

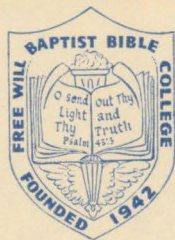
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The
Ohio State
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1947

Proceedings of the
Ninth Annual Session

Convened at
Harrison Church



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

MINUTES

Of the

Ninth Annual Session

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

And the

Sixth Annual Session

DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held with

Harrison Church, June 3, 4, 5, 1947

OFFICERS

Moderator—^A Rev. Frank Delawder, Wellston, Ohio

Assistant Moderator—Rev. W. O. Doll, Waverly, Ohio

Clerk—Mrs. Grace Peach, Sciotoville, Ohio, Route 4

Treasurer—S Rev. Homer Nelson, Wheelersburg, Ohio

The next annual session of this association will be held with Long Run Church, on State Route 139, three miles west of Minford, June 1, 2, 3, 1948.

PROCEEDINGS

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its ninth annual session with Harrison Church, June 3, 4, 5, 1947, Rev. John Kemper leading devotionals.

Scripture reading, Rev. 22. Prayer by Rev. David Widdig.

Welcome address was given by Rev. Russell Milam, pastor of the host church. The response was given by Rev. W. J. White.

The clerk opened the business part of the association and introduced the moderator, Rev. Frank Delawder, of Wellston.

Credential committee appointed was Rev. Homer Nelson; chairman, Rev. W. J. White, Rev. John Kemper.

Reading of the constitution and by-laws.

Solo, "Somebody Cares," by Rev. Robert Crawford of Nashville, Tennessee.

Report of credential committee by Rev. Nelson: We your credential committee, recommend that the delegates be seated and accept the letters with the exception of one (1) delegate from the Ohio River Yearly meeting.

Motion made and carried we adopt the report.

Appointment of other committees.

Business committee—Rev. W. O. Doll, chairman; Rev. W. B. May, Rev. Russell Milam.

Resolution committee—Rev. David Widdig, chairman Rev. E. T. Carter, Rev. Edward Stevens.

Program committee—Dea. John Henning, chairman; Rev. Elmer Miller, Rev. Clarence Herles.

Minutes committee—Rev. Bryan May, chairman, Dea. Clarence Cunning, Sister Vina Henning.

Publicity committee—Sisters Bianca Riddlebarger, chairman; Ruth Nelson and Nona Yeley.

Obituary committee—Sister Mae Stevens, chairman; Sister Lima Noxsel, Deacon Clarence Cunning.

Foreign Mission committee—Rev. Clarence Conway, chairman; Rev. Robert Hammond, Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger.

Report of Foreign Mission treasurer by Grace Peach.

Motion made and carried that we receive the re-

port. (See reports).

Report of the association treasurer by Rev. Homer Nelson. 15

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

Report of Foreign Mission committee by Rev. David Widdig and Sister Mollie Sheppard.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of the publicity committee by Dea. John Henning.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Assistant moderator appointed was Rev. W. O. Doll.

Solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," by Rev. Homer Nelson. 14

A short message was brought by Rev. Robert Crawford. Text, "Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord."

Motion made and carried we adjourn the business until 1:30 this afternoon.

An old-fashioned handshake was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed by Bro. Edward Erwin.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference opened with moderator in charge.

Devotionals led by Rev. Edward Stevens. Scripture reading, 1st Tim. 2.

Prayer by Sister Mollie Sheppard.

Report of the Super-Annuation board by Rev. Homer Nelson. 13

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of the West Virginia State Association by Messenger Rev. Russell Milam. Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of the Kentucky State Association by Messenger Rev. C. Herles. Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Delegates to the National Association were appointed as follows: Sisters Vina Henning, Nona Yeley, Zella Jacobs, Mae Stevens, Eva Kallner; Dea. John Henning and Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger.

At the request of the State Home Mission Board a motion was made and carried to discharge the present board and elect a new board. Motion by Rev. W.

O. Doll that we table the appointing of this board until Thursday afternoon was seconded by Rev. Russell Milam. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried we adjourn business until Thursday morning.

Prayer and praise service led by Rev. W. O. Doll.
Dismissed with prayer by Sister Vina Henning.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. David Widdig; Scripture reading.

Prayer by Rev. Elmer Miller.

Special song by Long Run Choir.

Special songs by Mary Lou Martin: "I Want Jesus," "He Lifted Me Up," and "No Relative of Mine."

Duet by Violet and Eloise Kinder.

Message by Rev. Jacob See. Text: Repent ye and believe the gospel.

Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin. Scripture reading, Titus 2.

Prayer by Dea. John Henning.

Business Session:

Report of State Evangelist by Rev. Homer Nelson.

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

Report of Obituary committee by Sister Mae Stevens.

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

Report of the resolution committee.

Motion made and carried we adopt resolution No. 1, and place it in our by-laws.

Motion made and carried we adopt resolution No. 2.

Motion made and carried we adopt resolution No. 3.

Motion made by Rev. Nelson and seconded by Rev. W. J. White we reconsider resolution No. 2.

Motion made and carried we adopt resolution No. 2 and appoint the members for five years.

Report of program committee by Dea. John Henning.

Motion made and carried we accept the program for next year.

Note

Report of National Association by Rev. Crawford.
Motion made and carried we receive this report as information.

Motion made and carried to adjourn business until Thursday afternoon.

Message brought by Rev. Homer Nelson. Scripture reading, Luke 2:1-11.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. B. L. Darst.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. Clarence Herles. Scripture reading, Phil. 2:1-1.

Prayer by Rev. E. T. Carter.

Business session:

Rev. Clarence Herles was elected as the new member on the Super-annuation board.

Rev. B. L. Darst was elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Melvin Dunn on the Super-annuation board.

Report of the State Home Mission Board treasury by Sister Mae Stevens.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Motion by Rev. Doll and seconded by Rev. White that the association cancel the \$65.00 debt that Rev. Nelson owes the State Home Mission Board.

Report of minutes committee by Rev. Bryan May.

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

Motion made and carried we give the offering we receive today and \$50.00 extra from the treasury to Rev. Crawford for Headquarters building from Ohio.

The new State Home Mission Board elected were:

John Henning, 1952.

Mae Stevens, 1951.

David Widdig, 1950.

Forrest Chamerlin, 1949.

Clarence Herles, 1948.

Report of the Women's Auxiliary by Sister Alice Childers.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of business committee by Rev. Doll.

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

Motion made and carried we accept the invitation

from Long Run Church for the next association.

Rev. W. O. Doll was elected moderator for the coming year.

Motion made and carried we elect an executive board of five (5) members: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, clerk, treasurer, one member-at-large."

Motion made and carried we pay all messengers \$4.00 fees for their trips to other associations.

Report of property committee by Rev. Doll.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Motion made and carried we retain the members on the property board and fill the two vacancies.

New members are Rev. C. Herles and Rev. W. J. White.

Motion made and carried that the property board be given power to select one member from each quarterly meeting to solicit funds for property.

Report of the State Home Mission Board by Dea. John Henning that they have selected Rev. Homer Nelson as evangelist for the coming year.

Motion made and carried we accept the report.

A letter was read from our missionary, Sister Bessie Yeley, from Cuba.

Property committee report by Rev. White that they had organized for the coming year.

Solo, "God Bridged That Stream," by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

Motion made and carried that this association withdraw the hand of fellowship from Rev. Melvin Dunn.

Motion made and carried we adjourn business until June, 1948, at Long Run Church.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Harrison Church and its members for their hospitality.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bryan May.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. Elmer Miller. Scripture reading, John 16:1-15.

Song leader, Bro. Melbourne Patrick.

Prayer by Rev. Callie Adams.

Special songs by the Riddlebarger trio.

Solos by Jeannie Riddlebarger and Rev. Forrest Chamberlin and Helen Purdy.

Message was brought by Rev. Robert Crawford of Nashville, Tennessee.

Text, 1st Kings 18:12 verses, Behold Elijah is here.
Dismissed with prayer.

REPORTS

Foreign Mission Report:

Balance in treasury, June, 1946	\$ 309.66
Porter Quarterly meetings—	
August	\$163.12
November	182.50
February	153.65
May	158.27
Total from Porter Quarterly meetings	657.54
Pine Creek Quarterly meetings—	
June, 1946	\$ 89.28
August	79.92
November	84.28
February	83.16
May	112.27
Total from Pine Creek Quarterly meetings....	448.91
Wellston Church	\$ 29.22
Powellsville Church	10.00
Old Kyger Church	29.81
Old Kyger Young Peoples League.....	2.22
Silver Run Church	48.89
Coalton Sunday School	10.00
Madison Church, Vinton Co.	10.00
Zaleski Church	20.00
Vinton Quarterly meeting	11.38
Total	171.52
Grand Total	\$1,587.63

