

**MINUTES OF THE
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**



2015

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OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MARCH 20 & 21, 2015**

The 55TH meeting was held in the new facility of the Ina Free Will Baptist Church in Ina, Illinois. The meeting was opened with a welcome from the pastor, Bro. Brad Ryan. The 55th meeting was called to order by the clerk and the moderator, Bro. John Pratt, appointed the following men to the business committee: Jon Cannon, Judson Phenicie and Kent Dunford. The standing delegates were then recognized by the moderator as he had them stand to their feet. The clerk then called attention to the statistical report and a motion was sustained to seat the elected delegates and receive the reports of the member districts.

**REPORT NO. 1—2014 DISTRICT REPORTS
2014 DISTRICT REPORTS**

Districts	East Central	Rend Lake	South Central	Metro East	Northern	Fox River	Quad Cities	Total
# of Churches	8	9	7	5	2	5	1	37
# Cities	5	2	2	5	2	5	1	22
# Rural	3	7	5					15
# Reporting	8	8	7	3	2			28
Full-Time P	4	2	4	5				15
Bi-Vocational P	2	6	3		1			12
# of Baptisms	24	34	33	21	2			114
Members ++	21	26	24	35				106
Members Lost	15	9	12	5	0			41
Tot. Members	705	1061	879	194	39			2878
Total Income	\$719,635	\$1,009,720	\$721,826		\$34,178			\$2,485,359
Church/Budget	5	3	3					11
# /Parsonage	2	3	2	1	0			8
Value- Property	\$3,306,000	\$7,612,000	\$5,860,000	\$3,800,000	\$250,000			\$20,828,000
# Ordained	12	14	10	4	3			43
# Licensed	1	0	1	1	0			3
# Deacons	18	31	24	4	0			77
Christian School	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Kindergarten	0			1		0		1
Sunday School	445	443	371		35			1294
CTS	58	148	80		0			286

DELEGATES

EAST CENTRAL	REND LAKE	SOUTH CENTRAL	NORTHERN	FOX RIVER	METRO EAST	QUAD CITIES
Mike Roberston	Jane Harmon	Diane Ryan			Mike McClintock	
Kathy Hayes	Ross Bunton	Jim Thompson			Connie Ham	
Susan Burgess	Mark Kash	Jaret Blumenstock			Marcelus Leonard	
Pat Shores	Brenda Fowler	Jane Henry			Tom Green	
Esther Edwards	Nathan Beaty	Mildred McClerren			Penny Pratt	
Paula Hayes	Marilyn Irvin	Melinda Edgell				
	Francis Scott	Darlene Zimmerman				
	Betty Pearce					
	Phyllis Kash					

Motion was sustained to receive the report and to seat the delegates.

The moderator then recognized all standing delegates which include all pastors, deacons and board members. A time of prayer was then led by the moderator after requests were received.

REPORT NO. 2
REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER
2014 GENERAL FUND REPORT
2/1/14 Through 1/31/2015

Beginning Balance		7,339.60
Inflows		
IL. State Association of FWB:		
17% of Together Way	16,715.80	
Annual Dues	6,120.00	
Interest Income	4.42	
Refund (Brotherhood Mutual)	1,616.28	
General Fund	600.00	
Refunds	<u>4,789.00</u>	
TOTAL IL. STATE ASSOCIATION FWB		<u>29,845.50</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS		37,185.10
OUT FLOWS		
Executive Board Meeting Expense	2,231.32	
National Expense for Delegates	750.00	
Annual Dues	5,700.00	
Flowers	50.00	
Honorariums	2,100.00	
Insurance	15,671.54	
Legal Fees	10.00	
Printing	703.00	
State Meeting Expense	<u>989.40</u>	
TOTAL OUT FLOWS		28,205.26
Ending Balance		8,979.84

2014 PROMOTIONAL FUND REPORT

Beginning Balance		\$6,040.95
INCOME		
Income	<u>14,062.69</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		14,062.69
EXPENSES		
Hotel at National	1,131.90	
Misc	91.99	
U.S. Post Office	1,220.00	
Printing	2,845.38	
Promotional Secretary	<u>10,059.40</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		15,348.67
Ending Balance		4,754.97
FWB FOUNDATION		
Beginning Balance 1-31-13		40,373.29
Interest	1,117.85	
Ending Balance 2-1-14		41,491.14

2015 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

17% OF TOGETHER WAY	\$18,000.00
ANNUAL DUES	<u>6,460.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$24,460.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

BOARD EXPENSES	\$2,000.00
DELEGATES EXPENSES	750.00
NATIONAL DUES	5,700.00
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER	750.00
HONORARIUMS	1,800.00
SURETY BOND	100.00
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	1,400.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	60.00
POSTAGE AND PHONE	100.00
INSURANCE	10,775.00
PRINTING MINUTES	400.00
STATE MEETING EXPENSE	500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>125.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 24,460.00</u>
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PROMOTIONAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

TOGETHER WAY	\$15,200.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS	<u>2,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$17,200.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S SALARY	\$10,000.00
PRINTING OF NEWSLETTER	2,500.00
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE & SUPPLIES	2,500.00
OFFICE	1,200.00
NATIONAL EXPENSES	<u>1,000.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$17,200.00</u>
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, TIM HAYES, STATE TREASURER

DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE 2014

2/1/14 Through 1/31/15

PAYEE	CAMP BOARD	CHURCH PLANT	DISASTER RESPONSE	IGO	ILLINI INITIATIVE	PROM. FUND	MARK SHORES	TO-WAY PLAN	TOTALS
Alexander	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	675.00	675.00
Arnold View	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,556.50	0.00	100.00	8,837.28	11,693.78
Bear Point	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,403.00	1,040.00	120.00	390.80	9,344.00	14,297.80
Bear P WAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,080.00	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	1,220.00
Benton 1 st	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,755.00	0.00	0.00	4,390.00	7,945.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	223.30	1,440.00	0.00	165.50	2,400.00	4,228.80
Blue Point	600.00	1,495.00	600.00	705.00	4,758.50	1,200.00	1,395.00	3,600.00	14,353.50
Calvary	0.00	355.00	300.00	5,753.41	600.00	0.00	600.00	4,483.70	12,092.11
Crossroads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	645.00	0.00	295.00	0.00	940.00
Decatur	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,728.06	315.00	75.00	15.00	9,164.60	11,297.66
East C. Dist.	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Harmony W F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	120.00	600.00	1,200.00	2,520.00
Hazel Dell	312.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	3,750.00	4,202.34
Ina	900.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	720.00	21,973.00	24,913.00
Individuals	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Johnston C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,257.65	0.00	0.00	1,257.66	2,715.31
Metro East	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Mt. Vernon	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	10,472.46	15,172.46
New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	168.00	0.00	3,682.00	3,850.00
Northwest	0.00	0.00	260.00	260.00	855.00	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	3,975.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	885.85	885.85
Oak Valley	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,240.00
Peace WAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Pittsburg	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,282.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,004.00	37,286.00
Pleasant V.	600.00	0.00	284.27	0.00	1,190.00	300.00	235.00	0.00	2,609.27
Pleasant V WAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Rescue	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,949.50	7,149.50
S. Central	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Tanner T.	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,356.75	0.00	0.00	110.00	1,356.75	2,823.50
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Wac Pleasant V	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
WAC ILL FWB	0.00	0.00	0.00	740.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	740.00
Waltonville	61.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	180.00	304.95	566.22
TOTALS	3,673.61	4,350.00	1,944.27	63,591.52	16,412.65	2,263.00	5,146.30	98,330.75	195,712.10

