

Minutes of the 35th annual session of the
Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists
held at the First Free Will Baptist Church,
Dayton, Ohio, June 22, 23, 1973.

Friday, June 22, 1973

Session began with devotions by the moderator, Rev. Hobart Ashby. Song, "Praise Him" was sung and prayer was given by Rev. Bob Meade. Response was given by the clerk, Rev. Blaine Etterling, from Rev. 3:8.

Report of Executive Committee: The Credentials and letters were in order although some were incomplete. MSC

Appointment of Committees:

Business:

Rev. Clyde Perry
Rev. Bill McCarty
Rev. Elmer Sizemore

Publicity:

Rev. Ernest Phillips
Rev. Wilburn Alice
Rev. Fred Taylor

Resolution:

Rev. Oral Maggard
Rev. Paul Thompson
Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger

Obituary:

Bro. Glen Webb
Bro. Arlin Booth
Bro. Wendell Combs

Appreciation:

Rev. Danny Booth
Rev. Paul Collins
Rev. Jim Johnson

Visiting brethren were welcomed while singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

Minutes of the last session were approved as read. Motion to grant the Executive Committee to have the power to approve these minutes before they are read to the conference. Died for lack of a second.

Report of Messengers to other Associations-none of our delegates went.

Report of the Executive Dept. of the National Association by Rev. Rufus Coffey. MSC

Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, our National Moderator, gave brief remarks concerning the future National Association in Macon, Georgia.

Report of the National Sunday School Department by Rev. Harold Harrison. MSC.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College by Rev. Paul Ketteman. MSC.

Offering for this association was received while singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You". Prayer for the offering by Bro. C. A. Newman. A special song was given by Bro. Steve Ashby, "After", followed by a special from the Williams family, "Jesus Will Outshine Them All". Rev. Calvin Evans brought the keynote message from Luke 5:1-11, Matt. 4:18-19, entitled "Reaching the Unreached". The invitation followed with the congregation singing "Is Thy Heart Right With God?"

Morning session was dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Allen Williams and the blessing asked on the meal to follow.

Afternoon session began with devotions by Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger from Roms. 6:11. Song, "Heavenly Sunlight".

Miscellaneous Business:

Motion for the state association to provide the new letter forms to the conferences that make up this Association. MSC.

Motion to receive the Northwestern Conference and seconded.

Motion and second to suspend the rules to proceed with the business committees report and wait until they give their report on this item.

Business Committee Report. MS

Item #1. We recommend that churches of the State Association adopt the "Church Family Plan" of the Contact as encouraged by Rev. Coffey. Turned over to the resolution committee.

Item #2. We recommend that the State Association Minutes be put in "Digest Form", by our Executive Board no later than 3 months from the time of the Association; and be published in the "Ambassador" and the added expenses incurred by the "Ambassador" be paid by our state Association. MSC

Item #3. We recommend that this "Digest" report also replace the reading of the minutes at our State Association. MSC.

Report of the clerk of the Executive Committee. MSC.

Report of State Home Mission Board by Rev. Bob Meade. MSC.

Report on the Newark Mission by Bro. Booth as information. MSC.

Report of Messengers to other associations.

West Virginia-Rev. Charles Wright

Appointment of messengers to other bodies.

West Virginia-Amon Gillenwater

Kentucky-Rev. Howard Kimble

Report of National Superannuation Board by Rev. Herman Hersey. MSC.

Report of State CTS Director-Michael Boggs. MSC.

Adjournment MSC. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. C. A. Newman.

Evening devotional service led by Rev. Jerry Newman. Rev. Nedo Eaddy gave brief report on his chaplaincy commission. Evening message given by Rev. Homer Willis on the 12 gates of Jerusalem. An offering of \$82.21 was received.

Saturday, June 23, 1973

Devotional service led by Rev. Oral Maggard. Song, "Stand Up For Jesus" was sung by congregation. Prayer by Rev. Clyde Perry. The Williams family sang, "I Will Meet You On High". Scripture reading, Col. 1:1-19.

Report from the National Association by Bro. Glenn Webb. Additional information added by Bro. C. A. Newman. MSC.

Appointment of Delegates to the National Association.

1. Amon Gillenwater
2. Wendell F. Combs
3. Morris Justice
4. Alle Dooley
5. Ernest Phillips

Report of the National C. T. S. by Rev. Malcom Fry. MSC

Report of the National Foreign Mission Department by Rev. Reford Wilson. Missionary appointees, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Giggs, were recognized. MSC

Report of the National Home Missions Department by Rev. Bob Shockey. MSC

MSC to adjourn for the morning message.