Disbursements—

National Foreign Mission Board	\$1,100.00
Stamps and money orders	1.85
Tax on checks15
Clothes for Bessie	10.38
Insurance	8.32
Gift for Bessie's House	300.00
Total expenses	1,420.70
Balance in treasury, June, 1947	\$ 166.93
Financial report of association treasury:	
Amount in treasury, June, 1946	\$231.40

Registration fees	17.50
Yearly meeting dues	20.00
Freewill offering from Long Run Church	10.00
Freewill offering from Union Church	23.50
Freewill offering from Porter Church	10.00
Freewill offering from Bloom Church	10.00
Freewill offering from Scioto Dale Church	10.00
Total	\$332.40

Disbursements:

Minutes	\$45.00
National Dues	20.00
Clerk fees	15.00
Messengers' fees	8.00
Cards and stamps45
Tax on checks05
Postage70
Headquarters Fund	50.00
Total	\$139.20

Balance in treasury, June, 1947\$193.20

State Evangelist report:

Pastored a church for two months.
Number of sermons preached263
Number of revivals conducted 13
Helped in four other revivals.
Professions of faith 90
Number baptized 40
Number of quarterly meetings attended 18
Attended Kentucky State Association.
Attended Christian Baptist Association.
Attended National Association.
Attended yearly conference and ministerial conference.

Places of revivals: Woodland Chapel, Porter Church, Long Run Church, Petrea Church, Wellston Church (two times), Puritan Church, Old Kyger Church, Union Church, Powellsville Church, Turkey Creek Church, Eifort Church, and McDermott Church.

Attended young peoples' convention and Sunday School convention and helped in any way I could be used.

Have written several articles for the church papers.
Received as salary \$1,100.

Business Committee report:

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

Rev. W. O. Doll, chairman
Rev. W. B. May
Rev. Russell Milam.

Obituary Committee:

We, your committee on obituaries, wish to express sincere sympathy on behalf of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists in the going home of our beloved ministers and deacons, Rev. Charles Moore of Wellston Church, Deacon Elza Scott of Old Kyger, Deacon James Riddlebarger of Long Run Church.

Sister Mae Stevens, chairman
Sister Lima Noxsel
Deacon Clarence Cuning.

Resolution Committee:

Resolution No. 1—That all standing boards must be in a session called by the chairman to make money appropriations. This resolution be put in our by-laws.

Resolution No. 2—That all boards appointed by this association be elected to serve at the pleasure of this association.

Resolution No. 3—Adopt a resolution concerning the appreciation and thanks of the way Harrison Church and their pastor have entertained this session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. David Widdig, chairman
Rev. Edward Carter
Rev. Edward Stevens.

OFFICIAL BOARDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Executive Board: president, Rev. Frank Delawder; vice president, Rev. W. O. Doll; clerk, Grace Peach; treasurer, Rev. Homer Nelson; member-at-large, Rev. Russell Milam.

State Home Mission Board: John Henning, 1952, Mae Stevens, 1951; David Widdig, 1950; Forrest Chamberlin, 1949; Clarence Herles, 1948.

Super-annuation Board: Clarence Herles, 1952, Homer Nelson, 1951; David Widdig, 1950; B. L. Darst,

1949; W. B. May, 1948.

Foreign Mission Board: Grace Peach, 1950; W. J. White, 1949; David Widdig, 1948.

Report of the 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 committee, and that she be allowed to have 300 copies made wherever she can get the best work done for the most reasonable price.

Rev. Bryan May, chairman
Deacon Clarence Cuning
Sister Vina Henning.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMEN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY

The sixth annual session of the Women's District Auxiliary Convention convened with the Harrison Church, June 3rd, 1947, at 10:00 a. m., with the president, Sister Alice Childers, in the chair.

Song, "Blessed Assurance," was sung.

Prayer by Sister Nellie Erwin.

Devotionals led by Sister Kathleen Conkey. Scripture reading, John 4:1-15.

Song, "Since I Have Been Redeemed," was sung.

Welcome address by Rev. Russell Milam.

Response by Sister Beatrice Bradbury.

Special song by Rev. Homer Nelson and Jean Riddlebarger.

The following program topics were presented and discussed:

Exalt the Lord through Enlistment, Sister Iona Buchanan.

Special song by Sisters Feters and Burns.

Special song by Thelma and Jean Riddlebarger.

Exalt the Lord through Benevolence, Sister Lorraine Deemer.

Exalt the Lord through Education, Sister Corbia Yeley.

Greetings and words of encouragement were given by the ministers present: Rev. Kemper, May, Milam, Nelson, Shonkwiler, White, Delawder, Wiseman,

Herles and Crawford.

