

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES (Rev. James A. Hayes
32nd Annual Session Assistant Clerk)

Friday, June 26, 1970

9:30 A.M.

Theme - "PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK" Phil. 3:14.

The 32nd annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the First F.W.B. Church, 401 N. Belmont, Springfield, Ohio, in regular session at 9:30 A.M., Friday, June 26, 1970. Theme "Pressing Toward The Mark", Phil. 3:14. Devotions led by Rev. Henry Hawkins. Welcome Address by Rev. Billy McCarty. Response by Rev. Guy Leonard.

The Assistant Clerk, James A. Hayes, introduced the Moderator, Rev. Delmar Sparks, and called the association into official session.

Moderator's message by Rev. Delmar Sparks.

The A. Clerk read the letters and gave the Executive Committee Report. Note the Great Lakes Association did not report. The Ex. Com. recommended the letters from the Ohio River Yearly Meeting; The Scioto Yearly Conference; and Miami Valley Yearly Meeting, be accepted and delegates seated. The Ex. Com. also recommended that Article 1 of the State Constitution be changed to read: "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 or Associations as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

MSC to receive report. MSC that Article 1 of State Constitution be changed as above recommendation. MSC to amend this: that the Ex. Com. be empowered to work out the voting power.

Moderator seated delegates.

Appointment of Committees by Moderator:

BUSINESS - James Cox, Paul Thompson, Henry Hawkins.

PUBLICITY - Robert Prichard, Guy Leonard, Bro. Amon Gillenwater

RESOLUTION - Billy McCarty, Clyde Perry, Fred Evans.

OBITUARY - Richard Presnell, Elmer Sizemore, Everett Johnson

APPRECIATION - James Blair, Franklyn Harness, Bob Money

Visitors and corresponding messengers welcomed.

Rev. Robert Mead elected to 3 year term on Nominating Committee.

Offering received for the Association.

A request from Toledo Conference to join State Association was read. MSC to receive the Toledo Conference.

Publicity Committee did not have report.

THE AMBASSADOR Report was read and accepted by vote.

Special singing by the Allen Williams, Jr. family.

Keynote message - "Pressing Toward The Mark", text - Phillipians 3:13 & 14 delivered by Rev. Hobert Ashby.

Invitation extended while congregation sang.

Blessing on food asked by Rev. Melvin Sanford.

Lunch served in church basement.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

The State Association reconvened with Rev. Robert Pritchard, leading the devotions.

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Elmer Sizemore, resigned. MSC to accept resignation.

Rev. Henry Hawkins was nominated and elected as Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Fred Evans was elected as Member-at-Large on Executive Committee.

Bobby Henson from the Executive Dept. of National Association gave a report for CTS, Contact Magazine, and Layman's Dept. Report accepted.

Reports of Messengers to other bodies - Rev. Andrew Workman - W.Va.
State Association

Messengers Appointed to other bodies:

Kentucky State Association - Bro. Amon Gillenwater

West Virginia State Association - Rev. Melvin Sanford, Bro. Amon Gillenwater

State Mission Board Report - a partial report was given by Don Pegram.

Billy McCarty gave report on Youngstown work.

Millard Greene gave report on Creston work.

Eddie Dollar gave report on Cincinnati work.

Report of Bible College by Bert Tippet; Connie Maggard, student of FWBBC testified; Pamela Ashby, student of FWBBC, testified; Joe Grimmett, student of FWBBC, testified.

Report of National Association Executive Department read and approved.

Adjourned at 2:25 P.M. - Richard Pressnell asked benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Homer Brooks. Congregational songs led by Bert Tippet. Offering received. Blessing asked by Rev. Andrew Workman. Song "Amazing Grace". Several testimonies. Scripture: II Cor. 4:1-6. Special singing by: Sis. Grace Harness; The Allen Williams, Jr. Family; Steve Ashby. Message by Rev. Archie Mayhew, Missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa. Scripture: Phillipians 3:9,10. A real message and a wonderful spirit prevailed.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 27, 1970.

