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Free Will Baptists**



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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MARCH 27, 1987

The Twenty-Seventh State Association met at the Cross-roads Free Will Baptist Church in Effingham with 32 ministers, 40 delegates and 89 visitors registering for the meeting.

—Friday Morning—

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, Bro. Larry Cook, and the congregation was led in the song "Stand Up For Jesus" with prayer by Bro. Ernie Lewis. A welcome was given by Bro. John Hollis.

Bro. Kelly Douglas gave a devotion on the topic: The Propagation of the Word, using Psalms 119:105 and Matthew 4:4. The main thought was the need the world has for the Word.

—Business Session—

The moderator recognized the standing delegates. A motion was sustained to adopt the program and allow for any necessary changes to be made.

Motion sustained to seat the delegates and receive the District reports. Motion sustained to seat the following church delegates: Lois Butcher-First Elgin, Mary Jo Kaufman-Alexander, Bonnie Doggett-First Johnston City, LaDonna Blades-Harmony W. Frankfort.

REPORT NO. 1

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following people serve on the following committees:

Credentials: Wallace Malone, Ivan Ryan, Ken Doggett.

Business: Paul Blades, Kenny Orr, Art Collins.

Temperance: David Turner, Bea Presley, Voliet Crain.

Literature: Aline Waggoner, Cleo Leonard, Imogene Conner.

Memorial Committee: Wanda Ferguson, Sarah Fletcher.

Motion sustained to receive the report and to place these on the respective committees.

REPORT NO. 2 REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

1986 RECEIPTS

Church	Total	Co-op Plan	Newsletter	Designated
Alexander	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
Arnold View	7345.03	5,330.37	65.00	1,949.66
Bakerville	6,308.93	4,127.93	0	2,181.00
Bear Point	11,773.37	4,635.14	75.00	7,063.23
Benton	4,216.00	780.00	0	3,436.00
Bethel	6,624.82	2,175.00	0	4,449.82
Blue Point	5,493.88	600.00	0	4,893.88
Butterfield	5,635.56	0	187.50	5,448.06
Calvary	1,103.00	0	0	1,103.00
Crossroads	7,075.69	120.00	0	6,955.69
Decatur	6,806.34	4,693.42	33.00	2,079.92
Elgin	0	0	0	0
Faith (IL)	0	0	0	0
Faith (Milan)	0	0	0	0
Freedom	400.00	0	0	400.00
Granite City	725.12	185.13	0	539.99
Green Rock	0	0	0	0
Harmony (WC)	156.70	0	55.00	101.70
Harmony (WF)	2,092.97	1,725.00	60.00	307.97
Hazel Dell	6,509.46	100.04	55.00	6,354.42
Immanuel	2,490.59	1,275.59	140.00	1,075.00
Ina	24,870.00	5,304.00	0	19,566.00
Johnston City	12,957.75	4,430.00	0	8,527.75
Liberty	0	0	0	0
Mascoutah	1,024.99	0	0	1,024.99
Moline	0	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0
Mt. Vernon	2,348.48	0	0	2,348.48
Nason	1,385.69	0	60.00	1,325.69
New Hope	992.00	723.00	69.00	200.00
Niantic	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	679.92	619.92	60.00	0
Oak Valley	821.10	0	55.00	766.10
People's (Chi.)	0	0	0	0
People's (Just.)	900.00	100.00	0	800.00
Peoria	0	0	0	0
Pleasant View	6,963.37	2,146.51	0	4,816.86
Rescue	299.44	299.44	0	0
Rockford	0	0	0	0
Rock Springs	2,297.95	995.84	0	1,302.11
Salem	1,631.30	580.00	100.00	951.30

Church	Total	Co-op Plan	Newsletter	Designated
Springfield	80.00	80.00	0	0
Unity	779.86	0	0	779.86
Waltonville	9,271.72	2,437.07	55.00	6,779.65
Webb's Prairie	3,250.37	1,415.00	95.00	1,740.37
Other	3,821.83	44.83	76.00	3,701.00
Total	<u>\$150,033.23</u>	<u>\$45,823.23</u>	<u>\$1,240.50</u>	<u>\$102,969.50</u>

SUMMARY OF CO-OP ALLOCATIONS

	1986	1985
National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$11,455.82	\$11,037.89
Illinois Board of Missions	9,164.64	10,227.92
Illinois State Assn. Promotional Fund	7,331.70	7,670.94
Illinois State Association General Fund	4,353.25	4,858.21
Sunday School and Christian Ed. Board	2,520.26	2,812.67
Bookstore Indebtedness Fund	916.46	1,534.18
C.T.S. Board	1,832.93	1,534.18
Northern Illinois Youth Camp	0	511.41
Laymen's Board	458.22	511.41
Jerry Presley Benevolent Fund	0	1,747.00
Camp Board	7,789.95	8,693.72
	<u>\$45,823.23</u>	<u>\$51,139.53</u>

SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED GIFTS

	1986	1985
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$ 2,944.50	\$ 4,656.80
National Home Mission Board	13,467.66	13,579.01
National Foreign Mission Board	54,016.37	55,961.14
Illinois Board of Missions	27,581.85	31,018.56
Free Will Baptist Home for Children	532.50	898.31
Camp Board	1,305.62	1,128.91
Gospel Missionary Union	1,440.00	1,610.00
World Relief	492.00	533.00
Camp Caleb	204.00	0
Calvary F.W.B. Church Pew Fund	0	267.00
Crossroads F.W.B. Church Building Fund	145.00	1,694.75
Jerry Presley Benevolent Fund	0	325.00
Christian Supply Centre	0	200.00
Adult Camp Board	175.00	100.00
National Association Executive Office	375.00	200.00
Rex Maynard	290.00	50.00
Randall House Publications	0	185.00
	<u>\$102,969.50</u>	<u>\$112,407.48</u>

REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND

BALANCE ON HAND AT JANUARY 1, 1986 \$ 654.41

RECEIPTS:

Co-op	\$4,353.25
Dues from churches and districts	675.00
Receipts from State Association banquet	789.00
Interest earned on checking account	230.95

TOTAL RECEIPTS

6,048.20

\$6,702.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

Board members' expenses to meetings	\$1,410.45
Office supplies & postage	972.39
Clerk's salary (Larry Cook)	275.00
Treasurer's salary (Michael Johnston)	480.00
Moderator's honorarium (Daryl Ellis)	100.00
1986 State Association meeting expenses	1,251.06
Printing minutes of 1986 State Assn.	348.03
Delegate expenses to National Assn.	500.00
1986 National Association dues	440.00
Corporate fee and bank service charges	11.00
Premium for Treasurer's bond	134.66

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

5,922.59

BALANCE ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31, 1986

\$ 780.02

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL FUND

BALANCE ON HAND AT JANUARY 1, 1986

\$ 148.81

RECEIPTS:

Co-op	\$7,331.70
Designated gifts	<u>1,240.50</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

8,572.20

\$8,721.01

DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional Secretary's salary	\$6,655.00
Printing of newsletter	88.00
Newsletter postage	<u>1,409.57</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

8,152.57

BALANCE ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31, 1986

\$ 568.44

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Johnston, Treasurer*

Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget with a commendation to Bro. Mike Johnston for a job well done.

REPORT NO. 3

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

My last year's report began with an introduction to the two major national projects: The Advance Celebration for Foreign Missions, and Project 90,, a program of growth for the churches of our denomination. The Board of Missions will report on the progress of The Advance Celebration and how we are reaching our goal of \$45,000...and each one of us, both church and pastor, will report on our efforts in the Project 90. Each pastor and church must become aware that for the goal of 50,000 new Free Will Baptists by 1990 to be reached, ALL must show an increase! Information for this project is available to everyone who will contact me.

The Illinois Newsletter has a new look — and the new look has created renewed interest in the publication. We would like to share the news of all our churches, but each church must get a reporter to send the letters in each month. Photographs can now be used if you will send \$3.00 to cover the added cost of having it printed. Many of our churches are doing exciting things for the Lord, why not share it with the rest of us? Perhaps your excitement will cause others to want to increase their zeal.

We now have a computer on which we can list all our people who are receiving the Newsletter. In time past, the local high school has printed and furnished the mailing labels for us. Even though this is very much appreciated, it is our responsibility to do the work and absorb the cost. Your church can help in this area also. The cost of paper, printing and mailing each Newsletter is about 14¢, and now the cost of labels will add another penny — and that brings the annual cost for each Newsletter to about \$1.80. If each church could budget \$10.00 per month for this work, it would underwrite almost the entire expense of the promotional office.

Here are some things we need to work on: our giving is down from last year, we have had some churches to close during the year (The First Church of Niantic and People's Church of Justice are no longer in our State Association), only 50% of our churches support any phase of our state work, the change of pastors continues to plague us, and some of our smaller churches have problems of getting a pastor.

