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Of

The Ohio

State association



OF THE

Free Will Baptist Church

Tenth Annual Session Held At Long Run Church June 1, 2, 3, 1948 Rev Sus Straham The Plains ohio Thone 2239



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev.	Homer	Nelson	

PROCEEDINGS

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Long Run Church in its Tenth Annual Session, June 1, 2, 3, 1948.

Devotionals led by Rev. John Henson, Hurricane, W. Va.

Scripture reading, Mark 2:1-12.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. White.

An old-fashioned handshake was enjoyed by all.

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

The clerk opened the business part of the Association and introduced the moderator, Rev. W. O. Doll, of Waverly, Ohio.

Credential Committee appointed were: Rev. W. J. White, Rev. Edward Carter, and Rev. James Shonkwiler.

Reading Constitution and By-Laws.

Song: "Victory in Jesus."

Report of Credential Committee. "We, the Credential Committee, find the appointed delegates entitled to be seated and dues paid.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

All delegates and ordained authority were seated by the moderator.

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee—Rev. David Widdig, Rev. Melford Riddlebarger, Dea. John Henning.

Resolution Committee—Rev. Clarence Herles, Rev. Earl Rankins, Sister Elizabeth Yeley.

Program Committee—Rev. W. J. White, Rev. E. T. Carter, Rev. Callie Adams.

Minutes Committee—Sister Zella Jacobs, Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger, Rev. Robert Hammond.

Publicity Committee—Rev. James Shonkwiler, Rev. Homer Nelson, Rev. Callie Adams.

Obituary Committee—Rev. Bessie Yeley, Sister Elizabeth Yeley, Sister Ella Adams.

Appointment of assistant officers:

Assistant Moderator-Rev. Homer Nelson.

Assistant Clerk-Sister Alice Childers.

Report of Foreign Mission Treasury by Sister Grace Peach, (see reports.)

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of the State Association Treasury by Rev. Homer Nelson, (see reports).

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of Foreign Mission Committee by Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of Publicity Committee by Sister Biance Riddlebarger.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of Super-annuation board by Rev. Nelson.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Motion and carried to adjourn business until 1:30 P. M.

Song: "We're Marching to Zion," was sung.

Rev. John Henson from West Virginia, brought the morning message, Text: "Wilt thou be made whole."

Rev. Robert Crawford from Tenn. gave a talk on the National Association work as information.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. David Widdig.

WEDNESDAY-1:30 P. M.

Devotionals led by Rev. Russell Milam. Scripture reading, Hebrews 2.

Prayer by Rev. Clarence Herles and Rev. James Shonkwiler. Moderator takes charge.

Report of National Association by Sister Alice Childers.

Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Report of Property Board by Rev. John Kemper (see reports).

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Delegates to the National Association were: Sisters, Lima Noxzel, Zella Jacobs, Dee Carter, Ione Buchanan, Ida Milam, Biance Riddlebarger, Dea. John Henning.

Report of Kentucky State Association by Rev. Homer Nelson. Motion made and carried we accept the report.

Report of the West Virginia State Association by Rev. Clarence Herles.

Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Delegates appointed to the Kentucky State Association were Rev. W. O. Doll, Rev. Homer Nelson.

West Virginia State Association were: Rev. Clarence Herles and Rev. W. O. Doll.

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

Report of National Association Headquarters Committee by Rev. W. J. White.

He had received \$257.59 and had turned it over to Rev. Crawford.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

One (1) new member was added to the foreign mission board. Rev. Russell Milam to serve for three years.

One (1) member was elected to the super-annuation board.

Rev. Ernest Percell to serve for five years.

One (1) member was elected to the State Home Mission Board. Rev. Edward Carter to serve for five years.

Two (2) members were elected to the executive board. Rev. John Kemper. Rev. Clarence Herles.

Report of State Home Mission Board Treasury by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Motion made and carried to adjourn business until 10:00 Thursday morning.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woosley in India was read by Rev. Bessie Yeley.

