

Send special members.

minutes of the West Central Illinois District
association of Free Will Baptists convened on
January 17, 1888 at the Rock Springs Free Will
Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order
by the moderator, Rev David Malone. The
congregation joined in singing "When we all
sit to Memory" and "He set me free". Brother
Bob Jasper led in prayer. The asst moderator
Bryant Harris read the Church covenant.
The Clerk read the Church letter. ~~motion~~
motion was made and sustained to accept the
letter as read and to seat the delegates.
The moderator appointed the following Committees
Resolutions Committee - Carlene Roberts, William
Bigham and Jane Harmon. The memorial
Committee - Charles Roberts, Bonnie Allen,
Darlene McNeil. Brother Robert J. Lick
gave the treasurer report. The balance on hand
was \$500.00. Motion made and sustained to
accept the report as given. The Clerk read
the minutes of the last meeting. Motion made
and sustained to accept the minutes as read

The moderator announced a recess. The meeting was called back to order with the congregational song "There is Power in the Blood". The state moderator David Shores gave a report on state activities. Sister Porter brought a special song "Thank you Lord for your Blessing on me." Sister Geraldine Lewis led in prayer. Pastor Robert Julek brought a message entitled "Going a little farther" from Matthew 26: 36-41.

The following Committee reports were given. Auditing Committee Report - We have examined the treasure book and found it to be in order. Signed Jane Harmon and David Baker. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report. Business Committee 1. The business Committee submits that we change our July quarterly meeting to July 25th to avoid conflict with the national. 2. The Committee would suggest that our quarterly assec. offer a \$250.00 gift to Camp Hope for the use of their facility in Oct. 3. We submit the name of David Baker to represent us before the Executive board in the 1928 year. Signed Tracy Her & Bill Crank. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report and act on each item individually. Motion was made and sustained that we change our ^{July} quarterly meeting date to July 25th. Motion made and sustained to provide Camp Hope a \$250.00 gift for the use of their facility in Oct. Motion was made and sustained to place the name of David Baker

in nomination to be the quarterly member of the Executive Board. The moderator asked for any additional nominations. When none were given, motion was made and sustained to elect David Baker by acclamation.

Resolutions Committee - We, the resolutions committee resolve to thank Rock Springs Church for hosting the meeting. ~~Motion was made and sustained to accept the~~ Signed Corbue Roberts, William Bigham, & Jane Harmon.

Motion was made and sustained to accept the report. Memorial Committee - We the memorial committee extend expressions of sympathy to the families and Church families in the losses they have sustained. We request a moment of standing silent prayer in their memory - They will be missed by all. Prayer to be led by Rev Jesse Allen. Signed Charles E. Roberts, Bonnie M. Allen, and Darlene McNeil. The

Chick read the following names: Marie Burton, George Hart, ^{Sept 8 & 9} ~~Sept 8 & 9~~ Ethel Mae Brice, Ruth Dellans, Chester Murry, Corydon Daerr, Austin Allen, Ida Mae Allen, John Harvey, Olga Roberson, Vernon Connor, Grace Whittington, Frieda Harmon, Lawrence Mc Learen, May Lou Sperry, Bertha Maynard, and Ruth King. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report.

After a short period of silence, Rev Jesse Allen led in prayer. Examining Committee

Report - We have examined the following minister Annual reports and recommend they be issued Cards of Good Standing.

D. Mark Shores, M. Daniel Malone, Daniel Baker, Steve Utley, Clarence Porter, Robert C. Jell,

Billy Gene Outland, Larry C. Cook, Bill Crank,
 Bryant S. Harris, Tracy Kerr, & Jesse W. Allen,
 Respectfully submitted Rev. David Baker &
 Billy Gene Outland. Motion was made and
 sustained to accept the report and the Clerk
 distributed the signed Cards of Good Standing
 to each named Pastor.

The moderator announced a short recess.
 The meeting resumed with the Congregation
 singing "When the Saints go marching in".
 Pastor Bill Crank gave a report on the
 Bethel Church activities. Pastor Steve
 Utley brought a special song - The Old
 Rugged Cross. Pastor Billy Gene Outland
 brought the message from the first Psalm.
 The following delegates were appointed for the
 state meeting - Jane Harmon, Tonya Jasper,
 Ruth Wells, Peggy Outland, Kristi Shores,
 Lawrence Lemons, Lorraine Crank, Ron Malone,
 Carline Roberts, & Donna Harrison.

