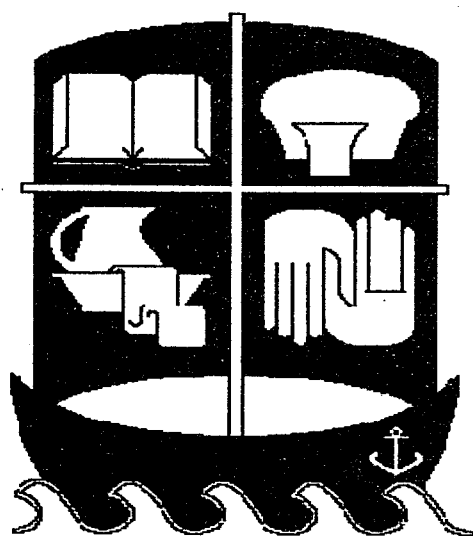


**MINUTES OF THE
FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST**



2008

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**MINUTES OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MARCH 14TH & 15TH**

The meeting was held at the Tanner Trails Community Church in North Aurora, Illinois. The service was opened by singing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and Bro. Jon Cannon led in prayer. The pastor Bro. David Womack welcomed us to Tanner Trails Community Church and North Aurora. The clerk then called the meeting to order and the moderator, Bro. David Burgess thanked the church for their hospitality and he then recognized those who are standing delegates and appointed the following to the Business Committee: Ivan Ryan, Tom Slamans, & David Potete and to the Memorial Committee: Kathy Hayes, Jane Harmon, and Joyce Hale. The clerk then presented the District reports.

REPORT NO. 1 DISTRICT REPORTS

Districts	East C.	West C	South C	Northern	Fox River	Quad C.	Totals
No. Of Churches	9	10	10	3	4	3	40
No. In City	4	6	3	3	4	3	23
No. -Rural	5	4	7				16
No. Reporting	9	10		3	3	3	28
Full-Time P.	6	6	6	1	2	2	23
Bi-Vocational P.	3	3	4	2	1	1	14
No. Of Baptisms	23	47	26	1	19	10	126
Members Added	37	37	63	7	14	7	165
Members Lost	12	22	24	4	18	0	80
Tot. Members	1009	1162	535(4)	90	107	105	3008
Total Income	\$840,462	\$971,679	\$718,844(7)	\$141,318	\$246,648	\$144,751	3,063,02
Church/Budget	6	6	3		2	3	20
No. Parsonages	2	3	2		2		9
Property Value	3,277,000	4,890,000	3,901,00 (4)	1,320,000	3,800,000	1,280,000	14,957,100
No. Ordained	13	17	9	7	3	3	52
No. Licensed	2	2	3		0	1	8
No. Deacons	25	27	37	1	2	2	94
Day Cares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kindergartens	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Christian School	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bible Institutes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colleges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunday School	713	488	323(3)	83	110	73	1796
CTS	66	95	85	10	0	0	256
WNAC	51	49	68	5	10	0	183
Master Men	14	23		4	18	0	59

Numbers in parenthesis are the number of churches reporting that statistic. There is a difference in number of churches because we have one church that is not a part of any district at this time due to the North Central disbanding. I also included due to limited space the Decatur 1st FWB Church in the East Central since they are now, as of 2008, an official part of that district.

DELEGATES TO THE 2008 STATE MEETING-

East Central District

Christina Taylor

Kathy Hayes

Pat Shores

Susan Burgess

Mike Robertson

Peggy Ferguson

West Central District

Jane Harmon

Tom Green

Pete Urbonas

Gladys Smith

Mark Kash

Denise Gray

Linda Williams

Phyllis Kash

Rhonda Rone

South Central District

Amy Johnson

Nick Roberts

Diane Ryan

Fox River District

Jennie Probst

Verna Allen

Judy Kent

Kay Slamans

Quad Cities District

Joyce Hale

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Districts and seat the delegates. The moderator then recognized the churches and leaders attending the meeting and Bro. Tim Hayes led in prayer.

REPORT NO. 2 REPORT OF THE STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

As I reviewed the reports from our state boards, committees and treasurers for 2007 I was pleased with the many things accomplished during the past year. Generally, there is a great spirit of cooperation among our standing boards and among those who are members of the boards. This is expressed many times during the year at the Executive Board meetings when financial matters are discussed and evaluated. Since we are all financed by the Together Way Plan, there has always been a good attitude of giving and sharing percentages allocated through this program. Of course, the delegates at the annual association vote on that distribution, but the real concern shown among the boards for the ministry of the entire state is refreshing.

On the subject of the Together Way Plan and state giving, I noticed that a few member churches of our state did not respond this past year with any gifts to our state program. According to the Report of the State Treasurer, 31 churches gave to some designated cause, 23 helped fund the Together Way Plan and 13 sent in money for the Newsletter and Promotion Fund. Remember that all state boards are funded from this plan.

Along with this cooperation we will also have a discussion on division as we turn to the report of the Re-districting Committee which lays out a plan by which each church or quarterly meeting can start the process of restructuring or maintaining a convenient organization. This committee has put in a lot of time, miles, thought and prayer and I urge each delegate to prayerfully consider their recommendations before you decide what is best for our state association and for your church.

We are blessed to have wonderful camp facilities, dedicated workers, volunteers who spend time helping in a million ways and good men who oversee its operation. The summer camps had almost 400 young people. The Christian Education Board is seeking new ways to help with the finances of all our bible college students and the Illinois Board of Missions opened a new church in Collinsville. The CTS Board continues to host competitive activities for our young people. These are exciting activities going on all over our association.

When you combine all the above with \$300 pies, cleaning up storm debris, shooting clay pigeons and listening to the Master's Men Board report on their local activities plus their Disaster Relief Team workers, surely you will be enthused to continue on in the Lord's work among Free Will Baptists. I commend all our boards for their good work.

Other exciting news to share include:

The new campus of FWBBC to be located in Galatin, Tennessee
Teens going on mission trips
Two insurance rebates to our association from Brotherhood Mutual total \$9,736.00.
The Hanna Project giving us every opportunity to minister in various ways to physical as well as spiritual needs in neglected countries
Ina Church sending a team to Cuba this month
Rusty and Brenda Carney going to Japan as missionaries
The success of two big Mission Offering Days per year - Home Missions, Benjamin Randall Day and International Missions, World Mission Offering
The new Illinois Missions Board e-mail Newsletter
The Praise and Worship Workshop held at Decatur
FWBBC began broadcasting sporting event on PODCAST

All these activities should remind us that we are not only maintaining a FWB voice in Illinois but we are transitioning through some changes that will benefit us in the days to come. As I prepared my report Brother Wallace Malone came to my mind. He was a man tied to the past by his love and devotion to our denomination but not tied in such a way that he stood in the way of progress. He was an innovator, a visionary, determined to influence the younger men following him by sharing wisdom he had gained through trials to steer them to a more fruitful ministry than his own. All of us need to pursue that same path.

Let me share some news about preachers and churches. Brother Danny Gray, Luther Hudson, Gene Waddell and Herman Hersey went to be with the Lord this past year. Oak Grove Church has called Brother John Pratt as pastor, Rescue Church called Brother Bryant Harris and Heritage called Brother Karel Smith. New Hope and Nason Churches continue their search. North Second Street (Rockford) and the church in Peoria need some counsel.

The Illinois Newsletter is a free publication available to anyone. The Post Office has come up with a new sorting system which requires a new style of folding, sealing and processing the Illinois Newsletter. The new process has given us a decrease in the mailing rate but has almost tripled my time in getting the mailing ready. Hopefully, this will be better with time and practice.

The Adult Camp continues to meet each year at Camp Hope on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and at local churches for the Monday and Tuesday services. Please submit your name and address and you will be placed on the mailing list.

Thank you again for the privilege to serve as Promotional Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

David Shores

Motion sustained to receive the report.

REPORT NO. 3 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT 2007

The Executive Board met following the 2007 State meeting and organized with Bro. David Burgess, chairman and Bro. Larry Cook, recording secretary. The time and place for the next meeting was set for May 25 at Crossroads FWB Church in Effingham. The boards were organized as follows:

Church Training Board

Ed Ferguson, Treas.	2008
Steve Furtell	2009
Kelly Douglas, Chr.	2010
Liz Kohn, Sec.	2011
Tom Lewis	2012

Christian Ed. & Sunday School Board

David Mishler, Sec.	2008
Ivan Ryan, Treas.	2009
Spencer Meagher	2010
Steve Hale, Chr.	2011
Jason Jean	2012

Board of Missions

Travis Penn	2008
Ricky Ham, Sec.	2009
Tyler Penn, Treas.	2010
Ernie Lewis Chr.	2011
David Potete	2012

Camp Board

Tim Pierce	2008
Brad Ryan,	2009
Matt Crain, Sec.	2010
Corey Penn, Teas.	2011
Bryant Harris, Chr.	2012

Master's Men Board

Karel Smith	2008
Ted Bryan, Chr.	2009
Marty Leffler, Sec	2010
Tom Harmon	2011
Ernie Taylor, Treas.	2012

Moderator	David Burgess
Asst. Moderator	Gene Outland
Clerk	Larry Cook
Asst. Clerk	Harlen Johnson
Treasurer	Tim Hayes
Promotional Sec.	David Shores
General Board Mem.	David Shores

Executive Board Representatives

East Central-	John Hollis
West Central-	Ron Malone
South Central-	Ross Bunton
North Central-	Tyler Penn
Fox River-	David Womack
Quad Cities-	Sam Henderson
Northern IL.-	Gowdy Cannon

MAY 25,2007 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The meeting was opened with the assistant clerk, Bro. Harlen Johnson taking the roll and the following were present: David Burgess, Larry Cook, Harlen Johnson, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Bryant Harris, Steve Hale, Ross Bunton, Ron Malone, John Hollis, David Womack, and Tyler Penn. A motion was sustained to seat Bro. Ed Ferguson as proxy for Kelly Douglas. The minutes of the March 17th organizational meeting were approved with necessary corrections. The clerk Bro. Larry Cook shared a devotion from Col. 3:12-17 concerning God giving us a new heart or a change of attitudes and he concluded in prayer.

The report of the Promotional Secretary was given and a motion was sustained to receive the report. A committee was appointed by the moderator to study the possibility of redistricting our state. The following were appointed to this committee: Harlen Johnson, Ernie Lewis, Ross Bunton and Bryant Harris. The committee will report at the November 9th meeting.

The report of the State Treasurer was given and a motion was sustained to adopt the report.

Board Report:

Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Camp Board.

The report of the CTS Board was received and a motion was sustained to adopt the report. A motion was then made to give a \$2000 grant to the CTS Board from the General Fund. After some discussion this motion was sustained.

The report of the Christian Education Board was received and a motion was sustained to receive the report. A discussion then followed concerning the new program from FWBBC to help train ministerial students in our state and a motion was sustained to accept the offer of the CE Board to purchase a copy of the complete course to make it available to the districts for their consideration and approval as a course of study for training of ministers not attending FWBBC or other Bible Colleges.

The treasurer's reports of the Master's Men Board and the Disaster Response Unit was received and adopted.

Motion was sustained to accept the report of the State Missions Board.