Service began with song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" while the offering was received. Prayer-Rev. Fred Taylor. Special singing-the Williams family singing, "It's Worth It All", Rev. Malcom Fry singing, "I'd Rather Have Jesus". Rev. J. D. O'Donnell brought the morning message, "The New Man", Scripture-Luke 14:23, Habakkuk 1:5.

Benediction and blessing of the food for the noon meal was given by Rev. Ken Frisbee.

Afternoon session.

Devotional service led by Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger. Song, "Joy Unspeakable" by the congregation and prayer by bro. Hicks.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES:

Report of Board of Directors by Rev. Paul Thompson. MSC to receive.

1. To adopt a cooperative plan of support. MSC
2. To hire a state promotional man. MSC
3. To sell bonds to establish a book store. MSC

Report of State Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Mary Dooley. MSC to receive and stand in appreciation.

Report of Resolution Committee:

We recommend that churches of the State Association adopt the "Church Family Plan" of the Contact as encouraged by Rev. Rufus Coffey. MSC.

Report of Obituary Committee:

We stand in silent prayer in memory of those deceased. MSC

1. Rev. Samuel Lewis
2. Sis. Emma Ruth Willey
3. Rev. Paul Purcell
4. Deacon Donald Tobias

Report of Appreciation Committee:

We recommend the association give a standing vote of thanks to:

1. The ladies of the Little Miami Conference for the food provided for the association.
2. The First Dayton Church and their Pastor for the warm welcome and joyous fellowship.
3. The Williams Family, Bro. Malcom Fry, and Bro. Stephen Ashby for providing the special singing.
4. All the representatives from our National Association for traveling a great distance to be with us.
5. The Executive Board for their work in promoting and organizing a great State Association, including the Board of Directors.

Report of the Publicity Committee:

1. We the Publicity Committee feel the State Association is being very well publicized in our state paper and over local radio and T.V.
2. We suggest that all pastors, ministers and delegates begin now to publicize the National Association which will convene in our great state July 1975.

Report of Business Committee:

1. We the Business Committee find no reason to prevent the Northern Ohio Association from being received into membership of the Ohio State Association, and therefore recommend their delegation be seated.
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2. We recommend that no individual serve on more than one board or committee in our State Association. MSC to lay on the table.
3. We recommend that the State Association give the CTS Director the authority necessary to establish Districts and establish District Representatives across the state. MSC
4. We recommend that the State Executive Board set up and present a budget at the next State Association and that C.T.S. be included on a percentage basis in that budget according to need, and \$250.00 be provided at the present time to begin with present operations.
MSC. Amended to read "the State Executive Board and Board of Directors."
5. We recommend the State Association be held at the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle at Slocum Station, Ohio in 1974. MSC

Report of the Nominating Committee:

MSC to receive and adopt item by item.

1. Moderator-Rev. Oral Maggard
2. Assist. Mod. -Rev. Clyde Perry
3. Assist. Clerk-Glenn Webb
4. Board of Directors-Rev. Ken Frisbee
5. Member-at-large-Executive Committee-Rev. Paul Collins
6. Nominating Committee member-Rev. Elmer Sizemore
7. CTS Director-Michael Boggs
8. S.S. Board-new member-Phil Justice
9. S.S. Board-Morris Justice-(replaces Jim Cox)
10. Mission Board-Donald Hix and Floyd Wolfenbarger

Resignation of Rev. Bob Meade from Home Mission Board. MSC to regretfully receive. Rev. Richard Presnell to replace Rev. Meade. MSC.

Resignation of Rev. Oral Maggard from Home Mission Board. MSC
Bro. Jack Hartman replaces Bro. Maggard. MSC.

Report of five man committee on their recommendation concerning ordaining a man to the ministry whose wife is unsaved. No report.

Motion that this body today reaffirm that opposition by conferences not abiding by the treaty be dealt with by this Association. MSC.

Reading of the letter to the National Association from Ohio State Association. MSC.

Report of the state treasurer-Rev. Allen Williams, Jr. MSC.
Bro. Williams submitted his resignation as treasurer. MSC. and stand in appreciation. Alex Presnell to replace Rev. Williams. MSC.

Resignation of Alex Presnell from S.S. Board. MSC.
Rev. Robert Nelson to replace Bro. Presnell. MSC.

Standing ovation given to the Moderator, Bro. Ashby.

MSC to bypass reading of minutes of this session.

MSC to adjourn.

Benediction by Bro. Blair.