

PROGRAM FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

THE GREAT LAKES ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF OHIO

June 1, 1968

TISEN ROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AKRON, OHIO

INTRODUCTION

Service opened with song, "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."
Bro. Paul Sprouse read for devotions, Eshesians 5:1-21.

Brother Harold Smith, pastor of host church, welcomed each one to the sixth annual session of the Great Lakes Association.

Visitors were greeted and welcomed followed by singing, "In The Sweet By and By". Bro. John Jeffrey led in an altar prayer.

PROCEEDINGS

Bro. Kenneth Frisbee, Moderator, called for reading of Church letters. Delegates were seated followed by prayer of consecration.

Delegates

New Milford Church

Rev. O. J. Bogard
Bro. O. C. Dawson
Sis. Ruth Dawson
Bro. Milton Mollohan

Clinton Free Will Baptist

Sis. Mary Snyder

Akron Free Will Baptist

Bro. Russell Varner
Bro. James Mollohan

Centerton Free Will Baptist

Bro. D. A. Hayes
Bro. Arthur Click
Sis. Fairy Sprouse
Rev. Paul Sprouse

Sis. Mary Snyder, clerk, read the By-Laws and Constitution.
Treasurers Report by Brother Fred Taylor was read.

Buisness Session

Brother Paul Sprouse commented on the ruling of our by-laws which states that each church send 30/o of their income to support the work of this association.

Brother Fred Taylor requested a letter from The Great Lakes Association pending acceptance in the State Association along with several other churches in the Toledo area which are forming an association there.

Brother Leroy Grant was elected treasurer to fill Brother Taylors' place.

Minutes by clerk were read and accepted.

Congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me", followed by a message by Brother Billy Samms, who was visiting with us from Charleston, W.Va. His text came from Hebrews 2:1-3-9. The message was well received and enjoyed by all.

After prayer the host church served lunch.

Ministers' Conference

Moderator: Jack Hartman

Secretary: Harold Smith

Roll call of Ministers:

Jack Hartman	Paul Sprouse
Ruble Burgess	Darrell Mollohan
O. J. Bogard	Harold Smith
Fred Taylor	Leroy Grant
Millard Greene	Kenneth Frisbee

Committee Reports Cont.

Children's Homes

Ruby PRUITT Daisy McCoy

We, your committee feel the Children Homes are one of our most worthy enterprises of our denomination. We recommend that each church contribute to this worthy cause and if possible each church adopt at least one child to clothe.

Also, we urge each church to stand by the Children Homes and pray for the personnel that God will enable them to guide the children in a manner pleasing to Him.

Youth Work

David Snyder
Robert Van Fossen

Working with our young people, and giving them something to do is a very important part of the duties of every church. This is one way we as adults can help make the part they have in coming to church a little more interesting. Youth service also gives our young people the opportunity to discuss their problems with each other and with adults. By discussing their problems, they can find how other young people face their everyday trials, and find new ways of facing their own problems. Youth service also help us as adults understand our children better.

Young people should be encouraged to take part in church activities. We all should make Gods house a place that holds the interest of the youth in the church.

Attending youth camps and Bible schools are two important ways to influence our youth.

Marriage and Divorce

Harold Smith

Hebrews 13:4 Paul says: "Marriage is honorable." God approves of marriage. Proverbs 18:22 "Who so ever that findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord."

Matthew 5:21-32 It has been said, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement."

"But I say unto wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

I Cor. 7:10-11 "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:" But and if she depart, let her remain married, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife." God frowns on divorcement.

Pastors Support

Millard Green

It is important for a church to support their pastor in order to give him more time to devote to his community and to the people of his church. This gives him more time to visit the hospitals and those who are ill and unable to go to church.

He also has more time for revivals not only his won church but to others also. And also has more time to read his Bible to learn more about God. Jesus said in Luke 10:7, "For the Labourer is worthy of his hire."

Deeper Devotation and Lord's Day Observance

Leroy Grant
Ruble Burgess

Ecc. 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Heb.10:25 "Not Forsaking the assembling of ourself together, as the manner of some is.."

Exodus 20:8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Afternoon

Congregation sang, "Power In The Blood". Brother H. Pritchard read I Cor. 1:17,2:1 for devotions.