GIVING TO NATIONAL MINISTRIES 2014

2/1/14 Through 1/31/15

Payee	Home Missions	International Missions	National	TOTAL
Arnold View	0.00	4,988.00	763.45	5,751.45
Bear Point	1,030.00	1179.50	3,146.53	5,356.03
Benton First	0.00	1,980.00	0.00	1,980.00
Benton 1 st Master's Men	0.00	0.00	806.98	806.98
Bethel	420.00	6,625.60	320.00	7,365.60
Blue Point	10,586.74	19,996.52	6,591.24	37,174.50
Calvary	1,300.00	4,888.53	4,958.20	11,146.73
Crossroads	511.00	1,079.00	163.00	1,753.00
Decatur	30.00	0.00	633.00	663.00
East Central District	0.00	800.00	200.00	1,000.00
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Hazel Dell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IL. State Master's Men	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Ina	220.00	21,261.00	5,769.00	27,250.00
Johnston City	0.00	1,514.65	137.21	1,651.86
Metro East District	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Mt. Vernon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northwest	0.00	1,865.00	490.00	2,355.00
Oak Valley	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant View	450.00	6,587.63	1,235.30	8,272.93
Rend Lake District	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Rescue	560.00	1,200.00	600.00	2,360.00
Tanner Trails	0.00	0.00	2,035.12	2,035.12
Victory FWB	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Waltonville	100.00	444.00	367.30	911.30
TOTAL	15,307.74	75,009.43	29,566.33	119,883.50

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budgets.

**REPORT NO. 3
REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
2015**

This year marks 55 years of denominational service to the Lord by our Illinois State Association and 35 years of my time in this office. Back then the thought of a state meeting was only a dream, a dream that could never be realized by such a small group of churches here in our state. With lots of prayers, meetings, telephone calls and correspondence by letters we came into existence in 1960.

We began a monthly newsletter, invited missionaries to come to the area, started sending delegates to the National Convention and we learned little by little the ministry our denomination had throughout the world. We are still one of the smallest state associations but Illinois has contributed greatly to the outreach of the gospel here in Illinois and around the world.

Camp Hope has been a great instrument in winning our young people to the Lord, teaching them the value of surrendering their life to Jesus Christ and equipping them to serve our churches. I am thankful to the Lord for being a small part of this 55 year development. We have watched babies grow up in Free Will Baptist homes, attend Free Will Baptist churches, Sunday School and CTS classes and go on to Free Will Baptist colleges who are now serving in ministries across the nation and the world.

We need to preserve this heritage and our Historical Commission is asking for old books of our history, journals from quarterly meetings, and any record that gives us dates and events of our past. Brother Byford Campbell was probably our leading historian for Illinois Free Will Baptists, but all his papers and documents were lost when his home exploded this past year. If you have one of his books please check to see if a copy of it is preserved at the commission's library in Nashville, Tennessee.

Last year we discussed the cultural battle we are facing and I must admit I am not happy about the *direction our nation has taken on same sex marriages. We distributed some guidelines to help in revising your church constitution but it is increasingly difficult to keep up with Springfield and our legislators on how to keep our churches informed as they stand against new rules here in Illinois.* I also added this comment. "Besides all the prayers and efforts by our churches put into force in facing the moral issues these laws create, I want to commend the various officers and boards of our State Association for being in unison on this matter as well as all the other many things they have to do to keep our state operating in harmony. As you listen to the various board reports during this session you will be thrilled as they share their plans for the coming year, and you will see they are all doing their best to provide tools for ministry in their areas of service.

So, again this year I want to commend the men and women who serve on our state boards. It is wonderful to see how they work together to help the churches. These dedicated people spend many hours and drive many miles to take care of the business of this association. The board members who oversee all our boards (Camp Board, Christian Education, Master's Men, Disaster Response Unit, Women Active for Christ, Illinois Missions and Church Training Service) plus the officers, Executive Board and the various committees need a round of applause. They work hard all year s that this association functions properly.

Each year I have to address the publication of the Illinois Newsletter which we have had in a PDF format for a year. We sent it out to over 120 email addresses each month. Several churches now print and distribute the Newsletter to their church members or forward the E-Newsletter to their mailing base. The number I have to mail out by USPS numbers about 650. With the revised postal rules requiring a different way to fold, tab and address each piece, the time involved in preparing the monthly mailing tripled since the new rules took effect. Although the work time has increased, the price of postage has been stable with no new rate increases announced for 2015. The new mailing sorting centers return several copies of the Newsletter each month, charge a fee of 57 cents and mark them as "Undeliverable as Addressed", so I remove that name from our mailing list. I realize that this is sometimes just a mailing sorting error, so if you do not receive your Newsletter, please contact me and I will list your name on the mailing list.

I want to thank the association for allowing me to continue to serve in this office. It is a privilege to serve here in Illinois as well as serving as your representative on the General Board and the National Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted *David Shores*

A motion was sustained to receive the report.

REPORT NO. 4 REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

February 21, 2015

The Auditing committee has audited the financial records of all the boards of the Illinois State Association for the year ending December 31, 2014 . The committee finds the records in order for the following boards : State Association (including the Promotional Fund), State Missions Board , Camp Hope Board, CTS Board, Master's Men Board (including the Disaster response fund) and Christian Education Board . Signed Josh Colson and Kelly Douglas.

Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Auditing Committee.

REPORT NO. 5

THE MINUTES OF THE 2014-2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met March 22, 2014 following the State meeting and organized with Bro. John Pratt, chairman and Bro. Larry Cook, recording secretary. The time and place for the next meeting was set for May 8th, 2014 at the 1st FWB Church in Mt. Vernon. The boards were organized as follows:

Church Training Board

Kelly Douglas, Chr.	2015
Liz Lindsey, Sec.	2016
Tom Lewis	2017
Judson Phenicie	2018
Allen Bigley, Treas.	2019

Board of Missions

Jamie Lee,	2015
Ernie Lewis, Chr.	2016
David Potete , Sec	2017
Jon Cannon, Treas.	2018
Scott Bee	2019

Christian Education Board

Eric Drake	2015
Ross Bunton	2016
Jason Jean	2017
David Mishler, Chr.	2018
Ivan Ryan, Treas.	2019

Camp Board

Brandon Dwyer	2015
Corey Penn, Sec.	2016
Bryant Harris, Chr.	2017
Tim Pierce	2018
Brad Ryan	2019

Master's Men Board

Marty Lefler,	2015
Mark Kash,	2016
Shawn Mygatt, Treas.	2017
Mike Thomas, Chr.	2018
Brian Lindsey	2019

Moderator	John Pratt
Asst. Moderator	Ricky Ham
Clerk	Larry Cook
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus
Treasurer	Tim Hayes
Promotional Sec.	David Shores
National General Board	David Shores

Executive Board Representatives

East Central- John Hollis
Rend Lake- Tom Harmon
South Central- Curtis Smith
Quad Cities-
Fox River-
Metro-East- Paul Boyer
Northern Il.-

May 8, 2014

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB Church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

The meeting was opened by the clerk and the roll was taken with the following being in attendance: John Pratt, Ricky Ham, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, David Mishler, Kelly Douglas, Curtis Smith, Tom Harmon, John Hollis and Paul Boyer. A motion was sustained to seat Brad Ryan as proxy for Bryant Harris. The organizational minutes were noted and a motion was sustained to adopt the minutes as printed. Bro. John Pratt, the new moderator, brought the devotion from John 1:38 "What Are You Looking For?" and then closed in prayer.

