

May 16, 1970

West Central Quarterly meeting was called into conference at 9:30 A.M. Congregation sang "Higher Ground". Prayer by Bro. Loyd Crain. Then another congregational number "The Lillies of the Valley".

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the Clerk.

The reading of the Church letters, and the delegates were seated.

Devotions were given by Bro. Leslie Logsdon, from John 4. "The Spirit of truth & love" as the key thought.

The moderator filled the following committees:

Business Comm. - Sis. Geraldine Lewis, Bro. Johnnie Holmes, and Leslie Logsdon.

Examining Comm. - Bro. James Walker, Loyd Crain, and James Gite.

Credentials Comm. - Lester Lewis, Art Norris, and Ed. Cagle.

Closing Resolutions Comm. - Sis. Violet Crain, Alta Owens, and Thelma Webb.

Pulpit Comm. - Sis. Paris Leek, Dorothy Hamilton, and Berthy Parrish.

Feb. 21, 1970 - 9:30 A.M.

The West Central Quarterly was convened at the Bear Point F.W.B. Church.

Services opened by the Congregation singing three numbers. Leading on the Everlasting Arms, a million years from now, and sweeping thru the Gate.

Devotions were given by Bro. Art Harris. The scripture used was Luke 10:30-37. The thought was "Who is my Neighbor?"

The church letters were read and the delegates were seated.

The minutes of the Nov. Quarterly were read and approved.

Bro. Lester Lewis gave a report of the treasury. Motion sustained to receive the report.

Bro. Smith, of the Sunday School Department, Nashville, spoke about the work and progress of the department, one thing of great importance that he pointed out was that the Board remains firm in holding to Bible teaching. He also pointed out that there is a Teacher Training Program available to any church.

Committees were appointed by the moderator.

Pulpit Comm. - Bros. Randall Steelman, Art Norris, and Sis. Doris Leek.

Business Comm. - Bros. Melvin Oathout, Lesley Laydon, and Lester Lewis.

Resolutions Comm.

Examining Board -

The congregation was called together around the altar to have prayer for John Hollis' physical condition.

The morning worship service began by congregational singing. Then Bro. Bill Buster led in prayer. Beverly Buster sang a solo, "On the Sunny Banks."

Bro. Nick Hollis preached from (the Bible) Romans 13:11-13. The subject was, "Let us Awake". (It's not too late!) Then we were dismissed for the noon hour.

The afternoon worship opened by congregational singing. The message by Bro. Jim Walker, intitled "Passion for Souls", was a very soul searching message for all who make up the Church. After this the conference was called to order again to do business.

Report of Business Committee was received and acted on item by item.

Item 1. We recommend that the \$15.00 given to the host Church be donated to the College Loan Fund after today's meal expense is paid. This item was accepted by the body.

" 2. We recommend that an offering in this service for the College Loan Fund.

" 3. We recommend that this quarterly meeting give \$25.00 from the treasury to the College Loan Fund.

4. We recommend that the host Church of each Quarterly Meeting be responsible for the Friday evening service.

Signed
 Bro. Melvin Oathout
 " Lesley Loyedon
 " Lester Lewis.

Report of Pulpit Committee was received and accepted:-

We recommend that Bro Wayne Meade preach the morning message and Bro Larry Bryant the afternoon message when the Quarterly convenes with the Harmony Church (W. City) in May.

Signed
 Bro. Randall Steelman
 " Art Harris
 Sis Doris Leek.

Bro. Cran Kirsh was nominated and elected by acclamation as Moderator for the May session. And Bro Jimmie Hick was elected assistant moderator. Quarterly was dismissed (the earliest in history). Clerk: C. Buster

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Motion sustained to give the moderator power to appoint the delegates to the Canaan District meeting.

Motion sustained ~~to~~ avoid action by the Quarterly meeting of May 22, 1965 item 3 of the Business Committee report which reads "that any person elected to the Examining Board have a minimum of eight years ordination"

Dismissed by Bro. Walker for recess.

The 11:00 o'clock worship began by congregational singing. Then special numbers by a young ~~man~~ ^{girl} ~~and~~ which was very good.

Also a special by Emogene Reed, "He touched me."

Bro. Clifford Hicks preached a good sermon reading from 2 Chron. 9.

Services resumed at 1:30 PM by Congregation singing "Nearer to Thee", and "This is my story" (Never tell it) message by Bro. Larry Bryant.

Report of Examining Board:-

We recommend the following:-

- of what. 1. That Larry Bryant be ordained as a minister.
2. " Archie Wright " " " " "

Lloyd Crain
Jim Walker
James Fite.

