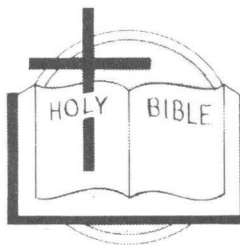


1973 Minutes
of the
Illinois State Association
of
Free Will Baptists



MINUTES OF
Canaan District Association
Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1973



**MINUTES OF THE 1973 ILLINOIS STATE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 22, 1973

Congregational Songs "Footsteps of Jesus" and "Higher Ground"

Prayer: Rev. William Buster

Moderator's Message by Rev. Jim Summerson, using Eccl. 5:5, and our church covenant. Closed with prayer.

The Moderator appointed David Shores Clerk Pro-Tem, who then called the meeting to order.

All standing delegates was recognized by the moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Committees: Bill Buster, Robert Helms, C. J. Ketterman.

Credentias Committee: William Mishler, Art Norris, Galen Warren.

The letters from the Canaan District and the Illinois Yearly were read. Motion sustained to receive the letters, seat the delegates, and consider the recommendations.

The Moderator recognized messengers from the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The following gave greetings from their respective departments:

Bro. John Hollis — National Home Missions

Bro. Jonathon Thigpen—National C.T.S. Department

Bro. Charles Thigpen — Free Will Baptist Bible College

**REPORT OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
FIRST MEETING: September 12, 1972**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jim Summerson, opening prayer by Ronald Malone. Roll call was answered by twelve members.

Motion sustained to approve organization meeting minutes.

Motion sustained to accept Ronald Malone proxy for Art Norris.

Motion sustained to accept Neal Sulcer proxy for H. D. Cockrum.

Motion sustained to pay clerk \$125.00 annual salary.

Motion sustained to pay mileage allowance to board members.

Board reports:

CTS, motion sustained to accept report.

Sunday School, motion sustained to accept report.

Foreign Missions, motion sustained to accept report.

Laymen's Board, motion sustained to accept oral report.

Christian Education, motion sustained to accept report and adopt report of treasurer Ronald Malone.

Report of Promotional Secretary:

Motion sustained to receive report and discuss the following recommendations:

1. That a 90-day loan of \$1000.00 from the general fund be made to the Christian Supply Centre'.
2. That a group hospitalization plan for pastors and other full-time Christian workers in the State Association be investigated. That churches giving to Cooperative plan be encouraged to support this.

Motion sustained the above items be adopted and that the Promotional Secretary make inquiries of insurance representatives and report back at next Board Meeting.

Motion sustained that Cards of Good Standing be granted to Mitchell Dutton, Larrie Shaw, and Lester Breeze.

Motion sustained that meeting adjourn, closed with prayer.

SECOND MEETING: December 12, 1972

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Opening prayer, Bro. Bob Stone. Roll call was answered by twelve members.

Motion sustained to approve minutes of last meeting.

Motion sustained to accept Jay Thompson as proxy for Wm. Blackburn.

Motion sustained to accept treasurer's report.

Old Business:

One insurance company agent said that group insurance for our particular situation was impossible for his company to write. Motion sustained that a committee of three check with other companies and a report to next Board meeting. Committee: James O'Dell, chairman, Carl Hinz, Art Norris.

Motion sustained to issue Ordination Credentials to Charles Rhodes and Robert Helms of West Central Quarterly at request of clerk. Motion sustained to issue Ordination Credentials to Larry Cook of East Central Quarterly at request of Bro. David Shores.

Motion sustained to accept Promotional Secretary's report and to consider recommendations item by item.

1. That Elliott Adresserette (on longer used) be sold to Bro. David Shores. Motion sustained to adopt — \$10.00 agreed upon.
2. That annual vacation for Promotional Secretary be discussed. Motion sustained that he be given 2 weeks vacation with pay each year on a fiscal year basis. This is to be retroactive to fiscal 1971-72 (Fiscal year is May through April).
3. That Pastor's Conference expenses be taken from treasury of the Christian Education Board. Motion sustained that this expense be reimbursed to the Christian Supply Centre' after substitute motion naming the General fund instead of the Christian Education treasury passed.

Motion sustained that Auditing Committee be chosen to audit Christian Supply Centre' books at end of the year. The Supply Centre' Advisory Committee was chosen: J. O'Dell, L. Clyatt, G. Ritter.

Motion sustained to pay the expenses of the State Moder-

ator and the Promotional Secretary to the Moderator and Promotional Men's meeting in Nashville, Tenn., January, 8-11.

Board Reports:

Christian Education, Motion sustained to accept report.

Sunday School, Motion sustained to accept report.

Foreign Missions, Motion sustained to accept report.

CTS, Motion sustained to adopt report.

Home Mossions, Motion sustained to adopt report.

Motion sustained to pay mileage to board members.

Motion sustained to adjourn, closing prayer by Larry Clyatt.

THIRD MEETING: March 13, 1973

Devotions by Jim Walker from Jer. 32:14, 15, 27, and 33:3, and then Bro. Walker led in prayer.

Jim Walker elected acting moderator in absence of Bros. Summerson & Crain. Motion sustained to approve minutes of last meeting. Roll call answered by eleven members.

Loyd Crain, Assistant Moderator arrived and took chair by vote of Board.

Old Business:

Group insurance was again discussed, and there was a motion sustained to have Committee to get bids on definite coverages and bring to the next meeting.

Motion sustained to accept Treasurer's report.

Board reports:

Home Missions, Motion sustained to accept report.

Foreign Missions, Motion sustained to accept report.

CTS, Motion sustained to accept report.

Sunday School, Motion sustained to accept report.

Christian Education, Motion sustained to accept report.

Motion sustained to accept Promotional Secretary report.

Motion sustained to appoint a committee to investigate re-organization of Promotional Secretary's duties and to contact Bro. Guy Terry about Bookstore operation and Care-taker of Campgrounds. Report brought to Executive Board at called meeting April 10. Committee: George E.

Ritter, Chairman, Bob Stone, Wm. Mishler.

Motion sustained that mileage be paid to board members.
Motion sustained to have chair appoint one committee member from Canaan Dist. and Illinois Yearly Meetings to arrange State Association Program with Moderator and Clerk. This to be reported to the board April 10.

Committee. David Shores, Canaan Dist., Larry Clyatt, Illinois Yearly.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Closing prayer by Bob Stone.

FOURTH MEETING. April 10, 1973

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Loyd Crain. Opening prayer by George Ritter. Roll call answered by eleven members.

Motion sustained to approve minutes of last meeting.

Motion sustained to accept Robert Helms as proxy for Jim Walker.

Motion sustained to accpet the report of the committee on reorganization of Promotional Secretary's work and to consider the report item by item.

1. Motion sustained that the Terry's be offered the caretakers job and bookstore operation. This would include house, utilities and \$75 per month salary.
2. Motion sustained to retain Bro. Gene Norris as newsletter editor and part-time Promotional Secretary at a salary of \$30 per week and mileage allowance for promotional travel.
3. Motion sustained that the above arrangements be effective June 11, 1973. Motion sustained to adjourn. Closing prayer.

FIFTH MEETING: June 12, 1973

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Jim Summerson. Opening prayer by Larry Clyatt. Roll call answered by twelve members.

Motion sustained to approve the reading of the minutes of last meeting.

Motion sustained to accept report of treasurer.

Motion sustained to accept Ronnie Malone as proxy for Art Norris.

Motion sustained that mileage be paid to board members.

Board Reports:

CTS, Motion sustained to receive report.

Foreign Missions, Motion sustained to receive report.

Home Missions, Motion sustained to receive report.

Sunday School, Motion sustained to receive report.

Christian Education, motion sustained to receive report and that a recommendation be passed on to the State Association. This recommendation is that any full time Christian worker who comes back to the state to work after graduation may repay his loan without interest.

