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-Friday Morning-

Congregational Song: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "Victory In Jesus."

Prayer: United prayer at the altar.

Meeting called to order by the clerk, Gene Norris; Introduction of the moderator, Rev. Wallace Malone.

Introductory remarks by the moderator.

Motion sustained to permit the moderator the privilege of making program changes as the need arises.

Appointment of the committee on committees: William J. Mishler, chairman, Jim Summerson and Bill Howard.

Motion sustained to waive the reading of the minutes of the Executive Board for this past year.

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Organizational Meeting. The Executive Board met following the annual session on March 28, 1981, to transact the following business: Election of officers - David Burgess, chairman; James O. Butcher, assistant chairman; Gene Norris, clerk. The Board is made up of the following members: David Burgess, moderator; James O. Butcher, assistant moderator; Gene Norris, clerk; Loyd Crain, chairman of the Christian Education Board: Art Norris. chairman of the Layman's Board; William Fulcher. chairman of the Foreign Missions Board; James Summerson, chairman of the Home Missions Board; Randall Steelman, chairman of the Church Training Service Board: Ken Elkins, Northern Illinois District; David Turner, North Central Illinois District; William Adcock, East Central Illinois District; Owen Ganey, West Central Illinois District; Ernie Lewis, South Central Illinois District; and Joey Murphy, treasurer.

The Associational Boards were organized as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: Loyd Crain, chairman; Howard Flota, secretary; George W. Waggoner, treasurer.

LAYMAN'S BOARD: Art Norris, chairman; Paul Moore, - secretary - treasurer.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD: Randall Steelman, chairman; Mike McClintock, secretary - treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD: William Fulcher, chair-

man; William Mishler, secretary - treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD: James Summerson, chairman; Wallace Malone, secretary - treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned with May 1, 1981, set as the next meeting date at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur at 7:30 p.m.

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY 1, 1981

Members present: David Burgess, James Butcher, William Adcock, Arthur Norris, Randall Steelman, Loyd Crain, Joey Murphy and Gene Norris.

Devotional was given by Rev. James Butcher using I Cor.

1:10.

Motion made, seconded, carried (MSC) to seat Mike Russell as proxy for James Summerson.

Motion sustained to approve the minutes as read.

MSC to adopt the treasurer's report of the General and Promotional Funds.

MSC to receive the oral report from the Promotional Secretary.

MSC to approve the report from the Home Mission Board along with their treasurer's report. The Board reported on the work in Effingham as well as Granite City.

No report was given by the Foreign Mission Board.

The Board of Christian Education has not met since the State Meeting, and had no report.

MSC to receive the report from the Church Training Service Board.

1. We have had one board meeting since our last meeting. It was held March 22 at the Hazel Dell Church for the purpose of organizing the 1981 CTS competitive activities. Those activities are scheduled for May 8 and 9.

2. We have not held a full board meeting to determine the officers for the coming year. We will do this May 9.

3. Our plans include promoting CTS in churches in our state. Both the competitive activities and training programs. Any recommendations that churches and pastors may want to make to the national organization will be referred for their consideration. (Signed) Randall Steelman, chairman

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# MSC TO ACCEPT THE REPORT FROM THE LAYMAN'S ROARD

On Wednesday night, January 7, Brother Art Norris and I drove to the Waltonville Church and met with them to present the Master's Men program. After the program was presented, we asked to help them organize, but they waited until the following Sunday night to organize.

March 14 - the Layman's Board sponsored a work day at the new camp to get it ready for the State Association meeting which was to be held there. We had a good number of workers show up and much work was accomplished.

On Saturday, April 4, Brother Art Norris and I drove to the Decatur Church where we met Brother Malone, Brother Cockrum and Brother Pittman, who drove us to the church at Niantic for a 1:00 p.m. meeting. I presented the Master's Men program to them and then helped them organize.

This brings to nine the number of chapters organized in

Illinois.

(Signed) Paul Moore, secretary - treasurer

# REGISTRATION REPORT FROM THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Forty-five visitors, ninety-two delegates and forty-six ministers.

The South Central District requested credentials be issued to William Russell Smith and Keith Fletcher. MSC to receive these requests and consider them individually.

MSC to issue certificate of ordination and card of good standing from the Illinois State Association to Keith Fletcher

to be dated on the day of his ordination.

MSC to issue certification of ordination and a card of good standing to William Russell Smith as soon as he complies with Article XII, Section 5, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists. (Carbon copies of this notification to be mailed to William Russell Smith and Pastor Alan Minton.)

MSC to grant Certificate of License and card of good standing to Cory Adams. This action was requested by the

East Central District.

MSC that the Executive Committee serve as a revisions committee and report revisions and corrections to the Constitution and By-Laws to the Executive Board at the meeting prior to the State Associational Meeting.

MSC that the clerk and treasurer be permitted to purchase cabinet for the storage of their respective records.

MSC to appoint an auditing committee to audit the treasurer's records. Loyd Crain and Randall Steelman were

appointed to this committee.

MSC to select David Burgess, David Shores and Gene Norris to formulate a plan to merge the Illinois Sunday School Alliance with the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.

MSC that the Illinois State Association sponsor a men's retreat with the planning to be done by the moderator and the

promotional secretary.

MSC that the moderator appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of Illinois hosting the National Association of Free Will Baptists and report at the next meeting. Those to serve on this committee are David Burgess, Reford Wilson and Wallace Malone.

MSC to receive the auditing committee's report as they audited the treasurer's records and found them to be in good

order.

MSC to meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur on Friday evening, August 21, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. for the next regular meeting of the Executive Board.

MSC to adjourn.

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AUGUST 21. 1981

Meeting called to order by the moderator.

Rev. Loyd Crain led in prayer, and the devotional was given by Rev. Jim Summerson using III John 4.

