

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

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**1946**

**Proceedings of the  
Eighth Annual Session**

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**Convened at  
Scioto Dale Church**



# MINUTES

OF THE

**Eighth Annual Session**

**OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION**

AND THE

**Fifth Annual Session -**

**DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

OF

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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HELD WITH

**Scioto Dale Church, June 4, 5, 6, 1946**

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## OFFICERS

**Moderator**                      **Rev. W. J. White, Portsmouth, Ohio**  
**Assistant Moderator**      **Rev. Frank Delawder, Wellston**  
**Clerk**                              **Grace Peach, Scioto ville, Ohio, route 4**

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**The next annual session of this association will be held with Harrison Church, on State Route 139, two miles east of Minford, June 3, 4, 5, 1947.**

# PROCEEDINGS

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The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its eighth annual session with Scioto Dale Church, June 4, 5, 6, 1946.

Rev. Melvin Dunn of Wellston leading devotionals. Scripture reading Heb. 12, prayer by Rev. W. B. May of Meigs Co. Welcome address was given by Rev. Clarence Conway, pastor of the host church. Response was given by Rev. Frank Delawder of Jackson Co.

The clerk opened the business part of the association and introduced the moderator, Rev. W. J. White of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Credential committee appointed was Rev. W. O. Doll, Rev. David Widdig, Rev. W. B. May.

Assistant moderator—Rev. Frank Delawder.

Assistant clerk—Sister Abbie Knore.

Report of the credential committee: We, your committee on credentials do recommend the delegates be seated in this association. Report accepted and delegates seated as provided in by-laws.

Reading constitution and by-laws.

The moderator asked permission of the conference to appoint a committee on committees. Motion made and carried to grant the request.

Committee on committees was Rev. John Kemper, chairman, Rev. Melvin Dunn, Rev. Jesse Sizemore.

Report of Foreign mission treasurer, Grace Peach.

Motion made and carried to receive report. (See reports).

Report of Association treasury by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Motion made and carried to receive the report. (See reports).

Report of Foreign mission committee by Sisters Zella Jacobs and Vina Henning.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Rev. R. B. Crawford gave his report from the National Association.

Motion made and carried to receive the report as information and also to receive the messenger.

Report of committee on committees.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Business committee—Rev. W. B. May, chairman; Rev. Clarence Herles, Rev. Russell Milam.

Resolution committee—Rev. Homer Nelson, chairman; Rev. Clarence Conway, Rev. Frank Delawder.

Program committee—Sisters Mae Stevens, Bianca Riddlebarger, Isobel Widdig.

Minutes committee—Sisters Grace Peach, Macie Roush, Lima Noxsel.

Publicity committee—Dea. John Henning, chairman; Dea. Lester Roush, Rev. Edward Percell.

Obituary committee—Rev. Elmer Miller, chairman; Rev. W. O. Doll, Rev. Olin Turner.

Foreign missionary committee—Rev. David Widdig, Sisters Mollie Sheppard, Etta Darst.

Motion made and carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p. m.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Russell Milam.

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## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. Clarence Conway. Scripture reading, Psalms 46.

Prayer by Rev. Russell Milam.

Special song by Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Chamberlin.

Moderator takes charge.

Financial report of superannuation board by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Homer Nelson be appointed to serve for 5 years on the superannuation board.

Delegates to the National Association were appointed as follows:

Sisters Opal Doll, Lovina Hennings, Mollie Sheppard, Zella Jacobs, Mae Stevens, Dea. John Henning, Bro. Nelson Bellar.

Delegates to the Kentucky State Association were Rev. Clarence Herles; Alternate, Rev. Homer Nelson.

Report from the W. Va. State Association by Rev. John Henson.

Motion made and carried to receive the report and send a messenger.

Delegate to W. Va., Rev. Russell Milam.

Report from the Kentucky State Association by Rev.

R. B. Crawford.

Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Rev. Melvin Dunn read a letter from Rev. Kenneth Turner concerning his missionary talks and pictures.

Report of the National Association by the delegates, Sisters Zella Jacobs, Biance Riddlebarger and Rev. Sizemore.

Motion made and carried to receive the reports.

Motion made and carried to adjourn the business part until Thursday morning.

Praise service led by Dea. Edward Yeley.

Special music by Bro. Stewart Reed and son, Jimmie.

Duet by Sisters Hazel Smith and Elizabeth Yeley.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Kemper.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

\* Song service by Long Run choir, led by Rev. Homer Nelson and Bro. Luther Hammond. Devotionals led by Rev. Milford Riddlebarger. Scripture reading, 1st John, 3. Special song by Union Quartette.