Motion sustained to receive Promotional Secretary's report and to consider the recommendation.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Insurance Committee.

Motion sustained that the Insurance Committee be reimbursed for any money spent on phone calls and postage.

Motion sustained to grant credentials, on the recommendation of the West Central Quarterly, to the following:

John Hollis, Ordination

Marvin Reese, Ordination

John Rhodes, Exhorter's License

The recommendation from the Promotional Secretary's report concerning an allocation of money to the bookstore was considered.

Motion sustained that the State Executive Board recommend to the State Association that all Standing Boards whose treasury has a minimum of \$1000.00 annually should have the treasurer bonded. Fees for such bonds should be paid for out of the General fund.

Motion sustained to leave all allocations as they now stand. Motion sustained that all standing boards of the State Association and the Bookstore Advisory board present an annual financial report to be audited by the State Ex-

ecutive Board at the last meeting prior to the State Association.

Motion sustained to the recommendation that the expenses of sending the General Board member and the Promotional Secretary to the National be paid.

Bro. Larry Clyatt was elected to fill a 3 year term on the Bookstore Advisory Board.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Closing prayer by Ronnie Malone.

Motion sustained that the report of the State Executive Board be received and the requests be considered.

Report of State Promotional Secretary: Report No. 2

**REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
TO THE ILLINOIS STATE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, June 30, 1973**

My work this past year has consisted of managing the Christian Supply Centre', attending as many of the Quarterly meeting as possible, and promoting state and national ministries.

An itinerate was planned for Rev. Al Hamm. Assistant to the Director of Expansion for Free Will Baptist Bible College. He was in over twenty churches and obtained pledges and offerings exceeding \$16,000.00.

During the past two years, the Christian Supply Centre' has grown from an initial investment of \$750.00 (\$500.00 by the State Association and \$250.00 by the Sunday School Alliance) to its present value. A complete financial statement will be forthcoming when the bookstore is inventoried by the Advisory board. The Christian Supply Centre' receives no funds except from the sale of books and supplies; therefore, must have your business to continue expanding the stock. All but about three churches order Sunday School literature through the state store. We sell to two General Baptist churches and to two independent churches. Our net worth is approximately \$6,000.00. Due to the need of the Christian Supply Centre' needing to be open for business more hours each day, and

not having time available for this, I chose to submit my resignation as manager of the Christian Supply Centre' and as caretaker of the Campgrounds.

The work throughout the state is growing. Two Quarterly meetings, North Central and South Central, have conducted seminars or workshops to stimulate growth on the local church level. During the past year the First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield has been organized and has joined the North Central Illinois Quarterly Meeting. Remember, however, to pray for the few churches in Illinois without pastors.

Our work has also involved cleaning buildings for meetings, and trying to care for the grounds. This has been impossible most of the time due to the tractor not being in proper working order since before our move to the grounds. However, a new 12 H.P. Massey-Ferguson tractor was purchased about two weeks before our move from the grounds.

Continue to pray for the progress of the work in Illinois and around the world.

Nene Norris, Promotional Secretary

Motion sustained that the report of the State Promotional Secretary be received and a standing vote of thanks to Bro. Norris was given.

REPORT NO. 3

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

We the Committee on Committees make the following recommendations:

Auditing Committee:

Rev. Wallace Malone, Chairman; Rev. Guy Terry, Sis. Geraldine Lewis

Business Committee:

Rev. Jim Walker, Chairman; Sis. Blanche Martin, Rev. George Waggoner

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Loyd Crain, Chairman; Bro. Dixon Roberts, Rev.

John Hollis .

Memorial Committee:

Sis Ellama Hiltibidal, Chairman; Sis. Kay Hinz, Sis. Ruby Conner

Temperance Committee:

Rev. Larry Clyatt, Chairman; Bro. Ted Thompson, Bro. Everett Martin

Literature Committee:

Rev. Gene Norris, Chairman; Sis. Peggy Clyatt, Bro. Dan Sample

Signed:

Wm. Buster, C. J. Kettelman, Robert Helms

The report was read and referred back to the committee for correction. This correction to be read at the close of worship service.

A recess was declared by the moderator until 11:15. Prayer by Bro. Robert Helms.

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

Rev. Loyd Crain presiding.

Congregational Song 'I Will Sing the Wonderous Story'

Prayer: Rev. Wallace Malone

Message: Bro. Charles Thigpen, Dean, Free Will Baptist Bible College. Text: Romans 1:8-17, Prayer.

Motion was sustained to adopt the report of the Committee on Committees.

Dismissal for noon meal and prayer, Bro. Loyd Crain. A delicious noon meal was served.

Friday Afternoon Business Session

Congregational song, "Nothing But The Blood"

Devotions by Rev. Robert Helms from Acts 17:16-20, Prayer

REPORT NO. 4

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the Auditing Committee have examined the State

books and have found them to be in order.

Signed: Wallace Malone, Guy E. Terry, Geraldine Lewis

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Auditing Committee.

REPORT NO. 5

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

May 1, 1972 — April 30, 1973

RECEIPTS

Church	Total Received	\$ 880.21	\$ 60.00	\$ 806.07
Arnold View	\$ 1,746.27			
Bakerville	2,053.26	1,190.26	18.00	845.00
Bear Point	4,126.34	1,705.78	60.00	2,360.56
Benton	1,310.31	978.07	30.00	302.24
Bethel	6,525.44	3,235.53	55.00	3,234.91
Blue Point	2,901.09	963.14	288.95	1,649.00
Butterfield	2,096.87		180.00	1,916.87
Decatur	2,544.09	1,219.98	36.00	1,288.11
Elgin	2,384.64	2,057.37		327.27
Granite City	519.67	488.73	9.00	21.94
Green Rock	47.00			47.00
Harmony (W. City)	426.44		75.06	351.38
Harmony (W. F.)	1,120.59	862.00	45.00	213.59
Hazel Dell	1,185.06	150.03	60.00	975.03
Immanual	10.00		10.00	
Ina	4,901.23	1,468.06		3,433.17
Johnston City	7,155.03	2,578.03	120.00	4,457.00
Liberty	877.58	817.58	60.00	
Moline	673.00	613.00		60.00
Mount Vernon	1,800.96	1,740.96	60.00	
Nason	352.67	52.03	37.50	263.14
New Hope	323.47	268.47	55.00	
Oak Grove	25.00		25.00	

Oak Hill	340.75	330.75	10.00	
Oak Valley	749.10	284.78	79.12	385.20
Pleasant View	1,173.00	735.00	78.00	360.00
Rescue	702.79	464.73	50.00	188.06
Rockford	90.00	90.00		
Rock Springs	667.45	392.35	36.00	239.10
Salem	372.13	346.13	26.00	
Springfield	675.33	353.79	24.00	297.54
Union Grove	515.00	45.00	15.00	455.00
Waltonville	2,258.61	475.05	60.00	1,723.56
Webb's Prairie	585.00	419.50	60.00	105.50
Arthur Norris	85.00			85.00
Emma Moore	15.00		5.00	10.00
Juanita Cline	5.00			5.00
Fleeta Tracy	2.00		2.00	
Arnold View (Dues)	5.00			5.00
C.T.S. Board (Fees)	110.00			110.00
West Central Quarterly Meeting	100.00			100.00
East Central Quarterly Meeting	77.00			77.00
South Central Quarterly Meeting	60.00			60.00
Canaan District Meeting (Dues)	115.00			115.00
Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting (Dues)	115.00			115.00
TOTALS	\$53,924.18	\$25,206.31	\$1,729.63	\$26,988.24

CO-OP DISBURSEMENTS

National Association (45%)	\$11,342.82
Illinois Home Missions Board (20%)	5,041.28
General Fund (17%)	4,285.07
Sunday School Alliance (8%)	2,016.51
Christian Education Board (6%)	1,553.83*
Sunday School Board (2%)	462.68*
Church Training Service Board (1%)	252.06
Foreign Missions Board (1%)	252.06
TOTAL	\$25,206.31

*The Christian Education Board and the Sunday School Board had allocations for a portion of the year at 7% and 1% respectively.

