

~~THIRTY-THIRD~~ Annual Session of Great Lakes
Association of F.W.B. Churches

Akron F.W.B. Church
1802 Eastwood Avenue
Akron, Ohio 44305

May 20, 1995

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

Congregational Singing - At Calvary led by Pastor Kenneth Frisbee

Prayer - Pastor Frisbee

Session Welcome - Pastor Frisbee

Visitors recognized were: Rev. Wayne McDaniel, First F.W.B. Church, Sylacauga, AL.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: Four churches were recognized, along with their Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and visitors.

Devotion - Rev. Donnie K. Price, Jr. - "Don't Let Them Slip" - Hebrews 2:1.

REPORTS:

Oral Reports of Churches:

1. Austintown First F.W.B. Church - Bro Bruce Beal gave the report. Thank the Lord, the last time we met we said we needed to sell a building; and the closing date is set for June 1, '95. Our property is paid for, and we have a good sum in our building fund, and with the sale of our building we are going to start work on our new church. So, please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom in doing that. We will temporarily ^{be} moving into a school facility which is scary, because as a pastor and not having your own facility at the time, we'll be alright as long as people see something happening on the ground out there. We've seen a lot of people get saved this year, and the people that God has sent us recently have not been through our contacts, they've just been people that God has sent. I've been praying God there are people in Austintown who need a church, and there is a church here that is preaching, connect us. And, He has been sending people our way. And so we thank the Lord for that. And, He has also sent us some good workers. And we have been able to staff some positions that we need people in. We are working on starting a Wednesday evening Bible Club. I have been excited that we as a small church will have teachers for the Bible Club. Financially we are thanking the Lord that we are having one of the best spots financially, The Lord has really blessed us in this area. We had more people saved in the first quarter this year than any year since I have been pastoring. The young people's department is growing. There is hardly enough room for the kids corner up front. Bro Beal advised that if you are going to do an object lesson for the kids, make sure it works before doing it before the kids. A recent object lesson didn't float as it was tried before the kids. So this was a lesson for the teacher. Make sure it works first. We thank the Lord for His blessings, and we are thankful to be a part of this Conference.

2. Dailyville F.W.B. Church - Bro Carl Dunn gave the report. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to work at the church and serve the Lord there. Hopefully, with no major changes at the church in the next month or two, as a church we will be able to "burn" our mortgage. I'm not sure exactly what we are going to do. We may go back and get some more to pave our parking lot. It has been a long standing desire of the ladies of our church. They've been putting a lot of money in shoes, with all this gravel, over the years, and so we are looking forward to that. We also have seen several new couples that have been attending the church; some have *been*

2. Dailyville F.W.B. Church - Bro Carl Dunn continued. ...saved and baptized, and some have been baptized and joined the church. I have a new secretary. The church has stepped out in that endeavor, and it is the first time in a while that we have had this help, and as a result of that we are able to send follow-up letters much more frequently. And, I am really pleased with the work that is being done there. Jeff (Dunn) has been following the Lord since he was licensed by the Conference, and the church has now taken him on as an Associate, and he is helping to preach a couple times a month in our services, which is giving me a little bit of a break, and is also encouraging him; and so we are seeing a lot of things taking place. In Sunday school we have a Leadership class, and I am teaching a discipleship class, and we are ready to start a second discipleship class, bringing people right on through a series of discipleship lessons which I believe will bear fruit as far as the recruiting of new workers and new servants of the Lord and loyalty and faith and support of the church. I thank the Lord for the good things that are taking place. Matthew, our youngest son has been at the Bible College at Nashville. He's finished his year and has come home now. He is teaching a Sunday school class (youth), and is part of the ensemble in the choir. The church some years ago established a scholarship fund. They have helped him this past year in that. He has really grown; he went down there and when he first went down to Nashville, he called me after about two weeks and wanted to come home, and we went down, and it cost us about \$80 to go there, spend the night, and come back. And, I found out that you could get a bus ticket roundtrip for about \$30 some dollars. And, so I told him to do that. He's a young man, even for a graduate, and the day came that he was supposed to come home on the bus and he called me. He'd worked at the YMCA, but really had not worked outside the church as the church had asked my boys to do work at the church over the years, and they didn't have to work at McDonald's and things like that. He said I got my check, but I can't cash my check, I don't have transportation to the bus station, and I don't know anybody down there that can give me a ride, and he just didn't want to go to the bus station and ride that bus home. And, I said to him, "Matthew, If you can't do that, I've got a friend down there, and I'll call him and he'll come over and he'll take you to the bank and help you cash your check, and he'll take you to the bus station, and he'll buy your ticket, and he'll put you on the bus, and Mommy and Daddy will be there when you get off the bus. He hung up, and about a half an hour later he called back to say that he had cashed his check, bought a bus ticket, and told me what time he'd be there. Now he has grown up a lot. A year at Bible school, his prayer life, his burden for the Lord, and for the lost is just tremendous, and we just talk ministry all the time we're together. God is beginning to produce some growth in his life and the lives of our children. There wouldn't have been a better place, regardless of what God did in the church or through us or for us. I couldn't have found a better place to raise my boys, and I praise the Lord for churches. How many kids are growing up without the privilege of knowing Christ and having a church family; people that love them and encourage them. I just love the Lord.

