

**DIGEST OF REPORTS**  
**ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**



**CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SALEM, ILLINOIS**

**MARCH 17-18, 2022**

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**MINUTES OF THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

The State meeting was held on Thursday Evening and all day Friday. The meeting was called to order, welcome and opened in prayer by Pastor of the host church Bo. Harlen Johnson. The moderator then recognized the standing delegates, and District Reports were given.

**REPORT # 1  
2021 DISTRICT REPORTS**

Districts	East Central	Rend Lake	South Central	Metro East	Northern	Fox River	Total
# of Churches	7	9	7	5	1	7	36
# Cities	3	4	3	5		7	22
# Rural	4	5	4				13
# Reporting	7	9	7	3		7	33
Full-Time P	6	4	2	4		3	19
Bi-Vocational P	1	4	3			4	12
# of Baptisms	6	4	10	17		3	40
Members ++	9	4	22			6	41
Members Lost	17	16	10	3		5	51
Tot. Members	645	834	813	298		98	2688
Total Income	810,966	985,797	1,087,554	473,467		290,764	3,648,530
Church/Budget	6	5	3	5		1	20
# /Parsonage	2	3	2	1		1	9
Value Property	4,846,000	6,468,000	11,187,132	4,500,000		2,100,000	29,101,132
# Ordained	13	14	12	4		8	51
# Licensed	0		7			3	10
# Deacons	19	25	23	8		3	78
Chr. School				1			1
Bible Institute				1			1
Sunday School	316	205	250			47	818

**DELEGATES**

**EAST CENTRAL**

**REND LAKE**

Jane Harmon  
Linda Cook  
Marty Fairchild  
Jackie Capps

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

**FOX RIVER**

**METRO EAST**

**NORTHERN**

Mark King  
Sarah Fletcher  
Amanda Brown

**DECEASED**

**EAST CENTRAL**

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

**REND LAKE**

Loren Conard- Blue Point  
Nancy Kay Cook- Calvary  
Judy Carol Donoho- Calvary  
James Burnell Fairfield- Crossroads  
Thelma Katherine Goetz-Decatur 1<sup>st</sup>  
Michael Ray Stephenson-Decatur 1<sup>st</sup>  
Audrey Nell Geddes- Decatur 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jerry L. Sechrest-Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
John Mark Bumpus- Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ronald E. Levitt-Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
Emmett L. Ellis Jr.-Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
Judy Kay Slamans-Ina  
Hugh Dale Fowler-New Hope  
Sharon Fowler-New Hope  
Bobby W. Reed-Nason  
Walter Freeman-Rescue  
Teddy Dale Landon Harmon-Rescue

Bob Abercrombie- Alexander  
Thelma Smothers- Alexander  
Linda Eason-Arnold View  
Bruce Finley-Arnold View  
Deon Bennett- Arnold View  
Gale Mausey- Arnold View  
Anna Jane Sanders- Arnold View  
Reba Ritter- Johnston City  
Charles Shaw- Pittsburg

Bill Jeter-Bakerville  
Jim Price-Bear Point  
David Zimmerman-Bear Point  
Donna Marie Harrison-Hazel Dell  
Brian Howard Lewis-Hazel Dell  
Linda Cockrum- Hazel Dell  
Bryon Gale "Barney" Beard-Ina  
Sammy L. Bourland-Ina  
Mary E. Pierce-Ina  
Linda Moore-Ina  
Frank J. Moore-Ina

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS**

None Reported

**METRO EAST**

Joyce Portell- Connect  
Mike McClintock- Discovery  
Wanda Ogden- Peace

**FOX RIVER**

None Reported

A motion was made to receive the District Reports and seat the delegates, it was seconded, there was no discussion, and motion carried.

The Moderator then appointed the following to serve on the Business Committee: David Potete (Chair) Philip Kennedy, and Jeff Pope.

**REPORT # 2****Together Way allocations**

National Association	24%	CTS Board	2%
Illinois State Missions	28%	Christian Education Board	3%
Promotional Secretary	11%	Disaster Response	0%
General Fund	19%	Master's Men	2%
Camp Board	10%	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1%

A motion was made to approve the Together Way Allocations, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried.

**REPORT # 3****REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER****GENERAL FUND****Financial Statement**

February, 2021—January, 2022

**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**Year to Date

\$ 10,215.22

**RECEIPTS:***Designated gifts*

\$ 338,035.78

*Annual dues*

6,690.00

*Other offerings*

-

*Interest*

2.23

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

344,728.01

\$ 354,943.23**DISBURSEMENTS:**

National Association of Free Will Baptists

\$ 136,740.37

Illinois Board of Missions

119,672.30

Camp Hope

20,387.40

Illinois Master's Men

2,271.89

Illinois Promotional Fund

14,565.49

C.T.S. Board

2,271.89

Ministerial Scholarship Fund

1,135.96

Christian Education Board

34,407.87

Avant Ministries

1,272.00

English Language Institute of China

10,568.81

Other ministries

4,709.00

Mileage &amp; Board expenses

2,162.96

Insurance

15,935.09

Office expenses

454.37

Honorariums &amp; meeting expenses

5,016.00

National Association dues

6,125.00

National Association delegate expenses

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Bank charges

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**TOTAL DISBURSMENTS**\$ 346,696.04**ENDING CASH BALANCE**\$ 8247.19

## GENERAL FUND

### Budget

February, 2022 – January, 2023

**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE** \$ 8,247.19

### RECEIPTS:

Together Way Plan (17%)	\$ 21,000.00
Designated Gifts	
Annual dues	6,825.00
Interest	-

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

27,825.00

\$ 36,072.19

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Mileage & Board expenses	\$ 2,200.00
Insurance	16,000.00
Office expenses	500.00
Honorariums & meeting expenses	5,000.00
National Association dues	6,125.00
National Association delegate expenses	750.00
Bank charges	

### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 30,575.00

### ENDING CASH BALANCE

\$ 5,497.19

## PROMOTIONAL FUND

### Financial Statement

February, 2021 – January, 2022

**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE** \$ 1,412.23

### RECEIPTS:

Designated gifts & Together Way plan	\$ 14,565.49
Other income	-

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

14,565.49

\$ 15,977.72

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional Secretary salary	\$ 10,000.00
Postage expenses	1,307.00
Honorariums & meeting expenses	-
Printing newsletter	3,181.80
Office expenses	
Bank charges	

### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 14,488.80

\$ 1,488.92

### ENDING CASH BALANCE

## FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

### Beginning cash balance

\$ 48,776.21

### Interest income

1,221.34

### Ending cash balance

\$ 49,997.65

## PROMOTIONAL FUND

### Budget

February, 2022—January, 2023

**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**

\$ 1,488.92

**RECEIPTS:**

Designated gifts &amp; Together Way plan

\$ 15,000.00

Other income

-

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

15,000.00

\$ 16,488.92**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Promotional Secretary salary

\$ 10,000.00

Postage expenses

1,300.00

Honorariums &amp; meeting expenses

-

Printing newsletter

3,200.00

Office expenses

-

Bank charges

-

**TOTAL  
DISBURSEMENTS**\$ 14,500.00**ENDING CASH BALANCE**\$ 1,988.92

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Johnson, State Treasurer

**2021 DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE**

February 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022

	TOGETHER	ILLINOIS	PROMOTIONAL	CAMP	DISASTER	
	WAY	MISSIONS	FUND	HOPE	RELIEF	TOTAL
Alexander	675.00					675.00
Arnold View	17,430.40	1,200.00				18,630.40
Bakerville		240.00				240.00
Bear Point	8,315.54	3,526.04	150.00			11,991.58
Benton	7,390.18					7,390.18
Blue Point	3,600.00	3,245.00	1,200.00	600.00	600.00	9,245.00
Calvary	1,712.89	3,460.95				5,173.84
Crossroads	200.00	35.00				235.00
Decatur	793.54					10,793.54
Harmony	1,200.00	150.00				1,350.00
Hazel Dell	2250.00		120.00	187.50		2,557.50
Ina	27,573.00	1,315.00	120.00	4,602.00		33,610.00
Johnston City	1,592.06	1,592.06				3,184.12
Mt. Vernon	10,404.26	4,800.00				15,204.26
New Hope	2,850.00					2,850.00
Northwest	1,800.00	1,045.00			360.00	3,205.00
Oak Grove	561.56					561.56
Oak Valle		5,720.00				5,720.00
Pittsburg	2,004.00	55,496.52				57,500.52
Pleasant View			275.00	600.00	1,439.00	2,314.00
Rescue	9,405.00			1,200.00		10,605.00
Victory	1,200.00	2,850.00				4,050.00
Waltonville	1,1838.00		240.00	1,838.00		3,916.00
Others		3,890.00			300.00	4,190.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>112,795.43</b>	<b>88,565.57</b>	<b>2,105.00</b>	<b>9,027.50</b>	<b>2,699.00</b>	<b>215,192.50</b>



