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The Ohio
State Association



Of The
Free Will Baptist Church

12th Annual Session

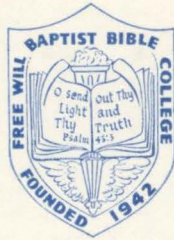
IN SESSION WITH

The Old Kyger Church

CHESHIRE, OHIO, R. R. 1

June 7, 1950

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FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its 12th Annual Session with Old Kyger Church at Cheshire, R. R. 1, June 7, 1950.

Devotionals led by Carl Vallance of W. Va
Song Service led by Rev. Homer Nelson
Scripture Reading James I.
Prayer Rev. Homer Nelson
Welcome Address Rev. W. B. May
Response Rev. Bryan May

Association was called to order by the clerk and the Moderator, Rev. E. T. Carter, was introduced.

Credential committee was appointed as follows: Rev. W. B. May, Deacon; John Henning; Bro. Ed Loper.

Special Song Rev. Ralph Dean of W. Va.
Special Song Dee and Charlotte Carter
Special Song Rev. Carl Vallance

Report of the Credential Committee: We, your committee on credentials, do recommend that the delegates elected by the two yearly meetings be seated with the ordained authority and licensed ministers. Motion made and carried to accept the report.

Appointment of other committees:

Business — Rev. Homer Nelson, Dea., Clarence Riddlebarger, Rev. Bryan May.

Program — Rev. Gus Graham, Sister Ione Buchannan, Sister Zella Jacobs.

Minutes — Rev. W. B. May, Sisters Vina Henning and Ione Buchannan.

Publicity — Dea, John Henning, Rev. Gus Graham, Ione Buchannan.

Obituary — Rev. Homer Nelson, Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger, Bro. Ed Loper.

Resolutions — Rev. Russell Milam, Rev. W. B. May, Sister Zella Jacobs.

Motion made and carried to dispense with the reading of constitution and by-laws to save time.

Assistant officers elected were: Moderator, Rev. Gus Graham; Clerk, Sister Alice Childers.

Report of Foreign Mission Treasurer by Sister Grace Peach. Motion made and carried to receive the report. (See reports). Report of State Association Treasury by Rev. Nelson. Motion made and carried that we receive the reports. (See reports).

Report of Super-annuation board by Rev. Nelson. We have \$77.13 in the treasury. Motion made and carried that Rev. John Henson, of W. Va., preach for us this morning. Motion made and carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p.m.

Song "The Unclouded Day"
Prayer Rev. Herbert French of Ky.
Message Hebrews 2:1-6
Text .. A Great Salvation because it saves from great sin.
Dismissed Rev. French

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals Led by Dea. John Henning
United Prayer around the altar .. Led by Rev. Ralph Dean
Scripture Reading Romans 8:1-9

Business Session:

Report of the National Association by Sister Zella Jacobs. Motion made and carried that we receive the report. Report of the Kentucky State Association by Rev. French. Motion made and carried that we receive the report as information. Report of West Virginia State Association by Sister Alice Childers. Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Delegates appointed were: W. Va., Rev. E. T. Carter; Kentucky, Dee Carter and Rev. E. T. Carter. National Association were: Sisters Opal Doll, Alice Childers, Zella Jacobs, Biance Riddlebarger, Mary Darnell, Ella Adams and Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger.

Motion made and carried that Grace Peach be elected to the Foreign Mission Board for five years.

Super-annuation board member elected was Rev. David Widdig. State Home Mission Board member elected was Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger. Rev. E. T. Carter resigned as a member of the State Home Mission board. Motion made and carried that the resignation be accepted.

Rev. Gus Graham was elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Carter. Rev. Russell Milam was elected as a member of the executive board. Report of Program Committee. The motion made and carried to adopt the program as our order of business with the necessary changes, for next year.

Business adjourned. Solo by Rev. Ralph Dean.

Prayer by Rev. Gus Graham.

Message brought by Rev. W. B. May.

Scripture reading, II. Cor. 13.

Text: II. Cor. 13:11 (Finally, brethren, Farewell, Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.)

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bryan May.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Service by Church Choir .. led by Rev. Homer Nelson

Devotionals led by Rev. Raymond Fife

Scripture reading Romans 8:1-14

United prayer at the altar led by Rev. John Henson

Special songs the four Fife Sisters

Message Rev. Carl Vallance

Scripture reading Phil. 3.

Text: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Be ready to go and be ready to spend. Have a zeal according to knowledge.

SEVEN NEEDS OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. Humility of Christ; Father forgive for they know not what they do.

2. Faithfulness; Abraham's faithfulness in sacrifice of his son.

3. Love; For one another: Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us.

4. Wisdom: Of God.

5. Holiness of Paul: No condemnation.

6. Pure undiluted truth of God.

7. Power of Peter.

The invitation song was given and three souls came forward and were saved, and gave their hearts to God.

