

## 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION MINUTES

- 9:30 a.m. On June 25, 1982, at 9:30 a.m. the 44th Annual Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist opened at Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was opened by the congregation singing, "He Lives," followed by Scripture reading of I Samuel 17:28-29 by the state clerk, Wayne Frost. This was followed by prayer by assistant moderator, Wendell Combs. The clerk then called the Association into order and introduced the moderator, Rev. Clarence Workman.
- 9:40 Rev. Paul Thompson, pastor of the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, welcomed the State Association to Columbus.
- 9:42 Rev. Clarence Workman read I Corinthians 1:1-7 and gave the moderator's message, "Be Enriched in Christ."
- 9:50 The report of the General Board was read by the clerk (item #1). Motion was made by Rev. Billy McCarty to receive report and adopt items of business, seconded and passed.
- 9:57 The moderator then seated all the delegates and asked all the voting body to sit in two center sections.  
Committees appointed. Business: Franklin Harness, Danny Cline, Roger Childers. Resolution: Mike Stokes, Howard Kimble, William Chadwick. Obituary: Arnold Pollard, Fred Taylor, Paul Opey. Appreciation: Ken Frisbee, John Jeffries, Forest Dyer.
- 9:59 All visiting messengers from other States were welcomed by fellowship and singing of "He Keeps Me Singing". Visitors were Dr. Malcom Fry, Randel House Publications, Rev. Gene Waddell, Asst. Director of the National Foreign Missions, Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary, Rev. Ronald Creech, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rev. Roy Thomas, Director National Home Missions, Rev. Jim York, Camp Calab, Kentucky, Rev. Cecil Williams, Florida State Association, Rev. Billy Sams, State Promotional Director of West Virginia,
- 10:05 Board of Directors report (item #2) was given by Rev. Hobart Ashby with Rev. Alton Loveless giving a detailed report. Motion to receive report by Bro. Loveless, seconded, and passed.
- 10:35 Report of visiting messengers given by Rev. Jim York, Kentucky State Association, Rev. Cecil Williams, Florida State Association, Rev. Billy Samms, West Virginia State Association. Motion to receive reports by Rev. Morris Young, seconded, and passed.

- 10:38 Appointed Rev. Clyde Eldridge to attend the Kentucky State meeting, and Rev. Danny Cline to attend the West Virginia State meeting.
- 10:40 State Home Missions report (item #3) was given by Rev. Paul Collins. Steve Stidham, Hamilton, Ohio, gave a report of his mission work with two of the missions converts giving their personal testimonies. Rev. Arnold Shrewsbury is still at Canton, Ohio. Bro. Collins stated the Mission Board was in need of men, sent by God, to go into the cities of Ohio and start Free Will Baptist works. Motion to receive report by Bro. Collins, seconded, and passed.
- 10:53 Report of messengers sent to other associations. Rev. Clarence Newman and Rev. Wendell Combs stated they were unable to attend the Kentucky State Association. Rev. C. E. Curfman gave a report on the West Virginia State Association. Motion to accept reports by Rev. Mike Stokes, seconded, and passed.
- 10:55 Motion to adjourn for morning worship by Rev. Homer Brooks, seconded, and passed.
- Morning worship.
- Offering of \$186.89 received, with 280 in attendance.
- Special music by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Born.
- Morning message by Rev. Clyde Perry taken from Ephesians 5:1-8, "Walking in His Light." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alton Loveless.
- 1:00 Afternoon session opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven" followed by devotions by Rev. Lester McMahon taken from Esther 8:13-14 "Pressed On by the Kings Commandment."
- 1:20 Report from the Executive Department (item #4) given by Dr. Melvin Worthington. Ohio gave \$129,206.15 in 1981 to the National Association. Increase of over \$9,000. Bro. Worthington also submitted the report for the Masters Men (item #5). Motion to receive reports by Rev. Homer Brooks, seconded, and passed.
- 1:31 Report of the Sunday School Department (item #6) given by Dr. Malcom Fry. The Sunday School literature will soon be written, edited, and published all by Free Will Baptists. Motion to accept report by Rev. Jim Jewel, seconded, and passed.
- 1:35 Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College (item #7) was given by Rev. Ronald Creech. Ohio has 27 enrolled this year, however, Ohio's giving is down by \$1,554.00 from last year. Motion to accept report by Rev. Franklin Harness, seconded, and passed.