## 2021 GIVING TO NATIONAL MINISTRIES

February 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022

	HOME	INTERNATIONAL			OTHER	
	MISSIONS		MISSIONS		MINISTRIES	TOTAL
Aexander						
Arnold View			8,108.00			8,108.00
Bakerville			3,460.00		865.00	4,325.00
Bear Point			1,580.00			1,580.00
Benton			700.00			700.00
Blue Point	7,854.50		27,500.09		855.00	36,209.59
Calvary	280.00		6,668.59		992.69	7,941.28
Crossroads	471.50		1,710.50			2,182.00
Decatur						
Harmony						
Hazel Dell						
Ina	220.00		25,125.00		9,884.00	35,229.00
Johnston City			3,980.24			3,980.24
Mt. Vernon			1200.00			1 200.00
Nason			500.00			500.00
New Hope						
Northwest	1,045.00		4,495.00		140.00	5,680.00
Oak Grove			800.00			800.00
Oak Valley						
Pittsburg						
Pleasant View	10.00		8,366.17		420.00	8,796.17
Rescue			1,200.00			1 1200.00
Victory	550.00		120.00		1,790.00	2,460.00
Waltonville						
Others	27.00		1,775.00		150.00	1,952.00
TOTALS	10,458.00		97,288.59		15,096.69	122,843.28

Signed Michael Johnston, State Treasurer

A Motion was made to accept the report and adopt the budget for 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

### REPORT # 4

### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

**FEBRUARY 5, 2022**

The Auditing Committee has audited the financial records of all the boards of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist for their December 31, 2021 statements and of the General-Promotional Funds for their January 31, 2022 statements.

The Auditing Committee finds the records in order for the following: General-Promotional Fund, Master's Men Board-Disaster Response Fund, Missions' Board, Camp Hope Board, Christian Education Board, and CTS Board. Auditors: Buffy Diefenbach, Cody Alstat, Loren Taylor (Chairman)

A motion was made to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

## REPORT # 5

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FOR 2021-2022

The Executive Board met March 19, 2021 following the afternoon session and organized with Bro. Curtis Smith (chairman) and Bro. Larry Cook (recording secretary). The May meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church in Mt. Vernon. The boards were organized as follows:

#### Church Training Board

Tom Lewis Chr.	2022
Greg Walker	2023
Allen Bigley, Treas.	2024
Cody Hiller	2025
Kathy Hayes, Sec.	2026

#### Board of Missions

David Potete , Sec	2022
Jon Cannon Treas,	2023
Phillip Kennedy	2024
Daniel Mann	2025
Ernie Lewis, Chr.	2026

#### Master's Men Board

Shawn Mygatt, Treas.	2022
Mike Thomas, Chr.	2023
Daniel Pierce	2024
Nathan Beaty	2025
Marty Leffler	2026

#### Christian Education Board

Gary Portell	2022
David Mishler	2023
Ivan Ryan, Treas.	2024
Keith Fletcher Chr.	2025
Ross Bunton, Sec.	2026

#### Camp Board

Bryant Harris, Chr.	2022
Tim Pierce	2023
Brad Ryan	2024
Brandon Dwyer	2025
Corey Penn, Sec.	2026

#### Executive Board Representatives

Moderator	Curtis Smith	
Asst. Moderator	Tyler Penn	East Central- John Hollis
Clerk	Larry Cook	Rend Lake- David Mishler
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus	South Central- Loren Taylor
Treasurer	Mike Johnston	Metro-East Ron Malone
Promotional Sec.	David Shores	Fox River- Kenneth Hendley
Nat. General Board	David Shores	Northern Illinois -----

**May 10, 2021**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**1<sup>ST</sup> FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON**

The meeting was called to order and the clerk call the roll with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Ernie Lewis, David Mishler, David Shores, Mike Thomas, Michael Johnston, Kenneth Hendley. A motion was sustained to seat the following proxies: Allen Bigley for Tom Lewis and David Burgess for John Hollis. This was followed by a motion, which was sustained to approve the minutes of Organization meeting held on March 19, 2021.

A devotion was given by Bro. Larry Cook from Psalm 89:19-21 concerning that it is God who gives us a vision of His work for each of us.

#### **REPORTS:**

Promotional Secretary: A motion was sustained to receive the report.

State Treasurer: A motion was sustained adopt the Treasurer's report.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

State Missions: A motion was sustained to approve the report and adopt the Treasurer's report. The chairman Bro. Ernie Lewis then recognized Tyler Penn who gave a report concerning the work at the Bridge Church and the International Ministry on the campus of the University of Illinois.

Motions were sustained to approve the reports and adopt the treasurer's report of the following boards: Master's Men, CTS and Camp. It was also reported that the Camp Board had received a \$20,000 grant from the FWB Foundation.

The moderator then appointed the following to share the devotions at the respective meeting:

August- David Mishler, November- Mike Johnston, February- Allen Bigley.

The moderator then declared a recess and we enjoyed some delicious BBQ provided by Bro. Mike Thomas.



**New Business:**

A motion was sustained to have the Constitution and By-Laws printed to include the action taken at the 2021 State Meeting.

The following meeting dates were set: August 9, 2021 and November 8, 2021 and February 7, 2022 with all meeting being held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Church in Mt. Vernon. A motion was sustained to set the recommended dates.

A committee was then appointed to share guidelines for the Executive Board to follow concerning, use of monies, pay and plans for the Promotional Secretary as directed by the 2021 State Meeting.

Motion was sustained to pay dues for all 35 churches listed in our directory.

Motion sustained to adjourn and prayer was given by Bro. David Shores following a time of prayer requests.

**AUGUST 16, 2021      EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING      1<sup>ST</sup> FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON**

The meeting was called to order and the clerk called the roll with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Ernie Lewis, David Mishler, David Shores, Mike Thomas, Michael Johnston, Bryant Harris, Keith Fletcher, Loren Taylor, John Hollis, and Ron Malone with Allen Bigley seated as proxy for Tom Lewis. This was followed by a motion which was sustained to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021 minutes as corrected.

The devotion was given by David Mishler from Esther 9:1-5 and the thought that we are called to a life of warfare and looking at Eph. 6:10 He equips us for battle. He then closed in prayer.

**REPORTS:**

Promotional Secretary: A motion was sustained to approve the report.

State Treasurer: A motion was sustained approve the Treasurer's report.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

State Missions: A motion was sustained to accept the report and approve the Treasurer's report. The chairman, Bro. Ernie Lewis then recognized Tyler Penn who gave a report concerning the work at the Bridge Church and the International Ministry on the campus of the University of Illinois. This was followed by a motion sustained for the state to provide the necessary information needed for the State Mission Board to access the monies in the Franklin Account.

The moderator then declared a recess and Bro. Mike Johnston as the blessing on the food.

Motions were sustained to approve the reports and accept the treasurer's report of the following boards: Master's Men, CTS and Camp.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Program committee report was given with the following information being shared:

The program committee met to plan the 2022 State Meeting, which will be held at Calvary FWB Church in Salem with the schedule yet to be planned.

The Christian Education Board with host the Thursday evening service with Bro. Doug Little conducting the seminar.

The speakers for the meeting will be Corey Penn, Phillip Kennedy, and Adam Brown. The theme will be built around the thought of to encourage by preaching on FAITH, FORTITUDE (COURAGE) AND FEARLESSNESS.

The Leadership Conference was discussed and it was decided to send Tyler Penn and one other member as well as Curtis Smith and provided the expenses of each one.

