

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1979

The 41st Annual Session Of Ohio Free Will Baptists was called to order by the Clerk, Danny Beer, with the introduction of the Moderator, Franklin Harness.

The welcome address was given by Paul Thompson, pastor of the host church, Heritage Temple. Prayer was offered by Elmer Sizemore.

Our song leader for the entire association, Jim Conkey, along with our pianist, Janet Conkey, led the congregation in "Standing on the Promises" and "Love Lifted Me."

Moderator's address was given from Ephesians 6:10-18 "Put on the Whole Armor of God."

The General Board gave their report as the acting credentials committee as follows:

The General Board met on Thursday, June 21, 1979, and acting as the credentials committee, report that all conferences of the Association have duly reported and thus recommend that this Association accept all letters of these conferences and seat their delegates.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept this report.

The seating of delegates by the Moderator was followed by the appointment of committees.

#### BUSINESS

1. Clarence Workman
2. Ferrell Rood
3. Billy McCarty

#### RESOLUTION

- Homer Brooks
- Alan Williams
- Andrew Workman

#### OBITUARY

- Elmer Huff
- Larry Gill
- James Henderson

## Minutes Of State

#### APPRECIATION

1. Paul Williams
2. Delmar Sparks
3. Don Hicks

Report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home of Greeneville, Tennessee, was given by Neil Gilliland.

Visiting brethren were welcomed by the moderator.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Ronald Creech.

Report of the National Foreign Missions Department was given by Harold Critcher.

After prayer by Floyd Wolfenbarger, an offering was taken while the congregation sang "Such Love."

Report of the Michigan State Association was given by Clarence Newman.

Appointments were made for messengers from this body as follows:

West Virginia  
Andrew Workman  
Clarence Workman

Michigan  
Clarence Newman  
Homer Brooks

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to recess for morning worship.

Special singing was presented by the Heritage Temple singers with a trio number, "Oh I Want to See Him" and a solo "I Find Victory When I Kneel at the Cross."

A touching testimony by Elmer Church was followed by a stirring message by Delmar Sparks on "Oneness in Christ." His text from Matthew 22:34-40 challenged our hearts that the basis of our unity is the command of Christ that "Thou Shalt Love."

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" followed by prayer by Roy McVey.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reconvened by singing

## Convention

"When We All Get to Heaven" and devotions by Ferrell Rood from Psalm 111.

Motion was made that the moderator appoint an assistant moderator to sit in for Robert Meade. Billy McCarty was appointed.

Report of the National Executive Secretary was given by Rufus Coffey.

Report of the Board of Directors was given by Hobart Ashby. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept.

A report of the General Board was given as follows:

The General Board recommends that the Ohio State Association invite the National Association of Free Will Baptists to Columbus, Ohio, in 1983.

Motion, seconded, and carried to accept.

Report of the Promotional Secretary was given by Alton Loveless. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept.

Report of the Home Missions Board of Ohio was given by Floyd Wolfenbarger. Arnold Shrewsbury and Steve Stidham also were given time to speak. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept.

Report of the State Woman's Auxiliary was given by Yvonne Wolfenbarger. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept.

Report of National Master's Men was given by Loyd Olson. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept the report and to refer the selection of a state representative to the Master's Men to the Nominating Committee.

Report from George Beal as our state delegate to the National Association. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept.

Delegates were appointed to the National Association.

1. Doris Ball
  2. George Beal
  3. Ollie Newman
  4. Charles Raft
  5. Jean Blair
- Alternates
1. Geraldene Beal
  2. Diane Mikles

Report of the National Department of Retirement and Insurance was given by Alton Loveless.

Clarence Newman was elected to replace Millard Green on the Nominating Committee.

Report of "Christian T.V. of Ohio" was given by Joe Brianhard.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

Rev. Don Hicks led the service which included congregational singing, special singing by the Ohio youth and the Dailyville Choir, an offering for missions, and a very inspirational and challenging message by Leon Kilbreth, "I Must Be a Maximum Christian."

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order by the moderator, followed by congregational song "Walking in Sunlight." Prayer was by Jim Cox and devotions was by Paul Williams, using Psalm 37.

Rev. Billy McCarty was again asked to sit in as Assistant Moderator.

Report of the National Sunday School and Church Training Department was given by Dr. Roger Reeds.

Report of the National Home Missions was given by Roy Thomas.

The congregation sang, "Glad Reunion Day."

Report of the Minister's Retreat and the National Historical Commission was given by Alton Loveless.

Report of the State CTS Director was given by Carl Dunn. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept.

Motion, seconded, and carried to dismiss for service. Congregation sang "Power in the Blood" followed by the Union Trio singing "Looking For You," "And He Did," "He Did it all For Me," and "The Sun's Coming Up in the Morning."

The morning message "Presenting Christ" was delivered by Forest Chamberlin from John 1:1-12. We were wonderfully reacquainted with Christ as the Creator, the Mystery hid from all ages and generations, the

Savior, and the Wrathful Lamb. After many of the congregation shared in one-word testimonials of Christ, we joined together in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." An offering was taken, announcements were made, and we were dismissed.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association was reconvened by the moderator followed by the congregational song "To God Be the Glory." Prayer was given by Hershah Salyers and devotions by Johnny King from Hebrews 11:39-12:2.

The moderator brought to the attention of the body that this association would be expected to pay the \$10,000 for the rental of the Civic Center for the National in Columbus in 1983. The body again voted to invite the National to Columbus.

The reports of the various committees were given.

#### Obituary

We the Obituary Committee recommend that this body stand in a silent prayer for those of our loved ones who have gone on to their reward whose names be mentioned by those present.

Motion, seconded, and carried to accept. The names mentioned were as follows:

Elmer Miller  
Jess Kelly  
Tom Willer  
Henry Arthurs  
Bryon May  
Rachie Marshall  
Stanley Russell

#### Appreciation

We recommend that this body give Rev. Paul Thompson and the fine people of Heritage Temple a standing vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality shown to this association, and to all those who have helped make this association a great association.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt.

Business and Resolution Committees--No report.

The following is the Nominating Committee's report except for those offices which were filled with names other than their recommendations.

#### General Board

Pine Creek--Ed Percell  
Central--Glenn Webb  
Cuyahoga-Lorain--Milburn Alice  
Franklin--James A. Hayes  
Great Lakes--Kenneth Frisbee  
Jackson--Elmer Sizemore  
Little Miami--Homer Brooks  
Meigs--Danny Boggs  
Northeastern--Delmon Rose  
Home Missions Board Member  
Roger Childers (1986)  
Board of Directors  
Paul Williams (1986)  
Nominating Committee  
Larry Gill (1982)  
Wendell Combs (1983)  
State CTS Director--Carl Dunn  
Moderator--Franklyn Harness  
Assistant Moderator--Ferrell Rood

Clerk--Danny Baer  
Assistant Clerk--Jerry Griffith, Sr.  
Senator for Master's Men--David Bryant  
Executive Committee  
Bill Chadwick  
Glen Webb  
James A. Hayes  
Homer Brooks

Motion, seconded, and carried to give our State CTS Director a \$100 honorarium.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn was followed by congregational song "What a Day That Will Be."