

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of F.W.B. Great Lakes Association
Sterling F.W.B. Church, Sterling, Ohio
May 21, 1994

When The Roll Is Called up Yonder.

Opening Song: ~~Power In The Blood~~ - led by Bro Kenneth Frisbee

Conference Welcome and Prayer: Bro Jim McComas

Devotion: Bro Brian Farmer of the Clinton F.W.B. Church, *JN 6:9 + JER 18:142*

Recognition of Visitors: Bro McComas

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

-Austintown First F.W.B. Church - It was reported that due to a death in the family, Bro Bruce Beal was unable to attend the conference, but it was requested that everyone in attendance be much in prayer for the Beal family.

-Dailyville F.W.B. Church - Bro Carl Dunn gave the report for the church. After the introduction of church delegates, Bro Dunn asked that we remember his church in prayer, especially young adult parents. There were 83 in children's night at the church. The church is carrying a burden to reach parents of these youngsters. And, workers are increasing to help and support in this burden. The teenage choir will be attending the National Convention representing the Dailyville church. Bro Dunn related that they are experiencing a revitalization of young leaders in the church. Bro Dunn stated that his heart has been heavily burdened for the lost. Bro Dunn had just completed his annual pastoral call, during which time he resigned from the church. But his compassion for the lost in his community was strong and he was not in resignation long, before he was led back into the church. The church had stood confidently behind Bro Dunn, but he desired that compassion be preached from behind the pulpit, and Bro Dunn vowed to revisit those whom he might have become complacent with, in terms of being lost to the Lord. Bro Dunn is excited about the mission that is before him at his church.

-Sterling F.W.B. Church - Bro Jim McComas gave the report for the church. After the introduction of church delegates, Bro McComas related that after the last conference, there were several families lost from the church, regarding doctrinal issues, but that God has miraculously added to the church more people than had been lost. Whole families are being saved; men, women, boys, and girls were being saved. God has certified what we are doing in the church, by those that are being saved. Bro McComas spoke of a survey that was taken at the church, in which the question was presented to the members, as to which they would want at that time: a new church building; or a full time pastor. The members let it be known that they wanted a full time pastor, and now Bro Jim is ~~with~~ full time pastor. Within the next month, and with God's leadership, plans will be made for the going forward ~~for~~ ^{WITH} the new church building.

-Akron F.W.B. Church - Bro Ken Frisbee gave the report for the church. After the introduction of church delegates, Bro Frisbee told that God was in the saving business at the Akron F.W.B. church. A fellow who had been retired for the past six years came to service and said that Bro Claude Adkins from down in West Virginia had given the church name to him many years ago, and told him to visit the church. And, it was only recently that he has begun to visit the church. Bro Adkins had told him to get in the church, and to get saved. Also, just recently we had two to get saved right in their home, on visitation. Bro Frisbee's prayer is to keep on "winning souls" for the Lord. Bro Frisbee related that it is not as easy today, as it once was, to win the lost to the Lord. And, that it is not as easy to pastor today either. There will come a day and a time when you will

Akron F.W.B. Church, continued:

become discouraged. Bro Frisbee said that "just ^{to} stay in tune with heaven, and you will come out on top; and to use everything in the church for the power and for the glory of God.

Brother Brian Farmer was visiting from the Clinton F.W.B. Church, and Bro Farmer related that his church continues to grow. There ^{were} 7 or 8 that had been baptized; and there have been 4 or 5 that have got saved. Some people of the church have got together to spruce up the church. People are witnessing. A revival has been scheduled for the next week. Bro Farmer reported that new people have come to visit the church. Some stay. And, some go on. It is Bro Farmer's prayer that he wants to get a firm grip on the church for God. Bro Farmer reported that it will be two years at the church, this September, 1994.

Brother Johnny Castle was visiting and represented the Stillwell church, ~~down~~ near Mt. Vernon. Bro Castle said that he had seen 15 get saved. There is an average attendance at the church of 50 or 60 people, and that sometimes attendance goes as high as 80 or 90. Bro Castle said that F.W.B. doctrine was being preached in the church. Bro Johnny is still living in Rittman, but he may decide to move closer to the Wooster area, sometime later in 1994. He spoke of an old-timer that had quit the church. Bro Johnny had gone to visit him, and got one saved and then baptized. Bro Castle had asked God to re-establish him to preach and do the work of the Lord, and get folks saved.