3. Sterling F.W.B. Church - Bro Jim McComas gave the report. I thank our delegates for coming to the Conference. I always encourage our people to come to the Conferences. I'm like Brother Beal, in that you are almost scared to give a glowing financial report, in that you don't know what might occur and what you might have to report at the next conference; but this past year has been the best financially, and attendance wise for our church. Somewhere we are going to reach a saturation point as when you have filled 80% of your building there is no room for further growth in our present facility. In our building program, it seemed that for a long time we just couldn't get anything done, and then thankfully now, things are

3. Sterling F.W.B. Church - Bro Jim McComas continued. ...going now; we're just riding the bumps as they come. Our place is paid for; there's an advertising sign that we are trying to get down and off the property before we can do anything. When they took that out we thought we had thought of everything; we had a state approved permit for our driveway into the property getting ready to get that sign out of there, we registered with the PUCO to get all the utilities, then they dug up a live active gas line, which was not registered with the PUCO, so right now we are in the process of getting that straightened out; it's going to cost us a little money to take care of that. Not a real problem, but it's things like that as you go through that will give you ulcers, but Lord willing the drive will be going in and the septic system is being designed right now. We have prints, we know exactly what we are going to build. We have another church that is interested in our building, in the area, so we are working that way and God is blessing us. We have to do something; as our building is cramped, and our parking is cramped as it is in Austintown. But, numbers don't tell everything, I'm so thankful for what God did and sometimes it works in spite of us. On Roll Call Sunday, our record attendance had been 123, so to make it challenging we took the number of 130, and you who have been in our building know that we seat 100 comfortably, so I figured that was pretty aggressive. This past Easter after prayer for 150, at 9:30AM, the church parking lot was full, the school parking lot we use, was full, in Sunday school, we had 139, and we ended up with 191 in that building. Those are the kind of things that puzzle you. God's been good to us. We are starting now, just last week, we are splitting up on Sunday night, we're together for the first part of the service then I'm teaching on prophecy with some of the older Christians, and then the discipleship class with Brother Larry Keener teaching downstairs. It's a joy to work with the people that God has given us, and those that are so faithful to the church. Just pray for us as we continue through our building program.

