

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

48 annual session of the
Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist

Theme
"Walking with God in Fellowship"

On June 27, 1986, at 9:30Am, the 48th annual session of the, Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist convened at, Heritage Temple FWB Church Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was opened by congregational singing, followed by prayer. The clerk, Mike Stokes, then called the association to order and introduced the moderator, Wendell Combs.

Moderator Combs introduced the Youth Pastor of Heritage Temple, Dana Kramer, who welcomed the association to Columbus, and to Heritage Temple.

The moderators message to the association was taken from, Acts 2:14-41, the subject, "The church that will grow preaching."

The moderator then called on the clerk to give a partial report of the general board on credentials. Item 2 The board recommends that the recently formed, Gallia County Conference, be accepted into the state association and their delegates be seated. Item 3, Recommendation that the recently formed, Cornerstone of Free Will Baptist Conference, be accepted into the state association, and their delegates be seated. Item 8, That the question brought by the, Great Lakes Conference be referred to the Executive Committee for study and resolution. There was a motion and second to adopt items 2, 3, and 8. Voted on and approved.

Committies were then appointed: Obituary: Joe Rager, Bobby Blackburn, Redford Meadows, Merlin Teets; Resolution: Don Hix, Dan Witting, Franklin Beverley, Rick Mason; Business: Blain Etterling, Larry James, Steve Stidham, William Hayes; Appreciation: Ernest Phillips, John Taylor, John Jeffrey, Senior.

As the congregation sang, visitors and corresponding messengers from other bodies were welcomed and given the right hand of fellowship. The moderator then proceeded to seat delegates in the center isle of the church.

Report of the Board of Directors was given by, Hobert Ashby. The board reported that they had signed a contract with, RHR contractors to construct the new state office and bookstore building at, 2777 South High Street. The board also recommended that the report and proposed annual budget of the, Ambassador Bible Bookstore and the State Office be approved. There was a motion and second that the report be received and the recommendation be adopted. Voted on and passed.

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

Foreign Mission Board report was given by, General Director Eugene Waddell, who reported there were six new missionaries going out this summer. There was a motion and second to receive the report, carried.

Final report of the general board was then given by the clerk. Item 1, The board voted on and approved those setting in as proxies for board members who were absent. Item 4, The board of directors report was given by, Oscar Baldwin. Item 5, Bernard Wheeler gave a report of OYC activity and recommended approval of the financial report. Item 6, The Home Mission Board report was given by, Paul Collens. Item 7, Executive Committee member, Edwin Hayes, gave a summary report of the survey which was sent to the deacons of our churches. only twenty one responded. There was a motion and second to receive the final report. Voted on and approved.

Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary, gave a report of the national office. There was a motion and second to receive the report, passed.

An offering of, \$147.04 was received from the congregation.

There was a motion and second to adjourn from business until the afternoon. Voted on and carried.

Special singing was by, The True Gospel Singers, and John Gibbs. The message entitled, "Conditions of Fellowship" 1 John 1:6-10, was delivered by, John Gibbs.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by, Robert Prichard, who gave a devotional on, "The practice of the church that will grow" Acts 2:42.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by, Charles Thigpin. Thirteen students from Ohio were enrolled at the college. There was a motion and second to receive the report, passed.

Report of the State Home Mission Board given by, Paul Collens. Home missionaries Tom Dooley, Willie Booth, and Roy Roach each spoke of their work. There was a motion and second to receive the report, passed.

Report of WNAC was given by, Linda Combs, who reported the auxiliary had exceeded their goal for the past year. There was a motion and second to receive this report, passed.

Mark Gedeon, who is a missionary with "Latin American Professionals Outreach of Bolivia" then addressed the association about His work in Bolivia. There was a motion and second to receive his report, carried.

Report of OYC was given by, Burnard Wheeler, who reported growth in participation in OYC. Brother Wheeler also gave their financial report. OYC will sponcer a penny drive this year, with proceede going to the land fund. Motion and second to receive report, passed.

Report of deacon survey was given by, Executive Committee member, Edwin Hayes. There were twenty one respondents to the survey. Five suggestions were made as a result of the study: 1. More communication between pastor and deacons is needed. 2. Greater tolerance in pastor deacon relationship. 3. Greater emphasis needed on supporting denominational enterprises, particularly co-op. 4. More consideration and determination in the area of personal growth. 5. Realization that we as the state association need a touch of God on our work. Motion and second to accept the report, passed.