Report of Business Commi:-

We recommend that if any Church of our Conference has a Bible Bowl, Tic-tac-toe, Sword Drill, or Reclamation team or contestant, they should notify the Host Church so that time may be given for these games during the Friday night service and that each pastor encourage their Church to organize these Teams.

Signed:

Lesley Logsdon

Johnie Holmes

Beauline Lewis

Report of Pulpit Commi:-

We choose the following to preach at the next Quarterly when convened at the Nasson Church.

The morning service - Bro. Loyd Crain,
the afternoon " " James Hicks.

Signed

Sorothy Hamilton, Paris Leek, and Sorthy Parrish.

Resolutions Commi:-

We recommend a standing vote of appreciation to the Harmony W.C. Church for their gracious hospitality and delicious dinner.

Violet Crain, Alta Owens, Thelma Webb,

Credentials Commi:-

We have examined the yearly report of the following ministers and recommend that the Carson District Association issue ministers Cards to each one.

Ordained; Clifford Hicks, Geraldine Lewis, Jemima Hicks, Cletus Reed, Archie Wright, Larry Bryant, Lesley Logsdon, Clay Myers, Johnnie Holmes, James Walker, Loyd Cram, and James Pite.

Licensed;
Nicklos Hollis.

Report of Treasurer;

Bal. on hand 2-21-70	\$24.02
Dues received from 9 churches	145.00
Free will offering	<u>28.04</u>
total	\$97.06

Paid out 2-21-70	61.78
Student Loan College Fund	\$61.78
Bar Point Church for supplies	<u>" 6.26</u>
total paid out	\$68.04

Bal. in account 5-16-70	\$29.02
Ministers Fund	13.11

Report accepted as read.

Lester Lewis
motion sustained to publish a list of the persons appointed as delegates to the Canadian District in the News Letter.

Bro. James Walker was elected as moderator for the next quarterly and Bro. James Hicks as assistant.

~~Motion~~ Request;

I request that we do not ordain a minister unless he is in work that requires ordination papers.

I ask that the moderator take such action

James Walker.

last motion
should be heard

After considerable discussion
request was withdrawn.

Motion sustained to conduct an ordain-
ation service for Bro Archie Wright
and Larry Bryant.

The Charge was presented by Bro. Logsdon.
The Bible was presented by Bro. Jim Gile,
and the ordination Prayer was given
by Bro. Loyd Crain.

~~Bro. Logsdon~~ Motion sustained for the Clerk to
search the minutes of past quarters
as to whether or not there has been
action by the Quarterly superseding
the giving of written examinations to
ministerial students before ordination.
Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer.

Clerk: C. Buster

August 22, 1970

West Central Quarterly meeting was opened by congregational singing. Followed by Bro. Logsdon leading in prayer, then another congregational number.

Due to the absence of the moderator and assistant the business session was called to order by the Clerk, who entertained a motion that the body elect a moderator. Motion was sustained to elect a moderator. Bro. C. Hicks was nominated and elected.

The congregation sang "There'll be shouting!"

devotions were given by Bro. O'Neil, pastor of Bear Point, reading from 2 Cor. 2:18-11.

Minutes of May quarterly were read and approved.

Church letters were read and the delegates seated.

Committees were appointed or filled as required.

Bro. Reed dismissed by prayer for the eleven o'clock recess.

The eleven o'clock worship began with the choir singing "Where He Leads Me."

The moderator received a partial report of the Pulpit Comm., in order to fill the pulpit for the afternoon worship service.

The Pulpit Comm., selects Bro. Knott for the afternoon message. Keith Beckham, Art Harris, Wesley Canner

This report was received & adopted.
 another song by congregation, "I'm going
 that way."

Bro. Lloyd Crain preached a very good
 message, using the subject, "Master
 Deceiver." Text from Jer. 17:9.

Services were dismissed for the
 noon hour, and the table blessing
 asked by Bro. C. Hicks. S.
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 B.

after noon services were resumed by
 singing, "When I see the Blood,"
 motion was made & sustained to elect
 an assistant moderator to act as
 moderator for the afternoon session
 Bro. L. Crain was nominated and
 Elected.

Report of the business Committee
 was received and acted on item
 by item.

1. We recommend that a sufficient
 number of "Study Course Books" be
 purchased and made available to
 ministerial students.

This item was adopted.

2. We recommend that Article XI, Item
 3 of the By-Laws be amended to read
 as follows: "must successfully com-
 plete a study course approved by the
 quarterly meeting, of not less than
 two years after being given ~~exam-~~
~~Exhorters~~ License, such course to be
 divided into four equal or near
 equal periods. Said courses to be pre-
 scribed by the West Central Quarterly
 meeting of J. W. B., a written examina-
 tion to be given after each term
 of the study course."

