carried. Motion to accept the report of Bro. Ritter. Seconded and Carried. Motion to accept the report of Bro. Hampleman. Seconded and Carried. Motion to accept report of treasurer as information. Seconded and Carried.

The Nominating Committee was then selected from the floor. Those nominated were: Sis. Robert Bain, Bro. Jack Kettelman and Sis. Vaulta Cook. Motion made we Close Nominations and proceed to elect by Acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Chair then appointed The Auditing Committee. Those appointed were: Bro. T. E. Baine, Bro. Drennan and Bro. Wagner.

Closed business for to give way for the 11:00 Message.

Benediction by Bro. Dame.

**11:00 A. M.**

Service opened by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing," "Ready," "No Not one," and "Well"

Work till Jesus Comes" followed in prayer by Bro. Terry.

Committee on Necrology then appointed: Bill Blackburn, Bro. Thorndyke and Sharon McClerren

Message by Bro. Leon McBride using for his message the scripture found in Isaiah 54-2 Which also was a part of the theme "Reaching Out" using "Enlarge the place of thy tent" for a subject. Bro. McBride brought a wonderful message closing it with prayer.

Dismissed until 1:30 P. M. Benediction and blessing on food offered by Bro. Clyde Gulley.

### **1:30 P. M.**

Services opened by Congregation singing "In the Service of the King" and "Higher Ground".

Music by Johnston City Duet singing "Where We'll Never Grow Old".

Bro. George Ritter gave the Meditation "The Church reaches out through fellowship" using for his scripture John 1: 6-7.

Prayer — Sis. Betty Hampleman.

Special song by Sarah Lynn Blades "Will there be any Stars in my Crown?"

Report of Auditing Committee given. "We the Auditing Committee have examined the treasurers report and found it correct.

Signed Committee:

A. E. Drennan

Jesse Wagner

T. E. Baine

Motion made we accept this report. Seconded and Carried.

Report of Nominating Committee given: "We commend Moderator, Claude Hampleman, Assistant

Moderator, Dwight Dame; Clerk Irene Sullivan and treasurer Betty Hampleman.

Signed Committee:

Jack Kettelman  
Vaulta Cook  
Roberta Bain

Nomination for Moderator—Claude Hampleman. Motion made Nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Assistant Moderator—Dwight Dame. Motion made Nominations cease and elect by Acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Treasurer—Betty Hampleman. Motion made Nominations Cease and elect by Acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Clerk—Irene Sullivan. Motion made Nominations cease and elect by acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Report of Chairman of Necrology Committee:

Harmony (5) — Helen Everhart, Myrtle Lappin, Bessie Downs, John Hoffard and Miss Collins. Arnold View (4) Sis. Dorothy Parks, Bro Tom Shipman, Rev. J. O. Travelstead and J. T. Bundren.

Union (1) Jennie Mocaby

Ina (1) Sis. Lillie Williams

Webbs Prairie (2) Lee Britton, Opal Waggoner

Johnston City (5) Mrs. Wallece Wells, Merriel Sch-warm, James Bowden, Logan Felts and Charles Grant.  
Mt. Olive (2) Sharon Melvin and Arlie Elam.

We the Memorial Committee recommend that the above deceased members of the Southern Illinois Year-

ly Conference be remembered in silent prayer and meditation.

Signed Committee:

Sharon McClerren  
Herbert C. Thorndyke  
William Blackburn

Motion by Bill Blackburn and seconded by Bro. John Holmes that we accept this recommendation. Carried.

A Moment of silent Meditation followed with prayer by Bro. George Waggoner was given for the deceased.

Bro Ritter was appointed by the Chair to fill the vacancy on the business Committee. He filled the Vacancy of Bro. Clyde Gulley who had to leave.

Delegates to State Association were then appointed.

Motion made to send the following delegates from the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference to the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists which Convenes at Benton, Illinois June 22-23, 1962. Motion seconded and Carried. Those appointed were:

Roberta Bain — Webbs Prairie  
Aaron Drennan — New Hope  
T. E. Baine — Harmony  
Rita Ryan — Union Grove  
Sharon McClerren — Union  
Dick Roberts — Arnold View  
Mrs. Gertie Lawrence — Johnston City  
Herbert Thorndyke — Mt. Olive  
Vivian Sullivan — Plaster Grove  
Marie Williams — Ina  
Irene Hall — Des Plaines

Sharon Hamilton — Liberty

Bessie Elliott — St. Charles

Business Committee report then given by Bro Ritter.

Motion we receive this report and act on it, item by item. Seconded and Carried.

Item No. 1 We the business committee having read the proposed by-laws and Constitution recommend that they be adopted this date.