Song: "Amazing Grace" was sung.

Prayer and praise service was led by Rev. Ernest Percell. Solo: "God Bridged Death's Stream," brought by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Robert Hammond.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Special song service by the church choir.

Prayer by Rev. Franklin Harness.

Scripture reading, James 1:1-21.

Special song, "Ivory Palaces," by the Riddlebarger sisters.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. White.

Rev. Robert Crawford introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Henry Melvin from Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Melvin brought greetings from the student body of the Bible College and the other people from Nashville. They have 57 students from 14 states.

Scripture reading, Heb. 1:1-3.

Text: "(Good old days) God cares, He loves us." Dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Kemper.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. Clarence Herles. Scripture reading, Heb. 2:1-7.

Prayer by Rev. Callie Adams.

Moderator takes charge.

Report of State Evangelist by Rev. Homer Nelson (see reports).

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Rev. Henry Melvin presented the work of the Bible college as information.

Rev. Crawford gave a report on the results on the month of March as revival month. Motion made and carried we adjourn business until 1:30 P. M. Message was brought by Rev. John Kemper. Text: Romans 8. (The cost of doing God's will.) Two special songs were brought by Mary Lou Martin. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Robert Crawford.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotionals led by Rev. Robert Crawford, Scripture reading: Phil, 2, 1-13.

Prayer by Sister Biance Riddlebarger and Brother John Henson.

Solo: "A Child of the King," by Rev. Robert Crawford. Duet by the Riddlebarger sisters.

Moderator takes charge.

Report of State Home Mission Board by Dea. John Henning. Motion made and carried we receive this report.

Report of Women's Auxiliary by the president, Sister Ione Buchanan.

Motion made and carried we receive this report as information.

Report of the Resolution Committee.

Motion made and carried we receive the report and add that we give a rising vote of thanks. (See reports.)

Report of Program Committee by Rev. W. J. White.

Motion made and carried we adopt the program and also receive the report.

Report of Minutes Committee by Sister Zella Jacobs.

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Motion by Rev. John Kemper and second by Rev. W. J. White we ammend the Minutes Committee report to read 500 copies instead of 300. Carried.

Motion made and carried we receive the report and the amendment.

Report of the Obituary Committee. (See reports.)

Motion made and carried we receive the report.

An invitation for the next session of the State Association was received from Union Church by the Pastor, Rev. Clarence Herles and Rev. John Kemper.

Motion made and carried we accept the invitation.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. Robert Crawford and Rev. John Henson were invited to the front and were given the right hand of fellowship and were bid God speed on their journey.

Motion made and carried we draw \$25 from the treasury

for the Bible College.

Motion made and carried that the moderator appoint a committee of three on Education.

Committee—Rev. W. J. White, chairman, Rev. Edward Carter, Rev. Homer Nelson.

Rev. Homer Nelson was elected moderator for the coming year.

Motion by Rev. Nelson and second by Sister Zella Jacobs we give the offering this evening to the National Headquarters fund. Carried.

Motion made and carried to adjourn business until 7:30 this evening.

Prayer and praise service led by Rev. W. J. White Song: "'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus," was sung. Special song by Mary Lou Martin: "He's No Relative of Mine."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

A short business session was held before regular services. The moderator takes charge. Report of property committee. Motion made and carried we receive this report.

Motion made and carried we adjourn the business part of this association until June 1949,

8:00 P. M.

Devotionals led by Rev. Andrew Workman. Song service by Long Run Church choir.

Scripture reading, Proverbs 29. Prayer by Rev. Edward Carter.

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Special song by the Riddlebarger sisters, The Union Quartette, duet by Don Hancock and Bob Meighn. Solo: 'Is Not This the Land of Beulah," Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

Message brought by Rev. Homer Nelson. Text: Ephesians 4: 11-16.

Offering for the evening was \$16.06, given to Headquarters fund

Song: "Amazing Grace," was sung and an old fashioned hand shake was enjoyed by all. Dismissed with prayer by Dea. John Henning.