3. We recommend that Article III of the Constitution of the West Central Ill. F. W. B. Quarterly Meeting be amended as follows:-

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B. Maynard
"nominees for office must be ~~chosen~~ present at the quarterly meeting that is in session at the time of election."

(Items two and three were received and tabled until the next quarterly meeting in accordance with Article XIV of the Constitution)

Examining Board report;
motion sustained to receive report and act on items by item.

1. We recommend that Rev. Melvin Knott be granted credentials of ordination and a card of good standing from the State of Illinois. This request being presented to the Executive Board.
2. We recommend that Rev. James O'Sell be granted credentials of ordination and a card of good standing from the State of Illinois. This request being presented to the Executive Board.
3. We recommend that Rev. Cletis Reed, having been licensed for three yrs., be ordained at his pleasure.

James Fite
Leroy Bryant
Leoline Severn

motion was sustained to adopt this report.

Pulpit Comm. report:
 We choose Bro. O'Neil for the morning
 service and Bro. James ^{Hicks} for the after-
 noon at the next quarterly.

Keith Beckham
 Art. Norris
 Wesley Corner.

Report was received and adopted.
 Report of the Resolution Comm:-
 We wish to thank the host Church
 for the food and wonderful hospitality
 shown here to-day.

Irene Beckham
 Thelma Webb.
 Ruth Wells.

Nominations were declared in order
 for a moderator and Bro F. Crain
 was elected by acclamation.
 Bro. Melvin Knott and Clifford
 Hicks were nominated for assist-
 ant moderator.

Bro. Melvin Knott was elected.

Treasurer's report was given and received	
Bal. on hand May 16, 1970	\$ 29.02
received of nine Churches	135.00
total	164.02

Paid out:

May 16, 1970 - Harmony, W. City.	\$ 15.00
June 1, 1970 - Cannan District	90.00
total	105.00

Bal. Aug. 22, 1970	—	—	\$ 59.02
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Bal. in minister's fund	—	—	\$ 13.11
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Motion sustained to adjourn.

(report forms)

Clerk: C. Buster

Nov. 20, 1970
West Central Quarterly Convened
at the Rescue F.W.B. Church at
7:30 P.M.

Nov. 21, 1971,
The Saturday session began by
the congregation singing,
"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder",
and "Kneel at the Cross."

The moderator, Bro. Melvin Knott,
read the Free Will Baptist Covenant.
The minutes of the last quarterly
were read and approved.

The Church letters were read, and
approved, and the delegates
were seated.

The moderator appointed committees
and filled vacancies on standing
committees.

Nominating Comm. - Paul Conner, Larry
Bryant, and Everett Beaty.

Business Comm. - "Lesley Logsdon",
Art Norris, and Lester Lewis.

Pulpit Comm. - Sela Shrum, A.C.
Wells, and James Buster.

Resolutions Comm. - Nancy Mikolonis,
Marjie Beaty, and Arcada Prior.

Auditing Comm. - Flo. Norris, Anna
Marie Hicks, and Frank Young.

The Missouri State Missionary
appointee,
gave the morning devotions
reading Eccles. 9:10 and 1 Cor. 10:31
The morning session was recessed
by prayer.

The 11:00 o'clock worship began by congregation singing. Prayer by Bro. Knott. Bro. James O'Sell preached a very good message.

afternoon worship service began by congregation singing, "When We all Get to Heaven", and "At the Cross". Bro. Logsdon lead in prayer. Bro. Jim Hicks preached a very good message using Luke 19: 45-50 as a text, and entitled Religious Thieves.

Page 194. The recommendation to amend Article XI, Item 3 of the By-Laws which was tabled at the previous quarterly was brought to the floor by the moderator and adopted. The recommendation to amend Article III of the Constitution was brought to the floor, discussed and sent back to the Business Committee to re-word.

Report of Auditing Comm. - We find the treasurer's books in perfect order. (adopted) (Flo. Norris, Anna Marie Hicks, Frank Young.)

Report of resolutions Comm. - We want to thank the host Church for the very nice noon meal. Signed: Nancy McKelvie, Maggie Beatty, Arcada Price (adopted) Report of Pulpit Comm. - We recommend the following: Bro. Lesley Logsdon for the morning message and Bro. Melvin Knott for the afternoon message. Signed: A.C. Wells, Jim Buster, and Iela Skrum.

moderator) The moderator opened the floor for nominations for the next quarterly. Bro. James Hicks was nominated and elected by acclamation. Bro. Everett Beatty was nominated for ~~and~~ assistant and elected by acclamation.

