

**The**  
**Ohio State Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptists**

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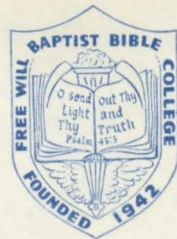
**1942**

**Proceedings of the**  
**4th Annual Session**

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**Convened at**  
**Welston Church**  
**Welston, Ohio**

*James Welston*



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Homer Nelson

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# MINUTES

OF THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE  
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

OF  
Free Will Baptists

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HELD WITH

Welston Church, Welston, Ohio,  
Beginning Tuesday June 2, 1942

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## OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio
Ass't. Mod.,	Eld. Jesse Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio
Clerk,	Grace Peach, Sciotoville, Ohio

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The next annual session of this association will be held  
with Long Run Church, June, 1943.

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## PROCEEDINGS

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The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its fourth annual session with Welston Church, June 2, 1942.

The meeting was called to order by Eld. Edward Stevens of Jackson, Ohio.

Opened by singing and prayer

Scripture reading, Ephesians 6, by Eld. Stevens.

Welcome address was given by Eld. Melvin Dunn of Welston.

Response by Elder Walter Doll of Waverly, Ohio.

Preaching by Eld. Jesse Sizemore of Lawrence Co. text, Heb. 12:1.

Dismissed by prayer.

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### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened with singing and prayer.

Devotionals led by Eld. Edward Carter.

Scripture reading, 1st John 1.

Prayer and praise service led by Elder C. O. Turner of Lyra.

Dismissed with prayer.

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### TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service led by Eld. Marion Hutchinson of Ewington, Ohio.

Devotionals led by Elder F. L. Mitchell, pastor of Welston church.

Scripture reading, Ephesians 5:1-20.

Message brought by Eld. J. A. Kemper. Text, Phil. 4:13; "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Dismissed with prayer.

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### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The business part of the Association was called to order by the clerk.

Singing and prayer. The moderator takes charge.

Scripture reading, Titus 2, by Moderator, Eld. J. A. Kemper.

A credential committee was appointed: Eld. William Shepperd, Eld. Frank Delawder, Bro. James Casebolt,

Assistant Moderator, Eld. Jesse Sizemore.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.

Report of credential committee accepted. That we suspend with the rules and appoint delegates from the floor as substitutes for this year.

Delegates were seated by moderator.

### Appointment of Committees

Business Committee — Eld. Melvin Dunn, Eld. Clarence Herles, Eld. B. L. Darst.

Resolution Committee — Dea. F. S. Adams, Eld. Isaac Russell; Eld. Gus Graham.

Program Committee — Alice Childers, Zella Jacobs, Hallie Ellis.

Minutes Committee — Grace Peach, Mollie Shepperd, W. M. Jacobs.

Financial Committee — Dea. John Henning, Eld. Jesse Sizemore, Bro. Lou Potts.

Foreign Mission Committee — Bianca Riddlebarger, Zella Jacobs, Agnes Payton.

Publicity Committee — Elder Clarence Herles, Eld. Isaac Russell, Bro. Murray Hutchinscn.

Dismissed with prayer.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotionals led by Eld. Clarence Herles.

Scripture reading, Ephesians 2.

Moderator takes charge.

Report of Financial Committee accepted.

Report of Resolution Committee accepted and request granted that we send a copy of Resolution No. 1 to the Governor of Ohio, one to Representative Jacob Davis, one to Congressman Thomas Jenkins.

Property report by Elder Dunn and Bro. Jacobs.

Motion made and carried that the partial report be accepted.

Report by Eld. Sizemore as messenger to the Kentucky State Association for 1941-42. Report accepted, fees paid.

Report of business committee accepted and the request granted.

Dismissed with prayer.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service led by Bro. James Potts.

Devotionals led by Eld. Melvin Dunn

Scripture reading, Gal. 5.

Solos by Sister Agnes Newman and Bro. Ben Napper.

Message brought by Eld. Clarence Herles; text, Gal. 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Dismissed with prayer.

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## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service led by Elder Marion Hutchinson.

Devotionals led by Eld. Dunn. Scripture reading, John 13:1-17.

Moderator takes charge.

Eld. Dunn was appointed as ass't. moderator pro tem.

The moderator appointed two replacements on business committee: Eld. Doll and Eld. Carter.

One replacement on financial committee: Dea. F. S. Adams.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Foreign Mission Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Foreign Mission Committee report read and accepted.

Dismissed with prayer.

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## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotionals led by Dea. John Henning, Scripture reading Rom. 8:1-8.

Solo by Sister Agnes Newman.

Moderator takes charge.

Eld. Doll gave a property report and was accepted.

Delegates to the National Association were: Zella Jacobs, Opal Doll, Ione Buchanan, Gladys Dunn, Mollie Shepperd.

Sister Alice Childers was appointed as messenger to Kentucky State Association; John Henning, alternate.