Prayer and praise service led by Sister Abbie Knore.
Several songs were sung and the testified first.
Dismissed with prayer by Sister Childers.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals led by Sister Emma Herles. Scripture reading, John 20:1-19.

Song service led by Rev. Homer Nelson. 3

Prayer by Sister Vada Yeley.

Message by the district president, Sister Childers.

Exalt the Lord through Stewardship, Grace Peach.

Exalt the Lord through Missions, Vina Henning.

The reports of the district officers were given, followed by the report of the National Association by Bianca Riddlebarger.

Reports were accepted by the body.

Experiences as field worker, Sister Mollie Sheppard.

A letter was read from Sister Yeley from Cuba.

Appointment of delegates to the National Association when it convenes at Michigan were Sisters Mollie Sheppard, Emma Herles, Lorraine Deemer, Vina Henning, Abbie Knore, Opal Doll, Beatrice Bradbury, Ruth Nelson, Bianca Riddlebarger and Fetters.

Officers elected for the year 1947 and 1948 were:

President, Ione Buchanan.

First vice president, Alice Childers.

Second vice president, Corbia Yeley.

Third vice president, Vina Henning.

Fourth vice president, Grace Peach.

Fifth vice president, Lorraine Deemer.

Secretary-treasurer, Bianca Riddlebarger.

Field workers, Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Doll.

Program committee: Sisters Bianca Riddlebarger, Corbia Yeley, Goldie Burnis.

It was voted to give the offering to Sister Bessie as a love offering, \$23.13.

Dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY ~~AFTERNOON~~

Evening

Devotionals led by Sister Mollie Sheppard.

Song service by Harrison Choir, led by Earl Rockwell.

Prayer by Rev. Frank Delawder.

Special song, 'I'm a Child of the King,' was sung by Rev. Robert Crawford.

Scripture reading, 2nd Tim. 1.

Solos by Rev. Homer Nelson, Rev. Frank Delawder and Earl Rockwell.

Message by Rev. Clarence Herles; Scripture 1st Cor. 3.

Subject, Promise to Workers.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Crawford.

PROGRAM FOR WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1948

TUESDAY MORNING

10:00—Devotionals led by Sister Vina Henning.

10:15—Welcome, Sister Goldie Burns.

10:30—Response, Sister Lima Noxsel.

10:45—Experience as field workers, Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Doll.

11:00—Conquerors with Christ through Enlistment, Beatrice Bradbury.

11:15—Conquerors with Christ through Personal Service, Alice Childers.

Special song by The Ridderbarger Trio.

11:30—Conquerors with Christ through Education, Corbia Yeley.

11:45—Prayer and praise service led by Sister Fetters.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotionals led by Sister Ella Adams.

1:45—President takes charge and gives her address.

Special song by Rev. Homer Nelson. 5

2:00—Business period.

3:30—Conquerors with Christ through Stewardship, Thelma Nourse.

3:45—Conquerors with Christ through Missions, to be chosen.

4:00—Closing.

TUESDAY EVENING

8:00—Devotionals led by Sister Emma Dever.

Song service by the church choir.

Special song by Mary Lou Martin.

8:45—Message (open).

PROGRAM FOR THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Devotionals led by Rev. Russell Milam.
10:20—Welcome, pastor of host church.
10:30—Response, Rev. Ernest Percell.
10:40—Association called to order by clerk; moderator takes charge.
11:00—Appointment of committees.
11:15—Enrollment of delegates and ministers.
12:00—Lunch.
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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotionals led by Rev. Edward Carter.
1:50—Miscellaneous business.
3:15—Prayer and praise service led by Rev. Earl Rankins.
4:00—Benediction by Rev. W. B. May.
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WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Devotionals led by Rev. Edward Percell. Song service by host church choir.
8:30—Message by Rev. John Kemper. Special song by the Riddlebarger Sisters.
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THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Devotionals led by Rev. Milford Riddlebarger.
10:20—Report of State Evangelist and business period.
10:20—Message by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.
12:00—Lunch.
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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotionals led by Rev. Selvin Percell.
1:50—Business period.
3:30—Prayer and praise service led by Rev. W. J. White.
4:00—Closing.

THURSDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Devotionals led by Rev. Robert Hammond.
Special song by Union Quartet.
Song service by Scioto Dale Choir.
- 3:30—Message by Rev. Clarence Conway.

Notes on Association.

I. Didn't write the names of
messengers to other Bodies.

II. Resolution No. 2.

Dealt with (the Pleasure of Conference
was years - of 54-32-1 - 32-1 of Foreign
Mission Board.

