

Feb. 20, 1971

The W. Central Quarterly convened at 9:30 A.M.

Services opened by Congregational singing.

Prayer by Bro. Connor,

Devotions were given by Bro. Everett Beatty reading from Eph. 4:1-14.

Minutes of the Nov. session were read.

Motion sustained to rescind the action of the Nov. session electing Bro. Beatty to the Examining Board as it was found there was not any vacancy.

Minutes accepted as corrected.

The Church letters were read and accepted.

The moderator filled two vacancies on the examining board.

The moderator appointed a Closing Resolutions Committee, and a Pulpit Committee.

After a congregational song we were recessed by prayer for the 11:00 O'clock worship service.

The 11:00 O'clock worship began by singing "He whispers Sweet Peace to Me", and "Anywhere is Home".

Prayer by Bro. Lewis.

Solo by Bro. Reed. "He Touched Me."

Bro. Logsdon preached on the subject "All Power" reading from Math 28:16-20.

Dismissed for the noon hour by Prayer and blessing of the dinner.

The afternoon worship began by singing "It is Joy Unspeakable". Bro. Knott preached using the subject of Paul's Charge to Timothy, "Preach the Word". Scriptures read were Jonah 3:1, 2. Mark 2:2-20. Luke 4:1, 2.

Resolution Comm. report: - We, the resolution committee, wish to thank the host church for their hospitality, and for the good dinner.

Doris Leek

Grace Bailey

Ruby Cannon

This report was accepted.

Pulpit Comm. report: - Sis. Geraldine Lewis for the morning worship, and Bro. Jimmy Hicks for the afternoon, at Rock Spring Church.

Everett Pearce

Lester Lewis

Paul Conner.

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Item 3 of the Business Comm. report of the Nov. session of the W. Central Quarterly was taken off the table and adopted.

Examining Board report: - We recommended that Nick Hollis be ordained at his convenience as a minister of the Gospel.

Item 2.

We recommend that John Hollis be issued first year exhorter's license.

Jim Walker

Clifford Hicks

Everette Beatty

This report was received and acted on item by item.

Both items were adopted.  
 Report of Business Committee - We recommended that the conference decide if they desire the recommendation presented at the Nov., 1970 conference, namely, (that the covenant be read at each session) be made a constitutional amendment, or be read upon request.

2. We recommended that a free will offering be received at this conference and at the May conference for the purpose of having new constitutions & By-laws printed.

G. Lewis

S. Logsdon

Betty Maynard

This report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. Motion was sustained to read the church covenant at the quarterly only when requested.

Item 2. was adopted and offering was taken.

Treasurer's report was received and approved as read.

Moderator received nominations for moderator and assistant moderator for the next quarterly.

Bro. Everett Beatty, James Walker, Lesley Logsdon were nominated.

Bro. ~~Walker~~ was elected.

Bro. Logsdon was elected by acclamation for assistant.

The Bible College was represented by David Mathews. Stirring testimonies were given by visiting students John and Nick Holliver.

Clerk: C. Buster

May 21, 1971 - Friday evening.  
7:30 P.M.  
Moderator, Bro. Jim Walker called the quarterly to order and the services opened with the congregation singing.

Prayer by Bro. Archie Wright.  
Beverly Baster sang a solo and Mrs. Mrs. Dempsey Tucker sang a duet.

The devotion was given by Bro. Jim Walker reading from Psalms 66.

Bethel Church had the only Bible Bowl, Sward Drill, and the De La teams present.

Motion sustained to send each of these teams to the Canaan District meeting.

Dorinda Tucker of the Washington Park Mission gave a declamation. She was also voted to represent the West Central Quarterly at the Canaan District meeting.

The services was dismissed with prayer.

May 22-71 - 9:30 A.M.

Service convened by the congregation singing, "At Calvary", and, "I'll not be a stranger there."

Welcome was given by the moderator. Devotion was given by Bro. Johnnie Holmes, using Math. 5:14 as his text.

The minutes of the Feb. session of the W. Central Quarterly were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

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| Balance Feb. 2, '71         | \$ 3.02  |
| Received of nine Churches   | 45.00    |
| Free will offering received | 29.54    |
| Total                       | \$ 77.56 |

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| Paid out.                 |          |
| Watsonville F.W.B. Church | \$ 15.00 |

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| Balance May 22, 1971 | \$ 62.56 |
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Sister Lewis  
treasurer.

