

Minutes of West Central Quarterly Meeting - November, 1974

West Central Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Bro. Cloy Myers, Assistant Moderator at the ~~Waltonville~~ First Free Will Baptist Church of Waltonville, Illinois. Bro. Clifford Hicks led the congregation in 'Standing on the Promises'. Bro. Howard Flota then led in prayer. Bro. Melvin Oathout then brought the devotional using Psalms 42 - The Need to be Close to God.

The letters were read from the churches. Motion second and carried to accept the letters, consider the requests, and seat the delegates.

The following committees were then appointed.

Pulpit Committee: Ruby King
Myreta Presley
Violet Crain

Memorial Committee: Khristi Shrum
Keith Callender
Everett Martin

Nominations Committee: Gary Portell
Audrey Kesh
Opel Quillman

Resolutions Committee: Mery Hudson
Jane Harmon
Blanche Martin

Auditing Committee: Clifford Hicks
James Walker
Loyd Crain

Business Committee: Charles Rhodes (standing)
Robert Helms (standing)

Bro Luther Hudson was appointed to fill in Bro Helms position since was not able to be present in the afternoon. James O'Dell (appointed).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion, second and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Foreign Missionary Bro. Kenneth Eagleton from Brazil then spoke using Ezekiel 33:7-9.

'Oh Thou Watchman'. Be serious about evangelizing. Change the responsibility from the church to each individual.

Motion, second and carried to recess.

Morning worship service began with Bro. Clifford Hicks leading the congregation in 'We're Marching to Zion' and 'Amazing Grace'. Bro Howard Flota led in prayer followed by the songs 'There Is a Fountain' and 'I'll Be Listening'.

The morning message was brought by Bro Charles Rhodes with the thought 'What is Needful to be Successful with the Lord - Ability, Availability' using the text Zechariah 4:6 and Ecclesiastes 9:11.

After the message the service was turned over to Bro. Howard Flota. All the ministers were called forward for special prayer for the leaders of our country with Bro. Henry Van Klyve and Bro Robert Helms leading. Prayer of dismissal and blessing on the food was then led by Bro. Cloy Meyers.

Afternoon session began with the song 'When We All Get to Heaven' followed by prayer led by Bro. Loyd Crain. The congregation then sang 'Love Took It Away'. The special

'I Wish We'd All Been Ready' was then brought by Khristi Shrum from Granite City.

Bro Art Norris then brought a devotional and a report on the state promotional work.

The following motion tabled at the previous meeting was read.

Motion to recommend the West Central Quarterly proceed to designate the last meeting of the fiscal year as its yearly meeting, and to withdraw from the Carson District. This motion to be tabled until the next Quarterly Meeting due to the fact of a constitutional change. Motion, second, and carried to remove this motion from the table. Motion second and carried to adopt the recommendation.

The Memorial Committee Report was read:

We the memorial committee request that the congregation stand in silent prayer for a moment in memory of the following:

Anna Boswell and Ruby Webb from Bearpoint, Arthur Strein from Rescue and Pearl Sigworth from Nason. Signed: Khristi Shrum, Keith Callender, Everett L. Martin.

Motion, second, and carried to accept the report as read.

The Resolutions Committee Report was read:

We the Resolutions Committee recommend that we express our appreciation for their hospitality and the preparation of the noon meal by giving the host church a standing vote of thanks.

Signed: Mary Hudson, Blanche Martin, Jane Harmon

Motion, second and carried by standing vote to accept the report. ~~as read~~

The Auditing Committee report was read.

We the auditing committee have examined the Treasurer's books and find them to be in order. Signed: Jim Walker, Clifford Hicks, Lloyd Crain. Motion, second and carried to accept the report.
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The Pulpit Committee report was read.

We the pulpit committee have chosen Bro. Archie Wright to be our speaker at the next quarterly meeting, when it convenes at Bearpoint. Signed: Myrnette Presley, Violet Crain, Ruby King. Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

The Business Committee report was read.

We the Business Committee recommend the following.

