

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



**2018**

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**MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
MARCH 15,16 & 17, 2018**

The meeting began with welcome from the host pastor, Bro. Corey Penn and then he lead in a time of prayer. The clerk called the 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and the moderator then appointed the following to serve on the Business Committee: Larry Clyatt, Philip Kennedy, and Ivan Ryan with Larry Clyatt acting as chairman. The moderator then recognized the standing delegates which are ordained ministers and deacons in good standing with their respective districts and church and all members of standing boards. The clerk then presented the district reports and a motion was sustained to receive the reports and seat the delegates. The moderator of the East Central District added Kevin Woolbright to their list of delegates.

**REPORT NO. 1  
2017 DISTRICT REPORTS**

Districts	East Central	Rend Lake	South Central	Metro East	Northern	Fox River	Quad Cities	Total
00# of Churches	7	10	7	5	2	6	1	38
# Cities	3	4	2	5	2	6	1	23
# Rural	4	6	5	0				15
# Reporting	7	10	7	5	2	4		35
Full-Time P	6	3	5	4	0	3		21
Bi-Vocational P	1	6	2	0	2	3		14
# of Baptisms	7	15	25	11	0	5		63
Members ++	12	12	36	15	0	9		84
Members Lost	11	8	9	1	5	3		37
Tot. Members	682	1,030	922	440	39	85		3198
Total Income	\$654,600	\$896,941	\$976,932	\$396,566	\$39,404	\$167,222		3,131,665
Church/Budget	4	5	3	5	0	2		19
# /Parsonage	2	4	2	1	0	2		11
Value-Property	\$4,396,000	\$8,710,000	\$10,590,000	4,075,000	\$250,000	\$2,100,000		30,121,000
# Ordained	12	16	12	8	2	9		59
# Licensed	0	0	7	1	0	2		10
# Deacons	19	37	24	8	0	3		91
Christian School	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Bible Institute	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Sunday School	396	453	302	12	19	57		1246

**DELEGATES**

EAST CENTRAL	REND LAKE	SOUTH CENTRAL	NORTHERN	FOX RIVER	METRO EAST	QUAD CITIES
Rodney Logue	Jane Harmon	David Meacham				
Kathy Hayes	Peggy Clyatt	Sarah Fletcher				
Pat Shores	Marty Fairchild	Jennifer Meacham				
Sarah Ulrey	Ross Bunton	Diane Ryan				
Kevin Woolbright		April Motsinger				

**DECEASED**

**EAST CENTRAL**

Ray Stark-Blue Point  
Marion Conrad-Blue Point  
Timothy E. Hayes-Calvary  
Jim Phillips-Calvary  
Dorothy Holzhausen-Crossroads  
Garry Linton-Crossroads  
Glenn Osborne-First Decatur

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Betty Byers-Arnold View  
Al Winters-Arnold View  
Lowell Mausey Jr Arnold View  
Tilden Parks-Arnold View  
Jim Haseker- Arnold View  
Gordon Smith- Arnold View  
Don Lappin- Harmony

**REND LAKE**

Leona Marie Cochrane-Bakerville  
Darline Fay McNeil- Bear Point  
Fern Marie Price-Bear Point  
Larry Burroughs- Bear Point  
Sarah Costley- Nason  
Doris E. Newell- New Hope  
Murrel Bernard-New Hope

**EAST CENTRAL**

Rosemary Jackson- First Decatur  
 Veleria Rine- First Decatur  
 Eddie G. Flota- Mt. Vernon First  
 Gary Taylor-Oak Valley  
 Glen Byers- Oak Valley

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS**

Audley Wiley, Hoopeston

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Carl Sue Philips- Johnston City  
 Earnest Brown- Alexander  
 Marion Kennell-Pittsburg  
 Eloise Sullivan- Benton First

**METRO EAST**

Wayne Smith- Peace  
 Emma Lee Smith- Peace  
 Eddie Hollis- Connect Church

**REND LAKE**

Doris Pauline Douglas- Rescue  
 Venita F Kern- Rescue  
 Meda Beckham-Waltonville  
 Peggy Lee Fairchild-Waltonville  
 Virginia Louandra Beckham- Waltonville

**FOX RIVER****REPORT NO. 2****STATE TREASURER'S REPORT****GENERAL FUND****Financial Statement**

February 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018

Year to Date**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**

\$ 19,013.87

**RECEIPTS:**

Designated gifts	\$ 358,900.77
Annual dues	3,750.00
Other offerings	-
Interest	4.28

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

362,655.05

\$ 381,668.92

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$ 141,442.00
Illinois Board of Missions	137,228.49
Camp Hope	17,932.68
Illinois Master's Men	4,524.35
Illinois Promotional Fund	15,493.22
C.T.S. Board	3,381.78
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1,127.26
Christian Education Board	3,381.78
Avant Ministries	1,272.00
English Language Institute of China	12,137.99
Other ministries	970.00
Mileage & Board expenses	2,354.62
Insurance	16,581.50
Office expenses	106.00
Honorariums & meeting expenses	3,744.42
National Association dues	5,250.00
National Association delegate expenses	750.00
Bank charges	180.67

**TOTAL  
DISBURSEMENTS**

\$ 367,858.76

**ENDING CASH BALANCE**

\$ 13,810.16

## GENERAL FUND

### Budget

February 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019

		<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE</b>		\$ 13,810.16
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Together Way Plan (17%)	\$ 20,000.00	
Annual dues	6,460.00	
Interest	-	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		26,460.00
		<u>\$ 40,270.16</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Mileage & Board expenses	\$ 2,500.00	
Insurance	16,500.00	
Office expenses	200.00	
Honorariums & meeting expenses	3,800.00	
National Association dues	5,250.00	
National Association delegate expenses	750.00	
Bank charges	-	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		\$ 29,000.00
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>		<u>\$ 11,270.16</u>

## PROMOTIONAL FUND

### Financial Statement

February 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018

		<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE</b>		\$ 2,830.00
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Designated gifts & Together Way plan	\$ 15,493.22	
Other income	-	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		15,493.22
		<u>\$ 18,323.22</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Promotional Secretary salary	\$ 10,000.00	
Mileage & Board expenses	-	
Honorariums & meeting expenses	1,000.00	
Printing newsletter	3,839.50	
Office expenses	36.79	
Bank charges	-	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		\$ 14,876.29
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>		<u>\$ 3,446.93</u>
<b>FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION</b>		
Beginning cash balance		\$ 43,825.91
Interest income		1,214.04
Ending cash balance		<u>\$ 45,039.95</u>

## PROMOTIONAL FUND

### Budget

February 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019

Year to Date**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**

\$ 3,446.93

**RECEIPTS:**

Designated gifts & Together Way plan \$ 15,500.00  
 Other income -

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

15,500.00

\$ 18,946.93**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Promotional Secretary salary \$ 10,000.00  
 Mileage & Board expenses -  
 Honorariums & meeting expenses 1,000.00  
 Printing newsletter 4,400.00  
 Office expenses 100.00  
 Bank charges -

**TOTAL  
DISBURSEMENTS**\$ 15,500.00**ENDING CASH BALANCE**\$ 3,446.93

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Michael Johnston, State Treasurer

**2017 DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE**

2/1/17Through 1/31/18

	CAMP BOARD	DISASTER RESPONSE	IGO	IL Designated. Missions	PROM. FUND	TO-WAY PLAN	TOTALS
Alexander						675.00	675.00
Arnold View				1,380.00		12,181.77	13,561.77
Bakerville				295.00			295.00
Bear Point			4,181.46	700.00	120.00	10,233.86	15,236.32
Benton 1 <sup>st</sup>				1,475.00		7,323.76	8,798.76
Bethel			26.00	195.00		1,200.00	1,421.00
Blue Point	600.00	600.00	540.00	3,006.67	1,200.00	3,600.00	9,546.67
Calvary		300.00	4,311.39	1,690.00		3,363.67	9,665.06
Crossroads				150.00	16.00		166.00
Decatur						10,827.70	10,827.70
Discovery				350.00			350.00
Harmony W F					120.00	1,200.00	1,320.00
Hazel Dell	250.00				90.00	3,000.00	3,340.00
Ina	3,810.00			3,050.00	120.00	25,818.00	32,798.00
Johnston C.				2,387.55		2,583.90	4,971.45
Mt. Vernon			4,614.00	1,265.00		10,795.00	16,674.00
NewHope						3,809.00	3,809.00
Northwest		240.00	240.00	545.00		2,400.00	3,425.00
Oak Grove				600.00		1,083.21	1,683.21
Oak Valley			5,960.00				5,960.00
Pittsburg			49,946.00			2,004.00	51,950.00
Pleasant V.	800.00	802.81	120.00	344.80	300.00		2,367.61
Rescue	1,200.00					6,547.00	7,747.00
Unity			560.00	110.00		681.00	1,351.00
Victory			1,200.00	3,095.00		1,200.00	5,495.00
OTHER Payees	400.00		3,855.00	9,722.10		2,250.00	16,227.10
TOTALS	7,060.00	1,942.81	75,553.85	30,361.12	1,966.00	112,776.87	229,660.65

