

45TH ANNUAL CONVENTION MINUTES

- 9:30 A.M. On June 24, 1983, at 9:30 a.m. the 45th 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, "Christ the Solid Rock", followed by Scripture reading of Luke 2:43-49 by the State Clerk, Rev. Wayne Frost. Assistant moderator, Rev. Howard Kimble, then led in prayer. The clerk then called the Association into order and introduced the moderator, Rev. Wendell Combs.
- 9:38 Rev. David Boggs, pastor of Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church, welcomed the State Association to Columbus.
- 9:40 Rev. Wendell Combs read from Matthew 7:24-27 and gave the moderator's message, "Remembering Our Heritage".
- 10:00 The report of the General Board was then read by the clerk, (item #1). Motion to accept report and adopt the items contained in it by Howard Kimble, seconded and passed.
- 10:02 The moderator then seated the delegates.
Committees appointed. Business: Mike Stokes, Ozel Jeffries, Roger Childers, Floyd Estep. Resolution: Jim Jewel, Danny Cline, Arnold Pollard, Claude Crain. Obituary: David Boggs, Marvin Markin, Charlie Wright, Bob Chaffin. Appreciation: Franklin Harness, Gregg McCarty, Roy Hutchinson, James Thacker.
- 10:05 The Association then welcomed into fellowship the Southern Ohio Conference with the right hand of fellowship while singing, "Amazing Grace".
- 10:10 Visiting messengers from other states were recognized by the moderator by having each one to stand. Visitors were: Connie Cariker, National Home Missions, Jack Williams, National Ex. Office, N.R. Smith, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College, Paul Ketterman, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Harold Harrison, National Sunday School Dept., Don Sexton, National Foreign Missions.
- 10:12 Report of the National Home Mission Dept. (item #2) was given by Connie Cariker. Bro. Cariker praised Ohio for their support to Home Missions this past year. Ohio gave \$45,811.97 towards a record year for the Home Missions Dept. A total of \$1,434,624.39 was given from all states this year, a \$119,727.65 increase over last years total. This record giving helped the missionaries to win 1,500 souls for the Lord. Twelve new missionary couples were sent out this past year. Motion to receive the report by Jim Jewel, seconded, and passed.

- 10:23 Report of the Board of Directors (item #3) was given by Hobart Ashby with Alton Loveless giving a detailed break down of the State work and expenditures. Motion to receive report by Rev. Alton Loveless, seconded, and passed.
- 10:52 Report of messengers sent to other state association- al meetings. Danny Cline gave a report of the West Virginia Association. Motion to accept report by Danny Cline, seconded, and passed.
Appointed messengers to other state meetings: Jim Jewel, West Virginia State Association, Charlie Wright, Kentucky State Association.
- 10:58 Report of Women's Aux. State Meeting, (item #4), given by Linda Combs, theme this year was "Giving Yourself Away" which the ladies did this past year with \$9,061.51 given to missions. Motion to accept report by Howard Kimble, seconded, and passed.
- 10:59 Motion to adjourn from business of morning worship by Franklin Harness, seconded, and passed.
- Morning Worship.
- Offering \$131.21
Attendance 230
Special music by Garden City Quartet
Morning message, "A Living Hope Incorruptible" IPeter 1:4,
Rev. Oral Maggard, Wheelersburg, Ohio
- 1:15 P.M. Afternoon session was opened by singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," followed by Wayne Frost leading in prayer. Rev. Arnold Pollard, Puritan, gave a devotional on "You" from Colossians 1:17-22.
- 1:37 Report of the National Sunday School Dept. (item #5), was given by Harold Harrison. Bro. Harrison thanked Ohio for their support over the past year and informed the Association of some changes to come in the Sunday School Dept. The Teen Dept. will have all new literature coming in the fall of 1984. Changes also will be made in the Adult literature this year. Motion to accept report by Danny Cline, seconded, and passed.
- 1:52 Report of the State Home Mission Dept. (item #6) given by Paul Collins with Steve Stidum (Hamilton) and Arnold Shrewsberry (Canton) giving a report of their work. Copies of the Constitution and by-laws of the Home Mission Dept. (item 6A) were also passed out. Motion to accept report by Alex Sekulich, seconded, and passed.
- 2:10 Report of the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College (item #7) was given by N.R. Smith. The college has started plans for a new building and also has had some changes in their staff. Bro. Smith thanked Ohio for their support and asked that Ohio pray for the college. Motion to accept report by Clarence Newman, seconded, and passed.

- 2:26 Report of delegates sent to the National Convention last year given by George Beal. Appointment of delegates to the National Convention to meet in Ohio this year were George Beal, Van Meadows, John Hays, Jessie Sayler, Elmo Kilgore.
- 2:30 Report of the National Foreign Mission Dept. (item #8) given by Don Sexton. Ohio was one of only nine states to exceed their quota this year. Ohio gave \$23,978 over our quota. Motion to accept report by Charlie Wright, seconded, and passed.
- 2:39 Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College (item #9), was given by Paul Ketterman. Twelve students from Ohio attended FWBCC this year. Ohio surpassed our quota by \$1,614.23. Our new quota for 1984 is \$13,000. Motion to accept report by Homer Brooks, seconded, and passed.
- 3:00 Motion to adjourn from business until Saturday morning by Alex Sekulich, seconded, and passed.
- Friday evening worship.
 CTS youth competitive activities award were passed out to the division winners by Carl Dunn.
 Offering \$283.26
 Attendance 380
 Special music by All Ohio Youth Choir and the Maranatha Singers (Columbus First).
 Message by Dr. Jack Williams taken from IPeter 1:4 "A Living Hope Undefined".
- 9:30A.M. Saturday morning session was opened by singing "He is Lord", followed by prayer by Alton Loveless.
- 9:39 Devotions was given by Arnold Shrewsberry (Canton), "We Must Die To Live" Hebrews 11:32-40.
- 10:00 Report of the National Executive Office (item #10) by Jack Williams. Ohio has contributed \$10,000 towards the National Convention expenses for this year. Bro. Williams thanked Ohio for their support of the Co-op plan and encouraged all Free Will Baptists to subscribe to Contact Magazine. Motion to accept report by Charlie Wright, seconded and passed.
- 10:09 Report of State CTS Board (item #11) given by Carl Dunn. CTS board has established a constitution and by-laws (item #11A) for the Associations approval. Doug Worley was appointed as State Youth Director. A state mailing list was compiled to keep all pastors and youth directors informed of activities. Motion to accept report and adopt items of business by Carl Dunn, seconded, and passed.
- Motion to change Article VIII, Section I Membership-delete Section D of the constitution and by-laws by Franklin Harness, seconded, and passed.