We can rejoice in the fact that people are still being saved and baptized in our churches, and young men are still being called to preach the gospel. This week, four young men contacted me about the availability of churches in our state — it is encouraging to me that men still want to serve in this ministry. This has been a good year for me to get better acquainted with pastors and churches of the Free Will Baptist faith who are not

associated with our state work, men who also love the Lord, men I hope will soon join with us in state and national cooperation. The group of preachers within driving distance of the youth camp meet once a month for breakfast and fellowship. What a blessing it would be for all areas of our state to do the same.

Also included with my report is a 1987 Calendar of Events for the Illinois State Association and a copy of the results of the survey taken to study the Pastor's Tenure.

Let us pray for increased love, unity and cooperation as we serve the Lord locally and as a State Association.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Shores
Promotional Secretary*

—Report of the Pastor's Tenure Committee— to the Illinois State Executive Board

A questionnaire was mailed or given to each church or pastor in our Illinois State Association with instructions to have it distributed among the members and the results were to be sent to the Committee to compile and report to the State Executive Board.

Of the 46 churches receiving the report, 50%, or 23, responded by sending their report to us.

We have done the best we can to determine the percentage of answers given on the 16 questions contained in the report.

Those answers receiving the highest percentage as listed...followed by those receiving lesser percentage points. As the questions were followed by a number of answers, we listed those in order of highest percentages.

Example: The answer to Question Number 1 was a 71% response that pastors should have an indefinite call at the church he serves. The other three answers were about equal in the response, so only the first answer is listed as being of any value as far as this survey is concerned.

We hope this survey will, in some way, be of help to both the churches and pastors of this State Association.

*Respectfully submitted,
George Waggoner
Lloyd Crain
David Shores*

1. How long should a pastor stay at a church to have an effective ministry?

71%...indefinitely
...3 to 7 years

...more than seven years
...less than three years

2. Should a pastor live in the community where the church is located?

66%...yes, very important
...makes no difference
...within 5 miles
...within 20 miles

3. What percentage of the vote do you think a candidate should receive to become an effective pastor in a church?

34%...should have a 90% vote
17%...should have a 75% vote
16%...should have an 80% vote
15%...should have a 100% vote

4. How well is your church fulfilling its obligations to missions?

35%...fair
32%...good
15%...very good

5. Do you think the pastor should conduct the mid-week service?

60%...nearly all the time
24%...half the time
16%...members should be in charge most of the time

6. What do you see as the pastor's primary obligation to the church?

32%...preach
26%...shepherd
13%...teach
...edify
...evangelize
...counsel

7. Why do you think many of our pastors change churches so often? And why do churches change pastors so often?

50%...discouragement, impatience
45%...little growth, lack of results
...individual or group running the church, conflicts
...lack of cooperation
...easier to change than deal with problems
...immaturity of church, pastor
...lack of adequate finances
...“grass is greener” belief
...pastor runs out of sermons
...other

8. What is the impact of a short tenure (less than 2 years) upon the pastor?

30%...sense of failure, discouragement

- 25%...never attains his full potential
- 22%...ineffectiveness, lack of personal growth
 - ...self-doubt, insecurity
 - ...frustration, turns elsewhere
 - ...depression, bitterness
- 9. What is the impact of a short tenure on the pastor's wife and/or children?
 - 33%...no close friendships, problems of adjustments
 - 23%...feelings of rejection, frustration
 - 17%...negative attitude toward church
 - ...insecurity, lack of self-confidence
 - ...bitterness
 - ...lack of confidence in husband or father as a leader
- 10. What is the impact of a short tenure upon the church?
 - 31%...little spiritual growth
 - 20%...frustration and confusion
 - 20%...church leadership is lost
 - ...tends to produce shallowness in the lives of the of the members
 - ...lack of long-range planning
 - ...set backs, church splits
- 11. What is the impact of a short tenure upon the community and their attitude toward the church?
 - 53%...lack of confidence in the church
 - 25%...reluctance to get involved with the church
 - 21%...question the church's committment
 - ...lack of respect, other negative reactions
 - ...don't care one way or another
 - ...likes to see changes
- 12. What is your opinion of the annual preacher call (include vote of confidence)?
 - 34%...creates insecurity for pastor and people
 - 31%...gives little time for long-range planning, leadership
 - 27%...creates unnecessary problems
 - ...it is a good thing
 - ...allows politics to enter
 - ...it keeps the church out of a rut
- 13. What do you see as the church's obligation to the pastor?
 - 41%...prayer support
 - 29%...financial support
 - 20%...respect
 - ...cooperation in church programs
 - ...retirement
- 14. Define what you believe to be the ministry of your church. Why does it exist?
 - 44%...to win the lost

- 22%...for Christians to learn the Bible
 - 11%...to help each other
 - 11%...to fellowship
 - 11%...for Christians to learn how to live better
 - 1%...provides a place to go and something worthwhile to do
15. Why don't Christians win more souls?
- 42%...afraid to try
 - 25%...don't know how
 - 24%...because of worldly things
 - ...don't have time
 - ...not interested, that's the preacher's job
 - ...don't really believe people are lost
16. What can be done to help the problem of short tenure of our pastors?
- 66%...seek God's guidance and prayer
 - 29%...more cooperation, better communication
 - ...more patience and understanding of the need for long-tenured pastors
 - ...better procedures and caution in calling a pastor
 - ...spiritual growth of pastor
 - ...better financial support
17. How many hours per week should a pastor spend, on the average, in these areas in relation to his pastorate?
- ...preaching and sermon preparation...visitation to church members, home and hospital...prayer time
 - ...teaching and preparation for teaching...visitation to win the lost or to invite to church...counseling
 - ...board meeting, church socials...planning programs
 - ...denominational work, primarily away from the church
 - ...work with other community churches, other denominations

(We did not tally these figures because some pastors are full-time, others part-time. The figures ranged from a total of 5 hours per week to 112...average was about 60.)

1987 Calendar

JANUARY

- 10-East Central Quarterly Meeting: Bakerville Church
- 17-Northern Illinois Quarterly Meeting: Immanuel Church
- 17-West Central Quarterly Meeting: Rescue Church
- 24-Fox River District Meeting: Butterfield Church
- 24-South Central Quarterly Meeting: Arnold View Church
- 31-North Central Quarterly Meeting: Wilson St. Ch., Peoria

MARCH

- 27-28: State Association meets at Crossroads Ch., Effingham

APRIL

- 6-7: Pastor's Conference meets at First Church, Decatur
- 11-East Central Quarterly Meeting: Blue Point Church
- 18-Northern Illinois Quarterly Meeting: Liberty Church
- 18-West Central Quarterly Meeting: Rock Springs Church
- 25-Fox River District Meeting: Faith Church, Island Lake
- 25-South Central Quarterly Meeting: First Church, Benton
- 25-North Central Quarterly Meeting: First Ch., Springfield
- 25-Registration deadline for CTS Competition

MAY

- 15-16: CTS Competition

JUNE

- 21-26: Junior High Youth Camp (Grades 7-8)
- 28-July 2: Junior I Youth Camp (Grades 3-4)

JULY

- 5-10: Junior II Youth Camp (Grades 5-6)
- 11-East Central Quarterly Meeting: Calvary Church
- 18-No. IL Quarterly Meeting: People's Church, Chicago
- 18-West Central Quarterly Meeting: Waltonville Church
- 25-Fox River District Meeting: First Church, Elgin
- 25-South Central Quarterly Meeting: Freedom Church
- 25-North Central Quarterly Meeting: First Church, Decatur
- Note: Check dates for July Quarterly Meetings. Some meetings may be rescheduled to avoid conflicting with the National Association which meets at Birmingham, Alabama: July 19-23.*

AUGUST

- 2-7: Senior High Youth Camp (High School)
- 9-15: Northern Illinois Quarterly Meeting Youth Camp
- 16-21: Adult Camp Meeting: Raymond Riggs, Evangelist

SEPTEMBER

- 25-26: Youth Camp Reunion Retreat: Camp Hope

OCTOBER

- 2-3: Women's Auxiliary Retreat: Camp Hope
- 10-East Central Quarterly Meeting: Crossroads Church
- 17-Northern Illinois Quarterly Meeting: Unity Church
- 17-West Central Quarterly Meeting: Bear Point Church
- 24-Fox River Dist. Meeting: N. 2nd St. Church, Rockford
- 24-South Central Quarterly Meeting: Harmony Church, West Frankfort
- 31-North Central Quarterly Meeting: Faith Church, Milan

NOVEMBER

- 6-7: Layman's Retreat: Camp Hope
- 26-Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 25-Christmas

The chair recognized Bro. Herman Hersey from the Board of Retirement and F.W.B. Foundation.