4. Akron F.W.B. Church - Pastor Ken^{JEVH} Frisbee gave the report. What a joy it is to give a report. And, what a joy it is to hear reports. Thank God for these reports. You know I am just a little older than these fellows, and you notice that "little." But it blesses my heart when the reports are coming in and they are winning souls, and building buildings and I can say "praise God." Amen. How true it is that we ought to praise God over, and over, and over! The Lord's blessing and we praise Him for it. We've had a landslide over the last week; Easter Sunday morning there were 13 people right down^{word} this altar, adult people, giving their hearts and lives to the Lord. What a blessing it was and what a joy, and we'll be baptizing the last Sunday of May. You saw a man in a wheelchair, those of you who were here last night. His father is a Catholic, pray for him, he is truly under conviction, and out of that family, ~~11~~ 11 people came to this altar and made a decision for the Lord. The next week we had four more. Well last week we didn't have any. You get into that and you want to keep it a going, and going. The power of the Lord is in our services, and the Lord is blessing. We praise the Lord for every blessing that is ours. We thank you for coming and being with us and sharing with us, and we are able to share with you the blessings of the Lord. Of course, most of you know by now that Brother Donnie Price is with us full time and we thank God for him. He is doing a good job for us, and he's going to win some souls by the grace of God, and we're going to fill up the empty pews. We intend by the grace of God to fill it up. There was a time when all the class rooms were filled with boys and girls in our downstairs. Many of the classrooms don't have boys and girls in them. At that time all 23 classrooms were full. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see that again? By the glory of God, not the glory of man, but the glory of God, we hope you'll pray that God would continue to give us souls for His glory. And, let's give Him the glory, and the honor and the praise for it. And, if we'll do

4. Akron F.W.B. Church - Pastor Ken Frisbee continued. ...that He will certainly and surely ^{WILL} bless our hearts.

M/S/C to accept the oral reports of the churches.

The Prayer of Consecration was given by Bro Jim McComas.

M/S/C to accept the reading of the Minutes of the October 15, 1994, Conference Meeting.

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

^{to accept} I/S/C The Ministerial Meeting Report ^{that} was given by Bro. Dunn.

^{to accept} I/S/C The Woman's Auxiliary Report ^{that} was given by Sister Rapp.

Old Business: None

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New Business: A Conference Revival to be scheduled for October 1-4, '95, including the churches of Austintown, Sterling, and to be held at Akron F.W.B. Church. Each preacher to take a turn preaching each evening.

M/S/C for each church to give \$150 as the amount needed to satisfy the equal cost to each church toward the financing of the National Convention to be held in Cincinnati, in 1997. The Conference will send a check for \$600 to the State office to satisfy this obligation.

M/S/C to seat at the State Convention to be held in Columbus in June '95, the following: Sister Beal, Sister Dunn, Sister Frisbee, and Sister Price.

Announcements: Next Conference meeting: Dailyville F.W.B. Church, Oct. 20-21, '95.
Next Annual Meeting: Sterling F.W.B. Church, May 17-18, '96.

M/S/C to accept Bro Bruce Beal as the next Moderator for the Conference, a two year term.

M/S/C to accept Bro Carl Dunn as the next Asst. Moderator for the Conference, a two year term.

Announcements: Bro Frisbee: Youth Camp July 9-14, '95; April 12-13, '96 Young Adult Retreat; Mar 19, '96 Bible Land Tour. Bro Dunn: Sep 13-17, '95 Revival and Homecoming. Also, Bro Carl ^{announced} the production of the Heritage Book, that would encompass a history of the Dailyville F.W.B. Church. Bro Frisbee announced Pastor and Mrs. Frisbee would celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, on July 1, 1995.

Prayer: Bro Wendell Tawney, Sterling F.W.B. Church

The congregation sang: I'll Fly Away, led by Pastor Frisbee.

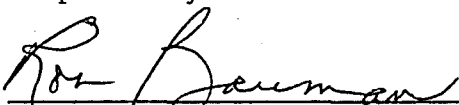
"Can the World See Jesus In You" - sung by Sis Illene Bauman.

An offering of \$55.00, was received.

MESSAGE: "Standing For God" II Sam 23:8 - Rev. Wayne McDaniel

Meeting Adjourned. A wonderful lunch was served by the ladies of the Akron F.W.B. church, and good fellowship was enjoyed by everyone *IN ATTENDANCE.*

Respectfully submitted:


Ron Bauman, Clerk

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Thirty Third Semi-Annual Session of Great Lakes
Association of F.W.B. Churches
Dailyville F.W.B. Church
33 Fish & Game Road
Waverly, Ohio 45690
October 21, 1995

The ~~37th~~^{38th} Semi-Annual Session was called to order by the Asst. Moderator, Rev. Carl Dunn.