10:46 Report of Ohio Historical Committee given by Alton Loveless. Motion to accept report by Bro. Loveless, seconded and passed.

10:58 Report of the Business Committee (item #12) was read by the clerk. Motion to accept report by John Hays, seconded, and passed.

Item #1 recommended that State Association discontinue using the long yearly form (EX101) for reporting to the State and National Association and that we return to the shorter form of reporting. It further recommended that the state body send a recommendation to the National Association to this affect. Motion to adopt by John Jeffries, seconded, and passed.

Item #2 recommended that State Home Mission Board refuse financial support to any work that does not come under contract to our state board. Motion to adopt by Elmer Sizemore, seconded, and passed.

Item #3 recommended that the State Association give a honorium of \$400 per year for the use of Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church. Motion to adopt by Alex Sekulich, seconded, and passed.

11:09 Report of the Obituary Committee (item #14) read by the Clerk. Committee asked that the Association stand in a moment of silence for the following: Loyd Parsley, Ed Caudill, Jackie Jude, from Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Mary Frances Hatcher from Rosedale Free Will Baptist Church, Dan Spears from Camel Drive Free Will Baptist Church, Harry Klaiber from Pine Grove, Virginia Finney, Brenda Smith from Springfield First Free Will Baptist Church, Alton Riggs, Columbus First Free Will Baptist Church. Motion to adopt report and stand in silence by Franklin Harness, seconded, and passed.

11:12 Report of the Appreciation Committee was read by the clerk thanking Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality and courtesy extended. They also thanked the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and state promotional secretary for a job well done. We further appreciate the leading of the Holy Spirit in the planning of the State Meeting and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our Association meeting and asked Association to stand in unity to recognize such. Motion to accept report by Franklin Harness, seconded, and passed with everyone standing.

11:16 Report of the Nominating Committee (item #16) was read by the clerk. Nominations were as follows: Moderator-Wendell Combs, Assistant Moderator-Howard Kimble, Clerk-Wayne Frost, Assistant Clerk-Glenn Webb, General Board Members: 2 year terms, Central Ohio- Lucian Baker, Don Hix nominated from the floor. Don Hix elected. Cuyahoga Lorain-Alex Sekulich, Franklin-Quentin England, David Boggs, and Edwin Hayes nominated from the floor. Edwin Hayes elected. Great Lakes-Joe Rager, Jackson-Elmer Sizemore, Lawrence-Danny Cline, Little Miami-Charles Miller, Mike Stokes, Ernie Wright nominated from floor. Mike Stokes elected. North Eastern-Delmon Rose to fullfill unexpired 1984 term of John Easterly who has resigned. Pine Creek-Blaine Etterling nominated from floor to fullfill unexpired term (1984) of Howard Kimble

Assistant Moderator.

Board of Directors (7 year term)-Forrest Dyer, David Boggs, Franklin Harness nominated from floor. David Boggs elected.

State Home Mission Board (7 year term)- James Blair, Danna Booth, nominated from the floor. James Blair elected. To fullfill unexpired 1986 term of Roger Childers-Homer Brooks, Danna Booth, Dan Whittey nominated from the floor. Dan Whittey elected. To fullfill unexpired 1985 term of Billy McCarty-Ken Frisbee, Danna Booth, Dan Whittey nominated from the floor. Ken Frisbee elected.

CTS Board (7 year term)-Barbara Cordell, Jerry Neer nominated from the floor. Barbara Cordell elected. To fullfill unexpired 1986 term of Mike Mounts- Mike Foster.

Nominating Committee(3year term)-Bob Chaffin, Ernie Wright, Jr. Williams nominated from the floor. Jr. Williams elected.

Executive Committee (1 year term)-No nomination from the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor, Ed Hayes, Don Hix, Danny Cline, Mike Stokes, Alex Sekulich, Joe Rager. Elected were Ed Hayes, Don Hix, Danny Cline, Mike Stokes.

All officers were elected by acclamation except where noted.

12:15 Motion to adjourn from business by Howard Kimble, seconded, and passed.

Saturday worship.

Offering 97.62

Attendance 180

Special singing by Williams Family (Wheelersburg)

Message by Willie Booth (Cincinnati), taken from IPeter 1:4, "A Living Hope That Fadeth Not Away".

Association adjourned until 1984.

Moderator: Rev. Wendell Combs

Clerk: Rev. Wayne Frost

Note: Due to an over-seight there was no general board member elected for the Southern Ohio Conference. This position will be filled at the next meeting of the general board.