Minutes and Ministers Report was read by Brothe Harold Smith.

Each church was invited to send their young people to Youth Camp July 21-27th.

Announcement of time and place of the State Convention was given. This session is to convene at the Woodland Chapel Church June 20-21 and 22nd.

A move was made and accepted to give \$1,000.00 to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Committee Reports were read and accepted. Invitation to go to Pa. for the semi-annual meeting in Nov. was accepted.

The Annual session was invited to the Centerton Free Will Baptist Church in New Jersey. This meeting will be held the First Sat. in June, 1969.

Business session closed. An ordination service was held to ordain Bro. Bogard for the ministry.

Meeting adjourned until semi-annual session in November.

RECOMENDATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Jack Hartman

In this year 1968, it is a great necessity we realize the Value of Christian Education.

Christian education involves the teaching and instilling in the hearts of our people the basic doctrines taught so authoritatively in Gods word. There are many people (both young and old) who must be taught the Word. Paul said "Take heed unto thyself and unto thy doctrine". We can only produce fine Christians and loyal Free Will Baptists as we reach them through the avenues available to us. Special training sessions can be held. We can use the Sunday School hour as a means of Christian education. A Bible school or Bible college provides an excellent opportunity to reach many in all the various vocations of life. We cannot emphazise enough the importance of reaching young people with the Free Will Baptist messages. They are in a tender age when their lives must be challenged by a sufficient Saviour, during these trying times.

Sunday School Committee Frank Failes Russell Varner

We, your committee on Sunday School wish to impress upon each one the importance of having born-again, qualified teachers to teach the Word. A teacher who has prepared the lesson well will make the most of the short time he or she has in the class room.

The way we teach today will determine the type of church we will have tomorrow.

Paul told Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved. A workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth".

Home and Foreign Missions Shirley Failes Betty Frisbee

We, your committee on Missions recommend that each church fulfill the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 when Jesus said "Go ye into all the world and teach the gospel to every creature".

We can't all go in person but we can pray for, and give financially to the ones who have accepted the all and are obedient to this great responsibility of evangelizing the world.

CHURCH REPORTS

Akron FreeWill Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio

Clerk Mrs. James Boyd

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members received 18; members lost 7; Present membership 340; Services each Sunday 2; Revivals had 2;

Name Rev. Frank Thompson Address Rt. 3 Johnson City, Tenn
Name Rev. Raymond Riggs Address Detroit, Michigan

FINANCE REPORT

Revivals, \$540.00; Church expense and improvement, \$14,590.51;
local charity, \$166.54; Evangelistic Effort, Missions and Bible College
\$3,427.23.

CHURCH PROPERTY:

Value of church, \$150,000.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Superintendent Harold Jaynes

Pres. Mabel Mollohan

Secretary Mary Sexton

Sec. Marie Kirkbride

No. Pupils 275 No. classes 19

Meets every Month. No. Mem. 15

Kind of Lit. F.W.B. Lit. expense \$1,397.96

Centerton FreeWill Baptist Church, Centerton, N. J.

Clerk Nathan Marshall

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members received 28; Members lost 2; total increase 26; last years membership 143; present membership 169 Services each Sunday 2.

FINANCE REPORT

Church improvement \$5,479.67; local charity \$341.18; other purposes \$2,684.23;
association expense fund \$129.73;

MISSIONS:

Home Missions \$100.00

CHURCH PROPERTY:

Value of church \$30,000.00; other church property \$5,000.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Superintendent James Coggins

No. of pupils 160

Secretary Fairy Sprouse

No. of classes 7

Kind of literature F.W.B.

Expense of literature \$159.90

Tisen Rd. FreeWill Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio

Clerk Shirley Orndorff

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members received 20; Members lost 2; total increase 20; last years membership 33; present membership 53; Services each Sunday 2. Revivals had 1.

Name Rev. Jose Address Shelby, Ohio

FINANCE REPORT

Church improvement \$2,000.00; MISSIONS: Foreign \$100.00.

CHURCH PROPERTY:

Value of church \$57,000.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Superintendent Bro. Gaskins

President Nada Jackson

Secretary Edith Oliver

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No. of pupils 60. No. classes 9

Meets every 2nd. Tues.

Kind of literature F.W.B.