REPORTS:

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary and this was followed by the report of the State Treasurer and a motion was sustained to adopt the treasurer's report. A motion was presented and sustained to pay the dues for 38 churches to the National Association.

State Mission's Board report was given and a motion was sustained to receive the report. After a check with our Constitution and By-Laws the board chairman, Bro. Ernie Lewis recommended that Bro. Scott Bee be elected to fill the 2019 position on the Missions board vacated by Bro. Ricky Ham being elected as assistant moderator. A motion was sustained to elect Bro. Scott Bee to fill this position. The following boards gave their reports: Master's Men Board, Camp Board, Christian Education Board and CTS Board with motions sustained to receive each report.

A break was then enjoyed with Bar-B-Q provided by Bro. Mike Thomas and other refreshments by the host church. We could make that a habit.

Misc. Business:

The following dates were set for the remainder of Executive Board meetings: August 15, Nov. 14 and Feb. 20, 2015. The meeting place will be Mt. Vernon 1st Church.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Paul Boyer closed in prayer.

AUGUST 15, 2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The meeting was begun by the roll call being taken with the following in attendance: John Pratt, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, David Mishler, Curtis Smith, John Hollis, Tom Harmon, and Paul Boyer. A motion was sustained to seat Tim Pierce as proxy for Bryant Harris. Bro. Curtis Smith then brought the devotion for Luke 22:4-46 and how that we need to allow God to have control and he encouraged us to remember Matthew 11:28-30. Bro. Curtis then closed in prayer.

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary as information and then the State Treasurer's report was adopted.

Board Reports:

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Christian Education Board. And Ross Bunton's name was placed in nomination to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jason Janus. Bro. Ross was elected to fill the 2016 position on the Christian Education Board.

Motions were then sustained to receive the reports of the following boards: State Missions, Master's Men, Camp Board and CTS Board. Bro. Tom Harmon shared an update on the changes in the Master's Men on a national level and what this might mean for the State Master's Men Board. It was decided it would cause no changes on a state level.

A recess was declared and the B-B-Q that Bro. Mike Thomas supplied for supper was again enjoyed by some. This is a great extra to our Executive Board meetings.

Bro. Jon Cannon was then recognized by the moderator and he shared information concerning an insurance supplement plan for those in our state works. The board was then asked to consider allowing Bro. Jon to implement this program. The following motion was proposed: That the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist establish an Aflac supplement insurance group allowing all ordained ministers, licensed ministers, ordained deacons in good standing, and individuals that serve on State Boards as well as their families are eligible to apply for this program. It is understood that there must be at least 3 participated in this program for it to be in effect.

The motion was approved.

A motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. John Hollis closed in prayer.

NOVEMBER 14, 2014

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The meeting was begun by the roll call being taken with the following in attendance: John Pratt, Larry Cook, Ricky Ham, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, Bryant Harris, Curtis Smith, Tom Harmon, and Paul Boyer. A motion was sustained to seat Ivan Ryan as proxy for David Mishler. A motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the August 15th meeting as printed. Bro. John Pratt, our moderator, then brought the devotion from I Tim. 4:11-16 and how that we need to continue to grow as believers. Bro. John then closed in prayer.

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary as information and then the State Treasurer's report was adopted.

Board Reports:

Motions were then sustained to receive the reports of the following boards: State Missions, Master's Men, Camp Board, Christian Education and CTS Boards.

A recess was declared and the B-B-Q that Bro. Mike Thomas supplied for supper was again enjoyed by all. This has become the highlight of our meeting.

The meeting was resumed and the following items were considered.

The Together Way allocations were addressed and it was decided due to the fund being in good shape to take the 1% the Disaster Response Fund receives and give it to the Master's Men Board for the year 2015. So the motion was made to recommend the following allocations to the 2015 State Meeting:

2015 Allocations

National Association	24%	CTS Board	3%
Illinois State Missions	28%	Christian Education Board	3%
Promotional Secretary	12%	Disaster Response	0%
General Fund	17%	Master's Men	2%
Camp Board	10%	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1%

The program committee report was given with the following speakers

Thursday evening Christian Education Seminar- Bro. Stan Toler

State meeting Friday Morning worship service- Stan Toler

State Meeting Friday evening Worship service -Stan Toler

State Meeting Saturday morning worship service-Ernest Brown

It was noted that only Bros. Ernie Lewis and David Shores would attend the 2015 Leadership Conference

The Auditing Committee will audit the books of the state boards and offices on February 21st at the First FWB Church in Mt. Vernon.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Mike Thomas closed in prayer.

FEBRUARY 20, 2015

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The meeting was begun by the roll call being taken with the following in attendance: John Pratt, Larry Cook, Ricky Ham, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Mike Thomas, Bryant Harris, David Mishler, Kelly Douglas, Curtis Smith, Tom Harmon, and Paul Boyer. A motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2014 meeting as printed. Bro. Ricky Ham brought the devotion and shared with us three important thoughts concerning God and ourselves. **God Knows** (about me), **God Cares** (for me) and **God Is In Control**. He then closed in prayer.

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary as information and then the State Treasurer's report was adopted and the proposed budget was recommended for adoption.

Board Reports:

Motions were then sustained to receive the reports of the following boards: State Missions, Master's Men, Camp Board, Christian Education and CTS Boards and to recommend the adoption of their proposed budgets.

A recess was declared and the B-B-Q that Bro. Mike Thomas supplied for supper was again enjoyed by all. This has become the highlight of our meeting.

A short recess was taken and then the meeting was resumed and the following items were considered.

The final State program was presented with two changes: Bro. David Mishler would speak on Friday evening in the place of Dr. Stan Toler who had to leave early and Bro. Ivan Ryan would speak on Saturday morning in place of Bro. Ernest Brown who declined due to health issues.

A motion was then made to pay the expenses of Dr. Toler and that both David Mishler and Ivan Ryan would receive a \$200 honorarium for speaking.

It was noted that items for the Illinois website could be sent to Bro. John Pratt at lytning11@hotmail.com

A motion was made to adjourn and Bro. David Shores closed in prayer.

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the Together Way allocations.