The moderator then noted that Ron Pryer would serve on the Auditing Committee making the committee complete.

The meeting dates for the remainder of the year were selected with the following:

August 17th with the State Program Committee meeting at Ryan's at 4:30PM.

November 9th and Feb. 15th with all meetings being held at Effingham.

The moderator then closed in prayer.

Signed: Bro. Larry Cook, State Clerk

AUGUST 17, 2007 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The meeting was opened with the assistant clerk, Bro. Harlen Johnson taking the roll and the following were present: David Burgess, Larry Cook, Harlen Johnson, Ernie Lewis, Ted Bryan, Bryant Harris, Steve Hale, Kelly Douglas, Ross Bunton, John Hollis, David Womack, and Tyler Penn. There were two visitors present: Ron Pryer and Ed Ferguson. The minutes of the May 25th meeting were approved. The assistant clerk Bro. Harlen Johnson shared a devotion from Gal. 6:9 "Let us not grow weary in well doing" as we have all had a busy summer we need to remember that much we do does not bring immediate results. We were encouraged to pray for God to give us the necessary strength to continue the task.

The report of the Promotional Secretary was noted and a motion was sustained to receive the report. The report of the State Treasurer was given and a motion was sustained to adopt the report.

Board Report:

Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Camp Board. They reported that the various camps this summer went well and that the new siding looks great.

The report of the CTS Board was received and a motion was sustained to adopt the report. The board reported some major changes have occurred on the National Level concerning competition and that everyone needs to make note of these changes. The State Competition will be held at Decatur April 25,26, 2008.

The report of the Christian Education Board was received and a motion was sustained to receive the report. The new program from FWBBC is available through the C. E. Board. Bro. Steve also gave a personal report concerning his daughter Becky Derby and her battle with cancer.

Motion was sustained to accept the report of the State Missions Board. The chairman, Bro. Ernie Lewis gave us an update on the current status of each missionary account and of the work being done. A motion was sustained to receive the treasurer's report.

The treasurer's reports of the Master's Men Board and the Disaster Response Unit was received and adopted.

The moderator reported on the activity of the General Board at the National Association and then appointed the Nominating Committee for 2007-2008 consisting of Brad Ryan, Travis Penn, & David Potete.

A brief report was given concerning the Program committee for 2008.

The Associational Redistricting Committee gave a partial report and a motion was sustained to receive the report and to allow the committee to take the next step by obtaining information from individual churches concerning the reaction to the recommendations.

Motion was sustained to allow the clerk to reprint the Constitution and By-Laws including any necessary changes.

Motion sustained to adjourn and Bro. Kelly Douglas closed in prayer with requests being given.

The moderator then closed in prayer.

Signed: Bro. Larry Cook, Clerk

NOVEMBER 9, 2007 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CROSSROADS FWB CHURCH

The meeting was opened with the assistant clerk, Bro. Harlen Johnson taking the roll and the following were present: David Burgess, Larry Cook, Harlen Johnson, Tim Hayes, Ron Malone, Ernie Lewis, Bryant Harris, Kelly Douglas, Ross Bunton, John Hollis, David Womack, and David Shores. Bro. Ivan Ryan was seated as proxy for Steve Hale. The minutes of the August 17th meeting were approved.

Bro. David Womack shared a devotion from 2 Tim. 2:1-2 concerning the leader as a discipler. To be a good discipler a leader needs to develop following skills, teaching skills and enabling skills. He closed with a time of prayer.

The report of the Promotional Secretary was given and a motion was sustained to receive the report.

The report of the State Treasurer was given and a motion was sustained to adopt the report.

Board Report:

Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Camp Board. It was noted that a number of repairs and replacement of equipment was accomplished over the last few months.

The report of the CTS Board was received and a motion was sustained to adopt the report.

The report of the Christian Education Board was received and a motion was sustained to receive the report.

Motion was sustained to accept the report of the State Missions Board and their treasurer's report.

The chairman, Bro. Ernie Lewis gave us an update on the current status of each missionary account and of the work being done.

The report of the Master's Men Board was received and motion was sustained to accept the report.

A brief recess was declared by the moderator.

Following the break the Associational Redistricting Committee gave a partial report and a motion was sustained to receive the report and to allow the committee to continue their work as they seek to inform the churches of the proposal and get the necessary feed-back from them.

The Program Committee gave a report and a motion was sustained to adopt the following program for the 2008 meeting to be held at the Tanner Trails Church in North Aurora.

The Theme will be Cooperation without Compromise (Coming Together) with Phil. 1:27 being the theme verse. The following speakers and topics were approved: Friday Morning: Steve Hale and the topic being Coming Together in One Spirit, Friday Evening Ricky Ham, Coming Together in One Mind(Being Steadfast), and Saturday Morning Larry Cook, Striving Together in the work of God.

A motion was sustained to recommend the following together way allocations for 2008.

National Association	25%
Illinois Board of Missions	26%
Promotional Fund	12%
Camp Board	10%
General Fund	17%
Christian Education Board	3%
CTS Board	4%
Illinois Master Men Board	1%
Disaster Relief Fund	2%

Motion was sustained to lay on the table a request to suspend the By-Laws to allow for a change of date for the state meeting in 2008. The original dates would be on Easter weekend and so the request is to change to March 14,15 of 2008. In accordance with our By-Laws the clerk will by phone or electronically contact each board member in 15 days to receive their vote on changing the date.

A motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Ivan Ryan closed in prayer after a time of prayer requests was allowed.

Signed: Bro. Larry Cook, Clerk

FEBRUARY 15, 2008 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CROSSROADS, EFFINGHAM

The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the following answered Roll Call:

David Burgess, Larry Cook, Harlen Johnson, Ron Malone, Ernie Lewis, Ted Bryan, Bryant Harris, Kelly Douglas, Ross Bunton, John Hollis, David Womack, and David Shores. A motion was sustained to seat Bro. David Mishler as proxy for Bro Steve Hale. Motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2007 meeting of the Executive Board and Bro. David Burgess brought the devotion from Romans 10:9,10 and that Paul was speaking directly to the Jews and their need to confess Jesus.

The greatest need for all people groups of the world is to believe in Jesus. Extending the kingdom of God to all peoples is the task set before us. He then closed in prayer.

The report of the Promotional Secretary was received and approved. A motion was sustained to give a plaque to Bro. George Waggoner for his years of service to the Lord and his guidance in forming the state association is 1960.

A motion was sustained to adopt the report of the State Treasurer and recommend the budgets for 2008 be adopted. A motion was sustained to pay the motel expenses of Ron Pryer incurred while serving on the Auditing Committee. A motion was sustained to give the CTS Board \$1000 from the General Fund.

Board Reports:

Camp Board: Motion sustained to receive the report and recommend the adoption of their budget for 2008. A motion was sustained to allow the Camp Board to present plans for a chapel to be built to the State Association for their approval.

Motions were also sustained to receive the reports and recommend adoption of the 2008 budgets for the following boards: CTS, Christian Education, State Mission, and Master's Men and DRU.

The moderator then declared a short recess.

Misc. Business:

Motion was sustained to accept the report and commend the committee on Redistricting for their hard work.

Motion was sustained to present their recommendations for redistricting to the State Association for its consideration and whether to present to the member quarterlies for approval.

The report of the Auditing Committee was given and a motion was sustained to receive the report.

Motion was sustained to give honorariums of \$200 to each speaker at the State Association.

Prayer requests and praise items were received and Bro David Mishler closed in prayer.

Signed: Bro. Larry Cook, State Clerk

Motion was sustained to receive the report and to adopt the Together Way Allocations.

REPORT NO. 4 STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

2007 GENERAL FUND REPORT

2/1/07 Through 1/31/08

Beginning Balance \$11,627.16

INFLOWS

ILL. FWB

8% Of To-Way	8,666.79
Annual Dues	4,320.00
Brotherhood Mutual	9,736.00
General Fund	121.50
Interest Income	<u>30.23</u>

TOTAL ILL FWB

\$ 22,874.52

TOTAL INFLOWS

\$ 22,874.52

OUTFLOWS

Service Charge	22.00
Mileage Meeting Expenses	4,031.23
National Leadership Conf	600.00
Annual Dues	4,000.00
Flowers	60.00
National Board Expenses	1,015.25
Honorariums	1,450.00
Insurance	9,778.50
Leadership Conf	1,621.42
Office Supplies	81.79
ILL FWB Printing	321.00
State Meeting	700.00
U. S. Post Office	<u>41.00</u>

TOTAL OUTFLOWS

\$23,722.19

ENDING BALANCE	\$10,779.49
Money Market Account	\$ 5,130.83
Promotional Fund	

2007 PROMOTIONAL FUND REPORT

2/1/07 Through 1/31/08

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>\$6795.40</u>
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INCOME

From IL. FWB	17,514.28
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Now Account	<u>21.78</u>
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TOTAL INCOME	\$17,536.06
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EXPENSES

Misc	245.31
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Postage	1,000.00
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Printing	2,205.00
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Nations Bank	18.00
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Salary	<u>10,000.00</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,468.31
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ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$10,863.15</u>
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FWB Foundation	\$33,389.22
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2008 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

17% OF TOGETHER WAY	\$18225.00
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ANNUAL DUES	4320.00
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INTEREST INCOME	<u>30.00</u>
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$22575.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

BOARD EXPENSES	\$4000.00
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DELEGATES EXPENSES	600.00
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NATIONAL DUES	4000.00
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GENERAL BOARD MEMBER	750.00
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HONORARIUMS	1350.00
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SURETY BOND	100.00
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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	1600.00
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OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.00
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POSTAGE AND PHONE	100.00
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INSURANCE	8750.00
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PRINTING MINUTES	400.00
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STATE MEETING EXPENSE	700.00
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MISCELLANEOUS	<u>125.00</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 22575.00</u>
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PROMOTIONAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

TOGETHER WAY	\$15200.00
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DESIGNATED GIFTS	<u>2000.00</u>
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$17,200.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S SALARY	\$10000.00
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PRINTING OF NEWSLETTER	2500.00
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NEWSLETTER POSTAGE & SUPPLIES	2500.00
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OFFICE	1200.00
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NATIONAL EXPENSES	<u>1000.00</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$17,200.00</u>
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, TIM HAYES, STATE TREASURER