Rev. John Hollis was seated as proxy for Gene Norris. Motion made, seconded, carried (MSC) to approve the

minutes.

MSC to adopt the treasurer's report (both the General Fund and the Promotional Fund).

MSC to receive the report from the Promotional Secretary. He noted that several pastors had resigned.

The Home Missions Board have their report, and reported a vacancy on the board. MSC to receive the report.

The Foreign Missions Board reported no receipts or disbursements in their report. The balance remained at \$792.45. MSC to receive this report. They also reported a vacancy on the board.

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MSC to approve the report from the Christian Education Board.

MSC to receive the report of the Layman's Board.

Along with their financial report they offered as follows: During the last quarter the Layman's Board has had various telephone conversations, but we have only made one trip. During the month of June we drove to the Pleasant View Church and met the men there. We outlined the Master's Men program to them and encouraged them to organize. They didn't organize that night, and to my knowledge still has not organized.

MSC to receive the report of the Church Training Service

Board.

The Board had the Youth Conference competition on May 8 and 9 at the Hazel Dell Church with a good turn-out. We also had a board meeting in June. The board actions consisted of conducting the 1981 competitive activities, disposing of expenses of the competition, and determining allocations for contestants actually attending the national competition. The Board paid \$15.00 to each church for each contestant, and paid the registration fee for each entry.

Any recommendations for next year's competitive activities are needed including suggested program changes,

format changes and location.

The West Central Quarterly Meeting requested cards of good standing be issued to Floyd Hartley and Robert Helms.

MSC to approve these requests and that they be granted.
The Northern Illinois minister's reports were presented

with the request by the District to approve them for cards of good standing.

MSC to approve this item. They are as follows: James O. Butcher, Clifford D. Donoho, Ken Elkins, Fred Harder, John D. Hollis, Billy J. Maynard, Edward E. Maynard, Billy A. Melvin, Albert L. Tiner, J. Reford Wilson.

MSC to approve the request of the North Central District for a card of good standing be given to Charles Martin.

The treasurer reported that our Illinois I.D. number is 37-1098 11. Any board on the state level can use this number. Each church is to get their own number. MSC that the Christian Supply Centre get its own number.

MSC to grant ordination credentials and a card of good

standing to Mike Neuman as soon as possible.

MSC to accept a report by the committee on hosting the National Association.

MSC to appoint the Promotional Secretary and the clerk to compile a list of available men to fill board vacancies.

MSC to give the Promotional Secretary a raise of 10 percent retroactive to the first year anniversary date of this position.

MSC to allow the moderator to appoint a committee of three (3) to draw up plans for a full time promotional secretary (job description, insurance, social security, housing benefits, etc.), and report back in a called meeting October 2, 1981, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Decatur at 7:30 p.m. The clerk is to send out notices of this meeting. The committee appointed was: James O. Butcher, Gene Norris and Joey Murphy with David Shores present at the meeting. The clerk is to inform Chairman Butcher of this meeting so as to give a report on October 2 to the entire board.

David Burgess resigned as moderator of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists to be effective August 22, 1981. MSC to accept his resignation.

MSC for the new moderator to replace David Burgess on the Committee on merging the Sunday School Alliance and the State Association.

MSC that Loyd Crain replace David Burgess on the Committee on Hosting the National Association in Illinois. MSC to adjourn. Ernie Lewis dismissed in prayer.

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OCTOBER 2, 1981

Members present: James O. Butcher, Joey Murphy, David Shores, Gene Norris, William Adcock, H. D. Cockrum, John Hollis, Loyd Crain, Randall Steelman, Owen Ganey, Wallace Malone, James Summerson, Clifford Donoho.

Devotional and prayer by Rev. Cliff Donoho using Joshua 1:1-9.

MSC to seat the following proxies: Cliff Donoho for Ken Elkins, John Hollis for Ernie Lewis, Wallace Malone for William Mishler and H. D. Cockrum for Arthur Norris.

The report was given by the committee to study the feasibility of a full-time promotional secretary. MSC to receive the report for discussion. The report was as follows:

1. Continue position on a part-time basis as at present.

2. Elevate the position to a full-time position with this Executive Board working out the financial arrangements.

3. Office of promotional secretary be on a part-time basis with officer being permitted the privilege of pastoral responsibilities.

MSC to adopt item three (3). The promotional secretary be hired on a part-time basis, and he be allowed to pastor and continue present obligations.

MSC to accept resignation of James O. Butcher as moderator.

Vacancies were filled as follows:

Moderator - Wallace Malone, MSC to elect.

Assistant Moderator - James O. Butcher. MSC to elect. Foreign Mission Board - Cory Adams. MSC to elect.

Home Missions Board - Archie Mayhew to replace Larry Clyatt, and Cliff Donoho to replace Wallace Malone. MSC to elect.

Christian Supply Centre's Advisory Committee - Joey Murphy. MSC to elect.

MSC to accept resignation of Wallace Malone from the Home Missions Board.

Rev. Loyd Crain gave a slide presentation from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale regarding hosting the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

MSC to commend Rev. Loyd Crain for his report and accept report. MSC to adjourn! Benediction by Rev. Owen Ganey.

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD NOVEMBER 20, 1981

Members present: Wallace Malone, Arthur Norris, Owen Ganey, Loyd Crain, Joey Murphy, Randall Steelman, Gene Norris, David Shores, Ivan Ryan (for James Summerson), John Hollis (for William Adcock), and Ernie Lewis.

Prayer by Rev. David Shores and Devotional by Rev. Loyd Crain.

Minutes were read and approved.

MSC to seat the following proxies: John Hollis for William Adcock. Ivan Ryan for James Summerson.

MSC to adopt the treasurer's report.

MSC to accept the report of the promotional secretary. Rev. Shore has accepted the pastorate of the Ina Church. He has met with several pastors; resigned his position at the United States Post Office; and has assisted churches in any way possible.