1. That we withdraw from the Canaan District Association.
2. That we give the clerk the responsibility to petition the State Association to recognize the West Central Quarterly Meeting as being its own yearly meeting.
3. That the Quarterly Meeting receive an offering for Bro. Kenneth Eagleton and also give him \$50.00 from the Treasury.
4. That discussion from the floor be held concerning the Friday evening service; whether or not to continue; and if so, how it is to be conducted.

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Signed: Charles Rhodes, Luther Hudson, James O'Dell. Motion, second, and carried to accept the report and act on it item by item.

Item #1. Needed no action since motion removed from the table had been passed.

Item #2. Motion, second, and carried to accept Item 2.

Item #3. Motion, second, and carried to accept Item 3.

An offering of \$43.35 was received for Bro.

Eagleton, followed by prayer led by Bro. Walker.

Item #4. After discussion from the floor, Motion, second and carried to have the local church in charge of the Friday night service.

Item #5 Motion, second, and carried to accept

Item #5. Members of the Washington Park Free Will Baptist Church were called to the front; ~~followed by prayer, and~~ the right hand of fellowship was extended to the church during the song 'leaning on the Everlasting Arms'.

* Item #5:

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5. That upon the recommendation of the Examining Board, we recommend Washington Park Church be accepted into the fellowship of the West Central Quarterly Meeting and given the Right Hand of fellowship.

The Examining Board report was read:

We the examining board have examined Bro. Nichols Hollis and found him worthy of a card of good standing. We recommend that this quarterly request the state association grant and issue Bro Nichols Hollis a card of good standing. Signed: Melvin Oathout, James Hicks.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

The Nominations Committee Report was read:

We the Nominations Committee nominate these people for these offices:

Business Committee: Bro Jim Walker.

Examining Committee: Bro. Jim Hicks

Clerk: Bro Randall Steelman

Treasurer: Bro James O'Dell

Moderator: Bro. Howard Flota

Assistant Moderator: Melvin Oathout

Signed: Gary R. Portell, Audrey Kash, Opal Quillman

Motion, second and carried to accept the report and consider the nominations one at a time.

Business Committee - Motion, second, and carried for nominations to cease and elect Bro Jim Walker. ~~by a vote~~

Examining Committee - Motion, second, and carried for nominations to cease and elect Bro. Jim Hicks. ~~by a vote~~

Clerk: Motion, second, and carried for nominations to cease and elect Bro. Randall Steelman by standing vote.

Treasurer: Motion, second, and carried for nominations to cease and elect Bro James O'Dell.

Moderator: Motion, second, and carried for nominations to cease and elect Bro. Howard Flota by standing vote.

Assistant Moderator: Motion, second, and carried for nominations to cease and elect Bro. Melvin Oathout.

Motion, second, and carried to let our Deputational Director of Foreign Missions, Bro Henry Van Klyve bring a message. Bro Van Klyve brought a thought of a Bread Line and keep the multitudes coming using a text in John 6 and II Corinthians 8:9.

Motion, second and carried to adjourn.

Approved 2/16/74
Randall Steelman
Clerk

Minutes of West Central Quarterly Meeting February, 1974

West Central Quarterly Meeting was brought to order by Bro. Howard Flota, moderator, at the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church. Session began with the song 'Stand Up for Jesus' followed by Bro. James O'Dell leading in prayer. The song 'Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone' was then sung. Bro. Nicholas Hollis brought the devotional using Psalms 142:1-4, No Man Cared for My Soul.

Since the assistant moderator was absent, Bro. Flota appointed Bro. James O'Dell to fill in this capacity.

The church letters were then read. Motion, Second and carried to accept the letters, consider the requests, and seat the delegates.

The Committee Appointments were then made.

Business Committee: Since Bro. Robert Helms was going to be absent in the afternoon due to a funeral, Sis. Geraldine Lewis was appointed to assist the Business Committee in his absence.

Examining Committee: All members were absent.

The Business Committee was to act on behalf of the Examining Committee.

Pulpit Committee: Danny Sample, Dorothy Hamilton, and Gary Portell.