REPORT NO. 6
A PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following names have been placed in nomination for the State boards:

Board Members

CTS	Kelly Douglas	(2020)__ Kelly Douglas_____
	Judson Phenicie(Resigned)	(2018)__ Josh Colson_____
Christian Ed	Eric Drake	(2020)__ Eric Drake_____
Board of Missions	Jamie Lee	(2020)__ Jamie Lee_____
	Scott Bee(Resigned)	(2019)__ Phillip Kennedy_____
Camp Board	Brandon Dwyer	(2020)__ Brandon Dwyer_____
Illinois Masters Men	Marty Leffler	(2020)__ Nathan Beaty_____

A motion was sustained to receive the report and place the names in nomination as each board report is given.



REPORT NO. 7
Illinois Free Will Baptist Board of Missions
2014 Annual Report



The Illinois Board of Missions has encouraged and supported mission efforts this year in four mission works in the United States and seven missionary families in overseas ministries, as well as aiding short-term mission trips. Your prayers and continued support are vital for these ministries.

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

- Sent \$1,100 to the Discovery Church to help with a mailing to cover Collinsville.
- Provided use of the IBM van for missionaries on furlough in the United States.
- Assisted Maria Petty on a Short-Term mission trip to Cuba with Welch College.

- Completed our promises to channel funds to Mountain View FWB Church through September.
- Assisted The Springs Church with expenses for their move into a more permanent facility.
- Assisted our IL home missionaries (Gray & Penn) with expenses to the National Convention.
- Sent \$300 each to E-Team candidates who requested assistance with their support.
- Rented the Joliet Property to the 2nd Chance Church while maintaining the property.
- Sent \$1,000 to Darren Portell to help them move to Taiwan to teach in the Columbia School.
- Sent over \$4,000 to the State Association for Insurance Premiums on Mission Properties.
- Assisted the Discovery Family Church toward self-support and with payments on their building.
- Sought Tax Exempt status and appraisal on the Joliet Property given by the Immanuel Church.
- Contacted the Salem and Peoria churches to discuss assistance for their dwindling numbers.
- Sent \$1,000 to the Detherage account which at the time was at - \$13,000 in Mongolia.
- Assisted the Discovery Church with \$400 to pay for a new 13aptistery heater.
- Sent a Christmas bonus to each missionary on the I-GO plan of support.

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

Josh and Ashley Bennett had a baby, Finn Anderson, in May. The Springs Church moved to a new property on Twin Peaks Road where they could have a more permanent presence. They had 190 people at their Christmas Eve Services

Shane and Joy Davison continued to teach English classes, French literacy, cooking, and computer literacy classes in their Center in Aix-en-Provence, France. They also welcomed Patrick and Jill McDaniel to their TEAM this last summer.

Josh and Jennifer Detherage have been teaching English in the university in Ubaanlaater, Mongolia this year. They had a baby, Ariunnah Anne, in May of 2014.

Jeff and Heather Goodman are holding two services each Sunday morning at The Springs FWB Church in Marana, AZ. They hosted a foster child through much of the fall.

Steve and Denise Gray continue to grow the Discovery Family Church in Collinsville, IL. They have gone self-supporting this past summer. They still need assistance with their building payments.

Mark King has moved to Tibet to teach English in a community learning center in China with ELIC.

Sarah Malone continues in an administrative role with ELIC for Asia. She has spent some time in the states this fall, but continues to return to Asia for meetings with teaching teams.

Craig and Sarah Portell were in the U.S. for the fall, but have returned to teach English in their Nova Lingua School in Olgii, Mongolia. They had a baby, Annelise, in June of 2014.

Dennis and Carol Teague are in France looking for a location for an outreach center for the inquisitive youth of their area. They hold J'Pense and J'Crois events for outreach.

Joel and Lydie Teague have held several J'Pense events (services) in France and have nearly 100 people each time who are searching for answers. New Bibles have been handed out, coffee discussion groups have begun, and several baptisms were held in December.

**Illinois Board of Missions
Budget for 2015**

INCOME

I-GO Plan	\$ 63,000.00
Together Way Gifts	25,000.00
Designated Gifts	24,000.00
Joliet Property Rent	18,000.00
Church Plant Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 135,000.00

EXPENSES

Missionary Accounts	\$ 90,000.00
Missions Projects	30,000.00
Joliet Property Upkeep & Expenses	10,000.00
Missions Trips (<i>Short Term</i>)	2,000.00
Board Expenses	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 135,000.00

- Illinois Board of Missions -

Ernie Lewis David Potete Jon Cannon Jamie Lee

**Illinois FWB Board of Missions
Treasurer's Report**

January-December 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE	1/1/14	\$ 62,739.23
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INCOME	\$ 135,890.94
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STATE RECEIPTS	\$ 117,045.53
TOGETHER WAY	\$ 26,647.58
CHURCH PLANT	5,247.69
IGO	63,217.12
JASON TAYLOR	100.00
MARK SHORES	6,291.30
ILLINI INITIATIVE	<u>15,541.84</u>

IMMANUEL CHURCH PROPERTY	\$ 18,000.00
CHURCH OF 2ND CHANCE	18,000.00
HAZEL DELL FWB CHURCH	\$ 225.41
HARMONY FWB CHURCH	50.00
PITTSBURG FWB CHURCH	450.00
ROGER & LOLA BENNETT	<u>120.00</u>

BALANCE	\$ 198,630.17
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EXPENSES	\$ 134,300.07
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HOME MISSIONS	\$ 44,614.69
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS	32,544.11
JASON TAYLOR	100.00
DISCOVERY CHURCH	16,800.40

IMMANUEL CHURCH PROPERTY	8,169.03	
MOUNTAIN VIEW FWB CHURCH	11,468.65	
BOARD EXPENSES	4,988.03	
MARANA PROJECT – ARIZONA	5,950.00	
MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS	2,700.00	
VICTORY CHURCH (<i>Postage</i>)	55.16	
IL FWB STATE ASSOCIATION	4,789.00	
BROTHERHOOD MUTUAL INSURANCE	821.00	
RESOURCING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (<i>D. Portell</i>)	<u>1,000.00</u>	
BALANCE	12/31/15	<u>\$ 64,330.10</u>

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENT FUND

Report from most recent financial statement 12/31/2014

TOTAL ACCOUNT VALUE **\$ 34,465.70 @ \$8.91 PER SHARE**

AMERICAN FUNDS

Report from most recent financial statement 12/31/2014

TOTAL ACCOUNT VALUE **\$ 302.20**

Treasurer, Jon Cannon

The board chairman, Bro. Ernie Lewis recognized the following to share a report concerning their respective works:

Steve Gray and Tyler Penn.

A motion was then sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget. Bro. Jamie Lee's name was placed in nomination for the 2020 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

Then Bro. Phillip Kennedy's name was placed in nomination for the 2019 position held by Bro. Scott Bee who resigned following his move from the state to minister in Tennessee. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The moderator then declared a recess.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation was led in singing "Who So Ever Meaneth Me" with Bro. Jason Jean presiding over the service. He introduced Dr. Stan Toler who spoke on the topic "Spiritual Factors That Impart Faithfulness" using Acts 4:31-33.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The afternoon business session was opened by the moderator sharing from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and how that our homes must be a priority in our spiritual lives. He closed in prayer.