Report of the joint business and financial committees was read and accepted and the request granted.

A State Home Mission Board was formed. Dea. John Henning as chairman; Eld. John Kemper as Sec'y.-Treas.; Eld. Dunn as Ass't. Sec'y.-Treas.

Motion carried that a committee be appointed to meet with the Pincreek, Q. M. and the Porter Q. M. at the next session and ask the Home Mission Board of each Q. M. be dissolved and their funds be turned over to the State Board of Home Missions for the support of a State Evangelist. Committee: F. S. Adams, Alice Childers, Elder Doll.

The delegates from the Long Run church requested that the next State Association meet with the Long Run Church the first Tuesday in June, 1943. Request granted.

Elder Melvin Dunn was elected moderator for the coming year.

Motion made and carried that each church clerk be informed that their church must take one offering each year for the Association and to collect 50c dues from each ordained authority for the State.

Report of the Minutes Committee read and accepted.

Motion carried that we continue to be represented as we are indefinitely until the Association sees fit to adopt a better plan.

Motion carried that all committees whose work is finished be dismissed.

A free will offering was taken for property amounting to \$12.50.

Motion made and carried that an order be drawn on the treasury for the clerk's fees.

Motion made we adjourn the business part of this Association until 1943. Motion carried.

Dismissed with prayer.

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#### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotionals led by Elder Mitchell; Scripture reading 1st. Peter 4.

Duet by Alice Childers and Ione Buchanan.

Solo by Bro. Ben Napper.

Offering, \$6.70

Message was brought by Elder Shepperd. Text, "The Will of God," John 7:17.

Dismissed with prayer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**—We, the Financial Committee, recommend that the ways and means of collecting finance from the different churches and all ordained authority as here tofore written in the 1941 minutes become a by-law.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**—We, the business committee, ask the Association that the Woman's Auxiliary's request for time to put on a program the first day and night of the Association be granted.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**—No. 1. We, your committee on resolutions, report that, it having been reported that sugar in unlimited quantities is available for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, while we as individuals are strictly rationed, and neither are we opposed to the ration or even to do without if need for the duration of this war or whatever it takes to help our boys in service, we further believe that the manufacture of liquor as a beverage should be prohibited for the duration of the war. This done by the resolution committee appointed by the State Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Ohio when in session at Welston this third day of June, 1942.

No. 2. We, the resolution committee, recommend that the form of financing the State Association be adopted in our by-laws: One collection from each church each year; \$10.00 dues from each Yearly Meeting; and all ordained authority pay 50c dues each year.

**MINUTES COMMITTEE**—We, your committee on minutes, recommend that we have 500 minutes printed and that we patronize our Free Will Baptist printing house at Monett, Mo., for the work and to distribute them to the Quarterly Meetings at the earliest date possible.

**JOINT BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**—We, the joint business and financial committee request that this State Association appoint a Home Mission Board of three members for the purpose of evangelizing the State of Ohio. This board shall have power to govern this Evangelist. The Evangelist can take (2) two offerings a week for his support. This board shall have power to govern his salary over and above the offerings. We request that each church give one offering each

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month for the support of this mission. We, the members of this joint committee, request that Elder Shepperd be our State Evangelist of this State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Signed:

Business Committee	}	Eld. Melvin Dunn
		Eld. Edward Carter
		Eld. Walter Doll
Financial Committee	}	Dea. John Henning
		Lewis Potts
		Frank Adams

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in treasury in 1940 .....	\$34.89
Offering from:	
Silver Run Church .....	\$ 3.10
Porter Church .....	10.00
Mt. Calvary Church .....	2.00
Long Run Church .....	3.50
Puritan Church .....	1.00
Harrison Church .....	1.00
Union Church .....	1.00
Zion Church .....	6.25
Yearly Meeting dues .....	20.00
Registration .....	17.50
State Offering .....	5.80
Interest .....	.64
Property Offering at State Session .....	26.75
Property Offering from Porter Church .....	15.00
Total .....	<u>\$123.54</u>
Grand Total .....	<u>\$158.43</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:	
National dues .....	\$10.00
Minutes .....	16.65
Clerks fees .....	15.00
Total .....	<u>\$41.65</u>
Balance in treasury .....	\$116.78

## ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT

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Eld. Wm. Shepperd	Eld. W. O. Doll
Eld. Ed Carter	Eld. Gus Graham
Eld. Jesse Sizemore	Eld. Melvin Dunn
Eld. Frank Delawder	Eld. John Kemper
Eld. Clarence Herles	Eld. W. J. Smith
Eld. B. L. Darst	Eld. Isaac Russell
Eld. W. B. May	Eld. Ed. Stevens

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### Visiting Ministers

Eld. Marion Hutchinson (United Brethren), Ewington, Ohio  
Eld. Charles J. Bowen (Missionary Baptist) Goodhope, Ohio

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## FOREIGN MISSION TREASURY

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Balance in treasury in June, 1941 .....\$101.98