Memorial Committee: Alva Barnfield, Marie Bunton, and Grace Bailey.

Resolutions Committee: Luther Hudson, Verna Mae Woodland, and Alta Owens.

Bro. O'Dell presented the Fall Enlargement campaign plaques to 3 churches in our quarterly association. He also reported on the upcoming Spring Enlargement Campaign.

The Pulpit Committee was dismissed.

The minutes from the previous quarterly meeting were read. Motion, second and carried to approve as read.

Bro. O'Dell gave a report on the Friday evening service and the film shown concerning the rapture.

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Treasurers report was read and declared approved as read.

Bro. Howard Flota led in prayer to dismiss for recess.

Morning worship service began with the song 'There Is Power in the Blood' followed by prayer led by Bro. Charles Rhodes.

The song 'Amazing Grace' was then sung with Bro Flota asking the congregation to come forward to pray for the leaders of our country. A report on Bro. William Buster was made after the prayer.

Partial report of Pulpit Committee was read:

We selected Bro. Jim Walker for this mornings worship. Signed: Danny Sample, Gary Portell, Dorothy Hamilton.

Motion, second, and carried to approve the partial report as read.

Service was turned over to Bro. Jim Walker for the morning preaching service. He used Luke 5:1-15, Follow Jesus.

After preaching service, Bro Flota turned service over to Bro. O'Dell. Bro. Robert Helms led in prayer of dismissal and asked the blessing on the food.

Afternoon session called to order by Bro O'Dell. Congregation sang 'Victory in Jesus' followed with prayer led by Bro. Dempsey Tucker. The song 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms' was sung. Bro Luther Hudson brought the afternoon devotional using Responsive Reading 475 in the Free Will Baptist Hymnal, 'We were dead but now live through Christ.'

The Business Committee report was read:

1. We the business committee recommend that we receive the Mascoutah Free Will Baptist Mission in our quarterly meeting upon the date of their organization as a Free Will Baptist Church.
2. Acting as examining board, we the Business Committee recommend the clerk to instruct the examining board to get the people test forms and instructions to John ~~E~~ Rhodes. He has completed the first six months preparation toward ordination, We ask the clerk to inform them this needs to be done before the next quarterly meeting. The next group of books to be studied should be sent to him as well.

Signed: Charles Rhodes, Jim Walker, Robert Helms.

Motion, second and carried ^{with standing vote.} to accept the first recommendation.

Motion, second and carried to accept the second recommendation.

* See correction following page.

The ~~Report~~ ^{Memorial} Committee report was read.

We the memorial Committee do wish to have a ~~standing~~ moment of silent prayer for the deceased of all the churches.

Signed: Elva Barnfield, Marie Bunton, Grace Bailey.

The deceased were Willis Bettis, Coy Harmon of Rescue, Myrtle Hall, William Hanna of Oak Grove, Mose Maxville of Granite City, Sybil Bates of Bear Point. ^{motion second and carried.} Silent prayer was concluded with prayer by Bro. Charles Rhodes.

The Resolutions Committee Report was read.
We the Resolutions Committee recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given the Bear Point church for the delicious meal and their hospitality.

Signed: Verna Woodland, Alta Owens, Luther Hudson.
Motion, second and carried with a standing vote.

The clerk then read the letter from the state clerk regarding the status of our request to be represented as our own quarterly. The state ~~exec~~ board had not acted on it but it was to be acted on at the next board meeting.

Nominations for moderator were opened.
Bro. James O'Dell and James Walker were nominated.
Motion second and carried for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Bro James O'Dell was elected.

Motion, second and carried to elect Bro. James Walker as Assistant Moderator.

The Mascoutah Mission was asked to come forward to extend the right hand of fellowship with the song 'When We All Get to Heaven'.

Motion Second and Carried to adjourn.

Approved May 18, 1974
Randee Steelman
Clerk.

* Pulpit Committee Report was read:
We the Pulpit Committee recommend
Bro. Howard Flota to preach the morning service at the next Quarterly Meeting.
Signed: Danny Sample, Dorothy Hamilton, Gary Portell
Motion, second and carried to accept the report as read.