PAYEE	DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE 2007			
	2/1/07 Through		1/31/08	
	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS
	ILL. FWB	ILL. FWB	ILL. FWB	ILL. FWB
	CAMP BOARD	DISASTER	STEPHEN GRAY	ILL. REGIONAL
ALEXANDER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ARNOLD VIEW	0.00	0.00	1700.00	0.00
BAKERVILLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	907.38
BEAR POINT	0.00	0.00	2965.40	3825.35
BENTON FIRST	0.00	0.00	0.00	2940.00
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	777.00	539.00
BLUE POINT	0.00	300.00	1719.00	555.00
CALVARY	0.00	300.00	467.00	3664.74
CROSSROADS	0.00	300.00	0.00	745.00
DECATUR	0.00	0.00	100.00	3026.58
DISCOVERY FAMILY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	2118.00	0.00
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
FAITH MILAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
FREEDOM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HARMONY WEST FRANKFORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HAZEL DELL	250.00	0.00	617.00	0.00
HERITAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	2367.50
ILL WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	0.00	0.00	0.00	6154.25
INA	200.00	0.00	2405.00	0.00
INDIVIDUALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
JOHNSTON CITY	0.00	0.00	2186.16	0.00
MT. OLIVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MT. VERNON WOMEN'S AUX.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MT. VERNON MASTERS MEN	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
MT VERNON	0.00	0.00	0.00	3053.00
NEW HOPE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NORTHWEST	0.00	0.00	50.50	170.00
OAK GROVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OAK VALLEY	0.00	0.00	900.00	2160.00
PITTSBURG	0.00	0.00	0.00	19404.00
PLEASANT VIEW	700.00	206.19	214.00	145.00
RESCUE	38.26	0.00	0.00	150.00
TANNER TRAILS	0.00	0.00	0.00	2678.20
UNITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	720.00
WALTONVILLE	232.51	0.00	0.00	92.06
OVERALL TOTAL	<u>1420.77</u>	<u>1506.19</u>	<u>16219.06</u>	<u>53497.06</u>

PAYEE	DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE 2007			
	2/1/07 Through		1/31/08	
	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS
	ILL. FWB	ILL. FWB	ILL. FWB	ILL. FWB
	NEW PROJECTS	PROMOTIONAL	TO-WAY PLAN	TOTAL
ALEXANDER	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00
ARNOLD VIEW	0.00	0.00	8618.68	10318.68
BAKERVILLE	0.00	0.00	600.00	1507.38
BEAR POINT	0.00	120.00	11586.74	18497.49
BENTON FIRST	0.00	0.00	6105.00	9045.00
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	2400.00	3716.00
BLUE POINT	10.00	1200.00	3600.00	7384.00
CALVARY	20.00	0.00	3007.76	7459.40
CROSSROADS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1045.00
DECATUR	0.00	30.00	9300.26	12456.84
DISCOVERY FAMILY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	0.00	2118.00
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
FAITH MILAN	0.00	0.00	3377.00	3397.00
FREEDOM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HARMONY WEST FRANKFORT	0.00	120.00	1200.00	1320.00
HAZEL DELL	0.00	120.00	3000.00	3987.00
HERITAGE	0.00	0.00	538.50	2906.00
ILL WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	3904.91	0.00	0.00	10059.16
INA	0.00	110.00	15404.00	18119.00
INDIVIDUALS	0.00	25.00	0.00	205.00
JOHNSTON CITY	0.00	0.00	7057.96	9244.12
MT. OLIVE	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
MT VERNON WOMENS AUX.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MT VERNON MASTERS MEN	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
MT VERNON	0.00	0.00	13389.00	16442.00
NEW HOPE	0.00	136.00	2568.70	2704.70
NORTHWEST	0.00	0.00	1400.00	1620.50
OAK GROVE	0.00	0.00	1583.55	1583.55
OAK VALLEY	0.00	300.00	0.00	3360.00
PITTSBURG	0.00	0.00	2004.00	21408.00
PLEASANT VIEW	0.00	300.00	0.00	1565.19
RESCUE	0.00	28.94	3233.71	3450.91
TANNER TRAILS	0.00	0.00	3989.18	6667.38
UNITY	0.00	0.00	1363.00	2083.00
WALTONVILLE	0.00	60.00	232.51	617.08
OVERALL TOTAL	3934.91	2609.94	106459.55	185647.48

PAYEE	DESIGNATED	GIVING TO	NATIONAL	
	2/1/07	THROUGH	1/31/08	
	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS
	HOME MISSIONS	INTERNATIONAL	NATIONAL FWB	TOTAL
ARNOLD VIEW	370.00	2106.00	0.00	2476.00
BAKERVILLE	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
BEAR POINT	642.50	13658.04	0.00	14300.54
BENTON FIRST	0.00	5351.00	0.00	5351.00
BETHEL	4275.20	6915.00	300.00	11490.20
BLUE POINT	17209.01	14517.86	5567.54	37294.41
CALVARY	1130.00	5054.44	2442.06	8626.50
CROSSROADS	793.50	986.50	543.00	2323.00
DECATUR	110.00	160.00	0.00	270.00
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT	0.00	525.00	0.00	525.00
FAITH MILAN	320.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
FREEDOM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HARMONY WEST FRANKFORT	1200.00	1800.00	1200.00	4200.00
HAZEL DELL	630.00	1744.90	2541.65	4916.55
HERITAGE	230.00	30.00	1465.00	1725.00
HOOPESTON FWB	158.70	0.00	0.00	158.70
ILL WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	1279.19	5116.36	25.00	6420.55
INA	2927.00	34977.00	3975.00	41879.00
JOHNSTON CITY	1871.13	4897.45	430.00	7198.58
MT VERNON WOMENS AUX	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
MT VERNON	3265.00	1100.00	0.00	4365.00
NORTHWEST	935.00	1160.00	180.00	2275.00
OAK VALLEY	0.00	2580.00	0.00	2580.00
PLEASANT VIEW	1415.00	9573.00	1378.68	12366.68
RESCUE	0.00	1364.00	273.04	1637.04
TANNER TRAILS	80.00	4823.60	0.00	4903.60
UNITY	160.00	160.00	0.00	320.00
VICTORY FWB	200.00	200.00	400.00	800.00
WALTONVILLE	840.00	1621.30	0.00	2461.30
OVERALL TOTAL	40041.23	121021.45	20720.97	181783.65

Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt the budgets of the General Fund and Promotional Fund.

REPORT NO. 5 REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

The auditing committee has audited the financial records of all the boards of the Illinois State Association for the year ending December 31, 2007. The committee finds the records in order for the following boards: The State Association (including the Promotional Funds), State Missions Board, Camp Board, CTS Board, Master's Men Board, and Christian Education Board.

Audit Committee: Marilyn Ervin, Ron Pryer and Scott Porter.

Motion sustained to receive the report.

REPORT NO. 6 REPORT OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Findings and Recommendations

This committee on redistricting was formed in response to various inquiries throughout the State regarding the possibility and/or feasibility of adjusting the way in which our state is currently divided into District Associations. At the time of the formation of this committee there were six (6) District Associations, as outlined in Figure 1, attached. However, the North Central District was, at that time, in the process of disbanding due to the decline in participation and the number of churches involved. This has also prompted us to inquire how we could develop a way for all the churches in Illinois to become stronger and closer family on a state wide level. The idea of re-districting seemed to be a viable option to accomplish at least part of this objective.

A committee was formed which consisted of Bro. Bryant Harris, Bro. Ernie Lewis, Bro. Ross Bunton, and Bro. Harlen Johnson. The first meeting of the committee was held at First F.W.B. church in Mt. Vernon and a rough draft was prepared. This draft was presented to the State Executive Board at the August 2007 Meeting. Fruitful and informative questions and discussion were sought and received from the members of the State Executive Board after which the Board voted to proceed with to next step in this process.

The committee issued a letter to each of the churches within the state to solicit feed-back relative to the proposed re-districting. Receiving no response from the first letter a second letter was sent to each of the churches in the state, again requesting feed-back from the local churches relative to the proposed redistricting. The committee followed up by contacting pastors throughout the state seeking their input and feed-back. Through this process the committee has found little to no discernable opposition to the proposed re-districting. Based on the input received, a sketch of the proposed new districts is presented in Figure 2.

Proceeding to the next step in the process the committee began to look deeper into the details of what would be required to accomplish the plan which had been developed. It was in this phase of the process that the committee began to fully understand the complexity of what would be required to accomplish the task at hand. Acknowledging first and foremost that each District Association operates autonomously and independently from one another as well as from the State Association the plan in its entirety comes only as a recommendation and the committee recognizes that the plan set forth is entirely contingent on each District Association's approval and subsequent execution of the plan. Realizing that each District Association would have its own unique list of items to act upon in order to accomplish the redistricting as proposed, a general list of action items were developed to offer some direction and to assist in starting the process (see Attachment 1: Action Items for Re-Districting). This list is certainly not intended to be exhaustive. There are a great number of details to be explored with the transition of each District. This list is simply intended to offer guidance and assist in making that transition as smooth as possible.

Communication has also been identified as a critical element in making smooth transitions between District Associations. To that end, it is recommended that each existing District Association that will have churches moving to a new district issue a letter of summary and/or recommendation for each directly to the receiving district. It is recommended that these letters included a summary of any outstanding issues and/or accolades of the church, pastors, and/or deacons that the receiving District may want to consider within the transition process as well as contact information necessary to open lines of communication for additional inquiries.

Other complex issues brought forth in this process dealt with the creation of two District Associations from one (currently West Central, dividing into Rend Lake and Metro-East) as well as the merging of two districts (Northern Illinois & Fox River). In each of these cases there are essentially "New" District Associations formed. It was in addressing these issues that we wanted to be sure that the fundamental building blocks required for the creation of new District Associations were available. In doing so, the committee evaluated the constitution and by-laws from a majority of the Districts throughout the state and assembled a representative draft or sample constitution and by-laws that a newly formed district could use, if it so desired, as a baseline for establishing its own. (See Attachment 2: Sample Constitution and By-Laws). It is the recommendation of this committee that this re-districting plan be presented to the body at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists. At the conclusion of this presentation it is recommended that a vote be taken to determine whether or not the Association would continue with this project by offering this plan as a recommendation for implementation to each District and local church within the state.

Thank you for giving us this task of developing a plan that, we all feel as a committee, will bring us closer together as District Associations, which in turn will bring us closer together as a State Association.

In Christ,
Bro. Harlen Johnson,
Bro. Ernie Lewis,
Bro. Ross Bunton,
Bro. Bryant Harris.