DESIGNATED GIFTS DISBURSEMENTS

Illinois Home Missions Board		\$ 847.83
General Fund	\$436.45	
Benton Mission	\$411.38	
Free Will Baptist Service Radio Program		112.20
Free Will Baptist Home for Children		455.72
Free Will Baptist Bible College		2,949.63
Ella Rae Jones Missionary Account		1,028.00
C.T.S. Board		6.62
Oxford, Mississippi Mission		25.00
National Board of Retirement		50.00
General Fund		347.50
National Home Missions Department		3,028.37
Operational Fund	\$ 476.81	
A. J. Nason Account	105.00	
McDaniels Account	253.61	
Wenning Account	2,102.95	
Northern Lights Mission	90.00	
National Board of Foreign Missions		18,137.37
Operational Fund	1,617.47	
Willey Memorial Fund	100.00	
Call-A-Thon	150.35	
Palmer Account	173.93	
Cronk Account	93.51	
Ellison Account	45.00	
Fulcher Account	330.87	
Miley Account	1,296.63	
Turner Account	288.67	
Gibbs Account	102.50	
Eagleton Account	520.00	
Pinkerton Account	2,251.95	
Haas Account	370.27	
Payne (Bibles for Africa)	.60	
Caton Account	75.00	
McLain Account	365.50	

Hersey Account	7.846.53	
Hersey (Building Fund)	151.98	
Poole Account	50.00	
Oster Account	495.12	
Banks Account	287.00	
Sturgill Account	642.67	
Cousineau Account	870.82	
Hanna Account	11.00	
TOTAL		\$26.988.24

REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND

May 1, 1972 — April 30, 1973

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1972	\$ 2,703.93
Received: Co-operative Fund	4,285.07
Newsletter Fund	1,729.63
Arnold View (Dues to State Ass'n)	5.00
Canaan District (Dues to State Ass'n)	115.00
Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting (Dues to State Ass'n)	115.00
Church Training Service Board (Fees for contestants to National Youth Competition)	110.00
Springfield Church gift	2.50
Christian Supply Centre' (Repayment of Loan)	1,000.00
Total to be accounted for	\$10,066.13
Less disbursements for the year	8,015.33
Balance on Hand, April 30, 1973	\$ 2,050.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Gene Nosis (State Promotional Secretary)	
Salary	\$ 3,130.00
Mileage	390.89
Expenses to National Association	165.66
Expenses to Promotional Secretary's Meeting	50.00
Motel Expenses	8.40
Supplies for Office	25.50
Postage	34.47
Total	\$ 3,804.92
Pay-Less Market (Food for Bible College Choir	18.83

Dr. L. C. Johnson (Speaker at 1972 State Association)	50.00
Delegates to National Association, 1972	
Jodie Meade	30.00
Eunice Malone	30.00
Bertie Mishler	30.00
Reba Ritter	30.00
Bruce Wall	30.00
George Ritter (½ Clerk's Salary)	62.50
Jim Walker (½ Clerk's Salary)	62.50
David Shores (Treasurer's Salary)	360.00
C.T.S. Contestants at National Association:	
Dennette Russell	30.00
Carol Wall	30.00
Gail Johnson	30.00
Robert's Road Church	120.00
Pleasant View Church	120.00
Church Training Service Dept. (Fees for Contestants)	31.00
Southern Illinois Lumber Co. (Printing and paper for ledger)	5.00
Secretary of State (Filing fees for State Ass'n, 3 years)	6.00
Martin Insurance Co. (Bond for treasurer)	50.00
Wallace Malone (Expenses to National Association as General Board Member)	174.20
Christian Supply Centre' (Loan)	1,000.00
Christian Supply Centre' Reimbursements for:	
Newsletter expenses	389.43
Expenses of Pastor's Conference	220.14
Telephone Expenses	356.65
Total	966.22
Martin Printing Company (Printing of Minutes & Constitutions)	389.12
Expenses for Executive Board Members:	
Melvin Knott (Mileage)	1.20
Loyd Crain (Mileage)	10.00
Galen Warren (Mileage)	14.80
William Mishler (Mileage & Postage)	11.30

Jim Summerson (Mileage & telephone)	55.08
George Ritter (Mileage, postage & prone)	29.90
Jim Walker (Mileage)	38.80
David Shores (Mileage & telephone)	47.70
Hengst Office Supplies (Supplies)	242.36
Postmaster (Mailing permit, postage)	62.00
Bank of Benton (Checks)	6.90
National Association (Fees)	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,015.33

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Shores, Treasurer

Motion sustained to receive the report.

ILLINOIS STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

President — Ellamae Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill, Illinois 62893

Vice President — Peggy Clyatt, Ina, Illinois 62846

Secretary — Jan Hollis, 209 N. Humboldt, Marine, Illinois

Treasurer — Joyce Walker, Box 545, So. Roxana.

Illinois 62087

Field Worker — Geraldine Lewis, Bonnie, Illinois 62816

Members at Large:

Bertie Mishler (Loyal Workers District), 704 E. 9th St..

Johnston City, Ill.

Darlene Zimmerman (Northern District), 534 Kent Ave.,

Crete, Ill. 60417

Arcadia Prior (Lydia's Helpers), 211 N. Chestnut,

Sesser, Ill. 62884

Number Auxiliaries reporting 18

Number Districts 3

Enrollment at beginning of convention year 219

Present enrollment 221

Attendance at general meeting 176

Number visitors 31

Attendance at group meetings 12

Motion sustained to receive report.

REPORT NO. 7

Report of the Foreign Missions Board

This past year the board sponsored a going away supper

for the Fred Hersey's before leaving for Japan. One supper was held in southern Illinois and one in northern Illinois.

We sent letters of encouragement to every pastor to participate in the Call-A-Thon in April of 1973.

We have been encouraged with the churches who have had missionary conferences this year. We feel the churches in the state are becoming more mission minded every year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Walker, Chairman
Galen Warren, Secretary-Treasurer
Larry Montgomery

STATE FOREIGN MISSIONS FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Balance July 3, 1972 \$118.55

RECEIPTS

12 Monthly Co-op Checks	\$252.06	252.06
		370.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Jim Walker 8-23-72		
(stamps & phone conf.)	\$16.13	
Call-A-Thon 12-16-72		
(expenses)	19.26	
Galen Warren 12-16-72		
(phone calls & stamps)	3.49	
Bank Service Charge	.30	39.16
Balance June 21, 1973		\$331.43

Respectfully submitted,
Galen Warren, Treasurer

Motion sustained to receive the report of the State Foreign Missions Board.

REPORT NO. 8

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credential Committee, recommend the following ministers be granted cards of good standing by this State Association:

David Shores	Oran W. Kersh	Galen Warren
Dale J. Barnett	Wallace Malone	William Martin
Jim Summerson	James Goodwin	Loyd Crain
Val G. Tarlton	Charles Martin	James O'Dell
George Waggoner	Robert Helms	John Hollis
Marvin Reese	Archie Wright	John Hiltibidal
Larry Jones	Edward Wheeler	Geraldine Lewis
Ellamae Hiltibidal	Melvin Oathout	Clay Meyers
James Walker	Charles Rhodes	Thomas Skinner
Wm. Buster	Howard Flota	Dan O'Donnell
Larry C. Cook	George Capps	Pauline Osborn
Lesley Logsdon	Luther Hudson	Irene Sullivan
Floyd Hartley	Byford Campbell	Hazel Buick
Sherman Sullivan	C. J. Kettelman	Clifford Hicks
George Ritter	Jimmy Hicks	Billy Melvin
Claude Hampleman	Jerry Reid	Everett Beaty
Jesse Meade	Jack Edwards	Bob Stone
Danny Gray	Larry Clyatt	Wm. Mishler
Larrie Shaw	Guy Terry	Carlos Suttle
Gene Norris	Clinton Potter	James Butcher
Major Bailey	James Boggs	Gilbert King
Larry Montgomery	Mitchell Dutton	
David Turner	Leslie Elliott	

We further recommend that the following ministers who have not turned in reports to this Committee, turn them in to the Executive Board of this Association for approval or otherwise.

