

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

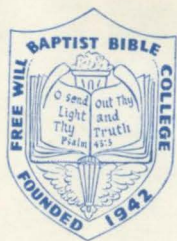
First Kyger Church at Cheschire, Ohio, in Meggs
County, beginning Tuesday morning, June 4, 1940.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Eld. Gus Graham, Chauncey, Ohio
Ass't. Mod., Eld. Jesse Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio
Clerk, Mrs. Grace Peach, Sciotoville, Ohio
Treasurer, Eld. John Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio

The next Annual Session of this Association will
be held with Union Church, in Scioto County,
June 3, 1941.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

PROCEEDINGS

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Second Annual Session with First Kyger Church, in Meggs County, Cheshire, Ohio, June 4, 1940.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. Gus Graham.

Opened by singing and prayer.

Scripture reading, Romans 15, by the Moderator.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a temporary Pulpit Committee: Pulpit Committee, Eld. John Kemper, John Henning, and Wm. Jacobs.

Report of Pulpit Committee; Eld. Jesse Sizemore to preach at 11:00 a. m.

Motion carried that we adjourn the business part of this meeting until 1:30 p. m.

Eld. Sizemore gave an inspiring message from Judges 7:21.

An old fashioned handshake was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed with prayer.

Tuesday 1:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Opened with singing and prayer.

Scripture reading, Eph. 3, by Eld. Sizemore.

Prayer by Eld. Graham.

Reading of minutes of last session; Minutes approved.

Reading Constitution and By-Laws.

Reading the letters and seating the delegates by the Credential Committee.

Motion carried we adjourn the business part of this session until 7:30 p. m.

Report of Pulpit Committee: Eld. Wisenbarger to bring the message at this time. Scripture reading, John 14:2, "In my Fathers house are many mansions."

Dismissed with prayer.

Tuesday 7:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Opened with singing and prayer.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

BUSINESS — Eld. Shepperd, Eld. Dunn, Eld. Darst.
RESOLUTIONS — Eld. Kemper, Dea. Adams, Eld. Sizemore.

FINANCE — Eld. May, F. S. Adams, Eld. Kemper.

MINUTES — Eld. Shepperd, Eld. Dunn, Wm. Jacobs.

PUBLICITY — Eld. Graham, Eld. Melvin Dunn, Sister Grace Peach.

Motion carried that the Treasurer put the unused portion of the Association's money in the Security National Bank in Portsmouth, and should the bank fail, the Association will not hold Eld. Kemper responsible.

Motion carried we adjourn the business until 10:00 a. m. Wednesday.

Report of Pulpit Committee: Eld. Kemper to preach Tuesday evening.

Special song by two men.

Scripture reading, Jude, "Faith".

Special song by three young ladies.

Wednesday 10:00 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Opened with singing and prayer.

Scripture reading, Psalms 1, by the Moderator.

Report of Resolution Committee

Art. 1. We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as being opposed to dancing, card parties, bingo games and all places of amusement where these things are practiced or allowed.

Art. 2. And that we refrain from visiting all places where intoxicating liquors are handled in any form, and members who fail to abide by this resolution be called to question by the Association before a committee of their peers, and on being found guilty, and fail to show true repentance, they be excluded from fellowship.

Art. 3. We recommend that this Association appoint a Foreign Mission Board to take care of our mission work.

Art. 4. We recommend that a program committee be appointed to prepare a program for the next State Association and when said program is complete that a copy be sent each member of the Publicity Committee.

Art. 5. That this Association appoint an Incorporation Committee.

Committee { Eld. John Kemper,
Eld. Jesse Sizemore,
Dea. Adams.

Report of the Resolution Committee was adopted and the following committees elected:

FOREIGN MISSIONS — Grace Peach, Eld. Shepperd, David Widdig.

PROGRAM — Sister Molly Shepperd, Sarah Kemper, Lovina Henning.

INCORPORATION — Eld. Shepperd, Eld. Graham, Eld. Kemper.

Report of Committee on Minutes

We, your Committee on Minutes, recommend that we have 500 minutes printed and that we patronize one of our Free Will Baptist printing houses for the work, and to leave it up to the clerk of the Association to have them printed and distributed to the several Quarterly Meetings of each Yearly Meeting.

Report of Committee on Minutes accepted and the request was granted.

Report of Financial Committee

We, your Committee on Finances, recommend that a collection be taken once a year from each church in the Association for the financial support of the Association.

Report of Financial Committee accepted.

A request, by Eld. Shepperd, for the next Association to be held at the Union Church, in Scioto County, the first Tuesday in June, 1941. Request granted.