REPORTS

Property report:

We, your Committee, have selected the following—one member from each Quarterly Conference. Pinecreek—Rev. Forrest Chamberlin, Porter—Sister Alice Childers, Meigs—Zella Jacobs, Vinton—Murray Hutchinson, Jackson—Mae Stevens, Lawrence county—Rev. Isaac Russell, Franklin—Delbert Gould. Clerk White will notify them and they are to collect money from each one of their churches for the Ohio State Association property board, and we, the Committee will meet with each Quarterly Meeting to receive these funds and make known to them the success we are having. Our first meeting will start three months from now.

Signed REV. W. O. DOLL, Chairman REV. JOHN KEMPER,
DEA. JOHN HENNING,
REV. C. HERLES,
REV. W. J. WHITE

Report of Committee on Minutes:

We, your Committee on Minutes, recommend that the clerk prepare a copy of this session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Ba tists, together with a copy of the program as prepared by the Committee and that she be allowed to have 500 copies made wherever she can get the best work done for the most reasonable price.

Signed SIS ZELLA JACOBS, Chairman,
DEA. CLARENCE RIDDLEBARGER,
REV. ROBERT HAMMOND.

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 Deacon, Henry Turner of Union Church.

Signed BESSIE YELEY, Chairman,
ELIZABETH YELEY,
ELLA ADAMS.

Resolution Committee

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to express our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of kindness and love shown to this association by the people and friends of the Long Run Church and community. We thank the program committee for their efforts in planning this Association. We express our appreciation for all who apeared on the program, for those who brought special messages in song, sermon, or talk. We are glad for all visitors present and ask them to return soon.

Signed REV. CLARENCE HERLES, Chairman, REV. EARL RANKINS,
SIS. ELIZABETH YELEY

Report of State Evangelist

Number of revivals held, 13; helped in revivals, 3; places where revivals were held: Stony Run, Waverly, German Hollow, Puritan, Coalton, Madison, Scioto, Harrison, Porter, Dailyville, Bethesda Salem, Bethlehem.

Professions of faith, 63; number of sermons preached, 260; preached for other pastors, 28; quarterly meetings attended, 21; homecomings attended, 10.

Attended West Virginia State Association, Kenucky State Association, Christian Baptist Association, National Association, Ministeral Association.

Yearly meeting. Assisted in baptism, 19; money received as

salary \$1200.00; attended young peoples conventions and Sunday School conventions.

REV. HOMER NELSON, Evangelist.

Report of State Home Mission Board:

We, your State Home Mission Board, have selected Rev. Homer Nelson as evangelist for the coming year at the same salary.

Signed DEA. JOHN HENNING,

SIS. MAE STEVENS, REV. DAVID WIDDIG, REV. FORREST CHAMBERLIN, REV. CLARENCE HERLES.

Foreign Mission Board Treasury

Balance in treasury, June 1947		\$ 166.93
Porter Quarterly Meeting—	angang	
August November	\$ 165.37	
February	117.98	
February May	149.88	
Total from Porter Quarterly meeting		579.41
Pinecreek Quarterly Meeting—		
	82.00	•
August November	91.87	
February	84.28	
May	100.18	eri, ir ir
Total from Pinecreek Quarterly Meeting		358.33
Wellston Church, June		* \$ PT 13450
Wellston Church, December		
Old Kyger Church, September	14.59	
Old Kyger Y. P. League		
Silver Run Church, September	16.05	
Garden City Church	12.56	
Olive Church	6.00	
McDermott	3.85	
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Total		106.06
Total		100.00
Grand Total		\$1,210.73
Gland Total	•••	91,410.13

