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Annual Meeting of FWB Great Lakes Association
Akron FWB Church, Akron, Ohio
May 15, 1993

Opening Song: "Power In The Blood" - led by Bro Brian Workman
Conference Welcome and Prayer: Bro Frisbee
Devotion: "Faithful, Fervant and Focused" - Rev Mark Hogan
Recognition of Visitors: Bro Frisbee

Oral Reports of Great Lakes Association churches were given as follows:

-Sterling FWB Church - Bro McComas gave the report for the church. Bro Jim McComas was voted in as Pastor of the church. Bro Johnny Castle resigned as Pastor. A Board of Trustees was elected. Bros Hackworth, Schaffter, and Workman were set apart for consideration as Deacon's of the church. The church is growing. New church land is being paid off by the program of "Dept Free in '93." Activities are on-going and the present goal is to have this land paid off by the Fall of 1993. The over-flow parking lot is full, and the Lord has been blessing real good.

-Dailyville FWB Church - Bro Dunn gave the report for the church. Bro Dunn reported that he was the proud grandfather of a new granddaughter, weighing in at 8lb 12oz. Bro Dunn related how the conference has afforded him the opportunity to spend some extra time with those delegates his church sends to the conference. Bro Dunn reported on the painting being done to the new sanctuary. On conference day there were 15 children competing at the Heritage FWB Church in Columbus. Bro Bob Shokey held a recent revival at the church, which saw 5 young people give their lives to the Lord. Bro Dunn related the story of this precious, little 5 year-old boy, who had wanted to be baptized. The father and his son were baptized. We need to be reminded to let the Lord work in our lives, and to stay focused, even as this young boy was doing.

Austintown First FWB Church - Bro Beal gave the report for the church. Bro Beal reported that a revival to be preached by Bro Mark Hogan was to begin the following day following the conference. The church was continuing to grow. A Cottage Prayer Meeting is in progress at the church. It is a small group, but with the faithful 1/3 of the church showing at the meetings. Bro Beal related that there must first be a revival inside the church, and then begin to reach outside the church. The property the church had been looking at did not become available, so the church continues to look for new property. Bro Beal announced that Bro Bob Levic would be coming forward to be set aside as Deacon of the church in the conference. The past 4 year growth of Bro Bob has been tremendous, and he has been instrumental in seeing many saved. Bro Beal asked that we continually keep our eyes on Christ.

-Akron FWB Church - Bro Raymond Rivers reported that he would be completing his first year at the Akron FWB Church, at the end of May. Bro Raymond was happy to report that many young people had been saved in the past year, and that he was thankful for the opportunity to help these young people get saved. Bro Raymond reported that the nursing home out-reach ministry of the church was going well. And that people continue to need the Lord.

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-Akron FWB Church, continued: Bro Frisbee announced that there has been three baptismal services since the first of the year. People are being saved at the church. It is easier to get them saved than to keep them at times. Bro Frisbee related that he is doing 8 to 9 services per week. There were more services that need done, but that his time was full handling the present services. Bro Frisbee attended the New Jersey Conference with Bro Paul Sprouse. His church was the first FWB Church in the state of New Jersey. Bro Frisbee preached a fellowship meeting three times in Vineland, NJ. Bro Frisbee brought the charge to the new church in that meeting. Bro Paul Sprouse will be coming back to visit with us at sometime in the future.

-Clinton FWB Church - Bro Brian Farmer visited the conference and related that he was honored to be in attendance at the conference again, for the second time. His church is continuing to be blessed, and is growing steadily.

-Rittman Community FWB Church - Bro Starcher was visiting the conference, and shared in praising the Lord for all that was happening at his church.

Reading of the Minutes of the October, 1992 Conference Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business:

It was moved and seconded to send \$500. to the State Mission Board.

It was moved and seconded to give \$100 to Bro David McGowan to cover expenses for the conference meeting.

Election of Officers were approved as follows:

Moderator: Bro Jim McComas
Asst Moderator: Bro Frisbee
Clerk: Ron Bauman
Asst Clerk: Sis Kathryn Rapp

Members of Executive Board: Bro Charles Rapp, Bro Frank Failles, Bro Brian Workman, and Bro George Beal.

General Board Member to the State Convention: Bro Frisbee.

The next conference meeting would be held at the Daileyville FWB Church on October 15-16, 1993; and the May, '94 Conference would be held at the Sterling FWB Church, on May 20-21, 1994.

State Convention Delegates: Bro & Sister Rapp; Sis Linda Dunn; and Sis Betty Frisbee.

Bro Frisbee announced the following: Youth Camp-July 4-10, '93; Young Adult Retreat-April 8-9, '94 (to be confirmed); and a Bible Land Tour March 14-24, '94.

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An offering was received.

"I'll Fly Away" was led by Bro Frisbee.


"His Tomb Is Empty Now" was sung by Sis Illene Bauman

Bro David McGowan from our Hamilton, Ohio Home Mission Church gave the Message: "High Cost of the Power of God," using as his text, Zechariah 4:6, and Psalms 62:11.

Bro Frisbee charged Bro Bob Levic from the Austintown First FWB Church with the Ordination of Deacon, using as his text, Acts 6:2,3; and I Timothy Chapter 3. Bro and Sister Levic then received the blessing of the church following which...