Devotions by Rev. Andrew Workman. Read II Timothy 4:1-8. Prayer by Rev. Homer Willis. Bro. Bert Tippet led the singing.

Moderator - Rev. Delmar Sparks, took charge of service.

Moderator asked for letter from Great Lakes Association. No one responded

Rev. Homer Brooks appointed to Nominating Committee to take the place of Rev. John Jeffery who was absent. This appointment for today only.

Delegates appointed to National Association at Fresno, California. Nora McCarty, Helen Sanford, Jane Pegram, Thelma Huff, Ruth Pressnell.

Rev. Homer Willis gave report on National Home Missions.

Rev. E. W. Smith gave report of National Sunday School Department.

Moderator called for a report of State Sunday School Board. There was NO report.

Rev. Archie Mayhew, Missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa, gave report on National Foreign Missions.

Maryetta Sebastian gave report on Ohio State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

MSC to adjourn for worship service.

Offering taken for Association. Bro. James Blair asked blessing on offeri

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Henry Hawkins, led worship service. Special singing by the Williams Family. Numerous testimonies. Congregational song "Come Thou Fount". Prayer by Rev. Robert Mead. Message by Rev. Jerry Hager. He read from Phillipians 3:10-14.

Congregational chorus: "Thank You, Lord". Invitation.

Blessing on food asked by Rev. Clyde Perry.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON:

Rev. Clarence Newman led devotions. Rev. Allen Williams, Jr. led the congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. James Cox. Phillipians 1:9-14 was read by Bro. Newman.

Moderator took charge.

Committee Reports: Business, accepted. Resolution, accepted. Obituary, accepted; Nominating, Accepted. Appreciation, accepted. Association stood in gesture of thanks. (See reports)

Motion made by C.E. Newman that the Moderator appoint a Resolution Committee which will report at next State Association. Motion carried. Moderator appointed: James Cox, Jerry Hager, Elmer Sizemore.

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Rev. Don Pegram finalized the State Mission Board Report:

Recommended Youngstown work receive \$200.00 this year; next year cut to \$100.00 per month.

Also recommended Creston Work receive \$100.00 per month and the Cincinnati work \$100.00 per month.

MSC.

Treasurer's report was given by Rev. Allen Williams, Jr. MSC.

MSC to adjourn - 2:00 P.M.

Benediction by Rev. Melvin Sanford.

Next session was placed at Welch Avenue FWB Church, 470 E. Welch Ave., Columbus, Ohio. (see Resolution report)

James A. Hayes, Assistant Clerk, recorded minutes.

(Clerk, Homer Nelson, attended part of session because of illness)

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MISSION BOARD

TERMS EXPIRE

- 1974 - Richard Pressnell
 1973 - Charles Wright - Hobert Ashby
 1972 - Robert Mead - Franklyn Harness
 1971 - Don Pegram - Guy Leonard

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

TERMS EXPIRE

- 1975 - Danny Widdig
 1974 - Millard Green
 1973 - Robert Pritchard
 1972 - Fred Evans
 1971 - Jim Williams

CTS DIRECTOR

ONE YEAR TERM
EXPIRES

- 1971 - Alex Pressnell

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TERM EXPIRES

- 197~~2~~ 197~~3~~ - Robert Mead (three year term) (elected in 1970)
 197~~1~~ 197~~2~~ - Paul Thompson (elected in 1969 - 3 year term)
 197~~0~~ - John Jeffrey (elected in 1968) (3 yr term)

Nominating committee should not be members of boards whose term expires.

STATE OF OHIO GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

- 1 yr. - James A. Hayes

MEMBER AT LARGE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 1 yr. - Fred Evans

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following names for the following offices and boards.

