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Ohio State  
Association  
of  
Free Will Baptist**

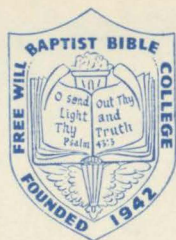
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**1944**

**Proceedings of the  
6th. Annual Session**

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**Convened at  
Porter Church**



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Homer Nelson

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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
AND THE  
**THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
OF THE  
**DISTRICT WOMANS AUXILIARY**

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**HELD WITH**

Porter Church at Slocum Station, June 6-7-8, 1944

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator, Rev. W. B. May, Cheshire, Ohio.  
Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Jesse Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio.  
Clerk, Grace Peach, Sciotoville, Ohio.

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The next annual session of this association will be held with Old Kyger Church, two miles from Cheshire, Ohio.

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Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St. Monett, Missouri

# PROCEEDINGS

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The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its sixth annual session with Porter Church, June 6, 7, 8, 1944.

Rev. W. J. Shepperd was in charge of devotionals, scripture reading 2nd. Peter 1.

Solo by Jimmy Conkey.

Welcome address by Rev. John Kemper of Wheelersburg. Response by Rev. Olin Turner of Lyra.

The clerk opened the business part of the association and introduced the moderator, Rev. W. B. May of Cheshire, Ohio. Singing and united prayer around the altar.

Rev. Jesse Sizemore was chosen as assistant moderator  
Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.

## Appointment of Committees

Credential Committee— Rev. Olin Turner, Rev. Melvin Dunn, Dea. John Henning.

Business Committee— Rev. W. J. Shepperd, Rev. Wm. Coyle, Rev. B. L. Darst.

Resolution Committee— Rev. John Kemper, Rev. Wm. Coyle, Dea. Henry Scott.

Program Committee— Bianca Riddlebarger, Ella Adams, Zella Jacobs.

Minutes Committee— Grace Peach, Mollie Shepperd, Alice Childers.

Publicity Committee— Rev. Melvin Dunn, Dea. Frank Adams, Rev. Jesse Sizemore.

Foreign Mission Committee— Ione Buchanan, Zelle Jacobs, Mollie Shepperd.

Obituary Committee— Rev. W. J. Shepperd, Rev. Frank Delawder, Rev. Melvin Dunn.

Report of credential committee accepted.

Delegates were seated by the moderator.

Motion made and carried to adjourn the business part of this association until 1:30 P. M.

A very short inspiring message was given by Rev. Wm. Moore of Louisa Kentucky. Dismissed with prayer.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. Wm. Coyle of Lawrence Co. Ohio. Special song by the Darst Sisters.

Scripture reading, John 14, 1-3.

Moderator takes charge.

Report of resolution committee accepted by conference.

Report of Foreign Mission board by Treasurer. Report accepted.

Report of messenger to the Kentucky State Association by Rev. W. J. Shepperd. Report accepted.

Property report was given by Rev. Melvin Dunn. Report accepted.

It was voted to place two (2) more members on the board. The new members elected are Dea. John Henning and Dea. Frank Adams.

Rev. John Kemper was elected to fill the vacancy by the death of Dea. W. Jacobs.

Report of Foreign Mission Committee by Sister Ione Buchanan. Report accepted.

A receipt from the Kentucky Free Will Baptist Orphanage was read and placed on file.

Report of the Kentucky State Association was given by the messengers, Rev. Scott Castle, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose of Paintsville, Kentucky, and Rev. Wm. Moore of Louisa, Kentucky. The report and the messengers were received. Financial report was given by the treasurer. Report accepted.

Messengers appointed to meet with the Kentucky State Association were, Rev. John Kemper, Alternate Rev. W. J. Shepperd.

Minutes of the association up to the present time were read and approved. Motion made carried to adjourn the business part of this association until Thursday at 10:00 A. M. A prayer and praise service was led by Rev. B. L. Darst of Cheshire. Special songs by Rev. Charles Moore and the Darst family.

Dismissed with prayer.

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. Clarence Herles. Scripture reading Psalms 37. Solo by Jimmy Conkey.