The church letters were read and accepted, and the delegates seated.

The moderator appointed replacements to elected committees, and filled other committees.

Business Comm.

Bro. Leslie Logsdon, elected member.

" Everett Beatey, appointed "

" Melvin Knott, "

Credentials Comm: Bro. James O'Neill, Bro. Neal Story, and Bro. Clay Meyers,

Resolutions Comm: Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Norris, and Mrs. Bettis.

Pulpit Comm: Bro's, Frank Young, Art Norris, and Randall Steelman.  
Recessed by prayer by Bro. James O'Neill.

The 11:00 o'clock worship began with congregational singing. Solos were rendered by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Schum.

Mrs. Miley gave an account of their life and work on the mission field in Africa.

A motion to take an offering for the Miley family was sustained.

We were dismissed for dinner.

Services resumed at 1:15 P.M. with congregational singing.

Bros. O'Shell and Walker gave an urgent and inspiring appeal to churches and pastors to become more active in their support of mission endeavors.

Sis. Geraldine Lewis preached from Psalms 139:1-14 and Jer. 17:9 using the text, "The heart is deceitfully above ~~wicked~~ all things, and desperately wicked: Who can know it?"

Reports of Committee's:-

Resolutions:- We want to thank the host church for the warm welcome and the wonderful meal that was served, and we suggest a standing vote of thanks.

Signed: Ebenezer Goswell, Flo. Norris and Agnes Bettis.

Pulpit:- We have selected Bro. Everett Beatty for the morning service and Bro. Hudson for the afternoon.

Signed:- Frank Young at Norris, and Randall Steelman Credentials:-

We have examined the yearly ministerial reports and have found them to be in order.

Signed:- James O'Shell, Cloy Myers, and Neal Story.

Business:-

item 1.

We recommend that article IV be altered to read: "When any officer absents himself for two consecutive quarterly meetings, unless sick and unable to attend the office."

By J. Davis

becomes vacant;

2. Recommend we as a quarterly give 20% of Church dues to be divided 10% to foreign missions and 10% to State Home Missions,

Signed; - Everett Beatty, Leslie Logsdon, Melvin Knott

Motion was sustained to receive and act on this report item by item. Both items were adopted.

Bro. Everett Beatty was elected for moderator and Bro. Logsdon as assistant for the next quarterly.

This session of the W. Central Quarterly was adjourned and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ed. Bain

Clarence Buster  
Clerk.

Amendments to the Constitution and  
By-Laws.

→ Item 3, P-199, 202

" 1, P-206,

→ " 2, P-194, 198

August 19, 1971.

Friday 7:30 P.M. Bear Point Church

Service opened with congregation singing  
then prayer followed by two more  
songs.

The Bethel Youth Choir sang three  
numbers.

Bro. James O'Rell gave the devotion  
reading from I Peter.

Bethel was the only church repre-  
sented with a sword drill, Tic-Tac-  
Toe, and Bible Bowl teams. Mrs.  
Sharon Auguid explained the sword  
drill rules and gave a demonstration  
with the sword drill team. Team  
members were David Malone, Mike  
Malone & Terry Miller.

The closing song was #184, and  
dismissed with prayer.

August 20, 1971  
9:30 A.M.

Bro. Logsdon, as moderator, call the West Central Illinois F. W. B. Quarterly meeting to order and opened the services by leading in prayer, followed by congregational singing. Then Bro. Bill Buster lead in prayer. Devotions were given by Bro. Knott reading verses 19, 20, 21, 24 of the twentieth chapter of John.

Then the reading of the Church letter (Hazel Dell)

Motion was made & sustained to disperse with the reading of the remaining Church letters at this quarterly meeting and seat the delegates that were duly elected by their respective Churches.

The moderator then appointed the various committees.

1. Business - Bro's. Maynard, Knott, & Pierce.
2. Examining - Bro's Fite, Walker, and J. Hicks.
3. Pulpit - Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Norris, & Bro. J. Lewis.

The treasurer's report was given.

