

Minutes of the 40th annual session of the
Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists
held at the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle
Slocum, Ohio, June 22 and 23, 1978.

Friday, June 22, 1978

The Friday session began with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" and the introduction of the Moderator, Brother Floyd Wolfenbarger, by the Clerk, Brother Richard Pressnell.

Welcome address was given by Rev. Henry Hawkins, Moderator of the Scioto Yearly Meeting.

Moderator's Message was taken from Exodus 33:29, "Who is liken unto the saved by the Lord."

- Christian life is higher
- Christian life is harder
- Christian life is happier
- Christian life is more hopeful.

Report of General Board and Credentials to receive all letters and all duly elected and standing delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

BUSINESS

1. Rev. Wendall Combs
2. Rev. Henry Hawkins
3. Rev. Fred Dutton

RESOLUTION

1. Rev. Billy McCarty
2. Rev. Paul Collins
3. Rev. Hershel Salvors

OBITUARY

1. Rev. Elmer Church
2. Rev. Wallace Jackson
3. Rev. Delmar Sparks

APPRECIATION

1. Rev. Herman Watts
2. Rev. Allen Williams Jr.
3. Rev. Andrew Workman

Visiting brethren were welcomed. Present were: Dr. Jack Williams, Dr. Malcom Fry, Rev. & Mrs. James Raper, Rev. Mike Kidd from West Virginia State Assoc., Brother Walter Ellison, missionary to Brazil.

Report of Free Will Baptist Home for Children by Rev. James Raper.

Report of National Foreign Missions was given by Brother Walter Ellison.

Report of National C.T.S. by Dr. Malcom Fry.

An offering was received in the amount of \$86.00 while congregation sang "Come and Dine".

Special music was provided by the Williams Family. "Wait Until You See My New Home" and "The Old Ship of Zion".

Dr. Malcom Fry sang.

Message by Rev. Bill Adkisson- "The Man God Blesses is Separated from the World".

A song of invitation was given, "I Am Thine O Lord".
Session was adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with devotional by Rev. Paul Williams.
Report of General Board M/S/C to accept and adopt it with its resolutions.
(See Report)
Report of Board of Directors was given by Rev. Hobart Ashby. (See Report)
Report of Promotional Secretary was given by Rev. Alton Loveless.
(See Report) M/S/C
Report of Woman's Auxiliary by Sister Yvonne Wolfenbarger. (See Report)
Report of the Executive Department of the National Assoc. by Dr. Jack Williams.
Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College by Rev. Paul J. Ketterman.
Report of National Home Mission Board by Rev. Poy Thomas.
Report of National Sunday School Department by Rev. Paul Thomson.
Brother Clifford Ball was appointed to replace Brother Watts on the Appreciation Committee.
MSC to adjourn.

Saturday, June 23, 1978

Service opened with singing.
Devotion by Fro. Kendell Smith from Luke 9:18
Report of State C.T.S. Director by Rev. Carl Dunn (See report) MSC to accept
Report of State Home Mission Board by Rev. Jim Cox with his resignation since he is leaving the state. MSC (see Report)
Delegates to the National Association were appointed

1. Mrs. James Blair
2. Mrs. and Mrs George Beal
4. Mrs. Clifford Ball
5. Charles Rapp

Report of the Obituary Committee was given (See report) MSC
Report of the Appreciation Committee was given (see report) MSC
Report of Business Committee was given (see report) MSC on item 2
A substitute motion was given for item one that the publicity be charged to the State Promotional Director MSC
A motion was made to move the State Association to the Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church on a continual basis MSC

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Congregation sang "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Special Music - Steve Ashby sang "When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way"
- Malcolm Fry sang "Healer of Broken Hearts"

Message was given by Rev. Robert Meade "Situated by the Waters"

Report from the National Historical Committee by Rev. Alton Loveless

No report from the Resolution Committee

General Board Members were elected as follows:

Northwestern - Ira Hager
Larwence - Merlin Teets
Pine Creek - Henry Hawkins
Porter - William Chadwick
South Central - Jerry Griffith Jr.
Trinity - Richard Hensley
Waynesburg - Damon Dean

The following offices were recommended by the Nominating Committee and each passed by the Association

C.T.S. Director - Carl Dunn
Nominating Committee - Elmer Sizemore
National General Board Member - Floyd Wolfenbarger
Board of Directors - Clifford Ball (Passed by body)
Moderator - Franklin Harness -
Assistant Moderator - Robert Meade
Clerk - Danny Baer
Assistant Clerk - Jerry Griffith Sr. (nominated by body)
Mission Board - for 1980 Billy McCarty
for 19 79 Floyd Wolfenbarger
for 1978 Clarence Workman(nominated by body)

Appointment- Bro. Andrew Workman was appointed as messenger to the West Virginia State Association

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that this body stand in silent prayer for one minute with the moderator closed in prayer for the following:

Sister Thelma Powers, wife of Rev. Ray Powers of New Carlisle
Free Will Baptist Church
Deacon Lewis Cotter of Chillicothe Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Charles Lykins of the Pine Creek Conference
Rev. Ray Kelly of the Lawrence County Conference
Mrs. Antha Chaffin of the Trinity Conference

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We the appreciation Committee recommend that this Association give a standing vote of thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for their tremendous duties that they have performed in their years of service to this Association.
2. We also recommend that recognition be given to Rev. Henry Hawkins, Rev. Franklin Harness, and Rev. Merlin Teets for their work in providing facilities for the State Association, to the churches for their well prepared meals, for the use of the schools, to Rev. Steve Messer for his work in keeping the Tabernacle clean.
3. We recommend appreciation to be given to our State CMS Director, Rev. Carl Dunk, for a job well done, also to Rev. and Mrs. Alton Loveless for their enthusiasm for the State work in Ohio and to all the speakers for their outstanding messages preached in our State Association.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Due to the fact that the crowds have increased and food costs have risen we recommend that we consider a central location for each session and that each person be responsible for his own food and housing.