FIGURE 1 - CURRENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

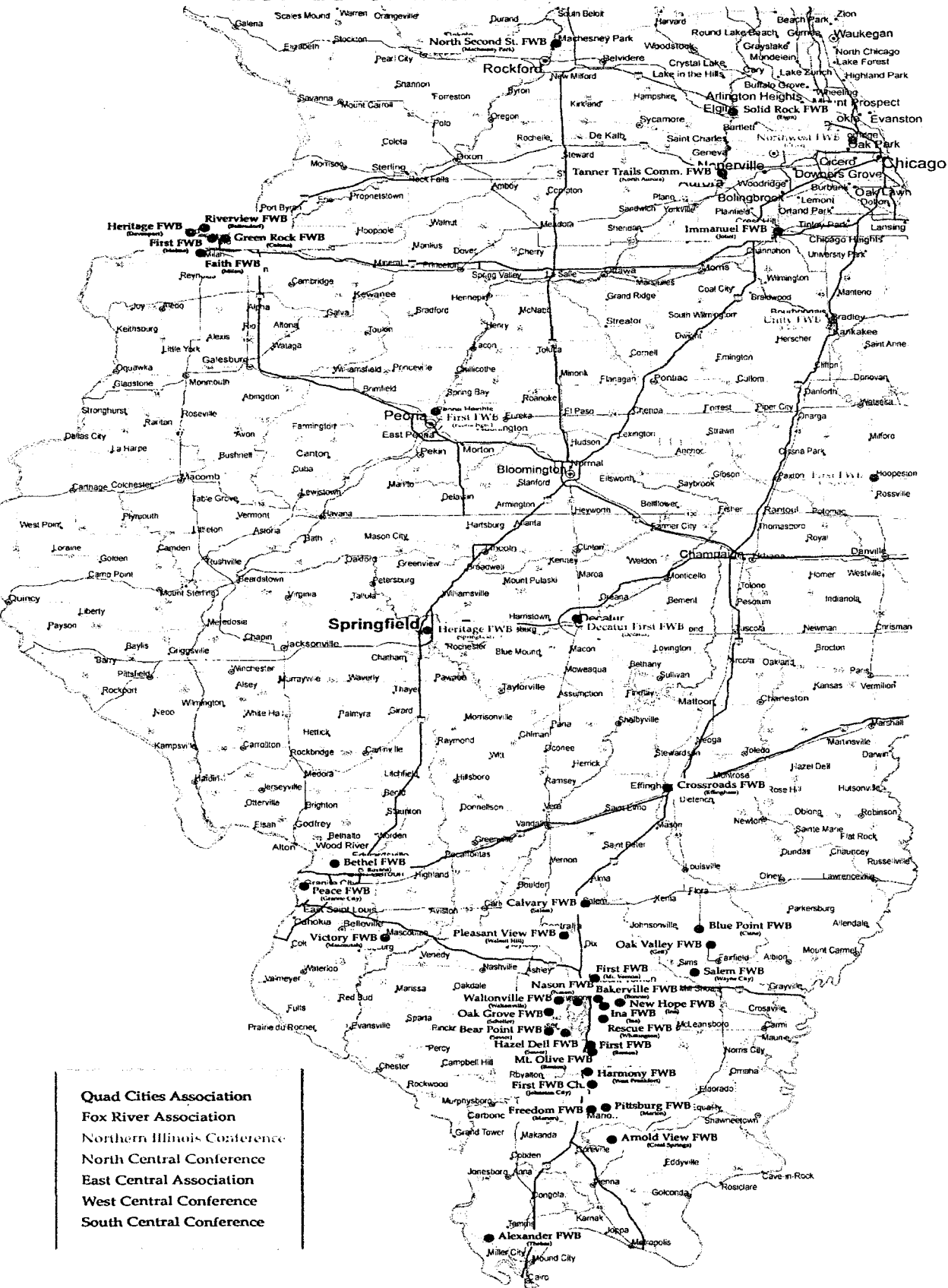
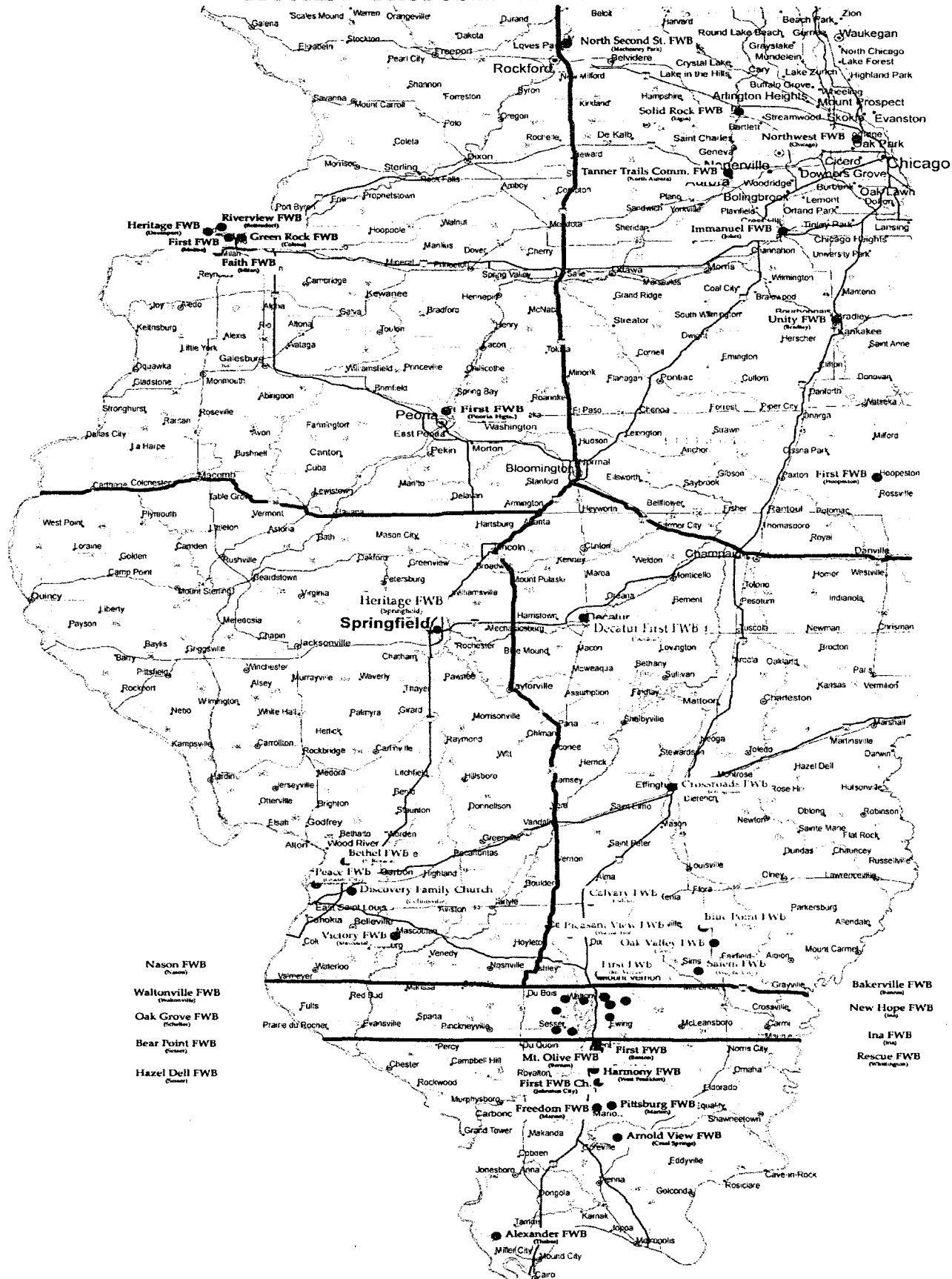


FIGURE 2 - PROPOSED RE-DISTRICTING



ATTACHMENT 1
ACTION ITEMS FOR RE-DISTRICTING

West Central

- **Vote to divide quarterly into two districts (Metro-East & Rend Lake)**
- **Vote to adopt a revised Constitution and By-laws with new names and meeting dates as appropriate. The next meeting dates for each of the new districts would be set at this "Last" West Central Meeting**
- **Vote to retain existing West Central Officers as Rend Lake Officers (*Fill any Board vacancies created by Metro-East Churches*)**
- **Vote to divide current funds between districts proportionally to the number of churches currently in each. Funds to be retained by West Central (renamed Rend Lake) until Accounts are established by Metro-East.**
- **Appoint a temporary moderator for Metro-East to direct their first meeting where they will elect officers.**

Rend Lake

- **Vote to accept Ina FWB, New Hope, and Bakerville for affiliation**
- **Send Allocated funds to Metro East when accounts are established**

Metro-East

- **Elect Officers**
- **Establish Accounts**

South Central

- **Elect New Moderator**
- **Fill any board vacancies created**
- **Issue Letters of Summary/Recommendation for Ina and New Hope directly to Rend Lake District**

Ina FWB & New Hope

- **Vote to withdraw from South Central and affiliate with Rend Lake Conference**
- **Submit Notification Letter to South Central**
- **Submit Request for Affiliation to Rend Lake Conference**

East Central

- **Issue Letter of Summary/Recommendation for Bakerville directly to Rend Lake District**

Bakerville FWB

- **Vote to withdraw from East Central and affiliate with Rend Lake Conference**
- **Submit Notification Letter to East Central**
- **Submit Request for Affiliation to Rend Lake Conference.**

Northern Illinois

- **Vote to merge with Fox River as the North Eastern District**
- **Vote to send Funds to North Eastern District when accounts are established**

Fox River

- **Vote to merge with Northern Illinois the North Eastern**
- **Vote to Funds to North Eastern District when accounts are established**

North Eastern District

- **Executive Board to appoint temporary moderator for first meeting**
- **Executive Board to coordinate and announce first meeting date & location to appropriately follow the final meeting of both Fox River and Northern Illinois Conference.**
- **Sample Constitution and By-Law are recommended as starting point for establishment of North Eastern District Constitution and By-Laws**
- **Election of Officers**
- **Establish Accounts**

First FWB – Peoria (*Currently without District Affiliation*)

- **Submit Request for Affiliation to District of their choosing**

Quad Cities

- **No immediate District Level action identified**

ATTACHMENT 2

SAMPLE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Constitution

of the Illinois District Association of Free Will Baptists

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the _____ District Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Illinois (*herein after referred to as the District or District Association*) and shall be composed of such consistent, well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as shall unite in this compact and agree to this constitution.

Article II – Purpose

From experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us; to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us; to unify the work of the various bodies composing the State Association; and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in cooperation with the various bodies of the State Association, or that may be hereafter represented therein, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

Article III – Members

The acting members of the conference of this District Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which the District Association is composed; every church being entitled to three lay delegates, its ordained ministers, and active deacons in good standing.

Article IV – Officers

The officers of this District Association shall be moderator and assistant moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, all elected at the last session of the calendar year. Each officer is to continue in office until a successor is chosen and qualified, and shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

Article V – Membership

Any duly organized Free Will Baptist Church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, may be received into this District Association, upon written request, and by a majority vote of this District Association while in session.

Article VI – Authority

This District Association shall have Authority:

- A. To discipline its churches for unchristian conduct, a want of conformity to Gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact.**
- B. To license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of churches to which such persons belong and in accordance with Article IX of the By-Laws.**
- C. To settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to it.**
- D. Transact such other business as may be necessary for the benefit of Christianity, consistent with the liberty and independence of the churches according to the practice of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and not repugnant to the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists.**

Article VII – Committees

Section 1 - Business Committee - This District Association shall select a Business Committee of three members whose duty it is to consider items of business for the Association and to make recommendations for approved items. Members shall be elected for three years, elections being held at the last regular session of the calendar year, and so arranged that one member is elected each year.

Section 2 - Examining Committee - This District Association shall select an Examining Committee of three members whose duty it is to examine candidates for the ministry according to Article IX of the By-Laws, and to make recommendations concerning request for license, renewal of license, and ordination credentials. Members shall be elected for three years, elections being held at the last regular session of the calendar year, and so arranged that one member is elected each year.

Section 3 - Other Committees

- A. Semi-permanent Committees – When the District Association deems it wise, committees may be established to perform a specific service on a more-or-less permanent basis. The number of members of any committee shall be decided by vote of the District Association, and the members shall be elected by the District Association. Terms of office for all members of a committee shall be finite and appropriate for the service required; Committees which are envisioned to perpetuate for a period of time extending beyond one year terms shall be so arranged that only one member's term expires annually.**
- B. Temporary Committees – As appropriate the Moderator may appoint committees to perform a specific service for a single regular session.**

Article VIII – Executive Board

This District Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Association's officers and the chairperson of each of the standing committees. This Executive Board shall serve as the Nominating Committee, the Program Committee, and perform any emergency business necessary when the Association is not in session.