REPORT NO. 4
REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

To the Illinois State Association 1987

Members: *David Turner, Chairman*
David Harrison, Treasurer
Mike Russell, Secretary
H. Wallace Malone, Member
Don Nix, Member

The Board met four times including the meeting at the State Association, March 22, 1986. The other meetings were as follows:

August 6, Mascoutah, IL

October 21, Mascoutah, IL

January 27, 1987, Mascoutah, IL

During the year we planned a Pastor's Conference, which at this writing is still being planned due to scheduling conflicts. It will be on the occult and will be presented by the Free Will Baptist Theological Commission. We also intend to have a Fall Retreat for the Pastor's and their families. At the meeting in October, Gene Parton resigned and was replaced at the executive board meeting by David Harrison. He is now our Treasurer. The board adopted a budget for the fiscal year 1987. It follows:

INCOME

Cooperative Plan	\$2,400.00
Loan repayment	4,704.00
Interest	400.00
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	\$7,504.00

EXPENSES

Pastor's Conference	\$ 850.00
Fall Retreat	850.00
Mileage (Board Members)	300.00
Loans	5,000.00
Books (First Sem. Students)	500.00
Postage/Supplies	100.00
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	\$7,600.00

Reporting
Mike Russell, Secretary

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

INCOME 1986

Loans repaid & interest	\$2,388.10
Co-op fund	
Christian Supply Centre	894.21
C.E. & S.S. Board	917.51
Interest Earned	280.57
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	\$4,480.39

EXPENSES

Checks	6.69
Stamps	17.60
Loan (Joey Wilson)	500.00
Loan (Todd Maxwell)	500.00
Books (Joey Wilson)	102.70
Books (Julie Roberts)	100.50
Mileage (Wallace Malone)	45.00
Mileage (David Turner)	45.00
Mileage (Don Nix)	24.00
Mileage (Mike Russell)	24.00
Mileage (Gene Parton)	33.00
Loan (C.S.C./Payment to Randall House	44.37
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	\$1,422.86

BALANCE ON HAND 12/29/86

8,983.75

OUTSTANDING DEBTS

Principal	40,544.39
Interest	1,636.08
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\$42,190.47

Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget.

The chair recognized Bro. Frank Breeden from the Bible College who gave information concerning the new program called "Passing the Torch".

The congregation was led in prayer by the moderator, Bro. Loyd Crain.

—Recess—

—Friday Morning Worship Service—

Hymn: Victory in Jesus

Prayer: Danny Moore

Hymn: There Is Power In The Blood

Special: Lamb of Glory by Sis. Jean Wilson

The message was brought by Bro. J. Reford Wilson "The Power of the Word" from Psalms 119:105.

Prayer: David Malone

—Friday Afternoon Business Session—

The congregation was led in the song "When We All Get To Heaven" with prayer by Bro. Wallace Malone. The devotion was brought by Bro. Lee Penn "Prayer In The Word" from Acts 4:23-33.

REPORT NO. 5

REPORT OF THE STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The chair then recognized Sis. Vicki Hollis as the representative for the National Women's Auxiliary Department.

February 6, 1987

Dear Illinois Free Will Baptists,

The Illinois State Woman's Auxiliary is very grateful to be able to report to the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists. We are thankful for the opportunity to share what the women across the state of Illinois are doing for the cause of Christ and missions. "For we are laborers together with God..." (1 Corinthians 3:9).

The Illinois State Woman's Auxiliary is comprised of two active districts, with a total membership of 255 ladies from 20 local auxiliaries.

Loyal Workers District	7 auxiliaries	82 members
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Emily Malone District	13 auxiliaries	173 members
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We are grateful for the individual auxiliaries who also support our state work.

Woman's Auxiliary is an arm of the church helping women fulfill their part in the Great Commission. Its main purpose is missions. The ladies of Illinois gave a total of \$14,238.67 in cash gifts to missions last year. Our current state project is giving to Dennis and Trena Owen in Spain and Cliff and Kathy Donoho in Salem, Illinois.

We would like to encourage churches who do not have a Woman's Auxiliary program to prayerfully consider beginning one. Please feel free to contact our Field Worker (Geraldine Lewis) (or President (Vickie Hollis) for any information needed.

Thanks be to God for the dedicated efforts of the women of Illinois in their local churches and for missions. May this year be a greater one!

*In Christ's Service,
Vickie Hollis, State President*

ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR MAY 2, 1985 - MAY 1, 1986

BALANCE FROM MAY 2, 1985

\$ 373.95

Receipts:

Emily Malone Dist.	10,665.80
Loyal Workers Dist.	4,351.65
Northern Dist.	200.14
Prayer Retreat Fund	600.00
Gift for Pursell	340.00
Reimbursed for overpayment on Dues 85	138.00
Morning Worship 85-86	121.81
TOTAL	\$16,791.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Foreign Missions

Herseys	\$ 5,098.35
Teagues	2,305.19
McDonald	205.16
Coscia.	200.00
Foreign Missions	185.00
Payne	150.00
Owens.	132.62
Pre-Easter	75.00
Turnbough.	55.00
Puerto Rico	46.00
Mayhew	20.00

Home Missions

Donoho - Bldg. Fund.	4,797.35
Crossroads Bldg. Fund.	395.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering.	149.00
Lake	200.00
O'Dells	90.00
Home Missions	135.00

WNAC

Dues	382.50
Gift for Pursell	340.00
Co-Labor Tithes	159.15
Emphasis	100.52
Student Loan	10.00
Childrens Home	110.00
Prayer Retreat Speakers	300.00
Expenses.	292.05
State Meeting Speakers.	100.00
Babysitting	20.00
Printing of National Min. 84-85.	19.00
Printing of National Min. 85-86.	19.00
Treasurer Books	30.48
Phone.	3.30
Fare to Convention	118.50
TOTAL	\$16,243.17

Balance in Bank Gen. Fund	\$335.73
Fare	127.50
Prayer Retreat	7.95
EM Dist.....	<u>77.00</u>
	\$548.18

Gail Matthews, Treasurer

The moderator then recognized Bro. Jim Vallance from the National Master's Men Department. He also gave information concerning the Radio and Television Commission.

REPORT NO. 6 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD 1986

The Executive Board met following the 1986 State Meeting and organized. Bro. Loyd Crain was elected to the position of Chairman and Bro. Larry Cook was elected as Secretary. The Board voted to meet on May 2, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at the Crossroads FWB Church. The Executive Board will be composed of the following:

Moderator: Loyd Crain
Assistant: David Potete
Clerk: Larry Cook
Assistant: Clifford Donoho
Prom. Sec.: David Shores
Treasurer: Mike Johnston

District Representatives:

South Central: Bob Stone
West Central: David Malone
Fox River: James Butcher
East Central: Tim Hayes
North Central: Dan McEvers
Northern IL: Billy Maynard

Board Chairmens:

Chr. Ed. & S.S.: David Turner
Camp Board: Grant Bruce
CTS.: David Mishler
Layman's Board: Eldon Schmidt
Mission's Board: Jerry Presley

Board Structure:

Christian Ed. & S.S. Board
Wallace Malone (87)
David Turner (88) Chr.
Gene Parton (89) Sec. & Treasurer
Mike Russell (90)
Don Nix (91)

CTS. Board
Mike McClintock (87) Treas.
David Mishler (88) Chr.
Mike Thomas (89)
Kelly Douglas (90)
Scott McPeak (91) Sec.

Layman's Board
Eldon Schmidt (87) Chr.
Denzil Cockrum (88)
Paul Moore (89) Sec. & Treas.

Mission's Board
Reford Wilson (87)
John Postlewaite (88)
Bill Mishler (89) Sec. & Treas.
Jerry Presley (90) Chr.
Guy Leonard (91)

Camp Board
Curt Fowler (87)
Keith Fletcher (88) Sec.
Lee Penn (89)
Ernie Lewis (90) Treasurer
Grant Bruce (91) Chr.

May 2, 1986, 7:30 P.M., CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The meeting was called to order by the moderator and Bro. Bob Stone brought a devotion from Isa. 40:30, 31 and closed in prayer. The following members were in attendance: Loyd Crain, David Potete, Larry Cook, Cliff Donoho, Mike Johnston, David Shores, David Malone, Bob Stone, James Butcher, Jerry Presley, David Mishler, David Turner and Grant Bruce.

Motion was sustained to receive the minutes as read.

Motion sustained to adopt the treasurer's report.

An oral report was received from the Promotional Secretary.

Board reports:

Camp Board - Motion was sustained to receive the report.

S.S. & Chr. Ed. Board-Motion sustained to receive the report.

CTS.-Motion sustained to receive the report.