Special song service by Sciotodale choir.  
The message was brought by Rev. Frank Delawder  
of Jackson. Text, Romans 3:24.  
Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Jesse Sizemore.

#### THURSDAY MORNINGG SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. Marion Wilburn. Scripture  
reading John 1. Moderator takes charge.

Delegates to the National Association were appointed.

Sister Mollie Shepperd, Sister Zella Jacobs, Sister  
Grace Peach, Sister Bianca Riddlebarger, Sister Dorothy  
Rupe.

Report of Home Mission Board treasurer given and  
accepted.

Report of the State Evangelist given. Report accepted.

Motion made and sustained that the business part be  
adjourned.

Message brought by Rev. W. J. White. Scripture read-  
ing Psalms 23. Sister Lizzie McAdams gave a talk on  
the National program.

Dismissed with prayer.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. James Shonkwiler. Scripture  
reading, Heb. 2. Moderator takes charge.

Report of obituary committee. Report accepted.

We, your committee on obituaries, wish to express our  
sympathy on behalf of the Ohio State Association of  
Free Will Baptists in the passing of our beloved brethren,  
Dea. W. Jacobs and Rev. G. D. Webb to their relatives  
and friends and that a notice of their going home be  
placed in minutes of our association. We deeply regret  
their going from us, but we feel our loss is their gain.  
Committee: Rev. W. J. Shepperd, Rev. A. F. Delawder  
Rev. Melvin Dunn.

Reading of minutes up to present time read and ap-  
proved.

A motion was made and accepted that if the bank that  
Rev. John Kemper has deposited the State Home Miss-  
ion funds in fails, association will forgive him the debt.

Constitution and By-Laws were re-read.

Motion made and carried that the association appoint  
a superannuation board of five (5) members. The board

are: Rev. Melvin Dunn, Rev. James Shonkwiler, Rev. A. F. Delawder, Rev. Wm. Coyle, Rev. W. J. Shepperd.

Report of the home mission board that they have hired Rev. W. J. Shepperd for the coming year at the same salary. Report accepted.

Rev. Jesse Sizemore was elected as moderator for the coming year. In behalf of Old Kyger Church, Rev. Melvin Dunn as pastor invited the State Association to meet with Old Kyger Church, June 4-5-6, 1945, invitation accepted.

Motion made and carried that the State Home Mission Board be granted power to buy books and literature for the State Evangelist. Offering taken amounted to \$12.00.

The association gave a standing vote of thanks and one minute of silent prayer for their hospitality. Motion made and carried that we adjourn the business part of this association to meet next June, 1945: Dismissed with prayer.

#### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Devotional led by Rev. W. J. Shepperd. Scripture reading, Romans 12. Solo by Sister Lora Wright. Song service by The Long Run Junior Chorus. Special song by the Riddlebarger Sisters.

Message brought by Rev. Melvin Dunn, of Welston. Text, Psalms 119, 1-12. Subject, "Hiding from God." Dismissed with prayer by Sister Lizzie McAdams.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minute Committee—We your committee on minutes recommend that the clerk prepare a copy of this session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists and send it together with a copy of the program as prepared by the committee to our printing press at Monett, Mo. and have 300 copies made.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—

Resolution Number 1—We, your committee on resolutions recommend, that there be five (5) members on the home mission board in place of three, and we further recommend that Jesse Sizemore and Sister May Stevens be the new members on the said board.

Resolution Number 2—We recommend that our association clerk write Rev. F. S. VanHoose a letter express-

ing to him and his family the sympathy of this association in regards to the death of his brother.

### Report of the State Evangelist

Places where meetings were held: Petrea, Buckeye, Welston Church of Jackson Co. Center Station, Woodland Chapel, of Lawrence Co. Frederick, Scioto Dale, Germany Hollow, Union, Scioto Co., Sandy City, Kentucky. Columbus Church. Silver Run, Old Kyger, of Meigs Co. Pinegrove, Fallentimber. Union Ridge, Vinton Co.