Article IX – Reporting and Fees

- A. Each member church shall report to the District at each session the names of its delegates, names and addresses of active deacons in good standing, names and addresses of licensed and ordained ministers who are members in good standing, and other information asked for on an approved report blank furnished by the District Association.**
- B. Reports shall cover the three whole calendar months just prior to the meeting, except the January report, which report shall be the annual report; that report shall be for the entire previous calendar year and shall be on blanks approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.**
- C. Quarterly and annual reports shall be accompanied by fees as set by the District.**
- D. Elected delegates shall remain delegates until their successors are chosen and qualify.**

Article X – Meetings

- A. The regular session of this District Association shall convene at a time agreed upon in the months of January, April, July, and October.**
- B. Special sessions may be called by the moderator or any three members of the Executive Board by notifying each church clerk and pastor by U.S. mail, notices being mailed at least twenty (20) days prior to the time of the meeting.**

Article XI – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of delegates present, provided such amendment or change was presented in writing and acted upon at the last District Association meeting.

By-Laws of the Illinois District Association of Free Will Baptists

Article I – Call To Order

Each session of the District Association shall be called to order by the Clerk, or in his absence, by his representative, who shall announce the order of business.

Article II – Representation

A majority of all Churches in good standing which are registered as members of this District Association must be represented for a quorum.

Article III – Delegates

It shall be the duty of the clerk to ascertain who are delegates.

Article IV – Correspondence

This body may hold correspondence by messengers, or otherwise, with any other body as it may deem advisable.

Article V - Non-Delegate Participation

Any person not a delegate to this body may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator or the District Association; but such person shall not be allowed to vote.

Article VI – Pastoral Privilege

An ordained minister who is a member of another Free Will Baptist District Association in Illinois and who is a pastor of a church in this District may represent that church, and discuss and vote on business at District Association meetings.

Article VII – Delegate Responsibilities

It shall be the duty of all delegates to the District Association meeting to be present at the time appointed for each session and give strict attention to all business. No delegate shall absent himself from this body during its session without first obtaining leave of the moderator.

Article VIII – Rules of Order

Every member wishing to speak shall first address the moderator; but no person shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any subject without permission of this body. No debate shall be allowed on any motion without a second by a member of this body. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern all business considerations not otherwise explicitly defined herein.

Article IX – Pastoral Qualifications

The following qualifications must be met before this District Association will license or ordain any man as a Minister of the Gospel, or issue him a card of good standing.

SECTION A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must have the church to which he belongs make a written request to the District Association that he be granted an Exhorter's License; it being understood that such a request cannot be granted until one year after it is made, the candidate being required to meet the Examining Committee at each session.

2. Must give evidence of being called of God.
3. Must fully agree with the faith and practices of Free Will Baptist denomination as given in its "Treatise of Faith and Practices".
4. Must successfully complete a course of study approved by this body, of not less than two years after being given license. The above requirements may be waived when approval is granted by a two thirds vote of the District Association.
5. In order to be granted ordination credentials, candidates must be serving as a Pastor or Associate Pastor in a Free Will Baptist Church or engaged in full-time evangelistic or missionary work.
6. A minister from another denomination who transferred his membership to a church in this District Association must complete a 1-year waiting period, receive a recommendation of the Examining Committee, and a two-thirds vote of the association.

SECTION B. DOCTRINAL PRACTICES

Must not take part in practices repugnant to Free Will Baptist doctrines such as:

- A. Sanctification as a second definite work of grace.
- B. Oneness rather than the Trinity.
- C. Unknown tongues as commonly recognized by our treatise.
- D. Positional eternal security rather than provisional eternal security, as taught by the scriptures and recognized by our treatise.

SECTION C. MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

- A. Only men will be licensed, ordained, or recognized as ministers.
 - B. Must not engage in activities or practices which are inconsistent with a Biblical Christian lifestyle, such as the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or involvement in a homosexual lifestyle.
 - C. He cannot be involved in a dual marriage where the husband or wife has been divorced and remarried.
 - D. He must practice and teach the spirit of giving, as evidenced by regular tithing.
- The above qualifications must be met before this body will issue a certificate of good standing.

Article X – Reading of By-Laws

The By-Laws, except Article IX shall be read at the first District Association meeting of each year, near the commencement.

Article XI – New Business

All new business must first be brought to the Business Committee for consideration.

Article XII – Absenteeism

When any officer or committee member is absent for two consecutive sessions, unless sick and unable to attend, his office or committee membership may be declared vacant.

Article XIII – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of delegates present, provided such amendment or change was presented in writing and acted upon at the last District Association meeting.

Motion was sustained to receive the report and table until Saturday morning business.

The moderator recognized Sis. Sarah Fletcher to give a report from the National WAC Department.

REPORT NO. 7 ILLINOIS WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

In May 2007 the Illinois Women Active for Christ experienced a change in leadership when Peggy Outland's health did not allow her to continue as state president. Vice president Susan Burgess led the annual May meeting held at Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Granite City. She was then elected as president of the IWAC.

Others elected to two year terms include Vice President Jackie Capps, Secretary Paula Hayes, Treasurer Joyce Brown, Field Worker Janice Futrell, and Members At Large Betty Pierce, Amy Johnson and Beverly Galloway. IWAC chose the IRS as their State mission project.

Although our leadership has changed, our purpose "to provide opportunities for women to understand and fulfil the Great Commission through their responsibility in the family, in the church, in the community, and around the world" remains constant.

Working closely with the goals of the National Women Active for Christ, Illinois women led pre-Easter and pre-Thanksgiving weeks of prayer, contributed to International and Home Missions projects, and sponsored a variety of local projects during the auxiliary year.

During the June 2006 - May 2007 reporting timeframe, women gave through the IWAC \$2,808.04 to International Misisions and \$1,318.00 to Home Missions. Our contributions to our State Project were \$15,321.37. Our membership increased to 167.

We look forward with joyful anticipation to the May 17 Illinois Women Active for Christ 2008 meeting at First Free Will Baptist Church, Benton. Becky Derby will be our speaker, and we will unveil the results of our Camp Hope apartment extreme makeover, sponsored by our District Auxiliaries.

Coming up this fall will be a fellowship retreat. Exciting new features and special speakers will be announced at the May State meeting.

Thank you to all the godly women who worked to make our year a success, and to the men and children who served on the team in the local churches.

In the Name of Jesus,

Susan Burgess

ILWAC President

ILLINOIS STATE FWB WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR MAY 20, 2006 – MAY 19, 2007

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM MAY 20, 2006	\$ 243.27
RECEIPTS: Emily Malone District.....	\$ 1,154.66
Loyal Workers District.....	\$12,138.50
State Meeting Morning Offering.....	\$ 411.00
WNAC.....	\$ 20.00
Prayer Retreat.....	<u>\$ 1,010.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:.....	\$24,977.43

DISBURSEMENTS:

International Missions		Home Missions	
S. Little.....\$	60.00	J. Taylor..... \$	320.00
M. King.....\$	380.00	Thanksgiving.....	\$ 179.00
M. Derby.....\$	60.00	D. Potete.....	\$ 449.00
D. Portell.....\$	690.00	D. Potete Land Fund.....	\$ 80.00
Pre-Easter.....\$	94.75	Mark Shores..... \$	240.00
D. Teague.....\$	97.77	<u>S. Gray.....\$</u>	<u>50.00</u>
J. Turnbough.....\$	60.00		
Dennis Owens.....\$	763.00		
Shane Davison.....\$	440.00		
Sarah Malone.....\$	145.00		
<u>Mediterranean Team.....\$</u>	<u>17.52</u>		
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL MIS. \$	2,808.04	TOTAL HOME MISSIONS	\$ 1,318.00
WNAC:			
Co-Laborer Offering (General Fund).....\$	346.90		
Dues.....\$	2,415.00		
STATE MEETING:			
Fare.....\$	80.50		
Speaker: Eddie Payne.....\$	300.00		
Babysitting.....\$	10.00		
Printing.....\$	20.00		
E Team.....\$	100.00		
Mediterranean Team.....\$	100.00		
PRAYER RETREAT			
Camp Hope.....\$	100.00		
Becky Derby.....\$	250.00		
Joy Davison.....\$	250.00		
Carol Teague.....\$	250.00		
Love Offerig, Derby,Davison, Teague.....\$	150.00		
Expense.....\$	46.00		
IRS.....\$	947.00		
State Project.....\$	15,321.37		
Check Expense.....\$	16.60		
WNAC.....\$	20.00		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 24,849.41		
NEW BALANCE MAY 19, 2007	\$ 128.02		
GENERAL FUND.....\$ 55.31			
PRAYER RETREAT.....\$ 72.71			

Motion sustained to receive the report as information.

REPORT NO. 8 REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

1. Our 2008 Supplement Recommendations are summarized in our handout, which is also available on the Literature Committee display table. In addition, we have copies of our 2007 extensive recommendations. Please take copies for your church.
2. We encourage you to purchase new Randall House publications by Free Will Baptists including "Teacher Leader Shepherd" by Dr. Robert E. Picirilli and "Simple" by Robert Morgan. Also, consider "Verses We Know By Heart" by Jennifer Devlin and "Royal Blood" by Jennifer Johnson which are studies for individual or groups.
3. We encourage each church to prayerfully consider and utilize the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Curriculum published by Randall House in order to be sure we are teaching Biblical truth and Free Will Baptist distinctives in our Sunday Schools, small group studies and churches as a whole.

Prayerfully submitted

Jason Jean & Susan Burgess

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**Addendum to Illinois Free Will Baptists Recommended Books
March 2008**

Christian Living and Faith

The Faith– Charles Colson
When God and Cancer Meet– Lynn Eib
Coming Out of Homosexuality– Bob Davies and Lori Rentzel
The Promise– Robert J. Morgan
Cure for the Common Life– Max Lucado
The Applause of Heaven– Max Lucado
When God Whispers Your Name– Max Lucado
In the Grip of Grace– Max Lucado
On the Anvil– Max Lucado
In the Eye of the Storm– Max Lucado
He Still Moves Stones– Max Lucado
Gentle Thunder– Max Lucado
Next Door Savior– Max Lucado
Come Thirsty– Max Lucado
He Chose the Nails– Max Lucado
Six Hours One Friday– Max Lucado
God Came Near– Max Lucado
It's Not About Me– Max Lucado
The Greatest Moments in the Life of Christ– Max Lucado
3:16 The Numbers of Hope– Max Lucado
Facing Your Gaints– Max Lucado

Family and Parenting

Home Court Advantage– Dr. Kevin Leman
Parenting: Enjoying the Process– Dr. Kevin Leman CD
Chronic Kids Constant Hope– Elizabeth Hoekstra and Mary Bradford
Parent's Guide to the Spiritual Mentoring of Teening– Focus on the Family

Marriage

The Abundant Marriage Study Guide– Gray Smalley
The Model Marriage– Gary Smalley
The Hidden Value of a Man– Gary Smalley and John Trent
Just Say Thanks– R. T. Kendell
The Peacemaker– Kent Sande
Help! My Spouse and I are Drifting Apart
The Five Languages of Apology– Gary Chapman and Jennifer M. Thomas

Growth of Children

Why Marriage Matters– Glenn Stanton
Teaching Your Child to Play– Rick Osborne

Life Challenges and Social Issues

Persecution– David Limbaugh

Disclaimer: This list is not an exhaustive list. It is not meant to be the final say of reading for Free Will Baptist, it is just a good place to start. This list is the result of the joined efforts of lay persons, ministers, Randall House Publications and Focus on the Family. All of the books are necessarily by Free Will Baptist.

