

47th annual session of the
Ohio Association of Free Will Baptist

Theme

"The unity of the Godhead in our salvation"

On June 21, 1985, at 9:30 AM, the 47th. annual Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist opened at Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was opened by congregational singing, followed by prayer led by assistant moderator, Delmer Sparks. The clerk, Mike Stokes, then called the association to order and introduced the moderator, Wendell Combs.

Moderator Combs then introduced the host pastor, David Boggs. Pastor Boggs welcomed the association to Columbus and placed himself and the facilities at the associations disposal.

The moderators message to the association was then delivered by, Brother Combs, reading as a basis for His remarks John chapter fifteen. His subject was, the effect of the Holy Spirits presence in our hearts.

As the congregation sang "Stand up for Jesus", visitors from other bodies we're welcomed and given the right hand of fellowship. From Nashville, our visitors were: Executive-Secretary, Melvin Worthington; Minister of Evangelism at the Bible College, Bob Shockey; Associate Director of Home Missions, Tryman Messer; Overseas Secretary for Foreign Missions, Jimmy Aldridge. The moderator then proceeded to seat the delegates in the center section of the church.

A partial report of the General Board was then given: (item 1) The board was informed that clerk Wayne Frost had resigned and that assistant clerk Mike Stokes, was now serving in that capacity. Greg McCarty, was nominated and approved as assistant clerk. (item 2) Recommendation that the newly formed North and Western Association be accepted into the state association. The partial report was voted on and approved. Delegates from the North and Western Association was given the right hand of fellowship and seated.

Report of the Board of Directors was given by, Hobert Ashby. The board made two recommendations: 1. That the yearly report and projected budget of the Ambassador Bible Book Store and State Office be approved. 2. That the Board of Directors be authorized to persue the possibility of purchasing a plot of land, located at, 2781 South High Street, and that the provisions necessary for it's purchase be placed in the hands of the trustees. The purchase price is, \$45,000.00. There was a motion and second to accept the recommendations. Voted on and approved.

Promotional-Secretary, Alton Loveless then gave a detailed report of the State Office and book store. Voted on and approved.

Women's Auxiliary report was given by, Sandy Mounts, who reported 130 registrations, total membership 342, number of auxiliaries in Ohio 25. In 1984 the Ladie's Auxiliary raised and gave \$7,862.76 to missions. In the coming year they hope to raise \$8,500.00. Linda Combs was elected as President. Motion and second to accept report, voted on and passed.

The report of Randall House Publications was given by, Mike Mounts. Voted on and approved.

Homer Brooks then made a motion to adjourn from business until the afternoon session, second and passed.

Special singing was by, Tom and Angie Dooley, missionaries to Hamilton. Reverend Oscar Baldwin, delivered the morning message entitled, "Chosen by the Father" Ephesians 1:4 .

AFTERNOON SECCION

The afternoon session was opened by the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Men's Quartet singing, followed by a devotional message delivered by, John Jeffrey. Moderator Combs then called the business session to order, and the following reports were given: Ohio Home Mission Board given by, Paul Collens. Also a report from home missionaries, Tom Dooley, Willie Booth and a report by Roy Roach who has begun a work in Zanesville, Ohio. There was a motion and second to accept these reports. Passed.

Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary, then gave a report of the National Office. Brother Worthington reported that Ohio gave \$32,166.47 this past year through the co-op program. There was a motion and second to receive this report. Passed.

An analysis report of the survey recently sent to Ohio pastors was then given by, Executive Committee Member, Edwin Hayes. The survey revealed both positive and negative results. There was a motion and second to send a modified version of this survey to all deacon boards in our churches. After discussion the body voted on and approved the motion.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by, Bob Shockey, who, reported that Ohio exceeded their quota of giving to the Bible college by, \$2,508.24, this past year. Also, He reported that there were twelve students from Ohio enrolled at the college. There was a motion and second to receive this report, voted on and passed.

An offering of \$148.52 was then taken.

Bernard Wheeler then gave the report of the CTS Board. The board recommended the following changes in the OYC By-laws: (article 11 section C) The OYC agrees to pay NYC registration fee for the contestants representing Ohio in the NYC competition. Also, the following changes in the OYC Constitution: (article 8 section 4) C. Board members 1) Board members are responsible to see that plans are made for youth rallies and activities in their areas and report back to the OYC Board. 2) They are to make themselves known and available to all churches in their respective areas. (article 8 section 5) 3) Board members outside the Columbus area will be reimbursed \$15.00 per meeting attended to help with travel expenses. There was a motion to accept this report and approve the changes. Voted on and approved.

Brother Tryman Messer, gave a report of the National Home Mission Board. Reporting that, twelve missionary families were sent to the field in 1984. We now have a total of 54 missionary families planting Free Will Baptist Churches throughout North America and the Islands belonging to the U.S. Ohio gave \$75,407.12, which was \$28,407.12 over our quota of \$47,000.00. Our quota for 1975 is \$65,000.00. There was a motion and second to receive this report. Passed.