Missions-Motion sustained to receive the report and information was shared concerning the Advance Program.

Layman's Board-Motion sustained to receive the report.

Special Committees:

A motion was sustained to receive the survey taken concerning the Pastorate and further study was to be made.

Old Business:

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Executive and Layman's Board and that they be entered into the minutes of the 1986 State meeting.

Motion and seconded to issue cards of good standing to Irene and Sherman Sullivan. a motion was made and seconded to amend the motion and divide the question into two recommendations. Amendment Passed.

Motion sustained to issue a card of good standing to Bro. Sherman Sullivan.

Motion sustained to issue a card of good standing to Sis. Irene Sullivan.

Motion sustained that the Bookstore Advisory committee be reactivated to look into the problem of Bro. Rex Maynard's unemployment tax problem.

Motion sustained to receive the letter from the South Central District and to act upon it item by item.

Item 1: Motion sustained to issue a card of good standing to Bro. Joe Houseright.

Item 2: Motion sustained to receive item 2 as information "Whereas there has been considerable interest that some churches would prefer to be a member of another quarterly or association. Be it resolved, that any church or group of churches desiring to join another association, or form a new association, be allowed to do so with the following recommendations: 1. That the quarterly or association of which they are now a member give a letter of recommendation to the new quarterly or association which they desire to join, or by favorable vote of the church which desires to join another association. 2. That the churches desiring to become members of another association or quarterly consider carefully the distance they might have to travel and decide if a move would be to their advantage.

Item 3: Motion sustained that a Certificate of Recognition of Ordination be issued to Bro. Max Courtney.

Motion sustained for the clerk to draw up a certificate of Recognition of Ordination to be issued.

Motion sustained to meet Sept. 5, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. at the crossroads FWB Church.

Motion sustained to adjourn, prayer by Bro. David Potete.

SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 22, 1986 CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Loyd Crain. The roll call was taken with the following in attendance: Loyd Crain, Larry Cook, Cliff Donoho, Mike Johnston, David Shores, David Malone, Billy Maynard, Tim Hayes, Jerry Presley, David Mishler, Grant Bruce and Eldon Schmidt.

Motion sustained that Bro. James Boggs serve as proxy for Bros. Bob Stone.

Devotion from Rom. 5:1-5 was brought by Bro. Loyd Crain.

Motion sustained to write voicing our opposition to the apparent hostile take-over of one of our Free Will Baptist Churches by a Lithuanian Baptist group. This is to be done in conjunction with the Fox River Association. Motion sustained to amend that a letter be sent to the Business Committee of the Fox River Association asking that they find out the Parent body of the Lithuanian Baptist group.

Motion sustained that the State Moderator of the Tenn

Association be contacted and informed of the problem we are experiencing with Bro. Potete concerning his present conduct.

Motion sustained to contact the National Executive Office informing them of the Problem concerning Bro. Leo Potete's conduct and seek their guidance concerning action that might be taken.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Cliff Donoho.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1986 CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The moderator called the meeting to order and a devotion was brought by Bro. David Malone. He used Rom. 8:29 and spoke concerning our being conformed to the image of Christ.

Bro. Grant Bruce led in prayer.

The roll call was taken with the following in attendance: Loyd Crain, David Potete, Larry Cook, Cliff Donoho, Mike Johnston, David Malone, Daniel McEvers, Bob Stone, Billy Maynard, Tim Hayes, James Butcher, Jerry Presley, David Mishler, David Turner, Grant Bruce and Eldon Schmidt.

Motion was sustained to receive the minutes as read.

Motion was sustained to adopt the treasurer's report.

Board Reports were given:

Missions

Laymans

Camp Board: Motion sustained to adopt Item 1-12 trailer/RV Pads with electrical connections and a dump station or sewer hookups be established at the camp.

Motion sustained approve the board plans to establish a Tractor Fund as this years development project.
CTS

Sunday School & Christian Education Board

Motion sustained to issue a card of Good Standing to Bro. Carl Miller.

December 5, 1986 was set as the next Executive Board meeting date.

October 10, 1986 was set as the meeting date of the State Program Committee.

Motion sustained that all boards prepare a yearly budget and report to the Executive Board during the last meeting prior to the State meeting. And that it receive the approval of the Executive Board before being presented to the State Association for approval.

Motion sustained to recommend to the Sunday School & Christian Education Board that they look into hosting the Theological Commission on Liberalism.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Prayer by Bro. David Turner

DECEMBER 12, 1986
CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The moderator called the meeting to order and the devotion was brought by Bro. James Butcher from Heb. 2:14. Bro. Butcher then led in prayer.

The roll was taken with the following in attendance: Loyd Crain, David Potete, Larry Cook, Mike Johnston, David Shores, David Malone, Tim Hayes, James Butcher, Jerry Presley, David Mishler, Tavid Turner, Grant Bruce and Eldon Schmidt. John Hollis, Wallace Malone, David Shores, Kenny Pell served as proxies for Cliff Donoho, Daniel McEvers, Bob Stone and Billy Maynard. Bros. Bill Mishler and Keith Fletcher were also in attendance.

Motion was sustained to seat the proxies.

Motion sustained to adopt the reading of the minutes.

Motion sustained to adopt the treasurer's report.

Board Reports:

Motion sustained to report the CTS. report.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Missions Board. Motion sustained that the Missions Board be given the authority to look into the insurance situation for its missionaries and try to improve the present plan.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary as information.

Motion sustained to receive the Sunday School and Christian Ed. report.

Motion sustained for Bro. David Harrison to fill the vacancy on the Sunday School and Christian Ed. board created by the resignation of Bro. Gene Parton.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Camp Board.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Layman's Board.

Special Committees:

Motion sustained to receive the report of the planning committee for the 1987 State Meeting.

Motion sustained to authorize the State Treasurer to pay the deposit of \$86.15 to hold the banquet hall for the State Meeting.

Old Business:

Motion made and seconded to apply the refund from the Federal Unemployment Tax to the monies received by Bro. Rex Maynard from the State Unemployment Division. Motion sustained to amend the motion by sending it personally to Bro. Rex Maynard. Motion then sustained that the refund from the Federal Unemployment Tax be sent to Bro. Rex Maynard to apply to the pay back of monies received from the State Unemployment Division.

New Business:

Motion sustained to issue a Certificate of Recognition of Ordination and a card of Good Standing to Bro. Larry Clyatt.

Motion sustained that the next meeting be Jan. 30, 1987 at the Crossroads FWB Church.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

JANUARY 30, 1987 CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The moderator called the meeting to order and the devotion was brought by Bro. Cliff Donoho from Acts 1:8 "Do We Really Want Revival", he closed in prayer.

The roll call was taken with the following in attendance: Loyd Crain, David Potete, Larry Cook, Cliff Donoho, David Shores, David Malone, Mike Johnston, Tim Hayes, Jerry Presley, David Mishler, Grant Bruce, Eldon Schmidt and Billy Maynard. Bros. Larry Clyatt and Mike Russess served as proxies for Bob Stone and David Turner. Bros. John Postlewaite, William Mishler, Willis Shewcraft, John Hollis and Keith Fletcher were also in attendance.

Motion sustained to seat the proxies.

Bro. John Hollis gave a report concerning the preparation for the State Meeting.

Motion sustained to adopt the reading of the minutes.

Motion sustained to adopt the treasurer's report for 1986.

Motion sustained to recommend to the State the adoption of the budgets for the General Fund and the Promotional Fund.

Board Reports:

CTS. Board: Motion sustained that Bro. Mike Stephenson be elected to fill the vacancy for the term expiring in 1991 created by Bro. Scott McPeak leaving the state. Motion sustained to receive the report and to recommend the adoption of the budget for 1987.

Camp Board: Motion sustained to receive the report and recommend the adoption of the budget for 1987.

Christian Ed. & Sunday School Board: Motion sustained to receive the report and to recommend the adoption of the budget for 1987.

Layman's Board: Motion sustained to receive the report and to recommend the adoption of the budget for 1987.

Promotional Secretaries Report: Motion sustained to receive the report.

Motion sustained to ask the moderator or the Executive Board representative from the Fox River Association to make a statement at the State Meeting as to action taken pertaining to the Peoples Church of Justice. Due to the many inquiries con-

cerning this problem.

Missions Board: Motion sustained to receive the report and recommend the adoption of the budget for 1987.

Motion sustained to accept the reports of the auditing committees that the following treasurer's books have been examined and found to be in order: CTS., Layman's, Missions and State Treasurer.

Motion sustained to receive the guidelines and that they be included with the yearly report from the Missions Board.

Motion sustained that the recommendation from the South Central to the State Association in 1986 that was referred to the Executive Board be rejected due to the fact that passing such a motion would severely handicap the normal functioning of any State Board.