" Nominating Committee report:- We recommend that these men be retained.

Business Comm. - Bro. Lesley Logsdon
Examining Board - Bro. James Hicks,
Clerk - Bro. C. Buster,
Treasurer - Bro. Lester Lewis,
Signed:- Everett Beatty, Paul Conners,
Larry Bryant. ~~the~~

This report was received and all nominees were elected.

Business Comm. report:-

1. We recommend that, "the Free Will Baptist Covenant be read at each quarterly meeting"
2. We recommend that fifty dollars (\$50.00) be given to the Ill. State Home Mission Board and fifty dollars, (\$50.00) to student loans from the W. Central Quarterly Treasury, and that an offering be taken today to provide funds for these gifts.

Items 1 & 2 were received and adopted.

3. We recommend that articles III, VI, VII of the Constitution of the West Central Illinois F. W. B. Quarterly meeting be amended as follows: "Nominees for all the offices of the Quarterly must be present at the Quarterly meeting that is in session at the time of election." Signed:-
Lesley Logsdon, Lester Lewis,
art novis,

Item 3 was received and tabled in accordance to Article XX of the Constitution until the next quarterly

Motion was made and sustained to delegate the Examining Board to keep and issue the Study Course Books. And to keep the examination papers for ministerial students. Said Books & papers were delivered to the Examining Board at the last quarterly which was held at the Rescue F. W. B. Church by the Clerk.

(read)

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Motion made and sustained to elect Bro. Everett Beatty for the remainder of Bro. Floyd Hartley's term on the Examining Board.

Motion sustained to adjourn and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Melvin Knott.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance Aug. 22, 1971	\$ 59.02
Received of King Churches	45.00
Larry Bryant paid for	
Study Course Book.	4.00
<u>total</u>	<u>\$ 108.02</u>

Paid to Nason Church	15.00
Balance Nov. 21, 1970	\$ 93.02

Lester Lewis

Clerk: C. Buster

1. Registration
2. Memorial
3. Credentials
4. Business
5. Nominating
6. Delegates?

June 5, 1970
7:30 P.M.

The Canaan District meeting opened with congregational singing.

The conference was welcomed by the Pastor, Bro. James Summerson.

Rev. Clifford Hicks preached the evening message.

Saturday morning, 9:30 A.M.

June 6, 1970

Services began by congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Where He Leads Me I will Follow".

Prayer by Bro. Byford Campbell.
Devotion was given by Bro. Joe Wallis - Rev. 21. Subject - "Signs of the times."

Motioned sustained to omit the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Reading of the Letters.

The delegates of the Salem Church were added by action of the body and the delegates of all the Churches were seated.

The Decatur Church had the

only Tic-tac-toe and Bible Bowl entries. no Contest.

A very good declamation was given by Miss Ruth Pritchett. Title, "Are the Heathen Lost"

Motion sustained to omit the reading of the minutes of the Canton District meeting of 1969,

The Moderator appointed the following committees:-

1. Business Committee:- Bros. George Waggoner, Wallace Malone, and James Walker.
2. Memorial Committee:- Bros. Art Norris, Art Collins, and Sis. Grace Bruce.
3. Nominating Committee:- Bros. Clifford Hicks, Luther Hudson, and John Hiltibidal,
4. Registration Committee:- Siss. Thelma Webb, Chesta Clamper, and Violet Crain.
5. Credentials Committee:- Bros. Ronald Malone, James Summerson, and Byford Campbell.

Motion sustained to give Miss Pritchett special commendation for her reading by congregation standing.

A recess was called and Bro. Lloyd Crain dismissed with prayer.

Morning worship began by Congregation singing "Glory to His Name."
Bro. Les Elliott lead in prayer.

another congregational number,
"Love Lifted Me".

Special numbers were given by
Mrs. Kay Penn. and Ronnie Malone.

Rev. Wm. Mischler preached, using
a passage from Zech. 4. using
the title, Scholarship, Specialization,
and Showmanship. The Three S's,

Dismissed with prayer for the noon
hour.

Afternoon services resumed by
congregation singing, "Lending out
the Everlasting Arms!"

Prayer by Bro. Art. Navies.

Special numbers were given by
the youth choir of the host Church.

Report of the nominating Committee.

We, the nominating Committee recom-
mend the following.

Moderator: - Bro. James Summerson

Assistant: - " Lyod Crain

Clerk: - Clarence Buster.

Treasurer: - Bro. John Hiltibidal

Trustees for 3 yrs. - Bro. Millard Lee.