Report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College given by, Richard Gallant. Motion and second to receive report, passed.

There was a motion and second to adjourn from business until Saturday. Voted on and passed.

FRIDAY PM SERVICE

Joe Rager opened the service with congregational singing and prayer. Bernard Wheeler then presented CTS competitive activities awards to the division winners, who will represent Ohio in national competition. An offering of, \$204.43 was then taken.

Special singing was by, (*Jodi Young*) winner in the ambassador section of vocal competition, also John Gibbs, Richard Davis conducted a mass choir. Message, "The character of fellowship," 1 John chapter two was delivered by, Brother Worthington.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened by, Bill Hayes who gave a devotion and led in prayer.

Report of the National Home Mission Board was given by, John Gibbs. Received

Report of Southeastern Bible College given by, Raymond Coffee. Received.

The moderator then appointed corresponding messengers to other bodies: Bill Hayes, Kentucky, John Jeffreys, West Virginia.

In miscellaneous business, there was a motion and second to retain the present Executive Committee for the purpose of dealing with the question referred to them in the general board report, item 8. Voted on and approved.

Brother Loveless made a motion that Ohio adopt the, "Target 90" program and appoint Delmar Sparks as coordinator. Seconded and passed.

Committee reports: Business: Item 1 Recommendation that the state association increase its percentage of co-op giving to our home missionaries from 10% to 15%. Item 2 A recommendation that anyone submitting material for publication in the ambassador, who is not affiliated with the state association, be rejected. There was a motion and second to refer item one to committee. Voted and carried. There was a motion and second to reject item two. The motion was sustained.

Appreciation Committee report expressed thanks to, Heritage Temple, Keth Trimble pianist, Ann Howard organist, Richard Davis song director, all officers of the state association, and special appreciation to businesses in the neighborhood for their courtesy. Appreciation to each speaker, and the singers. The committee ask for a standing vote of appreciation. Granted.

Resolution Committee, no business.

Obituary Committee ask the association to stand in a moment of silence to remember those who have passed away this year. Fay Evans, Joe Baldwin, Leonard Salman, Ethel Pack, Billy Grahm, Augusta Parks, Arthur Weaver, Orville Southworth, Nathan Frazee, Helen Darby Coldiron, James Robert Taylor Jr., Ruth Shellhass, Herb Davis, Gene Perkins, Fred Miller, Bob Castle, Lloyd Tedrick. Brother Loveless was asked to offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

Nominating Committee report was read by the clerk. Nominations were as follows: Moderator, Edwin Hayes, elected; Assistant Moderator, Mike Mounts, elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes, elected; Assistant Clerk, Greg McCarty, elected; General Board Members, Hansford Reed, (Waynesburg) elected. Forest Dyer, to fill an unexpired term of, Roy Hutchinson, (Little Miami) elected. Andrew Parsons, (Gallia Conference) elected. Keth Perkins, (Cornerstone Conference) elected. Richard Hensley, Trinity) elected. Ken Frisbe, to fill an unexpired term of Joe Rager, (Great Lakes) elected. Robert Maynard, (South Central) elected. Floyed Estep, (Porter) elected. Paul Oppy, (Pine Creek) elected. Cecil Jessie, (Northeastern) elected. W.E. Curfman, (Meigs) elected; Board of Directors, Robert Chaffin, (seven year term) elected; CTS Board, Ron Carver, (seven year term) elected. Dottie Sizemore to fill an unexpired term of Marty Bussy, elected; Home Mission Board, Roy Hutchinson, to fill an unexpired term of Ken Frisbe, elected. Paul Etterling, (seven year term) elected; Nominating Committee, Rick Mason, elected. Danny Lanney, to fill an unexpired term of Mike Mounts, elected; National General Board Member, Delmar Sparks, elected; Executive Committee, Richard Hinsley, Keth Perkins, Floyd Estep, Forest Dyer, elected.

The moderator then called on the clerk to read the letter which will be sent to the national association. Delegates to the national was appointed: David Castle, Tom Price, Jerry Neere, Keth Pack, George Beal. After discussion the letter was approved.

An offering of \$91.16 was received.

There was a motion and second to adjourn from business for worship, passed. Special singing, Steve and Stephanie Kirk, and John Gibbs. Message: William Pitts, "The caution of fellowship," 1 John 4:1-4. Adjourn.

*Mike Stokes
Clerk*

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