**GIVING TO NATIONAL MINISTRIES 2017**

2/1/17 Through 1/31/18

Payee	Home Missions	International Missions	National	TOTAL
Alexander				
Arnold View		6,819.00		6,819.00
Bakerville		3,120.00	780.00	3,900.00
Bear Point	600.00	3,255.47	1,784.00	5,639.47
Benton 1 <sup>st</sup>		1,747.38		1,747.38
Bethel	100.00	925.00	100.00	1,125.00
Blue Point	10,830.29	26,993.71	1,622.00	39,446.00
Calvary	1,286.28	9,315.89	2,097.93	12,700.10
Crossroads	270.00	1,875.00	162.00	2,307.00
Decatur				
Discovery		350.00		350.00
Harmony W F			1,200.00	1,200.00
Hazel Dell				
Ina	220.00	23,906.00	300.00	24,426.00
Johnston C.		10,357.48		10,357.48
Mt. Vernon		1,265.00		1,265.00
New Hope				
Northwest		2,148.00	120.00	2,268.00
Oak Grove		600.00		600.00
Oak Valley		800.00		800.00
Pittsburg				
Pleasant V.	1,195.00	7,492.69	300.00	8,987.69
Rescue		1,200.00		1,200.00
Unity		110.00		110.00
Victory	20.00	120.00	475.00	615.00
Other Payees	100.00	1,577.00		1,677.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,621.57</b>	<b>103,977.62</b>	<b>8,940.93</b>	<b>127,540.12</b>

A motion was sustained to receive the report and to adopt the proposed budgets for 2018.

**REPORT NO. 3**

**THE REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY**

In reviewing the events of the past year, the first thing that comes to my mind was the passing of Brother Tim Hayes. He was a longtime friend, a brother in the Lord, dedicated servant who had a compassionate heart, a man of great ideas, a wonderful story teller and a successful family man. He served in our state in many different areas but was especially good as our treasurer and the organizer of the Disaster Relief Team. He and his wife Kathy served well as a team. He will be greatly missed by our association for years to come. A new director of the Disaster Relief Team and a new treasurer will be introduced at this meeting.

As I have previously stated: "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 Hope, Christian Education, Master's Men, Disaster Response Unit, Women Active for Christ, Illinois Missions and Church Training Service) plus the officers, the Executive Board and the various committees need a round of applause. They work hard all year so that this association functions properly." We will hear reports from all our boards and committees. They will have reports about some exciting things they have done this past year and will present plans for next year plus recommendations on how to accomplish the goals they present to this body.



The Bridge Builders for the Cross sent a letter to me during the Texas hurricane season and they had made connections with three Free Will Baptist pastors in the Houston area. These three men coordinated the work during the recovery period and the Bridge Builders were able to deliver hundreds of dollars to the relief effort. The organization sent a special thank you note to the churches of Illinois for their donations and prayers. The Bridge Builders began as a relief group ministering to Cuba and has expanded to Mexico and areas in the United States. Gary Curry of Oklahoma and Jim Dycus from Illinois are the administrators of this tax exempt, non-profit organization.

In getting information to our Free Will Baptist families, I have to address the printed issues of the Illinois Newsletter plus we also send it out in a PDF format to almost 150 email addresses each month. The number I have to mail out by USPS is now just above 600. For the past few years the revised postal rules required a different way to fold, tab and address each piece. The time involved in mailing has probably tripled during the past two years. However, we have a new printing company that now prints the publication and imprints the address on it plus they have a machine which tabs the newsletter and it is ready for mailing when I receive from them. Thanks to Mike and Barbara Thomas (Thomas Printing of Benton) for this new process. It is a tremendous timesaver for me.

. Some churches have an email network for their church which works very well for them. I send an email copy to the church which is then sent out to all their members. Other churches receive the online issue and print it for distribution among their members. Please consider doing this for your congregation. Please note: we will continue to make the individual mailings each month unless you instruct us to do otherwise.

I hope all our pastors have received their copy of the new magazine, PULPIT. It is sponsored by One Magazine and carries the 1 in its name, Pulp1t. It is free to pastors and will be published only occasionally. If you have not received this publication, you may request a copy giving me your mailing address or you may contact One Magazine.

The annual Camp Meeting went well as Rusty Miller led the music and Chaplain Kerry Steedley preached the powerful word of God. His messages were very encouraging. Thanks to the churches that supported the Camp Meeting and special thanks to the Ina Church for hosting the breakfast for pastors and leaders.

We have had some pastoral changes in our state this year, and new churches added to the association. When our district reports are given today, we can update our information.

Respectfully submitted,

**David Shores** A motion was sustained to receive the report.

#### **REPORT NO. 4**

#### **REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE**

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Auditing committee has audited the financial records of all the boards of the Illinois State Association for the ending December 31, 2017 (State Treasurer January 31, 2018). The committee finds the records in order for the following boards: State General Fund, Promotional Fund, State Missions Board, Camp Hope Fund, CTS Board, Master's Men Board (Including the Disaster Response Fund) and Christian Education Board.

Auditors

Josh Colson and Kelley Douglas

Moderator Curtis Smith was present

A motion was sustained to receive the report.

#### **REPORT NO. 5**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FOR 2017-2018**

The Executive Board met March 18, 2017 following the State meeting and organized with Bro. Curtis Smith, chairman and Bro. Larry Cook, recording secretary. The time and place for the next meeting was set for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church in Mt. Vernon. The boards were organized as follows:



**Church Training Board**

Josh Colson	2018
Allen Bigley, Treas.	2019
Kelly Douglas, Chr.	2020
Kathy Hayes, Sec	2021
Tom Lewis	2022
<b>Board of Missions</b>	
Jon Cannon,	2018
Phillip Kennedy	2019
Bryan Gibson Treas.	2020
Ernie Lewis, Chr.	2021
David Potete , Sec	2022

**Christian Education Board**

David Mishler,	2018
Ivan Ryan, Treas.	2019
Keith Fletcher Chr.	2020
Ross Bunton, Sec.	2021
Jason Jean	2022
<b>Camp Board</b>	
Tim Pierce	2018
Brad Ryan	2019
Brandon Dwyer	2020
Corey Penn, Sec.	2021
Bryant Harris, Chr.	2022

**Master's Men Board**

Mike Thomas, Chr.	2018
Brian Lindsey, Sec.	2019
Nathan Beaty	2020
Marty Leffler	2021
Shawn Mygatt, Treas.	2022

Moderator Curtis Smith

Asst. Moderator Tyler Penn

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- Loren Taylor

Quad Cities-

Fox River- Daniel Mann

Metro-East- Ron Malone

Northern Il.-

MAY 1, 2017

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**

MT. VERNON, IL.

The clerk opened the meeting by calling the roll and the following were present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, David Shores, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Kelly Douglas, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Loren Taylor, Tom Harmon, Ron Malone and Ernie Lewis. A motion was sustained to seat the following proxies: David Burgess for John Hollis, Brad Ryan for Bryant Harris. The devotion was brought by Bro. David Shores using the first chapter of Psalm and he then closed with a time of prayer. The report of the Promotional Secretary was given and a motion was sustained to receive this report.

Due to the death of Bro. Tim Hayes there was no financial report but it was reported that the General Fund account of the state had a balance of \$14,005.30.