Solo, "I'm A Child of the King," by Rev. Bryan May.

The West Virginia delegates were called forward and bid God speed on their journey.

Dismissd by Rev. John Henson.

THURSDAY MORNING

- Devotionals led by Rev. Edward Stevens
- Prayer Rev. Raymond Fife
- Scripture Reading Psalms 19
- Two Special Songs Fife Sisters
- Prayer Rev. B. L. Darst

Rev. Edward Stevens was appointed as assistant moderator pro tem.

Report of State Evangelist by Rev. Homer Nelson

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

Report of minutes committee. Motion made and carried we receive the report (See reports.)

Report of State Home Mission Treasury by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin. Motion made and carried we receive the report. (See reports.)

Report of the District Women's Auxiliary by the President, Grace Peach. Motion made and carried we receive the report as information. Statistics of the state was given. Offering taken amounted to \$6.81. Two special songs by Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Chamberlin, "Let Me Loose Myself and Find It Lord In Thee," and "Blessed Redeemer."

Special song by Rev. Ralph Dean. Adjourn business until 1:30 P. M. Message brought by Rev. Ralph Dean. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Russell Milam.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- Devotionals led by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin
- Prayer Deacon John Henning
- Scripture reading Psalms 127 and 128
- Special Song Fife Sisters
- Special Song Dee and Charlotte Carter
- Solo Rev. Forrest Chamberlin
"God Bridged Death's Stream"

Report of Resolution Committee. Motion made and carried we receive the report. (See reports.)

Report of State Home Mission Board. Motion made and carried we receive the report. (See report.) Motion made and carried we accept the invitation from the McDermott Church for the State Association next year.

Moderator elected for the coming year was Rev. Raymond Fife.

Minutes were read and approved.

Prayer Rev. Frank Mitchell
Prayer and Praise Service led by Rev. Homer Nelson
Dismissed with Prayer Rev. Edward Stevens

THURSDAY EVENING

Devotionals led by Bro. Truman Williams
Songs "We Have an Anchor,, and "Only a Shadow Between"
Prayer Rev. Noel Herrman
Scripture reading Acts 3
Special Songs Mary Lou Martin
"Because of Calvary," "I'm On the Battlefield of My
Lord" and "He Had No Place to Lay His Head."
Special Song Fife Sisters
"I've Been Waiting Lord To Go"
United Prayer around altar led by Rev. B. L. Darst
Message was brought by Rev. Russell Milam. Scripture
reading, Psalms 111. Text—Psalms 111:7-8. (As surety.)
Dismissed with prayer Rev. Milam

REPORTS

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 Baptists, together with a copy of the program as prepared by that committee and that she include a copy of this session of the District Women's Auxiliary Convention, and that she have 500 copies printed wherever she can get the best work done for the most reasonable price.

Signed:

Rev. W. B. May
Sister Vina Henning
Sister Ione Buchannan

State Home Mission Board:

We, the State Home Mission Board, have selected Rev. Homer Nelson as State Evangelist for the coming year. We have also tried to work out a system to boost this work. Please support us with your prayers and money.

Signed:

Dea. John Henning

Rev. Forrest Chamberlin,

Sister Mae Stevens

Report of Resolutions Committee:

We, you 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 Old Kyger Church and community. We thank the program committee for their effort in planning the association. We express our appreciation for those who appeared on the program, for those who brought special messages in song and sermon. We are glad for all visitors present and ask them to return soon.

Signed:

Rev. Russell Milam

Rev. W. B. May

Sister Zella Jacobs

Report of Obituary Committee:

We, your Obituary Committee, wish to recognize the passing away of Dea. James Fultz of Coalton Church and ask the same be recorded in the minutes.

Signed:

Rev. Homer Nelson

Bro. Ed. Loper

Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger

Report of State Evangelist:

No. of Revivals held, 9; assisted in three others.

Led singing in 2 Revivals.

Places where Revivals were held: Turkey Creek, McDermott, Garden City 2, Long Run, Mt. Hope, Harrison Church, Salem, E. U. B., Oswego.

Preached for other pastors, 25 times.

Total sermons, 225.

Attended 24 Quarterly Meetings.

Helped baptize 30; Funerals 2; Professions of Faith 40.

Salary received \$1,200; Extra money received from the board \$80; Total \$1,280.