Motion was made and sustained to adjourn.
 Bro. Don Fedule led in prayer.
 M. David Malone moderator, Elmer E. Schmitt
 Clerk 18 April 1988. Approved.

The West Central Illinois Quarterly meeting was convened at the Waltonville FwB at 9AM on April 18, 1998. The Quarterly was welcomed by the host pastor, Bro David Baker. Angie Cosh led in singing "I'll Fly Away" and Bro Bob Jospert led in prayer. The clerk called the meeting to order and Bro Bryant Harris read the FwB Church Covenant. The church letters were read and a motion was made & sustained to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The moderator appointed the following committees
 Memorial Committee: Barbara Schmidt, Everett Pierce & Marlene Gossman

Resolutions Committee: Tom Harmon, Ruth Wells & Marion Wells
 In the absence of the treasurer Bro Bryant Harris presented the treasurer's report. Motion sustained to receive the report.

The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and a motion was sustained to receive the report. The moderator announced a short recess.

The meeting was reconvened with the congregation singing "He Set Me Free" and "Victory In Jesus". Bro Billy Gene Outland led in prayer. Bro Larry Cook brought the message on "Being An Encourager" taken from various scriptures in Acts. Bro David Shores, State Promotional Director reported on various state activities.

The moderator read the letter of resignation from the clerk, Elton Schmidt and a motion was sustained to accept his resignation.

The following committee reports were given:
 Resolution Committee - Thank the Waltonville Church for the convenience of facilities fellowship and food. Signed Tom Harmon, Ruth Wells
 Motion sustained to accept the report. & Marion Wells

Memorial Committee - We the Memorial Committee wish to express our deepest sympathy to The family and friends of Sister Virtus Childers from the Rock Springs Church. We also extend our sympathies to other families who have lost friends & loved ones during the past quarter. We request a moment of standing silent prayer in their memory followed by prayer from Bro Tom Harmon.

Signed Barbara Schmidt, Everett Pierce & Marlene Goosmann.

Examining Board - Concerning the request of Bro Robert Jilek for a letter of Good standing we would instruct the clerk to contact Bro Jilek and show him that it is standard practice for the quarterly to issue a letter upon request of a sister quarterly. Thus, at the time Bro Jilek joins a new quarterly or association we will respond to his request.

Signed Billy Gene Outland, Larry C. Cook & David Baker. The moderator announced that this would be accepted for information and the clerk was instructed to respond to Bro Jilek.

Business Committee

We the Business Committee make the following recommendations:

1. That our association receive and offerings for Bro Don Martin and encourage everyone to sign the card to be sent to him.

2. That we accept the resignation of Bro Mark Shores from the Business Committee and nominate Bro Tom Harmon to fill his term.

3. That we accept the resignation of Bro Eldon Schmidt with a standing vote of Thanks.

4. That Bro Larry Cook be nominated to Fill the office of clerk

Signed Bros. Bill Crank, Bob Gipsen & Mark Sheros
motioned sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item.

Item 1 Motion sustained to "lift" (words of moderator)
An offering for Bro Dan Martin, and encourage all to sign the card

Item 2 Motion sustained to accept the resignation
of Bro Mark Sheros, from the Business Committee
and elect Bro Tom Harman to fill his term

Item 3 Motion sustained to receive the resignation
of Bro Eldon Schmidt as clerk with a standing
vote of Thanks.

Item 4 Bro Larry Cook was nominated to fill the
vacancy of clerk moderator ask for further
nominations motioned sustained to cease
nominations & proceed to elect.

Bro Larry Cook then resigned from the
Examining Board AND a new member will be
elected at the July meeting.

The Host Pastor, David Baker introduced Bro
Phil Karsen of United Church Directories
AND he presented information concerning his work
The congregation was led in singing "Just A Little
Talk with Jesus," and "There Is Power In The Blood"

Pastor Steve Utley led in prayer AT this time AND
offering was received for Bro Martin totaling \$235⁰⁰

Bro Baker gave report on the activities of the
Waltersville Church

Ansie Cosh and Zack sang a special "
Joy in my Soul" Bro Jesse Allen brought the
message from Gen 28:16-22

A motion was sustained to adjourn and Sis.