REPORT NO. 8

ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST

CAMP BOARD

Annual Report

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM AT CAMP HOPE

1. Leadership Camp was the first program held at the beginning of June. Larry Cook and Judson Phenicie directed a camp to train 11 teens to work in Junior and Primary Camp.
2. Five weeks of youth camps were successfully held throughout the summer of 2014:
PRIMARY CAMP - 71 Campers JUNIOR CAMP - 106 Campers
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP - 81 Campers FRESH-SOPH CAMP - 56 Campers
JUNIOR-SENIOR CAMP - 49 Campers

A total of 363 Campers registered for our Free Will Baptist camps. There were at least 18 salvation decisions recorded over the five weeks.

3. A High School Retreat was held in August with over 29 young people registered.
4. Raised over **\$1,390** for our missionaries from campers and staff at youth camps.

II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. Painted both dormitories and all interior doors.
2. Purchased a **New Zero-Turn Mower** and **Kubota Tractor** with a loader.
3. **Built a Gazebo** with funds from a special donation.
4. Tore out and **Replace Concrete Deck** around part of the swimming pool that had sunken.
5. **Build a New Maintenance Building** with 3 bays and a compartmentalized workspace area.
6. Purchased and installed a new **Swimming Pool Cover** for winterization.
7. Poured a new **Dumpster Pad** and build a new **Surrounding Fence**.
8. Replaced the Camp **Golf Cart** for maintenance and youth camp use.
9. Built a new **Pavilion** near the camp lake with funds from a special donation.
10. Replaced several pieces of **Equipment** lost in the shed fire last fall.

III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. The Camp Board hired two college students as **S.A.M.** workers for the summer months.
2. The Camp Board **Received a Donation** from the Malone Family to build a new **Pavilion**.
3. The Camp Board voted to begin a renovation of the **Bathrooms** in the gymnasium.
4. The Camp Board voted to add **New Shower Rooms** to the girls dormitory.
5. The Camp Board voted to equip the gymnasium with **Black Lights** for night games.
6. The Camp Board set **Youth Camp Dates** for the 2015 Summer Season:

Leadership Camp - June 4-6

Junior-Senior Camp - June 7-12

Junior-High Camp - June 13-19

Fresh-Soph Camp - June 21-26

Primary Camp - June 28- July 2

Junior Camp - July 5-10

7. A Board approved a **Budget** for the 2015 calendar year:

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 18,000.00
Rentals	19,000.00
Retreat Income	1,000.00
Transfer from Camp Improvement Fund	4,000.00
Youth Camp 2014 Income	<u>40,000.00</u>

+ \$ 82,000.00

(15)

PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 19,000.00
Maintenance and Supplies	25,000.00
Youth Camp 2014 Expenses	25,000.00
Retreat Expenses	1,000.00
Manager's Compensation	6,000.00
S.A.M. Scholarships	<u>6,000.00</u>
	- \$ 82,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT*January 1 to December 31, 2014***GENERAL FUND**

Balance	1/1/14	\$ 17,774.60
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RECEIPTS:

State Association Co-op	\$ 10,296.59
Individual and Church Donations	7,685.08
Rentals	19,527.00
Maintenance Building Fund	400.00
Camp Scholarship Fund	405.00
High School Retreat Income	644.50
Youth Camp Income	37,828.63
Interest on Account	<u>13.60</u>
Total Received	+ \$ 76,800.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 16,222.97
Maintenance and Supplies	18,099.67
Campground Improvement Fund (10% Regs & Rent)	5,084.70
Building Maintenance Fund (transfers)	1,500.00
Retreat Expenses	664.24
S.A.M. Workers	6,100.00
Youth Camp Expenses	24,790.55
Manager's Compensation	<u>5,100.00</u>
Total Disbursed	- \$ 77,562.13

BALANCE	12/31/14	<u>\$ 17,012.87</u>
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CAMP BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT*January 1 to December 31, 2014***Building Maintenance Fund**

Balance	1/1/14	\$ 6,919.30
Transfers from General Fund	+ 1500.00	
Interest on Account	+ <u>3.82</u>	
Balance	12/31/14	<u>\$ 8,423.12</u>

Campground Improvement Fund

Balance	1/1/14	\$ 7,532.41
Transfer from General Fund (10% Camper Registrations)	+ \$ 3,132.00	
Transfer from General Fund (10% Camp Rentals)	1,952.70	
Interest on Account	+ <u>4.31</u>	
Balance	12/31/14	<u>\$ 12,621.42</u>

Kitchen Cabinet Fund

Balance	1/1/14	\$ 5,708.32
RECEIPTS:		
Interest on Account	+ 2.95	
Balance	12/31/14	\$ 5,711.27

Camper Scholarship Fund

Balance	1/1/14	\$ 1,499.37
Interest on Account	+ 0.65	
Transfer to General Fund (4 ½ Camper Registrations)	- 405.00	
Balance	12/31/14	\$ 1,095.02

Maintenance Building Fund

Balance	1/1/14	\$ - 0 -
Receipts:		
Insurance Claim Payment	\$ 61,300.00	
Salvage Equipment Sales	4,896.15	
Interest on Account	6.80	
TOTAL INCOME	+ \$ 66,202.95	
Disbursements:		
Building and Replacement Equipment	- \$ 65,236.28	
Balance	12/31/14	\$ 966.67

FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD

Chairman – Bryant Harris **Brad Ryan**
Corey Penn **Tim Pierce** **Brandon Dwyer**

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

Bro. Brandon Dwyer's name was placed in nomination for the 2020 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The moderator then recognized Bro. Ken Akers who brought a message from the Notional Home Missions Department and the Master's Men office.

REPORT NO. 9

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Greetings to the 2015 Illinois State Association,

The Christian Education Board was privileged to have Brother Ralph Brandon; Pastor, Educator, and Christian Counselor share his burden for Grief Counseling last year at the Thursday Night Seminar. Through "Brother Ralphs" unique style and life experiences, our churches/pastors were challenged to address the great need for ministering to grieving hearts after the loss of a loved one. This year Dr. Stan Toler, best-selling author, leader, and teacher challenged us on Thursday night and Friday morning with his seminars "The Five-Star Church" and "Total Quality Life".

The CE Board was honored to financially help 13 students at Welch College this past year by gifting over \$4,200 collectively to the following students: Kayla Sample, Hunter Sample, John Barcroft, Jacob Gray, Morgan Droll, Jacob Hannis, Allison Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Shelby Payne, Maria Petty, Claire Ryan, Keith Stegall, and Hope Walker. Please pray for these young people as they continue to serve the Lord in their individual fields.

This past year the CE Board took the bold move to encourage our pastors to attend the RHMA Conference in Morton, IL by paying one half of their registration fee. This conference addresses the needs of

small town pastors, which really “hits home” for most of our Illinois Free Will Baptist pastors. This is not a mega-church conference but a small-town pastors’ conference. Please prayerfully consider attending this unique venue.