MSC to receive the report of the Home Mission Board and asked Rev. John Hollis to report on the progress of the work in Effingham.

On October 22, 1981, there was a called meeting of the Home Mission Board at Decatur. Rev. Wallace Malone have the board his resignation in order to assume the position of the moderator of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists. Rev. Ivan Ryan was elected to serve as secretary treasurer.

The state work in Effingham is progressing nicely. They recently held their first revival. A young mother of two was saved. In October they averaged 19 in Sunday School which was their high monthly average. They had 22 in church this past Sunday. The church has assumed \$50.00 monthly in their support.

The board has been supplementing the Granite City Church since January of 1980. Next month the board will terminate support of the Granite City Church. From this past September the Granite City Church has received \$500.00 monthly.

The people of the state have responded well to the needs as they have been presented. Response to the recent Call-A-Thon has boosted our Mission work and presently the account is in good shape. Presently the balance of funds in the Illinois Home Mission work is \$3,728.89.

MSC to receive the financial report of the Foreign Mission Board.

MSC to receive the oral report of the CTS Board.

MSC to receive the report of the Christian Education Board.

The present balance is \$1,050.00. The board has not met since our last Executive Board meeting. Presently we have one application for a loan of \$250, and one requesting information for a \$500 plus loan. Income is basically from Coop with little coming in from repayment of outstanding loans.

MSC to accept the report of the Layman's Board.

During the last quarter the Layman's Board had no meetings, but we had telephone conversations. We have had no invitations to present the Master's Men program to any more of our churches. We urge you pastors to go back to your churches and talk to your laymen about the work of the

Master's Men, and we would be honored to come to your church and present the Master's Men program at any time and help you organize.

MSC that Jerry Reid make the request for duplicate or-

he is a member.

Rev. Bobbie Norton requested the return of his ordination credentials which he had voluntarily surrendered when he pastored a church which was not a member of the State Association. MSC that he be informed that he should join a church that is a member of the State Association, and that the Quarterly Meeting of which that church is a member make such a request to the Executive Board.

MSC that we send \$100.00 to the National Executive Department to be applied to the expense of the National

Association.

MSC that the expenses of the state moderator, clerk, and the promotional secretary be paid from the General Fund to the National Leadership Conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

MSC that William Howard, Jerry Presley, Daryl Ellis be issued Illinois credentials when the request is received from the West Central Quarterly Meeting.

MSC to request the National Executive office give a report of finances received on the National Association convention indebtedness.

MSC to adjourn. The next meeting will be on February 26, 1981, at Camp Hope at 7:30 p.m. (The program planning committee will meet in Effingham on January 8 at 7:00 p.m.)

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FEBRUARY 26, 1981

Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer: Rev. William Mishler. Devotional: Rev. Ernie Lewis.

Roll call answered by the following: Wallace Malone, Arthur Norris, Loyd Crain, Joey Murphy, William Mishler, Randall Steelman, Gene Norris, Ernie Lewis, James Summerson, William Adcock.

Arthur Norris requested that Paul Moore be his proxy. MSC to grant this request.

Minutes were read and approved.

MSC to receive the report of the promotional secretary.

MSC to adopt the treasurer's report.

MSC to receive the report of the Home Mission Board, and an auditing committee be appointed to audit the financial records at a later date. MSC that the moderator appoint this committee which is as follows: Gene Norris, Joey Murphy and William Mishler.

Foreign Missions Board Report given. MSC to adopt the report and the financial report.

Layman's Board report given. MSC to receive the report and adopt the financial report.

Church Training Service Board report given. MSC to receive the report and adopt the financial report.

Christian Education Board report given. MSC to receive the report and adopt the financial report.

Christian Supply Centre's financial report given. MSC to receive this report and adopt the financial report.

MSC that the Northern Illinois Youth Camp treasurer be notified that an annual treasurer's report is required to be included in the receiving of Co-op allocations.

MSC that we recommend the following Co-op allocations:

40 percent - National Association of Free Will Baptists

20.5 percent - Illinois Home Mission Board

14 percent - Illinois Promotional Fund

10 percent - Illinois General Fund

6 percent - Illinois Christian Education Board

3 percent - Christian Supply Centre'

3 percent - Northern Illinois Youth Camp

3 percent - Illinois Church Training Service Board

.5 percent - Illinois Layman's Board.

We the following have examined the Christian Education Board's treasurer's records and find them in order. (Randall Steelman, David Shores, Ernie Lewis.) MSC to receive the report.

We, the following auditing committee, have examined the State Treasurer's books and find all figures and funds in order as of this date, February 26, 1982. (Ernie Lewis, Loyd Crain, Randall Steelman.) MSC to receive the report.

The CTS books and financial records of the Christian Supply Centre' have been examined and found to be in order. (David Turner, Ken Elkins, Bill Adcock.) MSC to receive the report.

We have audited the books of the State Layman's Board and found them in order. (Jim Summerson, William J.

Mishler.) MSC to receive the report.

MSC that the price for all meals (\$2.50 per regular meal and \$5.00 for the banquet) be set at \$15.00, and lodging \$5.00 per person.

MSC to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Bobbie Norton.

Recognition of visitors.

Letters read from the District Associations. Motion sustained to receive the reports and seat the delegates.

Moderator Malone gave the charge to the delegates and offered prayer in behalf of the associational meeting.

Report from the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Dr. Melvin Worthington. Report from the National Board of Retirement and Insurance by its General Director, Rev. Herman Hersey.

Report from the Illinois Church Training Service Board by Joe Postlewaite. Motion sustained to receive this report.

## CTS BOARD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1981

1. The CTS Board sponsored the Illinois State Competitive Activities and Music and Arts Festival May 8-9 at Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church, Sesser, Illinois. As part of this activity, Bro. Brian Atwood served as youth speaker. The CTS Board did give some financial assistance to the church with CTS winners attending the National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Forty-eight contestants competed in the national competition from Illinois with several winning First and Number One ratings.

