

MINUTES  
Annual Meeting of FWB Great Lakes Association  
Sterling Free Will Baptist Church  
May 16, 1992

Opening Song: "I Feel Like Travelling Home - led by Bro Frisbee

Conference Welcome and Prayer: Bro John Castle

Scripture and Devotion: John 14:27, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Moderator: Bro John Castle opened meeting by the recognition of visitors and seating of delegates.

Roll Call of Churches: (Oral Reports Given As Follows):

-Akron FWB Church - Delegates: Ron Bauman, Karen Burkett, Wini Burkett, Maxine Deem, and Frank Failes. Bro Frisbee indicated that souls had been saved on Mother's Day the previous Sunday. Bro Frisbee also spoke of his meeting in the North Carolina State Prison. Bro Frisbee spoke of 104 prisoners, 61 of which can never come up for parole or be released from prison. Bro Frisbee asked for our prayers for these prisoners.

-Austintown FWB Church - Delegates: George & Mrs. Beal and Robert & Mrs. Rebic. Bro Bruce Beal spoke of their radio program, and of the Catholic Nursing Home where he started a service. The church is growing; with not as many saved, but we're asking the Lord to help us get more saved.


-Centerton FWB Church - Delegates: Paul & Mrs. Sprouse. Bro Paul Sprouse submitted his churches letter of withdrawal from the FWB Great Lakes Conference. In his letter Bro Sprouse spoke of his appreciation of all the good fellowship they have enjoyed for the past twenty eight years. He further spoke of the completion of the remodeling at their church.

-Dailyville FWB Church - Delegates: Carl & Mrs. Dunn. Bro Dunn spoke about the church school being moved from his church; commissioners provided free building to accommodate 108 children. Bro Dunn thanked the Lord for freeing him to be Pastor; that there are 356 now in church; and Bro Dunn praised the Lord that his oldest son had just made a commitment to work full-time for the Lord. Bro Dunn further spoke of the children from Bible School that would be attending the FWB National Association Meeting in Indianapolis.

-Sterling FWB Church - Delegates: Jim McComas, Jeff Mackworth, Damon Gross, Shannon McVicker. Bro McComas gave the report for the church. Bro McComas indicated that there was a problem with church parking. That 5 acres of land had recently been purchased for the new church building project. That souls were being saved at the church services.

-Motion passed to accept the minutes of the October 19, 1991 Semi-Annual Meeting of the FWB Great Lakes Association as read.

- Treasurer's Report was given and motion passed to accept the report as read.
- Prayer of Consecration was given by Bro Carl Dunn
- Bro Castle recognized the visit of Rev. Paul Peterson of the Cleveland FWB Church, who briefly spoke about the FWB State Children's Board and its need for continued prayer and support.
- Minister's Report was given by Bro Dunn.
- Women's Auxiliary Meeting report was given.
- Old Business:
  - Motion passed that October and May would continue to be the months for our semi-annual and annual meetings.
  - The Rev Blaine Etterling issue was resolved in the Ministerial Conference Meeting.
- New Business:
  - Recommendations from the Ministerial Conference were that the October meeting be held in Austintown. Motion passed.
  - Use of the new revised forms for church reporting were discussed. Motion passed to use the new forms for future church reporting.
  - May, '93 conference meeting to be held in Akron. Motion passed.
  - Bro & Mrs. Sprouse were recognized for their years of service. They came to the front of the church and were formally recognized by everyone in attendance and the song, Victory In Jesus was sung in commemoration.
  - Bro Dave Starcher gave the offering prayer.
  - Song: Mansion Over The Hilltop was sung.
  - The Representatives Quartet sung: I Feel Like Running; More Than Him; and The Lord Will Go With You.
  - Bro Brian Workman recognized Bro Jim McComas on his ordination.
  - Bro Dunn gave the message: The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength. I Chronicles 1-4.
  - Ordination Qualifications from I Timothy 3:1, were given by Bro Frisbee.
  - The charge of ordination was given to Bro Jim McComas with his wife in attendance by Bro Frisbee.
  - The Prayer of Ordination and the benediction prayer were given by Bro Castle.
  - A wonderful lunch was served by the ladies of the Sterling FWB Church, and lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

  
 Ron Bauman, Clerk

MINUTES  
Semi-Annual Meeting of FWB Great Lakes Association  
First FWB Church, Youngstown, Ohio  
October 17, 1992

Opening Song: "At Calvary" - led by Bro Frisbee  
Conference Welcome and Prayer: Bro Beal  
Devotion: "God's Report Card" given by Bro Gary Dheel  
Recognition of Visitors: Moderator Bro John Castle introduced  
visiting preachers Bro Grover from First FWB Church - Rittman;  
and Bro Farmer from Clinton FWB Church, Clinton, Ohio.  
Roll Call of Churches: (Oral Reports were given as follows):

-Sterling FWB Church - Bro McComas gave the report for the church. Bro McComas indicated that the Lord had helped and directed the purchase of 5 acres of land for the building of a new church. And the Lord blessed the church by having a man and woman provide an interest free loan for the churches use. Attendance at church has been up with 97 for church, and 75 at Sunday school. And, there have been many young converts.