Motion sustained to adjourn with Tyler Penn closing in prayer after prayer requests we taken.

**November 8, 2021      EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING      1<sup>ST</sup> FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON**

The meeting was called to order and the clerk call the roll with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Ernie Lewis, David Mishler, David Shores, Mike Thomas, Michael Johnston, Bryant Harris, Keith Fletcher, Harlen Johnson, Kenneth Hendley and Ron Malone with Allen Bigley seated as

proxy for Tom Lewis. This was followed by a motion, which was sustained to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021.

The devotion was given by Mike Thomas from Matthew 6: 25-27 and discussed his concern for our churches and prayer that we look to serving God better.

#### **REPORTS:**

Promotional Secretary: A motion was sustained to approve the report.

State Treasurer: A motion was sustained approve the Treasurer's report with the correction of the Promotional Fund to read Postage instead of Mileage.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

State Missions: A motion was sustained to approve the report and accept the Treasurer's report. The chairman Bro. Ernie Lewis then recognized Tyler Penn who gave a report concerning the work of the International Ministry on the campus of the University of Illinois.

Motions were sustained to approve the reports and accept the treasurer's report of the following boards: Christian Education, Master's Men, CTS and Camp.

It was noted that the seminar at the 2022 State Meeting conducted by the Christian Education Board would be presented by Doug Little and the title is "Cultivating Vibrant Worship in Your Church".

It was also noted that the 2022 CTS competition will again be at the Ina FWB Church and the dates are April 29-30, 2022.

The Moderator then declared a recess and Bro. Tyler Penn asked the blessing on the food.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Program committee report was given with the following information being shared:

The program committee met to plan the 2022 State Meeting which will be held at Calvary FWB Church in Salem with the schedule yet to be planned. The Christian Education Board will host the Thursday evening service with Bro. Doug Little conducting the seminar. The speakers for the meeting will be Corey Penn, Phillip Kennedy, and Adam Brown. The theme will be built around the thought of to encourage by preaching on FAITH, FORTITUDE (COURAGE) AND FEARLESSNESS. We will meet at 6 PM March 17 to open the business session of the 2022 State Meeting. We will then break for the seminar and reconvene if necessary to conduct any other business that is needed to be laid on the table. Then we will meet on Friday March 18 closing out following the evening service.

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The Leadership Conference was again discussed and it was decided to send Harlen Johnson as the third representative from the board.

Report of the Committee concerning the Promotional Secretary. The committee presented three items:

1. We recommend to the Executive Board of Illinois Free Will Baptist that money currently in the Promotional Funds account be used towards supplementing the salary of a part time promotional person.
2. Items of information: Our initial discussion involving this part time position was that the main purpose be two-fold. First that the person visit our churches on Sundays promoting the activities of the State Association, and second that this position acts as point of contact for our churches needing a person to fulfill a shepherding role. We also discussed the need to visit quarterlies and other state meetings. We also discussed possibly separating the General Board position from the Promotional position. We also discussed that if you take \$1000 each month from the funds plus the current \$1000 being given to the current more reserved role, then you have about a \$2000 a month salary. This is with the understanding that at that rate the fund will be depleted in a matter of four years.
3. Item of information: The current committee is willing to act in behalf of the executive role for a more specific job description and salary structure if the board so chooses.

A motion was sustained to approve item #1. The moderator then added Mike Johnston to the Committee. The committee will now be composed of Tyler Penn, David Mishler, Loren Taylor and Mike Johnston. A further report will be presented at the February meeting.

Together Way allocations: A motion was sustained to leave the allocations at their current level.

National Association	24%	CTS Board	2%
Illinois State Missions	28%	Christian Education Board	3%
Promotional Secretary	11%	Disaster Response	0%
General Fund	19%	Master's Men	2%
Camp Board	10%	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1%

The Franklin Funds held by the State Missions Board was discussed and the following motion was sustained: A motion was sustained to appoint the chairman of the State Missions Board as the executor of the Franklin Funds account.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer.

## **FEBRUARY 7, 2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON**

The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the roll call was taken with the following responding: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, David Shores, Mike Johnston, Ernie Lewis, Bryant Harris, Keith Fletcher, David Mishler, Harlen Johnson. Motion was sustained to seat the following proxies: Kevin Woolbright for Mike Thomas and Allen Bigley for Tom Lewis. A motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting of the Executive Board.

The devotion was presented by Harlen Johnson using Luke 10:25-37 and the thought that we cannot truly love others without a deep love for Jesus. How do you love Jesus and what does loving your neighbor look like?

### **REPORTS:**

Promotional Secretary: Motion sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary.

State Treasurer: Motion sustained to adopt the quarterly reports of the General Fund and Promotional Fund. Then a motion was sustained to recommend the annual report and the adoption of the budgets for the General Fund and Promotional Fund to the State Association.

### **BOARD REPORTS:**

State Missions: the Chairman Ernie Lewis recognized Tyler Penn to share a report about the work on the campus of the U of I and the Bridge Church. A motion was then sustained to receive the quarterly report and adopt the quarterly treasurer's report. Then a motion was sustained to recommend the annual report and adoption of the budget to the State Association.

Master's Men: Kevin Woolbright gave a report of the work the DRU did in Dover, TN. following the tornado that struck there. A motion was then sustained to receive the quarterly report and adopt the treasurer's report of the Master's Men and DRU. Then a motion was sustained to recommend the annual report and the adoption of the budgets of Master's Men and DRU to the State Association.

The moderator then declared a recess and Jason Janus ask the blessing of the food and fellowship.

### **BOARD REPORTS CONTINUE:**

Camp Board: A motion was sustained to receive the quarterly report and adopt the treasurer's report. This was followed by a motion that was sustained to recommend the annual report and the adoption of the budget to the State Association.

CTS: it was reported that this year's CTS State Competition will go back to the usual format. A motion was then sustained to receive the quarterly report and adopt the treasurer's report. Followed by a motion that was sustained to recommend the annual report and budget to the State Association.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion was sustained to receive the following Auditing Committee's report dated February 5, 2022: The Auditing Committee has audited the financial records of the boards of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist for their December 31, 2021 statements and the General-Promotional Funds for their January 31, 2022 statements.

The Auditing Committee finds the records in order for the following: General-Promotional Fund, Master's Men- Disaster Response Fund, Mission's Board, Camp Hope Board, Christian Education Board and CTS Board. Signed: Buffy Diefenbach, Cody Alstat, Loren Taylor, (Chairman)

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

Motion was sustained to pay each of the speakers and honorarium of \$200.

Motion was sustained to reimburse Craig Smith for the pizza that we enjoyed.

Motion was sustained to purchase a new computer for the incoming clerk along with the necessary programs.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Craig Smith closed in prayer.

A motions was made to accept the State board reports as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

### **Report # 6**

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

CTS	Tom Lewis	(2027) <u>Tom Lewis</u>
Christian Ed	Gary Portell	(2027) <u>Gary Portell</u>
Board of Missions	David Potete	(2027) <u>David Potete</u>
Camp Board	Bryant Harris	(2027) <u>Bryant Harris</u>
Illinois Masters Men	Shaw Mygatt	(2027) <u>Shawn Mygatt</u>

A motion was made to accept the partial report and vote upon the nominees as each board report is given, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

### **REPORT # 7**

#### **REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY**

In this year's report I am glad to say there was some improvement from the previous year. The pandemic of the past two years has had a devastating effect on our lives socially, economically and spiritually. Many people have lived with great anxiety and are having difficulties in overcoming it all. Pastors and church leaders are working hard at presenting the proper attitude for the church in handling problems and staying on course in bringing a message of hope to our churches. We are confronted by false doctrines, heresies, and deceptions as Satan seeks those he can devour. But, thank God, as I have visited churches, talked with our leaders, listened to sermons and watched the church at worship, I am encouraged to hear the truth boldly presented in our denomination. Believers are praising God for His leadership and blessings. We may have fewer in attendance but the quality of worship is holding in these perilous times. I am encouraged in that aspect, but saddened by the lack of pastors and leaders, the closing of churches and the cancelling of services on Sunday evenings and Wednesday nights. Now that the restrictions are being eased perhaps we will return to the schedule of services we maintained before the mandates were issued.