Joe Payne	Albert Bays	Dewy Merritt
Marsh Harpole	Carlos Downen	Jessie Allen
Cletis Reed	Jessie Hamilton	Johnnie Johnson
Lee LeVault	Paul Barnfield	

Signed:

Wm. J. Mishler
 Arthur Norris
 Galen Warren

Motion sustained to receive the report and that the names of those who have sent in report be issued cards of good standing, and those listed who have not sent in report do so to the Executive Board for approval or otherwise.

Motion sustained that the Business Committee study the recommendation of the Southern Illinois Yearly concerning permanent cards of good standing.

REPORT NO. 9

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt item by item.

Item 1: Upon request of Illinois Yearly Conference we recommend that the proposed amendment of Article 4 of the by-laws be removed from the table and adopted.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 1.

Item 2: We recommend that this State Association grant authority to the State Executive Board to receive into membership any of present Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings if, and when, they properly present themselves for membership.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 2.

Item 3: We recommend that the State Association pay the C.T.S. Registration fee for the C.T.S. contestants to the National Association and give a gift of \$20.00 to each contestant for traveling expense.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 3.

Item 4: We recommend that the State Association allow \$30.00 for each delegate to the National Association.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 4.

Item 5: We recommend a gift of \$60.00 to Rev. Charles Thigpen for services along with paying his expenses in coming to this meeting.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 5.

Item 6: We recommend that all standing boards whose treasury receive a minimum of \$1,000.00 annually should have their treasurer bonded. Fees for such bonds should be paid out of general fund. Amendment: The Executive Board be responsible for bonding these boards.

Motion to adopt was amended by adding that the Executive Board be responsible for obtaining bonds for each

board. Motion sustained as amended.

Item 7: We recommend that allocations to various departments remain the same.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 7.

Item 8: We recommend that all standing boards of the State Association and the Bookstore Advisory Board present an annual financial report to be audited by the State Executive Board at their last meeting prior to State Association. Motion sustained to adopt Item 8.

Item 9: We recommend that the expenses of the General Board Member and the Promotional Secretary to the National Association be paid.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 9.

Signed: Jim Walker, Blanche Martin, George W. Waggoner.

REPORT NO. 10

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD TO ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD ON COLLEGE LOAN FUND BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND REPORT TO STATE ASSOC. FOR YEAR 1973

Bal. 8-1-72		\$5049.18
Income: Illinois State Assoc. Coop.	\$1263.75	
Loan Repayment	610.00	
Interest	133.08	
Total Income	2006.83	2006.83
Loans: (1) \$400.00		400.00
Bal. 6-1-73		6656.01
Checking Acct.	\$ 440.45	
Savings Cert. Benton Bank	500.00	
Savings Cert. Wood River Bank	1000.00	
Savings Cert. Wood River Bank	2549.18	
Savings Cert. Wood River Bank	2166.38	
Total Break Down of Balance	\$6656.01	

Date Dep.	Money Rec. From	Ckeck Written To	Amt. Deposit	Loan	Balance
8-2-72	Dempsey Tucker				
		Ron Malone	\$4549.18		\$4549.18
8-21-72	Savings Cert. No. 6513		\$500.00		
		Benton Comm. Bank			5049.18
8-21-72	Savings Cert. No. a3593		\$1000.00		
		(1st Nat'l Bank of		\$1000.00	4049.18
8-21-72	Savings Cert. No. a3594		\$2549.18		
		Wood River, Ill.)		2549.18	1500.00
8-22-72		Larry Stevens		400.00	1100.00
8-22-72	State		178.77		1278.77
9-9-72	Gary Clayton Acct.		10.00		1288.77
9-19-72	State		49.91		1338.68
10-3-72	Mike Hicks Acct.		25.00		1363.68
10-12-72	State		159.85		1523.53
10-24-72	Gary Clayton Acct.		10.00		1533.53
10-25-72	Mike Hicks Acct.		20.00		1553.53
11-5-72	Don Ezell Acct.		50.00		1603.53
11-17-72	State		158.00		1761.53
11-21-72	Gary Clayton Acct.		10.00		1771.53
11-22-72	Mike Hicks Acct.				
		(Nason FWB)	50.00		1821.53
11-22-72	1st Nat'l Bank of Wood River				
		Int.	31.86		1853.39
11-22-72	1st Nat'l Bank of Wood River				
		Int.	12.50		1865.89
11-22-72	Mike Hicks Acct.		30.00		1895.89
12-18-72	State		110.58		2006.47
1-2-73	Mike Hicks Acct.		75.00		2081.47
1-5-73	Gary Clayton Acct.		10.00		2091.47
1-15-73	State		97.69		2189.16
1-26-73	Mike Hicks Acct.		20.00		2209.16

2-5-73 Gary Clayton Acct.	10.00	2219.16
2-20-73 State	166.75	2385.91
2-21-73 1st Nat'l Bank of Wood River		
Int.	31.86	2417.77
2-21-73 1st Nat'l Bank of Wood River		
Int.	12.50	2430.27
3-20-73 State	83.28	2513.55
3-22-73 Mike Hicks Acct.	20.00	2533.55
3-26-73 Gary Clayton Acct.	10.00	2543.55
4-11-73 State	112.83	2656.38
4-19-73 Mike Hicks Acct.	10.00	2666.38
4-20-73 Savings Cert. No. a3901		
(1st Nat'l Bank of W.R.)	2166.38	500.00
5-17-73 State	146.09	646.09
5-21-73 1st Nat'l Bank of Wood River		
Int.	31.86	677.95
5-21-73 1st Nat'l Bank of Wood River		
Int.	12.50	690.45
5-29-73 Mike Hicks Acct.		
(Waltonville FWB)	50.00	740.45
6-1-73 Don Ezell Acct.	200.00	940.45

Balance in checking: \$440.45 plus \$500.00 savings cert. at Benton Bank \$940.45 as of 6-1-73 Plus savings cert. of \$1000.00, \$2549.18 and \$2166.38 total balance of \$6656.01.

Motion sustained to receive report of the Christian Education Board.

REPORT NO. 11

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Names of deceased members from Illinois Yearly Conference:

Bernice Parton	Hattie King
Annie Loyd	Clifton Minter
Albert Gibbs	Harley Johnson
Dale Newbolds	Lydia Henderson
Jenny Ray	Laura Gibbs
Ovid Cole	Estella Isaacs

Names of members of the Canaan District deceased:

Nancy Jones	Mary Shepherd
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John J. Hiltibidal
 Izetta Harpole
 Ethel Bradley
 Mary Dethrow
 Vetra Wells
 Cora Culli
 Rev. James Fite
 Bessie Rothhoetz
 Rev. Johnny Holmes
 Rachal Stoctan

Florence Sweet
 Ed Cagle
 John Pierce
 Minnie Newbury
 Rose Long
 Fred Powell
 Allen McGovern
 Dell Wells
 R. W. Terry

We, the Memorial Committee, recommed that the body stand in a moment of silent prayer with the Moderator closing the prayer in memory of the above members of this State Meeting and in prayer for their families.

Signed: Ellamae Hiltibidal, Ruby Conner, Kay Hinz
 Motion sustained to receive the report and a moment of silent prayer with Moderator, Jim Summerson leading the congregation in a memorial prayer.