Bro MILLARD Green visited the conference. Bro Green was the oldest preacher in attendance. He said that in 1979, he had retired from his church, and had moved to Tennessee. And, that five years ago he had suffered a heart attack. And, so he came back to Winesburg, Ohio, to the Mt. Eaton Baptist Church. The church was located in a school house at the time. But now, they have built a beautiful new church. Bro Green has been preaching for 57 years, and said he plans to continue to preach until the day the Lord takes him home. Bro Green said that he was now 78 years old; and that he would meet us all in heaven one day.

Bro David Dupler was visiting the Conference from the Open Door F.W.B. Church, ^{in Lancaster, Ohio.} He told how that they had had a Victory Service at the church, and that the church building had been paid off. This ^{is} a Home Mission Church. And, that the Lord was continuing to bless the church. ~~was~~

The Prayer of Consecration was given by Bro Jim McComas.

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Reading of ~~the~~ Minutes of the October, 1993 Conference Meeting ^{as read by the Conference} ~~were read and~~ ^{clerk,}

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The Treasurer's Report ^{by the Conference} ~~was read and approved.~~ ^{clerk,}

The Woman's Auxiliary Report was given by Sister Rapp.

~~The Men's Auxiliary~~ ^{MINISTERIAL} Report was given by Bro Dunn.

Old Business: None

m/s/c = ✓
motion was made / seconded / carried

m/m/s/c = a motion ^{was} made / seconded / ^{and} carried

~~Old Business, None~~

→ New Business: Bro Frisbee commented and otherwise reminded the conference that a minimum of one thousand dollars should be retained in the conference treasury at all times; and that this money would then be there to be used at times when unforeseen circumstances might occur, such as a minister having to attend an out-of-town meeting where expenses would need to be covered, etc.

m/m/s/c
~~It was moved and seconded~~ to appoint Mr. & Mrs. Beal, and Pastor and Mrs. Frisbee as delegates to the Ohio State Conference of F.W.B.

m/m/s/c
~~It was moved and seconded~~ to ~~appoint Bro~~ Frisbee as permanent proxy on the State General Board of F.W.B. ^{to appoint Pastor}

m/m/s/c
~~It was moved and seconded~~ to appropriate \$200.00, to the Victory Campaign, to help support the pay-off of our Headquarters Building in Antioch, Tennessee.

Bro EUGENE Webb, Field Representative for the F.W.B. Children's Home gave a progress report on the work at the Children's Home. He requested prayer that God would continue to bless and supply all their needs. 372 children were turned away in 1993. Adoptions and foster care of children are specific areas where the F.W.B. Children's Home would like to better control the placement of their children into christian homes. 50% of their \$1,000,000 budget is paid by State Children Services Boards; and 50% must come from offerings. Their programs teach responsibility, respect and work ethics. Bro and Mrs. Webb are now permanent field representatives to Ohio and neighboring states.

An offering of \$31.01, was received.

Sister Illene Bauman sang: This is just what Heaven means to me

Bro Jim McComas gave the charge of Deacon to Brothers Hackworth and Workman, with each wife in attendance, using Acts chapter 3, and verse 6; and I Timothy chapter 3, and verse 8 as scripture for the charge. All Deacons and Preachers, ^{IN ATTENDANCE,} layed hands on and prayed over the two new deacons.

Bro Vernon Barker who had been in revival at the Sterling F.W.B. Church gave the message "See If You Can Find A Man", using as his text, Jer 5:1; Gen 18:16-33; and Gen 19:12.

The meeting was adjourned and a wonder^{ful} lunch was served by the ladies of the Sterling F.W.B. Church, with warm Christian fellowship being enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

1995 → Next Meeting - Fri + Sat, May 19-20, 1995, Akron F.W.B. Church,
Respectfully submitted:
Fri + Sat, Oct 20-21, 1995, Daily viles F.W.B. Church
"Lord willing"

Ron Bauman
Ron Bauman, Clerk

→ Clerk Announcement:

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
of the
GREAT LAKES ASSOCIATION
meeting with
AUSTINTOWN FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH
AUSTINTOWN, OH
October 15, 1994

The Semi-Annual Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jim McComas.