Some of the things that are encouraging are the ordination of young pastors. Adam Brown was ordained at Arnold View Church in January and Horacio Minjares was ordained at the Solid Rock Church. Emily Petty was approved by the IM board to serve a two year mission internship in Japan, Mark King is continuing to serve ELIC and will soon return to foreign service and Ed Goode has assumed the role as lead pastor at the Bridge Church. Several churches have had the IM to come to their church for a Global Conference and NAM hosted conference to boost morale. The Camp Hope summer camp program served 363 young people this year and the young people in CTS had several winners in the Vertical 3 Conference at the National Convention. Our state had a wonderful Camp Meeting with Brother Moody preaching and teaching each evening. As our

National Executive Secretary, Brother Moody sends out words of encouragement every week. He communicates with the denomination with pod casts, facebook, memes, you tube, etc, five days each week. You are welcome to check out the information he provides for us. Randall House, Welch College, WNAC, Masters Men, IM, NAM and all other departments and commissions try to keep us updated each week. Our National Convention met this year with attendance over 3,000, which was a great improvement over the previous year when only 20 representatives met to conduct business. It was a blessing to see things begin to return to normal.

Some of the sad news we faced last year was the death of preachers who have worked in our state. Brother Walter Freeman died in May and Brother David Turner and Brother Burt Hall passed away in March. These men served well and we were blessed by their dedication to Christ. Also, Pastor Bruce Thurman suffered a stroke in October and Pastor Richard Brown has been sidelined by having a hip replacement, and the Oak Grove Church is closed after 107 years of ministry. But since I retired from the pastorate ministry at the close of the year, I have had the opportunity to visit 13 of our churches in January and February. It is so refreshing and such a blessing to hear our pastors preach and teach the Word of God! As a denomination we are blessed to have dedicated men of God to lead us in these trying times. We welcome Ed Goode to our state and also Jeff Pope who is now pastor of the Crossroads Church. Craig Smith is pastor at Mount Vernon Church. Nason Church and Bakerville Church are seeking a pastor. Larry Cook is serving as Interim Pastor at New Hope, David Mishler is Interim Pastor at Johnston City and Kent Dunford is Interim Pastor at Harmony Church.

The Illinois Newsletter is published each month, free and postage paid, to keep Illinois families updated on happenings in our state. We send out about 750 copies (hard copies and digital) to anyone who requests it. The One Magazine is freely sent to you as well to keep you updated as to happenings in our denomination. I will be glad to sign you up for these publications.

I want to thank the faithful people who serve the Lord and serve Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

David Shores

A motion was made to receive the Report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

### **National Agency Report # 8 FWB FOUNDATION**

Bro. Barry Simpson Gave a report on behalf of the FWB Foundations. Special mention was made of the grant program offered by the FWB Foundation and Camp Hope has benefited from this. The report was given and received as information.

### **State Board Report # 9 CTS BOARD Annual Report 2021**

We would like to thank all of the young people, coaches, pastors and churches that participated in CTS in 2021. We were really excited with the participation level on the State and National level at our CTS conference in 2021. We had competitors in a variety of different categories with 33 placing at Vertical Three.

The theme for 2022 is "John 14:6 the Way Truth Life". Our goal each year is to expand the participation level to more churches and young people. Please let the board know if you have any questions or suggestions that will make this year's competition better.

Respectfully submitted,

CTS Board Allen Bigley, Cody Hiller, Jennifer Meacham, Kathy Hayes, Tommy Lewis

Below are the results of The Vertical 3 Conference:

#### **Bible**

Lando Hiller 2nd place Bible Memorization

Oakley Hiller 1st place Bible Memorization

#### **Puppets**

Lift Him Up Puppet A 1st place

Lift Him Up Puppet B 1st place

Joshua Lewis 3rd place Junior high Truth Quest  
 Stephen Lewis 2nd place Senior high truth quest

### Music

Ina B Duet 2nd place  
 Olivia, Marlowe & Abe 2nd place Trio  
 Molly, Trey & Gwen 3rd place Trio  
 Ina Boys 1st place quartet  
 Ina Girls 2nd place quartet  
 Ina A Ensemble 1st place  
 Ina B Ensemble 2nd place  
 Impact Ensemble 1st place  
 Ina C Quartet 2nd place  
 Bear Point Ensemble 3rd Place  
 ABC Choir 2nd place  
 Molly Hicks 3rd place woodwind Solo  
 Olivia Johnson 3rd place keyboard Solo  
 Stephen Lewis 3rd place keyboard Solo Drama  
 Joshua Lewis 1st place Christian Literature  
 All4Him 3rd place Group Drama  
 Jenkins Duo 1st place dramatic duo

Lift Him Up Puppet C 1st place

### Art

Lando Hiller 3rd place Drawing  
 Camille Mandrell 3rd place Drawing  
 Ava Hollis 2nd place mixed media  
 Phoebe Bunton 3rd T-Shirt design  
 Taryn Gualandi 3rd place fabric art  
 Katie Mygatt 2nd place conceptional art  
 Ava Hollis 1st place painting

### Writing

Rachel Maas 1st place short article  
 Layla Newberry 1st place photo essay

## **ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD**

### **2021 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**January 1 - December 31, 2021**

BEGINNING BALANCE	01-01-2021	\$10,969.73
DEPOSITS:		
2021 Together Way	\$2077.70	
State Competition fees	\$1275.00	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$3352.70</b>	<b>\$14,322.43</b>
EXPENSES:		
State Competition	\$858.49	
Randal House	\$67.91	
Vertical Three registration fees	\$2230.00	
Postage	\$2.80	
Camp Hope Canteen Cards	\$50.00	
Returned State CTS Registration fee	\$50.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$3259.20</b>
ENDING BALANCE	December 31, 2021	\$11,062.23

Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley CTS Board Treasurer

## **ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD**

### **2022 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>INCOME:</b>	2022Together-way	\$2275.00
	CTS state competition registration fees	\$1300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$3575.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Vertical Three Registration fees	\$2300.00



Randal House (medals, quiz questions)	\$ 100.00
CTS Competition judges	\$ 200.00
CTS Competition host church	\$ 350.00
CTS Competition hotel housing	\$ 150.00
Camp Hope canteen cards	\$ 120.00
McDonald's Gift cards	\$ 20.00
Postage	\$ 10.00
Competition Fellowship	\$ 325.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$3575.00**

Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley CTS Board Treasurer

A motion was made to receive the report and adopt the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried: The Floor was then opened for nominations to fill the 2027 position on the board. A motion was made to close nominations and proceed to elect Bro. Tommy Lewis for the 2027 position, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

A motion was made to take a recess, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried, The Christian Education Board had their Thursday night seminar, Brother Doug Little lead us in worship and then presented Cultivating Vibrant Worship in your Church. It was a motivating and challenging seminar about what is worship and what is worship supposed to be according to the scriptures. All in attendance enjoyed.

The business session was then reconvened with a board report and the partial report from the business committee.

### State Board Report # 10 ILLINOIS MASTERS MEN/ DRU Annual Report 2021

Budgets for the Master's Men general account and disaster response unit for 2021 were approved by the Executive Board.

The 7th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament was held May 1, 2021 at Camp Hope with 15 participants.

Winners results are as follows:

- 1st Place: Layla Newbury and Brooklyn Hicks (Bear Point)
- 2nd Place: Trace Beaty & Hayden Corn (Rescue)
- Guppy Award: James Kennedy (Benton)
- Biggest Fish: Xavier Miller (Hazel Dell) 15 oz. bluegill

Brother Marty Lefflers term on the Board was up in 2021 and he volunteered to serve another term. The Master's Men Retreat was held September 16, 17, 18, 2021 at Camp Hope. Bro. Eric Martin, from Ada, Oklahoma served as the guest speaker. Bro. Eric does a lot of volunteer work with Bridge Builders for the Cross. It was decided by the Master's Men Board to donate the proceeds from the Friday Night pie auction to Bridge Builders. That total came out to \$755.00.