REPORT NO. 12

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONS BOARD'S TREASURER REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Chairman
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Members

Larry Clyatt
 Wallace Malone
 Wayne Martin
 William Buster
 Jesse Meade

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand 6-1-72 (checking account) \$ 2,954.57

RECIEPTS

Illinois State Association Co-op	\$ 5,068.28
Interest from Church Bonds	120.00
Illinois Womans Auxiliary	
(Not Home Missions)	226.16
Harmony West City FWB	
(Designated to Benton First)	44.38
Decatur FWB Womans Auxiliary	65.00

Green Rock FWB	27.00	
Bear Point FWB	40.00	
Arnold View FWB	44.42	
Bethel FWB	74.55	
Butterfield FWB	165.00	
Pleasant View FWB	60.00	
Johnston City FWB (Designated Benton First)	360.00	
Granite City FWB	5.48	
Wilson Avenue FWB (Payment for Chairs	60.00	
Benton First FWB (Payment on Loan)	600.00	
Wilson Avenue FWB	784.80	
TOTAL Receipts and Deposits		\$ 7,745.07

PAYMENTS

Rev. Galen Warren—Salary	\$ 1,895.00	
Rent	1,320.00	
Utilities	455.22	
Advertisements—Ankes Studio	6.00	
Ford, Inc. (Handbills)	36.75	
Haines & Essick (stencil & paper)	4.47	
Joyce Jaco (preparing report)	10.00	
Stamps	8.00	
Safety Deposit Box Soy Capitol Bank	6.00	
Bank Deposit Slips	1.69	
Telephone Service Including Two Conferences	61.38	
Mileage Paid to Members Attending Meetings	45.70	
Paid Expenses to Roy Thomas. Fied Worker, National Home Missions, Decatur (Meeting)	80.00	
Benton First FWB (Designated Giving)	411.38	
Soy Capitol Bank (Checking to Savings Account)	500.00	
TOTAL Payments		4,841.59
Checking Account Balance 6-1-72	\$ 2,954.57	
PLUS Receipts and Deposits	7,745.07	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$10,699.64

LESS Payments	4,841.59	
BALANCE ON HAND (Checking Account) 6-1-73		\$ 5,858.05
TOTAL BALANCE INCLUDES:		
Church Bond Houghton Heights FWB		\$ 1,000.00
Savings Account Plus Interest and Deposits		1,473.12
Note Benton First FWB Church (Owe on Loan)		2.100.00
Motion sustained to receive the Report of the Home Missions Board Treasurer.		

REPORT NO. 13

Report of Nominating Committee

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following names to fill the offices for the following year.

Motion sustained to receive report and adopt item by item.

Home Mission Board	Wallace Malone
	Motion sustained
C.T.S. Board	Mrs. William Mishler
	Motion sustained
Foreign Missions Board	Galen Warren
	Motion sustained
Sunday School Board	Jerry Norris
	Motion sustained
Christian Ed. Board	Ronald Malone
	Motion sustained
Layman's Board	Everett Martin
	Motion sustained
Executive Board	Danny Gray (Ill. Yearly)
	Loyd Crain (Canaan Dist.)
	Motion sustained
Moderator	William Mishler
	Motion sustained
Ass't. Moderator	Robert Helms
	Motion sustained
Clerk	George E. Ritter
Ass't. Clerk	Larry Cook

Item nominations from floor:

Clerk	Larry Cook
	Motion sustained
Ass't. Clerk	George E. Ritter
	Motion sustained
Treasurer	David Shores
	Motion sustained

Item nomination from the floor for Jim Summerson to fill the vacancy of William Mishler on the Executive Board. Motion sustained.

Signed: Loyd Crain

Dixon Roberts

John D. Hollis

Prayer: Daniel O'Donnell

FRIDAY EVENING, YOUTH SERVICE

The service opened with congregational singing of the song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", led by State C.T.S. Board Chairman Carl Hinz.

Prayer: Leory Blades.

Herald Declamation winner was Miss Myrna Key, of the Johnston City Church.

Crusader Declamation winner was Miss Annette Hamaker, of the Roberts Road Church.

Sword Drill winner was Miss Dennett Russell, of Decatur First Church.

Tic-Tac-Toe winners were Sarah Blades, Tim Hanock, Ralph Cola and Donna Sneddon from the Johnston City Church.

Bible Bowl winners were from the Roberts Road Church. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. George Waggoner.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 23

Prayer: Bro. Leslie Elliott

Congregational Song: "Amazing Grace"

Devotions from I Peter 2:2-6 and prayer given by Larry Cook

REPORT NO. 14

REPORT OF THE C.T.S. BOARD Report of tre State C.T.S. Board to the State Free Will Baptist Meeting June 23, 1973

The board met three times and held one phone conference. During this past year the following was done:

1. A letter was sent each church of the state mainly concerning:
 - a. Starting a C.T.S. in the churches without such.
 - b. Strengthening the C.T.S. in the local churches that are lacking enthusiasm

This letter also appeared in the Illinois Newsletter.

2. All quarterly conferences and the Canaan Dist. was attended by at least one of the board members.
3. The board assisted in competitive activities during the Canaan Dist., the South Central Quarterly Conference and the State.
4. The board voted to give each contestant \$20.00 and also pay the youth conference fee.

The winners for the State are as follows:

Sword Drill: 1st place, Dennette Russell
2nd place, Roger Reeds

Hearld Declamation: 1st place, Myrna Key

Crusader Declamation: 1st place, Annette Hamaker

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe: 1st place, Johnston City Church
2nd place. Pleasant View

Bible Bowl: 1st place. Robert Road
2nd place, Pleasant View

STATE C.T.S. BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance June 1, 1972	\$611.65
Receipts (1% from Co-op	
June	\$ 25.63
July	15.81
August	25.54
September	12.58
October	26.64

November	26.33	
December	18.43	
January	16.28	
February	27.79	
March	13.88	
April	18.80	
May	24.35	252.06
Reimbursement		31.00
Total Receipts		\$894.71
Disbursements		
National CTS Contest Fees	58.50	
Illinois State Association	110.00	
National CTS medals	60.25	
Honorarium, Feed Green	20.00	
Perho Sports Center (Stop Watch)	25.00	273.75
Balance in Bank June 1, 1973		\$620.96
Motion sustained to receive the report.		

REPORT NO. 15

Final Report of the Business Committee

Item 10: We recommend that interest on loans made to students by the Christian Education Board be cancelled for the first three years if they return to Illinois and become active in a F.W.B. church of the state association.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 10.

Item 11. We recommend that the Christian Education Board study the possibility of cancelling part of a Bible College students loan if he returns to Illinois in full time christian service.

Motion to adopt was amended to read: ' that the Christian Education Board make the recommended study and report to the State Association next year.'

Motion sustained to adopt Item 11 as amended.

Signed: Jim Walker, George W. Waggoner, Blanche Martin

The Moderator recognized Bro. Robert Reeds who gave greetings from the Sunday School Department. Also, rec-

ognized was Bro. Rufus Coffey who made a report from the National Executive Department.

Motion sustained to recess. Prayer by Brs. Clifford Hicks.

Saturday Morning Worship Service:

Bro. Loyd Crain presiding.

Congregational Singing: "He Lives" and "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes"

Prayer: Bro. Jim Walker

Congregational Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Message: Bro. Charles Thigpen, Dean. Free Will Baptist Bible College

Scripture: John 5:17-47

Dismissal Prayer: Bro. Bob Stone

A delicious noon meal was served

Saturday Afternoon Service, June 23

Congregational Singing: "When We All Get to Heaven"
"Count Your Blessings"

Devotions given by Bro. William Buster with scripture from Psalms 1:1-3 and prayer.