In an attempt to help our local churches and pastors the CE Board is launching something new next year called “The Pastors Idea Box”. There is a wealth of knowledge, innovation, and experience represented in our Illinois pastors and we would like to create a funnel in which to capture some of their expertise and then share it with other pastors. We will be contacting all of our Illinois pastors and asking them for their input towards creating “The Pastor’s Idea Box”.

Let’s learn from each other’s experience in areas such as; special days, SS/youth/children’s programs, communion ideas, Bible studies, sermon series, outreach ideas, etc. The CE Board will collect these ideas and will be sharing them with pastors at the State Meeting next year.

The CE Board covets your prayers as we endeavor help meet the needs of our Illinois pastors and churches.

In Christ, David Mishler, Ivan Ryan, Jason Jean, Eric Drake, Ross Bunton

CE Board Financial Statement for 2014 01/01/14 – 12/31/15

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$4,213.02
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Income

Co-op	\$2,679.80	
C.E. Scholarship Redemption	2,755.00	
Ministerial Scholarship Redemption	500.00	
Total Income		\$5,934.80

Expenses

Board Expenses	\$354.88	
Seminar Expense	\$300.00	
C.E. Scholarships	\$3,755.00	
Ministerial Scholarship	\$500.00	
Total Expenses		\$4,909.88

Ending Balance	\$5,237.94
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Ministerial Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$4,583.28
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Coop income	\$1,684.77	
Ministerial Scholarship	(\$500.00)	

Ending Balance	\$5,768.05
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CE Board Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$46,096.78
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Redemption for C.E. Scholarships	(2,755.00)	
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Dividends Reinvested	956.72	
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Capital Gains	2,282.26	
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Gain/(Loss) On Investment	\$1,752.24	
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Ending Balance	\$48,333.00
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Proposed Budget for 2015

Income:

Coop Receipts	\$3,000.00
Fund Redemptions for Scholarships	\$3,000.00
Total	\$6,000.00

Expenses:

Board Expenses	\$500.00
Seminar Expenses	\$1500.00
Scholarships	\$4,000.00
Total	\$6,000.00

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget. Bro. Eric Drake's name was placed in nomination for the 2020 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect. The moderator then recognized Bro. Danny Conn to share a report from Randall House.

REPORT NO. 10 ILLINOIS MASTER'S MEN / DRU ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2014

2014 provided more opportunities for Illinois Master's Men to minister.

The board met with Tim Hayes, Director of Illinois DRU and Tom Harmon, National Master's Men Board member to get some history of DRU, and get an understanding of what the board's responsibility is concerning the Disaster Relief Unit.

The first Illinois Master's Men Youth Fishing Tournament was held at Camp Hope on June 21st. Bro. Tom Harmon organized the event with the Master's Men Board supplying trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and smallest fish award. Lunch was also provided for the participants. We hope this turns into an annual event.

The 21st Annual Master's Men Retreat was held September 11, 12, 13, 2014. Bro. Ken Akers, National Master's Men Representative was our guest speaker. Bro. Ken explained how the Master's Men organization is now under the umbrella of the Home Missions Department. This allows more time for him to promote Master's Men and allows for more funding. Bro. Ken shared God's word each service. Board member Mark Kash led the music and provided special music.

The annual trap shoot is still popular along with archery and horseshoes. The Friday Night BBQ and Pie Auction continue to be popular as well. Special thanks to those who donated pies! Proceeds from the pie auction \$500.00 were given to Mark King account for his mission work.

The next annual Retreat, 22nd Annual, will be held September 17, 18, 19, 2015 at Camp Hope. Bro. Joe Wilson will be the guest speaker. This is a FREE event! The Board encourages all men to come out and participate. You'll be blessed!

The Disaster Relief Unit has been quiet this year. Praise the Lord! Please continue to support this program and pray for the volunteers who go to help others in their time of need.

Bro. Tom Harmon reports that the House Project in Benton has been completed and is ready for someone to call it home. Go by and see it, it's beautiful!

Submitted by Mike Thomas, Chairman

**Illinois Masters Men
Proposed Budget for 2015**

Anticipated Income:	
ISA of FWB	2200.00
Gifts	200.00
IL. Regional Retreat	<u>2000.00</u>
Anticipated Income Total:	4400.00

Anticipated Expenses:	
Retreat Expenses	3230.00
Printing	200.00
Postage	20.00
Promotions	200.00
Travel expenses	300.00
Miscellaneous	<u>450.00</u>
Anticipated Expenses Total:	4400.00

**Illinois Masters Men
Disaster Response Unit
Proposed budget for 2015**

Anticipated Income:	
Donations	<u>4000.00</u>
Anticipated Income Total:	4000.00
Anticipated Expenses:	
Equipment	1400.00
Repairs/maintenance	400.00
Fuel for transportation	1000.00
License	30.00
Calling Post	50.00
Printing	20.00
Postage	20.00
Travel Expenses	940.00
Miscellaneous	<u>140.00</u>
Anticipated Expenses Total:	4000.00

**Illinois Master's Men
2014 Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014**

Balance B. F. from December 31, 2013	\$ 2,717.00
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Income

ISA of FWB	\$1,029.66
IL. Regional Retreat	<u>1,740.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,769.66

Expenses

IL. Regional Retreat	\$ 3,596.38
Tom Harmon: IL. MM Youth Fishing Tourney	<u>100.85</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 3,697.23

Bal. C. F. to January 1, 2015	\$ 1,789.43
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Illinois Master's Men

Disaster Response Unit

2014 Annual Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Bal. B. F. from December 31, 2013 \$8,356.01

Income

ISA of FWB	\$1,029.66
Gifts	<u>1,938.27</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,967.93

Expenses

Reimbursements:

Tim Hayes- equipment reimbursement	<u>\$ 609.03</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 609.03

Bal. C. F. to January 1, 2015 \$10,714.91

Submitted by: Shawn Mygatt

A motion was sustained to receive the report and to adopt the proposed budgets. Then Nathan Beaty name was placed in nomination for the 2020 position on the board. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

REPORT NO. 11

ILLINOIS CTS BOARD –REPORT

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

The Free Will Baptist State Competition was held at Decatur First Free Will Baptist Church April 25-26 2014 . There were 78 young people , 93 entries and 9 churches. Decatur, Ina , Rescue, Calvary, Harmony, Bear Point , Northwest, Blue Point and Pleasant View. The Free Will Baptist of the state of Illinois was well represented at the 2014 National Youth Conference July 27-30, 2014 Fort Worth TX.

First Place 13 entries, Second Place 8 entries and Third place 6 entries a grand total of 27 entries. Very Good !

CONGRATULATIONS! National CTS Winners - Fort Worth TX.