Motion sustained to receive the report.

The moderator then recognized Bro. Richard Davis to give a report from the FWB Foundation.

REPORT NO. 9 PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating committee recommend the following names be placed in nomination to serve as members of their respective boards.

CTS Board	Ed Ferguson	2013
Christian Education Board	David Mishler	2013
	Josh Ham	2010
Board of Missions	Travis Penn	2013
Camp Board	Tim Pierce	2013
Master's Men Board	Karel Smith	2013

Motion sustained to receive the report and place the names in nomination at the end of each board report.

Moderator declared a recess.

11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. David Shores presided over the service and the service was opened with the congregation singing "Praise to the Lord Almighty" and Knowing You". Bro. Don Federle led in prayer and Bro. Steve Hale, pastor of the Faith FWB Church in Milan brought the message on the topic "Coming Together in One Spirit" using the theme text Phil. 1:27.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION 1:30 PM

The business session was opened with the congregation singing "Open The Eyes of My Heart" and Great Is Thy Faithfulness". The devotion was brought by the moderator using Psalm 133 and that unity is found only in God. He closed in prayer.

REPORT NO. 10 BOARD OF MISSIONS



Illinois Free Will Baptist Board of Missions

2007 Annual Report

Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists



The **Illinois Board of Missions** has encouraged and supported missions efforts this year in six mission works in the United States and eight missionary families in four foreign countries, as well as aiding two E-TEAM missionaries and three FWBBC missions trips. Your prayers and continued support are vital for these ministries.

The board has assisted in special projects over the past year including:

- Giving the Northwest FWB Church in Chicago \$51,375.41 to close the Potete's account.
- Completing our role of financial support for the Solid Rock FWB Church in Elgin.
- Sent donations to two short term missionaries from Illinois traveling with FWBBC:
Amanda Lemons (*Mt. Vernon*)-Uruguay Derek Lewis (*Cisne*)-New York
- Sent donations to two E-TEAM missionaries from Illinois:
Holly Petty (*Calvary*)-Mexico Molly Turner (*Japan*)-Johnston City
- Sent special gifts throughout the year to assist missionaries with deficit accounts.
- Welcomed new board member, David Potete.

- Met with the International Missions Dept. to discuss a new plan of missionary support.
- Financially aided special projects in our home mission works.
- Purchased a new trailer for the Yuma mission work to haul and store equipment.
- Sent a \$5,000 gift to the Derbys for their medical expenses and treatments.
- Assisted Steve Gray with expenses to attend the National Association in Little Rock, AR.
- Sent special gifts to the Teague & Davison accounts to enable them to return to their fields.
- Sent a special gift to Craig & Sarah Portell for their wedding and travel expenses.
- Began a new monthly E-mail Newsletter from the Illinois Board of Missions.
- Offered a free 1-year subscription to IMPulse, the International Missions DVD's.
- Sent a \$100 Christmas bonus to each of our IRS supported missionaries.
- Scheduled services with Illinois churches for IBM members to visit and promote missions.
- Discontinued support of the Owen's and Warren's as they are no longer on the field.
- Purchased needed materials for the Discovery Church in Collinsville to relocate.

The following reports are updates on the missionaries supported by Illinois Regional Support:

Shane and Joy Davison traveled to raise support for their account and returned to France in August of 2007. They have since been involved with English classes, helping in a school, and preparing to open an outreach center in their town. Their account ended the year at \$ 5,098.14.

Micah and Becky Derby have completed Becky's treatments and surgery for cancer. They are living in Owasso, OK as she gains her strength. Their account ended the year at \$ 49,259.44.

Steve and Denise Gray launched the Discovery Family Church in the Spring of 2007 in Collinsville. They have recorded numerous decisions and baptisms. They outgrew their meeting place and moved in December. They had 100 on September 30th. Their family also grew with the addition of Levi Stephen Gray on September 10th, 2007.

Mark King continues to teach in Zhang Zhou in the Heman Province of China with ELIC. His account showed a deficit this past year. The most recent account balance we received was \$ 62.34.

Tim and Jessica Lewis at the Summit Chapel FWB Church in Ogden, Utah moved into a new location in the fall of 2007. This former school building provides a lot of space and is located on a major thoroughfare in their city. They praise the Lord for all the new contacts they have made in this location. They finished 2007 with a balance of \$ 43,876.42.

Sarah Malone continues to work out of Beijing, China in an administrative role with ELIC. She covers all of Asia. The last reporting we had on her account was a balance of \$ 3,470.42.

Dennis and Trena Owen retired from the mission field this past year and are pastoring the First FWB Church in Winterhaven, Florida.

Craig Portell married Sarah Lane on September 22nd in Canada. He and Sarah plan to return to Tibet with ELIC this year. His last account report showed a balance \$ 7,118.02.

Darren and Dana Portell returned to France in August to resume their work with the Mediterranean Team. Darren is teaching some sports and Dana works in the local school. They are also involved with new English classes. Their account finished 2007 with a balance of \$ 12,001.95.

Mark and Khristi Shores continue to work in Albuquerque, NM. They are seeking a Spanish speaking preacher to begin Hispanic services. They got some badly needed new pews for their church sanctuary this past year. Their account finished 2007 with a balance of \$7,611.40.

Jason & Melissa Taylor are working to build the church in Yuma, Arizona. They topped the 100 mark in attendance in 2007, but lost 2 good families. They had to purchase another trailer to haul/store their ministry equipment. Their account finished 2007 with a balance of \$ 12,712.87.

Dennis and Carol Teague returned to France at the end of the summer in time for J'Croix (*an area youth retreat*). They are seeking to lead the St. Sebastian Church to go self-supporting and begin new works in that area of France. Their account balance was \$ 10,443.22 at the end of 2007.

-Illinois Board of Missions -

Ernie Lewis Ricky Ham Travis Penn Tyler Penn David Potete

Illinois FWB Board of Missions

Treasurer's Report

January-December 2007

Beginning Balance	1/1/07	\$ 115,412.93
<u>INCOME</u>		
Uncategorized		\$ 50.00
Chicago Land		20.00
Church Plant Fund		5,296.41
David Potete		1,024.62
Gift Received		596.50
I.R.S.		46,615.14
Solid Rock Account		75.00
Stephen Gray Account		14,991.47
Together Way Donations		<u>29,037.11</u>
Total Income		+ \$ 97,706.25
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
International Missions		\$ 35,952.76
Home Missions		11,625.41
Hawkins Salary		637.50
Gray Salary		27,000.00
Gifts Given		92,597.41
Board Expenses		<u>3,500.45</u>
Total Expenses		- \$ 171,313.53
Ending Balance	12/31/07	<u>\$ 41,805.65</u>

Franklin Funds**\$ 67,606.91**

General Fund

\$ 5,500.00

Church Plant Fund

\$ 62,106.91

Tyler Penn, Treasurer**Illinois Board of Missions*****Budget for 2008*****INCOME**

Illinois Regional Support	\$ 50,000.00
Together Way Gifts	30,000.00
Designated Gifts	25,000.00
Transfers from Franklin Funds	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 135,000.00

EXPENSES

Missionary Accounts	\$ 85,000.00
Global Missions Projects	35,000.00
New Project Development	10,000.00
Mission Student Scholarships	2,000.00
Missions Trips (<i>Short Term</i>)	2,000.00
Board Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 135,000.00

Chairman Ernie Lewis recognized the missionaries that were able to attend the service to give a report of their work. Also other present gave reports as well. A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget. Bro. Travis Penn was then placed in nomination for the 2013 position and was elected.

REPORT NO. 11 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Greetings to the IL State Association:

I wish to thank the members of the CE Board for their work, the time they have devoted to our meetings, and their care and concern for the ministry of this board. Those members are Ivan Ryan, David Mishler, and Jason Jean. Without them, the board could not function and be effective. We were saddened to receive the resignation of Spencer Meagher. Bro. Meagher accepted the pastorate of a church outside of our state association and tendered his resignation. We appreciate his service to our board and wish him well in his new pastorate.

Over the past few years, the CE Board has sponsored \$1000 scholarships for students attending a Free Will Baptist college. Over the past year, we have questioned whether we were helping our students as effectively as we could. We have discussed awarding some funds to every student attending a Free Will Baptist college. We are considering input from Free Will Baptist Bible College before making any final decision.

Yvonne Thigpen from ETA was our speaker at the Thursday evening seminar this year. We certainly appreciate her ministry and her willingness to speak to us.

The CE Board requests your prayers and welcomes your suggestions. Our goal is to strengthen our churches and help them to be more ably equipped in the task of spreading the good news that Jesus saves.

Sincerely,
Steve Hale
Chairman

Christian Education and Sunday School Board

Financial Statement for

January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,361.36
Income	
Co-op Receipts	3,199.99
Loan Payments	720.00
Transfer from CE Scholarship Fund	3,000.00
Total Income	6,919.99
Total Funds Available	<u>\$ 13,281.35</u>
Expenses	
Mileage	\$ 1,885.46
First Semester Books	1,290.01
Seminar Expenses	2,590.00
CE Scholarships	2,000.00
FWBBC Study Course	650.00
Total Expenses	8,415.47
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 4,865.88</u>

Ministerial Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,916.12
Interest/Dividend Income	227.26
Income	4.99
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 6,148.37</u>

CE Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 44,824.87
Redemption for Scholarships	(3,000.00)
Dividends Reinvested	905.07
Capital Gains Reinvested	2,373.33
Gain (Loss) on Investment	(1,396.18)
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 43,707.09</u>

Christian Education and Sunday School Board

Proposed Budget for 2008

Income:

Coop Receipts	\$ 3,200.00
Loan Payments	720.00
Transfer from CE Scholarship Fund	3,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 6,920.00</u>

Expenses:

1st Semester Book	\$ 1,300.00
Board Expenses	2,000.00
Seminar Expenses	620.00
CE Scholarships	3,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 6,920.00</u>

Motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget. The following names were placed in nomination: David Mishler for the 2013 position and Josh Ham to fill the 2010 position and both were elected.

The moderator recognized Bro. Keith Fletcher to share a report from Randall House.

