

Feb. 18, 1972

Friday - 7:30 P.M.,

Services began with a prayer by Bro. James Walker, followed by congregational singing.

A sword drill contest was given by Bethel.

A testimonial service was conducted by Bro. John Wells and followed with prayer by Bro. Logsdon.

Bro. Leon Reese brought the message from Rom. 12.

The service was adjourned with prayer at the altar.

Fellowship and refreshments were served in the annex.

Feb. 19, 1972 9:30 A.M.

The Saturday session of the W. Central Quarterly began with devotion from Phil 4:11-17 by Bro. Bill Buster.

Bro. Leslie Logsdon, assistant moderator, brought the conference to order.

Bro. James Walker was elected clerk, Protem, in the absence of the clerk.

Then the congregation sang two numbers followed with prayer by Bro. Logsdon.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion was sustained to receive as read. The Church letters were read and the delegates seated.

Oak Grove Church sent a delegation to and written request to to be received as a member of the West Central All-Quarterly meeting.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed. They were Bro. Gene Morris, the State Promotional Secretary, and the Oak Grove Church delegation.

- The moderator appointed committees;
1. Pulpit - Mr. May Hudson, Janice Putrell, art norris.
 2. Memorial - Mrs. Eddie Hollis, Thelma Webb, Arthur Webb.
 3. Resolution - Mrs. Flo. Harris, Mr. Tom Harmon, Mrs. Jane Harmon.

Business Comm. had one replacement Bro. Keith Beckham.

Bro. Gene Harris, State Promotional Sec., gave a report of the state work and was commended for a fine job being done on the News Letter.

Pulpit Comm. made partial report. They selected Bro. Oathout to preach after noon in the place of Bro. Bill Buster who was sick.

Recessed with prayer by Mrs. Eddie Hollis. The morning worship service began with singing. Then a prayer service at the altar followed with special singing by the Tucker family. Bro. Jimmie Hicks preached after reading from Titus 2.

The dismissal prayer and blessing on the noon meal was by Bro. Bill Buster. Amendment to Article IV of the Constitution was taken from the table and motion was sustained to adopt this amendment.

Report of Committees:

Business: - We recommend that we welcome the Oak Grove Church back into the West Central Ill. quarterly with thankful hearts and a hand shake.

Signed: art norris

Keith Beckham

Leslie ~~W.~~ Logsdon,

The Business Comm. report was received and adopted, and the Oak Grove Church was received into the W. Central Quarterly with a handshake.

Examining Bd.

1. Having questioned Guy Tucker concerning his calling to the ministry, we recommend that he be placed on the one year waiting period ^{was} accordance with Article II, section 2. (6006. Oak St. - Marquette, 62258)
2. Having received a letter from John Hallie, who is a student at B. W. B. College, we recommend that he be given his second year license.

Signed: James Walker, Jim Hicks,
Wm. Burtel.

This report was adopted and Bro. Guy Tucker was given a hand of fellowship. Memorial!:-

We recommend we have a moment of silent prayer followed by prayer by Bro. Keith Beckham, in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters.
Signed: Arthur Webb, Thelma Webb, Eddie Hallie.

~~Rep.~~ Report adopted as suggested.
Pulpit. - We recommend Bro. Jim Walker for the morning service and Bro. Leon Reese for the afternoon at the next quarterly.

Signed: Art Norris, Mary Hudson,
Janice Putrell.

Report adopted.

Resolution: - We wish to thank the host Church for the delicious meal. We appreciate the planning and preparation involved to make it so fine.

Jane Harmon
Tom Harmon
Flo. Norris,

motion made and sustained to print new Books of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Bill Buster was elected moderator of next session by acclamation.

Bro. Melvin Patholt was elected assistant moderator by acclamation

~~The~~ Treasurer's report was received and accepted.

11-20-71

minister's fund	\$ 13.11
Balance on hand	12.71
Received of nine Churches	45.00
Total	<u>70.82</u>

offering was taken for foreign missions.

Session was adjourned with prayer by Bro. Perry Bryant.

Clerk: C. H. Buster

Sat., May 20, 1972

Service began by Congregation singing, "Count Your Blessings", and "At Calvary".

Bro. Clay Meyers gave the devotion reading Heb. 11.

Bro. Logsdon lead in prayer. Then the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The church letters were read. Motion was sustained to accept letters, grant request, and seat the delegates. The request were:-

We of the Harmony Church request that our pastor meet with the Examining Board.

First M.W.B. of Granite City request that Bro. Leon Reese be examined for ordination by this Quarterly.

The moderator, then, appointed the committee's:-

1. Pulpit; Marie Bunton, Melvin Hodge, and Frank Young.
2. Auditing; - ? Was done in Nov. session.
3. ~~Nominating~~ Resolutions; - Myeta Presley, Gale Johnson, and Arcada Pridch.
4. Memorial; Mrs. Ruby Wicks, Mrs. Mary Hudson.
5. Examining Board; James Walker, James Hicks, and Bill Buster.
6. Business; - Art Norris, Lesley Logsdon, and Melvin Oathout.
7. Credentials; - Art Norris, Lesley Logsdon, and Melvin Oathout.