**Board Reports:**

**Camp Board** report was presented and a motion was sustained to receive the report.

**Christian Education Board** was given and a motion was sustained to receive the report. It was noted the Board needed to take a close look at our Constitution and By-Laws for any changes that need to be made to update our proceedings. This needs to be done before the next State meeting.

**CTS Board:** The chairman noted the great participation of our youth in the annual CTS State Competition and a motion was sustained to receive their report.

**Master's Men Board:** A motion was sustained to receive their report.

At this point the moderator declared a break and Bro. Tom Harmon asked the blessing on the food and how thankful we are for the dedicated work of Bro. Tim Hayes.

**State Mission Board:** Motion was sustained to receive the report.

**BUSINESS:**

The Program Committee for the 2018 State Association is to meet at 5:15 PM prior to the August 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting.

The following dates were approved for future Executive Board meetings: August 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will be at 6 PM and will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church in Mt. Vernon.

The Nominating Committee placed the name of Michael Johnston to fill the vacancy left by Bro. Tim Hayes, State Treasurer.

A motion sustained to seat Michael Johnston as State Treasurer and that his name be place as a signatory on the State General Fund Account and the State Promotional Fund Account.

The Nominating Committee also recommended that Jason Janus, Asst. Clerk, be trained to act as an interim State Treasurer if Michael Johnston is unable to perform the duties.

Thus a motion was sustained to place his name as a signatory on the State General Fund Account and the Sate Promotional Fund Account. Both accounts are at People's Bank.

The following motion was sustained to establish the address of Michael Johnston 13166 Benton Lake Rd, Benton, Illinois 62812 as the designated address for all state monies to be sent.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Keith Fletcher closed in prayer.

AUGUST 10, 2017

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

MT. VERNON, IL.

The clerk opened the meeting by calling the roll and the following were present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, David Shores, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Kelly Douglas, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Loren Taylor, Ron Malone, John Hollis, Mike Johnston and Ernie Lewis. A motion was sustained to seat the following proxies: Brad Ryan for Bryant Harris and Nathan Beaty for Tom Harmon. The devotion was brought by Bro. Larry Cook and the thought was that anticipation is a great word and needed in our Christian experience.

Motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting.

Motion was sustained to adopt the State Treasurer's report.

#### **Board Reports:**

**Christian Education Board:** Motion was sustained to receive the report.

**CTS:** Motion was sustained to receive the corrected report.

**State Mission's Board:** Motion was sustained to receive the report.

At this point the moderator declared a break and we enjoyed some delicious BBQ provided by Bro. Mike Thomas

The meeting reconvened with the report of the **Master's Men** and a motion was sustained to receive the report and consider the following items:

1. A motion was sustained to permit the board to gift Sis. Kathy Hayes a trailer that was in question concerning ownership.
2. A motion was sustained for the Master's Men Board to appoint a new director of DRU.

**Promotional Director:** Motion was sustained to receive the report as information. A discussion followed concerning having the State Newsletter printed in color and a motion was sustained to table this item.

#### **New Business:**

A motion was sustained to send the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer to the Leadership Conference in Nashville December 4 & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Item for information the moderator reported that there would be a meeting at the Harmony West Frankfort Church August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Bro. Stan Bunch would be present to discuss their revitalization program for churches that are struggling and seeking help.

The report of the Program Committee is as follows:

For the 2018 meeting the following items were decided on:

Motion was sustained to ask Dr. Robert Picirilli to speak at the State Meeting on Friday morning and evening.

Motion was sustained for Bro. Brad Ryan to bring the 11 AM message on Saturday. The moderator's message was moved to Saturday morning at 9 AM. There will be a devotion brought at the opening of business on Friday afternoon.

The theme will be "Christianity Is Working Beyond Me" Hebrews 10:24 & Eph. 4:15-16. The meeting will be at the Peace Church March 15-17, 2018.

Motion was sustained to receive the report as information.

The clerk opened the meeting by calling the roll and the following were present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, David Shores, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Kelly Douglas, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Loren Taylor, Tom Harmon, Ron Malone, Mike Johnston and Ernie Lewis. A motion was sustained to seat the following proxies: David Burgess for John Hollis. The devotion was brought by Bro. Keith Fletcher from Zephaniah 1:12 concerning the thought that we are in danger of becoming complacent, he closed in prayer.

Motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting.

Reports:

Motion was sustained to accept the report of the Promotional Secretary.

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

Board Reports:

**Christian Education Board:** Motion was sustained to receive the report and to consider the Constitutional change after the report.

The Christian Education Board recommended the following change to the Constitution: That Article 11 Section 10 be replaced in its entirety with the following recommended replacement:

Section 10. "The Christian Education Board shall promote, equip, and assist educational and discipleship ministries among and for ministers and lay people in our churches and Free Will Baptist Colleges." A motion was sustained to recommend this Constitutional change to the 2018 State Association for consideration.

The moderator then declared a break

The business reconvened with the **Master's Men Board** report being given and a motion was sustained to receive the report.

**State Mission's Board:** Motion was sustained to receive the report.

**Camp Board:** Motion was sustained to receive the report and information was given concerning the search for a new camp manager following the resignation of Bro. Jason Janus.

**CTS:** Motion was sustained to receive the financial report.

New Business:

The Leadership Conference was discussed and the inability of Bro. Smith to attend and since no other member wanted to attend the clerk was directed to seek a refund of his conference fees.

Motion was sustained to use Thomas Printing for printing the State Newsletter.

Motion was made and seconded for the clerk to contact by letter the FWB Foundation asking for the names of David Burgess and Tim Hayes to be removed and that the names of Michael Johnston and Jason Janus be added to the Revocable Trust #224-40553 and that the address be changed as follows:

Michael Johnston  
13166 Lake Benton Road  
Benton, IL. 62812

Motion was sustained

Motion was made to adjourn and Bro. Tyler Penn closed the meeting with prayer.

The clerk opened the meeting by calling the roll and the following were present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, David Shores, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Kelly Douglas, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Loren Taylor, Tom Harmon, Mike Johnston and Ernie Lewis. A motion was sustained to seat the following proxy: Tim Pierce for Bryant Harris. The devotion was brought by Bro. Loren Taylor from 2 Cor. 12:6-10 concerning the thoughts on humility

Motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting.

Reports:

Motion was sustained to receive the oral report of the Promotional Secretary.

The State Treasurer report was given and a motion was sustained to adopt the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2018.

Board Reports:

**Christian Education Board:** The report was given and a motion was sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2018.

**State Missions Board:** A motion was sustained to approve the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2018.

Moderator then declared a recess and we enjoyed the meal prepared by Bro. Mike Thomas.

**Master's Men and DRU:** The report was given and a motion was sustained to approve the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2018.

**Camp Board:** A motion was sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2018.

**CTS Board:** A motion was sustained to approve the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2018.

#### **Business Items:**

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Auditing Committee.

A motion was sustained to have Bro. Brad Ryan to speak at 1:30 PM on Friday and the Moderator would speak at 11 AM on Saturday with Bro. Bryant Harris bring the devotion at 9 AM on Saturday.

A motion was sustained to adopt the following percentages for the allocation of Together Way Funds for 2018:

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%

A motion was sustained to recommend to the State Association the following Constitutional changes:

Item #1 That the following would be stricken from Article XI Section 12, "as well as cooperate with the National Laymen's Board.

Item #2 The following would be added to Article XI Section 12 "This Board shall establish a Disaster Relief Unit and shall also appoint and oversee a director of the DRU.

Item #3 In Article X Section 5 we add the following: By the most expedient delivery system, replacing "written notices delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each member at his address shown by the records of the corporation."

Item #4 In Article X Section 5 that we strike the following: if mailed, such notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage therein prepaid. If notice is given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegram company."

Motion was sustained to allow the clerk to get whatever is needed to do the work properly.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Jason Janus closed in prayer.

Signed by Bro. Larry Cook, Clerk

A motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the Executive Board.

#### **TOGETHER WAY ALLOCATIONS FOR 2018**

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%

A motion was sustained to adopt the Together Way Allocations for 2018.

#### **REPORT NO. 6**

#### **PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The following are being presented to fill positions on the Standing Boards:

Board	Current Member	Year	Nominee
CTS	Josh Colson	2023	Greg Walker
	Kelly Douglas	2020	Cody Hiller
Christian Ed	David Mishler	2023	David Mishler
Board of Missions	Jon Cannon	2023	Jon Cannon
Camp Board	Tim Pierce	2023	Tim Pierce

Motion sustained to receive the report and act upon each nominee as the respective board report is given.