REPORT NO. 12 CAMP BOARD
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

I. YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM AT CAMP HOPE

1. A very successful Leadership Camp was Directed by Ivan Ryan, training high school students to work in Junior and Primary Camp.
2. Five weeks of youth camps were successfully held throughout the summer:
PRIMARY CAMP - 64 Campers JUNIOR CAMP - 79 Campers
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP - 76 Campers FRESH-SOPH CAMP - 69 Campers
JUNIOR-SENIOR CAMP - 33 Campers

II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. **Metal Siding** was installed on the Multi-Purpose Building, covering all wood siding to prevent woodpecker damage to the building. *(Thanks to all volunteers on this project!)*
2. New **Guttering** was installed on the multi-purpose building.
3. A necessary **Termite Treatment** was done on the garage and workshop building.
4. A new **Ice Maker** was purchased to replace the one in the concession stand.
5. A New **Washer and Dryer** were purchased and installed in the kitchen area.
6. Purchased a New **Video Projector** and **DVD Player** for use in camps & retreats.

III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. The Camp Board hired 2 students to work at the camp over the summer in maintenance and to serve as counselors: Derek Lewis, Cisne, IL; and Valerie Gibson, Sesser, IL.
2. The Camp Board got the help of several area churches and individuals in cleaning the buildings and preparing the campground for summer camps.
3. The Camp Board continued a successful "background check" program required for all summer youth camp workers.
4. The Camp Board received a special donation from the congregation of the Arnold View Free Will Baptist Church designated toward a new "Worship Center".
5. The Camp Board is investigating the possibility of a new 'chapel' or worship center.
6. Camp Dates were finalized for the 2008 summer season:
Leadership Camp - June 5-7 Junior High Camp - June 8-13
Fresh-Soph Camp - June 15-20 Junior Camp - June 22-27
Primary Camp - June 29- July 3 Junior-Senior Camp - August 3-8

7. A Budget was approved for the 2008 calendar year:

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 20,000.00	
Rentals	12,000.00	
Youth Camp 2008 Income	26,000.00	
Transfer from Projects Funds	10,000.00	
Interest on Accounts	<u>200.00</u>	
	+ \$ 68,200.00	(30)

PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 18,000.00
Maintenance and supplies	10,000.00
Campground Improvements	10,000.00
Youth Camp 2008 Expenses	20,000.00
Manager's Compensation	4,000.00
S.A.M. Scholarships	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
	- \$ 68,200.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD

Chairman - Bryant Harris Brad Ryan
Jim Dycus Matt Crain Corey Penn

CAMP BOARD 2007 ANNUAL REPORT**January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007****GENERAL FUND**

Balance 1/1/07 **\$ 670.47**

RECEIPTS:

State Association Co-op	\$ 16,930.95
Individual and Church Donations	3,462.05
Insurance Claim Payment	1,920.52
Rentals	12,812.79
Transfers from Special Accounts	1,510.00
Youth Camp Income	26,118.76
Interest on Account	<u>30.20</u>
Total Received	+ \$ 62,785.27

DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 17,034.38
Maintenance and Supplies	9,046.54
Camp Insurance Premiums (<i>Worker's Comp</i>)	635.00
Building Maintenance Fund	1,500.00
Camp Improvement Fund	3,374.88
Manager's Compensation	3,600.00
SAM Workers Compensation	6,436.84
Youth Camp Expenses	<u>18,086.20</u>
Total Disbursed	- \$ 59,713.84

BALANCE **12/31/06** **\$ 3,741.90**

Building Maintenance Fund

Balance 1/1/07\$ **2,908.78**

RECEIPTS:

Deposits from General Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Interest on Account	<u>19.21</u>

EXPENSES:

Enviro-Tech Pest Control (<i>Termite Treatment.</i>)	- \$ <u>790.00</u>
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Balance 12/31/07 **\$ 3,637.97**

Campground Improvement Fund

Balance 1/1/07 **\$ 14,683.98**

RECEIPTS:

Deposits from General Fund (<i>10% rentals</i>)	\$ 1,281.28
Deposits from General Fund (<i>10% registrations</i>)	2,093.60
Interest on Account	<u>60.99</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Dahlgren Building Center (<i>Gym Siding & Gutters</i>)	\$ 9,766.85	
HSG Mechanical Contractors (<i>ice maker</i>)	2,244.60	
Mt. Vernon TV & Appliance (<i>washer & dryer</i>)	<u>570.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/07		<u>\$ 5,538.40</u>

Special Donations Fund

Balance 1/1/07		\$ 9,073.53
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RECEIPTS:

Arnold View FWB Church (<i>Designated for Worship Center</i>)	\$ 572.40
Interest on Account	<u>59.44</u>

EXPENSES:

S.A.M. Worker Scholarships	\$ 800.00
Transfer to General Fund	<u>710.00</u>

Balance 12/31/07		<u>\$ 8,195.37</u>
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Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget. Bro. Tim Pierce was placed in nomination for the 2013 position and was elected. A motion was sustained to direct the Camp Board to proceed with building a chapel. Motion was then sustained to give the Executive Board authority to borrow the money to complete the building of the chapel if necessary.

Moderator then recognized Bro. Russell Cooper from FWBBC to share a report.

REPORT NO. 13 CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD**January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007****Illinois CTS Competition Results – 2007*****Bible Memorization:***

1st Grade - 1st: Kira Endebrock, Calvary FWB
 2nd: Benjamin Barcroft, Calvary FWB
 2nd Grade - 1st: Isaiah Penn, Calvary FWB
 3rd Grade - 1st: James Barcroft, Calvary FWB
 2nd: Tyler Bond, Decatur First FWB
 5th Grade - 1st: Brittany Baker, Crossroads FWB
 6th Grade - 1st: John Jacob Barcroft, Calvary FWB
 7th Grade - 1st: Heaven Fulk, Decatur First FWB
 8th Grade - 1st: Maria Petty, Calvary FWB

Bible Sword Drill:

4th Grade - 1st: Noah Conard, Blue Point FWB
 2nd: Emily Petty, Calvary FWB
 3rd: Madison Smith, Blue Point FWB
 5th Grade - 1st : Brooklyn Penn, Calvary FWB
 2nd : Brock Metcalf, Calvary FWB
 6th Grade - 1st : Bailey Metcalf, Calvary FWB
 2nd : Chelsey Baker, Crossroads FWB
 3rd : Hope Walker, Blue Point FWB

Bible Tic Tac Toe:

1st : Blue Point FWB
 2nd : Ina FWB
 3rd : Bear Point FWB

Bible Bowl:

1st : Decatur First FWB

In Sword Drill, Tic Tac Toe and Bible Bowl, the first and second place winners continue to the national level of competition)

Creative Arts:

Painting (C): 1st: Anthony Acosta, Bear Point FWB

Graphics (D): 1st: Isaac Hicks, Bear Point FWB

3-D Art (B): Jonathan Lewis, Northwest FWB

Photography (A): 1st: Kendal Ryan, Ina FWB

2nd: Isaiah Penn, Calvary FWB

Puppets:

1st: Lift Him Up Puppet Team, Ina FWB

Instrumental:

Piano Duet (D): 1st: Petty Duet, Calvary FWB

Piano Solo (A): 1st: Sarah Pierce, Ina FWB

Piano Solo (B): 1st: Jonathan Lewis, Northwest FWB

Piano Solo (C): 1st: Allison Lewis, Northwest FWB

Woodwind Solo (B): 1st: Shelby Payne, Bear Point FWB

Woodwind Solo (C): 1st: Heaven Fulk, Decatur First FWB

Woodwind Solo (D): 1st: Kristina Clem, Decatur First FWB

Brass Solo (B): 1st: Matthew Crawford, Bear Point FWB

Brass Solo (C): 1st: Eli Spiller, Bear Point FWB

Vocal:

Vocal Solo (B): 1st: Heather Baker, Crossroads FWB

2nd: Morgan Droll, Ina FWB

Female Vocal Solo (C): 1st: Heaven Fulk, Decatur First FWB

2nd: Rachelle Clem, Decatur First FWB

Female Vocal Solo (D): 1st: Kristina Clem, Decatur First FWB

Male Vocal Solo (D): 1st: Keith Merriman, Decatur First FWB

Vocal Duet (A): 1st: Wolf Twins, Ina FWB

Vocal Duet (C): 1st: Decatur "C" Duet, Decatur First FWB

Vocal Duet (D): 1st: Decatur "D" Duet, Decatur First FWB

2nd: Laina and Devon, Ina FWB

Vocal Trio (A): 1st: Decatur "A" Trio, Decatur First FWB

Vocal Trio (C): 1st: Decatur "C" Trio, Decatur First FWB

Vocal Ensemble(A): 1st: Ina's Girls, Ina FWB

Communication Arts:

Group Drama (A): 1st: Daniel and the Hungry Lions, Ina FWB

Group Drama (B): 1st: Calvary Drama Group, Calvary FWB

2nd: Claire and Morgan, Ina FWB

3rd: Bryton, Dalton & Derek, Ina FWB

Group Drama (C): 1st: Faithful Friends Drama, Blue Point FWB

2nd: Bear Point Drama Group, Bear Point FWB

Ind. Drama (B): 1st: John Jacob Barcroft, Calvary FWB

2nd: Brooklyn Penn, Calvary FWB

3rd: Logan Hosick, Blue Point FWB

4th: Mikayla Altgilbers, Crossroads FWB

Ind. Drama (C): 1st: Maria Petty, Calvary FWB

Ind. Drama (D): 1st: Holly Petty, Calvary FWB

Storytelling (B): 1st: Emily Petty, Calvary FWB

Famous Speech (B): 1st: Haylee Walker, Blue Point FWB

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Famous Speech (C): 1st: Kendal McGrew, Blue Point FWB
Famous Speech (D): 1st: Colton James, Blue Point FWB

NATIONAL CTS 2007 WINNERS

Place	Name	Church	Level of Competition
3 rd	John Jacob Barcroft	Calvary	B-Grades 4-6th Grade Bible Memorization
3 rd	Noah Conard	Blue Point	B-Grades 4-6th Grade Bible Sword Drill
3 rd	Ina Girls Ensemble	Ina	A-Grades 1-3 2.50- VE (5-12)
2 nd	Shelby Payne	Bear Point	B-Grades 4-6 3.10 Woodwind Solo
3 rd	Kristina Clem	Decatur	D-Grades 10-12 3.10 Woodwind Solo
3 rd	Eli Spiller	Bear Point	C-Grades 7-9 3.20 Brass Solo
1 st	Petty Duet	Calvary	D-Grades 10-12 5.20 Keyboard Ensemble
1 st	Kendal McGrew	Blue Point	C-Grades 7-9 6.10 Famous Speech
1 st	Colton James	Blue Point	D-Grades 10-12 6.10 Famous Speech
1 st	John Jacob Barcroft	Calvary	B-Grades 4-6 Individual Drama
3 rd	Maria Petty	Calvary	B-Grades 4-6 Individual Drama
1 st	Daniel and the Hungry Lions	Ina	A-Grades 1-3 6.50 Group Drama
2 nd	Calvary Drama Group	Calvary	B-Grades 4-6 6.50 Group Drama
1 st	Faithful Friends	Blue Point	C-Grades 7-9 6.50 Group Drama
1 st	Lift Him Up Puppets Team	Ina	B-Grades 4-6 6.70 Recorded Puppetry
2 nd	Anthony Acosta	Bear Point	C-Grades 7-9 7.10 Short Story
1 st	Brooklyn Penn	Calvary	B-Grades 4-6 7.20 Essay
3 rd	Anthony Acosta	Bear Point	C-Grades 7-9 9.10 Painting
2 nd	Kendal Ryan	Ina	A-Grades 1-3 9.40 Photography

2008 Illinois CTS State Competition will be held at Decatur First Free Will Baptist Church on April 25 and 26. Registration Deadline March 30, 2008. The National Youth conference will be July 20-23, 2008 at Charleston, West Virginia. The 2008 NYC theme: It's Not Me. Keep in mind a lot of changes: A new competition guidelines, categories, fees and to get the latest changes go to SCM@randalhouse.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

CTS Board

Kelly Douglas Chairman

800-677-1061

Ed Ferguson, Treasurer

Liz Kohn Secretary

217-454-2365

Steve Futrell

618-259-7195

Tommy Lewis

773-237-0309

Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget and elect Bro. Ed Ferguson to the 2013 position. Bro. David Shores then shared a report from Family Ministries.