Congregational Singing - Praise Him Praise Him led by Bro Bob Dickson

Prayer - Rev. Carl Dunn

Session Welcome - Rev. Dunn

Visitors recognized and a special Welcome to Leaders & Members of the New Hope Baptist Church who came to witness the ordination of their Pastor, Rev. Jeff Dunn.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: Four conference churches were recognized, along with their Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and visitors.

Congregational Singing - Search Me, O God

Devotion - Rev. Jim Arthur

Congregational Singing - Love Lifted Me, led by Bro Bob Dickson & Once Was Enough For Me,
REPORTS: Sung by Sharon Daniels

Oral Reports of Churches:

(Paraphrased) when given orally

1. Austintown First F.W.B. Church - In the absence of Rev. Bruce Beal, Rev. Carl Dunn gave the report. Bro Dunn reported that Bro Beal was doing painting and working in the church, so that work could be soon be completed so that services could be held; that Bro Beal regretted having to miss the conference meeting and not being able to witness the ordination service for Bro Jeff Dunn. Bro Beal reported to Bro Dunn that the next time we held conference in Austintown, we would be meeting in a new and completed building, and that it would be one church closer to when Sterling begins to build their new church home.

2. Dailyville F.W.B. Church - Bro Carl Dunn gave the report. I want to thank the Lord for his goodness to us; you have seen some of the changes that have taken place; we have our parking lot that has recently been paved, and that's been a long term dream and wish of our church and we just celebrated our homecoming, our 111th homecoming, and tremendous services and revival with Rev. Vernon Barker, and Bro Barker just blessed our hearts as a church and also personally as a Pastor the fellowship I had with him over the 3 or 4 days was just tremendous, and I believe that we will and are seeing results from that. We're debt free as a church now and we give all the praise and honor and glory to the Lord for that, and we're hoping now that God will enable us as we finish up this financial year to look towards a greater involvement in Missions, a greater involvement in Ministry in our local community, not just foreign missions, but home and local missions as well. It's not all in finances, it's not all in buildings, we understand that's not the church, but it's in our community, our work for the Lord, and seeing souls saved. I'm not seeing enough souls saved as I wish and desire and pray for more power, pray for anointing from the Lord, praying for a walk as a church for more faithfulness; we need a greater commitment, and I believe as we see that, we'll begin to see some response. These flowers came a couple of weeks ago. All I know is that I'm having to feed that thing, they take a half of gallon of water a day. I'm thinking about running a pipe from the water fountain so that we can just stick it in there so that it can get it when it wants it, itself, but the card that came with those flowers, that they were presented basically by the church, and they were just an encouragement to me to let me know that they appreciated what I'm doing as a pastor and encouraging me, and I want to do more for the Lord, more for our local church. I have asked and am asking our delegates for any

Dailyville Church, Bro Carl Dunn continued...votes that may take place that Danny & Sharon Daniels, and Charles & Katherine Rapp, would serve as delegates, if Jack Blane, Dale Reed, and Bobby Dickson, and Victor Dickson, would serve as our eight delegates today, and Welcome To Our Church, and we hope you enjoy fellowshiping and that you get to stay for dinner today.