## REPORT NO. 7

### Illinois Master's Men / DRU Annual Report 2017

Board members met at the 2017 State Meeting at Benton, Illinois to organize. Shawn Mygatt (Bear Point) has agreed to serve another term on the Board.

8 Teams competed in the 4th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament held at Camp Hope on May 13th. Thanks to the Camp Board for providing scholarships to camp for the winning team.

2017 was a sad time for the Free Will Baptist Denomination with the passing of Bro. Tim Hayes. Not only did Tim serve as state treasurer, but he was also director of the D.R.U. Tim went beyond the call of duty to coordinate, activate, and maintain the D.R.U. The master's Men Board was to look for a replacement for Bro. Tim. Former board members and Tim's family would be contacted for input on selecting a new director. On June 9, 2017 the Master's Men Board met with Kathy Hayes to discuss the D.R.U. Also present were Bro. Harlen Johnson, pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Salem and Bro. Kevin Woolbright and wife also of Salem.

The purpose of this meeting was to get information about the D.R.U. trailers and inventory, and to see if the Hayes family had anyone in mind to continue the work that Bro. Tim had started. The Board was then informed that Bro. Kevin, Charter Member of the Calvary Church, was interested in keeping the unit going. After a time of questions and answers by both parties, sister Kathy gave the group a tour of the trailers and inventory. It was noted that one of the trailers had to be inspected and one had an expired sticker. After the tour, everyone was told to be in a season of prayer about the situation of finding a director.

The Board contacted Ken Akers of National Master's Men and got some information and input from him. On July 31, 2017 the Master's Men Board contacted Bro. Woolbright to see if he was still interested in becoming the Director of IL D.R.U. He gave a positive and excited response to carry on the work that Bro. Tim had started. The Board gave him the authority to get the trailers inspected and would reimburse him for any cost incurred.

The Master's Men Board brought Bro. Woolbright's name before the Executive Board in August to be approved as the new director of the Disaster Relief Unit. Motion carried. This also brought up a discussion about the constitution and by-laws concerning the Master's Men Board appointing and overseeing the office of Director. Possible action on this matter to be discussed at the State Meeting.

The 24th Annual Master's Men Retreat was held on September 14, 15, & 16, 2017 with Bro. Brandon Bell from Oaklawn Free Will Baptist Church - Chapmansboro, Tennessee as the guest speaker.

Special thanks to those who have shared their talents with special music. Bro. Bryant Harris, Rescue Church, conducted the Communion

Service on Friday night. This is always a special time to reflect on what Christ has done for us. The Annual Pie Auction raised \$827.00 in which the proceeds were designated to go to the Tyler Penn Mission account.

Trap Shoot - 1st - Ted Heater 2nd - Mike Thomas Orange vest of shame - Gary Purcell - Tennessee Archery 3D Shoot - 1st - Shawn Mygatt 2nd - Lee Penn

Horseshoes - 1st - Brandon Bell / Jason Bell 2nd - Gary Purcell / Lee Penn

Bill and Claudette Merriman have served as our food service workers (cooks) throughout the years, but they are retiring. The Board thanked them for their years of faithful service.

Mark your calendars, make plans now to attend the 25th Annual Retreat, September 13, 14, & 15, 2018. Bro. Travis Penn will be the guest speaker.

Thanks for your prayers and support this past year.

Submitted By,

Mike Thomas – Chairman, Shawn Mygatt – Treasurer, Brian Lindsey – Secretary, Nathan Beatty, Marty Leffler

**Illinois Masters Men  
2017 Annual Treasurer's Report  
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

Balance forward from December 31, 2016 2823.95

Income

ISA of FWB	2078.01
Gifts	500.00
Il Regional Retreat	<u>2371.52</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4949.53</b>

Expenses

Nathan Beaty	175.89
Retreat Expenses	<u>3760.51</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3936.40</b>

Balance C.F. to January 1, 2018 3837.08

**Illinois Masters Men  
Proposed Budget for 2018**

**Anticipated Income:**

ISA of FWB	2000.00
IL. Regional Retreat	<u>2000.00</u>

Anticipated Income Total: 4000.00

**Anticipated Expenses:**

Retreat Expenses	3600.00
Youth Fishing Tournament	300.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>

Anticipated Expenses Total: 4000.00

**Illinois Masters Men  
Disaster Response Unit  
2017 Annual Treasurer's Report  
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

Balance forward from December 31, 2016 12258.63

Income

Gifts	<u>2435.76</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2435.76</b>

Expenses

Fuel	1022.85
Motel	128.02
Food	340.06
License/inspection	20.00
Misc. Supplies	129.99
Camp Hope	100.00
Repairs/Maintenance	<u>189.78</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1930.70</b>

Balance C.F. to January 1, 2018 12763.69

**Illinois Masters Men  
Disaster Response Unit  
Proposed budget for 2018**

**Anticipated Income:**

Donations	<u>2100.00</u>
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Anticipated Income Total: 2100.00

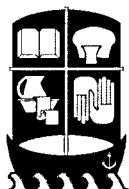
#### Anticipated Expenses:

Repairs/maintenance	400.00
Fuel	850.00
License/Inspection	100.00
Calling Post	40.00
Postage	10.00
Travel Expenses	400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>300.00</u>

Anticipated Expenses Total: 2100.00

Motion sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budgets for 2018. The name of Mike Thomas was placed in nomination for the 2023 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

#### REPORT NO. 8



## Illinois Free Will Baptist Board of Missions

### 2017 Annual Report



The **Illinois Board of Missions** has encouraged and supported mission efforts this year in mission works in the United States and 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:

- Aided The Springs Church in Marana, AZ with \$1,000 to send their youth to summer camp.
- Provided use of the IBM vehicle for missionaries on furlough in the United States.
- Assisted 2 college students on their summer mission trips with IM CMP.
- Sent \$300 each to 6 E-Team candidates from Illinois who requested help with their account.
- Maintained the Joliet property of three buildings while paying the utilities.
- Sent \$700 to assist Shane Davison with a Hanna Project trip to Cote D'Ivoire.
- Visited Champaign to oversee and encourage the church plant under Jamie Lee.
- Took workers to Joliet multiple times to renovate the parsonage and clean the church. We painted, put down flooring, replaced the furnace, repaired wiring, and acquired furniture.
- Signed a 1-year contract with Jose Correa of Puerto Rico to lease the Joliet property.
- Paid Jamie Lee's expenses to attend the National Convention and 2 church planting conferences.
- Worked with Tim Pierce and Sesser Auto Body to acquire a newer missionary vehicle.
- Sent a Christmas bonus to each missionary on the I-GO plan of support.
- Assisted pastors Jose Correa and Cristian Figueroa to begin the Amazing Grace Church in Joliet.
- Sent flowers for the funerals of Glenn Gray and Eddie Hollis, parents of former board members.

The following reports are updates on the missionaries supported by **Illinois Global Outreach**:

**Josh and Ashley Bennett** left The Springs Church in Marana, AZ to begin the Awaken FWB Church in Tifton, Georgia. They moved in July to assemble a launch team in Tifton.

**Rusty & Brenda Carney** - The Carneys have worked Bihoro, near Hokkaido to establish house churches in the community. They returned for stateside assignment at Christmas of 2017.

**Shane and Joy Davison** traveled for several months in the U.S. and returned to teach English classes, French literacy, cooking, and computer literacy classes in their Center in Aix-en-Provence, FR.

**Jeff and Heather Goodman** are searching for property to build a new building of their own. They continue to grow The Springs FWB Church in Arizona and disciple new converts.



**Mark King** is teaching in a community learning center in Tibet with ELIC.

**Jamie and Heather Lee** have moved to Champaign to plant "The Bridge FWB Church". They are gathering a launch team and holding launch team meetings, Bible studies, and preview services. They had their 4<sup>th</sup> son, Greyson Allen, on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Sarah Malone** continues in an administrative role with ELIC for Asia. She has been back in the U.S. some this year and returned to Asia to meet with teachers.

**Craig and Sarah Portell** were in the U.S. and Canada for a visit. They continue to teach English in their Nova Lingua School in Olgii, Mongolia.