Minutes of West Central Quarterly Meeting May 18, 1974

West Central Quarterly Meeting was brought to order by moderator Bro. James O'Dell at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, South Roxana. Service began with the song 'Stand Up for Jesus' followed with prayer led by Bro. Charles Rhodes.

Bro. O'Dell brought the devotional using Luke 11:1 with the thought 'Lord, Teach us to Pray'. He concluded the devotional with prayer.

Bro. O'Dell then read the church covenant and asked if there were any request to read the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and ~~app~~ declared approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion, second and carried to accept the report as given.

Letters were read. Motion, second, and carried to ~~accept~~^{receive} the letters, ~~and~~ seat the delegates, and consider the requests.

The following committee appointments.

Business Committee (Standing - all present)

Examining Committee (Standing - 1 present)

Howard Flota and ~~Alvin~~ Nicholas Hollis were appointed to fill Bro. James Hicks and Bro. Melvin Oathouts absence.

Resolutions Committee: Goldie Stockton, Thristi Shrum, Mae Taylor.

Pulpit Committee: Reba Harris, Beaulah Cagle, Dorothy Hamilton

Credentials Committee: Lester Lewis, Clarence Buster, Bertis Maynard.

Nominations Committee: Sharon O'Dell, Jean Helms, Beatrice Flota.

Memorial Committee: Dorothy Parrish, Ruby Wicks, Betty Pierce.

Bro. Robert Helms led in prayer for recess.

Morning worship began with the song 'Joy Unspeakable' followed with prayer led by Bro. Carl Hinz, State CTS Director. The congregation then sang 'When I See the Blood' followed by specials from the Granite City church. The special 'Master, the Tempest is Raging' and 'Peace Be Still' was offered by Bro. Rex Tucker from Mascoutah.

Bro. Howard Flota then brought the morning message 'How Does God Lead People' using Acts 5:29 for his text. The message ended with an altar of prayer with Bro. Charles Rhodes beginning and Bro. ~~Robert Helms~~ ~~Robert~~ concluding the leading in prayer.

Bro. Jim Walker then led in prayer dismissing the morning session and asking the blessing on the food.

The afternoon session began with the song 'Oh Tis Sweet to Trust in Jesus' followed with prayer led by Bro. Bertis Maynard. The devotional was brought by Bro. Archie Wright using Hebrews 9:27, 'Judgement of Righteous and Sinners'. Bro. James O'Dell then led in prayer.

Bro. O'Dell then presented three plaques to 3 churches in our quarterly for the Spring Enlargement Campaign. Also presented the Pulpit Commentary to the Mascoutah Church for being the state winner.

Service turned over to Bro. Carl Hinz for the CTS competitive activities.

Entries included Jeff Stegle - declamation and David Malone - sketching.

Sword Drill was held with David Malone 1st place and Bro. Robert Helms ^{son} 2nd place.

Tic Tac Toe was held with Hazel Dell 1st place and Bethel 2nd place.

Bible Bowl was not held since only Bethel had entered and was declared winner.

The committee reports were presented and acted upon.

Business committee report was read:

We the business committee recommend

1. That each church be informed that \$10.00 from each church is the proper fee to be sent to the yearly meeting.

2. We give Carl Hinz \$20.00 to cover his expenses in coming today to assist in our youth competition.

3. Because of Article XV in our Bylaws, we recommend that Jim Hicks and Melvin Oathout positions on the Examining Board be declared vacant. We recommend

~~#~~ 1. James O'Dell. 2. Howard Flota.

4. We recommend that each officer of standing committees when unable to attend, let the clerk know by letter the reason why. Signed Robert Helms, Charles Rhodes, James Walker.

Motion, second and carried to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item 1. Motion, second and carried to accept.

Item 2. Motion, second and carried to accept.

Item 3. Motion, second and carried to accept.

Item 4. Motion, second and carried to accept.

