

(STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES)

June 21st 1957 10:00 am

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist met in regular session at Long Run Church.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Homer Nelson. Song, Still Sweeter Everyday, was sung, prayer around the altar, led by Rev. Cansler from Kentucky. Heb. 13:1 was quoted, "Let Brotherly Love Continue."

Welcome address was given by Rev. Franklyn Harness, Pastor of the host church. Response was given by Bro. Kenneth Ralph from Meigs County.

Due to the death of our clerk, the oldest minister present, Rev. Gus Graham called the association to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. Robert Mead.

The appointing of the Credential Committee was the first item of business. Rev. Milam, Rev. Stevens, Rev. Graham.

Song, Glory to His Name.

Report of the Credential Committee.

Committee recommends that the letters from the Scioto Yearly Meeting, and Ohio River Yearly Meeting together with the delegates be seated as the voting power of this State Association. M. S. C.

Moderator seated the delegates.

The selection of a clerk was made and Rev. Homer Nelson, was elected clerk for the State Association.

Appointing of the remaining committees by the moderator.

Business	Publicity	Obituary
1. Rev. Carter	1. Mamie Nance	1. Rev. Bird
2. Rev. Adkins	2. Mae Stevens	2. Rev. Harness
3. Rev. Don Williams	3. John Henning	3. Kenneth Ralph

  

Resolution	Program	Appreciation
1. Rev. Chamberlin	1. Kathleen Chasteen	1. Mae Stevens
2. Rev. Stevens	2. John Henning	2. Kenneth Ralph
3. Rev. Graham	3. Virgil Tackett	3. M. McClellan

Reading of Constitution and By laws.

Report of Foreign Mission Treas.

The report could not be accurately given, due to the death of (Grace) Peach, the Treas. of F. M. C.

A letter was read at this time from the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting, asking membership in the State Association. M. S. C. that the letter be turned over to business committee.

Report of the S. H. M. Board by Rev. Chamberlin.  
M. S. C. that report be accepted.

Report of State Association Treasurer, (Rev. Homer Nelson.)  
M. S. C. to accept report.

Report of Resolution Committee. Report accepted

M. S. C. that the resolution the committee recommends be accepted.

M. S. C. that the executive committee present this resolution to the 3 Yearly Conferences.

M. S. C. that we adjourn for preaching.

Song, Dwelling in Beulah Land--Prayer by Rev. Carter.  
Rev. Ted Newsome brought the message from Ps. 133.

Song, Near to the Heart of God  
Benediction-Rev. Chamberlin.

June 22nd. Long Run Church 1957.  
Saturday 10:00 A. M.

Devotions Bro. Virgil Tackett.

Song, Glory to His Name

Amazing Grace, was sung, handshake around the altar. Prayer Rev.  
Hershel Salyers. Scripture reading, Ps. 93.

Moderator takes chair--Reading Jas. 1:17  
Prayer by Rev. Hawkins.

List of delegates was read by the clerk, and were seated in their proper places.

Reading of Fridays Minutes--Approved.

Committee reports

Obituary: report accepted, request complied with, stood in silent prayer led by Rev. Olin Gould.

Program--Report accepted.

Statistics of State Association given by clerk.

Business Committee--No report

M. S. C. that we adjourn for preaching.

Song, Are You Washed in the Blood, while offering was taken. \$23.65.

Special song by Chasteen sisters.

The Spirit of the Lord was present in mighty power.

Several testimonies given, song, When We All Get to Heaven.

Message was brought by Rev. Tommy DePriest.

Song, Sweet Eye and Eye. Benediction Rev. Workman.

1:00 P. M.

Rev. Noel Herrman conducting devotions

Song, Jesus I Come.

Prayer, Rev. Carter.

Song, The Way of the Cross Leads Home

Scripture reading,

Assistant Officers appointed  
Assistant Moderator---Rev. McClellan  
Assistant Clerk-----Rev. Chamberlin

Rev. Melford Riddlebarger's term on H. M. Board had expired, and he was elected to succeed himself for 5 years.

Report of Business Committee concerning letter from Miami Valley Yearly Meeting. M. S. C. that we accept Miami Valley Yearly Meeting into State Association. Delegates came forward and were given right hand of fellowship, by the moderator and association. Proper

Their letter of delegates and statistics, was given to the Credential Committee.

Rev. Floyd Estep was elected to F. M. B. for 5 years.

Sister Abbie Knore was elected to fill out the unexpired term on F. M. B. due to death of Grace Peach.

Report of the Credential Committee recommends accepting letter from Miami Valley Yearly Meeting.  
M. S. C. that report be accepted. Delegates seated.

Rev. John Jeffrey from this new yearly meeting was elected to the executive committee as member at large for 1 year.

M. S. C. that we adjourn business for preaching until 1:30 pm.

Preaching by Rev. Ed Stevens.

1:30 pm Devotions by Rev. John Jeffrey.  
Song, When We All Get to Heaven.

Prayer around altar led by Rev. Graham.

Scripture reading II Tim. 4:5-8  
Special song by, Don Williams.

Congregation song, Amazing Grace, old fashioned handshake, with the spirit of the Lord prevailing.

Moderator takes charge and reconized the visiting brethern that were present

Report of Publicity Committee from last session given by Kathleen Chasteen  
M. S. C. Report be accepted.