Place	Name	Church	Competition
2 nd	Colin Waller	Blue Point	9 th grade Bible Memorization
2 nd	Harmony Puppets	Harmony	Live puppetry –Age Group C
3 rd	Ina A Ensemble	Ina	Vocal Ensemble –Age Group A
2 nd	Ina Choir	Ina	Vocal Choir- Age Group C
3 rd	Dala Wingo	Ina	Individual Drama-Age Group D
1 st	Alexis Walker	Harmony	Christian Lit. Recitation- Age Group C
2 nd	The Big Picture	Ina	Group Drama- Age Group A
2 nd	Triplets	Decatur	Group Drama- Age Group B
1 st	Good & Evil	Decatur	Group Drama- Age Group C
1 st	Ina Puppets	Ina	Recorded puppetry –Age Group B
2 nd	Talk To The Hand	Bear Point	Recorded Puppetry-Age Group C
1 st	Ina Quartet	Ina	Quartets-Group A
3 rd	Ryan Quartet	Ina	Quartets- Group D
1 st	Josh Walker	Harmony	Textiles Banners – Age Group A
1 st	Josh Walker	Harmony	Textiles (T-Shirts) Age Group A
1 st	Greg Walker	Harmony	Photography (single photo) A/Group D
1 st	Lauren Mygatt	Bear Point	Photo Essay –Age Group C
1 st	Josh Walker	Harmony	Ceramics (sculpted Clay) Age Group A
3 rd	Ava Hollis	Ina	Drawing- Age Group A

1 st	Josh Walker	Harmony	Painting –Age Group A
2 nd	Emily Walker	Harmony	Painting – Age Group B
3 rd	Ava Hollis	Ina	Computer Graphics – Age Group A
1 st	Sarah Pierce	Ina	Computer Graphics- Age Group D
1 st	Daniel Pierce	Ina	Conceptual Art - Age Group C
2 nd	Claire Ryan	Ina	Long Article - D Grade
1 st	Trevor Confer	Bear Point	Personal Experience Essay –A Grade
3 rd	Callah Mathena	Pleasant View	Devotion- D Grade.

2015 Illinois CTS State Competition will be held at Decatur First Free Will Baptist church on April 24-25 .
Registration deadline : March 15, 2015 . The National Youth Conference will be July 19-22, 2015 Grand
Rapids, MI. Theme: “ The Truth will Set You Free” John 8:32

Respectfully submitted , CST Board : Liz Lindsey , Tommy Lewis , Allen Lewis , Judson Phenicie and Kelly
Douglas

ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD

2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2014		\$4322.25
RECEIPTS:		
Co-op Receipts	\$3,534.56	
State Competition Registration Fees	\$1,925.00	
Master Card Refund at MC Hotel Network	\$12.09	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 5471.65	\$9793.90
EXPENSES:		
State Competition Expenses	\$2,856.91	
NYC Registration Fees	\$2,225.00	
Randall House	\$213.40	
Postage	\$6.64	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,301.95	
ENDING BALANCE December 31, 2014		\$4,491.95

ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD

PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

INCOME:		
Co-Op Together Way Receipts	\$, 3,265.00	
State CTS Competition Registration	<u>1,925.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,190.00	
EXPENSES		
NYC Registration	\$ 2,119.00	
State Competition Judges	700.00	
Housing State Competition	475.00	
Welch College Honorarium	300.00	
Competition Host Church	400.00	
Randall House CTS Supplies	523.00	
State Competition Fellowship	423.00	
Quiz Master State Competition	100.00	
Scheduling & Score Sheets State Competition	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,190.00	

Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley, Treasurer

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget. The name of Kelly Douglas was placed in nomination for the 2020 position on the board. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Then Josh Colson name was placed in nomination for the 2018 position that was open due to the resignation of Judson Phenicie. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

REPORT NO. 12
REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
"Our *APPLICABLE* God"
IL WAC 2014/2015

Our *APPLICABLE* God – Our Annual State Meeting

The world changes faster than it spins on its axis. Technology today may not work tomorrow. Trends, fashions and vocabulary morph faster than the speed of sound and light. But Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, today and forever."

At our Illinois Women Active for Christ annual meeting, missionary speaker Kelly Penn will help illustrate how different ministries can communicate the applicable Gospel message today in a changing culture. Please join us Saturday, May 2, at Pleasant View FWB Church, rural Walnut Hill. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., and includes a hearty brunch between business and worship service, which begins at 11:00 a.m. We invite all our Illinois missionaries and E-Team members to attend and bring us updates on their work. We will have our traditional Provision Closet Shower at this year's meeting. Needed items include the following: Twin size sheets (300+ thread count), mattress pads for twin, queen, and king beds; solid towels, all colors, thick with hand towels and wash cloths; kitchen towel sets; sets of 12 in flatware; and sets of 12 in Corelle Ware.

- Our Historic Move to National Department

Women Nationally Active for Christ celebrated a historic vote at our National Convention in July when the WNAC was welcomed as a national department. The IL WAC never skipped a beat in continuing our work of giving funds directly to missions causes on a very timely basis. During the May to May reporting timeframe, our individual groups and districts worked to send generous offerings to International and Home Missions and through the IGO Plan. Praise the Lord for this giving. May we give more to Him.

- Our "Flourish" and "Out-of-the-Box" Retreats

Our biennial Fall Women's "Out-of-the-Box" Retreat was an inspiration. God spoke to us in the first songs through the artwork and into the messages by Brenda Carney and Sarah Malone. The seminars and closing drama and music wrapped everything together in a beautiful gift box of God's love. Every retreat is a blessing, but this one was truly anointed by God's presence.

The next retreat coming up is sponsored by the WNAC and is scheduled for September 3-5, 2015 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. It's a short drive to a national retreat. Come and "Flourish!" The next Illinois Women's Retreat is scheduled for September 23-24, 2016. Please mark your calendars!

All in the Name of Jesus, Susan Burgess, ILWAC President

ILLINOIS STATE FWB ACTIVE FOR CHRIST TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR MAY 1, 2013 – APRIL 30, 2014

BALANCE BROUGHT FOWARD FROM MAY 1, 2013		\$	563.30
RECEIPTS:			
State Meeting Offering.....	\$	500.00	
Emily Malone District.....	\$	1,719.80	
In Memory Sis. Ella Mae Hiltibidal.....	\$	280.00	
Loyal Workers District.....	\$	<u>3,037.60</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$	5,537.40	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$	6,100.70
			(23)

DISBURSEMENTS:

STATE MEETING:	Camp Hope (Vacuum Cleaner)	\$ 100.00
	Becky Ham (Missionary)	\$ 50.00
	Emily Petty (E-Team, Truth & Peace)	\$ 50.00
	Elizabeth Hodge (Seaker)	\$ 250.00
	Tyler Penn (Missionary)	\$ 116.00
	Lily Penn (Nursery Worker)	\$ 30.00

IGO PROJECT..... \$ 576.00

WNAC:

General Fund	\$ 28.00
Illini Initiative (Tyler Penn).....	\$ 200.00
C. A. S. T. (Mission Trip).....	\$ 1,950.00
Dues (118 Members).....	\$ 1,770.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... \$ 5,120.00

ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2013..... \$ 980.70

GENERAL FUND..... \$ 270.96

FELLOWSHIP RETREAT..... \$ 429.74

MEMORY SIS. ELLAMAE HILTIBIDAL..... \$ 280.00

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... \$ 980.70

THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF MONEY AND NON CASH GIFTS GIVEN TO NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
THAT WAS SENT DIRECTLY