FOR MODERATOR: - Henry Hopkins - non program nominated from floor

Elected Henry Hopkins's Moderator

FOR ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Robert Ashby

Elected Robert Ashby

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD - 1 to be elected for 5 year term - Danny Widdig
Elected

STATE MISSION BOARD - 1 to be elected (4 year term) - Richard Bresnell
Elected

STATE OF OHIO GENERAL BOARD MEMBER: James A. Hayes
Elected

MEMBER AT LARGE EXECUTIVE BOARD - Fred Evans already elected

STATE CTS DIRECTOR (1 year term) - Alex Bresnell
Elected

SIGNED: Paul Thompson
Robert Mead
James Brooks


June 26, 1970

REPORT OF THE AMBASSADOR:

This has been another good year for the AMBASSADOR, and the present staff has agreed to work for another year. We have over 2900 on our mailing list.

Our financial statement is as follows.

Balance as of May 31, 1969.....	\$2,625.48
Receipts June 1, 1969 thru May 31, 1970.....	<u>\$6,759.24</u>
Total.....	.\$9,384.72
Expenses June 1, 1969 thru May 31, 1970.....	<u>\$6,472.00</u>
Balance May 31, 1970.....	\$2,912.72


Ruth Nelson, Associate Editor

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OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

The Executive Committee met at 9:00 A.M.
June 26 at the First ^{F.W.B.} Church 401 N. Belmont,
Springfield, Ohio.

The Committee recommends that ~~the~~ letters
from the Ohio River Yearly Meeting; the Seacoast Yearly
Conference; and Miami Valley Yearly Meeting, be
accepted and delegates seated.

The Committee also recommends that Article 1.
of the State Constitution be changed to read "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
or Associations as may embody themselves under this
Constitution."

amended; that Executive Board
work out voting - carried

Robert Head - Chmn
Richard Hesse - Secy
Allen Williams Jr.
James A. Hays

Business Com.
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Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

951 Liberty Street

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45664

Cox - Thompson - Hawkins
the General Board Member
Item. That ~~five~~ ^{the} ~~amount~~ be advanced 268.00 on his expenses
to cover his plane fare to Fresno, California.

We ~~recomm~~ recommend that this item be
adopted.

Carried

Rev. James Cox
Henry Hawkins
Paul Thompson

1970
obituary

We recommend the association stand in a moment
of silent prayer for friends and family of the name
of those list below and others whose names we
did not receive, which have departed this line
to meet their rewards.

Rev. Edward T. Carter - member of Long Run Church
Herbert Arnold, member of Scioto Church
Rev. Alfred Carter, Ironton, Ohio

Carried

Rev. Richard Hession
Eugene Johnson
J. C. Sizemore

Item # 1...

We resolve that ^{the} Association determine the Place of the coming Association while in session.

Accepted - Bro. Paul Thompson of Welch Ave. Welch Ave. F.W.B. Church 475 E Welch Ave. est. 1960

Item # 2...

Moderator declared ~~the~~ next session to be at Welch Ave.

Be it resolved that all Conference Clerks + Yearly meeting Clerks and Association Clerks and Pastors correspond and keep abreast with ^{their} state responsibilities both ~~statistically~~ ^{statistically} and financially.

Carried

Chairman - Billie McCarty

Clyde Perry
J. C. Evans

1970
Appreciation
Comm.

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

(1) we would like to express our appreciation for the use of the Springfield First Freewill Baptist Church and the Hospitality of its fine Pastor and Congregation.

(2) we appreciate so much the fine meals prepared and served by the Ladies of Little Miami River Conference Churches.

(3) we appreciate the excellent job of our Moderator (Bro. Wilmar Sparks) in conducting this State Association.

(4) we appreciate the Visitors from our National Headquarters and Bible College and their reports.

(5) we appreciate the wonderful Messages preached from God's Holy Word.

Rev. James Blair
Bob Money
Bro. Franklyn Harmon

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Ohio State Association convened June 26 and 27 with the First Springfield Church, 401 N. Belmont, Springfield, Ohio. Approximately 175 registered, however, it was estimated 250 attended the Friday evening service.

Friday morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Henry Hawkins. The Assistant Clerk, Rev. James A. Hayes, called the meeting into the official business session and introduced the Moderator, Rev. Delmar Sparks. Rev. Elmer Sizemore asked to be excused from serving as the Assistant Moderator. His request was granted and Rev. Henry Hawkins was elected to serve in this capacity.

