

MINUTES OF THE ST. LOUIS DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING
WHEN CONVENED WITH THE GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
April 22, 1972

9:30 A.M. SERVICE

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Don Lombard.

Prayer by Bro. Herron.

The congregation led by Bro. Jerry Scott sang, "He Lives," "The Banner of the Cross", and "Where He Leads I'll Follow".

Prayer by Rev. Harry Asher.

Rev. Ralph Hasting gave a stirring devotion based on 1 Kings 19:13. He compared Elijah's accomplishments with that of the ministers of today. He told of a church with 9 ministers just waiting for the pastor to take a day off so they could preach. He pointed out that Elijah knew fear - He asked God to let him die. He went to sleep. He mentioned that many are asleep today.

He challenged us to double our number, whether small or large.

He stressed the ability of God to provide, by relating his own experiences of how God has provided for him and blessed him during the past year of his ministry.

He read an article telling the number of crimes committed by the youth of our nation. He used this to show the need of preaching the gospel, and bringing people to an altar of prayer.

Prayer by Rev. A.B. Brown.

Standing delegates were recognized and charged by the moderator. The Church letters were read and received, and the elected delegates seated by m/s/c.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Harry Asher Millard Sasser
Jerry Scott Jerry McDole
A.B. Brown

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE COM.

Danny Martin
Charles Herron
Rick Douglas

STATE PROMOTIONAL SECY.'S REPORT

Rev. Beatty gave us a joyful report concerning co-op. giving. Two-thirds of our year is gone and we have already received more than 2/3 of our quota. He gave the allocations of the co-op plan, and a hearty Amen was given to his report by the congregation.

A report was given by Bro. Hugh Cunningham concerning the work on our Boy's Cabin at Youth Camp, and the need for the money to be paid by the churches to cover the materials purchased in the name of the Q.M. for the purpose of enlarging the Boys' Cabin.

Various announcements were made and we were dismissed by prayer by Bro. Jerry Scott.

INTERMISSION

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

We were called together by congregational singing - "When we all get to Heaven" and "Love Lifted Me".

The morning message was given by Rev. Johnnie Land, who told us of a tremendous revival meeting he had preached in Wichita, in which 70 were saved and 40 rededicated. He accredited the success to the fact that for the church had been meeting daily for an early morning prayer for 20 years.

He spoke from Joel 1:12 pointing out the hardships that prevailed in the day of the prophet because they had failed to obey the Lord.

Lack of prayer has caused the land to be barren and the church to be silent, yet the church has the only answer to the dilemma that we are in. Jesus upbraided his disciples for their unbelief and hardness of heart.

The mission is not of our choosing -- our part is to accept.

The devil has sidetracked the church with substitutionary measures. He compared us to artificial flowers, etc., which look like the real thing but are not able to give out the satisfying aroma one expects from the real thing.

He pointed out that we are the salt of the earth, and that there is a difference between separation and isolation.

In the prophets day the wheat had fallen to the ground; joy and gladness had departed.

He stressed that the important thing is what we do with Christ when we're outside the Church. That's really what counts.

Paul tells us to sound the trumpet in Zion, but to make sure it's not one of uncertainty. Many churches are making an uncertain sound. The church bill board proclaims, "We believe the Bible", and right under it they announce the next worldly amusement.

If we lose our compassion, we're through as a church. The church of our day is a great sleeping giant. It needs a Holy Ghost revival. God is preparing a people, and Jesus is coming.

He closed with prayer.

We sang, "Amazing Grace". Eating arrangements were given by Rev. Rehkop.

Prayer by Rev. Ken. Goff.

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AFTERNOON SERVICE

Prayer by Rev. R.B. Spurgeon.

Congregation sang, "I know whom I Have Believed", and, "When I See The Blood." The offering was received, and prayer was prayed by Rev. Wally Price.

Bro. Lombard read an interesting recipe for planting a (spiritual) garden.

Devotion was given by Rev. Wally Price from 1 Sam. 4:17 presenting Israel in Spiritual adultery. As long as they believed in God, not in the ark, God had blessed. Eli had compromised and he reaped a people who compromised. They had confidence in their form of religion, but the spirit of God was not present.