3. Sterling F.W.B. Church - Bro Jim McComas gave the report. Bro Larry Keener is with me, a minister there in the church, and he came down and shared the drive with me and kept me awake this morning. I enjoyed myself, I don't know about him, but we just had a good time of fellowship, we got all the problems of the world solved and Bro Larry will serve as our delegate today. I want to tell the the folks of Dailyville, that Bro Barker was up our way last week, I had lunch with him, but that he enjoyed his time here, I'm sure as much as you enjoyed having him. Our church, God is continuing to bless us; we are almost envious of Austintown, as we have had a few more complications as far as our land; theirs was pretty flat land in the city, and don't have to worry about septic and things like that, as we have and so we are, I guess you'd say 'progressing' because we went ahead and made the decision to hire an outside architect to go ahead and begin designs on some of the things;...when you start messing with the EPA, it's not something that I would want to do, so they right now have finished the first test; their engineer arrived and at present is designing the septic that the EPA had asked us for; they had thought that maybe after they had got those tests back they could make a down-size of it that the EPA had asked for five acres, with two acres of that totally dedicated to septic, untouched land. It looks like from the first test, from what I can see of it, but I really don't know much about it, that it's going to take everything that they want, it's kind of a severe soil for septic, but they are designing that right now, and as soon as they get that done, then we can get rolling and be ready to build. We hope to build sometime next year; we can't really put a date on it, because of trying to get all that approved, but that is where we're at. As far as that goes, we have had several saved this year, we had our revival in May, and we had folks saved and we have been baptizing; we started on Sunday night, we split up and are just coming to the conclusion of that; Bro Larry has been downstairs teaching our young converts class and while I have been upstairs teaching a little bit of the 'heavy stuff' the book of Revelations; I didn't want our young converts to be scared by that, so Bro Larry has been teaching, witnessing, and praying and things of that nature in a class downstairs. We've been in Revelations now sixteen weeks upstairs, and still not yet completed on it, but we really enjoyed ourselves. You know that the book of Revelations is the only book in the Bible that God promises special blessings for those who would read it and hear it's words, and boy I was kind of tentative about doing it when we started, but the Lord has really poured out his Spirit, when you think about all the wonderful things that are going to come, so we've had some wonderful services. Our youth group just continues to grow; God's blessing it; they meet on Wednesday night, while we're having service upstairs, on Wednesday night; we've had two new additions to the church in the last few weeks; my wife and I, in our dedication to the Pastor and his wife to do everything we can to get our church to grow have had another child, but we told everybody else that they're going to have to start doing the work, 'cause we're done as far as that goes; we had another boy Aaron, is just a week old, so that was one addition, we also bought a copier; that's two new additions, and I can guarantee you that the copier is a lot less maintenance than my new addition. But we are doing well, we just ask you to pray for us; it get's kind of discouraging, we hoped to be further along with this building program and it's frustrating sometimes when you're going through the red tape, so I would ask you to pray for the church to be encourage through that; as Bro Carl said, 'that the Lord would give us the power in the preaching and teaching that souls would be won for the Lord.'

4. Akron F.W.B. Church - In the absence of Pastor Frisbee, Bro Ron Bauman gave the report. Pastor Frisbee was with us here last evening, he is now on his way to Alabama; I don't know what it is with him and Alabama, but he loves to do revivals down there and so the Lord's called him and he's went on down the road to be there; but he sends his greetings to the churches and to the conference, and I'd just like to say that on Pastor Frisbee's behalf (number one); and then (number two); our delegates today would be Brother and Mrs. Charles Hatfield, and also my wife Illene Bauman, and Brother and Mrs. Jim Arthur. And so, these are our delegates and we're happy to be here; the Lord's been doing a mighty work in our church. We just finished the Conference Revival, and we had a great turn out each evening. That's the revival where each year Pastor Frisbee collects money in "buckets" for Missions, and he has these two buckets where one says "Boys" and the other one says "Girls" and they come up and they put their change, and dollars, in there; money they've been saving all year. Pastor Frisbee asked me to report to the Conference that collection amounted this year to \$1,385, in that "buckets" of money, that will all be going to missions; and then we had a dear brother in our church, Bro Joe Smith, who came along and added another \$1,000, on top of the offering, and so our total for missions was \$2,385, from the revival services. That was our Conference Revival, an idea of Bro Bruce Beal, that our Conference preachers each came in and took a night where each one preached. Pastor Frisbee asked me to make two announcements: The Young Adult Retreat will be held on April 26-27, '96; and so mark your calanders accordingly and plan to join us and we do really have a great meeting there in Big Prairie each year. And, when we say "Young Adult", we mean "Young At Heart" and you sure are welcome to come&join in the fellowship. Pastor Frisbee also asked me to mention his Bible Land trip. I believe he's got 40 or 50 people already committed to go on the trip. This will be the Pastor's 11th or 12th Pilgrimage back to the Bible Land, and so if you have an opportunity and would like to join him on this trip, please give him a call, and get signed up. It will be for 11 days departing on March 19, 1996. We have been seeing souls saved at our church, not at the pace we would like to see, but each saved one has truly been a blessing to everyone in the service. Pastor Frisbee too, has been preaching from the Book of Revelations, for about the ninth time, I think he said, since he's been preaching at the church. We have been in the Book of Revelations since May, for about 16 weeks now, and it's amazing how people do indeed hunger to know what is in the future as it is revealed in this marvelous, and last book in the Bible. We are so grateful that we have a preacher who can preach it so that we can understand it, and everybody will benefit from it, and I thank the Lord, for what he has done for us in our church.