Motion sustained to set the banquet fee at \$6.00 and that all remaining monies be donated to the Crossroads account.

Motion sustained to set the price for children 12 and under at \$3.50.

Motion sustained to issue Exhorter's license to Robbie Robbins.

Motion sustained to recommend to the State Association the following co-op allocations:

National Association	25%
Missions	20%
Promotional Fund	17.5%
Camp Board	17%
General Fund	9.5%
Sunday School & Chr. Ed. Board	5.5%
CTS	3.5%
Laymans	1%
Bookstore Indebtedness Fund	1%

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Prayer by Bro. Loyd Crain.

1987 BUDGET GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

Co-op	\$ 4,400.00
Dues from churches and districts	660.00
Interest earned on checking account	200.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,260.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Board members' expenses to meetings	\$ 1,450.00
Office supplies & postage	1,000.00
Clerk's salary	275.00
Treasurer's salary	480.00

Moderator's honorarium	100.00
1987 State Assn. meeting expenses (net)	500.00
Printing minutes of 1987 State Assn.	350.00
Delegate expenses to National Assn.	500.00
1987 National Assn. dues	440.00
Corporate fee and bank service charges	10.00
Premium for Treasurer's bond	<u>135.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>5,240.00</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ <u>20.00</u></u>
PROMOTIONAL FUND	

RECEIPTS:

Co-op	\$ 7,400.00	
Designated gifts	<u>1,300.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		8,700.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional Secretary's salary	\$ 7,865.00	
Printing of newsletter	1,000.00	
Newsletter postage	<u>1,400.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>10,265.00</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ <u>1,565.00</u></u>

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Johnston, Treasurer*

Motion sustained to receive the report and to adopt the recommended Co-op allocations for 1987-88.

Information was then given from the Fox River Association concerning action taken by that Association concerning items in the Executive Board report.

The chair recognized Bro. Clifford Donoho who gave a report concerning the work of the mission in Salem.

The moderator recognized Bro. John Hollis who presented a report from the National Home Missions Department and the work of the Crossroads church.

**REPORT NO. 7
PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Item #1

March 27, 1987

The Business Committee

Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists

Effingham, Illinois

I, Rev. Max Courtney, pastor of the Alexander Free Will Baptist Church of Thebes, Illinois, a member in good standing of the South Central Illinois Association of Free Will Baptists and of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists, do hereby submit the following resolution for your consideration:

Whereas; Article VII of The Constitution of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists states: "This association shall be actively affiliated with 'The National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States,' and **shall make no regulations repugnant to that body.**" [Emphasis mine]; and

Whereas; Article V Section 1, A, 1 and all of Article XII of the Constitution of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists do, in fact, conflict with the stated practices of said body; and

Whereas; In the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists in Part III under "The Practices of Free Will Baptists" Chapter II Section I Paragraph B it states: "Free Will Baptist Churches, in most areas, have traditionally *delegated* this authority to the associations in which they voluntarily unite themselves..." and in Paragraph E, 1 of that same Article it states: "He is examined by the local association's ordaining committee..." and in Paragraph E, 3 of that same Article it states: "His ordination credentials may then be 'ratified' by the association upon recommendation of the ordaining council"; and

Whereas; In Part III of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists under 'The Practices of Free Will Baptists' Chapter II Section II Paragraphs A and B; "As in the case of ordination, the authority to discipline a minister has its source in the authority of the local church. Again, however, this is *delegated* to the association along with the authority to ordain. In most cases, any accusation against a minister that is offered concerning his conduct, character, profession, or doctrine (and which should be considered against his good standing), **should be brought to the association by the local church.** [Emphasis mine] The only exception that should be made arises when an offense involves a fellow minister (as object or witness) in a situation unknown to the local church. In this case, charges should be preferred by three ministers jointly, with the local church fully apprised of the fact." and Paragraph E, 3: "The association's discipline cannot deal with the minister's relationship to the local church, either as pastor or member. It can make recommendations concerning this to the local church, and the church's fellowship in the association might be endangered if those recommendations were not followed, but no force can be applied." and Paragraph G: "The minister who feels he has not been justly treated may, in union with at least one other

sustaining minister, appeal to the next broader organization of **WHICH HIS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION IS A MEMBER** (such as the state association) [Emphasis mine] for a hearing among the sister associations. The nature of the broader organization's powers in such a case is described in Chapter Three: Associations of Churches", all make it quite clear that the Licening, Ordaining, setting of qualifications for receiving, Licening and Ordaining as well as the disciplining of ministers is to be the duty of the Local or District Associations of a State Association; and

Whereas; Article XII of the Constitution of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists does not grant the District Associations which are members of the Illinois State Association the privileges granted them by the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists as set forth in the foregoing Articles quoted; and

Whereas; All the District Associations have set forth in their Constitutions and By-Laws their qualifications for receiving, licening, ordaining and disciplining of ministers; and

Whereas; The Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists in Section II Paragraphs A through G of The Practices of Free Will Baptists grants the State Associations as well as District Associations, local Churches, and three ministers of any District or State Association belonging to the National Association the right to discipline a minister for violation of conduct, character, profession or doctrine;

Be It Therefore Resolved; That we strike all the following from the Constitution of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists to bring said Constitution into compliance with the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists:

- (1) The words: "...from this association." from Article V Section 1, A, 1; and
- (2) All of Article XII.

NOTE: This action will place the responsibility of setting the qualifications for and receiving, licening, ordaining and disciplining of ministers as well as the issuance of cards of good standing for ministers annually as prescribed in the hands of the District Associations that are members of the Illinois State Associations of Free Will Baptists as it is recommended by the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists.

FURTHER NOTE: Every State Association affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists except the

Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists now follow this procedure. Not only will this action place the Illinois State Association in compliance with the National Association Treatise but will align it with all other State Associations that are members of the National Association.

Signed Max Courtney

March 27, 1987

Item #1- Motion sustained to table Item #1 and that printed copies be given to each delegate.

Item #2 - That a vote of thanks be given to the Crossroads FWB Church and pastor for their hospitality in hosting the State Meeting. The motion was sustained.

Item #3 - That an honorarium of \$100.00 be given to our moderator Bro. Loyd Crain with thanks for a job well done. The motion was sustained.

Item #4 - That an honorarium of \$25.00 be given to each devotional speaker and \$50.00 to each worship service speaker. The motion was sustained.

Item #5 - That \$100.00 be given to each delegate to the National Association toward their expenses. Motion was sustained.

Item #6 - That 50% of the expenses of the General Board member to the National Association be paid. The motion was sustained.

Item #7 - That a \$100.00 honorarium be made to the Crossroads FWB Church for hosting the State Associational meeting. Motion was sustained.

REPORT NO. 8

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee submit the following for consideration on our respective State Boards:

Camp Board: Tom Harmon (92) Rescue-West Central District.

Sunday School & Christian Ed. Board: Wallace Malone (92) Decatur-North Central District.

CTS Board: Mike McClintock (92) Bethel-West Central District.

State Missions: Reford Wilson (92) Butterfield-Fox River.

Laymans Board: Eldon Schmidt (90) Mascoutah-West Central District.

General Board member (National Assoc.): Wallace Malone (89).

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

Motion sustained to elect Bro. Tom Harmon to the Camp

Board.

Motion sustained to elect Bro. Wallace Malone to the Sunday School and Christian Ed. Board.

Motion sustained to elect Bro. Reford Wilson to the State Missions Board.

Motion sustained to elect Bro. Mike McClintock to the CTS Board.

Motion sustained to elect Bro. Eldon Schmidt to the Laymans Board.

Motion sustained to recommend Bro. Wallace Malone to serve on the General Board of the National Association.

REPORT NO. 9 THE REPORT OF THE CAMP BOARD CAMP BOARD REPORT 1986

The Camp Board met seven times in 1986 to handle camp business. Some board members, due to the lack of a resident camp manager during the first part of the year, spent many hours at the camp doing maintenance work and preparation for youth camp. The following is a summary of the activities and improvements at Camp Hope:

I. Activities during 1986

1. **1986 Youth Camp:** Total attendance was approximately 330 (240 campers), 24 campers made first-time decisions for salvation. The entire camp staff is to be commended for the hard work and cooperation that resulted in a smoothly run camp.
2. **Camp Reunion Retreat:** September 26-27, 1986, about 100 attended services. Over \$300.00 was raised for Camp Development Project (see below).
3. **Winter Youth Retreat:** December 29-31, 1986, 55 teens from 12 churches attended. Jeff Stegall and Sarah Malone led the services.