The Resolutions Committee ^{Report} was read:

We the Resolutions Committee ask that all the churches stand to thank the Bethel church for the good meal and for their hospitality. Signed Theresa Tucker Khristi Shrum, Goldie Stockton.

Motion, second and carried with standing vote to accept the report.

The Credentials Committee Report was read:

We recommend the following ministers be issued cards of good standing:

Ordained: 1. Charles L. Rhodes

2. John Hollis

3. James Walker

4. Lloyd Crain

5. Howard Flota

6. Nicholas Hollis

7. Geraldine Lewis

8. Bill Buster

9. Cloy Meyers

10. James O'Dell

11. Archie L. Wright

Licensed: John Rhodes.

Signed: Hester Lewis, C.H. Buster, Bertis Maynard

Motion, second and carried to accept the report. ~~is read~~

The Examining Committee Report was read:

We the Examining Committee have duly examined Bro. Michael Rhodes and recommend that having been licensed for one year in the General Baptist Association and has been an active minister of the Gospel. We propose to grant Bro. Rhodes be given

his first year license and be placed on a study program. Signed: Bill Buster, Howard Flota Nick Hollis.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

The Memorial Committee Report was read:

We the Memorial Committee recommend a moment of silent prayer for the deceased of our churches. Signed: Dorothy Parrish, Ruby Wicks, Betty Pierce.

Motion, second, and carried to accept the report. Prayer was concluded by Bro. Charles Rhodes.

The Pulpit Committee Report was read:

We the Pulpit Committee recommend Bro. Bill Buster to speak at the next Quarterly meeting when it convenes at Granite City Church. Signed: Dorothy Hamilton, Beulah Cagle, Reba Harris.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

The Nominating ~~Committee~~ Committee Report was read:

We the Nominating Committee recommend Bro. Jim Walker as moderator and Bro. Charles Rhodes as assistant moderator for the August, 1974 Quarterly Meeting.

Signed: Sharon O'Dell, Jean Helms, Bee Flota.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

The clerk read the letter from Bro. Harry Cook, state clerk, advising that the West ~~Central~~ Quarterly Association could be represented directly to the state as a district.

Nominations opened for delegates to the State Association:

1. Betty Clark from Nason
2. Ruby Wicks from Waltonville
3. Karen Shewcraft from Bethel
4. Ted Thompson from Hazel Dell
5. Sharon O'Dell from Bear Point
6. Jean Maynard from Bethel
7. Audrey Kash from Nason
8. Thelma Webb from Bear Point
9. Earl Vaught from Granite City
10. Danny Sample from Hazel Dell
11. Udien Dece from Waltonville
12. Eddie Hollis from Bethel

Nominations ceased with these being elected.

Announcements were made.

Motion, second and carried to adjourn.

Approved, Sep. 7, 1974

Randee Steelman, Clerk

Minutes of West Central Quarterly Meeting Sept. 7, 1974

West Central Quarterly Meeting was brought to order by Bro. James Walker, moderator at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Granite City, IL. Bro. James O'Dell led in prayer ^{followed} with a devotional reading by Bro. James Walker. He read I Corinthians 13. followed by prayer led by Bro. Walker.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. James O'Dell and was declared approved as read.

Following this was the reading of the minutes of the meeting held August 17, 1974 at which there was not a quorum present. The following is the minutes of that meeting.

Meeting of West Central Quarterly Meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Granite City, Illinois held on August 17, 1974.

Meeting called to order by Bro James Walker, moderator. Song "Nothing But the Blood" was led by Bro. Rex Maynard followed by prayer led by Bro. Bertis Maynard. Devotional was brought by Bro. Charles Rhodes using Mark 6:1-6.

Motion, second and carried for Article II concerning quorum be waived for this meeting. (Churches present were Bethel, Granite City, Mascoutah, Hazel Dell).

Letters were read and the delegates declared seated.

Covenant was read and requests for reading of constitution were requested.

Bro. Robert Helms gave a report of the past week in youth camp.

Minutes of May meeting were read and declared approved as read.

Appointment of committees.