- 1:45 Report from the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College (item #8) was read by the clerk. Motion to receive report by Rev. Jim Jewel, seconded, and passed.
- 1:46 Report of the National Home Missions Department (item #9) given by Rev. Roy Thomas. The Department has 53 Missionaries, and 8 Chaplains on the field. Last year 1,500 souls were saved on the mission field. This year 12 new missionaries were sent out. We have 8 more self-supporting churches. The Department started a Church Extension Loan Fund to build new churches. Bro. Thomas asked prayer for Rock Point, Washington, Las Vegas, Nevada, Bronx, New York, all in need of Free Will Baptist to go and start new works. Motion to receive report by Rev. John Cook, seconded, and passed.
- 2:02 Bro. George Beal gave a report on last years National Association in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a good meeting with churches from Canada joining the National Association. Motion to accept report by Rev. Billy McCarty, seconded, and passed.
- 2:05 Appointed delegates to the National Association meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. & Mrs. George Beal, Franklin Beverly, Jean Blair, Olie Newman.
- 2:07 Appointment of Steering Committee for the 1983 National Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Nominations from the floor: Alton Loveless, Paul Thompson, Roy Hutchinson, Arnold Pollard, Delmar Sparks. Motion by Rev. Franklin Harness that nominations cease, seconded, and passed. Men elected by acclamation.
- 2:15 Motion to adjourn from business, until Saturday morning, by Rev. Oscar Baldwin, seconded, and passed.
- Friday evening worship.
- Offering of \$330.01 received for State Home Missions. Attendance was 361.
- Special music by Central Ohio Choir.
- Message by Rev. Billy Samms taken from Ephesians 4:1-3, "Walking Worthy."
- 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning session opened by singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" followed by prayer by Rev. James Blair.
- 9:40 Devotion by Rev. Oscar Baldwin taken from ITimothy 6:11-14 called "The Purpose for the Church."

- 9:55 Report of the State CTS Board given by Rev. Carl Dunn. No youth meeting this year due to cancelation of facilities at the last moment. Recommended that CTS Board be elected with multi terms to promote youth work in this state. Have the CTS Board to appoint a CTS Director. Motion to accept report and adapt items of business by Bro. Dunn, seconded, and passed. (ITEM # 9A)
- 10:17 Report of the Ohio State Woman's Auxiliary given by Joann Sizemore. Missionary to France, Kathy Crawford, spoke concerning her work. There are 35 Auxiliaries in the state with \$17,000 given by the State Auxiliary in the past year. They had 402 delegates register for their Thursday session. The State Woman's Auxiliary voted to support Kathy Crawford for her full term. Gave \$3,000 to State Million work. Presented a Bible to past President, Yevonne Wolfenbarger. Motion to accept report by Rev. Jim Jewel, seconded, and passed.
- 10:34 Report of National Foreign Missions given by Rev. Gene Wadell (item #10). Ohio gave \$65,408 this past year. Starting regional support for missionaries. Eighty young people registered at Free Will Baptist Bible College this year with missions their major course of study. Motion to receive report by Rev. Roger Childers, seconded, and passed.
- 10:47 Report of Camp Calab, Kentucky, given by Rev. Jim York. No camp this year due to problem with State Works Department. Twenty cabins were built this year with construction of a new cafeteria also started. There were 17 decessions and 40 re-dedications. One was called to the ministry. Motion to receive report by Rev. Jim Baldwin, seconded, and passed.
- 10:57 Clerk read report from Resolution Committee (item #11). Recommended sending letter to Free Will Baptist Bible College stating our faith in and continuing support of their work. Recommended sending a letter to President Reagan stating our support for his Constitutional Amendment to restore prayer in schools. Motion to receive report by Rev. Clyde Eldridge, seconded, and passed.
- Resolution #1: Motion by Rev. Franklin Harness to adopt, seconded, and passed.
- Resolution #2: Motion by Rev. Jim Jewel to adopt, seconded, and passed.
- 10:59 Clerk read Appreciation Committee report (item #12). Thanks to State Officers, Rev. Paul Thompson and church membership, the speakers, and all who helped to make this State Meeting a success. Motion to receive report by Rev. Jim Baldwin, seconded, and passed.