Report was given of the National Association. Bro. Chamberlin-Bro. Milam  
Reports accepted.

Report of the Kentucky State Association by Rev. John Cansler. (Next Association Louisa Church) Report accepted.

No one went to W. Va. State Association or Kentucky State Association.

Delegates to Kentucky State Association---Richard Howard and Wife  
Delegates to W. Va. State Association--Rev. Carter and Virgil Tackett.

Report of State Evangelist, Rev. Robert Mead.  
M. S. C. to accept report.

Two special songs, by Chasteen sisters and Homer Nelson.  
Moderator takes charge. Appoints new appreciation committee.  
Sisters-Gould-Smith-McClellan

Report of S. H. M. Board, none of board present. Clerk reads report.  
M. S. C. to adopt report.

Report of Sister Bessie Yeley, Missionary worker in Texas. Report Accepted

Report of Appreciation Committee  
M. S. C. to accept report.

Appointing delegates to National Association-Birmingham, Ala.  
Richard Howard and Wife            Viola Hughes  
Clarence Newman                    Grace Clark  
Mrs. Hobart Ashley                 Mrs. Floyd Estep  
Mrs. Herbert Henson                Mrs. Forrest Chamberlin

M. S. C. that the association delegate the power to any official of  
State Association present, to appoint delegates that are present at the  
National Association from our State Association.

M. S. C. that the executive committee inquire from the churches in the  
State, as to who would have the next State Association and the committee  
place the State Association and notify our people concerning its place-  
ment.

Rev. Henry Hawkins, was elected moderator for next year.

Letter was read from the National H. M. B. by Rev. Olin Gould. Accepted.

M. S. C. that the clerk purchase the supplies which he needs, and in  
preparing the program for next State Association and that the Constitution  
and by-laws be printed.

M. S. C. that we ask our Treasurer, Homer Nelson to resign, as he now holds  
two offices on the executive committee. Request complied with.

Rev. Allen Williams Jr. was elected Treasurer.

M. S. C. that we amend Article 3 of the Constitution to read, as to our  
officers, to read thus, Clerk and assistant clerk.  
Richard Howard elected Assistant Clerk. (Does not serve on executive comm.

Today's minutes were read and approved.

M. S. C. to give \$50.00 from our Treasury to National H. M. B.

M. S. C. that we pay the expense of the Executive Committee in carrying  
out their duties for the State Association.

M. S. C. adjourn until 1958

Service then was turned over to Rev. Henson from Little Miami Q. Conf.

Benediction-Rev. Messer.

## Report of State Evangelist

18-Revivals: New Boston, Brookdale, Powellsville, Rutland, La Grange, Puritian, The Plains, Chillicothe, Silver Run, Turkey Creek, Porter, Puritian, Old Kyger, Hamilton, Scioto, Mt. Union, Long Run, La Grange.

8 Homecomings preached  
2 Weddings  
1 Funeral  
94 Saved  
Baptized Several  
Attended 11 Quarterly Meetings  
Visited Hospitals  
Attended National Association  
Attended Ministers Conference

Rev. Robert L. Mead

## Report of Home Mission Board

The State Home Mission Board wishes to continue our work with Rev. Robert Mead as State Evangelist with the privilege of adjusting his salary as funds or as the board deems necessary.

Forrest L. Chamberlin  
Melford Riddlebarger  
Clarence Riddlebarger

## Report of Appreciation Committee

We the Appreciative Committee wish to express our thanks for the wonderful hospitality you have shown us. And for the Christian fellowship we have had together and may God bless our association that we may grow and reap a bountiful harvest for his kingdom is our prayer.

In Christ,  
The Appreciative Committee

## Report of Resolution Committee

We the resolution committee wish to submit the following request. That we make request to the Scioto Ministerial Association and the Scioto Yearly Meeting to consolidate into one meeting, the Ohio State Association, the women's auxillary, the Ministerial Association and the Scioto Yearly Meeting. We would request for the Thursday morning service be given to the Women's Auxillary, the Thursday afternoon, and evening, and Friday services be for the ministerial Association and the Saturday services be for the State Association.

Forrest L. Chamberlin  
Gus Graham

## Report of Obituary Committee

We, your obituary committee, regret the passing of Rev. John Kemper, Rev. George Radabaugh, Beacon John Coburn, and our beloved clerk, Sister Grace Peach.

We ask this State Association to stand for one minute in silent prayer in remembrance of these our loved ones who have gone home to be with Jesus.

Rev. Franklyn Harness and Kenneth

Statistics of State Association

72 Churches	3,914 Church Members
4,155 Sunday Scholars	21 Young People Groups
143 Ordained Ministers	13 Licensed Ministers
2 Ladies Auxillaries	

25 Ministers present this State Association

Reports of all Boards and Committees

Report of Association Treasurer

Balance starting this session---	\$129.10
Rec'd in letters	30.00
Ministers and deacons dues	21.50
Offering	23.65
Received from churches	38.54
	<u>\$242.79</u>
	35.00
	<u>\$207.79</u>

Disbursements:

Clerk fee	\$15.00
N. A. dues	\$20.00
	<u>\$35.00</u>

TOTAL	\$207.79
Paid to Nat'l H. M. B.	50.00
Total Amt. in Treas.	<u>\$157.79</u>