5. Church of God Mission, Bancroft, W.Va. - Bro Jim Arthur gave the report. We're starting revival in November 6th, and Bro Frisbee will be our Pastor, we're excited, and we're looking for many souls to be saved. We have a lot of them that comes to church that's unsaved, and we're praying that they'll come and turn their lives over to Jesus.

6. Ohio State Association of F.W.B. - Bro Edwin Hayes, Executive gave the report. I'm very thankful to be here at the Great Lakes Conference, and very thankful that God has allowed us to work together. We now have 19 Conferences in our state that work together; have found themselves to have ministries together, and I'm very proud of the work of the Ohio State Association. We have a lot of things going on at the State Association; one thing with the Bookstore, we have a lot going on right now; if you'll remember, the State Meeting, we mentioned that we have a

6. Ohio State Assn. Bro Hayes continued...inventory system purchased; well purchasing is just one step of it; trying to put all that inventory on is a entirely different step, and that's what we're in the midst of doing right now. We could certainly us your prayers as we try to put that inventory on; it is difficult, difficult task, and what makes it more difficult is that it is hard to do while the store is open; because there is so much research that needs to be done, and so many little problems; that I think that Brother Jeff is about ready to pull his hair out, and besides that we have tried to put the general ledger on for our accounts payable, that fits the accounts payable; there's just a lot of work that needs to be done. We're going to try to get as much done on that before November 1, 1995; but right now we do have the music on our system; we have our Bibles on; and we're in the midst of beginning to start to put the books on. And, if you see how many books we have in that store, you know we have a big job. So, do remember us in prayer. Also, we'd like to mention that we are going to have an inventory; we're going to take a wall-to-wall inventory at the end of the year; actually the first part of the year, January 5, 1996. And, I know some of the people from the Dailyville Church have planned to help us the last year or two, but for some reason, we have had snow storms on the day we're going to have that inventory. And, I think that Jeff is already planning on having a snow storm that day; he's already mentioned that. And, we do have a new Assistant Manager, too, we have Paul Edderman, who is from the Porter Church, and he is working in real well. And I would like to say, and I know this is Jeff's home church, and it is an honor to be here on the day Jeff is to be ordained, but Jeff is doing a marvelous job at the store. I don't know of anybody else, to be honest with you, that I would rather have in that position than Jeff. I'll tell you, I don't have to push him to do his job. In fact, I almost have to hold him back. That's why I'm dead weight to Jeff, see. But, I'm very proud of him, and I'll tell you we've got a very good working relationship, and I know that you here at the church are very proud of him, too. There is going to be a meeting, our National Association Leadership Conference, in Nashville, December 4th through the 6th. It's going to be different this year, in that every pastor, in fact any interested individual is invited to come; we are going to talk about some of our philosophical differences in our denomination; you know we have different views in our denomination, and what we are going to try to do is we're going to try to come together and have some common ground, and I'm sure that if we come prayerful, if we come concerned; I think it will work out just fine. I'm sure that many of the Pastor's from Ohio are going to be going. And, do remember that in your prayers; I really think that it's a very important meeting, and we should be really seasoning that with prayer. I would like to mention that if you're not receiving the proper number of Ambassador magazines at your church, please let me know and I adjust that; I hope to adjust them up and the way you do that is you pass those Ambassador's out as you get them. Get your usher's and don't let any family leave without getting the Ambassador magazine. Do you think every Free Will Baptist family ought to have the Ambassador? Now, the worst thing to do is to put them in the back of the church on a table, because they will be overlooked back there. O.K.? So, get them in people's hands. I have made this same speach at some of the Conferences, and I had a testimony or two that they are getting more of them out to people, by actually handing them out, so I would encourage you to do that. Also have some calanders, pocket calander's from the Ohio State Association, it's got our phone number on it, and a real beautiful picture, on the other side, 1996 keep your dates down and they are all on the back table back there, so if you would like to pick one of those up, please feel free to do so. Also, our Ohio Bible Institute is going real well, we're having our resident classes in Columbus, at Heritage Temple, and one thing that's real encouraging,