Program:

West Central -

East " -

North " -

James Walker

James Beatty

H. D. Cockrum.

Signed Clifford Hicks

John Hiltibidal

Luther Hudson

Motioned sustained to accept this report.
 Motion sustained to elect each
 nominee.

Report of Business Committee:-

We, the business Comm. recom-
 mends the following:-

1. The treasurer be authorized to pay expenses of the Canaan District meeting. (Phone calls, printing minutes and programs, and other necessary expenses.
2. Pay the clerk the sum of \$22.50
 Pay the treasurer \$7.50. and pay the speakers \$25.00 each.
3. That our Churches and, or members write letters supporting our National Department Heads. and recommend the State association take like action.

Signed:-

Bros. James Walker

" Wallace Malone

" George Waggoner

The report was accepted and each item carried by vote of body.

Report of the Registration Committee:-

Forty-seven visitors registered. ^{23 delegates}

Signed: Sis's Chesta Clampt, Thelma Webb, Violet Crain

Report of Memorial Committee,

We, the memorial committee, submit the names of those who have gone on to their reward, and request that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

Bros. Joe Harrison

" Albert Lukehart Bros. John Culli

" ~~Eliza Cockrum~~

" Grover Shaw.

" Eliza Connor

" John Tidwell

" Randall Thomas

" Alof Cockrum

" Stanton Jones.

" Lee Kepple

" Dewie Mayberry

Sis's Amelia Cockrum

" Melissa Wilson

" Ora Spann

" Bertie Lee Spann

" Lillie Woodland.

" Sylvia Haberstick

Report of Credentials Committee:-

W^{re}, the Credentials Committee recommends the following ordained ministers for cards of good standing.

1	Rev. Carlos Brownen	Rev. Joe Payne
2	" Charles W. Martin	" George Cippo
3	" Don Hanna	" Melvin Oathout
4	" W. N. Martin	" Tom Skinner
5	" James Summerson	" Byford Campbell
6	" Joseph R. Wallis	" James Fite
7	" Wallace Malone	" Geraldine Lewis
8	" James Beatty	" Clifford Hicks
9	" John Hiltibidal	" James Hicks
10	" Larry Shaw	" Archie Wright
11	" Howard Plota	" Larry D. Bryant
12	" George Waggoner	" Leslie Logsdon
13	" Albert Bays	" Cloy Meyers
14	" Loyd Crain	" John Holmes
15	" Salem Warren	" James Walker
16	" David Shores	" Luther Hudson

Licensed ministers

1.	Rev. Clottis Reed	Rev. Norman Clem
2.	" Nicklos Hollis	" James Goodwin
3.	" Donald Johnson	" Meredith Willard
4.	" Ella May Hiltibidal	

Signed;

Byford Campbell

R. W. Malone

John Summerson

Motion sustained to receive this report.

Report of Treasurer:-

Balance on hand June 1, 1969 \$5.15

Receipts:

Bethel Church	10.00
E. Central Quarterly	90.00
Nason Church	10.00
N. Central Quarterly	50.00
W. Central	70.00

Total receipts -- 230.00

total to be accounted for \$235.15

Disbursements:-

David Shores	\$22.50
Jim Summerson -	17.50
Illinois State Assoc. -	115.00
Printing	2.50
Treasurer -	7.50
Bank charge	.87
Total - -	165.87

Total receipts: 235.15

" disbursements - 165.87

Balance 69.28

Motion sustained to receive this report.
 Motion sustained to empower
 moderator to appoint the delegates to
 the Illinois State Association.

E. Central Quarterly

Mt. Vernon 1st,	- Ethel Connor
Bakerville	- Linda Skinner
Bell River	- Geraldine Oathout
Pleasant View	- Ella Mae Hittibidal
Salem	- Grace Bruce
Oak Valley	- Mazie Rutgar
Blue Point	- Pat Shores
Friendship	- John Shores
Hoits Addition	- Grace Mathis

North Central Quarterly:

Peoria	-	-	Mrs Joe Wallis
Green Rock	-	-	Naimon Conner
Moline	-	-	Robert Robinson
Rockford	-	-	Gene Downen
Decatur	-	-	Art Collins.

W. Central Quarterly:

Hazel Dell	-	-	Donna Harrison
Waltonville	-	-	Ruby Wick
Harmony W.C.	-	-	Art Norris
Nason	-	-	Beulah Cagle
Rock Springs	-	-	Ruby King.
Rescue	-	-	Bill Methroe
Bethel	-	-	Adolph Grey
Granite City	-	-	Clair Stringer
Bear Point	-	-	Chesta Clamper.

Motion sustained to adjourn and
dismissed by prayer.

Clarence Buster
Clerk.