Jane Harman closed in prayer and ask the Blessing
on the Food Respectfully Submitted David Malone Moderator
Eldon Schmidt - Clerk

EXAMINING BOARD

TERM EXPIRES

CLIFFORD HICKS

expired

1993

LARRY COOK

~~2000~~ ~~1997~~ ~~1994~~

BILLIE GENE OUTLAND

~~1998~~ ~~1995~~

RANDY CARROLL

resigned - memorial 1996

Byford Campbell

term expired 1986

David Baker

1999

(David Baker)

1995

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TERM EXPIRES

DAVID MALONE

resigned (90) 1996 1993

EVERETT PIERCE

term expired 1994

ROBERT JASPER

term expired 1995

ED SHRUM

resigned 7/95 1997

Mark Shores

resigned 1998

Tracy Kerr

term expired 1996

Bill Crank (replaced Ed Shrum) 2000 1997

Tracy Kerr

1999

Tom Honman replaced Mark Shores

WEST CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING JULY 25, 1998

The West Central Quarterly meeting was called to order at the Bear Point FWB Church at 9:00 AM, July 25, 1998. The Quarterly was welcomed by the host pastor, Bro. Larry Cook. Bro. Bryant Harris led the congregation in singing " Tell It To Jesus ". The moderator then led us in the chorus " Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart " and challenged the congregation to pray for our sister churches, that are without a pastor, and for God to burden our hearts for souls. Bro. Bob Jasper led in prayer. Bro. Bryant led the congregation in reading the covenant.

The clerk called the meeting to order and a motion was sustained to accept the reading of the letters and seat the delegates. The moderator appointed the following to various committees:

Bro. Clarence Porter- Examining Board

Bro. Don Federle- Business Committee

Memorial Committee: Sue King, Karen Federle, Ruth Wells- chairperson

Resolutions Committee- Marcella Dent, Wesley Conner, Jane Harmon- chairperson

Bro. Robert Jilek gave the treasurer's report. Motion sustained to adopt the report.

Sis. Jean Malone gave a report concerning the health of Bro. Dan Martin.

The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and a motion was sustained to adopt the reading of the minutes. The moderator led the congregation in singing " I Just Keep Trusting My Lord " and a recess was declared.

The meeting was reconvened with Bro. David Malone leading the congregation in singing " Since Jesus Came Into My Heart " and Bro. Bob Harrison led in prayer. The congregation then sang " Blessed Be The Name " followed by Sis. Crank singing " God ON The Mountain ". The moderator introduced the first speaker, Bro. David Shores, who gave a report on the activities of the state and then preached on the topic " Our Expectations As We Attend Church " from Acts 17:1-4 and then closed in prayer.

Reports:

Memorial Committee, We the Memorial Committee wish to express our sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones this reporting period. Elsie Hobbs - Peace and Richard McNeil-Hazel Dell.

Signed Ruth Wells, Karen Federle and Sue King

Motion sustained to accept the report and Bro. Everett Pierce led in prayer.

Resolutions Committee, We the Resolutions Committee recommend that we:

1. Thank Bear Point Church for hosting our service today, by standing and singing " Count Your Blessings ".

2. Individually pray each day until next district conference for our sister churches in this district conference, starting now with pray led by Bro. Wesley Conner.

3. Send a card and flower arrangement to Sister Geraldine Lewis from this district conference to encourage her in her illness.

Signed Jane Harmon, Marcella Dent, and Wesley Conner

Motion sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. All items were carried.

Examining Board, We the Examining Board recommend the acceptance of Bro. Nick Hollis into the West Central Quarterly as an ordained minister upon completion of the West Central Quarterly Minister's Examination and a letter of Good Standing be received from the Jasper Association of Alabama.

Signed- Billy Gene Outland, Clarence Porter, and David Baker

Business Committee, We the Business Committee recommend the adoption of the following items:

1. That we accept Bro. Jilek's resignation.
2. That Don Federle be nominated to fill the position of treasurer.
3. That the vacant position on the Examining Board be filled the next quarterly meeting, meeting the request of that board.
4. That an offering be received for the Mascoutah church.
5. That Craig Portell be given \$50 per quarter as he works with ELIC in Mongolia.
6. That the leadership of this association meet with the State Mission Board and investigate ways to encourage and help the church at Mascoutah.
7. That Sis. Linda Dunford be asked to oversee the meal at the next quarterly meeting at Camp Hope.
8. That our State Executive Board member be added to the agenda to report to the association.