- 11:01 Clerk read Business Committee Report (item #13). Recommended Co-Op Plan be changed to 50% to remain in the State, 40% to the National, and 10% to be given to State Home Missions. Motion to receive report and adopt item of business by Franklin Beverly, seconded, and passed.
- 11:02 Clerk read Obituary Report (item #14) Asked Association to stand in silent prayer for Rev. Charles Osborne, Rev. Andrew Workman, Deacon John R. Blair, Rev. Paul Milam, George T. Collins, Mrs. Russell Frost, Mrs. Minnie Harberson, Mrs. Edna Irving, Mrs. Mary Sparks, Mrs. Goldie Andre, Mrs. Tresie Mossbarger. Motion to accept report by Rev. Franklin Harness, seconded and passed. Association stood for silent prayer with Rev. Alton Loveless closing with prayer.
- 11:10 Special presentation was made by Rev. Alton Loveless of a memorial plaque in honor of Rev. Andrew Workman. The wife and family were on hand to receive the plaque.
- 11:15 Motion to adjourn for morning worship by Rev. Mike Stokes, seconded, and passed.
- Saturday morning worship.
- Special music by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Boggs.
- Morning message by Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger taken from Ephesians 5:15-21, "Walking Circumspectly."
- 12:15 Report of the Nominating Committee read by the clerk (item #15). Motion to receive report by Rev. Franklin Harness, seconded, and passed.
- Nominations as follows: Moderator+ Clarence Workman, Assistant Moderator-Wendell Combs, Donald Hix nominated from the floor, Wendell Combs elected. Clerk-Wayne Frost, Assistant Clerk-Jack Born, General Board Members-W. E. Curfman; Meigs, John Easterly; Northeastern, Howard Kimble; Pine Creek, Floyd Estep; Porter, Charlie Wright; South Central, Oscar Baldwin; Trinity, Damon Dean; Waynesburg. Glen Radar; Waynesburg, nominated from the floor, Damon Dean elected. Board of Directors: Robert Prichard. State Home Mission Board: Garland Roberts (1989). State CTS Board: Carl Dunn (1989), Bobby Blackburn (1988), Gene Peak (1987), Mike Mounts (1986), Bernard Wheeler (1985), Marty Bussey (1984), Barb Cordle (1983), Bobby Bumgardner (1983), nominated from the floor, Barb Cordle elected. State Nominating Committee: Clarence Newman. National General Board Member: Delmar Sparks, Clyde Perry nominated from the floor, Delmar Sparks elected. All other officers were elected by acclamation except as noted above. Danny Cline, Lawrence, was nominated to finish out the term of Larry Salyers on the General Board. Elected by acclamation. Executive Committee: Oscar Baldwin, Homer Brooks, Howard Kimble, Ken Frisbee. All were elected by acclamation.

12:25 Motion by Clarence Newman for Association to stand in appreciation of officers of the State and people of Heritage Temple, seconded, and passed.

Body stood in appreciation and offering was also received for the State Association. Received \$122.53, with 240 in attendance.

12:30 Motion by Rev. Jim Jewel to adjourn from business, seconded, and passed. Association closed in prayer by Rev. Wendell Combs.

Moderator: Clarence Workman  
Clerk: Wayne Frost