2. The CTS Board rendered assistance to churches for rules and guidelines for state and national competitive activities. Assistance was offered to churches who wanted to establish

CTS. No churches requested this assistance.

3. The CTS Board will continue to offer assistance to churches desiring to establish a CTS Program. We will also be promoting CTS and will sponsor the 1982 Competitive Activities.

Yours in service to Him, Randall Steelman Chairman, CTS Board

# CTS BOARD

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	FINANCIAL STA		
		1981	\$1,288.70
Check No.	Payee	Purposes	
253	Hazel Dell	Meals State Comp.	450.00
254	J. Postlewaite	Travel	5.00
255	M. McClintock	Travel	15.00
256	K. Douglas	Travel	40.00
257	Cash	Competition Chg.	100.00
258	W. Smith	Judge	15.00
259	D. McNeil	Judge	15.00
260	J. Harmon	Judge F	Returned
261	B. Atwood	Speaker	150.00
262	NYC	National Registration	115.00
263	NYC	National Registration	215.00
264	J. Postlewaite	Travel	18.72
265	R. Steelman	Phone & Postage	22.25
266	Randall House	Competition Material	s 400.68
267	Johnston City	28 Contestants	420.00
268	Bethel	13 Contestants	195.00
269	Hazel Dell	3 Contestants	45.00
270	Decatur	3 Contestants	45.00
271	Granite City	1 Contestant	15.00
272	R. Steelman	Registration - Hazel	D. 10.00
273	R. Steelman	Phone & Postage	25.50
Total Expe	nses		\$2,317.15
Deposits:			,
Date		Source	
4-20-81		rative Plan	53.22
4-20-81		rative Plan	56.73
4-20-81		rative Plan	52.88
4-20-81			143.44
5-8-81	Cooperative Plan Cooperative Plan		46.34
			613.80
6-8-81	O		
6-8-81	<b>A</b>		44.79
7-7-81 7-15-81	Cooperative Plan 53.60		
7-15-61 12-11-81	Registration I 96.00 Cooperative Plan 242.63		
	-	-	
Total Deposits			
Balance on	hand December	31, 1981	. 374.98
Note: Tw	o checks totaling	111.73 from Cooperati	ve Plan

are not included in the above balance since they were not deposited in the bank.

Business session recessed for the morning worship service. Prayer: Bro. Ed Shrum.

-Worship Service-

Congregational Song: "When We All Get To Heaven.."

Prayer: Rev. Leon McBride.

Song: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

Special Music: Solo by Rev. Michael Russell, "My House Is Full."

Message: Rev. Wallace Malone (Galatians 6:1 - 10).

Report of the Committee on Committees:

Credentials Committee: Chairman Ivan Ryan, David Shores, Reford Wilson.

Memorial Committee: Chairman Alva Darrough, Brenda Fowler, Eunice Malone.

Business Committee: Chairman Archie Mayhew, Ernie Lewis. Bob Laur.

Literature Committee: Ken Elkins, Jerry Presley, Floyd Gruen.

Temperance Committee: Joey Murphy, Byford Campbell, Gerald Powless.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Committee on Committees and these be placed on the respective committees.

Dismissed for Lunch.

# -Friday Afternoon-

Congregational Song: "At Calvary."

Prayer: Rev. Eugene Waddell.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee, by Bro. Click.

Recognized Rev. Billy Adkisson who represents the home mission work in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He gave a progress report of the work there.

Congregational Song: "Showers Of Blessing."

Special Music: Solo by Mrs. Shirley Turner, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

Message: Rev. Clyde Gulley.

# REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

"We, the Temperance Committee, do exhort Free Will Baptists of Illinois to give great attention and discipline to a regular and daily devotional time with the Lord, as well as faithful attendance to church service, both as individuals and as families."

"The Temperance Committee further recommends that this devotional discipline be a basic, and is necessary for performance of Christian principles of life and conduct solidly founded in the Bible. Let us assert ourselves anew to holy and moral practices and the rejection of sinful, immoral excesses in such contemporary issues as abortion, adultery and fornication, homosexuality, pornography and sexeducation in the public school."

"Finally, greater care should be considered in receiving and discharging members. The membership of our churches reflects the reputation of each member." (Signed: Joey

Murphy, Gerald Powless, Byford Campbell.)

Motion sustained to accept the report of the Temperance Committee.

Report of the National Foreign Missions Department by Rev. Eugene Waddell.

Report of the Literature Committee:

"We, the Literature Committee, offer the following:

Item 1. We commend Randall House Publications for the quality and content of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School material currently being published and distributed to our Free Will Baptist churches.

Item 2. We encourage our Free Will Baptist families to become more engaged in the reading of Christian materials. We recommend the Christian Supply Centre' as a source for the purchase of these materials.

Item 3. We recommend the participation of our churches in the Family Plan of receiving Contact magazine as encouraged by Dr. Worthington."

(Signed: Jerry Presley, Floyd Gruen, Ken Elkins.)

Motion sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item.

Item 1 read and adopted.

Item 2 read and adopted.

Item 3 read and adopted.

Report of the National Board of Sunday School and Church Training Service by General Director Dr. Roger Reeds.

Report of the promotional secretary (contained in the Digest of Reports), Rev. David Shores. Motion sustained to receive the report and commend Rev. Shores for his work in this capacity.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

During 1981, my wife and I drove almost 9,000 miles visiting churches in State Association. Since I began to serve in this position I have visited every church except the Greenrock Church in Colona. Also, I visited the District Meetings, conducted three revival meetings, and attended the Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

The mailing list for the "Illinois Newsletter" is now computerized with over 1,500 individual names plus a number of churches and organizations listed. It has been quite an undertaking to get names and addresses listed correctly, but we will continue to update the list each month.