Special song by the Riddlebarger sisters. Solo by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Rev. Crawford introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. John Henson from Hurricane, W. Va. His subject was, "God loved, God gave, I believed, now I'm saved."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. E. T. Carter.

### THURSDAY MORNING

Devotionals led by Rev. W. B. May. United prayer at the altar.

Scripture reading, Psalms 23. Solo by Sister Belva Evans of Meigs Co.

Moderator takes charge.

Report of the State Evangelist by Rev. Jesse Sizemore.

Motion made and carried to accept the report. (See reports).

Report of the business committee.

Motion made and carried to receive the report. (See reports).

Financial report of the State Home mission board was given by Rev. Melvin Dunn. Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Report of committee on obituaries. Motion made and carried to receive the report. (See reports). Minutes of the Association up to the present time were read and approved.

Motion made and carried to receive the remarks made on Foreign missions by Rev. Russell Milam and Rev. David Widdig as information.

Motion made and carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p. m.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Clarence Herles. Scripture reading, Isaiah, 43. Text, Isaiah 43:10 (Witnessing for Christ).

Offering taken for the State Home Mission board amounted to \$22.61.

Rev. Robert Crawford and Rev. John Henson were invited around the altar and given the right hand of fellowship and bid God speed on their journey.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Henson.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals led by Rev. Homer Nelson. Scripture reading, 2nd Cor. 4.

Prayer by Rev. Marion Wilburn.

Special song by the Scott Sisters. Solo by Sister Belva Evans.

Moderator takes charge.

Report of committee on minutes. Motion made and carried to accept the report. (See reports).

Report of the State Home Mission board by Chairman John Henning that the board has hired Rev. Homer Nelson as Evangelist for the coming year.

An invitation was received from the pastor of Harrison Church for the State Association to convene with them in our next session in June, 1947. The invitation was accepted.

Rev. Frank Delawder was elected as moderator for the coming year.

Report of the Women's Auxiliary work was given by the president, Sister Alice Childers. Motion made and carried that the report be received.

Minutes of the Association were read and approved.

The offering was taken which amounted to \$9.72.

Motion made and carried to adjourn the business part of this Association until 1947.

Prayer and praise service led by Dea. John Hen-

ning was greatly enjoyed by all. Dismissed with prayer.

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### THURSDAY EVENING

Devotionals led by Rev. Earl Rankins. Song service by Union Choir.

Prayer by Rev. Clarence Hammonds.

Scripture reading, Heb. 2:1-11.

Special song by Union Quartette. Solo by Jacob See Jr.

Song by the Mauck Sisters.

Message was brought by Rev. Jesse Sizemore, John 21:5.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Kemper.

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### REPORTS

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**—We, your committee on business, ask this conference if they will accept this request of the Home Mission Board to pay our State Evangelist \$100.00 per month or more if needed.

Rev. W. B. May (chairman)

Rev. Clarence Herles

Rev. Russell Milam

Financial report of State Home Mission Board:

Amount brought forward .....	\$185.52
Amount received .....	\$567.41
Total .....	\$752.93
Expenses .....	\$222.00
Balance in treasury .....	\$530.93

Rev. Melvin Dunn, Treasurer.

Report of Minutes 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, together with a copy of the program as prepared by the committees, and that she be allowed to have 300 copies made wherever she can get the best work done for the most reasonable price.

Grace Peach (chairman)

Mazie Roush

Lima Noxsel

**OBITUARY COMMITTEE**—We, the committee on Obituaries wish to express on behalf of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists in the going home



of our beloved Ministers and Deacons, Rev. James Upton, Rev. Pearl Lyons, Rev. J. M. Wykle, Dea. Frank Adams, Dea. Charles Rose, Dea. Lewis Spires. That this be placed on file and a copy be sent to the nearest of kin.

Rev. Elmer Miller (chairman)  
 Rev. W. O. Doll  
 Rev. Olin Turner

Financial report of the Association:

Amount in treasury in 1945.....	\$183.48
Registration fees .....	22.00
Yearly meeting dues .....	20.00
Offering .....	9.72
Freewill offering from Union Church.....	11.50
Freewill offering from Porter Church.....	10.00
Freewill offering from Long Run Church.....	9.24
Freewill offering from Sciotodale Church.....	7.00
Freewill offering from Bloom Church.....	10.00
Freewill offering from Scioto Church.....	9.23
Freewill offering from Swauger Valley Church	3.79
Interest .....	.90
Total .....	\$296.86

Disbursements:

Minutes .....	\$30.50
Clerk fee .....	15.00
National dues .....	20.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 65.50
Balance in treasury.....	\$231.36