DISBURSEMENTS

National Foreign Mission Board \$1,10 Insurance		
Stamps and money orders	8.32 2.65	
Total expenses		\$1,110.95
Balance in treasury on June, 1948		\$ 99.78
Financial report of State Home Mission Board Amount in treasury June 1947		\$ 180.70 1,273.43
Total Disbursements		\$1,454.13 1,276.53
Balance in treasury		\$ 177.60
Financial report of Association Treasury:		
Freewill offering from Union Church Freewill offering from Sciotodale Church Freewill offering from Long Run Church Freewill offering from Bloom Church Freewill offering from Germany Hollow Registration fees Woman's auxiliary for minutes	10.00 22.64 5.00 8.36 10.00 2.25 19.50 15.00	\$ 193.20 \$ 112.75
하다는 사람들 트리는 이 경기 문화가 사용하는 이 동안 등을 때 다음이 되었다.		\$ 305.95
DISBURSEMENTS	00.00	
Clerk fees Messenger fees Property board Minutes Headquarters fund	20.00 15.00 8.00 67.75 50.00 25.00	
Total disbursements		\$ 185.75
Balance in treasury June 1948		\$ 120.20

Official boards of the Association:

Executive Board—President, Rev. W. O. Doll; Vice-President, Rev. Clarence Herles; Treasurer, Rev. Homer Nelson; Clerk, Mrs. Grace Peach; member at large, Rev. John Kemper.

State Home Mission Board:

Rev. Edward Carter, 1953; John Henning, 1952; Mae Stevens, 1951; Rev. David Widdig, 1950; Rev. Forrest Chamberlin, 1949.

Foreign Mission Board:

Rev. Russell Milam, 1951; Mrs. Grace Peach, 1950; Rev. W. J. White, 1949.

Super-annuation Board:

Rev. Ernest Percell, 1953 Rev. Clarence Herles, 1952; Rev. Homer Nelson, 1951; Rev. David Widdig, 1950; Rev. B. L. Darst, 1949.

Property Board:

Rev. W. O. Doll; Rev. John Kemper; Dea. John Henning; Rev. Clarence Herles; Rev. W. J. White.

BY-LAWS OF THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Section 1—The clerk shall call the association 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 taken at each state association each year.

Section 13—That all standing boards must be in a session called by the chairman to make money appropriations.

Section 14—These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present.

Signed REV. G. L. YELEY, Chairman, REV. EARL RANKINS,
DEA. FRANK ADAMS.

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 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-third₃ majority vote.

Signed REV. W. J. SHEPPERD ,Chairman, REV. G. D. WEBB, REV. MELVIN DUNN.

Drawn up June 14, 1939, at Porter Church.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY

Tuesday Morning

The Seventh Annual District Woman's Auxiliary convened at Long Run Church June 1st, 1948 at 10 o'clock, with our district president, Sister Ione Buchanan, in charge.

Songs: "Stand up for Jesus" and "Send the Light" were sung

with Wilma Jean Riddlebarger as pianist.

Devotionals were led by Sister Vina Henning. Scripture reading, Romans 8. Prayer by Sister Buchanan.

Song and united prayer around the alter for the sick of the community.

Appointment of Obituary Committee, Grace Peach, chairman. Oma Church, Corbia Yeley.

Welcome address by Sister Lorraine Deemer.

Response by Sister Lima Noxsel.

Report of field worker by Sister Opal Doll.

Topics for discussion were—Conquerors with Christ Through Enlistment, by Sister Beatrice Bradbury. Proxy, Sister Opal Doll.

Conquerors with Christ Through Personal Service, Sister Alice Childers.

Solo by Jeanie Riddlebarger "Tomorrow May Mean Goodby." Solo by Rev. Homer Nelson, "I'd Rather Have Jesus,"

Conquerors with Christ through Christian education by Sister Corbia Yeley.

Prayer and praise service led by Sister Anna Fetters. United prayer. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. J. White.

Tuesday Afternoon

Devotionals led by Sister Ella Adams; scripture reading, John, 15th.

Song, "Farther Along" was sung. Prayer by Sister Jacobs and Sister Bessie Yeley.

President gives her adress which was "Love".