Please help us with this.

The people of our state are to be commended for the faithfulness they have shown in giving to both State and National causes. We have gone over our budget in some departments. The per-capita giving of Illinois is the highest in our National Association. Last year our churches gave \$46.85 per member to the National Ministries. This is up from \$7.15 per member in 1970 and \$16.65 per member in 1975. So, you can see the

progress that is being made in Illinois.

Our Co-Op giving is down somewhat from last year. This is due to four or five churches having some financial problems and giving co-operatively for only part of the year; and to make an adjustment made in the reporting process by our State Treasurer. Next year the report will reflect a more accurate accounting for the entire period. Those same churches which were unable to give are now in the process of reinstating the co-op program and will be making contributions in the near future. Also, there are some churches which had never adopted co-op giving that have recently decided to support this plan. We welcome them.

We have one new church in our association, the Crossroads Church of Effingham. This church began in early summer and needs our prayers and support. Another church, the People's Church of Justice withdrew from our fellowship.

So, we lost one church, but gained another.

In October, I became pastor of the Ina Church. I am now serving as pastor and promotional secretary. Please remember me in your prayers as I serve in this capacity. Last year 25 churches had a pastoral change. Some of the churches had difficulty in locating a pastor. Pray the Lord of Harvest to send laborers into this work!

# David Shores

Report of the Illinois State Treasurer (Digest of Reports). The current address for the state treasurer is P. O. Box 202, West Frankfort, Illinois 62896. Motion sustained to adopt the report.

SUMMARY OF THE PROMOTION FUND Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 1981 \$3,745.31
Received During Year
interest necessed from N.O.W. Checking 211.42
Total Accountable For
Summary of Receipts:
Percentage From Co-op 5,911.00
Designated Newsletter
Designated Special Promotional Fund 38.50
David & Pat Shores 1,845.00
Bernice Hogshead
Bethel Church for Address Labels 14.00
Anonymous gift
Alexander Church
Arnold View Church
Bakerville Church
Bethel Church
Crossroads Church
Harmony W.F. Church
Ina Church
Immanuel Church
Johnston City Church
Mascoutah Church
Mishler, Rev. Bill
Mt. Vernon First Church
Niantic Church
Oak Grove Church
People's Chicago Church
People's Justice Church
Peoria Church         20.00           Pleasant View Church         25.00
Robert's Road Church
Paid Out During The Year 9,196.53

Summary of Payments: Rev. David Shores, Salary 6,887.50 Rev. David Shores, Mileage (7,798 miles) 1,159.70 (\$10 due) Newsletter Expense, printing, postage, etc 705.25 Letterheads, Envelopes, cards, etc. 84.40 Check printing bank charge 12.04 IBM Carbon Ribbons & Correction Ribbons 24.88 Box rental to be refunded by general fund 20.00 Loan to General Fund for Mileage check 43.50 Die cut stencil art work 6.81 Labels 52.45 Young's Office Supply, Machine overhaul 200.00				
Balance on hand, December 31, 1981 \$5,004.32				
TREASURER'S REPORT - 1981				
Church	Received	Co-op Plan	Newsletter	
Alexander	\$1,158.50	750.00	-0-	408.50
Arnold View	2,808.02	1,297.24	50.00	1,460.78
Bakerville	5,446.54	2,548.04	-0-	2,898.50
Bearpoint	5,934.74	2,637.53	-0-	3,297.21
Benton, First	4,958.39	715.00	-0-	4,243.39
Bethel	2,789.99	-0-	-0-	2,789.99
Blue Point	5,425.95	2,359.10	-0-	2,962.23
Butterfield	3,614.74	-0-	104.62	3,598.24
Crossroads	690.00	<del>-</del> 0-	16.50	690.00
Decatur, First	3,525.62	2,141.37	-0-	1,351.25
Faith (Milan)	2,147.58	202.00	33.00	1,945.58
Granite City	873.40	256.79	-0-	616.61
Harmony West	C. 424.77	-0-	-0-	369.77
Harmony West	F. 279.99	-0-	55.00	279.99
Hazel Dell	3,037.35	-0-	-0-	2,987.35
Highland	160.00	-0-	50.00	160.00
Hoit's Addition	55.00	-0-	-0-	55.00
Immanuel	504.85	-0-	-0-	504.85
Ina	11,838.50	2,683.00	-0-	9,155.50
Johnston City	13.998.75	5,345.00	110.00	8,543.75
Liberty	267.00	247.00	-0-	20.00
Moline	39.02	-0-	-0-	39.02

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Mt. Olive	30.00	-0-	-0-	30.00
Mt. Vernon	2,376.30	-0-	50.00	2,326.30
Nason	871.32	-0-	45.00	826.32
New Hope	717.06	662.06	55.00	-0-
Niantic	44.00	-0-	-0-	44.00
Oak Grove	494.29	494.29	-0-	-0-
Oak Valley	1,389.40	494.85	50.00	844.55
People's Chicago	4,352.00	-0-	-0-	4,352.00
People's Justice	130.00	-0-	-0-	130.00
Peoria	222.16	168.16	-0-	54.00
Pleasant View	4,915.36	1,792.00	-0-	3,123.36
Rescue	628.88	389.80	-0-	239.08
Rockford	1,033.75	742.33	-0-	291.42
Rock Springs	938.82	545.92	-0-	392.90
Salem	1,432.98	663.93	90.00	679.05
Springfield	714.11	429.32	-0-	284.79
Unity	934.87	-0-	25.00	909.87
Waltonville	7,472.36	3,016.08	55.00	4,401.28
Webb's Prairie	3,991.85	1,546.00	55.00	2,390.85
CTS N. Dist.	177.00	-0-	-0-	177.00
N. Ill. Qrtly.	144.00	-0-	-0-	144.00
S.C. Qrtly.	245.00	-0-	45.00	200.00
S.S. Alliance.	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00
W.C. Qrtly.	260.00	-0-	-0-	260.00
Cash Off. 81 Mtg	196.67	-0-	-0-	196.67
Totals	\$103.990.88	32,126.81	889.12	70,974.95