Business Committee (Standing) all present.

Examining Committee: None present. Business Committee to serve in this capacity.

Resolutions Committee: Jean Helms, chairman, Paul Cuppett, Linda Hollis.

Pulpit Committee: Eddie Hollis, chairman, Edd Shrum, Robert Steranus.

Nominating Committee: Clarence Buster, chairman, Nick Hollis, Gregory Colyott.

Memorial Committee: Bertis Maynard, chairman, Wayne McKee.

Bro. Nick Hollis gave a report on progress in the Mascoutah church.

The Treasurer's report was given by the clerk in absence of the Treasurer and declared approved as read.

Dismissed for recess by prayer led by Bro. Edd Shrum.

Morning worship service began by the song "Power in the Blood" led by Bro. Nick Hollis, followed by prayer led by Bro. Ernie Lewis. The song "At Calvary" was then sung.

The morning message was brought by Bro. Wayne McKee using Phillip 3:12 for his text. Thought being "Setting a lifetime Goal and Press for that Mark".

Due to the death of Bro William Buster, the moderator requested that Bro. McKee fill the stand prior to the Quarterly Meeting.

Prayer for dismissal from morning service and blessing on food was led by Bro. Edd Shrum.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Hollis started the afternoon business session. A special by Sis. Linda Hollis was offered. Bro. Randol Shrum gave the afternoon devotional using Psalms 27. The assembly was advised by the moderator that the motion concerning the quorum was out of order and that a special business meeting would be required to make any business transacted official and binding.

Motion second and carried to have the moderator and clerk determine the time and place for the called business meeting to finalize all business transacted. Date and time selected was September 7, 1974 at 10:00 AM at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Granite City.

Resolution Committee report was read: We the Resolution Committee submit the following resolution: That a standing vote of thanks be given to the Granite City Church for the noon meal. Signed: Jean Helms, Paul Cuppett, Linda Hollis.

Motion, second and carried with standing vote to accept this report.

Memorial Committee report was read: The Memorial Committee recommends that each church send the names of all their deceased members to be recorded

at each quarterly and then forwarded to the state meeting for recording. The memorial committee also recommends silent prayer in remembrance of Rev. William Buster who has gone on to meet the Lord. Signed: Bertis Maynard, Arnold McKee

Motion, second and carried to adopt the memorial committee report. Followed by prayer.

Pulpit Committee report was read: We the Pulpit Committee recommend Bro. Robert Helms, Bro Nick Hollis to fill in his absence. Signed: Eddie Hollis, Edd Shrum, Robert Stevanus.

Motion, second and carried to adopt the pulpit committee report.

A partial Business Committee report was read: We the Business Committee submit the following report:

We recommend that:

1. When ministers and officers of our Quarterly Conference are hospitalized or taken in death, the local pastor (or assistant) will call the pastor of sister church proceeding in alphabetic order of churches names. Then the pastor who is called will call the fellow pastor next in alphabetic order and so on until all churches are notified.
2. This Quarterly Conference give \$5.00 per month to each of our young people who are attending Free Will Baptist Bible College.
3. The theme of our next Quarterly Meeting be "why churches die" and the moderator and the host church plan a seminar to be conducted at that meeting. We

further recommend that our clerk notify each church in early November.

Signed: Robert Helms, Charles Rhodes.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report and act on it item by item.

All items received motion, second, and carried to accept.

Examining Committee report was read:

We the Examining Committee offer the following report:

We recommend that: Bro Wayne McKee be granted exhorters license and be given the beginning study course.

That Bro. John Rhodes be continued into further studies and that his license to preach be renewed. Signed: Robert Helms, Charles Rhodes.

Motion, second, and carried to adopt the report.

Nominating Committee report was read:

We the nominating committee nominate Bro Charles Rhodes as moderator and Bro Robert Helms as assistant moderator. We would like to decline nomination of the unexpired term of the office of Bro. Buster:

Signed: Nick Hollis, Greg Colyott, Clarence Buster.

Motion, second, and carried to accept the report.

