

## **WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MET AT BETHEL FWB CHURCH JANUARY 16, 1999**

The meeting was opened with Bro. Jason Taylor leading the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven" following by Bro. Bob Jasper leading in prayer. The welcome was given by the host pastor, Bro. Bill Crank. The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the moderator recognized the standing delegates. The Asst. moderator, Bro. Bryan Harris, then read the church covenant. The congregation then sang the song, "Leaning On Jesus". The reports of the member churches was read and a motion was sustained to receive the reports and seat the delegates. The moderator appointed the following committees:

**Memorial Committee:** Linda Cook, Iola Voyles & Ruth Kirby

**Resolutions Committee:** Terri Schmidt, Sue King & Betty Pierce

Motion was sustained to adopt the treasurer's report. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion was sustained to approve the reading of the minutes. The moderator then recognized some new faces in our District: Bro. Randy Jones the new pastor at Rescue and Bro. Jason Taylor the new youth and music man at Bethel. The moderator declared a recess from the business session.

The worship service was opened with Bro. Gary Portell leading the congregation in singing "The Family of God" with Bro. Nick Hollis leading in prayer followed by another congregational song "Jesus Saves". Bro. Gary Portell then shared an e-mail letter he had received from his son in China and then sung "The Anchor Holds". The moderator led in prayer and then introduced the first speaker Bro. Kent Dunford who spoke from I Cor. 5:1-5 concerning the Power of God and how it must sustain us not our power or wisdom.

The moderator then called the body back into business with a letter from Bro. Hollis concerning the status of the search for a missionary to go to Mascoutah. Then the following committee reports were received:

**Memorial Committee-** We the Memorial Committee express our sympathy to the families of Helen Nance and Oletta Knaus of the Peace Church. We ask that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these who have faithfully served. We ask that Bro. Nick Hollis lead in prayer. Signed Linda Cook, Iola Voyles and Ruth Kirby.  
A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it.

**Resolutions Committee:** We wish to Thank the Bethel Church for the hospitality and compliment them on their beautiful new building. Signed: Terri Schmidt, Sue King and Betty Pierce. A motion was sustained to receive this report.

**Business Committee:** We recommend the following items:

Item 1 That Bro. Gene Outland be nominated as our State Executive Board member.

Item 2 That Bro. Nick Hollis fill the unexpired term of Bro. David Baker

Item 3 That all churches who have committed to help the work at Mascoutah to inform the State Mission board of their commitment. Signed Tom Harmon, Bob Harrison and Bill Crank

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. All three items passed.

**Examining Committee:** We recommend the following:

Item 1 That Bro. Jason Taylor be received into our Quarterly Meeting upon receiving a letter of Good Standing from the Green River Conference in Kentucky.

Item 2 That the following ministers receive cards of Good Standing from the West Central Quarterly meeting:

David Baker

Jesse Allen

Billy Gene Outland

Larry Cook

Bryant Harris

Gary Portell

M. David Malone

Nicholas Hollis

Bill Crank

Randall Steelman

Item 3 That the following ministers receive their cards of Good Standing upon receipt of a letter of Good Standing from their previous Quarterly meetings.

Tony Williams

Jason Taylor

Signed David Baker, Billy Gene Outland and Jesse Allen

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. All items passed.

The moderator then appointed the following to serve as delegates to our state meeting to be held at Bethel in March:

Jane Harmon

Peggy Outland

Jean Malone

Melissa Taylor

Tonya Jasper

Eddie Hollis

Donna Harrison

Terri Schmidt

Sue King

Lorraine Crank

Motion was sustained to adjourn the business session.

Bro. Bryant opened the worship service by asking Bro. Jason Taylor to lead the congregational singing. The following songs were sung: Revive Us Again and I'd Rather Have Jesus. Sis Diana Davis shared the following message in song " Your Still Lord ". Bro. Bryant then introduced the speaker for the hour Bro. Tony Williams who spoke from John 8:1-11 on how Jesus cleanses and forgives and thus we need to be willing to accept those that come to us. The congregation sung the invitational hymn " Just As I Am " and Bro. Bob Jasper closed the service in prayer.

*Larry Cook*  
*Clerk*



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**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MET AT HAZEL DELL CHURCH APRIL 17, 1999**

The meeting was opened with Bro. Rusty Miller leading the congregation in singing "Glory To His Name" following by Bro. Randy Kash leading in prayer. This was followed by the congregation singing "There is a Name I Love To Hear". The welcome was given by the host pastor, Bro. Gene Outland. The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the moderator recognized the standing delegates. The Asst. moderator, Bro. Bryant Harris, then read the church covenant. The reports of the member churches were read and a motion was sustained to receive the reports and seat the delegates. The moderator appointed the following committees:

Memorial Committee: Donna Harrison, Ted Harmon, & Ruth Kirby

Resolutions Committee: Barbara Eubanks, Ruth Wells, & Erma Lee Conner

The new missionary to Victory FWB Church, formerly Mascoutah was introduced. Motion was sustained to adopt the treasurer's report. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion was sustained to approve the reading of the minutes. The moderator declared a recess from the business session.