**Darren and Dana Portell** are working at the Columbia International School in Taiwan. Darren is a teacher there and serves as a coach.

**Dennis and Carol Teague** are working in France in an outreach ministry for the inquisitive youth of their area. They hold J'Pense and J'Crois events for outreach.

**Joel and Lydie Teague** are working in France to continue their outreach 'discussions' with many atheists who are seeking answers. They schedule J'Pense events with crowds of over 100 and most are not believers. They are planning to start a new church this year. They had a son, Derek, born on January 22, 2018.

- **Illinois Board of Missions** -

Ernie Lewis   Brian Gibson   David Potete   Jon Cannon   Phillip Kennedy

**ILLINOIS BOARD OF MISSIONS**

**Annual Report 2017**

<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>1/01/17</b>	<b>\$134,914.49</b>	
<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>+ \$ 145,475.92</b>		
<b><u>State Receipts</u></b>			
Together Way	\$ 31,199.12		
IGO Gifts	74,475.07		
The Bridge Fund	33,998.79		
Church Plant Fund	5,000.00		
General Fund	343.34		
Joliet Fund	4,809.58		
IGO Funds Breakdown -	\$ 74,475.07		
Church Plant Fund 28% -	\$ 19,885.63		
Josh Bennett - 9%	\$6391.72	Sarah Malone	\$6391.72
Shane Davison	\$6391.72	Tyler Penn	\$6391.72
Jeff Goodman	\$6391.72	Craig Portell	\$6391.72
Mark King	\$6391.72	Dennis Teague	\$6391.72
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b>- \$ 119,394.55</b>		
<b><u>Home Missions</u></b>		<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>	
Josh Bennett	\$6391.72	Joliet Expenses ( <i>Remodeling</i> )	\$16,792.60
Jeff Goodman	\$6391.72	Joliet Utilities	3,478.07
		Flowers ( <i>3 Funerals</i> )	177.97
<b><u>International Missions</u></b>		Bridge Startup	16,844.91
Shane Davison	\$6391.72	Jamie Lee Travel	6,754.68
Tyler Penn	\$6391.72	Correa Gift	500.00
Dennis Teague	\$6391.72	Pastor's Breakfast	139.88
		Checks	23.19
<b><u>ELIC</u></b>		Gift to Springs Church	1,000.00x
Mark King	\$6391.72	Secretary of State ( <i>License Renewal</i> )	101.00
Sarah Malone	\$6391.72	Vehicle Insurance	836.00
Craig Portell	\$6391.72	Benton Church ( <i>State Assoc</i> )	300.00

Insurance (Bridge Church)	500.00
Board Travel	702.20
Jamie Lee's Account H.M.	10,000.00
Tyler Penn's Account I.M.	5,000.00
Mountain View Conference	110.00
Various Trips	3,500.00
Christmas Gifts	1,500.00

**General Fund Sub Total**                      12/31/17                      **\$ 160,996.16**

<b>Church Plant Balance</b>	1/1/17	<b>\$ 35,213.27</b>
	12/31/17	<b><u>\$ 38,700.02</u></b>

<b>Bridge Fund Balance</b>	1/1/17	<b>\$ 39,353.87</b>
	12/31/17	<b><u>\$ 67,068.40</u></b>

**General Fund Total**                      12/31/17                      **\$ 55,227.74**

**American Funds**      12/31/18      **\$ 302.97**                      **Templeton Funds**                      12/31/18                      **\$ 38,021.69**

## Illinois Board of Missions Budget for 2018

### INCOME

<b>I-GO Plan</b>	<b>\$ 70,000.00</b>	
<b>Together Way Gifts</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	
<b>The Bridge Fund Gifts</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	
<b>Church Plant Fund</b>	<b><u>3,000.00</u></b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$143,000</b>

### EXPENSES

<b>Missionary Account</b>	<b>\$ 89,000.00</b>	
<b>Missions Project</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	
<b>Joliet Property Upkeep and Expenses</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	
<b>Missions Trips (Short Term)</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	
<b>Board Expenses</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	
<b>Misc Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,000.00</u></b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$143,000</b>

Following the presentation of the written report chairman Bro. Ernie Lewis shared a slide show featuring the following missionaries: Sarah Malone, Josh Bennett Craig & Sarah Portell, Darren and Dana Portell, Dennis & Carol Teague and Joel and Lydie Teague. He then recognized the following to give an oral report: Rusty Carey, Jamie Lee, Tyler Penn and from the Joliet Spanish work: Cristin & Melissa Figueroa from the Amazing Grace Church. A motion was then sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget for 2018. The name of Jon Cannon was placed in nomination to fill the 2023 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The moderator then recognized Clint Morgan from International Missions to give a report

### FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Tyler Penn presided over the service and Bro. Corey Penn led the congregation in singing "Christ Alone". Dr. Robert Picirilli spoke on the topic of discipleship using the key thought the Gospel According to Jesus. He spoke from Mark 10:17-22

Following the message the moderator declared a noon recess and Bro. Daniel Mann led in prayer.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with Bro. Larry Clyatt leading in prayer and then Bro. Brad Ryan spoke from 2 Timothy 1:6-7 on the topic of "Stir Up Your Passion".

Following the message the Friday afternoon business session was called into order and the moderator recognized the following to share a brief report from their respective boards:

Rick Bowling from North American Ministries  
Larry Cylatt from the Board of Retirement  
David Womack from Randall House  
Barry Simpson from FWB Foundation

## REPORT NO. 9

### REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The Christian Education Board met four times since the last State Meeting. Our annual Christian education seminar last year was well received and attended. Dr. Eddie Moody from North Carolina spoke on "Surviving Culture," or dealing with the challenges our churches face as we try to uphold biblical views of morality and sexuality.

For 2018, we asked Dr. Robert Picirilli to speak at the Thursday night seminar (March 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Peace FWB Church). We are pleased that the program committee again asked Dr. Picirilli to speak twice during the Friday sessions of the State Meeting.

Due to lack of interest, we will no longer offer assistance for pastors to attend the Small Town Pastor's Conference in April. Last year, only two pastors, both CE Board members, attended. However, if other conferences, such as the D6 Conference, come to our area, we will consider assisting our pastors at that time if there is enough interest.

We do encourage all our pastors to attend a free workshop on pastoral health to be presented by Brother Jim Mullen beginning at 9:00 am, Saturday, March 3, at Calvary FWB Church in Salem. The church will provide a brunch between sessions. The CE Board is grateful to support and promote this effort as part of Calvary Church's revival with Brother Mullen.

Once again, we have provided scholarships and financial assistance for Illinois students attending Welch College. In 2017, we paid \$4,200 in scholarships divided evenly among students from Illinois and \$1,500 in ministerial student scholarships. In the current semester (Spring 2018), we will award 10 Welch College students at least \$216 each.

We have proposed a constitutional change related to the description of the CE Board. If accepted by the body, the original text of Section 10 would be replaced in its entirety by:

Section 10. "The Christian Education Board shall promote, equip, and assist educational and discipleship ministries among and for ministers and lay people in our churches and Free Will Baptist colleges."

Respectfully submitted, Keith Fletcher, chairman, Ross Bunton, secretary, Ivan Ryan, treasurer, David Mishler

#### CE Board Financial Statement for 2017

01/01/17 – 12/31/17

#### General Fund

**Beginning Balance** **\$6,049.90**

#### Income

Co-op \$3,116.99

C.E. Scholarship Redemption 3,350.00

Ministerial Scholarship Redemption 1,000.00

**Total Income** **\$7,466.99**

#### Expenses

Board Expenses \$168.84

Sem/State Expense \$1,330.09

C.E. Scholarships \$4,200.00

Ministerial Scholarship \$1,500.00

Bank Fees/Checks \$90.05

**Total Expenses** **\$7,288.98**

**Ending Balance**

**\$6,227.91**

**Ministerial Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance	\$6,647.07
Coop income	\$727.83
Dividend	\$32.38
Ministerial Scholarship	(\$1,250.00)
Ending Balance	<u>\$6,157.28</u>

**CE Board Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance	\$48,887.05
Redemption for C.E. Scholarships	(3,600.00)
Dividends Reinvested	1008.37
Capital Gains	2,947.48
Gain/(Loss) On Investment	6,085.27
Ending Balance	<u>\$55,328.17</u>

**Proposed Budget for 2018****Income:**

Coop Receipts	\$3,000.00
<u>Fund Redemptions for Scholarships</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

**Expenses:**

Board Expenses	\$500.00
Website Development/Maintenance	\$500.00
Seminar Expenses	\$1500.00
<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

There was a motion sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget for 2018. Then the following positions were filled:

2022 position Gary Portell was nominated by the committee, a motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect was sustained.