Floor was opened for additional nominations with none being made. Motion, second, and carried to accept the nominations and elect.

Motion, second and carried to have Bro. Nick Hollis fill the unexpired term of Bro. Bill Buster. (Motion made by Business Committee)

An offering was received in the amount of \$2016.

Motion, second, and carried to recess until the special called meeting. Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Nick Hollis.

Motion made and second to accept the minutes of the August 17, 1974 meeting and act on the reports item by item.

Motion, second and carried to adopt the Memorial Committee report. Silent prayer in remembrance of Bro. Bill Buster concluded by Bro. Howard Flota.

Motion, second, and carried to adopt the Pulpit Committee report.

Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 1 of Business Committee report.

Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 2 of Business Committee report.

Motion, second and carried to table Item 3 of Business Committee report.

Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 1 of Examining Committee report.

Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 2 of Examining Committee report.

Motion, second and carried to accept the Nominations Committee report.

Motion, second and carried to accept the motion made by Business Committee from floor for Bro. Hollis to fill position on Examining Committee.

Motion, second and carried to adjourn. Prayer of dismissal led by Bro. Jim Allen.

Approved November 16, 1975
Randall Steelman, Clerk

Minutes of West Central Quarterly Meeting held
November 19, 1974.

West Central Quarterly Meeting began with a welcome from Harmony West City pastor, Brother Luther Hudson. The business session was brought to order by moderator, Brother Charles Rhodes. The song "Let Him Have His Way With Thee" led by Bro. Ted Thompson, CTS State Board, followed by prayer led by Bro. Nick Hollis.

Bro. Melvin Oathout brought the devotional using the twenty third Psalm - The Lord is my Shepherd.

The church covenant was read and requests for reading the constitution and by-laws was asked for. There were no requests.

Minutes of the September meeting were read. Motion, second and carried to accept the minutes as read.

The treasurer's report was given. Motion, second and carried to accept the report as given.

The letters from the churches were read. Motion, second and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The following committee appointments were made:
Examining Committee (Standing) No appointments.
Business Committee (Standing) Bro. Melvin Oathout to fill Bro. Jim Walker's position.
Resolution Committee: Thelma Webb, Judy Reed, Shirley Rhodes.

Memorial Committee: Jean Maynard,
Lela Shrum, Delores Layman.

Nominating Committee: Edd Shrum,
Robert Harvey, Opal Quillman.

Auditing Committee: Cloy Meyers,
Jane Harmon, Ruby King.

Pulpit Committee: Danny Sample
Dorothy Hamilton, Frank Young.

Bro Ted Thompson from the state
C.T.S. Board gave a report and requested
that more churches have C.T.S. He used
II Timothy 2:2 as giving some of the
purposes of C.T.S.

Bro. James O'Dell of the State Sunday School
Board reported on the Fall Enlargement Campaign.
He also presented plaques to the Oak Grove
and Rescue churches.

Bro. Luther Hudson led in prayer before recessing.

The morning worship service began with the
song "He Ransomed Me" followed with prayer
led by Bro. Cloy Meyers. The song "I
Am Resolved" was sung followed by a testimony
service provided a wonderful blessing to all
those present. Prayer was then led by Bro. Harvey.
Bro. Robert Helms then brought the message
using Acts 20:22-27 for his scripture. His
topic was Christian Conduct. The need to
be pure from the blood of all men and
to declare the full counsel of God. The
worship service was concluded by prayer
led by Bro. Nick Hollis asking the blessing
on the food.

The afternoon business session was called to order by moderator Bro. Charles Rhodes. The song 'Where He Leads I'll Follow' was sung followed by prayer led by Bro. Art Norris. Bro. Nick Hollis brought the devotional using Phillipians 4:1.

Read the letter from the Washington Park church. Motion, second and carried to receive the letter and seat their delegates.

The Resolutions Committee report was read:

We the Resolutions Committee ask the body to give a standing vote of thanks of appreciation to the host church for the wonderful food and generous hospitality.

Signed: Thelma Webb, Shirley Rhodes, Judy Reed. Motion, second and carried by standing vote to accept the report.