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| Bal. May 22, '71          | \$ 62.56      |
| Received of nine Churches | 135.00        |
| Free will offering        | 57.26         |
| total                     | <u>254.82</u> |

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| Paid out; - May 22 - L. Miley | \$ 57.26      |
| Canaan District               | 90.00         |
| Foreign Missions              | 4.50          |
| All State Home Missions       | 4.50          |
| Rock Spring Church            | 15.00         |
| total                         | <u>171.26</u> |

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83.56

Signed: Lester Lewis

Partial report of pulpit Comm:—  
 Bro. Luther Hudson at 11:00 A.M.,  
 Bro. Jimmie Hicks this afternoon.

Signed Lester Lewis.

Aracata Prior, & Bro. Norris

The congregation sang and Bro. Bill Buster lead in prayer.

Bro. Gene Norris gave a report of his work as Promotional Secretary.

The 11:00 A.M. worship opened by moderator all to the altar for prayer. Then Bro. Sunny Wenning sang a solo. The theme of the message was, "The sorrow of God's people". The service was dismissed for the noon hour and the blessing asked by Bro. J. Walker.

1:15 P.M.

Worship began by prayer and congregational singing. S. Wenning sang, "Pearly White City". Then a period of testimonies and duet by Bro. & Sister Hudson. The message was from Psalms 8 and Isaiah 38:1-8.

Resolutions Comm. report:— We thank the Bear Point Church for the beautiful dinner and fine hospitality.

Signed: Betty Williams, Elva Bamfield & R. Grobb.  
 Report accepted.

Examining board report:— We have examined Marvin Reese and found we must go by Article 12, Section 5, of our Constitution this states: He must be a member of a Free Will Baptist Church, which is a member of the State Association, for not less than one year, then proper request must come from his Church (The three Jim's.) Bros. J. Walker, J. Pite, & J. Hicks.

Motion was made to take Item 1, of Business Comm. report to the May session of the West Central All Quarterly from the table. Motion was sustained to make ~~to~~ this alteration to article XV of the By-Laws as recommended in Item 1. of said report. (Page 206)

Motion was made & sustained to appoint a committee of three (3) men to write the alterations to Constitution and By-Laws so that new Books of the Constitution & By-Laws can be printed.

Bros. James Walker, Bill Buster, and Clarence Buster were appointed. Motion was made & sustained to give Bro. Wenning fifty dollars from the treasury and take a love offering. Bro. Wenning gave his personal testimony.

Final report of Pulpit Comm. For the next quarterly morning service Bro. Logsdon, Bro. Knott in the afternoon.

Signed; L. Lewis, Acadia Prison, & Bro. Norris, nominations <sup>for moderators</sup> were declared in order for the next quarterly.

Bro. James O'Shell was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Bro. B. Buster was elected assistant by acclamation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bro. J. Hicks and session dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wenning.

Clarence Buster  
Clerk.

(Nov. 19, 1971)

Friday 7:30 P.M. - Bethel Church

The congregation sang two songs.

Devotions were given on the theme of revival. Psms: 138-7 & 51: 11, 12,

demonstrative contests were given by the Bethel Tic-tac-toe, Bible Bowl, and Sword Drill teams competing with teams chosen from the congregation.

Servants were dismissed by prayer

Nov. 20, 1971 - Sat. 9:35 AM.

Moderator - Bro. James O. Bell.

The Saturday session of the W. Central Quarterly opened by Congregation singing, "Stand Up for Jesus?" followed by prayer.

Devotions were given by Larry Bryant. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thes. 2:3 prophecy of the end time, falling away of the saints, and the son of perdition being revealed.

The Church letters were read and the delegates were seated.

The minutes of the last quarterly were read and approved as read.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

The moderator appointed the necessary replacements on the ~~the~~ elected Committees and appointed the other necessary committees.

Bro. Jabe Norris, the Promotional Secretary gave a report of the state work.

The amendments, and/or alterations which have been approved during various sessions of the quarterly in the past ~~papers~~ <sup>minutes</sup> entered in the form in which they were written by the Committee to be entered in a new Book of the Constitution & By-Laws. This rewriting of the Constitution & By-Laws was approved by the body.

The quarterly was recessed with prayer by Bro. Bill Buster.

Dec. 11: 10 o'clock worship began with congregational singing followed by a solo by Ronald Malone.