The Yearly Meetings reported by letter, except the Great Lakes Conference. A Change in Article 1 of the Constitution was made to include the words "or Associations" after Yearly Meetings. This will now read "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 or associations as may embody themselves under this constitution. The Executive Committee was authorized to decide the change to be made in Article 4 regarding the number of delegates from each Yearly Conference or Association. Article 5 to be changed accordingly.

The Toledo Conference was received and given the hand of fellowship. Special singing during worship services was furnished by the Allen Williams, Jr., Family. On Friday evening Bro. Steve Ashby also sang. The Keynote message by Rev. Hobert Ashby was in keeping with the theme "Press Toward The Mark". This was a very inspiring message. He mentioned the minister should not become so involved in other things that he would neglect the one thing he was called to do — preach the Word — but that he should let lay members do the things they are called or qualified to do, while he uses his time for preparation and preaching the Word.

Friday afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Robert Pritchard and Friday evening by Rev. Franklyn Harness. Our missionary to the Ivory Coast of Africa, Rev. Archie Mayhew delivered a very good message and told some of his experiences in the work in the Ivory Coast. Saturday morning devotions were led by Rev. Andrew Workman and the message by Rev. Jerry Hager. He too used the theme "Press Toward The Mark". Saturday afternoon devotions were led by Rev. Clarence Newman. It was a joy to be in these services. A wonderful spirit of love prevailed from the beginning to the end, both in the devotions and the business sessions.

You will note on page two of this issue the changes on the Executive Committee and State Mission Board. The State Missions reports on Youngstown, Creston and Cincinnati were given by the men working in these areas, Rev. Billie McCarty, Rev. Millard Green, Rev. Eddie Dollar. The State Mission Board plan to

support the Youngstown Church \$200 monthly this next year, Creston \$100 monthly and Cincinnati \$100.00 monthly. They ask that we support the work prayerfully and financially. Double our giving if possible. Continue to send your money for state missions to Rev. Robert Mead. Any contribution earmarked for a special account will be used for it.

Rev. Danny Widdig is to serve five years on the Sunday School Board. Rev. Richard Pressnell to serve four years on State Mission Board. Rev. James A. Hayes is the General Board Member to National. State CTS Director is Alex Pressnell. Next year's Moderator will be Rev. Henry Hawkins, with Rev. Hobert Ashby as Assistant Moderator. Rev. James Cox, Jerry Hager and Elmer Sizemore were appointed to the Resolution Committee to work during this year and report at next session.

The National offices were represented by Rev. Homer Willis, Rev. & Mrs. Bert Tippett, Rev. Henson and son, N. R. Smith and Missionary Rev. Archie Mayhew. Some offices were represented by letter. We certainly were happy to have them with us.

Our Treasurer reported only a small amount (less than \$350.00) was received during the year marked for the Bible Institute. He also reported only 22 churches had sent their offering for the State Association, and three churches paid the 1.00 fee for a delegate. You may still send your offerings to Rev. Allen Williams, Jr., Route 2, Box 249, Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Plan now to attend the next session, which will convene June 25, 26, 1971 at Welch Avenue Church, Columbus, Ohio.

I also attended most of the Woman's Auxiliary State Convention and enjoyed it very much. Their featured speakers were Molly Barker, Missionary Nurse to Uruguay, and Eunice Edwards, former National Executive Secretary of the W.N.A.C. Their messages were a blessing.

The Youth participated in the afternoon service and our state will again be represented by the Youth at the National Association this year.

The new project is the Jim and Shirley Combs account, with a goal of \$2000.00. Perhaps the Woman's Auxiliary officers will give a more complete report later on the convention.

I would like to say "thank you" to those who assisted with the registration, to the Little Miami River Quarterly Meeting Churches who served the meals each day, and to the First Springfield Church for their kind hospitality to this association, and to all those who prayed that it might be a good convention. Bro. Mayhew reminded us of the importance of prayer in his message about the missionaries and the danger they sometimes face.

Reported by Charity Sparks, Assistant Editor.

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