

**REND LAKE PASTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, RESCUE CHURCH,
OCTOBER 1, 2008**

Bro. Bryant Harris, moderator of the newly named Rend Lake District of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists, prayed and welcomed pastors and church leaders from six churches to an informal gathering to discuss goals for the redistricted Rend Lake District. Those present were: Bro. Raymond Capps from the Waltonville church, Bro. Bob Drennan and Bro. Curtie Fowler from New Hope, Bro. Larry Cook from Bear Point, Bro. Brad Ryan from Ina, Sis. Doris Trout from Bakerville, David Shores, Illinois Promotional Secretary, Bro. Bryant Harris and Jane Harmon, district clerk, from Rescue.

The new district is a combination of the former South Central Quarterly Meeting, the East Central District and the West Central Districts. The requirements for membership are a letter of good standing from the former district or by a majority vote of the conference. (Constitution, Article IV)

Goals mentioned were that we strive to build stronger churches, see more souls saved and give spiritual support and fellowship to our sister churches in this district. It was suggested that because of the proximity of the churches in the district, a missionary conference would be feasible.

The next district meeting will be Oct. 18th at the Waltonville Church. The host pastor, Bro Capps will give a devotional, and Bro. Brad Ryan will preach the message. New officers and board members will be elected.

Bro. David Shores dismissed us in prayer.

Bro. Bryant Harris, moderator
Jane Harmon, clerk

REND LAKE DISTRICT, OCT. 18, 2008, WALTONVILLE CHURCH

On Oct. 18, 2008, the clerk, Jane Harmon, called the final meeting of the West Central Illinois District Association to order. The Business Committee recommended that Bro. Larry Cook be the temporary moderator today in the absence of Bro. Bryant Harris. A motion was made and voted upon to accept the recommendation.

Bro. Cook welcomed the folks and asked Bro. Mike Kuhner to begin the worship service. He led us in singing "Bind Us Together, Lord." Bro. Ross Bunton prayed for guidance in this service and the business session. Bro. Raymond Capps, pastor of Waltonville Church, spoke to us about eternity with Jesus using John 1 as reference.

The church reports were presented and the delegates seated. The Business Committee and the delegates from the entering churches, Bakerville, Ina and New Hope, left to meet and be examined for membership into this district. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report given and approved. Bro. Larry led in prayer before the break.

Following the return of the Business Committee and new church members the Business Committee gave the following report:

1. To remove the name change motion from the table.

2. The following offices be filled by:

Moderator: Bro. Brad Ryan

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Bryant Harris

Clerk: Jane Harmon

Treasurer: Bro. John Pratt

Credentials Comm.: Bro. Raymond Capps 2009

Bro. Johnny Hollis 2010

Bro. Larry Cook 2011

Business Comm.: Bro. Marion Wells 2009

Bro. Matt Lappin 2010

Bro. Ross Bunton 2011

3. The next meeting be held at Nason Church Jan. 17, 2009.

Motions were made and approved to accept the report.

1. Item 1 was removed from the table and motion was approved to change our name from West Central to Rend Lake District.
2. Motion was approved to receive Bakerville, Ina and New Hope into the body. Bro. Larry welcomed them and applause followed.
3. All the officer and committee nominations were voted upon and approved.
4. Nason's invitation was accepted.

Bro. Brad Ryan thanked the delegates for his appointment and assumed his duties by appointing Bro. Gene Outland to serve on the Credentials Comm. for today in Bro. Johnny Hollis' absence. The committee left to work.

The congregation sang "Open My Eyes" to begin the worship service. Regina Gudermuth, a young girl from Waltonville sang "Thank you, Lord, for your Blessings on Me." Bro. Brad Ryan preached to us from the Psalms about our Christian progress coinciding with "The Song of Degrees." Bro. Clifford Hicks, Bro. Marion Wells and Sis. Jeanne Culli gave testimonies followed by a chorus of "His Name is Wonderful."

The Credentials Comm. gave the following report:

1. We would recommend that the district wave the year's waiting period and Bro. Jamie Lee be issued Exhorter's License and begin his two year study course. We have recommended that he take the course of study available through Free Will Baptist Bible College. We would do what is necessary to make it available.

2. That we as a district approve the use of the study course from FWBBC.

Items 1 and 2 were approved by the body.

Bro. Brad thanked the Waltonville Church for its hospitality. Bro. Jamie Lee told us a little about himself. Bro. Tom Harmon prayed the dismissal prayer after the adjournment.

Temporary Moderator: Bro. Larry Cook

Clerk: Jane Harmon