REPORT NO. 14 MASTER'S MEN BOARD AND DRU

2007 Annual Report

Greetings from the Illinois Master's Men. 2007 was another great year in the Lord!

The Illinois Master's Men sponsored the annual regional retreat, golf tournament, and National Master's Men trap shoot.

The 2007, 14th annual Illinois Master's Men Regional Retreat was held the second weekend after Labor Day, at Camp Hope. We had 50+ in attendance, 14 participated in the Trap Shoot, and several in the golf tournament. We were excited to have Bro. James Forlines from Nashville, TN as our speaker this year. He is the director of the Free Will Baptist International Missions. He shared ways to become a servant for God's service.

We have opened the Friday evening service to anyone who would like to attend. At the close of the service we held our annual pie auction. This year we raised \$1500.00 for missions. One pie went for \$300.00, so Ted had to shave his head, all for a worthy cause. It was a great time for spiritual encouragement, uplifting, fellowship, praising God, and lots of good food!!

Our 15th Annual Retreat will be September 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2008 the SECOND weekend after Labor Day. We have scheduled Richard Atwood, from the FWB Home Missions Dept. as our speaker this year. So mark your calendars now!

The "**DRU**" (**Illinois Disaster Response Unit**). God has shown us a need! We have two trailers with chainsaws, generators, water pumps, and other equipment, and volunteers to go and help in disaster situations. The Unit has been to Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri twice, Tennessee, and here in Illinois twice helping in hurricane relief, tornado cleanup and ice storms.

We still need your help in this new ministry, if you have equipment, supplies, offerings, or could volunteer your time, we know the Lord will bless you! Just talk to someone who has gone on one of these trips!

The Purpose of the Local Master's Men

What will a Master's Men chapter do for your church?

1. Fellowship. Most men do not easily talk about their faith, relationship, or feelings, they communicate more openly with just men. One of the greatest benefits of a Master's Men Chapter in any church will be the relationships that develop because they share a common commitment to the person of Jesus Christ.
2. Discipleship. The effective Master's Men Chapter will facilitate the development of godly men. It will teach the Word of God and will call men to intimacy with God, purity of heart and body, spiritual and servant leadership in the home, faithful worship, mentoring the next generation, commitment to the mission of the local church and denomination, prayer for their pastor(s), and a burden to share the gospel.
3. Stewardship. Master's Men are taught to financially support the ministry of the local church and denomination. Master's Men also learn that stewardship is not just the giving of their money to the Lord's work, but it is the giving of their lives to advance Christ's kingdom.
4. Soul-winning. Master's Men calls men out of spiritual passivity and gives them a challenge to influence their families, communities, and workplaces with the life changing message of the gospel.
5. Edification. Master's Men will equip men to serve the Lord and their local church. Master's Men will seek to develop men into spiritual leaders. As men grow and take responsibility in the church, the pastor is freed to focus on prayer and the preaching of God's word. A vibrant men's ministry will recruit, train, and deploy men into the ministries of the church.

If our board could be of any assistance to you or your church, please feel free to call us.

Ted Bryan, chairman, 815-932-5522

Marty Leffler

Karel Smith

Tom Harmon

Ernie Taylor, Sec, / Treas. 618-673-2020

Illinois Master's Men**Annual Treasurer's Report**

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Balance B.F. from December 31, 2006 \$1985.82

Income

ISA of FWB	1204.56	
IL Regional Retreat		
Registrations	1500.00	
IL Annual Golf Tourn.	725.00	
IL Annual Trap Shoot	140.00	
Shirt sales	70.00	
Missions (pie auction)	<u>1412.00</u>	
Retreat income	3847.00	
Donations	<u>160.00</u>	
Total income		<u>5211.56</u>
Total to be accounted for:		7197.38

Expenses

IL Regional Retreat		
Camp rent	250.00	
Meals	1321.00	
Honorariums	500.00	
Golf Tourn. Fees	375.00	
Trophies & Prizes	<u>537.39</u>	
Retreat Expenses	2983.77	
Postage	18.04	
Promotional	335.35	
Printing	40.00	
Travel expenses	269.50	
FWBIM (missions/pie auction)	1500.00	
Benches for Camp Hope	<u>139.78</u>	
Total Expenses		5286.44
Balance C.F. to January 1, 2008		\$1910.94

Illinois Master's Men**Proposed Budget for 2008****Anticipated Income:**

ISA of FWB	1400.00
Retreat Registrations	1500.00
Donations	
Golf Tournament	750.00
Shooting Events	150.00
Love offering	<u>500.00</u>
Anticipated Total Income	4300.00

Anticipated Expenses	
Golf Tournament	750.00
Retreat Expenses	2800.00
Printing	50.00
Postage	20.00
Promotions	500.00
Shooting Events	150.00
Board Members Travel	00.00
Miscellaneous	<u>30.00</u>
Anticipated Total Expenses	4300.00

Illinois Master's Men
 DRU (Disater Response Unit)
 2007 Annual Treasurer's Report
 January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Bal. B.F. from December 31, 2006	\$4449.06
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Income

ISA of FWB	2922.41
ISA of FWB, BHM Ins.	1250.00
Donations	<u>1945.82</u>
Total Income	6118.23

\$10567.29

Expenses

License	116.00
Insurance	449.00
Supplies	1005.64
Equipment	3381.65
Repairs/maintenance	220.13
Printing	00.00
Postage	00.00
Fuel for transportation	790.05
Miscellaneous	<u>169.44</u>
Total Expenses	6131.91

Balance C.F. to January 1, 2008	\$4435.38
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Illinois Master's Men
 Disaster Response Unit
 Proposed Budget for 2008

Anticipated Income:

ISA of FWB	3000.00
Donations	<u>2000.00</u>
Anticipated Total Income	5000.00

Anticipated Expenses

Equipment	2000.00
Supplies	1000.00
Repairs/maintenance	350.00
Fuel	1000.00
License	150.00
Insurance	00.00
Printing	100.00
Postage	25.00
Promotions	250.00
Travel	00.00
Miscellaneous	<u>125.00</u>

Anticipated Total Expenses 5000.00

Motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budgets and to elect Bro. Karel Smith to the 2013 position

The moderator declared a recess.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 PM

Bro. David Burgess presided over the evening service and the service was opened with the congregation singing "Crown Him Lord of All" and Bro. David received prayer requests and then led in prayer. The Camp Board presented information concerning their ministry with Bros. Bryant Harris and Ernie Lewis making the presentation.

A plaque was presented to Bro. David Shores to be who will present it to Bro. George Waggoner for his many years of service to the Lord and Illinois FWB and especially for his help in forming the State Association in 1960.

We were then led in a time of praise and worship followed by Bro. Ricky Ham, pastor of the Bethel FWB Church bringing the evening message on the topic "Coming Together in One Mind" from Phil. 1:27. Bro. James Boggs closed in prayer.

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

MARCH 15, 2008

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Before the Throne of God Above and Wonderful Merciful Savior". The moderator led in prayer.

The moderator then recognized Bro. Keith Burden, National Executive Secretary and Bro. Ray Lewis from the Board of Retirement with both giving reports from their respective offices.

Motion was sustained to pay the National Association fees for the Peoria Heights Church and the Rockford Church.

REPORT NO. 15 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Item # 1 We the Memorial Committee recommend that the conference remember our deceased members by having the clerk read the list of names.

Item # 2 We ask for Bro. Eldon Schmidt to pray in their memory.

Signed: Kathy Hayes, Joyce Hale, & Jane Harmon

LIST OF DEATHS BY DISTRICT

West Central

Glen Shelton– Nason
Martha Roether– Hazel Dell
Ralph Roether– Hazel Dell
Harlon Keel, Sr.– Peace
LeVerne Boswell

East Central

Randal Block– Blue Point
Parker Ellis– Mt. Vernon
Marie Boswell– Mt. Vernon

South Central

Gene Stone– Harmony
Gerald Woolard– Harmony
Eddie Brown– Harmony
Evva VanHorn– Ina
Bill Hayes– Ina
Albert Adams– Ina
Eunice Fletcher–
Johnston City

Quad Cities

Paul White– Green Rock

Fox River

Northern

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

The moderator then appointed Sis. Susan Burgess and Nick Roberts to the 2008 Literature Committee. A motion was sustained to remove from the table the Report of the Redistricting Committee. A motion was sustained to recommend to the existing districts that they consider the implementation of the redistricting plan and seek the guidance of the Redistricting Committee. A motion was sustained that the moderator appoint a committee to study the issue of ministers and their credentials this committee to be chaired by Bro. David Shores. The moderator then appointed Bros. Jon Cannon and Travis Penn to this committee.

The following delegates to the 2008 National Association were elected with the moderator being given permission to appoint someone to fill any vacancies. Delegates are Ron Pryer, Mike Robertson, Amy Johnson, and Mike Conard.

The moderator appointed the following to serve on the Auditing Committee for 2008: Marilyn Ervin, Ron Pryer, and Scott Porter.

The Nominating Committee for 2008 will be Bryant Harris, Kelly Douglas and Travis Penn.

REPORT NO. 16 BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Business Committee recommend the following items:

Item #1 We recommend the following honorariums be paid to the state officers:

Moderator \$250

State Treasurer \$700

State Clerk \$500

Motion was sustained to amend by adding to Item #1 that the Asst. Clerk be paid \$100

Item # 2 That the Calvary FWB Church host the 2009 State Association.

Item # 3 That the Benton 1st FWB Church host the 50th anniversary in 2010.

Motion was sustain to adopt item by item and all items were adopted.

REPORT NO. 17 FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee place the following names of people to serve as officers of the State Association for 2008.

Treasurer	Tim Hayes
Clerk	Larry Cook
Asst. Clerk	Harlen Johnson
Asst. Moderator	David Womack
Moderator	David Burgess

Motion sustained to elect the above slate of officers.

REPORT NO. 18 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The committee reported the following registrations for 2008 State Meeting.

Visitors	29
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Elected Delegates	15
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Standing Delegates	28
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Total registration was 72.

Motion was sustained to adjourn the business session and Bro. David Potete led in prayer.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM

Bro. Harlen Johnson presided over the service and the congregation was led in singing "Take My Life and Let It Be". Bro. Larry Cook, pastor of the Bear Point FWB Church brought the message on the topic "Striving Together in the Work of the Lord" using Phil. 1:27. The service was closed by singing "Be Unto Your Name".