REPORT NO. 16

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Yearly Report to the State Association Meeting at the Campgrounds June 23. 1973

The State Sunday School Board met in a telephone conference a total of three times during the past year. The purpose of these meetings was to plan and conduct Enlargement Campaigns for the Sunday Schools in the churches across the State. There were two Campaigns conducted during the year. A Fall Enlargement Campaign during the month of October, 1972 and a Spring Enlargement Campaign during the month of March and including the first Sunday of April, 1973.

The results of the Fall Campaign of 1972 are as follows:

Division "A"—First Place—Bethel Church, South Roxana
Second Place—Johnson City church,
Johnson City
Third Place—First Church of Decatur

Division "B"—First Place—Blue Point Church, Cisne
Second Place—First Church of Elgin

Division "C"—First Place—First Church of Chicago

Division "D"—First Place—First Church of Benton
Second Place—Oak Hill Church, Ewing

The average percentage of increase for all 16 churches reporting back at the end of this campaign was 13.8% over the average attendance of the 2nd quarter of 1972.

The results of the Spring Enlargement Campaign held in March, 1973. are as follows:

Division "A"—First Place—First Church of Decatur
Second Place—Bethel Church, South
Roxana
Third Place—Johnston City Church.
Johnston City

Division "B"—First Place—Immanuel Church of Joliet
Second Place—First Church of Moline
Third Place—Hazel Dell Church of Benton

Division "C"—First Place—First Church of Benton
Second Place—First Church of Granite
City

Division "D"—First Place—Hoit's Addition Church of
Mt. Vernon
Second Place—Mount Olive Church of
Benton
Third Place—Oak Hill Church of Ewing

The average percentage of increase for all 15 churches reporting back at the end of the campaign was approximately 24% over the average attendance of the 4th quarter of 1972.

Respectfully submitted, James O'Dell, Chairman

Motion sustained to receive the report

REPORT NO. 17

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We recommend the State Association grant minister cards of good standing to the following:

Clifford Hicks

Claude Hampleman

Jerry Reid

Jimmy Hicks

Luther Hudson

Signed: Wm. Mishlet. Galen Warren, Arthur Norris

Motion sustained to adopt the report.

REPORT NO. 18

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

We, the Literature Committee, submit the following recommendations:

1. That all Illinois Free Will Baptist Churches use literature published by the Free Will Baptist Sunday School and Church Training Service Dept.
2. That Sunday School literature, Teacher Training materials, and other supplies be ordered from the Christian Supply Centre.
3. That each church begin a church library as it seems feasible. We recommend use of the Church Library Plan of the Christian Supply Centre as introduced in a recent Newsletter.
4. That each church encourage subscription for each church family to denominational publications: Contact, Depth, Heartbeat, Mission-Grams, and Free Will Baptist Bible College Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Norris, Danny Sample,
Peggy Clyatt ,

Motion sustained to receive the report.

REPORT NO. 19

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that the clerk of our State Association write to the States Attorney of Franklin County commending him for his faithfulness in carrying out his duties concerning the liquor license

issue in Barren Township.

Respectfully, Ted Thompson, Everett Martin, Larry Clyatt

Motion sustained to receive this report.

REPORT NO. 20

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Report of the Illinois Home Mission Board to the Illinois State Association

This report concerns the action taken by the home missions board during the past year. It is intended to be brief but yet informative. It is given in addition to the board's financial statement given by its secretary-treasurer.

The Home Mission Board composed of Larry Clyatt, chairman, Wallace Malone, Secretary and Treasurer, William Buster, Wayne Martin and Jesse Meade, met three times and held one telephone conference during the year. We personally feel that much progress was made through these.

In its October meeting last fall the board heard reports from the then Springfield mission. At the suggestion of its pastor, Bro. Galen Warren, and board member Wallace Malone, who works with the church, the board withdrew its regular salary support of Bro. Warren. However, the board did vote to continue to help the work by paying the rent and utilities of Bro. Warren. The board is continuing to do this at the present time.

During February, 1973 the board received a request to come and organize the Springfield mission into a church. This was done on Sunday afternoon March 4, 1973 by board member William Buster with the assistance of Bros. Jim Walker and Jim Summerson. Board member Wallace Malone is a member of the church.

Latest report from the church is that they have purchased property for a building at a cost of \$15,000.00 God has provided the majority of this cost already, though the church's wise planning. Pray for this most needed work.

During April, 1973, the board met with Bro. Roy Thomas of the National Home Mission Department to discuss the joint-project. After much time in discussion the board voted to enter into such a project with the National Department. At that same meeting the board interviewed Bro. John Hollis as a missionary candidate for the joint-project work. The board did vote to employ Bro. Hollis and in a later meeting agreed that he would work in Kankakee. Bro. Hollis is full time employed with the home mission board. He is presently doing itinerate work through out the state with plans to begin definite work in Kankakee this August. Pray and give to this new work. The more we are helped by you, the sooner we can start additional works in our state.

We have been blessed of God financially this year, and have been led of Him, we feel certain, in these works. Remember Illinois Home Missions when you pray.

Respectfully Submitted, Larry Clyatt, Chairman.

Motion sustained to receive this report.

The following delegates to the National Association were elected: Blanche Martin, Barbara Russell, Lillian Hamaker, Kenneth Orr, Bertie Mishler.

Motion sustained to adopt the minutes of the State Executive Board.

Promotional Secretary to inform Free Will Baptists of steps to be taken to deal with the moral problems around us.

A motion sustained that the following six names receive cards of good standing:

C. J. Kettelman

Pauline Osborn

Floyd Hartley

Irene Sullivan

Sherman Sullivan

Bernice Goddard

Moderator-elect William Mishler was introduced and a standing vote of thanks for the services of the 1972-73 officers was given.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARDS

Sunday School Board: James O'Dell, Chairman

Guy Terry, Secretary-Treasurer

Jerry Norris

Foreign Missions Board: Jim Walker, Chairman

Galen Warren, Secretary-Treasurer

Larry Montgomery

C.T.S. Board: Carl Hinz, Acting Chairman

Bertie Mishler, Secretary-Treasurer

Everett Beaty

Christian Education Board: Arthur Norris, Chairman

Ronald Malone, Secretary-Treasurer

Floyd Hartley

Layman's Board: Everett Martin, Chairman

Neal Suleer, Secretary-Treasurer

Robert Laur

Home Missions Board: Larry Clyatt, Chairman

Wallace Malone, Secretary-Treasurer

William Buster

Jesse Meade

Wayne Martin

Executive Board was organized with William Mishler, Chairman, Larry Cook, Secretary.

Motion sustained to pay George Ritter and Larry Cook \$62.50 each for services as clerk during the past year.

CANAAN DISTRICT MEETING

Friday night, June 1, 1973

Session opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Hollis. Devotion was given by Bro. Howard Flota using II Timothy 3:14-17 as his text.

Bro. O'Dell introduced State C.T.S. Director, Carl Hinz, who conducted the youth activities. Sword Drill contestants were Dennette Russell from the Decatur Church, Amy Hayes from Pleasant View, and David Malone from Bethel. Dennette Russell won first, David Malone won second, and Amy Hayes won third. In the Tic-Tac-Toe contests, Pleasant View played Decatur and won two out of three games. They then played Bethel and again won two out of three games. Therefore, Pleasant View was the District winners. Bethel Beat Decatur for second place.

The meeting was adjourned by Moderator Jim Walker.
Saturday Morning, June 2, 1973-9:30 a.m.

Session began with congregation singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", followed with Bro. Arlie Bailey leading in prayer. The congregation then sang "Love Lifted Me".

Devotions were given by Bro. Jim Summerson reading from II Corinthians 5:10-15.

The quarterly letters were read and accepted and delegates were seated. The moderator, Bro. James Walker appointed the various committees.