Retreat event winners are as follows:

- Trap Shoot - 1st Aiden Beaty -- 2nd Trevor Beaty
- Archery 3D - 1st Harlen Johnson -- 2nd Shawn Mygatt
- Horseshoes - 1st Daniel Pierce / Jason Janus -- 2nd Eric Martin / Harlen Johnson

Communion Service was conducted by Adam Brown, pastor at Arnold View Church. It was good to be able to meet together again after missing last year due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Master's Men Retreat for 2022 will be held September 15, 16, & 17, 2022 at Camp Hope.

The Disaster Response Unit has had some action this year due to the tornado that went through parts of Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee in December. Kevin Woolbright, D.R.U. Director, reported that the group spent three and a half days in the Dover, Tennessee area helping with storm damage cleanup. On the local level, they have done some tree removal, brush clearing and miscellaneous maintenance work for local church members throughout the year.

Submitted By, Mike Thomas – Chairman, Shawn Mygatt – Treasurer, Nathan Beaty, Daniel Pierce, Marty Leffler

**Illinois Masters Men  
2021 Annual Treasurer's Report  
January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

Balance forward from December 31, 2020 4862.92

Income

TOGETHER WAY 2283.89

Retreat 1729.00

Total Income 4012.89

Expenses

Fishing Tournament 157.21

Mane Designs 48.17

Retreat 4105.37

Total Expenses 4310.75

Balance Forward to January 1, 2022 4565.06

**Illinois Masters Men**

**Proposed Budget for 2022**

Anticipated Income:

Together way 2000.00

IL. Regional Retreat 2000.00

Anticipated Income Total: 4000.00

Anticipated Expenses:

Retreat Expenses 3600.00

Youth Fishing Tournament 300.00

Miscellaneous 100.00

Anticipated Expenses Total: 4000.00

**Illinois Masters Men**

**Disaster Response Unit**

**2021 Annual Treasurer's Report**

**January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

Balance forward from December 31, 2020 16971.65

Income

Donations 2527.00

Total Income 2527.00

Expenses

IL Secretary of State 30.00

Total Expenses 30.00

Balance forward to January 1, 2022 19468.65

**Illinois Masters Men**

**Disaster Response Unit**

**Proposed budget for 2022**

Anticipated Income:

Donations 2100.00

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

A motions was made to receive the report and adopt the budget for 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried: The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the 2027 board position, motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect Bro. Shawn Mygatt to fill the 2027 position, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

### **Report # 11**

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

We the Business Committee recommend that the Resolution of Repentance Document be tabled and dealt with in tomorrow's business session. There was a second, Discussion: The document was read in its entirety and copies handed out to all present, the motion carried:

A motion was made to adjourn business for the evening, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried:

#### **FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION:**

The business session was opened up with a welcome and prayer as we continue reports.

### **Report # 12**

#### **BRIDGE BUILDERS FOR THE CROSS:**

Ross Bunton the Representative for BBC gave an information report about all the different areas of ministry that BBC has been involved in over the last year. Even with Covid restriction the ministry was able to operate in several areas. Acuna Mexico building a Christian school, also Vision of Love children's home in Mexico, continue distributing bibles, Medical supplies to India, and Shipping containers of Rice and beans to Cuba. He also gave a heart-felt thank you to the FWB of Illinois for their faithful support and helping these ministries take place and reminding us that God is remaining Faithful to our efforts. This report was given and accepted as information:



#### **State Board Report # 13** **Illinois Free Will Baptist Board of Missions** **2021 Annual Report** *Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists*



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. Your prayers and continued support are vital for these ministries.

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

- Assisted the Bridge Church with rent for their meeting space.
- Provided use of the IBM vehicle for missionaries on furlough in the United States.
- Purchased a new cordless microphone system for the Palabra de Vida Church in Church.
- Received regularly monthly rent checks from Pastor Ray Lee in the Joliet Church.

- Set up a Joliet Fund for rental checks to handle any upkeep that may arise in Joliet.
- Interviewed, Hired, and Moved Ed & Rachel Goode to pastor the Bridge Church in Champaign.
- Hired Tyler Penn as the Interim Pastor at the Bridge for 9 months & supplemented his account.
- Revised the I-GO Plan of support to include Ilian Perez, Darren Portell, and Joel Teague.
- Assisted Palabra de Vida church in Chicago with a festival put on by E-TEAM students.
- Sent a \$1,000 gift to Emily Petty, an intern raising support to go to Tokyo, Japan.
- Purchased a Keyboard for the Palabra de Vida Church for their Sunday services.
- Sent Christmas bonuses to all the Missionaries on our I-GO plan of support.
- Assisted Horatio Minjares and his Hispanic congregation in the Elgin area.

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

**Josh and Ashley Bennett** continue to build the Awaken Church in Tifton, Georgia. They have seen many new visitors and continue unique outreaches in their community.

**Rusty & Brenda Carney** - The Carneys have been leading the Kamifukuoka Church in Tokyo by preaching and teaching a group of ladies in the area.

**Adam & Rebecca Garrett** continue to minister at the Bridge Church in Champaign where Adam serves as a Executive Pastor and Rebecca leads the Children's Ministry.

**Ed & Rachel Goode** began their ministry as church planters at the Bridge Church in Champaign, IL. They have already spoken in area district meetings and attended a Boot Camp in Nashville. The Bridge Church is thriving under their leadership.

**Mark King** has been seeking a new area of ministry with ELI and may be going to a University setting in Morocco to teach.

**Sarah Malone** has been working from Illinois and contacting teachers online while serving ELIC.

**Horatio Minjares** has established an Hispanic congregation in Elgin and been ordained at Fox River.

**Tyler and Kellie Penn** continue to reach out to International Students at the University of Illinois with some restrictions lifted and have had large gatherings of students.

**Ilian Perez** has been working to build the Palabra de Vida Hispanic church in south Chicago. They are currently meeting in a portion of another church building on Sunday afternoons.

**Craig and Sarah Portell** are working in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia as the director for ELIC there and Sarah is teaching classes. They were able to visit their families in 2021.

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

**Dennis and Carol Teague** have been working with two churches as they are without pastors and they are also assisting Joel & Lydie in planting a new church in the area.

**Joel and Lydie Teague** are working in France to continue their outreach 'discussions' with many atheists who are seeking answers. They were able to have one J'Pense event in October. They are starting a new church with new believers in La Haie Fouassiere.

**Illinois Board of Missions  
Budget for 2022**

**INCOME**

I-GO Plan	\$ 75,000.00
Together Way Gifts	30,000.00
"The Bridge" Fund Gifts	10,000.00
Joliet Property Rent	18,000.00

Church Plant Fund	<u>2,000.0</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 135,000.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Missionary Accounts	\$ 90,000.00	
Missions Projects	24,000.00	
Missions Trips ( <i>Short Term</i> )	5,000.00	
Church Assistance	15,000.00	
Board Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 135,000.00</b>

Illinois Board of Missions – Ernie Lewis - David Potete - Jon Cannon - Phillip Kennedy Daniel Mann

## ILLINOIS BOARD OF MISSIONS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2021

Checkbook Balance **\$108,965.79**

Beginning Balance-General Fund **44,688.41**

#### Deposits:

Bridge Fund	\$10,057.96
Together Way	31,974.60
IGO Funds	75,795.25
Church Plant	2,450.00
General Fund	4,986.10
Joliet Fund	6,000.00
Rent Income	<u>12,000.00</u>
	<b>\$143,263.91</b>

**Total Income** **\$187,952.32**

#### Disbursements:

##### ELIC

Craig Portell	\$7,579.51
Mark King	7,579.53
Sarah Malone	7,579.52

##### North American Missions

Josh Bennett	8,493.22
Ilian Perez	3,985.59
The Bridge Church	9,015.26

##### International Missions

Dennis Teague	7,579.53
Shane Davison	7,579.53
Tyler Penn	8,579.53
Joel Teague	3,985.61
Emily Petty	1,000.00

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Darren Portell	<u>3,985.60</u>
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**Total Missions** **\$76,942.43**

#### Total Disbursements

**\$122,613.81**

**Ending Balance-General Fund**

**65,338.51**

**Checkbook Balance**

**\$150,217.77**

#### Other Expenses

Bank Charge	\$ 78.00
Board Expenses	18,969.41
Car Ins. & Lic.	1,030.85
Christmas Bonuses	2,300.00
Flowers	101.13
Postage	55.00
Dining	287.35
Pufalt Pauley Ins	747.76