II. Improvements to the facility completed in 1986

1. Gravel walkways between buildings (1985-86 Development Project)
2. Playground equipment (swing sets and see-saws)*
3. Maintenance and repairs to manager's house
4. Second study shelter built near auditorium*
5. Brush cleared in area of campsites and dozer work done near lagoon*
6. Miscellaneous repairs and minor improvements

Items marked with * were done with individual contributions at no cost to the camp board.

III. Other Camp Board action in 1986

1. **Camper Pads and Hookups:** 8 trailer/RV pads with electrical connections and a dump station are planned to be constructed soon. The Camp Meeting Association (Adult Camp) donated \$1,000.00 for this project and the Camp Board has received approval from the state authorities (Springfield). Campsites will be located east of auditorium and girls' dorm under the trees next to ballfields.
2. **Season of Hope:** A quarterly camp newsletter began publication and is sent to pastors, campers, camp workers, and others interested in our camp.
3. **1986-87 Camp Development Project:** The board set up a "Tractor Fund" as this year's development project. A special offering was received at the Youth Camp Reunion. Funds collected will go toward purchasing a good used tractor for use at the camp.
4. **New Youth Camp Director:** Larry Clyatt was selected by the camp board to serve as General Director of the 1987 Youth Camps. Board action also permanently made the Camp Director an *ex officio* member of the board.
5. **New Camp Manager (Caretaker):** Keith Fletcher assumed responsibilities October 1 as Camp Manager. As well as serving as caretaker, the manager has been taking on camp promotional roles such as publishing camp materials (newsletters, brochures, etc.).

1987 ANNUAL BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY CAMP BOARD

Projected Receipts:

*Co-op & Church Gifts	\$ 9,500.00
Rentals	1,500.00
Youth Camp Receipts	10,000.00
Retreat Receipts	1,100.00
Interest on Account	150.00
Development Project Donations	650.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$22,900.00</u>

Projected Disbursements:

Utilities	\$ 4,000.00
Maintenance	1,700.00
Youth Camp Expenditures	8,000.00
Retreat Expenses	1,100.00
Insurance Premiums	5,100.00
Campground Improvements	2,600.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$22,900.00</u>

*Individual and church gifts have recently averaged \$1,500.00 so the Camp Board has figured an average \$8,000.00 allotment from the cooperative giving plan.

1987 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AT CAMP HOPE

Camp Planning Committee meets	Feb. 9
Camp Workers' Rally and Training Session	May 2
Junior High Camp	June 21-26
Junior I (3-4 grade) Camp	June 28-July 2
Junior II (5-6 grade) Camp	July 5-10
Senior High Camp	August 2-7
Northern Illinois Quarterly Camp	August 9-15
Camp Meeting Association (Adult Camp)	August 16-21
Youth Camp Reunion Retreat	Sept. 25-26
State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat	October 2-3
State Laymen's Retreat (Master's Men)	Nov. 6-7
Winter Youth Retreat	(tentative) Dec. 28-30

Respectfully Submitted,
Chairman, Grant Bruce (1991)
Treasurer, Ernie Lewis (1990)
Lee Penn (1989)
Secretary, Keith Fletcher (1988)
Curt Fowler (1987)

CAMP BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 1986 \$ 2,038.72

Summary of Receipts:

State Association Co-op Receipts	8,024.88
*Individual & Church Donations	2,681.04
Rentals	1,543.00
Interest on Account	192.14
Youth Camp 1986	9,664.99
Retreat Receipts	1,259.26
**Development Fund Donations	694.02
Insurance Premium Refund	487.00

TOTAL RECEIVED \$24,546.33

Summary of Disbursements:

Electrical Usage	2,324.30
Water Consumption	311.20
Telephone Charges	676.30
Propane Gas Purchases	105.60
Insurance Premiums	4,958.00
Youth Camp 1986	6,324.75
Retreat Expenses	761.40

Maintenance Expenditures	1,592.02
Campground Improvements.....	1,312.65
Miscellaneous Expenses	422.59
TOTAL DISBURSED.....	\$18,788.81
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1986	<u>\$ 7,796.24</u>
***SPECIAL ACCOUNT	
Balance as of January 1, 1986	\$13,015.53
Interest Accrued.....	<u>1,296.40</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1986	<u><u>\$14,311.93</u></u>

*This includes \$1,000.00 designated gift for camper-site development.

**This includes \$212.45 to finish walkway project and \$481.57 in used tractor fund for new project.

***Designated gift for a swimming facility developed at Camp Hope.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ernie Lewis, Treasurer, Camp Board*

Motion sustained to receive the report and to adopt the budget.

The chair recognized Bro. A.J. Looper to give a report of the work of the FWB Home for Children in Greenville, TN.

REPORT NO. 10 1986 CTS BOARD REPORT

The year 1986 was very good for the CTS competition with a total of 18 churches involved. The Decatur church was, once again, a gracious host. The dates for this years competition are May 15 and 16 at the Decatur church.

This coming year is expected to be new and challenging. There are many changes in the rules for this year along with some additional catagories such as bands, orchestras, and multimedia. The new guidelines can be obtained by simply writing Randall House Publications, Nashville, Tennessee.

A special thanks needs to be offered to those who helped judging, leading and serving. Without the help of many dedicated persons we could not perform our task. May the Lord bless everyone who participated in the activities.

The CTS Board would like to nominate Mike Stephenson from Decatur to serve the now vacant 1991 term.

Following, you will find the 1987 projected budget, treasurer's report and 1986 winners listed by their church.

*Respectfully Submitted,
David Mishler, Chairman (88)
Mike McClintock, Treas. (87)
Mike Thomas (89)
Kelly Douglas (90)*

1987 CTS BOARD BUDGET

INCOME

Co-op 12 months at \$120.00 each \$1,440.00
CTS Registration-150 at \$5.00 each 750.00

TOTAL INCOME..... \$2,190.00

EXPENSES

Host Church..... \$ 600.00
Judges and Leaders..... 300.00
Awards, Randall House, Packets, etc. 350.00
NYC Registration 850.00
Board Meetings 200.00
Correspondence..... 60.00

TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$2,360.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in checking account \$ 81.31
Balance in savings account 1,443.75

TOTAL..... \$1,525.06

1986 CTS WINNERS

Arnold View

Graphics-Herald-Rhonda Parton

Painting-Herald-Rhonda Parton

Vocal Solo-Learners-Emery

Vocal Solo-Crusaders-Sanders

Vocal Duet-Comb.

Bear Point

Tic-Tac-Toe

Bethel

Instrumental Solo-Adv.-Tobi Tiller

Instrumental Solo-Herald-Kerrie Knight

Vocal Solo-Herald-Craig Portell

Vocal Duet-Herald

Vocal Duet-Ambassador

Vocal Quartet-Comb.

Chorale-Div. I

Chorale-Div. IV

Butterfield

Graphics-Learners-David Caton

Keyboard Solo-Crusader-Sarah Vejuoda

Vocal Trio-Comb.

Decatur

Oral Comm.-Adventurer-Teresa Merold
Oral Comm.-Herald-Travis Penn
Bible Memorization-2nd grade-Jacqueline Rasor
Photography-Learners-Jacqueline Rasor
Sculpture-Learners-Trudie Skelley
Textiles-Adventurer-Jeanna Skelley
Graphics-Adventurer-Wendy Skelley
Photography-Herald-Jeremy Gruen
Instrumental Ensemble Duet-Comb.
Instrumental Ensemble Trio-Adventurer
Vocal Duet-Adventurer
Vocal Trio-Adventurer
Vocal Quintet-Learner
Vocal Quartet-Adventurer
Vocal Quintet-Adventurer
Vocal Sextet-Learner
Vocal Sextet-Adventurer
Choir-Div. I

Immanuel

Bible Memorization-1st-Bradley Hawkins
Keyboard Solo-Adventurer-Wesley Hawkins
Vocal Solo-Adventurer-Wesley Hawkins

Ina

Bible Bowl

Johnston City First

Sword Drill-6th-Tyra Utley
Sword Drill-5th-Stephanie Utley
Sword Drill-4th-Jamie Crain
Keyboard Solo-Herald-Penny Leigh
Instrumental Duet-Adventurer
Vocal Solo-Ambassador-Mary Snedden
Vocal Duet-Crusader
Vocal Sextet-Combination

Liberty

Vocal Quintet-Combination
Vocal Trio-Learner

Mt. Vernon

Painting-Adventurer-Jadie O'Dell

People's Justice

Painting-Learner-Steve Hudson
Sculpture-Adventurer-Marie Shine
Vocal Quintet-Learner

Unity

Bible Memorization-3rd-Lori McCraney

Keyboard Solo-Learner- Lori McCraney

Vocal Duet-Learner

Motion sustained to receive the report and to adopt the budget.

The moderator recognized Bro. Jimmy Aldridge from the National Foreign Missions Department.