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

Respectfully submitted:



Ron Bauman, Clerk

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Annual Meeting of FWB Great Lakes Association
Dailyville FWB Church, Waverly, Ohio
October 16, 1993

Opening Song: "He Set Me Free" - led by Bro Kenneth Frisbee
Conference Welcome and Prayer: Bro Carl Dunn
Devotion: "Fighting The Right War" - Rev Jim Arthur
Recognition of Visitors: Bro Dunn

Oral Reports of Great Lakes Association churches were given as follows:

-Sterling FWB Church - Bro Brian Workman gave the report for the church. This past Sunday saw over 100 in attendance at the church. The nursery had to be moved to accommodate the growth of the church. The borrowed money, (\$23,000), to buy land for the new church was paid off. A total of \$2500 was needed to pay off the loan, and through a special love offering, \$3500 was raised. A meeting was scheduled to meet with the new church builder to begin discussion on the building process.

-Dailyville FWB Church - Bro Carl Dunn gave the report for the church. "Come and See" is the best way to know what is going on in the church. The attendance of the older people has dwindled somewhat. There is a larger growth among the 25 to 30 year old's presently. A nursery room is being added. The number of decisions for the Lord continues to grow. And, we continue our work toward the coming of the Lord. Church members have indicated their appreciation of the pastor's work in the church, as was reported by Bro Dale Reed.

-Austintown First FWB Church - In the absence of Bro Bruce Beal, his father gave the report for the church. Our church is again looking to purchase a piece of property. We have to move. 4.7 acres of property is available approximately 1/2 mile from our present location. The price is \$83,000. The parsonage has been sold, and \$40,000 was cleared on that sale. On September 12, 1993, "Miracle Sunday" was held. \$37,000 plus has been realized. We have a new motto at our church, "Geared for Growth." Our radio ministry is now 6 years old. We have had 2 real good revivals, with souls being saved. We have 2 good family men in our church, one of which is an ex-alcoholic. Both of these men continue to do a great work for the church. Perhaps by 1995, we can be in our new church.

-Akron FWB Church - Bro Frisbee gave the report for the church. The church has over 60 people sign up to read and to listen to the New Testament. The month of October has been set aside for the reading and listening of the New Testament tapes. Also in the month of October, one day per week was set aside for fasting and prayer. During the month at each church meeting has seen somebody getting saved. The Lord continues to do his mighty work in our church.

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Reports from visiting churches:

-Zanesville First FWB Church - Bro Roy Roach gave the report. The church is presently trying to raise \$2500, to remodel the interior of the church. People continue to get saved, and there is slow, but steady growth being seen in the church. On behalf of the State Home Mission Board, Bro Roach reported that the Board seeks to raise Rev. Willie Booth of the Open Door FWB Mission in Lancaster, Ohio to "self-support" by May of 1994.

-Bro Jim Arthur from Bancroft, West Virginia reported on his church in Bancroft. Their church has just recently installed a baptistry at a cost, including some remodeling, of \$47,000. There were 187 in attendance at their Wednesday evening service. Each Sunday will see between 200-250 at their Sunday evening services. Bro Arthur requested our prayers for his upcoming spinal surgery. He reported that his doctor had ~~set~~ him from 7 services per week to 3 services, until his health permits a full schedule again. *(Bancroft Mission Church of God)

-Siotodale FWB Church, Portsmouth, Ohio - Bro Daniel Widdig gave the report. Bro Widdig reported that this was his 4th year at the church. They are seeing many young converts, and Bro Widdig is thankful for what God is doing at the church.

The Prayer of Consecration was given by Bro Carl Dunn.

Reading of the Minutes of the May, 1993 Conference Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

The Woman's Auxiliary Report was given by Sister Frisbee. There were 14 ladies were present. The National and State Woman's Auxiliary Meetings were discussed. Sister Linda Dunn gave devotions. A \$21.00 offering was taken. A good report from the churches represented was given.

The Men's Ministerial Report was given by Bro Carl Dunn. Danny Stading of the Sterling FWB Church was set aside for licensing as a minister. And, Larry Keener of the Sterling FWB Church, was voted on for transfer from the Lorain Conference to the Great Lakes Conference. Also, Rev. Jim Arthur, from the Bancroft Mission Church of God, Bancroft, West Virginia, was received in fellowship at the Ministerial Conference, and was voted to become a full Freewill Baptist Minister, and an Ordination Certificate was issued to Bro Arthur.

Old Business: None

New Business:

It was moved and seconded to send \$300. to Bro Roy Roach at the First FWB Church in Zanesville, for the continuance of his State Home Mission Work. at his church.

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Bro Frisbee announced the Young Adult Retreat to be held in Big Prarie, on Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, 1994, and also the Bible Land Tour, in March, 1994.

Bro McComas announced that he was the proud father of an 8 pound, 1/4 ounce, black haired, baby boy, ^{MATTHEW} who was born at 8:58PM, Monday, October 11, 1993. Bro McComas also announced that Vernon Barker would be the speaker at the May Conference Meeting to be held at the Sterling FWB Church, on May 20-21, 1994.

An offering was received.

"What A Meeting In The Air" and "Fear Not Child" were sung by the Representatives Quartet.

Bro Brian Workman testified that God is able to deliver us and comfort us.

Bro Daniel Widdig of the Sciotoale FWB Church in Portsmouth, gave the message, "If It Be So" using as his text Daniel Chapter 3, and Jeremiah Chapter 20.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Ron Bauman, Clerk