Signed:

Rev. Homer Nelson

Report of State Home Mission Treasurer:

Balance in June, 1949	\$ 130.44
Total received from churches	1228.20
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Total	\$1358.64
Paid Out	1264.29
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Balance in Treasury June, 1950	\$ 94.35

Signed:

Rev. Forrest Chamberlin

Financial Report of Association Treasurer:

Balance in Treasury June, 1949	\$ 79.07
Freewill Offering from Scioto Dale Church	12.00
Freewill Offering from Porter Church	10.00
Freewill Offering from Long Run Church	13.20
Registration Fees	15.50
Yearly Meeting Dues	20.00
Woman's Auxiliary for Minutes	10.00
Offering	6.81
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Total \$166.58

Disbursements:

National Dues	\$20.00
Clerk Fee	15.00
Messenger Fee	4.00
Minutes	60.38
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Total \$ 99.38\$ 99.38

Balance in Treasury June, 1950 \$ 67.20

Statistics of State Association, 1949 - 1950:

Number of Churches	56
Total Membership	3092
Number of Ministers	85
Number of Sunday Schools	51
Number of Sunday School Scholars	3038
Young Peoples Leagues	11
Women's Auxiliaries	2

Foreign Mission Treasury Report:

Balance in Treasury June, 1949 \$ 82.24

Porter Quarterly Meeting

August 1949	\$152.00
November	142.82
February, 1950	124.68
May	138.01
Total	\$557.51

Pinecreek Quarterly Meeting

August, 1949	\$ 97.83
November	107.08
February, 1950	112.09
May	139.15
Total	\$456.15

McDermott Church, August, 1949	\$2.85
October	2.80
February, 1950	3.50
May	2.50
Total	\$11.65

Wellston Church, June, 1949	\$23.09
December	15.51
Silver Run Church, December	34.78
Old Kyger Young People's League	1.86
Old Kyger Church and Mrs. Jacobs	6.75
Total	\$81.99

Grand Total **\$1,189.54**

Disbursements:

National Foreign Mission Board	\$1,100.00
Insurance	8.32
Stamps and Money Orders	3.94
	Total \$1,112.26 . . . \$1,112.26
Balance in Treasury, June, 1950	\$78.28

OFFICIAL BOARDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Executive Board:—President, Rev. E. T. Carter; Vice President, Rev. Raymond Fife; Clerk, Sister Grace Peach, Treasurer, Rev. Homer Nelson; Member at Large, Rev. Russell Milam.

State Home Mission Board:—Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger, 1955; Rev. Forrest Chamberlin, 1954; Rev. Gus Graham, 1953; Dea. John Henning, 1952; Sister Mae Stevens, 1951.

Foreign Mission Board— Grace Peach, 1955; Sister Ione Buchanan, 1954; Dea. Grover Corbin, 1953; Rev. John Kemper, 1952; Rev. Russell Milam, 1951.

Super-Annuation Board— Rev. David Widdig, 1955; Rev. D. L. Hayse, 1954; Rev. Ernest Percell, 1953; Rev. Clarence Herles, 1952; Rev. Homer Nelson, 1951.

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 person 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 dis.cord.

Section 7. Anyone desiring to speak must arise 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 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

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 organized and disciplined Free Will Baptist yearly meetings and may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 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.

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 and licentiates belonging to same.

Article 5. Any well organized and well regulated yearly meeting 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 the association till each has had an association and repeated, etc.


Article 7. This association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistant 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

Visiting ministers present were: Rev. J. M. Henson of Hurricane, W. Va.; Rev. Carl Vallance of W. Va.; Rev. Ballard Daniels of W. Va.; Rev. Ralph Dean of W. Va.; and Rev. Herbert French of Kentucky.





NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S
DISTRICT CONVENTION
TUESDAY MORNING

The ninth annual session of the District Woman's Auxiliary convened at Old Kyger Church June 6, 1950, with the district president, Grace Peach in the chair.

Devotionals were led by sister Ione Buchanan.

Songs: "Standing On the Promises" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" were sung. Prayer around the altar led by Rev. John Henson.

Duet by Donna and Jean Riddlebarger, "No Burdens Allowed To Pass Through."

Scripture Reading Exodus 14.

Special by sisters Dee and Charlotte Carter.

Welcome address by Sister Zella Jacobs.

Response by sister Gladys Burns.

Appointment of Committees:

Obituary—Sisters Alice Childers, Lima Noxse', Abbie Knore

Program—Sisters Corbia Yeley, Gladys Burns, Bianca Riddlebarger

Theme for the meeting was: "Advancing With Christ."

Topic — "Advancing With Christ Through Promotional Work," Sister Opal Doll.

Topic — "Advancing With Christ Through Stewardship" Sister Bianca Riddlebarger.

Topic — "Advancing With Christ Through Missions," Sister Vina Henning.

Solo — "Take My Hand," by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Topic — Advancing With Christ Through Christian Education," Sister Opal Hilliard.

Greetings from ministers.

Prayer and praise service led by sister Etta Darst.

Song — "Trust and Obey" was sung.