Prayer by Mike Russell

—Recess—

A good time of fellowship and a delicious meal was served that evening. This was followed by some good singing by the "Heavenaires".

—Friday Evening Business Session—

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "At The Cross" and prayer by Bro. Ken Doggett.

REPORT NO. 11

THE REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We, the Literature committee, recommend that the churches of the Illinois State Association make use of the literature available to establish new christians in their faith. In addition it is recommended that each church without a library consider establishing one to make Christian books available to its people and that gospel literature for soul-winning and discipleship be available for distribution. And any material needed for our churches can be purchased from Randall House in Nashville, TN. We encourage our churches to contact Randall House and work with them in any way possible.

Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt its recommendations.

REPORT NO. 12

THE REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Memorial committee, wish to express our appreciation to the memory of those of our district meetings that have out-raced us in the walk of life and have gone on to be with the Lord. Many of them have left testimonies that will live on as long as we who knew them live. We offer sympathy and condolences to their families and churches. In memororiam: Gladys Mosher, Racheal Franklin, Margaret Martin, Sister Whitaker, Opal Lee, Darwin Forth, Gladys Wilfong, Lois Dees, Mariatha Groves, Darren Boyd, Rev. Clyde Gulley, Mrs. Clyde Gulley, Wilma Bates, Alta Owens, Robert Meggs. A complete list of names was not available; we ask God to bring to mind those that were a living testimony to us. We ask that this Association stand

and have a moment of silent prayer dedicated to their memory. After the moment of silence, we ask that Bro. Wallace Malone close in prayer.

Motion sustained to adopt the report of the Memorial committee.

Report No. 13

THE REPORT OF THE STATE MISSIONS BOARD

The Board of Missions met six times during the year.

This year of 1986 has been an enjoyable year for the Mission Board. We have seen great strides of improvement in our work at Salem, IL under the leadership of missionary Donoho. The mission church (Calvary) in consultation with the Mission Board purchased 13.6 acres of choice property located on Highway 37 South, known as the Cluster Drive-In Theater property, for \$32,500. The mission church raised the down payment of \$10,500 and are assuming the monthly payments on the balance.

Missionary Donoho, his family and congregation are to be commended for their unselfish labor in establishing this work, and the growth of their people both spiritually and numerically.

The work at Effingham (Crossroads Church) has been one of miracles. This work was started about five years ago by our missionary, John Hollis. The Free Will Baptist churches and people of this state are to be highly commended for their faithful support to missionary Hollis, his family and this work.

What a wonderful privilege we have to be holding this twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists in these very lovely facilities.

The Board, in it's meeting, January 23, 1987, after much prayer and discussion, made definite plans to phase-out mission support for missionary Hollis beginning in April and concluding December 31, 1987. We would urge our churches and people to pray for and continue to support missionary Hollis throughout this year.

As the Board looks to future work, it agreed to give priority consideration to the Chicago, Urbana, Champaign and Bloomington areas for the establishing of mission work and that plans be implemeted as soon as feasible. We call upon our Free Will Baptist Churches and people of Illinois to give special prayer support to these future plans. Funds may be designated now to assure the success of this future venture.

Furthermore, since the State Association last year, ask the Board of Missions to help in sponsoring the Foreign Missions project "Advance Celebration" for the next three (3) years in an attempt to raise \$1,000,000.00 across the denomination, we, the Board, urge you to join us in making a commitment to give generously and sacrificially to this worthy program. Our State

Association, in it's 1986 session, set a goal of \$45,000.00 to be raised by our churches and people over the next three (3) years. We plead with you to help us in getting every church and individual involved in this great task.

Our state missions giving for 1986 was somewhat less than last year, which seems to have been the trend nationally, in both Home and Foreign Mission Departments. To Foreign Missions...\$87,661.83. To Home Missions...\$39,555.68 making a total of \$127,217.51.

The Board includes in this report the set of guidelines it has adopted to guide it's work.

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS TO ILLINOIS MISSION BOARD

Arnold View	\$ 250.00
Bakerville	885.00
Bear Point	2,372.26
Benton First	315.90
Bethel	347.00
Blue Point	962.87
Butterfield	510.00
Calvary (Salem)	325.00
Crossroads	6,190.60
Decatur First	564.00
Granite City First	77.00
Hazel Dell	2,617.31
Immanuel	538.82
Ina	1,740.00
Johnston City First	2,645.80
Mascoutah	192.26
Mt. Vernon First	445.45
New Hope	200.00
Oak Valley	55.10
People's-Justice	100.00
Pleasant View	585.00
Rock Springs	471.09
Salem	936.65
Unity	161.58
Waltonville	2,301.18
Webb's Prairie	604.50
West Central Q.M.	350.00
South Central Q.M.	2,100.00
Individual Gifts	409.00
TOTAL	\$29,253.37

Designated gifts-churches and individuals	\$29,253.37
Illinois State Co-op program	9,417.96
Interest on N.O.W. checking account	216.30
C.D. cashed	620.00
Interest on C.D.	48.05

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1986 \$39,555.68

DISBURSEMENTS

National Home Missions	\$25,060.00
Missionaries hospitalization insurance premium	7,021.70
Missionaries monthly housing, etc.	5,900.00
Missionaries Social Security	1,920.00
Missionaries Retirement Fund	600.00
Missionaries Itinerary Exp. Mi. P. Calls	975.70
Board members travel expense	264.40
Service charge-Bank of Johnston City	25.00
Reimbursed Calvary Mission Guest Speaker	40.00
Real Estate Tax (Parsonage prop.-Salem)	375.91
Office supplies-postage, etc.	153.50
Walk-A-Thon expense	158.58
Missionaries expense to National Assn.	400.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$43,094.79

Balance brought forward from December 31, 1985 . \$ 5,322.67

Receipts:

Designated gifts from churches and individuals	29,253.37
State Association Co-op program	9,417.96
Interest on N.O.W. checking account	216.30
C.D. cashed to pay Real Estate Tax	620.00
Interest on C.D.	48.05

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1986 \$39,555.68

Total including Balance Forward 44,878.35 |

Total Disbursements for 1986 43,094.79 |

Balance in Bank of Johnston City as of

December 31, 1986 1,783.56 |

ILLINOIS BOARD OF MISSIONS PROPOSED FAITH BUDGET FOR 1987

Missionary Maintenance:

Missionaries Salaries	\$27,000.00
Housing Allowance	6,000.00
Insurance (Hospitalization)	4,500.00
Social Security	2,000.00
Retirement Fund	600.00
Travel Expense-Itinerary, etc.	2,000.00
Office supplies-postage, etc.	400.00

Projected needs for new works	8,500.00
Miscellaneous-(Bd. members travel, etc.)	1,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET	\$52,000.00
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Anticipated Income:

Designated gifts-Churches and Individuals	\$26,500.00
From State Co-op program	12,000.00
Special Mission Projects (Conf.. Walk-A-Thon) ...	5,000.00
Special gifts for new work, etc.	8,500.00

Total Anticipated Income	\$52,000.00
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GUIDELINES FOR THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Name: This Board shall be known as the Board of Missions of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Purpose: It shall be the purpose of this board in cooperation with the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists to promote missions both Home and Foreign in the Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Illinois.

Organization: The Board of Missions shall operate under the direction of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist. It shall be composed of persons elected in accordance to the constitution of said association. The board shall elect its own chairman and secretary/treasurer.

Operation and Duties:

1. Meetings of the Board-The Board shall meet twice yearly and at other times as is deemed necessary at the call of the chairman. Three members shall constitute a quorum, providing all members have been duly notified.

2. The chairman will provide an agenda for board meetings and preside over the board sessions.

3. The secretary/treasurer shall keep minutes of all board meetings and provide copies for board members. The treasurer shall receive all monies and disburse funds as directed by the board. Financial reports are to be given at each board meeting and an annual report prepared for the State Association.

4. The Board shall prepare a proposed annual budget to present to the State Association.

5. Official correspondence of the Board shall bear the signature of either the chairman or the secretary/treasurer. The Board shall authorize the chairman and secretary/treasurer to sign all legal documents.

6. The Board will sponsor missionary conferences in local churches, district associations, and arrange itineraries for both state and national missionaries. It shall also seek out locations

(areas) in our state in consultation with local pastors and other church leaders in the areas to establish mission work. it shall work with the National Home Mission Board in joint projects as it deems advisable to do so.

7. The Board will be responsible for employing persons who meet required qualifications as specified in questionnaire and application form. The Board will provide personnel with job description and make contractual agreement with said parties.

8. The Board shall rent, lease or purchase properties and other equipment and supplies as necessary for the operation of mission work in a given area. The Board must use discretion in obligating itself. The Board shall hold title to all properties and equipment unless otherwise agreed upon, until the mission becomes self supporting.