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by, Richard Gallent, Director of Public Relations. Brother Gallent reported that five students from Ohio were enrolled. There was a motion and second to accept this report. Passed.

Report from the National Foreign Mission Board was given by Overseas Secretary, Jimmy Aldridge. There was a motion and second to receive this report. Voted on and approved.

The moderator encouraged all churches in Ohio to support the cooperative system of giving to all denominational ministries.

There was a motion and second to adjourn. Voted on and carried.

FRIDAY, P.M. SERVICE

Host pastor, David Boggs opened the service by recognizing Executive-Secretary Alton Loveless, who, has been conferred the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Business Administration and Religious Education from Columbia Pacific University, San Rafael, California.

Doug Worley, then presented CTS youth competitive activities awards to the division winners, who will represent Ohio in National Competition.

The Home Mission Board then formally commissioned the Roy Roach family as missionaries to Zanesville, Ohio.

A special offering of \$486.35 was taken for Brother Richard Presnell. Special music by, Hillsdale Men's quartet, and mass choir directed by, Richard Davis. Message, "Redeemed by the Son," Ephesians 1:7, delivered by, Merlin Teets.

SATURDAY MORNING - June 22

The session was opened by singing "Amazing Grace" followed by prayer and a devotional message led by, Mike Mounts.

Report of the "Youth for Christ Camp" given by Director, Bill Krammer. Motion and second to receive the report. Approved.

Final report of the General Board item #7 Recommendation that our constitution be amended to include provision for electing Nominating Committee Members. Voted on and approved.

Report of special meeting of the Executive Committee. (item 1) That the Ohio State Association extend an invitation to the National Association to convene in Ohio in 1997. (item 2) That we send a survey to the deacon boards of our churches, similar to the one recently completed by our pastors.

(item 3) Recommend that Ohio Free Will Baptist participate in the National Foreign Mission Boards three year program entitled "The Advanced Celebration" which will strengthen the hand of our missionaries by giving them the tools they need. The committee recommends that Ohio FWB target 5% over our Foreign mission budget, and that Wendell Combs and Edwin Hayes coordinate the program.

(item 1) Approved; (item 2) Motion and second to reject this item was not sustained. Motion and second to accept. Voted on and approved; (item 3) Voted on and approved.

Appointment of delegates to the National Association meeting in Nashville Tennessee was: Mr. & Mrs. George Bill, Jerry Neer, David Castle, and Jim Salyers.

Report of corresponding messengers: Charlie Wright reported His visit to the Kentucky State Association meeting; from W. Virginia, Ralph Dear gave a report of their meeting. These reports were received.

Appointment of corresponding messengers to other bodies: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wagner, to Kentucky association; W. F. Kurfman, to W. Virginia.

Report of the obituary committee. The committee ask the association to stand in a moment of silence in memory of the following people: Reverend Arnold Pollard, Reverend Floyd Wolfenbarger, Reverend Homer Nelson, Sister Lennie Riffle, there were other names mentioned from the floor. Motion and second to adopt the report. Passed.

Report of the resolution committee was then read by the clerk. In light of the excellent, encouraging, association meeting this year, let us resolve to return to our local churches with a greater zeal to do the Lord's work. Motion and second to receive the report. Passed.

Appreciation committee report, read by the clerk, thanking Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church for use of their facilities, all officers, organist, pianist, singers, songleader, and speakers who made this association meeting possible. The committee ask for a standing vote.

Report of the nominating committee read by the clerk. Nominations were as follows: Moderator, Wendell Combs, elected; Assistant Moderator, Edwin Hayes, elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes, elected; Assistant Clerk, Greg McCarty, elected; General Board, two year term. Southern Ohio-Delmar Marks, Little Miami-Roy Hutchinson, Lawrence-Danny Cline, Jackson - Ernest Phillips, Great Lakes-Joe Rager, Franklin-Delmer Sparks, Cuyahoga-Lorraine-Oziel Jeffreys, Central Ohio-Don Hix; Board of Directors, seven year term. Oscar Baldwin, elected; State Home Mission Board, seven year term. To fill an unexpired term which ends in 1990, Howard Kimble, elected. To fill an unexpired term which ends in 1987 - James Salyers, elected. To serve a full term, Kenneth Frisby; State CTS Board, seven year term. Mark Price, elected, '89; Barbara Lester, elected, '87; Doug Worley, elected, '86; Bernard Wheeler, elected, '92; Nominating committee, three year term. Clifford Ball, elected; Executive Committee, one year term. Delmar Sparks, Joe Rager, Danny Cline, Roy Hutchinson.

The moderator then called on the clerk to read the letter which will be sent to the National Association. After discussion, the letter was approved.

There was a motion and second that all Ohio churches use reporting forms, 501, 502, and 503 provided by the national association. Voted on, carried.

There was a motion and second to adjourn from business for worship. Passed. Special music, Woodstock Quartet. Message, "Sealed by the Spirit" Ephesians 1:13, Kenneth Frisby. Adjourn.

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Mike Stokes, clerk