This is a comparison of our day. Our ears have waxed hard; our hearts have turned cold. Now is the time to be heard; when our country commits spiritual adultery it will soon fall. Communism has set the year 1973 for the fall of our government.

We try to live sub-standard christian lives causing Paul, Peter, etc. to look like supermen to us. If something was wrong 15 years ago, it is still wrong today. Our methods may have changed but God's standards have not.

The job is clear cut, black & white, and in a language that we can understand in the word of God. The answer lies in the layety.

He closed with prayer.

Our Moderator called the afternoon session into order for the purpose of completing the business.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Elected delegates - 59, Standing delegates - 26, Visitors - 13, Total - 98.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1. We recommend that Bro. Butch Hanson be issued his third year's license to preach the gospel.

2. We the Business Committee would like to suggest that the St. Louis District Q.M. go on record as being opposed to the principle advocated in the article entitled "Note From a Loving Mother" on the Woman's Page of the April 1972 issue of the "Gem". (1 Cor. 11:14)

3. We recommend that each church in this Q.M. come to the aid of our Boys' Cabin at the Youth Camp. If each church cannot give \$100.00 then give what you can.

We would like to say "Thank You" to those churches which have given already as a result of the appeal at the last Q.M.

4. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for a job well done today, and to the mirning speaker for the morning message.

(The above report was adopted item by item and each item was duly accepted.)

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE REPORT

1. We recommend that the regular offering taken today be given for the support of Judy Hovis in her mission work this summer on the field of Panama. Accepted by m/s/c.

2. We recommend that since the first day of work at Youth Camp did not accomplish what was planned, that the Q.M. set a day as soon as possible. A date was set for May 12, & 13, and this item was duly carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. The Executive Board met with the Russell Blvd. Free Will Baptist Church on Feb. 20, 1972, 2:00 P.M. We examined the church as to her beliefs and practice and found the church to be in agreement with the faith and practice of Free Will Baptists. Therefore we recommend the Russell Blvd. Free Will Baptist Church be received into full fellowship of the St. Louis District Free Will Baptist Q.M.

(This item was accepted by M/s/c. All the members of the Russell Blvd. F.W. B. Church were asked to stand. The Moderator asked the Pastor, Rev. Ralph Hasting Sr. to come to the altar, and all the pastors were asked to come and pray for him and his church. Prayer by Rev. Clarence Burton.)

2. In compliance with the Southside Church and having examined Roy Pearson, we recommend that he be received into full fellowship of the St. Louis District Q.M. as an ordained minister. (Carried by m/s/c.)

3. In compliance with the request of the Berkeley Church and after examining Sonny Williams we recommend that he be given his first year's license to preach the Gospel. (Accepted by m/s/c, and the cards were issued.)

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

X COORDINATOR

1. That this publication be published monthly- no later than the 10th of each Mo.

2. That all items for pub. be submitted no later than the 1st. of the Mo.

3. That items submitted for publication be of such as to be of interest to the entire conf. - primarily items of coming events of which all would be interested in.

4. That the editor be granted full editorial priviledges, (to pub. only items he deems to be of interest to the entire conf. and to correct errors of grammar etc. in such items.)

5. That each church select one news correspondent who would be sole agent of representation of that local church.
6. That the editor be responsible for furnishing each church of the conf. with a minimum of 5 copies of each publication.
7. That cost of publication incl. establishment of P.O. Box) be reimbursed to the editor monthly by the St. Louis District Conf.
8. That A.B. Brown be designated as editor for the coming year.
(M/s/c that we rec. the entire report.)

The amount of offering received was announced (\$31.05)

The next Q.M. will be held with the O'Fallon Church.

Various announcements were given before the dismissal prayer.

MINISTERS OF OUR Q.M.