2023 position David Mishler was nominated and a motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect was sustained.

**REPORT NO. 10****REPORT OF THE CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE**

January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

The Free Baptist State Competition was at Ina Free Will Baptist Church April 28-29 2017 . There were 77 young people , 106 entries and 9 churches : Arnold View , Ina , Unity , Bear Point , Northwest , Blue Point , Calvary , Harmony , and Pleasant View.

The winners of Free Will Baptist from the State of Illinois at the 2017 National Youth Conference July 16-19 at Louisville, Kentucky:

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

Colin Waller	0.12 Individual Bible MemoryD	Blue Point	Third
Josie Tanner	1.10 Vocal Solo B	Arnold View	Third
Ina A Quartet	2.40 Quartet A	Ina	Second
Ina B Quartet	2.40 Quartet B	Ina	Second
Arnold View	2.5 Ensemble (5-12) B	Arnold View	Third
Ina C Ensemble	2.50 Ensemble (5-12) C	Ina	Second
Ina B Choir	2.60 Choir (13+) B	Ina	Second
Allie Jane Dwyer	5.10 Keyboard A	Arnold View	FIRST
Josie & Luci	5.20 Keyboard Ensemble B	Arnold View	Second
Olivia Ryan	6.20 Christian Lit. Recitation D	Ina	FIRST

Millie Greever	6.30 Illustrated Storytelling	C	Ina	Second
Daniel & The Lions	6.53 Group Drama ( 3+)	A	Ina	FIRST
Lift Him Up	6.62 Recorded Pupperty	A	Ina	FIRST
Lift Him Up	6.62 -Recorded Pupperty	B	Ina	FIRST
Alexis & Tiara Walker	6.52-Dramatic Duo	D	Harmony	FIRST
Myra Parkinson	7.20 -Drawings	A	Pleasant View	Second
Phoebe Bunton	7.43 – T-Shirt Design	A	Ina	FIRST
Luci Dwyer	7.51 – Single Photo	A	Arnold View	Second
Lauren Mygatt	7.52 – Photo Essay	D	Bear Point	FIRST
Emily Walker	7.61- Banners	C	Harmony	Third
Jack Laughlin	7.80- Conceptual Art	A	Ina	Second
Molly Hicks	7.80- Conceptual Art	B	Ina	FIRST
Katie Mygatt	7.80 -Conceptual Art	C	Bear Point	Second
Breana Wingo	7.80 – Conceptual Art	D	Ina	Second
Lauren Mygatt	8.20 – Personal Experience	D	Bear Point	Second
	Essay			
Katie Mygatt	8.40 – Interview	C	Bear Point	FIRST

ALL OF THE YOUTH AT THE CONFERENCE ARE WINNERS !

The INA youth group was named, “ YOUTH GROUP OF THE YEAR “ !

**ALL OF THE YOUTH AT THE CONFERENCE ARE WINNERS !**

New Guidelines for 2019 is available . CTS State Competition at Ina FWB church April 27-28 2018 .

Respectfully submitted, CTS board : Kathy Hayes, Allen Bigley , Josh Colson, Tommy Lewis and Kelly Douglas

### ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST

#### CTS BOARD 2017 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1-December 31, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE 01- 01-17	\$6439.58	
RECEIPTS:		
Co-op Receipts	\$3,342.74	
State Competition Registration Fees	\$1,900.00	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$ 5242.74</b>	<b>\$11682.32</b>
EXPENSES:		
State Competition Expenses	\$1781.30	
Vertical 3 Registration Fees	\$2535.00	
Randall House	\$218.91	
Postage	\$6.51	
Checks	\$20.81	
Flowers & Memorial Tim Hayes	\$87.89	
Camp Hope canteen cards	\$165.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,815.42</b>	
ENDING BALANCE 12-31-2017		<b>\$6866.90</b>

Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley, Treasurer

**ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD  
PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET**

**INCOME**

Co-op receipts	\$3,250.00
State CTS Competition registration fees	1,625.00
Total:	\$4875.00

**EXPENSES**

Vertical 3 (NYC) Registration fees	\$2000.00
Randal House	350.00
CTS state competition judges	600.00
Competition host church	300.00
Camp Hope Canteen Cards	100.00
State Competition hotel rooms	160.00
State Competition Fellowship	600.00
State Completion Supplies (local supplies)	50.00
Postage	15.00
CTS Board computer & printer	700.00
Total:	\$4875.00

Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley CTS Board Treasurer

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget for 2018. Then Bro. Tom Lewis recognized the 38 years of service that Bro. Kelly Douglass had given to the CTS Board. Bro. Kelly is returning to his roots in southern Missouri. He received a standing ovation from the body. Then Cody Hiller's name was placed in nomination and a motion was sustained to *cease* nominations and proceed to elect Cody Hiller for the 2020 vacancy on the board. Then Greg Walker's name was placed in nomination and a motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect Greg Walk to the 2023 position. This motion was sustained.

**REPORT NO. 11  
REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST  
To the Illinois State Association March 2018**

***Carneys to speak – IL WAC Annual State Meeting – May 5, 2018 – The Double Portion***

At our Illinois Women Active for Christ annual meeting, Rusty and Brenda Carney will address our theme "The Double Portion" and relate how their work in Japan is being blessed by the Lord. Please join us Saturday, May 5, at Rescue FWB Church, Whittington. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Brunch will be provided by the Rescue Women Active for Christ. The worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. and concludes at noon.

We invite all our Illinois missionaries and eTeam 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: Towel Sets – solid colors except blue, Sheets – Twin, Full, Queen (300+ thread count), Mattress Pads – Twin, Blankets – Twin and Full, Crock Pots – 4 quart or larger, Flatware – durable and at least 12 place settings, Cookie Sheets, Muffin Tins, Gift Cards, Monetary gifts to the Provision Closet Account. You can see the WNAC website, Ministries, Provision Closet for a list of items of which there is already a good supply in the Closet.

***Report on IL WAC – Work Locally, Nationally and Internationally***

During the IL WAC May to May reporting timeframe, our individual groups in the Emily Malone and Loyal Workers Districts worked to send generous offerings to International and North America Missions and through the IGO Plan as well as directly to the WNAC National offices. We support many local projects, individual missionary accounts, and WNAC international encouragement to women's groups in Africa, Cuba and other countries where Free Will Baptists have ministries. What a blessing it was to have Madame Solange and Madame Deborah come from Cote d'Ivoire to thank the women in person for helping support their women's retreat and medical clinic personnel's arrival in Africa from Cuba. The Illinois women gave generously to these projects and in addition sent gift cards to surprise our sister missionaries Joy Davison and Carol Teague for a shopping spree at the missionaries' retreat in Europe. See our annual financial report beginning next in the Digest of Reports. Praise the Lord for this giving. May we give more to Him.

In addition, we upheld our missionaries and their work daily and with special emphasis at our Pre-Easter (International Missions emphasis) and Pre-Thanksgiving (North American Missions emphasis) Weeks of prayer.

### **Women's Retreat – Coming up September 28-29, 2018 – Camp Hope**

Our biennial Fall Women's Retreat theme will be on its regular two-year schedule. Further information, including ways you can be involved, will be publicized as we near the 2018 date.

Please pray and praise for all the work our women do in the Lord's service!