Business session was recessed for ten minutes before the Morning worship.

Worship service began with congregational singing.

Bro. James Walker preached on the theme of "growing in Grace & Knowledge."

Then we were dismissed for the noon hour.

Worship resumed at 1:15 P.M. with singing and prayer by Bro. Clay Meyers.

Bro. Marvin Reese brought the message from Acts 3: -

Assistant moderator was empowered to appoint delegates to the Canaan District.

1. Bear Point: - Marie Bunton, Thelma Webb, and Nina Gilliam.
2. Nason: - Bonnie Allen, Beulah Cagle, and Ruby Conner.
3. Granite City: - Kristi Schrum, Rose Daniel, and Vera Ramsey.
4. Rescue: - Frank Young, Agnes Beattie, and Wm. Beattie.
5. Harmony, W. C.: - Sherry Wheeler, ^{Ronda} Mayberry, and Maude Rice.
6. Oak Grove: - Beulah Hicks, Leida Dawson, and Myrtle Presley.
7. Rock Spring: - Bob White, Brenda White, and Dean Scholtz.
8. Bethel: - Ron Malone, Gale Miller, & Melvin Hodge.
9. Waltonville: - Betty Pierce, Ruby Wicks, and Grace Willard.
10. Flo. Harris, Etta Logsdon, and Mrs. James O'Dell.

Motion sustained for Bro. Marvin L. Reese to meet with examining board of the next session of West Central quarterly.

Report of Committee,

1. Pulpit; We have selected Bro. James O'Dell for the morning service, and Bro. Eddie Wheeler for the afternoon service.

Signed: Marie Bunton, Melvin Hodge, & Frank Young.

2. Memorial.

We have the following deceased; Sis. Anna Whittington, and Bro. Alfred Pilson, both of Rescue. We would like for each one to stand in silent prayer, then Bro. Jimmie Hicks to lead in prayer.

Signed: Mrs. Ruby Wicks
Mrs. Mary Hudson.

3. Resolution; We wish to thank the Harmony, W. C. Church for their hospitality and for the delicious meal.

4. Business;

1. We recommend that we allow the Oak Grove Church to use their May quarterly letter as their yearly letter, also.
2. Serving as the Credentials Comm.:
We recommend that we accept the reports of all the ministers as follows;

1. Rev. James Gite*	11. Rev. John S. Hudson
2. " " O'Dell	12. Rev. Larry D. Bryant.
3. " " M. Walker, Jr.	13. Wm. Buster,
4. " " Hicks	Licensed
5. " Cletis Reed	1. Bro. John D. Hallis
6. " Clay Meyers	2. " Edward A. Wheeler.
7. " Johnnie Holmes	Signed:
8. " Clifford Hicks	Art Norris
9. " Archie L. Wright	Lesley Logsdon
10. " Lesley L. Logsdon	Melvin Oathout

all these committee reports were received and accepted.

Examining Board's

1. We have examined Bro. Eddie Wheeler and find he was to come before us at the next quarterly for his six months examination.
2. We have examined Bro. Marvin Reese and find that he hasn't been a member of a Free Will Baptist church for the required one year period until the next quarterly.
3. We recommend prayerful consideration of not issuing ordination credentials until said person has a specific need for ordination. Also pray that God would lead us to use the right guidelines rules.

Signed: Jim Walker, Jim Hicks, & Bill Buster

motion sustained to receive and it was accepted as read.

James O'Neil and James Walker were nominated for moderator of next quarterly. James Walker was elected. James O'Neil was nominated as assistant moderator.

motion was sustained to cease nominations and elect by acclamation
motion to adjourn.

Clerk.

C. H. Buster

August 20, 1972
 At the Tabernacle at Benton, Ill.
 9:30 A.M.

The West Central Quarterly was called to order by the moderator, Bro. James Walker.

Devotions were given by Bro. Robert Helmes.

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

The Church letters were read and accepted and the delegates seated.

The various Committees were filled, then the session was recessed for the morning worship hour. Bro. James O'Neil preached.

We were then dismissed for the noon hour and the blessing on the dinner asked by Bro. C. Hicks.

Services resumed at 1:15 P.M. with congregational singing, and prayer by Bro. Leslie Logsdon. Randy Steelman played a piano solo.

Then Bro. Edward Wheeler preached on the formula for Revival, 2nd Chron. 7:14.

Resolutions Committee report:

We wish to thank the Hazel Dell Church for the fine meal. It was very much appreciated.

Signed: Reba Harris, Betty Pierce, Bertha Hutton

Pulpit Comm. report:

We recommend the following for the speakers at the next quarterly.

Morning service: Bro. Robert Helms

Afternoon service: Bro. Gene Harris,

Signed: Marie Burton, signed

August, & Ben Skelly.