6. Ohio State Assn. Bro Hayes continued...they started a Southern Ohio Institute at the Scioto Dale Church, and they started teaching down there. I have also made available, that if you teach any Ohio Bible Institute classes, in your church, we will give you credit, and you won't have to pay the \$10 fee, if you're the one that provides the teacher, and all you have to do is tell me who signs up and who completes the courses. I can't think of an easier way to get Ohio Bible Institute credit than even having an Institute in your own church. Our retreat this year is going to be in January 18th through the 20th. We're looking for a great time; we have Bro Trimman Messer who is now head of our National Home Missions Department, and we have Calvin Ring Evans, he's an evangelist; both of those men are going to be preaching at our retreat. And, it's going to be at Big Prairie, Ohio, and you might want to keep this in mind; we may have to be looking for another site for a retreat; that camp is up for sale, so we are probably going to have to make other arrangements in the future, but this year we are scheduled for the camp at Big Prairie, and I really encourage you to bring all your men to that retreat. I know a lot of this conference comes to that retreat anyway. I would encourage more to come, it's a great time of fellowship, and it's a great time to get to know each other a little better. Last year we had over 140 men that came to our retreat. And, I'm hoping that this year, we would have even more than that. One thing that I would like to mention, is that we have an agreement with a long distant company, called Lifeline. If I could take a few moments to explain that; Lifeline is a Christian organization that provides long distance service. And, the thing that they do is they will give to Christian organizations 10 percent of your long distance bill. And, we have that in the State of Ohio for Free Will Baptists. We have several people that have signed up, and this to me is an opportunity for us; I know many times we come and it's so difficult to raise funds; and I know sometimes churches feel like we're just "tapped out", we just don't have -- we just can't give anymore. This, to me is one of the easiest ways to give to your denomination. Now, just to put this in perspective: we have in this State Association, ten thousand Free Will Baptists. Ten Thousand. If we could get, two thousand families; which we have many more than two thousand families; signed up on this program, that could mean that our State Association would realize four thousand dollars a month. Now, how hard would it be for us to try to raise four thousand dollars a month? If I were coming in here, and it was my position to try to raise four thousand dollars a month, how difficult would that be? It would be very tough. This way, it will cost you absolutely nothing. In fact, these rates are cheaper than A T & T. This company won't advertise, like A T & T. This program here, is not going to sponsor objectionable programs like A T & T. The only thing we ask, is you get on the system, for three months, and if you don't like it, you can get right back off it'll cost you not a dime to get on it, and not a dime to get off of it. At the State Meeting this year, we decided that whatever we get from Lifeline, we'll split four ways: One fourth of it will come to our State Missions Program; One fourth of it will come to our State Ladies Auxiliary; one fourth of it will come to our State Youth Program, and one fourth of it will come to the State Office. I want you to consider that if every Free Will Baptist will get on that, can you imagine a thousand dollars a month going to missions, that is not going now; a thousand dollars a month going to our State Youth Program that is not going now; a thousand dollars going to our State office; and a thousand dollars going to our State Ladies Auxiliary, and it would cost us absolutely nothing. I believe that we as Free Will Baptists, let this get by us, I think it's a shame. I think that you ought to at least give it a try. So, I would ask you; I have order forms, there's an 800 number you can call, there's questions and answers on these forms, in fact, it's even postage paid on the forms, it wouldn't even cost you a stamp to get started. So, I encourage you to not only pick up one here today, but I encourage you Pastor's to present this to your churches.