-Dailyville FWB Church - Bro Dunn reported that he was excited about the Love In Action program that was expanding in the church. This is a new program of discipleship whereby we have 12-15 people who are discipling. We have a new Wednesday evening Bible Club, where there are from 3 to 30 children in this new program. We just completed a great revival and homecoming. The South East College quartet blessed in song at this revival. Church recognized Bro Dunn with bulletin board display of compliments, as a surprise to the Pastor. For this Bro Dunn praised the Lord & was very grateful.

-Liberty FWB Church - Bro Dheel gave a brief report indicating that the Lord has blessed their church abundantly in allowing them to pay off the debt on their church. Between 40 and 90 people were responsible for paying off this debt. God has blessed the church 150%.

-Rittman First FWB Church - Bro Grover reported that God has blessed the church with new services. And, that the people were working hand-in-hand with the Lord. Bro Grover said that he has been speaking to the church on their responsibility to God to be first in their lives.

-Clinton FWB Church - Bro Farmer was happy to attend our conference, and reported that his church has about 30 in service on Sunday, now. And, that he would like us to pray for the increased growth of their church.

-Austintown FWB Church - Bro Beal reported on the continued growth of their church. He requested prayer over the possibility of land purchase North of the present church. There is a great need for additional parking. We also continue to ask the Lord for help in getting more people saved.

-Akron FWB Church - Bro Frisbee gave praise to the Lord for the many saved souls and new church members. Bro Frisbee introduced Bro Raymond Rivers, a recent graduate of the Southeastern Bible College, who will be serving in the capacity of Youth Pastor at the Akron FWB Church, as he prepares for the Foreign Mission Field. Further, that Bro Rivers would be ordained at the Akron FWB Church, on November 29, 1992, having been approved for ordination by the Ministerial board at this meeting. Then Bro Rivers, on his capacity at the Akron church, as well as his expectations regarding the youth of the church, as well as how he requested our prayers as the Lord prepares him for mission work.

Reading of the Minutes of the May 16, 1992 was read and approved.

Treasurers Report was read and approved.

Woman's Auxiliary Report was read by Sister Kathryn Rapp and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bro Dunn made a motion to amend the Great Lakes Association Constitution and By-Laws. ~~as follows~~

*a motion was made and passed to association*

a. Delete the office of historian in Article 7, Section 6, at next printing of the by-laws, ~~as~~ we do not physically have an Association historian in place. ~~Motion Passed~~

*motion was made and passed*

b. To delete the reference to the number of churches in the Great Lakes Association in Article 10, Section 1. ~~Motion Passed~~

Further new business was that the Examination for Ordination would receive minor corrections (some typographical errors), and would be ratified at the next conference. Recommendation accepted.

A new 4-Point Offering Program was ~~presented~~ <sup>presented</sup> recommended to the churches by Bro Dunn, as recommended by the State Assn:

- a. April - Mission Month
- b. September - Rest of Family Month
- c. November - Home Mission Month
- d. December - Bible College Month

Bro Dunn spoke about the National Offices need for the state of Ohio at \$52,000, which would be \$5.00 per member over the next 3 years.

*a motion was made and passed*

~~Bro Dunn presented a motion~~ to recognize the Clerk/Treasurer ~~Bro Dunn~~ for his work in serving the Association. ~~Motion Passed~~

*a motion was made and passed*

~~was moved and seconded~~ to accept for ordination Bro Raymond Rivers. Bro Rivers was approved for ordination during the Ministerial meeting at this meeting.



3.

A motion was made and <sup>passed</sup> ~~accepted~~ to give \$500 from the treasury to the National Home Mission Board. ~~Motion Passed.~~

A motion was made and <sup>passed</sup> ~~accepted~~ to give \$100 to Bro Roy Roach at the First FWB Church in Zanesville, which is one of our Ohio Home Mission Churches. ~~Motion Passed~~

An offering was received.

"This Is What Heaven Means To Me" and "The Potter's House" were sung by Sister Illene Bauman.

"Consider The Lillies" was sung by Sister Carolyn Adams.

Bro Richard Adams, Director of Development, of the National FWB Home Mission Board gave an overview of Home Missions Development. Bro Adams spoke of the goals and aspirations of the Home Missions Board.

Bro Richard Adams gave the message: "Seek God's Best" using ~~the~~ *as his* text, ~~from~~ Joshua Chapter 14.

The meeting was adjourned and a wonderful lunch was served by the ladies of the Austintown FWB Church, with warm ~~and~~ fellowship being enjoyed by everyone in attendance. *Christian*

Respectfully submitted:

*Ron Bauman*

Ron Bauman, Clerk