1. Registration: Sisters Geraldine Lewis, Linda Cook
2. Business: Bro's. Wallace Malone, George Waggoner, Loyd Crain
3. Memorial: Bro. Cloy Meyers, Sisters Wastina Campbell, Patsy Braddock
4. Credentials: Bro's .Robert Helms, James O'Dell, Dan O'Donnell
5. Nominating: Bro's Howard Flota, John Hollis, Byford Campbell

The morning session was dismissed for a short recess before going into the Worship Hour.

Services began by the congregation singing "At the Cross", followed with Bro. Dan O'Donnell leading in prayer. The congregation then sang "More About Jesus". Bro. James O'Dell brought the morning message taking his text from Solomon 3:4 and II Corinthians 11:1-4. Subject: Beautiful picture of love that Christ had for His church.

We were then dismissed for the noon hour.

Services resumed at 1:15 p.m. with the congregation singing "There is Power in the Blood". Led in prayer by Bro. John Hiltibidal.

Bro. Wayne McKee gave the devotion reading from Psalms 46:10.

Reports of Committees:

1. Registration: Ministers present, 19; Delegates present,

24; Visitors present, 27; Total 50.

Signed: Geraldine Lewis and Linda Cook
Report Accepted

2. Memorial: We ask that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of thoses our friends who have gone on to be with the Lord this past year:

Nancy Jones, Cora Culli, Mary Shepherd, Rose Long, John J. Hiltibidal, Fred Powell, Izetta Harpole, Bessie Rothhoetz, Ed Cagle, Allen McGovern, John Pierce, Dell Wells, Mary Dethrow, Rachall Stockton, Minnie Newbury, Vetia Wells, Rev. James Fite, Ethel Bradley, R .W. Terry, Florence Sweet, and Rev. Johnny Holmes.

Signed: Patsy Braddock, Cloy Meyers, Wastina Campbell

3. Credentials: We recommend that cards of good standing be issued to these ministers whose names are listed:

Ministers of Canaan District: (Ordained)

1 Melvin Oathout	17 William D. Martin
2 Geraldine Lewis	18 James Goodwin
3 James Walker Jr.	19 Jim Summerson
4 Charles L. Rhodes	20 Galen Warren
5 John Hiltibidal	21 H. Wallace Malone
6 Cloy Meyers	22 Dale J. Barnett
7 Wm. Buster	23 Leslie C. Elliott
8 Archie L. Wright	24 David Shores
9 Marvin L. Reese	25 Howard Flota
10 James O'Dell	26 Thomas Skinner
11 Robert Helms	27 Larry C. Cook
12 John D. Hollis	28 Byford Campbell
13 Loyd Crain	29 George Capps
14 George W. Waggoner	30 Dan O'Donnell
15 Charles W. Martin	31 Lesley L. Logsdon
16 Val G. Tarlton	

(Licensed):

- 1 Edward A. Wheeler 2 Larry L. Jones
3 Ellamae Hiltibidal

Signed: Rev. Dan O'Donnell, Rev. James O'Dell, Rev.

Robert Helms

We further recommend that Rev. Luther Hudson be further examined by the West Central Quarterly Examining Board concerning his views of speaking in tongues before a card of good standing be recommended.

Signed: Dan O'Donnell, Robert Helms, James O'Dell

4. Nominating: We present the following nominees:

Moderator: Bro. James O'Dell

Assistant: Bro. Jim Summerson

Clerk: Bro. George Waggoner

Treasurer: Bro. John Hiltibidal

Trustee: Bro. Larry Cook for three years

Program:

Robert Helms—West Central Quarterly

Wallace Malone—Northern Central Quarterly

Byford Campbell—East Central Quarterly

Signed: Howard Flota, Byford Campbell, John Hollis

This report was received and voted on by acclamation.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE
REORGANIZATION OF OUR STATE ORGANIZATION
WITH THE VIEW OF OMITTING THE DISTRICT
ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS: The Canaan District Association serves no vital purpose that cannot be assumed by a quarterly meeting and

WHEREAS: Said association is poorly attended; and

WHEREAS: the date of meeting seems to have conflicts and is close to the meeting dates of other associations. . . .

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. member quarterly meetings be encourage to withdraw from this association and represent directly to the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists by changing their constitutions and by-laws to make the meeting just prior to said State Association a "yearly meeting" only if and after the Proposed Amendment to Article

- IV of said State Association Constitution be adopted; and
2. this Canaan District hold an "adjourned meeting" during noon hour and place as the Sunday School Alliance meeting in October, 1973, to finalize and business relative to dissolution in the event that two quarterly meetings have voted for withdrawal.

Signed: George Waggoner, James O'Dell, John W. Hil-
tibidal

This report was received and voted on and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

Received 1972

East Central Quarterly	\$ 80.00
West Central Quarterly	50.00
Oak Grove Church	10.00
First Free Will, Decatur	10.00
North Second Church, Rockfort	10.00
First Free Will, Moline	10.00
Bethel Free Will, South Roxanna	10.00
First Free Will, Granite City	10.00
Waltonville Free Will	10.00
Hazel Dell	10.00
	\$210.00

Paid Out 1972

Clerks fee — two years	45.00
Treasurer fee — two years	15.00
State Dues	115.00
C.T.S. Awards	22.00
Walter Ellisom	100.00
	\$297.00

Balance Brought Forward	174.66
1972 Balance	210.00
	\$384.66
Less	297.00
6-1-73 Balance	\$ 87.66

Motion made to pay clerk and treasurer the same as last year.

Moderator appointed delegates to Illinois State Association:

Vicki Hollis, James Schultz, Everett Martin, Blanche Martin, Don Ezeal, Grace Bailey, Patsy Braddock, Grace Bruce, Jola Henry, Mary Hillard, Susie Meyers, Mrs. George Waggoner, Ellamae Hiltibidal, Eunice Malone, Danny Sample, Marie Buttum, Nina Gilliam, Dorothy Hamilton, Ruby Wicks, Ruth Dillon, Ruby Conner, Linda Cook, Wanda Meade and Ted Thompson.

Motion made to give each contestant from the Canaan District that goes to the National Meeting twenty dollars (\$20). Motion was carried.

The Canaan District request that any minister's name that is not included in this report from this district, be examined by your credentials committee, if approved, issued a card of good standing.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer.

Clerk: Edward Wheeler

Minutes of The Illinois Yearly Conference June 8—9, 1973

The fifty fourth session of The Illinois Yearly Conference was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening June 8, 1973. The meeting began with the congregation singing "The Old Account" and "An Old Time Christian." Prayer was offered by Pastor Danny Gray of the Union Grove Church, Galatia, Illinois.

Welcome was given by Pastor Jesse Meade of the host church, Immanuel in Joliet, Illinois.

Moderator, Pastor Larry Montgomery of the Butterfield Church, Aurora, Illinois, was introduced. He called the group's attention to the conference theme "Build the Church" as taken from Psalm 127:1. He also commented on the importance of the youth in that theme. This was done in view of the youth activities that were to follow.

Congregational singing continued with "Near the Cross."

Devotions were given by Pastor William Mishler of the

Johnston City Church, Johnson City, Illinois. He used Hebrews 11:1 and spoke of faith as being (1) Taking God at His Word, (2) More than intellect ,and (3) Going beyond human reason. He closed with prayer.

Pastor Jesse Meade took charge of the C.T.S. competitive activities.

Sword Drill competition was held between contestants from the Roberts Road and Johnston City churches. The Roberts Road contestant was the winner.

The Roberts Road Tic-Tac-Toe team was declared the winner in that area of competition because of no opponent.

Talent contestant, Kevin Norris of the Benton Church, presented a piano solo "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand." He was declared the winner because of no competition.

Herald's Declamation Competition was held between Myrna Key of the Johnston City Church and Vallerie Johnson of the Liberty Church. Judges declared Myrna Key the winner.

Metals were presented to all winners by Pastor Meade.