# SUMMARY OF CO-OP ALLOCATIONS

40 percent National Association \$12,850.70
20.5 percent Illinois Home Mission Board 6,586.00
17 percent Promotional Fund 5,461.56
10 percent General Fund
4 percent Christian Education Board 1,285.06
3 percent Christian Supply Centre'963.81
3 percent Northern Illinois Youth Camp 963.81
2 percent C T S Board
.5 percent Layman's Board 160.65
Total \$32,126.81

# REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND

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Balance on Hand, January 1, 1981 \$1,864.87
Received during the year:
Co-op
From Sunday School Alliance 300.00
District Dues:
West Central District 165.00
East Central District
North Central District 120.00
South Central District
Northern Illinois District 135.00
Direct Delegates Dues:
Bearpoint
Immanuel
Hazel Dell
Niantic
Unity
Arnold View
Interest from N. O. W. Checking 266.27
Total to be accounted for 6,348.83
Paid out during the year: Travel expenses, telephone, misc.: Joey B. Murphy
Art Norris
Randall Steelman
Bill Adcock
Owen Gainey
Jim Summerson
Ernie Lewis
John Hollis
Ken Elkins
Wallace Malone
David Turner
Loyd Crain
Ivan Ryan
David Burgess
Ed Shrum
James Butcher
David Shores
Cliff Donoho
Check printing charge 70.30
Registration fee to National Association 110.00
National Convention Indebtedness 100.00

Wallace Malone, Exp. to National Bd. Member
National Association Delegate fees
NOTE-Offering was received for Steve Lytle and sent to his account in the amount of \$196.67. This offering was received at the state meeting in 1981.
Balance on hand December 31, 1981 \$1,978.56
SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED GIFTS  Ella Rae Jones Account

Respectfully submitted, Joey B. Murphy, Treasurer

Report of the National Home Missions Department given by Rev. John Hollis, home missionary to Effingham, Illinois.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

#### 1981

# HOME MISSION BOARD

The members of your Illinois Home Mission Board are: Jim Summerson, Chairman; Ivan Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer: Galen Warren: Archie Mayhew and Cliff Donoho.

Our work in 1981 included assisting Rev. Owen Ganey and the Granite City Church through December. The work there is now self-supporting. We thank Bro. Ganey for his labor in Granite City.

In February we hired Rev. John Hollis to begin a new work in Effingham, Illinois. They held their first service on May 17 and averaged 12 in Sunday School, 12 in worship and 19 in the evening service for the month. In June they grew to an average of 16 in Sunday School and 18 in worship. They are now averaging in the 20s in both Sunday School and Church, and had a high of 30 in Sunday School on December 20. They recorded six saved and three baptisms during the year.

They have rented a nice building in a good location, right on Route 45, across from a shopping center.

Bro. Hollis's account continues to stay up each month. The Board had a special Call-A-Thon for Bro. Hollis and the Churches responded with over \$2,000.00. Many have given special gifts to the Mission, including a 1972 Ford Van from Faith Church of Island Lake. In addition, others have given baby beds, chairs, tables, printing machine, communion set, altar and a 4' x 8' sign.

We, as a Board, thank you for your support during 1981. It is because of your faithful support that we can make this report to the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.

We covet your prayers in 1982.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Summerson, Chairman

# REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS HOME MISSION BOARD January 1 - December 31, 1981

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Balance on hand 1-1-81	,051.93
RECEIPTS AND DEPOSITS	
Illinois State Co-op	
Alexander	
Arnold View	
Bakerville	
Bear Point	
Benton	35
Bethel	.09
Blue Point	
Butterfield	.00
Crossroads	.00
Decatur	
Faith	.30
Harmony W.C	.77
Harmony W.F	.00
Hazel Dell	.44
Highland	.00
Hoits Addition	
Immanuel	.09
Ina	.00
Johnston City	.00
Liberty	
Moline	.02
Mt. Olive	.00
Mt. Vernon	.00
Niantic	.00
Oak Valley	.55
People's Chicago	.00
People's Justice	.00
Peoria	
Pleasant View	.05
Rescue	.05
Rockford	.42
Rock Springs	.15
Salem	.05
Springfield	
Unity	.37
Waltonville	
Webb's Prairie	

Motion sustained that a change in by-laws Article 1, section 3, stating "Place of meeting. All annual meetings shall be held at a place designated at the previous meeting" be tabled until the Saturday session.

\$1,000.00

Savings Balance 12-31-81

-Friday Night

Service under the direction of the Illinois Layman's Board. Bro. Loyd Olson, general director of the National Layman's Board, brought the message from Luke 5:1-11. -Saturday Morning

Congregation song: "Standing On The Promises."

Prayer: Loyd Olson.

Song: "He Keeps Me Singing."

Report from Free Will Baptist Bible College by Public Relations Director Paul Ketteman.

#### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Item 1. We recommend the following ordained ministers for cards of good standing, Jerry Presley, Michael G. Russell, J. Luther Hudson, Geraldine Lewis, Melvin L. Knott. Jesse Allen, Daryl W. Ellis, Gary Portell, William Howard, Albert Bays, Loyd Crain, George W. Waggoner, Howard Flota, Jimmie Hicks, Melvin Oathout, Byford Campbell Randy Jones, C. J. Ketteman, Ernie L. Lewis, William J. Mishler, Joev B. Murphy, Gene Norris, Ivan Ryan, Irene Sullivan, Sherman Sullivan, Dean Walker, Harold Whitsell, Don Hanna, David Turner, Jim Summerson, Dan McEvers, H. Wallace Malone. Charles Martin, James O. Butcher, Edward Maynard, Billy J. Maynard, Fred Harden, Albert Tiner, Randy Bryant, D. Ken Elkins, Billy A. Melvin, J. Redford Wilson, William C. Adcock, James E. Boggs, Clifford D. Donoho, George Capps, Clifford Hicks, John W. Hiltibidal, John D. Hollis, Archie Mayhew, Michael Newman, David Shores.