Transfer to Joliet Fund	6,000.00
Transfer to Bridge Fund	10,057.96
Transfer to Church Plant	<u>6,043.92</u>

**\$ 45,671.38**

**Bridge Church Fund**

	\$23,963.34
State Assn.	10,057.63
Returned Check	<u>2,080.00</u>
	36,101.30
Rent	1,500.00
Expenses	<u>2,080.00</u>
Total	\$32,521.30

**Church Plant Fund**

	\$40,314.04
IGO	3,596.92
Designated Gifts	<u>2,450.00</u>
	46,357.96
<b>FWBNAM</b>	<u>0.00</u>
	\$46,357.96

**Joliet Fund**

\$6,000.00

**Franklin Investment** \$37,695.57  
+2,836.53  
 \$40,532.10

Bro. Ernie Lewis took time to recognize all missionaries with a power point presentation. He also invited missionaries present for meeting to give in person updates. The following missionaries were present. Bro Mark King, praying and waiting for clarity on where God would have him to minister for the future. Bro. Tyler Penn, gave update on working with International students at U of I. Bro. Ed Goode, reported about bridge church mission, and thanked Illinois FWB for support and welcome. Bro. Adam Garrett, reported about the Bridge Church and encouraged by Bro Ed coming as pastor. Bro. Horatio Minjares, Reported about the Hispanic work in Elgin and the excitement about what God is doing. Bro. Ilian Perez, reported on the Hispanic ministry in south Chicago Palabra de Vida Church. Sis. Sarah Malone, Gave us update on her working with ELIC doing a lot from home through zoom. Bro Daniel Mann, Church planter in Skokie IL.

A motions was made to receive the report and adopt the budget for 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried: The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the 2027 board position, motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect Bro. David Potete to fill the 2027 position, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

**National Agency Report # 14****INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

Tyler Penn gave FWBIM report thanking Illinois FWB for their faithfulness to the mission of God to reach all people of the world with the Gospel. This report was given and received as information.

**National Agency Report # 15****NORTH AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

Bro Brad Ransom with NAM reported on the Home Missions aspect of FWB. Gave some alarming reports about the need for Pastors and Church planters within our denomination. Please Pray that the Lord will continue to call young people and they will listen to Gods call. This report was given and received as information:

**State Board Report # 16****ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST****CAMP BOARD****Annual Report January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021****I. YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM AT CAMP HOPE**

1. Leadership Camp was held at the beginning of June. Johnny Hollis directed a camp to train 18 teens to work in Junior and Primary Camp.
2. Five weeks of youth camps were successfully held throughout the summer of 2021:



JUNIOR-SENIOR CAMP --- 46 Campers    FRESH-SOPH CAMP    --- 63 Campers  
 JUNIOR CAMP                    --- 83 Campers    PRIMARY CAMP                    --- 61 Campers  
 JUNIOR HIGH CAMP            --- 92 Campers

A total of 345 Campers registered for our Free Will Baptist camps. Several salvation decisions were recorded and many lives were challenged and changed.

## II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. Installed a **New Refrigerator** in the Apartment kitchen.
2. Replaced the Motor in the **Exhaust Fan** for the Gymnasium.
3. Renovated the **Dorm Walls & Ceilings** with shiplap wood like the gym.

## III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. The Camp Board hired Ryan Payne and Olivia Ryan as **S.A.M.** workers from Welch College.
2. The Camp Board **Received a \$20,000 Grant** from the F.W.B. Foundation for Projects.
3. The Camp Board set **Youth Camp Dates** for the **2022** Summer Season:
 

Leadership Camp - June 1-3	Junior-Senior Camp - June 5-10
Fresh-Soph Camp - June 12-17	Junior Camp - June 19-24
Primary Camp - June 26-30	Junior High Camp - July 3-8
4. The Camp Board approved a **Budget** for the 2022 calendar year:

### PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 24,000.00
Gifts for the Building Projects	20,000.00
Rentals	16,000.00
Youth Camp 2021 Income	<u>40,000.00</u>
	<b>+ \$ 100,000.00</b>

### PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 15,000.00
Maintenance and Supplies	20,000.00
Youth Camp 2021 Expenses	25,000.00
Building Projects	26,000.00
Manager's Compensation	6,000.00
S.A.M. Scholarships	<u>8,000.00</u>
	<b>- \$ 100,000.00</b>

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD

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

### **CAMP BOARD Financial Report**

**January 1 to December 31, 2021**

### GENERAL FUND

Balance	1/1/21	\$ 16,370.84
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### RECEIPTS:

State Association Co-op	\$ 11,419.49
Individual and Church Donations	12,651.08
Rentals    15,874.50	
Southeastern Electric Capital Credit	437.78
Youth Camp Income	39,886.85
Interest on Account	<u>17.05</u>

Total Received	+ \$ 80,286.75	
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Campground Utilities	\$ 11,771.97	
Maintenance and Supplies	15,718.44	
Insurance (Worker's Compensation)	524.25	
Campground Improvement Fund (10% Regs & Rent)	4,840.85	
Building Maintenance Fund (\$125/mo)	1,500.00	
S.A.M. Workers	6,200.00	
Youth Camp Expenses	25,529.20	
Manager's Compensation	5,700.00	
Total Disbursed	- \$ 71,784.71	
<b>BALANCE 12/31/21</b>		<b><u>\$ 24,872.88</u></b>

#### **Building Maintenance Fund**

Balance	1/1/21		\$ 3,218.88
Transfers from General Fund (\$125/mo)		\$ + 1500.00	
Interest on Account		+ 1.63	
Building Maintenance Replacement Costs		- \$ 1,075.96	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/21</b>		<b>\$ 3,644.55</b>

#### **Campground Improvement Fund**

Balance	1/1/21		\$ 15,267.86
Transfer from General Fund (10% Rent/10% Regis)+		\$ 4,840.85	
Gym Floor Painting Donation		2,500.00	
F.W.B. Foundation Grant		20,000.00	
Interest on Account		+ 14.17	Sub-Total \$ 42,622.88
Remodeling on Dormitories & Gym		- 8,506.38	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/21</b>		<b>\$ 34,116.50</b>

#### **Kitchen Cabinet Fund**

Balance	1/1/21		\$ 5,728.71
Interest on Account		+ 2.88	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/21</b>		<b>\$ 5,731.59</b>

#### **Camper Scholarship Fund**

Balance	1/1/21		\$ 917.82
Interest on Account		+ 0.48	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/21</b>		<b>\$ 918.30</b>

A motions was made to receive the report and adopt the budget for 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried: The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the 2027 board position, motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect Bro. Bryant Harris to fill the 2027 position, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

The moderator then declared a recess.

### **Moring Worship Service:**

#### **REV. ED GOODE: FAITH**

Bro. Tyler Penn presiding over the worship service opened us up in prayer and introduced our speaker. Jim Beaty led in worship through song, brother Ed Goode brought a message from Isaiah 8: 9-22 about Faith in the Christian life and the church. He challenged us to have faith in Gods presents and faith in Gods word as we continue to minister in 2022 to a world that needs Jesus and is searching for Him. Ended with a story about a twin engine plane and encouraged us to keep flying the plane with the two engines of faith in Gods presents and faith in Gods word powering our ministries.

A recess for lunch was declared and signified through an alter of prayer for our missionaries as we surrounded those present with the laying on of hands and asking God to lead and help us to reach the world.

## **Afternoon Business and Worship Service**

### **REV. PHILLIP KENNEDY: FORTITUDE**

After the session was opened, Bro. Jim Beaty Led us in worship through song, and bro Phillip Kennedy brought a message from Joshua 1:9; Acts 5; and Ephesians 6 on having courage (fortitude) to continue to live and serve in a real world with real problems it is hard, but we must have courage, and not fear. How can we do this? Only through the power of the Holy Spirit, that provides strength and boldness to overcome. Why do we need this? We are in a battle against a real enemy (Satan) who is on the attack. If we are going to stand up and have courage it will come through faith in God, faith in His power, and faith in His might.