The Memorial Committee report was read:

We the Memorial Committee request that we stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the following deceased: Grace Bailey, Allie Summers, Ellen Young, Rosey Fite and others that might be unknown. The prayers being for those who remain that are yet unsaved. Signed: Jean Maynard, Lela Shrum, Delores Layman. Motion, second, and carried to accept the report ~~by~~ followed by silent prayer.

The Pulpit Committee report was read:

We the Pulpit Committee recommend Bro. Melvin Oathout to preach at the next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Hazel Dell. We also recommend Bro. James O'Dell as second choice if Bro. Oathout is unable to attend. Signed: Danny Sample, Frank Young, Dorothy Hamilton. Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

The Auditing Committee report was read:

We the Auditing Committee recommend the books is in order. Signed: Cloy Meyers, Jane Harmon, Ruby King. Motion, second, and carried to accept the report.

The Business Committee report was read:

We the Business Committee offer the following recommendations:

1. That we authorize our clerk to sign and send prepared letters to our responsible congressmen urging them to support the passage of bills HR 2808 and HR 5491.

2. That the Quarterly Conference receive a love offering for the Grace Bailey Memorial Fund.

3. That we amend Article X of our constitution to read:

"Article X. Each church shall make a yearly report on the proper report forms to the Quarterly/District meeting immediately preceding the State Association and shall remit twenty dollars (\$20.00) to be paid to the Quarterly/District meeting, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of which shall be forwarded to the State Association for the delegates' fee." and that this recommendation be tabled until our next quarterly meeting.

4. That we amend Article IX of our constitution by changing the last sentence to read: "A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall accompany each report."

5. That we remove from the table the recommendation concerning the proposed theme and seminar for the next quarterly. Motion, second, and carried by standing vote to adopt item #1.

Motion, second, and carried to adopt item #2.

Motion and second to adopt item #3. Motion, second

and carried to table item # 3.

Motion and second to adopt item #4. Motion, second and carried to table item #4.

Motion, second, and carried to remove item #5 from the table. Vote carried to adopt proposed theme for the next Quarterly Meeting.

Motion, second, and carried to receive an offering for the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Business Committee reconvened and submitted the following item of business.

6. We the Business Committee recommend that if Article ~~IX~~ of the constitution be amended as proposed in our February meeting an increase of \$5.00 be added to the proposed amounts in Article ~~IX~~. signed: Robert Helms, Melvin Oathout,
motion and second to adopt item #6.
Motion, second, and carried to table item #6.

The Nominations Committee report was read:

We the Nominating Committee nominate the following:

Moderator - Bro. Melvin Oathout.

Ass't Moderator - Bro. Robert Helms.

Clerk. - Bro. Everett Martin

Treasurer - Bro. James O'Dell.

Examining Committee - Bro. Nick Hollis.

Business Committee - Bro. Robert Helms.

Bro Steelman asked not to be renominated for another term as clerk for personal reasons.
signed: Ray Shrum, Robert Harvey, Opal Quillman.

Motion, second, and carried to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Moderator: Motion, second and carried to elect Bro. Oathout as nominated.

Assistant Moderator: Motion, second and carried to elect Bro. Helms as nominated.

Clerk: Bro. Martin declined. Bro. Edd Shrum was nominated. Motion, second, and carried to elect Bro. Shrum by declamation.

Treasurer: Motion, second, and carried to elect Bro. O'Dell as nominated by declamation.

Examining Committee: Motion, second, and carried to elect Bro. Hollis as nominated.

Business Committee: Bro. Bertis Maynard was nominated and declined. Motion, second, and carried to elect Bro. Helms as nominated.

Prayer was led by Bro. Ted Thompson followed by the song "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know". An offering of \$48.00 was received for the Grace Bailey Memorial Fund and an offering of \$57.47 was received for the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Motion, second, and carried to adjourn with an altar of prayer for our country.

Approved Feb 22, 1975

Clerk Raymond E. Shrum

Minutes were submitted by Rahabell Letman