Item 2. We recommend the following licensed ministers for a card of good standing. Cory Adams, Ellamae Hiltibidal. Motion sustained to receive the report of credentials

committee and grant cards of good standing.

Report from Northern Illinois youth camp by Rev. Randy Bryant. Motion sustained to receive this report.

# REPORT OF TREASURER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

1-1-81 to 12-31-81

Note: Christian Supply Centre owes our fund \$1,000.00 for a loan made 10-29-79. Loan was supposed to be for one year. We made two loans of \$500.00 each 1-1-82. Checkbook balance as of 2-25-82 is \$1,259.24. Total owed by students as of 2-25-82 is \$31,190.50.

George W. Waggoner, Treasurer

Motion sustained to receive this report.

# ILLINOIS STATE LAYMAN'S BOARD YEARLY REPORT

The year started off great with a drive to the Waltonville church Wednesday night, January 7. Brother Art Norris and I presented the Master's Men program to them and ask to help them organize that night. They waited until the following Sunday night to organize.

On March 14, the Layman's Board sponsored a work day at camp Hope to get it ready for the state association which was to meet there. We had a good number of workers show up and much work was accomplished.

On Saturday, April 4, Brother Art Norris and I drove to the church at Decatur where we met Brother Malone, Brother Cockrum and Brother Pittman, who drove us to the church at

Niantic for a meeting at 1 p.m. I presented the Master's Men program to them and then helped them to organize.

During the month of June, Brother Art Norris and I drove to the Pleasant View Church and met with the men there. We outlined the Master's Men program to them and encouraged them to organize. We couldn't get enough interest to get them to organize.

We have not been able to get invited into any more of our churches during the last half of this year, but we did have two more of our churches organize Master's Men chapters. One of these was at Peoples F.W.B. at Justice, Illinois, and the other was at Bethel F.W.B. at South Roxana, Illinois. That gives us four new chapters this year and brings to a total of ten chapters in the state.

We have established a goal of 15 chapters in our state by the end of 1982. That means that we must have five new chapters. We have 41 churches in our state association which means that 31 of our churches don't have Master's Men. Will you let God bless your church and you by being one of the five new chapters in 1982?

Paul Moore, Secretary-Treasurer

# ILLINOIS STATE LAYMAN'S BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT YEARLY REPORT

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS DEB	ITS CREDITS
Balance brought forward January 1, 1981	630.08
Check for mileage to Waltonville January 7, 19	981 11.40
Deposited co-op fund check January 26, 1981	13.22
Check for noon meal at youth camp cleanup	p
March 14, 1981	85.00
Check for mileage to Decatur April 4, 1981	55.05
Deposited co-op fund check April 10, 1981	35.86
Deposited co-op fund check May 1, 1981	11.60
Deposited co-op fund check June 1, 1981	11.20
Check for mileage to Pleasant View Church	l
June 11, 1981	15.30
Deposited co-op fund check July 13, 1981	13.40
Deposited co-op fund check August 3, 1981	16.09
Deposited co-op fund check September 8, 1981	13.06
Deposited co-op fund check October 19, 1981	14.20

Deposited co-op fund check November 9, 1981 17.31		
Deposited co-op fund check December 4, 1981 11.34		
TOTALS \$166.75 \$787.36		
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1981 \$620.61		
DALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1901 \$020.01		
Paul Moore, Sec. Treasurer		
Motion sustained to receive this report.		
Motion sustained to receive this report.		
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CHRISTIAN SUPPLY CENTRE'		
(Bible Book Store)		
119 South Main Street Benton, Illinois 62812		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1981		
Balance brought forward, January 1, 1981 \$3,287.09		
Receipts:		
Customer sales		
Sales tax collected		
Sales to churches, schools, etc. (exempt) 5,270.05		
Paid on accounts (separate for 3 months) 911.08		
Sunday School and CTS Literature 33,913.18		
Co-op Plan of Support		
Benton Community Bank (loans) 7,500.00		
Miscellaneous (voided checks, credits, etc.) 643.03		
Total receipts		
Total Available Cash		
Disbursements:		
Randall House Publications \$21,300.87		
Standard Publishing3,529.15		
+Other Publishers and Suppliers 11,649.25		
Utilities		
Rent (Guy Reed)		
Advertising		
Salaries		
Freight and Postage		
Taxes and License (\$589.16 from 1980) 1,035.08		
Petty Cash (paid out for postage, janitorial		
supplies, small charitable contributions,		
trash hauling, etc 609.23		
Office and Store Supplies 280.94		
Building Maintenance		
Insurance on contents		

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Christian Booksellers Assoc. Membership 75.00	
Benton Community Bank (repay loans) 9,500.00	
Benton Community Bank (interest) 309.75	
Miscellaneous Expenses 76.50	
Total Disbursements	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1981 \$339.86	

+Publishers and suppliers most often used are Riverside Bible and Book House, Spring Arbor Distributors, Cicero Bible Press, Broadman Press, David C. Cook, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Benson Publishers, Swanson, Baker Book House, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Zondervan, Sword of the Lord, Warner Press, Cross Publishers, Christian Publications, Clarence Larkin.

Motion sustained to receive this report.