Signed Tom Harmon, Don Federle. and Bill Crank

Motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. All items carried. An offering was received for the Mascoutah church.

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing " He's Been So Good to Me " prayer by Bro. Marion Wells. Sis. Sue King brought the special music " I Thirst " and the moderator led in prayer. Bro. Bill Crank spoke on Mark 3:13-19 The disciples of Jesus and closed in prayer. The congregation then sang " Victory in Jesus " . There was a motion sustained to adjourn and Bro. Clifford Hicks closed in prayer.

Lamy Cook, Clerk

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING CAMP HOPE OCTOBER 16,17 1998
Friday evening October 16

The Friday evening meeting was called to order by the Asst. Moderator Bro. Bryant Harris and he welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bro. Mark Shores opened the meeting with a word of prayer and Bro. Tom Harmon led the congregation in singing " It Is Well With My Soul". This was followed by special singing presented by Bro. Gary Clark and his daughter Andrea. Bro. Bryant took a time for prayer requests and then the Clarks shared a few more songs.

Bro. Danny Gray was introduced as the evening speaker and he brought a very challenging message concerning our sharing the message of Jesus. Bro. Danny pointed out that Jesus was a people person and that he meet the needs of those he came in contact with. The meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. Gene Outland.

Saturday morning October 17

The moderator Bro. David Malone gave the welcome to Camp Hope and Bro. Tom Harmon led the congregation in singing " Sunlight ". Bro. Everett Pierce led in prayer. The moderator recognized the standing delegates and the church covenant was read by Bro. Bryant Harris. A motion was sustained to accept the reading of the letters and to seat the delegates. The moderator appointed the following committees:

Memorial Committee: Erma Lee Conner, Chaca Pierce, and Aileen Spann

Resolutions Committee: Bob Harrison, Pat Peterson, and Peggy Outland

Motion was sustained to allow the Business Committee to serve as the nominating committee and the moderator appointed for this session Bro. Jesse Allen and Sis. Betty Pierce to serve on the Business committee.

Motion sustained to adopted the treasurer's report. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and a motion sustained to adopt. The moderator then declared a recess.

The meeting was reconvened for a time of worship with Bro. Bob Jasper leading the congregation in singing " The Lily of the Valley " followed with prayer by Sis. Maxine Hicks. The congregation then sung " He Brought Me Out " and the moderator allowed for a time of testimonies. Bro. David Baker then brought a message from 2 Chron. 5 entitled " Something Missing in Worship. He spoke concerning the attitudes of the people and our call to worship.

The Business session was reconvened with the Assistant moderator recognizing Bro. John Hollis who gave an update concerning action taken by the State Missions Board on the needs of the Mascoutah Church.

Committee Reports:

Memorial Committee, We the Memorial Committee wish to express our sympathy to the families and to the Bear Point Church in the loss of Sis. Modena McClellan and to the families of Rev. Geraldine Lewis and the Nason Church and to the families of Robert Hicks and the Waltonville Church. May God bless each and everyone. Motion sustained to receive the report of the Memorial Committee.

Signed: Emra Lee Conner, Chaca Pierce and Aileen Spann

Resolutions Committee, We the Resolutions Committee recommend the following:

Item 1 That we Thank the Camp Board and Camp Caretaker for our meeting place.

Item 2 That we express our appreciation to Sis. Linda Dunford and the kitchen helpers for planning and preparing the noon meal.

Item 3 That we express our Thanks to those who serve as our officers and standing committees for the past year.

Signed : Bob Harrison, Pat Peterson, and Peggy Outland

Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Resolutions committee.

Credentials Committee, We the Credentials committee recommend the following:

Item 1 That a letter of Good Standing be sent to the South Central Quarterly for Bro. Mark Shores as requested.

Item 2 We recommend that we receive Bro. Anthony Williams as a licensed minister pending the receiving of a letter of Good Standing from the South Central Quarterly meeting. We further recommend that upon receiving a letter of Good Standing that Bro. Anthony Williams be approved for ordination as a Free Will Baptist minister, having completed a course of study at Free Will Baptist Bible College and having completed the examination for ordination for ministers seeking good standing within the West Central Quarterly.