Number Confessions, 74; number sermons preached, 240; number funerals, 11; number couples married, 3; number Quarterly meetings attended 10; State Associations, 2; National Association, Preached extra times for of our pastors. Received cash salary from the board for twelve months, \$685.98

### Financial Report of the State Home Mission Board

Amount brought forward .....	\$287.32
Amount Received .....	641.55
Total Received .....	\$928.87
Paid to the Evangelist .....	685.98
Balance in treasury .....	\$242.89

### Financial Report of the Association

Amount in treasury in 1943 .....	\$118.78
Registration fees .....	15.50
Yearly meeting dues .....	20.00
Freewill offering from Bloom Church .....	1.80
Porter Church .....	10.00
Scioto Dale Church .....	5.00
Long Run Church .....	6.29
Interest .....	.54
Total .....	\$177.91
Disbursements	
Minutes .....	\$25.62
Messenger fee .....	2.00
National Dues .....	20.00
Clerk Fees .....	15.00
Total .....	\$62.62
Balance in treasury .....	\$115.29

### Foreign Mission Report



Balance in treasury in June 1943 .....	\$74.63
Porter Quarterly Meeting:	
August .....	\$77.53
November .....	100.88
February .....	120.68
May .....	123.13
Total .....	\$422.22

Pinecreek Quarterly Meeting:

August .....	\$30.45
November .....	37.60
February .....	46.83
May .....	35.00
Total .....	\$149.88
Old Kyger Y. P. League Sept. ....	\$87
Old Kyger Y. P. League Dec. ....	.59
Jackson Quarterly Meeting .....	21.39
Silver Run Church, July .....	2.56
Rev. Kettlers Prayer Band .....	10.00
Zalaski and Madison Church .....	22.00
Coalton Church .....	2.30
Welston Church, March 8 .....	18.25
Old Kyger Church, Dec. ....	14.23
Silver Run Church, Dec. ....	1.79
Total .....	\$740.71

Disbursements:

National Foreign Mission Board .....	\$600.00
Stamps and money order .....	2.10
Insurance .....	8.32
Receipts .....	1.15
Total Disbursements .....	\$611.57
Balance in treasury .....	\$129.14

Statistics

Number churches .....	51
Total number members .....	2731
Number ministers .....	57
Number Sunday School Scholars .....	2411
Number Sunday Schools .....	48
Number churches having leagues .....	5
Number of Womans Auxiliary .....	4
Value of church property .....	\$100,000

**MINUTES OF THE  
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

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**TUESDAY MORNING SESSION**

Devotional led by Sister Lizzie McAdams, scripture reading, John 4. Welcome, by Sister Lima Noxxel. Response by Sister Lillian Russell.

Talk on education by Sister Bianca Riddlebarger. Enrollment by Sister Lillian Russell. Benevolence by Sister Malind Kayser. Prayer and praise service led by Sister Vina Henning. A twenty minute talk was given by Rev. Jesse Sizemore. Dismissed with prayer by Sister Stella Holman.

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**TUESDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE**

Devotional led by Sister Corbia Yeley, scripture reading, Proverbs 31. Special songs by Lora Wright and Jimmy Conkey.

Business session with the president, Sister Mollie Sheppard in charge.

Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Constitution and By-Laws were read.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Report of Vice-Presidents read and approved.

Auxiliaries representing were, Porter, Union, Long Run.

National delegates were appointed as follows: Lima Noxxel, Alice Childers.

Report of delegates to the last National Association was given by Sister Vina Henning and Sister Alice Childers. Report accepted.

Motion made and carried that the Auxiliary pay the fare of our president, Sister Mollie Sheppard to the National Association.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

President—Mollie Sheppard.

First Vice President—Lillian Russell.

Second Vice President—Ella Adams.

Third Vice President—Bianca Riddlebarger.

Fourth Vice President—Bessie Cole.

Fifth Vice President—Hallie Ellis.

Field Worker—Alice Childers.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Ione Buchanan.  
 Program Committee—Vina Henning, Bea Bradburry,  
 Corbia Yeley.

Talk on Stewardship—Sister Ella Adams.  
 Talk on Missions—Sister Grace Peach.  
 Song, "How Firm a Foundation" was sung.  
 Talk on Womens' work by Sister McAdams.  
 Dismissed with prayer by Bro. John Henning.