Solo, "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me," by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Reading the constitution and by-laws.

Report of treasurer. (See report.)

Report of the National Association by Sister Lima Noxsel. Motion made and carried to accept this report.

Report of vice-presidents and recording secretary. Reports accepted.

Obituary report was read and accepted.

Election of officers for 1948-1949:

President, Sister Corbia Yeley; First Vice-Pres., Grace Peach; Second Vice-Pres., Biance Riddlebarger; Third Vice-Pres., Ione Buchanan; Fourth Vice-Pres., Alice Childers; Fifth Vice-Pres., Vina Henning; Secy. and Treasurer, Sister Lorraine Deemer; Recording Secy., Sister Deemer.

Delegates to the National Association are;

Sisters Grace Peace, Opal Doll, Vina Henning, Biance Riddlebarger, Ione Buchanan, Lima Noxsel, Ann Fetters, Thelma Nourse, Bessie Yeley, Ella Adams.

Topics for discussion were—Conquerors with Christ Through Stewardship, Sister Thelma Nourse.

Conquerors with Christ Through Missions, Sister Bessie Yeley. Love offering taken for Sister Bessie Yeley, our missionary, \$17.00.

Dismissed with prayer by Brother John Henning.

Tuesday Evening

Devotionals led by Sister Ella Grey. Scripture reading. Song service by the Long Run Choir.

Solo by Mary Lou Martin.

Topic by Sister Childers, "Women of the Bible."

Message by Rev. Robert Crawford, of Tennessee.

The convention then adjourned to meet with Union Church, June 7, 1949.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in treasury District and national dues	\$ 26.95 5.60
Grand total	\$ 32.55
Expenses: National dues \$ 2.80	
Printing of minutes	17.00
Total	17.80
Balance	\$ 14.75

PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1949

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Tuesday Morning-Theme, "Evangelism"

10:00—Devotionals by Sister Opal Doll.

10:15-Welcome address by Sister Bessie Cole.

10:30-Response by Sister Emma Dever.

10:45—Evangelism through promotional work, Grace Peach.

Special song, Forrest and Evelyn Chamberlin.

11:00—Evangelizing the world through enlistment, Beatrice Bradbury.

11:15—Evangelizing through personal service, Vina Henning.

11:30—Evangelism through Christian Education—Biance Riddlebarger.

11:45—Greetings from ministers and visitors.

Prayer and praise service led by Sister Kathleen Conkey.
12:00—NOON.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30-Devotionals by Sister Abbie Knore.

1:45—President's address.

Special song by Mary Lou Martin.

2:00-Business period.

3:30—Evangelism through Stewardship by Sister Alice Childers.

3:45—Evangelism through missions by Sister Ione Buchanan.

4:00-Closing.

Tuesday Evening

8:00—Devotionals by Sister Thelma Nourse.

Song service by the church choir.

Special songs by the Bussa Twins and Union Choir.

Message—Open.

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PROGRAM FOR THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

Wednesday Morning

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

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30-Devotionals by Rev. Eugene Martin.
- 1:50-Miscellaneous business.
- 3:15-Prayer and praise service led by Rev. Homer Nelson.
- 4:00-Benediction by Rev. James Shonkwiler.

Wednesday Evening

8:00—Devotionals led by Rev. Alva McDaniels.
Song service by host church.
Special song by Mary Lou Martin.
Message by Rev. Clarence Herles.

· Thursday Morning

- 10:00-Devotionals led by Rev. B. L. Darst.
- 10:20-Report of State Evangelist and business period.
- 11:30-Message by Rev. Ernest Percell.
- 12:00-Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30-Devotionals led by Rev. Edward Carter.
- 1:50—Business period.
- 3:30—Prayer and praise service led by Dea. John Henning.
- 4:00-Closing.

Thursday Evening

8:00—Devotionals led by Rev. John Wilson.

Special song by Long Run Choir.

Song service by Union Choir led by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Message by Rev. Andrew Workman.