Statistics of the Ohio State Association:

Number churches .....	49
Number ministers .....	87
Number members .....	2,624
Number Sunday Schools .....	47
Number Sunday School scholars .....	2,000
Number Young Peoples Leagues .....	7
Women's Auxiliaries .....	3
Value of church property, approximately,	\$80,000.00
Foreign mission report:	
Balance in treasury in June, 1945 .....	\$ 227.54
Porter Quarterly meeting—	
August, 1945 .....	\$127.97
November .....	149.44
February, 1946 .....	125.79
May .....	206.97

Total from Porter Quarterly meeting.....	\$ 610.17
Pine Creek Quarterly meeting—	
August, 1945 .....	\$ 56.77
November .....	34.00
February, 1946 .....	55.16
Total from Pine Creek Quarterly meeting \$	145.93
Wellston Church, August, 1945 .....	\$ 45.00
Wellston ladies' class .....	6.00
Total .....	\$ 51.00
Silver Run Church, January, 1946 ....	\$ 20.40
Old Kyger Church, January, 1946 .....	27.82
Old Kyger League .....	2.60
Vinton Quarterly meeting, April, 1946	20.00
Coalton Church, June, 1946.....	5.00
Special offering, Porter Q. meeting	30.00
Total .....	\$ 105.82
Grand total .....	\$1,140.46
Disbursements:	
National Foreign mission board.....	\$800.00
Stamps and money orders .....	1.88
Insurance .....	8.32
Clothes for Bessie.....	20.60
Total .....	\$ 830.80
Balance in treasury in June, 1946.....	\$ 309.66

Ministers attending were:

Rev. W. J. White, Portsmouth, Ohio.  
 Rev. Frank Delawder, Wellston, Ohio, route 2.  
 Rev. Clarence Conway, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 1.  
 Rev. John Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 1.  
 Rev. Edward Percell, Wheelersburg, Ohio.  
 Rev. W. O. Doll, Waverly, Ohio.  
 Rev. C. O. Turner, Wheelersburg, Ohio.  
 Rev. Robert Hammond, Sciotoville, Ohio.  
 Rev. G. L. Yeley, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 1.  
 Rev. W. B. May, Cheshire, Ohio, route 2.  
 Rev. Homer Nelson, Wheelersburg, Ohio.  
 Rev. Melvin Dunn, Wellston, Ohio.  
 Rev. Jesse Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio, route 2.  
 Rev. Elmer Miller, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 1.  
 Rev. Russell Milam, Sciotoville, Ohio, route 2.  
 Rev. Marion Wilburn, Scioto Furnace, Ohio.  
 Rev. Jacob See, Sciotoville, Ohio, route 4.  
 Rev. Melford Riddlebarger, Lucasville, Ohio, route 2.

Rev. Earl Rankins, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 1.  
Rev. William Price, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 2.  
Rev. Emil Sturgill, Sciotoville, Ohio.  
Rev. David Widdig, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 1.  
Rev. Forrest Chamberlin, Wheelersburg, Ohio, route 1.

Visiting ministers:

Rev. Robert Crawford, Nashville, Tennessee.  
Rev. John Henson, Hurricane, W. Va.

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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, all ordained authority pay 50 cents per year. One collection from each church each year. One collection taken at the state association each year.

Section 13—These by-laws may be altered or a-

mended by a two-thirds vote of members present.

Signed:

Rev. G. L. Yeley (chairman)

Rev. Earl Rankins

Dea. F. S. Adams

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## 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 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 he 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, etc.

Article 7—This association shall have power to adopt any regulation 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. Sheppard (chairman)

Rev. G. D. Webb

Rev. Melvin Dunn.

Drawn up June 14, 1939, at Porter Church.

## **FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMEN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY**

### **TUESDAY MORNING**

The fifth annual district convention of the Women's Auxiliary convened with Sciotodale Church with the president, Sister Alice Childers, in the chair.

Devotionals were led by Sister Isobel Widdig. Scripture reading, 2nd Cor. 5.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. White. All ministers present were invited to join with us in worship.

Poem by Sister Widdig.

Welcome address was given by Rev. Robert Hammond.

Response by Sister Abbie Knore.

Experience as a field worker by Sister Mollie Sheppard.

Enlistment, Sister Grace Peach.

Benevolence—Sister Beatrice Bradbury.

Education—Sister Emma Herles.

Prayer and praise service led by Sister Malinda Kayser.

Special song by the ministers, led by Robert Crawford.

Rev. G. L. Yeley, our oldest minister present, gave a good testimony.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. William Darby.

### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Devotionals led by Sister Lorraine Deemer.

Scripture reading, John 3rd chapter. Prayer by Rev. Clarence Conway.

The president took charge and gave her address, speaking about women workers in the Bible.

Special song by Sisters Ione Buchanan and Fetters.

Reading of constitution and by-laws.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Reports of the vice presidents were given and approved.

Report of the National association by the delegate, Sister Grace Peach.

The report was accepted.

Remarks concerning our work were given by the Rev. Kemper, Rev. Herles, Rev. Dunn, Rev. Crawford. Discussion of the unified program and the co-laborer's band by Sister Alice Childers and Rev. Crawford.

Delegates appointed to the National Association were Sisters Grace Peach, Ione Buchanan, Mollie Sheppard, Bianca Riddlebarger.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President, Sister Alice Childers.

First Vice President, Sister Ione Buchanan.

Second Vice President, Sister Corbia Yeley.

Third Vice President, Sister Vina Henning.

Fourth Vice President, Sister Grace Peach.

Fifth Vice President, Sister Lorraine Deemer.

Secretary and Treasurer, Sister Bianca Riddlebarger.

Field Worker, Sister Mollie Sheppard.

Program Committee—Sister Mollie Sheppard, Sister Grace Peach, Sister Abbie Knore.

Stewardship, Sister Lima Noxxel.

Offering, \$10.40.

Dismissed with prayer.

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## TUESDAY EVENING

Devotionals led by Sister Garnet Carver. Scripture reading, Matt. 5.

Prayer by Rev. Clarence Herles.

Song service by the Old Kyger Choir.

Special songs, by Rev. Homer Nelson, Union Quartette.

Foreign mission offering of \$24.54 was taken.

Message was brought by Rev. Robert Crawford, (Ruth 1:16).

Special song by Sisters Fetters and Buchanan.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Patrick.

Treasurer's report:

Balance in treasury .....\$ 5.65

District and National dues ..... 4.40

Offering ..... 10.40

Total .....\$20.45

Expenses for National Dues .....	\$ 2.20
Balance in treasury .....	\$18.25

**PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1947**

**TUESDAY MORNING**

- 10:00—Devotionals led by Sister Kathleen Conkey.
- 10:15—Welcome, Rev. Russell Milam.
- 10:30—Response, Sister Beatrice Bradbury.
- 10:45—Experience as a field worker, Sister Mollie Sheppard.
- 11:00—"Exalt the Lord Through Enlistments," Sister Ione Buchanan.
- 11:15—"Exalt the Lord Through Benevolence," Sister Lorraine Deemer.
- 11:30—"Exalt the Lord Through Education," Sister Corbia Yeley.
- 11:45—Prayer and praise service, leader to be chosen.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

- 1:30—Devotionals led by Sister Emma Herles.
- 1:45—President takes charge and gives her address.
- 2:00—Business period.
- 3:30—"Exalt the Lord Through Stewardship," Sister Grace Peach.
- 3:45—"Exalt the Lord Through Missions," Sister Vina Henning.
- 4:00—Closing.

**TUESDAY EVENING**

- 8:00—Devotionals led by Sister Mollie Sheppard.  
Song service by Harrison Church choir.
- 8:30—Message (open).

**PROGRAM FOR THE STATE ASSOCIATION**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

- 10:00—Devotionals led by Rev. John Kemper.
- 10:20—Welcome, by pastor of church.
- 10:30—Response, Rev. Edward Percell.
- 10:40—Association called to order by clerk. Moderator takes charge.
- 11:00—Appointment of committees.
- 11:15—Enrollment of ministers and delegates.
- 12:00—Lunch.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotionals led by Rev. Edward Stevens.  
1:50—Miscellaneous business period.  
3:15—Praise service led by Rev. B. L. Darst.  
4:00—Closing.
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### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Devotionals led by Rev. David Widdig.  
Song service by Long Run choir.  
8:30—Message by Rev. Jacob See.  
Special song by Rev. Homer Nelson.
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### THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Devotionals led by Rev. Marion Wilburn.  
10:20—Report of the State Evangelist. Business period.  
11:20—Message by Rev. Homer Nelson.  
12:00—Lunch.
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### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotionals led by Rev. Clarence Herles.  
1:50—Business period.  
3:30—Prayer and praise service led by Bro. Wm. Darby.  
4:00—Closing.
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### THURSDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Devotionals led by Rev. Elmer Miller. Song  
service by Harrison Church choir.  
8:30—Message by Rev. Melvin Dunn. Special songs  
by Luther Hammond's Quartette.
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