BERKELEY	Clarence Burton (pastor) 8914 Springdale, Berkeley, 63134 - Ja 2 9996
	Steve Burton (licensed) same as above
	Terry Coleman (licensed)
	Danny Martin (ordained)
	Sonny Williams (licensed)
	Wally Price (licensed) 5004 Murdock, 63109 - 832 0993
BETHEL	A.B. Brown (pastor) P.O. Box 43 - Rt. 2, Festus
BIBLE	H.T. Dann (pastor) 3731 A. McDonald, 63116 - 771 5743
FAITH	Floyd Arnold (pastor) 156 W. Arlee, Lemay, Mo. 63125 - 544 2245
	Duaine Hanson (licensed)
FOURTH	Millard Sasser (pastor) 8517 Palmetto, (city) - 638 3328
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	Delmar Welker (licensed)
GRACE	Glenn Rehkop (pastor) 2258 Tenbrook Rd. Arnold, 63010 - At 7 4883
	Pinkney Askren (ordained) R.R. 1 Box 215E, Arnold 63010, 467 5008
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MERAMEC HEIGHTS	Allen Helms (pastor) Rt. 1 Box 222, High Ridge 63049-376 5678
O'FALLON	Donald Lombard (pastor) 716 Sandy Lane, O'Fallon - 272 5927
	Hugh Stogsdill (ordained) 404 Prince David, O'Fallon
	Rick Douglas (licensed) 416 West Ridge, O'Fallon - 272 3771
OVERLAND	Harry Asher (pastor) 9917 Dennison, Overland, 63114 - Ha 9 6752
	Ray Andereck (licensed) 12245 Bennington, Bridgeton, 63044-845 8212
RICHWOODS	
SOUTHSIDE	Loy Smith (ordained) 7904 Michigan 63116 - Fl 2 5892
	Harry Beatty (ordained)
	Henry Murray (ordained) 10518 Spring Garden Dr. 63137-867 3189
	Jim Ward (licensed)
	Roy Pearson (ordained)
RUSSELL	Ralph Hasting, Sr. (pastor)
TRINITY	Russell Spurgeon (pastor) 3824 Mid View, Bridgeton, 63044-Th 5 2834
	Earl Young (ordained)

STATISTICAL REPORT

	BIBLE	FAITH	FOURTH	GRACE
Church Mem-res.	31	100	134	214
Non-res.		5		6
Mem. rec'd Prof.	2.	11	2	11
Faith Letter		2		4
Mem. dism. Letter			5	
Exc. Dec.		1		
S.S. Enrol	27	150	166	303
Ave	13	100	135	208
Cts. Enrol.		79	105	60
Ave.		50	57	50
W.A. Enrol		8	19	16
Ave.		8	11	12
M.M. Enrol		10		
Ave.		10		
P.M. Ave.		50	70	
Ord. Min.	1	2	2	2
Lic. Min.		1		1
Ord. Deac.		1	3	6
Evang. wk.				\$125.00
Bldg. & rep.		\$997.97	\$2,325.00	900.26
Lit.	\$50.04	157.20	272.13	486.72
Coop.			676.20	904.71
For. Msn.	12.70		452.71	244.88
Home Msn.			91.00	30.00
Edu.		128.75		
Orph.				
Superan.				
Assoc. proj.				
St. & Natl. Proj.		110.00	100.00	
Val. Ch. Prop.	\$17,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$135,000.00
Parsonage fees	\$7.00	7.00	7.00	20,000.00
				7.00
	RICHWOODS	SOUTH SIDE		
Res. Mem.	22	150		
Non-res.	20	150		
Mem. rec. prof.				
letter		4		
faith				
Mem. dism. letter				
exc.				
dec.				
S.S. Enrol	38	138		
Ave.	35	113		
CTS Enrol	22	50		
Ave.	15	43		
W.A. Enrol		11		
Ave.		9		
P.M. Ave.	12	50		
Ord. Min.	1	4		
Lic. Min.		1		
Ord. Deac.	3	1		
Evang. Wk.	\$165.40			
Bldg. & Rep.	139.44			
Lit.	33.00	\$227.61		
Coop.	159.21	589.64		
For. Msn.	5.00	669.00		
Home Msn.	5.00	88.00		
Orph.	13.21			
St. Home Msn.		15.00		
Val. Ch. Prop.	\$12,000.00	\$125,000.00		
Parsonage		15,000.00		
Fees	7.00	7.00		