Congregational Singing-At Calvary led by Pastor Kenneth Frisbee

Prayer - Brother Edwin Hayes

Session Welcome - Brother Bruce Beal

Visitors recognized were: Rev. Edwin Hayes, Ohio Executive Director, Rev. Roy Roach, Zanesville First F.W.B. Church, and Bro Jeff Dunn, *MGRY AMBASSADOR BIBLE BOOKSTORE*
Roll Call of Churches and Ministers. Five churches were recognized, along with their Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and visitors.

Devotion - Rev. Jim Arthur - "Walk With God" - Revelation CH 3.

REPORTS

Oral Reports of Churches:

1. Akron F.W.B. Church - Bro Kenneth Frisbee gave the report. Bro Frisbee related how the Lord was blessing the church. Baptized two people two weeks ago. We thank God for those who have been saved. We thought possible we would have a new pastor the first of the year, but in the meantime we have a new young minister coming in in the next week, who will come in and assist with the needs of the church. Bro Frisbee talked about how the young people of the church come forward and pray prior to going down to primary church each Sunday morning, and that there are two rows of youngsters at the altar praying at the altar this past Sunday. When you teach children to pray you build their faith, and their parents see them praying. They prayed for a VCR and the Lord worked it out that they would have one, and when someone borrowed it, and did not return it, their prayers again were answered and an even larger VCR was gotten as a result of their faithful prayers. God does great things for children, and what a blessing it is.

2. Sterling F.W.B. Church - Bro Jim McComas gave the report. Since last conference I have gone full time as pastor of the church. We've been working on the spiritual aspect of the church. We just completed F.W.B. treatise; a series on false doctrine that Bro McComas taught the older ones on Wed. evenings, and Bro Larry Keener conducted a class for young converts downstairs. The youth have a meeting now on Wed nights. Thur night is now our visitation night. We have established an address for our new church. We are in the beginning of a 3 year stewardship program for the new church. It is more than money, it is about the church working together, having 12 hours of prayer together, and coming together as a whole church. Bro McComas talked about how he would envision where the new church would be and where the altar would be placed; as to where souls would be saved in the future. God is continuing to bless in giving people, with that last 3 months giving new visitors every Sunday. Bro McComas requested all to remember him and their church with prayers that God would be in everything that is done at the church.

3. Dailyville F.W.B. Church - Bro Carl Dunn gave the report. Bro Carl thanked the Lord for what He has been doing in their church since the last conference. Bro Carl had gone through a personal time of not wanting to stand in the way of growth at the Dailyville F.W.B. church, but with the confidence of the people of the church, deacons and others in leadership, Bro Carl felt a new confidence to stay. And, since that time, Wednesday night saw a tremendous turnout of young people at the church. The vans had to run double schedules to bring in all of the children. 5 young people were recently baptized; 2 young people were saved; 2 young people were saved at church camp. The whole Dunn family was preaching and teaching on one recent week and saw 5 children come to know the Lord. Bro Carl has 6 or 7 more to baptize in the next week or two. God is blessing. We are searching for spiritual gifts. The month of November will see the church recognizing a different part of the community by inviting them to the church to honor them for what they do for the community, such as the healing community; policeman; politicians, commissioners, city officials, mayor, ~~etc~~, with the hopes that it will introduce a lot of new people to what God is doing at the Dailyville church. Bro Carl made an announcement or invitation to a car rally for October 29, 1994, in order to raise money for Home Missions. Bro Carl reported a 5th quarter meeting where Bro Jeff Dunn came and after a Friday night football game they had 70 children come to the church to fellowship together. And, with recent tragedies in the area, Bro Jeff gave the message "What Happens When You Die?" The church lost 5 people from the church in the month of August, due to a plane crash, one from suicide, one other death, and death was real to all these children as they prayed at the altar. Bro Carl requested for continued prayer for our church.