The worship service was opened with the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Whisper A Prayer" followed by Bro. Tim Pierce leading in prayer. The special music was provided by Bro. Jon Cannon and his family the new missionary family to Mascoutah. The first speaker Bro. Randy Jones brought the message from Psalms 37:3-9 concerning how we should honor God.

The moderator then called the body back into business and the following reports were given:

**Memorial Committee-** We the Memorial Committee express our sympathy to the families of Gilbert Grob of the Peace Church and Alice McMahon of the Rescue Church.. We ask that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these who have faithfully served and that Bro. Gene Outland lead in prayer. Signed Ted Harmon, Donna Harrison and Ruth Kirby.

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it.

**Resolutions Committee:** We, the Resolutions Committee wish to thank the Hazel Dell Church for the warm welcome kind hospitality and bountiful meal which have been provided for the West Central Quarterly. Signed Barbara Eubanks, Ruth Wells and Erma Lee Conner. A motion was sustained to receive the report.

**Business Committee:** We recommend the following items:

Item 1 That we recognize Victory FWB Mission church as the mission work at Mascoutah, and that while they are a mission work, we recognize their ordained authority ( pending examination ) and delegates and that we waive all fees for this work until such time as they organize as a church.

Item 2 That we promote and make an effort to support " Operation Saturation " May 15 at Mascoutah.

Item 3 That the July meeting be moved to the 5th Saturday, July 31st.

Item 4 That a committee be appointed by the moderator to meet with the Rock Springs FWB Church per their letter to withdraw from our association. This committee would then report back to this association of its findings as to the status of this church. Motion sustained to table the request of the Rock Springs Church until the July meeting and a motion was sustained to allow

the moderator to appoint a committee to meet with this church: Bros. Bill Crank, Larry Cook, Tom Harmon, and David Malone.

Item 5 That the next quarterly meeting go to Nason Church moving Victory to the proper alphabetical order.

Signed Tom Harmon, Bob Harrison and Bill Crank

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. All five items passed.

**Examining Committee:** We recommend the following:

Item 1 That Bro. Jon Cannon be received into our Quarterly Meeting as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister pending the receiving a letter of Good Standing from the Blue Ridge Association in North Carolina. And that he be given a card of good standing pending the receiving of his letter from the Blue Ridge Association.

Item 2 That the following ministers receive cards of Good Standing from the West Central Quarterly meeting for the year of 1999.

Robert Jilek      Clarence Porter

Signed Billy Gene Outland and Clarence Porter

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item. All items passed.

Motion was sustained to adjourn the business session.

A report of the Executive Board member Bro. Gene Outland was given concerning the Executive Board.

The worship service was opened by Bro. Rusty Miller leading the congregation in singing "Jesus is all the World to Me". Bro. Rusty Miller brought the special music just before the message by Bro. Clarence Porter. Bro. Porter spoke from Acts 3:1-6 about the need for us to look from ourselves to the needs of others.

Motion sustained to adjourn and Bro. Bob Irvin closed in prayer.

*Larry Cook*  
*Cherk*



## **WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MET AT NASON FWB CHURCH JULY 31, 1999**

The meeting was opened with Bro. Randy Jones leading the congregation in singing " It Could Happen In A Moment " followed by Bro. Bob Harrison leading in prayer. This was followed by the congregation singing " The Family of God " and the congregation greeting each other. The welcome was given by the host pastor, Bro. Tony Williams. The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the moderator recognized the standing delegates. The Asst. moderator, Bro. Bryant Harris, then read the church covenant. The reports of the member churches were read and a motion was sustained to receive the reports and seat the delegates. The moderator appointed the following committees:

**Memorial Committee:** Jean Malone, Fern Price, Linda Cook

**Resolutions Committee:** Ruth Kirby, Karen Jones, Mike Kuhner

The treasurer's report was given and a motion was sustained to adopt the report. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion was sustained to approve the reading of the minutes. The moderator declared a recess from the business session.

The worship service was opened with the congregation in singing " Come Unto Me " followed by Bro. Hershel Sipes leading in prayer. The special music was provided by Bro. Randy Jones singing " He's Been So Good to Me ". The first speaker Bro. Billy Gene Outland brought the message from John 21:1-14 concerning the truths of God and how he cares for us. And he asked the question what are we doing for Jesus?

The moderator then called the body back into business and the following reports were given:

**Memorial Committee-** We the Memorial Committee express our sympathy to the families and churches of Sis. Flo Farris of Bear Point, Sis. Florence Edwards of Hazel Dell, Sis. Sophrona Burton of Rescue and Bro. Ben Kash of Oak Grove. We ask that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these who have faithfully served and that Bro. Gene Outland lead in prayer. Signed Linda Cook, Jean Malone, and Fern Price. A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it.