No. members 10

Expense of literature \$47.00 quarter

CHURCH REPORTS

First FreeWill Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio
STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Clerk -- Esta Crabtree
Members received 14; Members lost 8; Last years membership 99; Pres. membership 105. Services each Sunday 2. Revivals had 2.
Name Jerry Arthur Address Richmond, Indiana
Name John Vick Address Kalamazoo, Michigan

FINANCE REPORT

Revivals, \$450.00; Church improvement, \$378.50; local charity, \$308.26; other purposes, \$13,336.69; association expense \$369.20; FreeWill Baptist Bible College, \$125.00; state promotional work; \$248.00.
Missions:
Nat'l Home Missions, \$60.00 Foreign, \$1,130.01
CHURCH PROPERTY:
Value of church, \$25,000.00;

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Superintendent Stanley Hughes Pres. Cheryl Taylor
Secretary Sheila Hutson Sec. Carolyn Elkins
No. of pupils 160 Kind of literature F.W.B. Meets every, Month No. Mem. 30
No. of classes 8 Expense of lit. \$286.19 Money rec. \$845.10 Money paid out. \$738.00

New Milford FreeWill Baptist Church, New Milford, Ohio
STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Clerk -- Ruth Dawson
Members Received; 45; Members Lost 19; Last years membership, 59; Present membership, 85. Services each Sunday 3. Revivals had 4.
Name Rev. G. Kelly Address Barberton, Ohio
Name Rev. Owens Address Akron, Ohio
Name Rev. M. Butler Address Stow, Ohio

FINANCE REPORT

CHURCH PROPERTY: Value of church, \$18,000.00; other church property \$6,500.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Superintendent Orville Dawson Pres. Marianne Meadows
Secretary Candy Hicks Sec. Geneva Siers
No. of pupils 90 No. of classes 7 Meets every 2nd Thursday.
Kind of literature F.W.B. expense of literature \$50.00 per quarter.

Clinton FreeWill Baptist Church, Clinton, Ohio
STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Clerk Mary Snyder
Members received, 8; last years membership, 26; present membership 35.
Services each Sunday 2. Revivals had 11
Name Millard Green Address Clinton, Ohio

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Superintendent Dave Snyder
Secretary Mary Snyder
No. of Pupils 35
No. of classes 3

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Paul Sprouse

Bridgeton, N. J.

Churches pastored.....1
 Revivals conducted.....0
 Conversions 8
 Baptisms 8
 Marriages..... 5
 Funerals..... 2
 Received for pastoral services
 \$531.16
 Rec. all other services 154.75
 Total received \$685.91

Kenneth Frisbee

Akron, Ohio

Churches pastored.....1
 Revivals conducted.....5
 Conversions.....
 Baptisms.....21
 Marriages.....5
 Funerals.....11
 Received for pastoral services
 \$6,000.00
 Given personally to the cause.....
 \$1,125.00
 Do you tithe? Yes

Darrell Mollohan

New Milfore, Ohio

Churches pastored.....2
 Revivals conducted.....2
 Conversions.....60
 Baptisms.....
 Marriages.....2
 Funerals.....3
 Do you tithe?.....Yes

Harold Smith

Akron, Ohio

Churches pastored.....1
 Revivals conducted.....0
 Conversions.....12
 Baptisms.....10
 Marriages.....1
 Funerals.....1
 Do you tithe?.....Yes

Ruble Burgess

Bridgeton, N. J.

Churches pastored.....1
 Revivals conducted.....0
 Conversions.....47
 Baptisms.....4
 Marriages.....7
 Funerals.....6
 Received for pastoral services
 \$531.16
 Rec. all other services 100.00
 Total received \$631.16
 Do you tithe? Yes

Millard Green

Clinton, Ohio

Churches pastored.....1
 Revivals conducted.....9
 Conversions.....49
 Baptisms.....18
 Marriages.....1
 Funerals.....0
 Received for pastoral services
 \$15.00 weekly
 Do you tithe? Yes

Fred Taylor

Toledo, Ohio

Churches pastored.....1
 Revivals conducted.....0
 Conversions.....10
 Baptisms.....2
 Marriages.....6
 Funerals.....2
 Received for pastoral services
 \$5,520.00
 Total received 5,520.00
 Given personally to the cause
 \$1,370.00
 Do you tithe? Yes