**TUESDAY EVENING SESSION**

Devotional led by Sister Alice Childers, scripture reading.

Special songs by Union Church young peoples chorus.

Solos by Jimmy Conkey and Stella Florence Buchanan

The message brought by Sister McAdams from the 2 Kings 14. Subject "Where is the Lord God of Elijah".

A love offering was taken for Sister McAdams amounting to \$21.00.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Kemper.

**Financial Report**

Amount in treasury.....	\$9.62
Dues .....	6.20
Collection .....	8.86
Total .....	\$24.68
Disbursements	
Presidents fare .....	\$17.31
National dues .....	3.10
	\$20.41
Balance in treasury .....	4.27

**Constitution of the Ohio State Association  
 of Free Will Baptists**

Article 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.

Article 2— The purpose of this association is for to promote the cause of Christ among our people, and bring about a better spirit of union among our several quarterly meetings.

Article 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 she shall serve.

Article 4— The members of this association shall consist of ten (10) delegates from each yearly meeting, together with all ordained authority belonging to same.

Article 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 shall be received into this association by a majority vote of this association.

Article 6— The session of this association shall be held 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 association till each have had an association and repeated and etc.

Article 7— This association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistent with this constitution or usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

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

Signed: Rev. W. J. Shepperd, Chairman, Rev. G. D. Webb, Rev. Melvin Dunn. Drawn up June 14, 1939 at Porter Church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6— The moderator shall not allow any conversation except it be in a christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

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

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

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

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

Section 11—All ordained authority and licentiates are standing members.

Section 12— We, your committee on resolutions recommend that the form of financing the state association be adopted in our by-laws. Yearly meeting dues \$10.00 all ordained authority pay 50 cents per year. One collection from each church each year. One collection from the association each year.

Sec. 13—These By-Laws may be altered or ammended by a two thirds vote of members present.

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

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## PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1945

### TUESDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Devotional led by Sister Ethel Clark.
- 10:15—Welcome, Sister Dorothy Rupe.
- 10:30—Response, Sister Bessie Cole.
- 10:45—Experience as a Field Worker, Sis. Alice Childers
- 11:00—Enlistment, Sister Kathleen Conkey.
- 11:15—Benevolence, Sister Bianca Riddlebarger.
- 11:30—Education, Sister Lillian Russell.
- 11:45—Praise service, Sister Malinda Kayser.
- 12:00—Lunch.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional led by Sister Oma Church.
- 1:45—President takes charge and gives her address.
- 2:00—Business.
- 3:30—Stewardship, Sister Bess Christian.

- 3:45—Missions, Sister Ella Adams.  
4:00—Closing.

#### TUESDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Devotional led by Sister Vina Henning.  
Song service by Old Kyger Church.  
8:30—Message by Rev. John Kemper, Subject "She  
hath done what she could."  
Closing.
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### PROGRAM FOR THE STATE ASSOCIATION

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Devotional led by Rev. James Shonkwiler.  
10:20—Welcome by Rev. Melvin Dunn.  
10:30—Response by Rev. Wm. Coyle.  
10:40—Association called to order by clerk.  
Moderator takes charge.  
11:00—Enrollment of ministers and delegates.  
11:15—Appointment of committees.  
12:00—Lunch.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional led by Rev. Olin Turner.  
1:50—Miscellaneous business period.  
3:15—Praise service, leader to be chosen.  
4:00—Closing.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Devotional led by Rev. Edward Carter.  
Special singing by the Darst Sisters.  
Closing.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Devotional led by Rev. Edward Stevens.  
10:20—Report of the State Evangelist.  
Business period.  
11:20—Message by Rev. Clarence Herles.  
12:00—Lunch.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional led by Rev. Jacob See.  
1:50—Business period.  
3:30—Prayer and praise, leader to be chosen.  
4:00—Closing.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

8:00—Devotional led by David Widdig.  
Song service.  
8:30—Message, Rev. Russell Milam.  
8:30—Message by Rev. W. J. Shepperd.  
Closing.