### **State Report # 17**



## **FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

### **Report of the Illinois Women's Ministry to the Illinois State Association for Year 2021**

After a year of cancellations and postponed events, it was wonderful to have things scheduled and then see them actually take place! On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> the ladies were able to meet at Crossroads FWB Church in Effingham for a day of encouragement and worship together at our State Fellowship Meeting. We had the blessing of hearing from Judy Bailey during our main service and then heard from several missionaries during mini sessions later. Mark King, Kellie Penn, and Emily Petty shared about their ministries. Amy Johnson also told about her trip to Africa where she participated in the dedication of the Feminine Center in Bondoku. It's always so encouraging to hear, and see what God is doing around the world. And the awesome part is, we all have a role to play! Ladies brought items and gift cards for the Provision Closet.

The Loyal Workers District met on March 6, 2021 at Ina FWB with Sarah Malone being the guest speaker. Emily Petty gave a short testimony and shared that she is raising support to go to Japan for a two-year term in 2022. It was wonderful to be able to meet for fellowship and worship together. The Emily Malone District did not get to meet in 2021 but is planning for a fellowship in 2022.

In September the numbers were a little down, but the spirit was great at the IL WAC Ladies Retreat at Camp Hope. Diana Bryant was our guest speaker on September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> as she shared about Esther while focusing on the theme "For Such A Time As This." We must remember we are His workmanship. He made us because He has a plan for us. God's handprint and providence is woven throughout the book of Esther. The weather was perfect for a Friday night campfire following the evening service.

Our Ladies State Fellowship Meeting for this year will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Arnold View FWB Church from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Rachel Goode from the Bridge Church in Champaign will be our guest speaker. We are looking forward to meeting together and encourage all ladies to come join us!

To stay on track of having our retreats on the even years, we will be having our Ladies Retreat in September this year at Camp Hope on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Ladies, go ahead and schedule the -me off and be watching for more exciting details. Camp Hope is a special place and it's always enjoyable when we meet God there together.

On a national level the FWB Women's Ministry continues to provide many free resources available to everyone online. Be sure to visit [www.wnac.org](http://www.wnac.org) and [www.shinefwb.org](http://www.shinefwb.org). The Treasure Bible studies for 2022 focus on the theme "When God Intervenes." The in-person Flourish event is rescheduled and on track to happen this March 26<sup>th</sup> in Huntington, WV. The online seminars recorded when the in-person event got postponed are available online. These, along with the Shine video presentations, offer a great resource to host a ladies or girls day event with your local ladies. The Giving Tree is a new fundraising campaign to help strengthen our monthly dependable income.

God has, is, and will continue to use His daughters in Illinois and around the world to help minister to others and further His kingdom. We just need to ask and be willing to join Him. It's an awesome -me with many opportunities to serve together!

## ILLINOIS STATE FWB WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST TREASURER'S REPORT

**MAY 1, 2020 – APRIL 30, 2021**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE MAY 1, 2020 & APRIL 30, 2021

GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 462.91
FELLOWSHIP RETREAT.....	\$ 437.31
CAMP HOPE APT (MEMORY SIS. ELLAMAE HILTIBIDAL).....	\$ 93.66

THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF MONIES GIVEN TO NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS REPORTED AS BEING SENT DIRECT.

MISSIONS		WNAC	
S. DAVISON	\$ 120.00	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2635.00
J. TEAGUE	120.00	PRE-EASTER	540.00
M. KING	289.00	PRE-THANKSGIVING	480.00
M. PRICE	240.00	EMPHASIS MONTH	68.00
D. TEAGUE	120.00	PROVISION CLOSET	200.00
R. CARNEY	240.00		
E. PETTY	500.00	WELCH COLLEGE	\$ 240.00
D. PORTELL	200.00		
J. HA,PTON	120.00	CAMP HOPE	\$ 30.00
WMO	500.00		
INTERNATIONAL	975.00	IGO	\$ 2695.00

PREGNANCY CENTERS	\$ 460.00	RACHEL BRYANT (MISSIONS TRIP)	\$ 100.00
HOPE MINISTRIES	100.00	BRAS AFRICAN WOMEN	100.00
S-V CHRISTMAS	120.00	MAF MEMORIAL	50.00
GIVING TREE	100.00	AVANT	120.00
BULLETINS ST. MTG.	25.00	NURSING HOME (CLOTHES)	25.00
DOOR PRIZES	70.00	NURSING HOME (CRAFTS)	20.00
CHILDREN HOME	100.00	CHEER BOX (CARE GIVERS)	20.00
SALEM FOOD BARN	60.00	VALENTINE BOX (DAVISON'S)	400.00
STAMPS	38.00		

This report was given and received as information:

**National Agency Report # 18**  
**WOMAN NATIONALY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST:**

Sis. Amy Johnson gave a report from the WNAC about all the wonderful things the FWB ladies are doing. It is super exciting to see all the many things they do not only for missions but also to support the well being of the ladies of all ages within the denomination.

### **National Agency Report # 19**

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE:**

Bro Eddie Moody Executive Secretary brought a report about the direction of the denomination and all the different things that the office is trying to do to encourage the FWB people to remain Faithful. They are also doing things to encourage pastors and leaders of churches. This report was given and received as information.

### **National Agency Report # 20**

#### **BOARD OF RETIREMENT:**

Bro. Eddie Moody gave us greeting on behalf of the Board of Retirement. The board continues to do things as they seek God's direction as they invest for the future of those that entrust them with their retirement funds. This report was given and received as information.

### **State Board Report # 21**

#### **2021 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

##### **Annual Report 2021**

According to the constitution of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists (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."

In our attempts to fulfill this mission, the Christian Education Board sponsored its annual Christian Education seminar at the 2021 State Meeting at Hazel Dell. Pastor Daniel Edwards from Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Indiana delivered a seminar entitled "Welcome to the Wilderness" We also provided \$7,498.00 in scholarships to students at Welch College. Ministerial students received \$2,500 of these scholarships.

The presenter for the 2022 CE Seminar will be Doug Little, a beloved Free Will Baptist musician, worship leader, and songwriter from Nashville, Tenn. His presentation is entitled "Cultivating Vibrant Worship in Your Church" and will be of interest to every pastor, worship leader, and worshiper in our churches. Since the modified schedule of the state meeting includes a brief business session prior to the seminar, we expect good attendance at Calvary Church in Salem, March 17, 2022. The seminar will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. Looking toward next year, the CE Board hopes to announce the presenter for 2023 Christian Education seminar at this year's state meeting. Also this year to avoid minimum balance fees, we plan to shore up the ministerial scholarship account by transferring money from our general fund. We will be examining our funding formula to maximize scholarship grants without endangering principle in the long-term investment account (scholarship fund). We also hope to encourage to our state's pastors and church leaders in unexpected ways during this season of unprecedented challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

***The Christian Education Board*** Keith Fletcher, chairman, Ross Bunton, secretary, Ivan Ryan, treasurer, David Mishler, Gary Portell (term expiring 2022)

#### **CE Board Annual Financial Statement (01/01/21 – 12/31/21)**

##### **General Fund**

Beginning Balance	\$6,392.11
Income	
Co-op	\$3,425.85

Scholarship Redemptions	
CE Scholarship Fund	\$4,000.00
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	\$2,500.00
Expenses	
Board Expenses	\$60.00
C.E. Scholarships	\$4,998.00
Ministerial Scholarship	\$2,500.00
IFFWB Website Maintenance	\$500.00
Bank Fees and Memorial	\$160.00
Seminar Expense	\$400.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$7,699.96</u>

#### **Ministerial Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance	\$3,457.36
Coop income	\$1,038.87
Ministerial Scholarship	(2,500.00)
Ending Balance	<u>\$1,996.23</u>

#### **CE Board Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance	\$62,888.60
Redemption for C.E. Scholarships	\$(4,000.00)
Dividends Reinvested	\$1,048.04
Capital Gains	\$3,442.67
Gain/(Loss) On Investment	\$12,848.43
Ending Balance	<u>\$76,227.74</u>

#### **Proposed Budget for 2022**

##### Income:

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

##### Expenses:

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

A motions was made to receive the report and adopt the budget for 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried: The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the 2027 board position, motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect bro. Gary Portell to fill the 2027 position, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried:

### **National Agency Report # 22**

#### **RANDAL HOUSE:**

Bro. Derek Altom gave a report about the V3 conference, D6 conference, and all the things Randal House offers to churches to train people. This report was given and received as information.