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

To: The Executive Board and the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Balance brought forward from November 20, 1981 . . . \$792.45

# NO RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR:

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# DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR:

Fred Hersey Account	\$264.00
Lynn Miley Account	\$264.00
Dennis Owen Account	\$264.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$792.00

Balance in Johnston City Bank February 26, 1982 . . . \$000.45

Respectfully Submitted, William J. Mishler, Treasurer

Board Members: Bill Fulcher

Billy Maynard Wm. J. Mishler

Motion sustained to receive this report.

# PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, place in nomination the following:

To the Executive Board from district meetings: Northern, Ken Elkins; West Central, Ed Shrum; South Central, Ernie Lewis; East Central, William Adcock; North Central, David Turner

To the Board of Missions: Redford Wilson.

To the Christian Education Board: Howard Flota.

To the CTS Board: Mike McClintock.

To the Layman's Board: Denzil Cockrum.

No further nominations, a motion was sustained to elect those nominated.

Benediction by Moderator.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Song: "Kneel At The Cross." Offeratory Prayer: Rev. George Waggoner.

Special Music: The Blue Point Quartet, "Then I Met The Master," Solo by Rev. Michael Russell, "To God Be The Glory."

Message: Rev. C. J. Ketteman.

Lunch.

Congregational Song: "Victory In Jesus."

Prayer: Bro. Galen Warren.

Special Music by Blue Point Group, "The Old Country Church."

Message: Rev. Floyd Hartely.

#### BUSINESS SESSION

Item 1. We recommend a rising vote of thanks be given to the women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Benton for their fine work in providing meals for this meeting. We further recommend that our clerk write a letter of thanks to the Illinois Free Will Baptist Sunday School Alliance for the use of these facilities and that we make a contribution of \$100.00 toward paying the utilities.

Item 2. We recommend that this body accept the previous audit of Northern Illinois Youth Camp report as the Executive Board was not able to complete this audit.

Item 3. In receiving the report of the CTS Board, we recommend that the winners of the national CTS competition

and those who received a 1-rating be listed in the annual CTS Board Report.

Item 4. In viewing the extensive work of the clerk's office, we recommend that the annual clerk's fee be raised from \$200.00 to \$250.00 annually.

Item 5. We recommend that this State Association give \$50.00 toward the expenses of our elected delegates to the National Association. We further recommend that this Association pay the expenses of the National Association General Board Member from our State. We further recommend that the expenses of the State Promotional Secretary be paid to the National Association from the fund set up for his salary and expenses.

Item 6. We recommend that a \$100.00 gift of appreciation be given to the State Moderator each year and that this be given when the clerks and treasurers fees are paid.

Committee: Archie Mayhew, Ernie Lewis, Bob Laur.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the business committee and act upon it item by item.

Motion sustained to adopt 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.

## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Memorial Committee, recommend that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Claude Robbins of Hazel Dell, David Chaptman of Hazel Dell, Bestie Taylor of Hazel Dell, Jennie Johnson of Hazel Dell, Bill Klinker of Hazel Dell, Thelma Whitlow of Hazel Dell, Ella Roberts of Hazel Dell, Lester Lewis of Nason, Beulah Cagle of Nason, Bert Morgan of Nason, Herman Foster of Bethel, Bessie Broadhurst of Bethel, Ferne Mandrell of Harmony West City, Pearl McCann of Rescue, Howard Thompson of Bear Point, Les Lappin of Oak Grove, Lori Adams of New Hope, Anna Strickland of New Hope, James Stevens of Ina, Rosalie Warren of Alexander, Floyd Millin of Unity (Bradley), Cora Cahaun of Pleasant View, Arthur Rainey of Mt. Vernon, Robert Wheller of Johnston City, Enos Martin of Johnston City, Mable Draper of Johnston City, Amanda King of Salem,

Earl Rushing of Arnold View, Bertie Page of Webbs Prairie and Marie Boyer of Butterfield.

We further recommend that the moderator call on someone to pray audibly.

Motion sustained to adopt this report.

Nominations for National Association Delegates were: Eunice Malone, Pat Shores, Paul Moore, Jane Norris and Violet Crain. Motion sustained to cease nominations and elect.

Nominations for Nominating Committee: Wallace Malone, George Waggoner and John Hollis. Motion sustained to cease nominations and elect.

#### FINAL REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Treasurer, Joey Murphy; Clerk, Byford Campbell; Asst. Clerk, Leon McBride; Asst. Moderator, Gene Norris; and Moderator, Loyd Crain.

Motion sustained to receive this report and declare these

men elected to these offices.

Motion sustained to accept resignation of Loyd Crain from the Christian Education Board.

Wallace Malone nominated to fill this vacancy on the Christian Education Board. Motion sustained to elect Wallace Malone. He becomes chairman of this Board.

Motion sustained to remove from table item of business,

By-Law change.

Motion sustained to change Article 1, Section 3, to read "Place of meeting. All annual meetings shall be held at a place designated at previous annual meeting."

#### BOARD ORGANIZATION

Christian Education Board, Wallace Malone, chairman; Howard Flota, secretary; George Waggoner, treasurer.

Illinois Layman's Board, Arthur Norris, chairman; Paul Moore, secretary-treasurer.

Board of Missions, Jim Summerson, chairman; Ivan Ryan, secretary-treasurer.

Motion sustained to give the Christian Education Board the authority to employ a collection agency to help collect outstanding loans.

Roll call Aye 26, Nay 10.

Motion sustained that item 5 and 7, page 22 of 1981 minutes, be removed from table.

Motion sustained item 5 be adopted.

Motion sustained item 7 be adopted.

Motion sustained to petition the Sunday School alliance for permission to conduct the 1983 State Association Meeting at Camp Hope.

Motion sustained to declare offices of Randy Settle and

Kelly Douglas on CTS Board vacant.

Nominations John Hollis and William Mishler to fill these vacancies.

Motion sustained to elect these two men.

CTS Board organized: Randall Steelman, chairman; Mike McClintock, secretary-treasurer.

Motion sustained to adjourn.