**All in the Name of Jesus,**

**Susan Burgess**

**ILWAC President**

**IL WAC Officers: Vice President Barbara Spencer, Secretary Janice Futrell, Treasurer Linda Cook, Assistant Treasurer Jane Harmon, Field Representative Vickie Hollis, Representatives Audrey Cash, and Brenda Fowler**

### **ILLINOIS STATE FWB ACTIVE FOR CHRIST TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR MAY 1, 2016 – APRIL 30, 2017**

BALANCE BROUGHT FOWARD FROM MAY 1, 2016.....		\$ 573.25
RECEIPTS:		
State Meeting Offering.....	\$ 919.00	
Emily Malone District.....	\$ 605.47	
Loyal Workers District.....	\$ 954.80	
Retreat Offering.....	\$ 982.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 3,461.27	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$ 4,034.52
DISBURSEMENTS:		
STATE MEETING:		
Carol Teague (Devotion).....	\$ 100.00	
Joel & Lydia Teague (Speakers) .....	\$ 400.00	
Gabby Boomer (E-Team).....	\$ 75.00	
Illinois State Association (IGO).....	\$ 200.00	
RETREAT		
Walmart (Food).....	\$ 154.34	
Amy Johnson (WNAC).....	\$ 100.00	
Kellie Penn(Speaker) .....	\$ 360.00	
Heather Lee (Speaker).....	\$ 360.00	
Camp Hope (Use of Facilities).....	\$ 150.00	
OTHER		
Main Designs (Pictures?Tim Hayes).....	\$ 39.95	
WNAC:		
General Fund .....	\$ 35.50	
Emphasis.....	\$ 83.32	
Dues (99 Members).....	\$ 1,365.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....		\$ 3,423.11
ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2016.....		\$ 611.41
GENERAL FUND.....		\$ 268.41 20



FELLOWSHIP RETREAT.....	\$ 294.34
MEMORY SIS. ELLAMAE HILTIBIDAL.....	\$ 93.66
CHECKBOOK BALANCE.....	\$ 573.25

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	\$ 3,655.00
Shane Davison	1,512.50
Rusty Carney	420.00
Dennis Teague	420.00
Shannon Little	450.00
Sarah Malone	843.00
Mark King	289.84
Ivory Coast	255.16
Joel Teague	100.00
	<u>\$ 3,080.00</u>

#### OTHER

WNAC General Fund (Co-Laborer)	\$ 206.00
WMO	500.00
Ivory Coast (Cuban Airfare)	255.16
Avant Ministries Spain	120.00
Angel Cove	150.00
Welch College	440.00
Provision Closet	375.00
Rachel Janus	925.00
Giving Tree	100.00
Camp Hope Project	1,437.00
VBS	250.00
Shelby Payne	450.00
Gabby Boomer (E-Team)	2 5.00
Alli Roberts (E-Team)	125.00
Isaiah Penn (E-Team)	25.00
ELIC	325.00
Fruit Baskets	175.00
Missionary Gift Cards	180.0
Christmas Gifts (School)	100.00
Shelby Koelz (Nurses to Africa)	100.00
Other	1,596.00
	<u>\$ 7,859.16</u>

Provision Closet Amount  
Of Items Given at State  
Meeting in 2016 \$ 863.00

#### HOME MISSIONS

General Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Mark Shores	410.00
Josh Bennett	612.50
Marana Project	240.00
Jamie Lee	1,850.00
N. American Ministries	175.00
	<u>\$ 5,287.50</u>

IGO (Direct)	\$ 200.00
(State)	120.00

Total Given Direct \$ 21,212.16  
(IM, HM, Other)

Dues (91 Members) 1,365.00  
Through State  
6 Members sent direct

Total Members (97)  
Emily Malone (39)

#### 2015-2016 Giving Reported

International Missions	\$ 3,080.00
Home Missions	1,433.08
Other	8,220.06
IGO	3,400.00
99 Members	1,485.00

A motion was sustained to receive the report as information. Sister Susan Burgess also gave a report of the work of the National Women Active For Christ.

The moderator then recognized the following guests:

Mike Edwards gave a report from Welch College and Ryan Lewis reported from the National Executive office. Bryant Harris Camp Hope chairman who recognized Bro. Tom Harmon for his many years of service to Camp Hope. He was given a standing vote of Thanks.

#### **REPORT NO. 12**

#### **PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The following items were presented for consideration:

Item # 1 we recommend the constitutional change presented by the Christian Education Board, and recommended by the Executive Board at the November 2017 meeting.

This was the item presented:

The Christian Education Board recommended the following change to the Constitution: That Article 11 Section 10 be replaced in its entirety with the following recommended replacement:

Section 10. "The Christian Education Board shall promote, equip, and assist educational and discipleship ministries among and for ministers and lay people in our churches and Free Will Baptist Colleges."

Item # 2 We recommend the constitutional change recommended by the Executive Board at its February 2018 meeting.

This was the item presented:

A motion was sustained to recommend to the State Association the following Constitutional changes:

Item #1 That the following would be stricken from Article XI Section 12, "as well as cooperate with the National Laymen's Board.

Item #2 The following would be added to Article XI Section 12 "This Board shall establish a Disaster Relief Unit and shall also appoint and oversee a director of the DRU.

Item #3 In Article X Section 5 we add the following: By the most expedient delivery system, replacing "written notices delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each member at his address shown by the records of the corporation."

Item #4 In Article X Section 5 that we strike the following: if mailed, such notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage therein prepaid. If notice is given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegram company."

A motion was sustained that Items 1 & 2 would be tabled at this time.

The moderator then declared a recess and Bro. Tom Harmon led in prayer.

A banquet was held at 5 Pm.

#### **FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Bro. David Shores presided over the evening service which was opened with the congregation singing "Because He Lives" led by Corey Penn, Ron Malone and Janice Futrell. This was followed by Bro. David leading prayer just before the speaker Dr. Robert Picirilli brought a message from God's Word on the topic Jesus Saves and what identifies a Christian.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING**

**MARCH 17, 2018**

The meeting was opened with our moderator Curtis Smith presenting a message from Acts 13 on the topic "Effects of Preaching the Gospel".

The Business session was then called to order.

REPORT NO. 13  
ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CAMP BOARD  
Annual Report

**January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

## **I. YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM AT CAMP HOPE**

1. Leadership Camp was held at the beginning of June. Johnny Hollis directed a camp to train 17 teens to work in Junior and Primary Camp.
2. Five weeks of youth camps were successfully held throughout the summer of 2017:  
PRIMARY CAMP - 55 Campers                      JUNIOR CAMP - 125 Campers  
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP - 91 Campers              FRESH-SOPH CAMP - 55 Campers  
JUNIOR-SENIOR CAMP - 54 Campers  
A total of 397 Campers registered for our Free Will Baptist camps. This was 15 more campers than registered in 2016. Several salvation decisions were recorded.

## **II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY**

1. Installed a **Metal Roof** on the boys dorm after storm damage last year.
2. Installed a **Low Ropes Obstacle Course** in the woods for campers.
3. Build **New Shelves** in the back room of the recreation storage area.
4. Replaced **Pool Pump Parts** to repair the swimming pool system.
5. Replaced the **Air Conditioning Unit** in the girls dormitory.
6. Painted the **Human Foosball Court** behind the boys dormitory.
7. Built **Metal Goals** for the outside of the foosball court building.
8. Added the new **Girls Dormitory Shower room** pouring concrete floor, framing, covering, running electrical, building interior walls, hung doors, and working on the plumbing.
9. Installed a new **Air Conditioning Unit** for the new girls shower room.
10. Began work on **Remodeling the Camp Manager's House** by adding a bedroom and bathroom and enlarging other areas in the home.