9. The board will periodically review the ministry of the missionary and progress of the mission church. It will advise and help the missionary and the church in future planning.

Motion sustained to receive the report, adopt the budget, and to give a standing vote of thanks to the State Mission Board.

Prayer by Larry Clyatt

—Recess—

—Saturday Morning Business Session—

March 28, 1987

The meeting began with the congregation singing "I Love To Tell The Story" with prayer by Bro. Cory Adams. The devotion was brought by Bro. Mike Johnston "The Purpose of the Word".

Report No. 14
THE REPORT OF THE LAYMANS BOARD
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEARLY REPORT

Business Transactions	Income	Expend.
Balance brought forward January 1, 1986	573.11	
Deposited co-op check 1-17-86	47.28	
Deposited co-op check 2-11-86	44.45	
Deposited co-op check 3-7-86	24.35	
Check to Paul Moore for stamps 4-5-86		4.40
Deposited co-op check 4-11-86	26.57	
Deposited co-op check 5-19-86	58.07	
Deposited co-op check 6-16-86	38.76	
Check to Eldon Schmidt for travel 6-20-86		24.00
Check to Paul Moore for travel 6-20-86.		35.62
Deposited co-op check 7-18-86	24.19	

Deposited co-op check 8-15-86	51.25	
Deposited co-op check 9-15-86	35.60	
Check to Eldon Schmidt for travel 9-19-86		24.00
Check to Pau Moore for travel 9-19-86		20.00
Check to Paul Moore for stamps 10-14-86		13.20
Deposited co-op check 10-17-86	28.68	
Check to Bob Martin, food, retreat 11-8-86		175.00
Check to Camp Hope for use of camp 11-8-86		100.00
Deposited co-op check and offering 11-14-86	94.02	
Check to Camp Home for gravel 11-17-86		156.45
Check to National Master's Men 11-17-86		100.00
Check to Camp Hope 11-24-86		28.00
Deposited co-op check 12-19-86	54.82	
TOTALS	<u>\$1,101.15</u>	<u>\$680.67</u>
Balance December 31, 1986	\$ 420.48	

The first few months of the year were uneventful as we had no invitations to go to any of our churches and talk to them about the Master's Men program.

In April letters were sent to the presidents of all our Master's Men Chapters inviting them to a meeting at Bonanza in Mt. Vernon to discuss our fall Master's Men retreat. The meeting was held Friday night June 20. We had only one of our presidents to attend.

We made tentative plans to have our retreat September 26th and 27th. but later found there were a conflict of interest on these days because of the Camp Hope homecoming.

Eldon and I met August 15 and made our final plans for the annual retreat. It was held November 7-8 at Camp Hope. The attendance was better than last year with 28 men attending. We feel that our laymen are missing a blessing by not coming to the retreat.

Our theme this year was "GET OUT OF THE BOAT" and three challenging messages were brought by David Mishler, Mike Johnston, and Larry Clyatt. Instead of a time of recreation the Layman's Board bought a load of gravel and the men used it to lay sidewalks between buildings.

The sweet Holy Spirit was with us as we fellowshiped together around the word of God. Each heart was blessed and a good time was had by all.

I would like to take this time to challenge you churches who do not have a Master's Men Chapter to give serious thought to this matter this year. Brother Eldon and I would be thrilled to come to your church and explain this vital ministry to you.

Paul Moore, Sec./Treasurer

LAYMAN'S BOARD PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1987

Camp Hope	\$100.00
Master's Men Retreat	175.00
Annual Project	125.00
Travel for Board Members	120.00
Misc. Expenses	50.00
Expenses for National Director	100.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$670.00

Motion sustained to receive the report and to adopt the budget.

REPORT NO. 15

THE REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance committee, recommend the following.

1. That we as a State Association voice strongly against the method used to advertise beer, wine and liquor and that we encourage our preachers to be vocal in exposing this menace.

2. That we strongly oppose abortion and any tax money used to finance this.

3. We also oppose our tax dollars being used to promote any form of pornography and encourage local churches and pastors to fight it.

4. That this State Association send a letter of commendation to Mr. Donald Wildmon and that we support the great work he is doing.

5. That we as an Association take a firm stand against all forms of rock music and much of the so-called country and western music.

6. That we as a State Association take a firm stand against gospel rock music, rock music, and extend it to the local church level and to the individual member.

7. That we as a State Association take a firm stand against the elements of humanism being taught in public schools and extend it to the local church and to the individual members to become informed of curriculum being used under the guise of health education, new world order and etc.

8. That as a State Association we take a firm stand against T.V. networks that run advertisements for devices for safe sex. We encourage the State Association, local churches and individual members to write letters voicing their disapproval.

9. That the State Association prepare a letter for Free Will Baptist churches that can be sent to their respective schools, stating our position on issues that are repugnant to Biblical positions of the family and morality.

Motion sustained to amend the Temperance report by adding item # 10. That we go on record opposing all forms of

gambling; including the State lottery.

Motion sustained to amend #5 by changing the word "most" to "all".

Motion sustained to receive the report and its amendments.

REPORT NO. 16

THE FINAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item #8-We recommend that the following slate of men be placed on the Executive Board:

Fox River: James Butcher

Northern: Billy Maynard

North Central: W.H. Swain

East Central: John Hollis

West Central: David Malone

South Central: Bob Stone

Item #9-We recommend that the 1988 State Association be held at Bethel F.W.B. Church.

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

Item #8-Motion sustained to elect the above mentioned names to the Executive Board.

Item #9-Motion sustained to adopt the recommendation.

Motion sustained to remove Item #1, from the Business Committees report, from the table.

Motion sustained, by a 55 yeas to 1 nay, to refer Item #1 to the Executive Board for consideration and recommendation.

REPORT NO. 17

THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We have examined the ministers annual reports as submitted by the quarterly districts and recommend cards of good standing to the following ordained ministers:

West Central: Jesse W. Allen, Guy Leonard, Jerry Presley, Ivan Ryan, Cory Adams, Cloy Myers, J.L. Hudson, Albert Bays, Larry Cook, Mike Russell, Melvin Knott, Steven R. Eubanks, Clifford Hicks and Jimmy Hicks.

Fox River: Dock Caton, Fred Harder, J. Reford Wilson, James O. Butcher, Billy Melvin and Otis L. Smith.

Northern Illinois: Kenneth Pell, Billy Maynard and David K. Potete.

North Central: Willard Westbrooks, Samuel Henderson, David Turner, Wallace Malone, Dan McEvers and Harold L. Whitsell.

East Central: Michael Neuman, Byford Campbell, John Hiltibal, John J. Postlewaite, Howard Flota, John Hollis, Clifford Donoho, George Capps, Ernie Lewis, George W.

Waggoner and Loyd Crain.

South Central: Max Courtney, David Shores, Dean Walker, Ken Doggett, William J. Mishler, Leon McBride, Keith Fletcher, C.J. Kettelman, Larry D. Clyatt, James E. Goggs, Charles E. Bowers, Bob Stone, Raymond Capps and Randy Jones.

Licensed Ministers: South Central - Paul D. Leffler, North Central - Norman Clem, Northern - Edward Maynard, West Central - Billy G. Fasig, Randall Steelman and Terry Pierce.

Motion sustained to adopt the report, and to issue the cards of good standing.

REPORT NO. 18

FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating committee, present the following for consideration as officers of our State Association:

Moderator: Loyd Crain

Assistant Moderator: Larry Clyatt

Clerk: Larry Cook

Assistant Clerk: Byford Campbell

Treasurer: Mike Johnston

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

Item #1-Motion sustained to elect Bro. Mike Johnston as Treasurer.

Item #2-Motion sustained to elect Bro. Byford Campbell as Assistant Clerk.

Item #3-Motion sustained to elect Bro. Larry Cook as Clerk.

Item #4-Motion sustained to elect Bro. Larry Clyatt as Assistant Moderator.

Item #5-Motion sustained to elect Bro. Loyd Crain as Moderator.

Motion sustained to elect the following as delegates to the National Association: Bonnie Doggett, Harold Swain, Cleo Leonard, David Malone, and Kelly Douglas. Motion sustained to allow the moderator to appoint someone to fill any vacancy at the National Association.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Prayer by Bro. Leon McBride.

—Saturday Morning Worship Service—

The service began with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Prayer by Bro. Buddy Blackburn. A special was shared by Bro. Frank Breeden "Oh I Shall Never Forget The Day That Jesus Washed My Sins Away". Then Bro. David Mishler led the congregation in singing "He Lives". Followed by Bro. Steve Utley singing "A Child Of The King".

The message was brought by Bro. Larry Cook entitled "The Person of the Word" from John 1:1-5 and Hebrews 1:1-3.

Closing prayer was by Bro. Hollis.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Cook, State Clerk*