6. Ohio State Assn: Bro Hayes continued...Tell your churches to get on Lifeline, and I think it would be a great help to our State Association. And also, a lot of our churches, and I'm very thankful for our Together Way Program; this allows our churches to give to all of our state and national ministries with one check. Now, if you'll notice, there is a menu here, and all kinds of missionaries, and all kinds of ministries that are on here, state and national, and can you imagine the ease that the church treasurer would have to write one check and they could write down ten different ministries; you could write down the co-op plan plus three different missionaries, individual missionaries, you could give to the National Home Mission General Fund, you could give to the State Mission Fund, you can give to all these ministries, with one check. There was the church that called me this week, and they sent me two checks, and they wanted to know if they could write one check; sure!, that's what the program is all about. To write one check, and all the money will flow through the State Office, and we will know in Ohio, what our Ohio churches are doing for the State and National. The program is catching on real well and if your church isn't in to use in this program, we would encourage you to get on. One other thing, you know in 1997, the State of Ohio Association of Free Will Baptists, is going to be sponsoring or hosting the National Association. Free Will Baptists from all over the United States will be coming to Cincinnati, Ohio, in July of 1997. One of the things that we are responsible for is we're to raise twenty thousand dollars for the arena. We have a plan, we have asked each church to give one hundred fifty dollars, and by the way, this conference has already fulfilled their obligation; we're very thankful for that; but I will give you a report that we have over eight six hundred dollars in that fund, and it is already drawing interest, so we're very thankful for that and as I said this conference has already fulfilled their obligation, and I hope the rest of them do, because I may have to come back, if they don't. But, we'll hope that everybody does their job. Well, I want to say thanks to this Conference for all that you do for the Ohio Free Will Baptists, and I'm just thankful that we can work together for the cause of Christ. Thank you so much.

Bro. Jim McComas: I think that we ought to give not only Bro Edwin, but Bro Jeff, I call them the dynamic duo; I thank they are doing a tremendous job, the sales of the Book Store has increased; giving on the state level has increased, since they have been in their positions, and I think that we ought to at this time give them a round of applause.

M/S/C to accept the Oral Reports of the Churches.

The Prayer of Consecration was given by Bro Larry Keener.

M/S/C to accept the reading of the Minutes of the May 20, 1995, Conference Meeting.

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

M/S/C to accept the Ministerial Meeting Report that was given by Bro Dunn.

M/S/C to accept the Woman's Auxiliary Report that was given by Sister Rapp.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None, other than the Ordination of Bro Jeff Dunn.

Announcements: Next Conference Meeting: Sterling F.W.B. Church, May 17-18, 1996.

"Wilt Thou Be Made Whole" - Sung by Sister Illene Bauman

An Offering Was Received

MESSAGE AND ORDINATION SERVICE FOR BRO JEFF DUNN:

Charge...Rev Carl Dunn, Message: "So Send I You" Text: John 20:21.

Word.....Rev Jim McComas

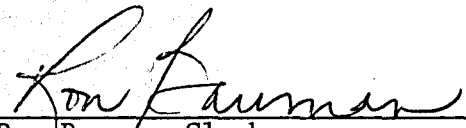
"When God's Mercy Called Me" - Sung by Sister Shannon *Demont*

Consecration Prayer...Rev Carl Dunn. With laying on of hands by elders of the New Hope Baptist Church, and Free Will Baptist Churches.

Bro Jeff and his wife Chamain both received the blessings of the church, following which prayer concluding the meeting and ^{prayer} over the meal was given by Bro Charles Rapp.

The meeting was adjourned and a wonderful lunch was served by the ladies of the Dailyville F.W.B. Church, with warm Christain fellowship enjoyed by all who were there.

Respectfully submitted:



Ron Bauman, Clerk