The moderator announced the Saturday services and urged all to be present. Closing prayer was offered by Pastor Gilbert King of the Roberts Road Church.

On Saturday, June 9, 1973, at 9:30 a.m. the conference continued in its annual session. The congregation sang "An Old Time Christian" and "I Have Somebody With Me."

Devotions were given by Bro. John Hollis, State Home Mission appointee to the Kankakee, Illinois area. He used I Corthians 15:58. He also spoke of his planned work in Kankakee while referring the conference to a couple of other scripture texts.

The Moderator, Pastor Montgomery, spoke ,again reminding the conference of the theme "Build the Church."

The conference was called to order for business by the clerk, Pastor Larry Clyatt of the Ina, Illinois church.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by the Assist-

ant Moderator, Pastor Meade.

M.M.S. & C. by the standing delegates that the program as planned by the executive committee be adopted.

Letters were read by the clerk from the Northern and South Central Quarterly meetings. Respectively, motions were made, second and carried that they be received, the delegates seated and the requests considered.

The minutes of the 1972 meetings were read by the clerk and approved as read.

Business committee members were recognized. Pastors Jerry Norris of the Elgin Church and Gene Norris of the Benton Church were appointed to fill vacancies for the day.

Credentials committee members were recognized. Pastor Danny Gray was appointed to fill a vacancy for the day.

The following were appointed to the memorial committee: Dick Roberts, chairman, Shirley Turner, and Harold Clark.

The following were appointed to the Closing Resolutions Committee: George Michalski, Chairman, Jo Ann Meade, and Lela Terry.

The following were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Arthur Norris, chairman, Don Conner, and Thelma Kolar.

The moderator made mention of items of business from last year's session concerning direct representation of Quarterlys to the State Association. He told the conference that the recommendation it had sent to the State Association last year was there tabled. He reminded the conference that it had given the moderator power to appoint a study committee for the matter and that he and the other officers had served as such. The following report was given from that committee:

The Executive Committee Recommends:

No. 1 — This Yearly Meeting go on record as favoring direct representation from the separate Quarterlies to the Illinois State Association.

No. 2 — We further recommend that this Yearly Meeting send a recommendation to the State Association later this month calling for the removal from the table and further consideration of the motion permitting such direct representation.

Signed,

Larry Montgomery

Jesse Meade

Larry Clyatt

M.M.S. & C. that this report be received and acted upon item by item. Respectively, items No. 1 and No. 2 were adopted.

State Promotional Secretary, Pastor Gene Norris, gave a brief report. He emphasized the up-coming State Association and its guest speaker Rev. Charles Thigpen, Academic Dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

The meeting was recessed until the 11:00 A.M. worship hour.

The service began with the congregational singing of "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer was offered by Rev. Billy Melvin.

A Crusader declamation was given by a young lady from the Roberts Road church. It was given at this time because she was not able to be present at the service when the C.T.S. activities were held. She was declared winner in her division because of no competition.

A special in song was given by Kay Hinz of the Johnston City church singing "Wonderful Peace."

Pastor Jesse Meade was introduced to speak on the subject "The Church: The House that Must be Built." He spoke of the called out assembly being (1) Separated but not isolated, (2) God Governed, (3) Protected, (4) Persecuted, (5) Hated, (6) One that meets with a purpose, (7) Supernatural, and (8) Predestined.

The service was recessed in prayer for the noon hour.

The conference reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the con-

gregation singing "Kneel at the Cross." Prayer was offered by Bro. John Hollis.

Time was given to Rev. Billy Melvin for a report of the National Association of Evangelicals of which he is Executive Director. N.A.E.'s address is Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

As the afternoon service was beginning, a special in song was given by Shirley Turner of the Liberty Church singing and playing "He Giveth More Grace."

Pastor Gene Norris was introduced for the afternoon message "The Holy Spirit: God at Work Building His Church." He spoke of the Holy Spirit's direction in the church's (1) Program, (2) Stewardship, (3) Leadership, and (4) Power. He closed in prayer.

The business session was again called to order.

The Credentials Committee report was called for and given as follows:

We the Credential Committee of the Ill. Yearly Conference, after having examined the annual minister's reports, recommend that cards of good standing be granted to the following:

Hazel Buick	Gene Norris
William J. Mishler	Guy E. Terry
Larrie Shaw	Bob R. Stone
Larry D. Clyatt	Danny G. Gray
Everett Beaty	Jack Edwards
Jesse Meade	Billy A. Melvin
Clinton Potter	Carlos J. Suttle
Major W. Bailey	James E. Boggs
James O. Butcher	Larry Montgomery
Mitchell K. Dutton	Gilbert King
David Turner	

We further recommend that due to the years of faithful services as ministers to our churches, the following receive a permanent Card of Good Standing as

long as good Christian conduct is maintained.

C. J. Kettelman

Sherman Sullivan

Floyd Hartley

Irene Sullivan

Pauline Osborn

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Mishler

Danny G. Gray

Gilbert King

M.M.S. & C. that this report be received and considered item by item. Respectfully motions were made, second and carried that both item be adopted.

The report from the Business Committee was called for and given as follows:

We the Business Committee make the following recommendation:

That the balance of funds in the treasury be divided equally among C.T.S. contestants competing at the National Association from this yearly meeting, after all bills and fees are paid. This, in the event that the Yearly Meeting is dissolved.

Signed,

Guy E. Terry

Jerry L. Norris

Gene Norris

M.M.S. & C. that this report be received and adopted.

The Memorial Committee report was called for and given as follows:

We the memorial committee recommend that we stand in silent prayer in memory of those deceased during the past year.

Signed,

Harold Clark

Shirley Turner

Dixon Roberts

M.M.S. & C. that this report be received and its recommendation followed. As the conference stood together, Pastor William Mishler lead in prayer.

The Closing Resolutions Committee report was given as follows:

We the closing resolutions committee wish to thank the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the conference and for the delicious northern cooking provided during the noon hour.

Signed,

George Michalski

Joanna Meade

Lela Terry

M.M.S. & C. that this report be received and that the conference give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

The floor was opened for the nominations of delegates from the Yearly Conference to the State Association. The following were placed in nomination:

George Michalski	Janet Orr
Dixon Roberts	Myrna Key
Jean Roberts	Kay Hinz
Lela Terry	Lana Furlough
Joanna Meade	Thelma Kolar
Bertie Mishler	Peggy Clyatt
Virgina Michalski	Don Conner
Annette Hamaker	Billie Conner
Shirley Turner	Jane Norris
Lillie Hamaker	Linda Bryant
Peggy Hamilton	Melinda Reyer
Linda Hamilton	

M.M.S. & C. that nominations cease and that these be elected by acclamation.

The report of the Nominating Committee was called for and given as follows:

We the nominating committee place the following names in nomination for the offices as stated:

Moderator Larry Montgomery

Assistant Moderator William J. Mishler

Clerk Larry D. Clyatt

Treasurer Reba Ritter

We place the following in nomination as members of

standing committees with three year terms:

Credentials Jesse Meade, 1976

Business Ken Orr, 1976

M.M.S. & C. that the report be received and the names placed in nomination. The floor was opened for further nominations. There being none, M.M.S. & C. that those nominated by the committee be elected by acclamation.

A time of announcement and testimony was held.

M.M.S. & C. to adjourn.

Moderator Larry Montgomery

Assistant Moderator Jesse Meade

Clerk Larry Clyatt

Treasurer Reba Ritter

Business Committee:

Guy Terry — 1974

George Ritter — 1975

Ken Orr — 1976

Credentials Committee:

James O. Butcher — 1974

Gilbert King — 1975

Jesse Meade — 1976

Officer for 1974:

Moderator Larry Montgomery

Assistant Moderator William Mishler

Clerk Larry Clyatt

Treasurer Reba Ritter