Bro. Leslie Logsdon preached on the subject, the "Doctrine of Christ", reading from 2 John.

The morning session was dismissed and the blessing asked on the noon meal.

1:15 P.M.

Afternoon services began with congregational singing followed by a solo by Beverly Buster.

Bro. Melvin Knott preached on the theme of "Revival" Reading Psms. 138-7 and Psm. 51-11, 12.

Resolution: We want to thank the host Church for a very fine dinner. We know there was a lot of work in preparing the dinner, and we appreciate it very much.  
Signed: Mrs. Sharon Duguid, Mrs. Margie Beatty, and Mrs. Betty Pierce.

Auditing: We find the treasurer's books in good order and wish to express our thanks to him.  
Signed: Art Harris, David Webb, and William ~~Stewart~~ Stewart.

**Pulpit:** We recommend that Bro. Bill Buster preach the 11:00 o'clock service and Bro. Jimmy Hicks the after-noon service.  
Signed: Perry Bryant, Everett Beatty, David Mathew.

**Examining:** We received correspondence from John Hollis, who is a student at our Bible College in Nashville. We find he is still active in the ministry. Signed: Jim Walker, Jim Hicks, and Jerry Wilderman.

**Business:**

**Item 1:** We recommend that qualifications for officers of the Examining Board be established before our new Constitution & By-Laws are written.

Motion was sustained to receive this recommendation for discussion.

A motion was sustained to amend recommendation. (The amendment was to empower the moderator to appoint a Committee of three to present a list of qualifications.)

Bro. B. Buster, James Walker, and Lesley Logsdon were appointed.

**Item 1** ~~was also adopted~~  
**Item 2:** We recommend that we send an invitation to our sister Church, Oak Grove, to send a delegation and application for admittance to this quarterly.  
This item was received and adopted.

**Nominating:** We recommend the following:  
moderator - Bro. Bill Buster - elected;  
treasurer - Lester Lewis - He has moved out of this quarterly so he couldn't serve. Bertis Maynard was nominated from the floor and elected.

**Clerk:** Clarence Buster or Jim Hicks.  
Bro. Hicks declined. Buster re-elected.

**Business:** Art Harris elected by acclamation.

Examining; — Keith Beckham.

Bill Buster was nominated from the floor and elected. Signed; — Luther Hudson, Greg Rogland, and Everett Pierce. Bro. Lesley Logsdon was nominated for assistant moderator and elected by acclamation.

We, the Committee on qualifications for officers of the examining board recommend that; —

1. They be ordained ministers.
2. They at least read the books used in the reading circle,
3. That, in the absence of one member of the board at a quarterly meeting, that the two members who are present go ahead with the examination.

Signed; — Wm. Buster, Jim Walker, & Lesley Logsdon.

This report was received and adopted by the body.

Whereas, this report of the qualifications Comm. constitutes an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution it must be placed on the table until the next quarterly meeting according to article XII of the Constitution.

meeting was adjourned  
with Prayer.  
Clerk: C. H. Buster

June 4, 1971

Friday 7:00 P.M.

Services started at 7:30 P.M. with Congregational singing and prayer. The moderator, Bro. James Summerson, welcomed all to the Canaan District Meeting of 1971. Bro. Melvin Knott preached the opening sermon.

Sat. - June 5, 1971 - 9:30 A.M.

The morning session began by Congregation singing, "Since Jesus Came unto My Heart."

The devotion was given by Bro. Loyd Crain reading from Acts 26. The three Quarterly Letters were read and approved as read, and the delegates were seated.

The moderator, Bro. Jim Summerson, then appointed the necessary committees.

1. The business committee: - Bro's. H. O. Cockrum, Melvin Knott, and James Walker.
2. Registration: - Sis's Flo. Norris, Dorothy Hamilton, and Golda Henry.
3. Memorial: - Sis's Daris Leek, Guberna Paynes, and Mary Sudduth.
4. Nominating: - Bro's. James O'Dell, Everett Beatty, and Wayne Meade.
5. Credentials: - Bro's. Wallace Malone, George Waggoner, and Loyd Crain.

A declamation was given by Donna Tucker from the Washington Park Mission. There wasn't any contestant so she was given first place and will represent the Canaan District at the State Association.