Prayer by Sister Mitchell. Scripture reading Ecc. 3.

Dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals led by sister Gladys Chandler.

Song — "Joy Unspeakable" was sung.

Prayer by sister Dee Carter.

Scripture reading, John 15.

The president gave her address.

Topic — "Advancing with Christ Through Enlistment,"
sister Corbia Yeley.

Topic — "Advancing With Christ Through Program and
Publicity," sister Alice Childers.

Business period.

Reading Constitution and By-laws.

Reading minutes of last meeting by secretary.

Treasurers report given and accepted.

Report of National Association by sister Bianca Riddle-
barger. Accepted.

Reoprt of Obituary Committee. Accepted.

Report of Vice-Presidents were given. Reports accepted.



Election of officers for year, 1950-1951.

President Grace Peach

1st Vice President Bianca Riddlebarger

2nd Vice President Corbia Yeley

3rd Vice President Carrie Sparks

4th Vice President Lima Noxsel

5th Vice President Opal Hilliard

Secretary - Treasurer Lorraine Deemer

Field Secretary Alice Childers

Delegaters appointed to National Association were:
Opal Doll, Ethel Clark and Bianca Riddlebarger.



Offering \$10.40.

Motion made and carried to give the offering to the Field
Secretary for expenses. Motion made and carried to give
\$10.00 to the State Association on the printing bill.

A short message was brought by sister Irene Mitchell
Dismissed with prayer by sister Mitchell.

TUESDAY EVENING

Devotionals led by sister Carrie Sparks.

Songs—"There Shall Be Showers of Blessings,, and "He Keeps Me Singing."

Prayer by Brother John Henning.

Scripture reading Proverbs 31.

Solo — Rev. Homer Nelson, "The Love of God."

Solo by Jean Riddlebarger.

Report of Program Committee. Report accepted.

The Women's Auxiliary adjourned business to meet with McDermott Church. June, 1951.

The message was brought by Rev. Russell Milam. Matt. 28:18.

Text, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth."

Dismissed with prayer.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Treasury	\$11.18
District and National Dues	6.00
Offering	10.40
TOTAL	\$27.58

Disbursements:

National Dues	\$ 3.00
Printing Minutes	10.00
Field Secretary	10.40
TOTAL	\$23.40
Balance in Treasury	\$ 4.18

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PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1951

Theme: "Working Together To Make Christ Known"

TUESDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Devotionals led by sister Gladys Burns
10:15 Welcome address by member of host church
10:30 Response by sister Abbie Knore
Appointment of Committees
10:45 Topic—"Making His Way Known Through Mis-
sions," Sister Carrie Sparks.
11:00 Topic—"Making His Way Known Through Stew-
ardship," Sister Thelma Nourse.
11:15 Topic—"Making His Way Known Through Com-
munity Missions," Sister Opal Hilliard.
11:30 Topic—"Making His Way Known Through
Christian Education," Sister Beatrice Bradbury.
11:45 Prayer and praise service led by Bro. John Hen-
ning.
12:00 Noon.
1:30 Devotionals led by sister Malinda Kayser.
1:45 Presidents Address.
2:00 Topic—"Making His Way Known Through En-
listment," Sister Ione Buchannan.
2:15 Topic—"Making His Way Known Through
Programs and Publicity," sister Lima Noxsel.
2:30 Topic—"Making His Way Known Through Pro-
motional Work," Sister Alice Childers.
Business period.
4:00 Closing.

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:30 Devotionals led by sister Corbia Yeley.
7:15 Song service by host church.
Special songs.
Message—Rev. John Henson, Hurricane, W. Va.



PROGRAM FOR THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Devotionals led by Rev. Homer Nelson.
10:20 Welcome address by pastor of host church.
10:30 Response by Rev. W. B. May.
10:40 Association called to order by clerk, and the
moderator introduced.
11:00 Appointment of committees.
11:15 Enrollment of delegates and ministers.
12:00 Closing.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Devotionals led by Rev. Callie Adams.
1:50 Miscellaneous business.
3:15 Sermon by Rev. Gus Graham.
4:00 Closing.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:30 Devotionals led by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.
Special song service by church choir.
Message by Rev. Clarence Conway.
Rev. Homer Nelson to be song leader for entire asso-
ciation.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Devotionals led by Rev. Robert Hammond.
10:20 Report of State Evangelist and business period.
11:30 Message by Rev. Edward Stevens.
12:00 Closing.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Devotionals led by Dea. Clarence Riddlebarger.
1:50 Business period.
3:30 Prayer and praise service led by Rev. Jesse Siz-
more.
4:00 ... Closing.

THURSDAY EVENING

- 7:30 Devotionals led by Rev. Russell Milam.
Special songs.
Song service by host church choir.
Message by Rev. Delbert Gould.