Delegates appointed to the National Association

Sisters Zella Jacobs, Lovina Henning, Hazel Lynn, Sarah Kemper, and Sister Dunn.

Eld. Shepperd was elected Moderator for 1941.

Minutes of the Association up until now were read and approved.

Motion carried that this Association appoint a corresponding messenger to meet with the Kentucky State Association and the messenger be paid \$2.00 for expenses.

Eld. Jesse Sizemore was chosen messenger.

Motion carried that an order be drawn on the Treasury for \$5.00 for Clerk's fee.

Motion carried we retain the Credential Committee for the next Association.

Motion carried we dismiss the following committees: Business, Minute, Resolution, Finance, and Pulpit.

Dismissed with prayer.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Meeting opened by Eld. Shepperd acting as moderator pro tem.

Singing and prayer.

Motion carried we adjourn the business part of this Association until we meet again at Union Church, June 3, 1941.

A short program was given by members of the First Kyger Church, as it was the sixtieth anniversary of the present church.

Special songs by the church and two young men.

Scripture reading, Psalms, 23, by Virginia Darst.

History of the church given by Sister Zella Jacobs.

Preaching by Eld. Shepperd, Heb. 13.

Dismissed with prayer.

Constitution of Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

Art. 1. This Association shall be called the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of all regularly well organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Yearly Meetings as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Art. 2. The purpose of this Association is for the promotion of the cause of Christ among our people, and to bring about a better spirit of union among our several Quarterly Meetings.

Art. 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve at the pleasure of this Association, a Moderator who shall be elected one year in advance of the year he shall serve.

Art. 4. The members of this Association shall consist of one (1) delegate from each church, together with all ordained authority belonging to same.

Art. 5. Any well organized and well regulated Yearly Meetings in the State, shall, by application and conforming to the usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination, be received into this Association by a majority vote of this Association.

Art. 6. The sessions of this Association shall be held annually on the first Tuesday in June of each year; the place being in one of the various Yearly Meetings, in rotation, and placed by vote of the Association until each have had an Association, and repeated, etc.

Art. 7. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistant with this constitution and not repugnant to any constitution or usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Art. 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by vote of this Association at any session by a two-thirds majority vote.

Signed: Eld. Wm. Shepperd, Chairman,
Eld. G. D. Webb,
Eld. Melvin Dunn.

By-Laws of Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

1. The clerk shall call the conference to order, and in his absence the oldest minister present shall call the conference to order.

2. It shall be the duty of each body belonging to the Association to send a letter giving statistics of the body.

3. Each meeting shall be opened by reading of Scripture and prayer.

4. The Association shall sit with open doors except when it goes into a committee as a whole.

5. No person shall nominate more than one, if that person be elected.

6. The moderator shall not allow any conversation except it be in a Christian Spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

7. Anyone desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the moderator.

8. Voting must be done by the showing of the right hand.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject and not more than five (5) minutes at a time.

10. It shall be the duty of the moderator to sit the delegates in a body in a convenient place.

11. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present.

12. All ordained authority and licentiates are standing members.

Signed: Eld. G. S. Yeley,
Eld. Earl Rankins,
F. S. Adams.

Program for the State Association for 1941

TUESDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotionals led by Elder Lafe Yeley.

10:20 a. m.—Welcome by pastor of church, Eld. Shepperd.
Response by Elder Milford Riddlebarger.

12:00 —Lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p. m.—Devotionals led by Eld. James Shonkwiler.

2:15 p. m.—Message by Eld. May of Meggs County.
Dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY NIGHT

8:00 p. m.—Song service in charge of Scioto Dale Church.

8:30 p. m.—Message by Eld. Jesse Sizemore.
Dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Association called to order by the clerk.
Moderator takes charge.

10:15 a. m.—Enrollment of ministers and delegates.

10:30 a. m.—Appointment of committees.
Dismissed with prayer.

12:00 —Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 p. m.—Devotionals led by Eld. Homer Nelson.
2:10 p. m.—Miscellaneous business period.
4:00 p. m.—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 8:00 p. m.—Song service in charge of Porter Church.
8:30 p. m.—Devotionals by Eld. Bud Darst of Meggs Co.
8:45 p. m.—Message by Eld. Gus Graham of Jackson Co.
Song by the Darst Girls.
Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00 a. m.—Devotionals led by Eld. Will Coyle.
10:10 a. m.—Business.
Message by Eld. Ed Stevans, Jackson County.
Dismissed with prayer.
12:00 —Lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 p. m.—Devotionals led by Melvin Dunn of Welston.
2:10 p. m.—Business.
Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT

- 8:00 p. m.—Song service led by Union Church.
8:30 p. m.—Song by the Ball family.
Message by Elder Walter Ketter.
Adjournment.