Signed David Baker, Billy Gene Outland and Clarence Porter

Motion sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. Motions were sustained to adopt items 1&2.

Auditing Committee, We the auditing committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Item 1 We the auditing committee find the Treasurer's books in order.

Item 2 We would note that there is an unresolved check # 529 to Amy Perkins on Feb. 9, 1998 for \$15. If someone has information on this person, please contact the treasurer so this can be resolved.

Item 3 That Bro. Robert Gilek be given a rising vote of thanks for his service as treasurer.

Motion sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. Motions were sustained to adopt all three items.

Business Committee, We the Business Committee recommend the following:

Item 1 That an honorarium of \$15 be given to the widows of pastors at Christmas

Item 2 That an honorarium be given to Camp Hope of \$50

Item 3 That we request that each member church consider giving \$1 (Minium) per member per month to the Mascoutah work.

Signed Tom Harmon, Jesse Allen and Betty Pierce

Motion sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. Motions were sustained to adopt all three items.

Motion sustained to receive the nominating report and to act upon it office by office.

The following we placed into nomination and elected.

Moderator- David Malone

Asst Bryant Harris

Clerk Larry Cook

Treasurer Don Federle
Business Committee 1999 Bob Harrison
2001 Tom Harmon
Credentials Committee 2000 Jesse Allen
2001 Billy Gene Outland

Motion sustained to adjourn the Business session and the body was called to worship. The congregation was led in singing " Trust and Obey " and Bro. Carl Spann led in prayer. Bro. Ernie Lewis brought the message on the topic the Sin of Prayerlessness from ISam. 12:23 The meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. Bob Jasper.

Lang Carl Clerk

**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT
TO THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION**

Meeting at Bethel FWB Church in March 19 & 20, 1999

Period of time this report covers January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

Moderator M. David Malone, 202 Doerr, Roxana, IL. 62084 618-254-0809

Clerk Larry C. Cook, 15088 Bear Point Rd. Sesser, IL. 62884 618-625-5873

Churches

Location	5 City/Town	5 Rural
Pastor	5 Full-time	5 Part-time

Membership Information

Baptisms	27	Members Added	44	Members lost	22
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Total Membership 927

Churches with budgets 5

Total Tithes and offerings \$ 513,889.00

Churches with parsonages 4

Total Value of all properties \$4,000,000.00

Total No. of Ordained Ministers 14

Total No. of Licensed Ministers 2

Total No. of Ordained Deacons 24

Kindergarten 1

Christian Day School 1

Have a Sunday School 10

Sunday School Enrollment 766

Have a CTS 5

CTS Enrollment 224

Have A Women's Aux. 7

Auxiliary Enrollment 78

Have A Master's Men 1

Master's Men Enrollment 8

Except were otherwise noted the information comes from 9 of 10 churches reporting

**Delegates Jane Harmon, Peggy Outland, Jean Malone, Melissa Taylor, Tonya Jasper,
Eddie Hollis, Donna Harrison, Terri Schmidt, Sue King and Lorraine Crank**

List of Ministers in Good Standing:

David Baker
Billy Gene Outland
Bryant Harris
M. David Malone
Bill Crank
Jesse Allen
Larry Cook
Gary Portell
Nicholas Hollis
Randall Steelman

Deacons:

Jim Roberts	Cecil Webb	George Ragalnd
Danny Webb	Neal Sulcer	Don Federle
Ross Wells	Darrell Renfro	Willis Shewcraft
Dick LeVault	Jim LeVault	Bob Harrison
Doyle Galloway	Ted Thompson	Bob Jasper
Glen Skelton	Logan Marlow	Marion Wells
Bill Loman	Clark Lincoln	Bob King
Tom Harmon	Wesley Conner	Terold Kniffen
Bob Irwin		

Deceased:

Modena McClellan- Bear Point
Richard McNeil -Hazel Dell
Rev. Geraldine Lewis- Nason
Elsie Hobbs- Peace
Helen Nance- Peace
Oletta Knaus- Peace
Sis. Virtus Childers- Rock Springs
Robert Hicks- Waltonville