Motion made by Leon McBride that we adopt this item. Seconded and Carried.

Item No. 2 We recommend that every pastor, deacon and delegate urge the young people of their Churches to attend the National Youth Rally July 9-12.

Motion made by Bill Blackburn that we adopt this item. Seconded and Carried.

Item No. 3 We recommend that the Churches encourage and help their pastors to attend the National Association July 10-12.

Motion made we adopt this item. Seconded and Carried.

Reading of proposed by-laws and Constitution by Bro. George Ritter.

Motion we adopt proposed Constitution and by-laws as read. Seconded and Carried.

Motion we elect business and Credentials Committee from the floor. Second and Carried.

Nomination for 3 year-term business Committee member. Nomination on Bro. Leon McBride; 2 year term, Nomination on Bro. George Ritter and 1 year term on Bro. Cecil Walker.

Motion made we proceed to elect these 3 men on business Committee by acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Credentials Committee:

3 year term Nominee: Everett Beaty

2 year term Nominee: Byford Campbell

1 year term Nominee: James Coulson

Motion made we proceed to elect these 3 men as submitted. Seconded and Carried.

Three on program Committee selected from the floor. Those appointed were: Guy Terry, Dwight Dame and C. J. Ketteiman.

Motion made we proceed to elect by acclamation. Seconded and Carried.

Moderator then thanked the Conference for the Churches which did the serving.

Motion made we adjourn until Yearly Session in 1963. Seconded and Carried.

Dismissal prayer by Sis. Reba Ritter.

Moderator—Dwight Dame

Assistant Moderator—George Ritter

Clerk—Irene Sullivan

**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS**



**ARTICLE I**

Name

This organization shall be known as the **Illinois  
State Association of Free Will Baptists.**

**ARTICLE II**

Purposes

The purpose of the corporation as stated in its certificate of incorporation are—To unify the work of the various bodies composing this state association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the association, or that may hereafter be represented herein.

The corporation also has such powers as are now or may hereafter be granted by the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois.

**ARTICLE III**

Offices

The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in this state a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, and may have other offices within or without

the State of Illinois as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Composition**

The State Association shall be composed of two or more district associations and/or yearly meetings which are in turn made up of two or more quarterly meetings, which are composed of two or more local churches. District Associations or Yearly Meetings may be received into this body upon application by a majority vote of this body when in session for business.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Members**

SECTION 1. The voting members of this Association shall be:

- A. Standing delegates shall be all ordained ministers in good standing and active deacons in good standing with membership in some local church which is a member of the State Association through its subordinate organizations, and—
- B. Elected delegates as follows:—
  - 1. Each district association or yearly meeting shall be entitled to a number of elected delegates equal to the number of churches composing said association, and—
  - 2. Each local church which holds membership in the State Association through its subordinate organizations shall be entitled to represent directly with one lay delegate.
  - 3. An elected delegate shall hold office until his successor has been seated.

SECTION 2. The member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

SECTION 3. The membership of this Association may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, and may by a two-thirds vote terminate the membership and credentials of any member who becomes ineligible for membership.

SECTION 4. This Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any subordinate body.

SECTION 5. Membership in this association is not transferable or assignable.

## ARTICLE VI

### Finance

Section 1. Each district association or yearly meeting shall send five dollars (\$5.00) for each elected delegate to which it is entitled.

Section 2. Each local church that represents directly with a lay delegate shall send five dollars (\$5.00) with that delegate.

## ARTICLE VII

### Affiliation

This association shall be actively affiliated with with "The National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States," and shall make no regulations repugnant to that body.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Discipline**

This State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization. If there be any pending question of discipline, doctrine, or practices on the part of a subordinate organization, delegates of that organization shall not be seated until these questions have been settled.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a treasurer.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the membership at the regular annual meeting. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Vacancies may be filled or new offices created and filled at any meeting of the membership. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer or agent elected may be removed by the membership whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 4. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Executive Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. Moderator. The moderator shall be the principle executive officer of the corporation and shall in general supervise the business of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members. He may sign, with the secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation so authorized, all deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which this body has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by this body or by these by-laws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by this body from time to time.

Section 6. Assistant Moderator. In the absence of the moderator or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the assistant moderator shall perform the duties of the moderator, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the moderator. Any assistant moderator shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be officially assigned to him.

Section 7. Treasurer. If required by this body the treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the body shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all Funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in

the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article X of these by-laws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be officially assigned to him.

Section 8. Clerk. The clerk shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws; keep a register of the postoffice address of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be officially assigned to him.