## National Agency Report # 23

### WELCH COLLEGE:

Bro. Tim Owens brought greetings from Welch College. God is using Welch College to train young people to be leaders in churches and our world. Giving people a Christian worldview to see all of life through, and still training young men in the ministry. This report was given and received as information.

## Report # 24

### FINAL REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

A motion was made to remove from the table the Item (Resolution of Repentance) tabled on Thursday Evening, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

A motions was made that we send this document to the National Executive Office, 2<sup>nd</sup>,

**discussion:** Questions was raised for clarification about why the document was written, was it a target at someone, or some big sin problem that was going on in South Carolina (where doc originated). Brother Eddie Moody spoke to his knowledge of the doc. This was written in line with what was discussed at the Leadership Conference in Dec, and the Nehemiah Studies That the Executive Office has been encouraging the denomination to do. It is recognition of the decline of our denomination (and many other denominations) and declaration that we will search for Gods will and direction for the FWB denomination. After Discussion the motion was carried.

**Item #1:** We the business committee recommend the following Honorariums:

Treasurer	\$950
Clerk	\$750
Moderator	\$500
Assistant Moderator	\$300
Assistant Clerk	\$400

A motion was made to accept recommendation, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried:

**Item # 2:**

We recommend accepting the invitation of Ina FWB Church to host the 2023 Illinois State Association Meeting.

A motion was made to accept invitation, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried:

**Item #3:**

We recommend a rising vote of thanks to Calvary FWB church for hosting the 2022 State meeting and to bless them with an honorarium of \$800.

A motion was made to accept recommendation, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all in favor stood and gave a round of applause for the people of Calvary Church for their hospitality:

A motion was made to Send Mark king as a delegate to the National Association and to allow the Moderator to accept and appoint any other delegates as he becomes aware of them. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion was carried, and mark was issued a delegate card.

## Report # 25

### FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The following names were placed in nomination for each individual position and the floor was opened for nominations of each position, a motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect was given, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried to elect the following personnel to each position.

Moderator-	Curtis Smith	Elected
Asst. Moderator	Tyler Penn	Elected
Clerk	Jason Janus	Elected
Asst. Clerk	Harlen Johnson	Elected
Treasurer	Michael Johnston	Elected

The Moderator then appointed the following people to serve on:

2022-2023 Nomination Committee: Ross Bunton, Phillip Kennedy, and Keith Fletcher.

2023 Auditing Committee: Loren Taylor (chairman) Buffy Diefenbach, and Cody Alstat.

Motion was made to nominate David Shores to serve on the General Board of the National Association

## Report #26

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

There were 78 Total attendees at this the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists with the break down as follows:

Standing Delegates 36, Elected Delegates 10, Visitors 32

The Moderator presented a special Recognition for three of our Pastors who retired this year. We thank both God and them for their faithfulness to the Gospel ministry and to the State as they have been and will continue to be a vital part of FWB in Illinois. Rev. David Mishler who pastored at Bakerville FWB Church, Rev. John Hollis who pastored at Crossroads FWB Church, and Rev. David Shores who pastored at Mount Vernon First FWB Church Bro. David continues as Promotional Secretary of the Illinois FWB. The moderator then declared a recess and we were dismissed in prayer.

### FRIDAY EVENING BANQUETTE:

The Calvary Church hosted the banquet in the fellowship hall and it was catered. The moderator Bro. Curtis Smith spoke from Romans 7: 24-25 challenging us when life is tough, the struggles we face are real, and there are a lot of things to deal with. We need to remember to stay strong and know that God is with us and will provide for us.

The State then Recognized Bro Larry and Sis. Linda Cook as Larry has served 34 years as the clerk of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist. They received a plaque and a card with a gift in it. The Cooks will continue to live, and minister within the state. Brother Larry Gave a few remarks on how he has enjoyed serving and will continue to help where he is needed.

### FRIDAY EVENING BUISNESS SESSION:

Motion was made to Give all the Delegates the National Association Meeting of Free Will Baptist in Alabama \$100 to assist with expenses, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and motion carried.

## Report # 27

### OBITUARY REPORT

Bro Jason Janus presented the obituary report in a video that was created with pictures, and information on the following people represented in this report a Special thank you to Ross Bunton for assisting with this report:

#### DECEASED

##### EAST CENTRAL

Loren Conard- Blue Point  
Nancy Kay Cook- Calvary  
Judy Carol Donoho- Calvary  
James Burnell Fairfield- Crossroads  
Thelma Katherine Goetz-Decatur 1<sup>st</sup>  
Michael Ray Stephenson-Decatur 1<sup>st</sup>  
Audrey Nell Geddes- Decatur 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jerry L. Sechrest-Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
John Mark Bumpus- Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ronald E. Levitt-Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
Emmett L. Ellis Jr.-Mt. Vernon 1<sup>st</sup>  
Judy Kay Slamans-Ina  
Hugh Dale Fowler-New Hope  
Sharon Fowler-New Hope  
Bobby W. Reed-Nason

##### SOUTH CENTRAL

Bob Abercrombie- Alexander  
Thelma Smothers- Alexander  
Linda Eason-Arnold View  
Bruce Finley-Arnold View  
Deon Bennett- Arnold View  
Gale Mausey- Arnold View  
Anna Jane Sanders- Arnold View  
Reba Ritter- Johnston City  
Charles Shaw- Pittsburg

##### REND LAKE

Bill Jeter-Bakerville  
Jim Price-Bear Point  
David Zimmerman-Bear Point  
Donna Marie Harrison-Hazel Dell  
Brian Howard Lewis-Hazel Dell  
Linda Cockrum- Hazel Dell  
Bryon Gale "Barney" Beard-Ina  
Sammy L. Bourland-Ina  
Mary E. Pierce-Ina  
Linda Moore-Ina  
Frank J. Moore-Ina

Walter Freeman-Rescue  
Teddy Dale Landon Harmon-Rescue  
**NORTHERN ILLINOIS**  
None Reported

**METRO EAST**  
Joyce Portell- Connect  
Mike McClintock- Discovery  
Wanda Ogden- Peace

**FOX RIVER**  
None Reported

Motion to receive this report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried and Bro Mark Wells Led us in prayer thanking God for our Godly heritage and the faithfulness of those who have gone on before us. Asking for Gods guidance as we continue the work that so many have started for the Lord.

**Friday Evening Worship Service**  
**REV. ADAM BROWN: FEARLESSNESS**

The Calvary Church Worship team Leeding us in “River of Life” and “ At the Cross”. Bro David Shores Introduced Bro Adam Brown and Bro. Ivan Ryan opened us in prayer. The worship team then led us in “10 thousand reasons”, “Jesus” and “In Christ Alone”. Bro. Adam Brown shared a message out of Psalm 46 his favorite Psalm. We are all human and we have emotions and yes we are all fearful. Fear is something none of us are free from. In times when we need a comforting word Psalm 46 gives us comfort. Challenged us to answer the question what do you fear? We need to remember when fear comes God is V1 our refuge, V4 the Lord of Hosts, V7 Our fortress, V11 Refuge. God is our place of safety during times of trouble. Then it also tells us what God will Do. V5 God fights for us, Deuteronomy 23:14 tells us God walks in the midst of our camp and delivers us from our enemies. God is with us and he helps us, it’s the world that melts away at the name of Jesus. Then what should we do with this? The Scriptures provide us with the work of the Lords work throughout history. V10 says be still and know that I am the Lord! We need to worship in these times, How do we worship? We worship by the way we respond to trial and tribulations in our lives. There for V2 says DO NOT FEAR! Because of all these things we will not fear. He closed by challenging us with this question, are we going to submit to our fears admitting defeat, or will we trust in God, the Lord of Host, our shelter, and our fortress will we Continue to faithfully fight for what is right. Chose to confide in the Lord and praise Him for His goodness, faithfulness and protection. Bro Adam then prayed for our state churches and us as we minister for the Lord. The meeting was dismissed by the Worship team leading us in “River of Life”.