**Resolutions Committee:** We, the Resolutions Committee wish to thank the Nason Church for the warm welcome, kind hospitality and food. Signed Mike Kuhner, Karen Jones and Ruth Kirby. A motion was sustained to receive the report.

**Business Committee:** We recommend that an open discussion concerning the location of the October meeting be held.

Signed Tom Harmon, Bob Harrison and Tim Pierce

A decision was made to have the October 16th meeting at Oak Grove.

**Examining Committee:** We have received a request for a letter of good standing for Bro. David Baker from the West Florida Association. We recommend that a letter of good standing be granted to Bro. David Baker from the West Central Association to the West Florida Association.

Signed Billy Gene Outland and Jesse Allen

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it.

A motion was sustained to remove from the table the request from the Rock Springs Church to withdraw from our District. The request was granted.

A letter of good standing was received from the Blue Ridge Association for Bro. Jon Cannon and was read.

A report of the Executive Board member Bro. Gene Outland was given concerning the Executive Board.

The worship service was opened by Bro. Randy Jones leading the congregation in singing "What A Friend" followed by Bro. Tom Harmon leading in prayer. Bro. Ted Harmon brought the special music just before the message by Bro. David Malone. Bro. Malone spoke from Genesis 24:1-4 about the thought that even before we were born God knew us and had a plan for us.

Motion sustained to adjourn and Sis. Linda Cook closed in prayer.

*Linda Cook  
Clerk*

## **WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MET AT OAK GROVE FWB CHURCH OCT. 16, 1999**

The meeting was opened with Bro. Tom Harmon leading the congregation in singing " A Hill Called Mount Calvary " and the pastor of the church, Bro. Bud Porter, led in prayer. The congregation then sung " It Could Happen In A Moment ". Bro. David Malone welcomed the congregation to the meeting and it was called to order by the clerk; who recognized the standing delegates. Bro. Bryant led the congregation in a responsive reading of the church covenant. The letters were read and a motion was sustained to receive the letters and seat the delegates. The following committees were appointed:

Memorial Committee: Donna Harrison, Donna Harmon, & Lawrence Lemons

Resolutions Committee: Jim Price, Reva Allen, & Erma Lee Conner

Auditing Committee: Marilyn Irvin, Bonnie Allen, & Joyce Price

Motion was sustained to suspend the rule concerning a person having to be present to be elected to an office or committee. Motion was sustained to adopt the quarterly report of the Treasurer. This was followed by a motion being sustained to adopt the yearly report of the Treasurer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The moderator then declared a recess.

### **Worship Service**

The service was opened with the congregation singing " I'll Meet You By the River " followed by Bro. Jason Taylor leading in prayer. The congregation then sang " He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me ". The special music " Just a Little Talk with Jesus was presented by Bro. & Sis Cannon and Bro. Bob Jasper. Bro Cannon then brought the message from Matthew 9:35-38 he focused on the thought that our Lord was moved with compassion. And that as a result we must visualize, agonize over and evangelize a lost and dying world.

Business session was reconvened and the following reports were given:

Memorial Committee- We the Memorial committee express our sympathy and prayer support to the Peace Church and the family of Vivian Hull and the Rescue Church and the family of Fronia Burton. We ask that the congregation stand and Bro. Randy Jones lead in prayer. Signed: Donna Harrison, Donna Harmon, and Lawrence Lemons. Motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it.

Resolution Committee: We the Resolutions Committee wish to thank the Oak Grove Church for their hospitality and for the good dinner meal. Signed Emra Lee Conner, Reva Allen and Jim Price Motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it.

Business Committee: We recommend that the moderator appoint a committee to review and update our constitution and by-laws. Motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it. The following committee was appointed: Gene Outland, Bud Porter & Randy Jones.

The following slate of officers and committee members were elected by acclamation:

Examining Board- Jon Cannon

Business Committee- Bob Harrison

Treasurer- Don Federle

Clerk- Larry Cook

Asst. Moderator- Bryant Harris

Moderator- David Malone

Auditing Committee- We the auditing committee having examined the records find it to be a correct report. Signed Marilyn Irvin, Joyce Price, & Bonnie Allen



The moderator recognized Bro. David Shores who spoke concerning the creation of a Relief Fund for the FWB in North Carolina. And then Bro. Gene Outland gave a report as our Executive Board member concerning the work in our state.

#### Worship Service

The service was opened with the congregation singing " I Know Who Holds Tomorrow " and Bro. Cecil Parrish led in prayer. Sis. Andrea Harris provided the special music singing " My Jesus I Love Thee ". Bro. Bryant Harris brought the message using as a text Neh. 1:3 and 6:15. He spoke concerning the principles that God has given us to accomplish his work. The moderator adjourned the meeting and Bro. Bob Irvin closed in prayer.

*Larry Cook*  
Clerk