Section 9. Assistant Clerk. The assistant clerk shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the secretary or by the moderator.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Executive Board**

Section 1. General Powers. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by an Executive Board composed of members as hereinafter specified when the corporation is not in session.

Section 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The members composing the Executive Board shall be

the moderator, the assistant moderator, and the clerk of the State Association, and three members from each of the member district associations or yearly meetings. Each of these three members from each district association or yearly meeting shall hold office for three years except those first selected, who shall serve as designated when chosen. One member of each district association or yearly meeting shall be chosen each year.

Section 3. Regular Meetings. A regular annual meeting of the Executive Board shall be held without other notice than this by-law immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of the members. The Board shall organize by selecting a chairman, a secretary, and any other officer deemed advisable, and shall execute any other necessary business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by or at the request of its chairman or by three of the members of said Board.

Section 5. Notice. Notice of any special meeting of the Executive Board shall be given at least two days previously thereto by written notices delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each member at his address as shown by the records of the corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any member may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a member at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the

transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these by-laws.

Section 6. Business. No business can be passed at any meeting without a favorable vote by a majority of the entire board provided, that if less than a majority are present at said meeting, a majority present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. All action must be reported to the State Association and is subject to approval of same.

Section 7. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Board shall be filled by the Board. A member elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

Section 8. Trustees. The Executive Board shall act as a Board of Trustees and shall carry on such duties as usually devolve upon such officers on behalf of and subject to the authority of this corporation.

Section 9. Deposits. All funds of this corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Executive Board may select.

Section 10. Gifts. The Executive Board may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Ministers**

Section 1. Ministers. This body shall have authority to license and ordain ministers whom they deem

qualified in accordance with the Treaties of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists, Chapter II, Section 1, paragraph 2. This authority may, for periods of one year at a time, be delegated to the quarterly meetings which are members of this body by virtue of their being members of district associations or yearly meetings which compose this body.

Section 2. Standing. This Association shall annually pass on the standing of each minister and issue certificates of good standing to those they deem worthy.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Seal**

The Corporation shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have certificates of good standing to those they deem worthy "Corporate Seal, Illinois."

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Waiver of Notice**

Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of Illinois or under the provisions of the articles of corporation or by the by laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **By-Laws**

This Association shall make any by-laws necessary to its regulation, not repugnant to this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote, provided proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing to the body on a previous day.

BY-LAWS  
OF  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



ARTICLE I

Meetings of Members

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall convene on the fourth Friday morning of the month of June in each year, for the purpose of electing officers and board members and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If said elections are not held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the election shall be held at a special meeting of the members called as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the members may be called either by the moderator or by the Executive Board, or not less than one-tenth of the members having voting rights.

Section 3. Place of Meeting. All annual meetings shall be held at the Tabernacle of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Alliance at Benton, Illinois, unless otherwise officially designated, and shall be held without other notice than this by-law.

Section 4. Notice of Special Meetings. Written or printed notice of special meetings, stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members, shall be sent by registered mail, to the clerk of each member church, not less than 15 nor more than 30 days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the moderator, secretary, or persons calling the meeting. If mailed, the notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the church clerk at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 5. Quorum. Two subordinate organizations must be represented by as many elected and/or standing delegates as they each have churches in their organizations to make a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6. Proxies. No proxy shall be allowed at any meeting of the members.

## ARTICLE II

### Committees

Section 1. Program Committee. A program committee consisting of the moderator, clerk, and one delegate from each subordinate body, selected for one year, shall arrange a program and distribute copies thereof for each regular session of the State Association.

Section 2. Other Committees. The moderator shall appoint such other committees consisting of not less than three persons as shall be necessary for the corporation.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum, and the act of a ma-

jority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Conduct of Business**

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order. Business shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order and in keeping with the Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of that body.

Section 2. Authority. This association shall not usurp any authority over the district associations, yearly meetings, or quarterly meetings that shall be under its supervision.

Section 3. Discussions. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

Section 4. Rulings. By a majority vote of the conference any ruling of the moderator may be overruled.

Section 5. Minutes. The clerk shall have the minutes printed of each year's session and distribute same to all churches composing the State Association. The publication may also include minutes of the district associations and yearly meetings which compose this body and such other information as he deems advisable.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Books and Records**

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep min-

utes of the proceedings of its meeting. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each year.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Deacons**

Section 1. This State Association recognizes the right of any local church to select, ordain, and give credentials to its deacons.

Section 2. Each church shall report to the annual meeting the names of its active deacons who are in good standing.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Amendments to by-laws**

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any regular meeting, provided such proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing to the body on a previous day, or at any special meeting, provided that at least fifteen days' written notice is given of intention to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new by-laws at such meeting.

Ernest Bowen



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