## **III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD**

1. The Camp Board hired Dylan Minson and Hope Walker, college students, as **S.A.M.** workers.
2. The Camp Board **Set Aside Funds** for future Camp Improvement and Building Maintenance.
3. The Camp Board received a **\$28,500 grant** from the **FWB Foundation** for **Building Projects**.
4. The Camp Board set **Youth Camp Dates** for the 2018 Summer Season:

Leadership Camp - May 31-June 2  
Junior-High Camp - June 10-15  
Fresh-Soph Camp - June 24- 29

Junior-Senior Camp - June 3-9  
Junior Camp - June 17-22  
Primary Camp - July 1-5

5. A Board approved a **Budget** for the 2018 calendar year:

**PROJECTED RECEIPTS:**

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 15,000.00	
Gifts for the Building Projects	60,000.00	
Rentals	25,000.00	
Youth Camp 2018 Income	<u>40,000.00</u>	
		<b>+ \$ 140,000.00</b>

**PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:**

Campground Utilities	\$ 18,000.00	
Maintenance and Supplies	15,000.00	
Youth Camp 2018 Expenses	28,000.00	
Building Projects	67,000.00	
Manager's Compensation	6,000.00	
S.A.M. Scholarships	<u>6,000.00</u>	
		<b>- \$ 140,000.00</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*January 1 to December 31, 2017*

### GENERAL FUND

Balance	1/1/17	\$ 10,189.59
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**RECEIPTS:**

State Association Co-op	\$ 11,099.44
Individual and Church Donations	5,072.50
Rentals	25,120.00
Southeastern Electric Capital Credit	359.32
Youth Camp Income	39,313.17
Interest on Account	<u>9.00</u>
Total Received	<b>+ \$ 80,973.43</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Campground Utilities	\$ 18,738.06
Maintenance and Supplies	14,650.34
Campground Improvement Fund (10% Regs & Rent)	5,773.50
Building Maintenance Fund (\$125/mo)	1,500.00
S.A.M. Workers	7,000.00
Youth Camp Expenses	28,407.45
Manager's Compensation	<u>5,700.00</u>
Total Disbursed	<b>- \$ 81,769.35</b>

BALANCE	12/31/17	<u><b>\$ 9,393.67</b></u>
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### Building Maintenance Fund

Balance	1/1/17	\$ 7,928.24
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Transfers from General Fund (\$125/mo)	\$ + 1500.00
Interest on Account	+ <u>2.90</u>
Girls Dorm Air Conditioning	<b>- \$ 3,600.00</b>

Balance	12/31/17	<u><b>\$ 5,831.14</b></u>
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### Campground Improvement Fund

Balance	1/1/17	\$ 40,956.41
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Donations from IL Churches	+ \$ 5,778.55	
Memorials for Tim Hayes	+ 6,280.00	
Endowment from FWB Foundation	+ 28,500.00	
Transfer from General Fund (10% Camper Registrations)	+ \$ 3,261.50	
Transfer from General Fund (10% Camp Rentals)	+ 2,512.00	
Interest on Account	<u>+ 29.93</u>	
		Sub-Total \$ 87,318.39

Girls Dorm Bathroom Addition (Materials)	- \$ 23,200.18
Camp Manager's House Addition (Materials)	<u>- 1,610.13</u>

Balance	12/31/17	<u><b>\$ 62,508.08</b></u> (24)
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**Kitchen Cabinet Fund**

Balance	1/1/17	\$ 5,717.07
Interest on Account	+     2.84	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/17</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,719.91</u></b>

**Camper Scholarship Fund**

Balance	1/1/17	\$ 915.98
Interest on Account	+     0.45	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/17</b>	<b><u>\$ 916.43</u></b>

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD**

<b>Chairman - <i>Bryant Harris</i></b>	<b><i>Brad Ryan</i></b>
<b><i>Corey Penn</i></b>	<b><i>Tim Pierce</i></b>
	<b><i>Brandon Dwyer</i></b>

Bro. Bryant Harris introduced the new camp caretaker: Cody Hiller this was followed by a motion to receive the Camp report and adopt the proposed budget for 2018. The motion was sustained. The moderator opened the floor for nominations for the 2023 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Tim Pierce.

At this time the moderator entertained a motion to remove the tabled items from the Friday afternoon session and the motion was sustained.

We recommend the constitutional change presented by the Christian Education Board, and recommended by the Executive Board at the November 2017 meeting.

This was the item presented:

**Item # 1** That Article 11 Section 10 be replaced in its entirety with the following recommended replacement:  
Section 10. "The Christian Education Board shall promote, equip, and assist educational and discipleship ministries among and for ministers and lay people in our churches and Free Will Baptist Colleges."  
There was a motion sustained to adopt this proposed change.

**Item # 2** That the following would be stricken from Article XI Section 12, "as well as cooperate with the National Laymen's Board.  
Motion was sustained to adopt item #2.

**Item #3** The following would be added to Article XI Section 12 "This Board shall establish a Disaster Relief Unit and shall also appoint and oversee a director of the DRU.  
Motion was sustained to adopt item #3

**Item #4** In Article X Section 5 the following would added: By the most expedient delivery system, replacing "written notices delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each member at his address shown by the records of the corporation."  
Motion sustained to adopt item 4

**Item #5** In Article X Section 5 that we strike the following: if mailed, such notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage therein prepaid. If notice is given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegram company."  
Motion was sustained to adopt item # 5.

**REPORT NO. 14**  
**THE OBITUARY REPORT**

**DECEASED**

**EAST CENTRAL**

Ray Stark-Blue Point  
Marion Conrad-Blue Point  
Timothy E. Hayes-Calvary  
Jim Phillips-Calvary  
Dorothy Holzhausen-Crossroads  
Garry Linton-Crossroads  
Glenn Osborne-First Decatur  
Rosemary Jackson- First Decatur  
Veleria Rine- First Decatur  
Gary Taylor-Oak Valley  
Glen Byers- Oak Valley

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Betty Byers-Arnold View  
Al Winters-Arnold View  
Lowell Mausey Jr Arnold View  
Tilden Parks-Arnold View  
Jim Haseker- Arnold View  
Gordon Smith0 Arnold View  
Don Lappin- Harmony  
Carl Sue Philips- Johnston City  
Earnest Brown- Alexander  
Eloise Sullivan- Benton First

**REND LAKE**

Leona Marie Cochrane-Bakerville  
Darline Fay McNeil- Bear Point  
Fern Marie Price-Bear Point  
Larry Burroughs- Bear Point  
Sarah Costley- Nason  
Doris E. Newell- New Hope  
Murrel Bernard-New Hope  
Doris Pauline Douglas- Rescue  
Venita F Kern- Rescue  
Peggy Lee Fairchild-Waltonville  
Virginia Louandra Beckham- Waltonville

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS**

Audley Wiley, Hoopeston

**METRO EAST**

Wayne Smith- Peace  
Emma Lee Smith- Peace  
Eddie Hollis- Connect Church

A video presentation of the deceased was presented by the Asst. Clerk Jason Janus following this a motion was sustained to receive the report and a time of prayer was then taken.

**REPORT NO. 15**  
**FINAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Item #1 We recommend the following honorariums for our associational officers: Moderator \$500, Treasurer \$950, Clerk \$750 and Asst. Clerk \$300. Motion sustained to adopt item #1

Item #2 We recommend a donation of \$500 to the Disaster Unit in memory of Bro. Tim Hayes. A motion was sustained to adopt Item # 2

Item 3 We recommend a rising vote of thanks and a gift of \$100 be given to the Peace church for hosting our 2018 session. A motion was sustained to adopt Item #3

Item # 4 We recommend the acceptance of Harmony FWB Church's (West Frankfort) invitation to host our March 14-16, 2019 session. A motion was sustained to adopt Item #4.

A motion was sustained to reprint the Constitution and By-Laws.

The following were elected as delegates to the National Association July 22-25, 2018 in Little Rock, Arkansas: Sarah Fletcher, Peggy Clyatt, Pat Shores, Jim Walker, and Jennifer Meacham.

**REPORT NO. 16**  
**FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

A motion was sustained to act upon the nominations office by office.

Treasurer: Mike Johnston- motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

Assistant Clerk: Jason Janus- motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

Clerk: Larry Cook- motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

Assistant moderator: Tyler Penn- motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

Moderator: Curtis Smith- motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The moderator then appointed the following to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2018-2019: Bryant Harris, Ross Bunton, and Steven Cantrell

He then appointed the following to serve on the 2018-2019 Auditing Committee: Loren Taylor, Buffy Diefenbach and a third member to be added.

**REPORT NO. 17**  
**REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

The following numbers were compiled for the 2018 State Meeting:

Standing Delegates- 35

Elected Delegates- 21

Visitors- 37

The total was 93 in attendance.

A report was presented by Jack and Ashley Ketterman concerning their plans to work in Japan.

The moderator then appointed a committee to study Article 17 concerning marriage and report back to the August Executive Board meeting: John Hollis, Jon Cannon and Harlen Johnson.

A motion was made to adjourn the business of the 2018 meeting and it was sustained.

**SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

The morning worship service was then held with Bro. Bryant Harris speaking from 2 Timothy 1:3-5 was the topic being "Concerns for the Next Generation. The service was closed in prayer.