### PORTER QUARTERLY MEETING:

August .....\$73.72

November ..... 73.35

February ..... 95.29

May ..... 85.84

Total from Porter Quarterly Meeting .....\$328.20

### PINE CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING:

August ..... \$30.23

November ..... 33.11

February, 1942 ..... 31.00

May ..... 35.26

Total from Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting .....\$129.60

Vinton Quarterly Meeting ..... \$5.00

Zion Church ..... 1.50

Zion Young Peoples Society ..... 10.00

Ministerial Conference ..... 8.13

Porter Home Coming ..... 12.12

Coalton Church ..... 2.08

Jackson Quarterly Meeting ..... 1.50

Welston Church ..... 14.11

Old Kyger Sunday School ..... 5.00

Total .....\$59.44

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Grand Total .....\$619.22

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

National Foreign Mission Board .....	\$400.00
Stamps and money order .....	1.05
Shoes and hose for Bessie .....	10.00
Clothes for Bessie .....	12.00
Insurance .....	4.32
Total disbursements .....	<u>\$431.37</u>
Balance in treasury .....	\$187.85

**Constitution of the 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 to promote the cause of Christ among our people, and bring about a better spirit of union among our several quarterly meetings.

Art. 3—The officers of this Association shall be a clerk and a 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 ten (10) delegates from each yearly meeting, together with all ordained authority belonging to same.

Art. 5—Any well organized and well regulated yearly meetings in the State shall be received into this association by a majority vote of this association.

Art. 6—The session 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 repeated, etc.

Art. 7—This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistent 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. W. J. Shepperd, Chairman  
Eld. G. D. Webb  
Eld. Melvin Ounn

Drawn up June 14, 1939, at Porter Church.

## By-Laws of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

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

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

Art. 3—Each meeting shall be opened by reading of scripture and prayer.

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

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

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

Art. 7—Any one desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Art. 8—Voting must be done by the show of the right hand.

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

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

Art. 11—These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present.

Art. 12—All ordained authority and licentiates are standing members.

Signed: Eld. G. L. Yeley, Chairman  
Eld. Earl Rankins  
Dea. Frank Adams

## PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1943

### TUESDAY MORNING

- 10:00 a. m.—Devotionals led by Sister Ola Coriell.
- 10:15 a. m.—Welcome, Sister Bianca Riddlebarger.
- 10:30 a. m.—Response, Sister Vina Henning.
- 10:45 a. m.—Prayer and praise service.
- 11:15 a. m.—Enlistment, Sister Ida Lou Rankins.
- 11:30 a. m.—Education, Sister Ella Adams.
- 11:45 a. m.—Missions, Sister Stella Holman.
- 12:00 m.—Lunch.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 p. m.—Devotionals led by Sister Christian.
- 1:45 p. m.—President takes charge and gives address.
- 2:00 p. m.—Business.

- 3:30 p. m. — Stewardship, Sister Alice Childers.
- 3:45 p. m. — Benevolence, Sister Hallie Ellis.
- 4:00 p. m. — Closing.

#### TUESDAY EVENING

- 8:00 p. m. — Devotionals led by Sister Bessie Cole.  
Song service by Long Run junior choir.
  - 8:30 p. m. — Message by Elder W. J. Shepperd; topic, "The Great Commission."  
Closing.
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### PROGRAM FOR THE STATE ASSOCIATION

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 10:00 a. m. — Devotionals led by Eld. John Kemper.
- 10:20 a. m. — Welcome by pastor, Elder Selven Percell.
- 10:30 a. m. — Response by Eld. Jesse Sizemore.
- 10:40 a. m. — Association called to order by clerk.  
Moderator, Elder Melvin Dunn, takes charge.
- 11:00 a. m. — Enrollment of ministers and delegates.
- 11:15 a. m. — Appointment of committees.
- 12:00 Lunch.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 p. m. — Devotionals led by Elder James Shonkwiller.
- 1:50 p. m. — Miscellaneous business period.
- 3:15 p. m. — Praise service led by Elder Clarence Herles.
- 4:00 p. m. — Dismissed with prayer.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 8:00 p. m. — Devotionals led by Eld. W. B. Mays of Meiggs Co.  
Song service by Union Church choir.
- 8:30 p. m. — Message brought by Eld. Melvin Dunn.  
Dismissed.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00 a. m. — Devotionals led by Elder Earl Rankins.
- 10:20 a. m. — Business.  
Message by Elder Sidney Crabtree.
- 12:00 Lunch.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 p. m. — Devotionals led by Elder Edward Stevens.
- 1:50 p. m. — Business period.

3:30 p. m. — Elder Shepperd's report of his evangelistic work  
for the year.

4:00 p. m. — Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING

8:00 p. m. — Devotionals led by Elder Philip Crabtree.  
Song service by Sciotodale choir.

8:30 p. m. — Message by Elder Gus Graham.