4. Austintown First F.W.B. Church - Bro Bruce Beal gave the report. Our church as does Bro Jim McComas' church has a piece of property that is paid for. We raised \$37,000 in one mirical Sunday service; not in pledges, but in cash giving, which was \$10,000 over our goal to pay for the property. We are struggling now to get some plans together for the building. A major hurdle is the sale of the present building. Once the present building is sold we can begin with the new building. Possibly the Austintown school board will use the present building. The building has been for sale for 3 weeks and there has been a lot of interest in it, but interest will not get it sold. Bro Beal ask for prayers that they can sell the church and get what they need for it. We baptized 4 last Sunday evening, and we thank the Lord for that. We had the best VBS ever, with 57 kids this past August, which is good for a church this size. The entire junior class of 10 kids accepted Jesus Christ as their savior during camp. September was Stewardship emphasis month, where we preached on tithing for one solid month. Several people were gained as tithers as a result of this program. Bro Beal thanked the Lord for what he has done in their church. A revival was just completed where Bro Edwin Hayes preached. Several decisions were made for the Lord during this revival meeting.

5. Bro Jim Arthur spoke about his church in Bancroft, W.Va., and how he is now not only involved in his church, but in 7 other churches in the area. Bro Jim is speaking to them regularly about going F.W.B., since the doctrines are so identical. He spoke about how they need new parking around the church. Parking is a problem. They buy houses around the churches to expand the parking, then use up the space, then have to buy more houses around the church to put in more ~~parking~~ ^{seating}. Attendance is averaging around 250-300 on Sunday nights; 150-200 for Sunday school; Wed nights 150-200. 1 saved Sun night; 2 saved Sat night. Bro Jim is passing out the doctrine of the F.W.B. church. Bro Jim is looking forward to the time when he can get back to preaching 7 nights a week, if the doctor will give him the O.K. Praise God for what he's done. Bro Jim preaches full time now. Bro Jim reported that his wife works and takes good care of him.

Bro Jim asked for prayer for his wife's boss. He is a fine lawyer. Bro Jim believes one should "live" for the Lord. He believes we all have an opportunity to talk to people about getting saved. Bro Jim asked for prayers for him and his wife that they could continue to win souls for Christ, for that is what it's about, and that they could continue to stand boldly and step out for Jesus Christ.

6. Bro John Castle spoke about his church in Rittman, Ohio. Bro Castle just accepted a pastorate back in Rittman, after having been in a church in Stillwell, Ohio. The church has went down, ^{IN RITTMAN} probably to around 30 people. Last Sunday saw 73 at the church, and a few Sundays ago there were over 80 people in attendance. The movement of the Holy Spirit has been seen. Last Sunday, there was 7 decisions for the Lord. Bro Barker will be speaking in revival beginning this Monday night. There will be special singing every night. And, there was something special about dedicating my new grandson to the Lord. It is very special to be a grandparent.

The Prayer of Consecration was given by Bro Jim McComas.

M/S/C ^{present} to accept the reading of the Minutes of the May 21, 1994 Conference Meeting.

M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report as read by the Clerk.

The Woman's Auxiliary Report was given by Sister Dunn.

The Ministerial Meeting Report was given by Bro. Dunn. Bro Dunn announced that a special meeting was called to take place following the Fri eve svc, 5/19/95, by the Ministerial Conference. Old Business: None

New Business: M/S/C to appropriate \$200.00, plus the offering from the Conference, ^{ON 10-15-9} to the Home Mission account of Bro Roy Roach. The total amount given to Bro Roach amounted to \$331.00.

The total offering received at the conference was \$131.00.

Songs were sung as follows:

Touch Your People Once Again - Sister Edwina Nitsky

I'll Take The Cross - Bro Jeff Dunn

I Want To Go There - Sister Illene Bauman

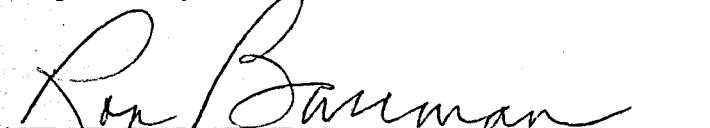
Bro Roy Roach gave the Message: Let Us Search and Try Our Ways, Lamentations 3:40.

Meeting Adjourned. A wonderful lunch was served and fellowship was in abundance.

Clerk Announcement: Next Meeting: Fri & Sat, Oct 20-21, '95, Dailyville F.W.B. Church, Lord

Respectfully submitted:

Willing.



Ron Bauman, Clerk