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

General Fund	\$ 50.00
Shane Davison	1,024.50
Rusty Carney	140.00
Dennis Teague	140.00
Craig Portell	545.00
Josh Detherage	332.25
Sarah Malone	50.00
	<u>\$ 2,281.75</u>

HOME MISSIONS

Tyler Penn	\$ 2,795.00
Mark Shores	796.69
Josh Bennett	332.25
Mark Thomas	96.68
Marana Project	220.00
General Fund	<u>173.00</u>
	\$ 4,413.62

IGO \$ 2,620.00

OTHER

WNAC General Fund	\$ 67.50
WMO Offering	1,171.00
Emily Petty (E-Team)	275.00
Haley Walker (E-Team)	50.00
Kylee Edgmon (E-Team)	250.00
Sarah Fletcher (C.A.S.T.)	\$ 100.00
Nancy Drake	828.14
Becky Ham	355.00
Lydie Teague (Citizenship)	350.00
Welch College	220.00
Pew Bibles	312.00
Giving Tree	100.00
Cuba Project	403.75
Father's Day	29.34
Special Offering	200.00
Lifeline	500.00
Provision Closet	397.46
Camp Hope	112.00
Misc. (Christmas, School, Speakers)	<u>964.21</u>
	\$ 6,685.40

Total Given Direct \$ 16,000.77

Total Through State \$ 2,754.00

Dues \$ 1,770.00

Total Given \$ 20,524.77

A motion was sustained to receive the report as information. A report from the NWAC office was then given by Sis. Susan Burgess.

The moderator then recognized Mike Edwards who shared a report from Welch College and Judson Phenicie gave a report concerning the Ignite the Flame banquet held at Ina FWB Church on February 28th.

The moderator declared a recess at this time. A banquet was hosted by the Ina FWB Church at 5 PM.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The evening service was opened with Bro. Ricky Ham presiding and the congregation was led by Sis. Bethany Sink in singing “We Have Come Into His House” followed by prayer with special mention of John Hollis and Nancy Drake. Then with Sis. Kylie Hicks at the piano the congregation sang “To God Be The Glory”, and “How Majestic Is Your Name”. The special music was presented by Sis. Bethany Sink singing “In The First Light”. Bro. David Mishler brought the evening message from Matthew 22:34-40 and Haggai 1:2-4 & 5-7. The service was closed in prayer.

MARCH 21, 2015

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The moderator opened the service with prayer and Bro. Curtis Smith brought the devotion from Acts 4:13, 29 & 31 with the key word being boldness. He then closed in prayer.

The moderator recognized the following National representatives to share a report from their respective offices:

Keith Burden- National Executive Office
Sam McVay- International Missions
James Foster- Family Ministries
Ray Lewis- Board of Retirement

REPORT NO. 13 THE OBITUARY REPORT

DECEASED

EAST CENTRAL

Martha Block-Blue Point
Phyllis Fairfield-Crossroads
Kenny Walker-Crossroads
Leatrice Angle-Mt. Vernon 1st
Dorothy Hamilton-Mt. Vernon 1st
Florence Casey-Mt. Vernon 1st
Wendell Duane Moles-Mt. Vernon 1st
Bill Bain-Pleasant View

SOUTH CENTRAL

Mary Forehand Watson-Alexander
Anita Jo McKee- Alexander
Pauline Parks- Arnold View
Joe Gray- Arnold View
Henry Frey- Arnold View
Edith Tanner- Arnold View
Judith Motsinger-Johnston City 1st
Nina Endrizzi- Johnston City 1st

REND LAKE

Nancy Bushong-Hazel Dell
“Bud” Everett Pierce-Ina
Bro. Byford Campbell-Ina
Wastina Campbell-Ina
Freda Joy-Ina
Marie Hall- Waltonville

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Ken Underwood- Unity

Metro East

Mildred R. “Millie” Redenbo-Bethel
Wayne Ray- Bethel
Mary Grace Chester-Bethel
Henrietta L. Sanders-Bethel
Shirley Smith-Bethel

Paul Barker-Peace

Archie Brooke-Discovery Church

A motion was sustained to receive the report and to have a moment of silence in memory of the above individuals,

The following names were placed in nomination as delegates from Illinois to the National Association in July: Mike Robertson, Jane Harmon, Pat Shores, Sarah Fletcher, and Susan Burgess. A motion was sustained to elect these as our delegates.

REPORT NO. 14
THE REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee recommend the following:

Item #1 Honorariums be given as follows

Moderator	\$300
Treasurer	\$750
Clerk	\$550

Item #2 A standing vote of thanks be given to the Ina Church for their hospitality during the 2015 Association meeting.

Item #3 That we accept the invitation from Calvary Church and Bro. Jamie Lee to host the 2016 State Association.

Item #4 That a change be made to the constitution

Article 11 Section 12 says "The Illinois State Master's Men Board shall seek to establish Master's Men chapters and to set up district and state groups, as well as cooperate with the National Layman's Board."

We recommend that the last portion of the sentence, "as well as cooperate with the National Layman's Board" be deleted.

Item #5 We recommend the words "Reference KJV" be added after Article 17 in the Constitution after the Scripture references as a point of clarification.

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act on it item by item.

A motion was sustained to adopt Items 1 thru 3.

A motion was sustained to table Item #4 until next year.

And a motion was sustained to table Item #5 until next year.

REPORT NO. 15
FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following were placed in nomination:

	Present officer holder	Nominee
Moderator-	John Pratt	John Pratt
Asst. Moderator	Ricky Ham	Ricky Ham
Clerk	Larry Cook	Larry Cook
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus	Jason Janus
Treasurer	Tim Hayes	Tim Hayes

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon position by position.

For asst. moderator Ricky Ham is the nominee and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For Clerk Larry Cook is the nominee and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For Asst. Clerk Jason Janus is the nominee and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For Treasurer the nominee is Tim Hayes and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For moderator the nominee is John Pratt and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The following names were placed in nomination for the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee: Josh Colson, Keith Fletcher, Judson Phenicie and a motion was sustained to elect.

Then the following names were placed in nomination for the Auditing Committee for 2016: Kelly Douglas, Francis Scott and Josh Colson and a motion was sustained to elect.

REPORT NO. 16

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The following numbers were found to be registered for the 2015 State Association

Standing Delegates	38
Elected Delegates	20
Visitors	30

The total registered was 88

A motion was sustained to receive the report.

Motion was then made and passed to adjourn the 2015 business session.

MORNING WORSHIP

Larry Cook presided over the service and the congregation was led in singing "Family of God" followed by Sis Reba Ritter singing "Glory to the Lamb". The congregation then sang "Praise Him, Praise Him", "Jesus Above All Names" and "Something About That Name". Sis. Kylie Hicks brought the special music singing "Glorious and Mighty". This was followed by Bro. Ivan Ryan sharing a message from Jeremiah 17:1-2 on the thought of "From Bondage and Back.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