Examining Board:

We have examined Bro. Edward Wheeler and found him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be granted Exhorters license.

Wm Buster & Jim Walker.

These reports were received and accepted.

Business Comm. report:

We suggest that this item be brought before the quarterly meeting.

Signed: Art Harris, Melvin Bethout, & Leslie Logsdon.

This report was received and discussed.

The moderator was then empowered to appoint a committee to study same, and bring back before the next quarterly.

I would like the Business Comm. to consider electing the moderator and assist-ant yearly in order to plan better from quarter to quarter. This would require a constitutional change.

My idea would be for the assist-ant to ~~conduct~~ the Friday evening services organized and enthusiastic.

Randall Steelman

Bro. Johnie Holms was elected moderator and Bro. Clay Myers his assistant.

Session adjourned with prayer.

Clerk: C. Buster

11-19-1972 - 9:40 AM.

West central Quarterly meeting at
Nasau Free Will Baptist Church.
Services were opened with Con-
gregational singing. Prayer
by Bro. James O'Neil then another
song (Learning on Jesus).

Devotions were given by Bro.
Oathout from Psalmist #51.
with the thought of (lamp trimming)
Reading of the minutes of the last
quarterly.

Reading of the Church letters. Letters
received and delegates seated and
the requests acknowledged.

The moderator appointed the nec-
essary committees.

Pulpit Committee: Dorothy Hamilton, Donald
Ozell, & Charles Rhodes.

Resolutions: Betty Pierce, Beulah Hicks, and Mary Hudson
Auditing: Paul Corner, C.S. Pierce, and Ray Shrum,
Business and Examining being the same
men. Melvin Oathout, Clay Myers,
and Clifford Hicks.

Bro. Gene Harris, the state Promotional
Secretary gave a report of progress
of the denominational work in
the state.

We were recessed with prayer by
Bro. James Hicks.

Morning worship began with Congre-
gation singing, "Love Lifted Me".

Prayer by Bro. Jim Hicks, then the
song "Since Jesus Came into my Heart".
a special was rendered by Mr. & Mrs.
Randle Steelman.

Bro. Robert Helmes delivered the
message from Psalm 103.

central thought being "true thanksgiving".
Praising and blessing God by our works.

Services resumed at 1:20 P.M. with congregational singing.

Bro. Gene Norris preached, reading his text from II Peter 1-1:4 "Great and Precious Promises of the Bible".

Report of Committees:

Business: -

we recommend that the Constitutional Change as presented to this quarterly be tabled until the next West Central Quarterly Conference.

Melvin Oathout

Clay Myers and

Clifford Hicks.

Examining Board: -

Item #1. We have examined Bro. Charles Rhodes as requested by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Granite City and find him worthy to receive Ordination papers from the Illinois State Association and since he is now active as pastor of the Granite City Free Will Baptist Church we recommend that all requirements be waived according to Item 6 of Article 11 in the By-Laws and that this Quarterly Conference Clerk request Ordination Papers from Illinois State Clerk for Bro. Charles Rhodes.

Signed: Melvin Oathout, Clifford Hicks & Clay Myers.

Item 2: Since Bro. Robert Helms is now active as pastor of the Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church we recommend that all requirements be waived according to Item 6 of

article 11 of the By-Laws of this Quarterly and the Clerk of this Quarterly request Ordination Papers from the Illinois State Association's Clerk for Bro. Helms.

Signed:- Melvin Pathout, Clay Myers, and Clifford Hicks.

These reports were received and duly enacted by the body.

Auditing:-

We have audited the treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

Signed:- Paul ~~and~~ Conner, E. S. Pierce, and Ray E. Shuman.

Resolutions, we wish to thank the host Church for the fine meal and hospitality.

Signed:- Betty Pierce, Beulah Hicks, and Mary Hudson.

Pulpit:-

We recommend the following pastors for next quarterly meeting.
Jim Walker - morning.
Jim Hicks - afternoon.

Signed:- Arthur Hamilton, Donald L. Ezell, and Charles Rhodes.

Each of these three reports were received and accepted as read.

Nominating:-

Clerk - Randall Steelman
Business Comm. ~~Clifford Hicks~~
Charles Rhodes

Examining board - Clifford Hicks.
Treasurer - Edward Wheeler.
Moderator - Jimmie Hicks.
Assistant moderator - Clay Myers.

This report was received and acted on item by item.

1. Randall Steelman was elected clerk.
2. Clifford Hicks declined the nomination to the Examining board.
Jim Walker was nominated but could not be elected due to Article VI of the Constitution.
Melvin Patout was nominated and elected.
3. Business Committee:
Charles Rhodes was elected to the three year term.
Robert Helms was elected to finish the unexpired term of Art Harris.
4. Edward Wheeler declined so James McDell was elected as treasurer.
5. James Hicks was elected moderator and Cloy Myers as assistant.

and this session of the West Central Quarterly was adjourned.

Approved 4/73

Clerk, Randall Steelman