Pleasant View, Decatur, and Bethel had teams in the Tic-Tac-Toe Contest. Pleasant View won first place and will represent the Canaan District in the All-State Association. Bethel was second.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Knott for a five minute recess.

Resumed worship service by Congregation singing "His Way with Me".

Prayer by Bro. Cockrum.

Bro. O'Sell preached, using Prov: 29:18 as a text, "Where there is no vision the People perish".

We were dismissed for dinner by Bro. Cockrum.

The afternoon services began at 1:20 P.M. with Congregation singing "Where He Leads Me".

The Bible Bowl Contest was won by the Decatur team, and the Sward Drill was won by Kimmie Chester from Bethel.

Report of Registration Comm: - There were fourteen churches represented, eighteen ministers, five deacons, sixteen delegates. a total of one hundred sixteen registered.

Signed: - Miss. Phyllis Dorothy Hamilton, and Gola Henry.

Report of Memorial Comm: - We ask the Congregation to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased and then Bro. Wallace Malone to lead in prayer.

Signed: - Lois Leek, Zulena Payne, and Mary Sudduth.

### Report of Credentials Comm; -

We recommend the following ministers for cards of good standing: - Leslie Elliott, Larry N. Shaw, James C. Beatty, George W. Waggoner, Thomas A. Skinner, Larry C. Cook, John W. Hittibidal, Ella Mae Hittibidal, David Shores, George Capps, Byford T. Campbell, Melvin Oatthout, Howard Glotta, Helen Warren, Norman H. Clem, James T. Goodwin, Wayne Meade, Jr., James Summerson, Carlos R. Downer, William N. Martin, Charles W. Martin, Wallace Malone. We do not recommend Ed. A. Wheeler because he is not licensed or ordained.

Signed: - George Waggoner  
Loyd Crain, and Wallace Malone.

Motion by Bro. Knott to accept report sustained.

Motion by Bro. Walker to allow those retired ministers who hadn't sent in reports to send them to the Executive Board before the State association. Motion carried.

### Report of the Nominating Comm; We recommend the following: -

Moderator: - Bro. Wallace Malone

Assistant: - " James Walker

Clerk: - Clarence Buster

Treasurer - Bro. John Hittibidal

Trustee for three years: - Bro. James Walker

" for unexpired term (2 yrs) H. D. Cockrum.

### Program Comm; -

West Central - Bro. Melvin Knott.

East " - " David Shores.

North " - " James Summerson

C. T. S. Director Bro. James O'Neil.

Signed: - Bros. James O'Neil,  
 Everett Beatty, Wayne Meade, Jr.,  
 Business Comm'n: - We recommend that  
 we elect a C.T.S. director for the Canaan  
 District. The nomination to be made  
 by the nominating Committee.

1. His duties to be:

A. Promote C.T.S. through the Canaan  
 District.

B. To be in charge of competition at the  
 quarterly and the District level.

C. That he be paid five cents (.05) per  
 mile for travel to quarterly and Dis-  
 trict C.T.S. contest.

2. The district meeting have either the  
 Tic-Tac-Toe or Bible Bowl Competition  
 done with the rest of the Friday even-  
 ing program.

Signed: - Bros. H. D. Cockrum,  
 Melvin Knott, and Jim Walker.

Motion made and seconded to give  
 the minister who preaches at the  
 Canaan District meeting each year  
 twenty five (\$25.00) dollars. Motion  
 was defeated.

Treasurer's report: -

Received 6-6-71: -

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| West Central Quarterly: - - | \$90.00 |
| East " " - -                | 90.00   |
| North " " - -               | 50.00   |

total receipts - \$230.00

Disbursements

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| For preaching services - 6-6-70 | \$25.00 |
| " " " " - 6-6-70                | 25.00   |
| District Clerk - - 6-6-70       | 22.50   |
| Treasurer - - 6-6-70            | 7.50    |
| All. State Association          | 115.00  |

Printing Programs - 6-2-71 - \$26.86  
Bank charge - 1.40  
Kitchen supplies - 6-5-71 - 9.25  
total disbursements - \$232.51

Balance in treasury - 6-5-71 - \$78.93  
Adjourned and dismissed in prayer  
by Bro. Wayne Meade, Jr.  
Clerk  
Clarence Buster