

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

Theme  
"The fullness of the Holy Spirit"

On June 26, 1987 at 9:30 AM the 49th. annual session of the, Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist convened at, Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist 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, Edwin Hayes.

Moderator Hayes introduced the pastor of Heritage Temple, David Boggs, who welcomed the association to Columbus, and to Heritage Temple.

The moderators message to the association was taken from 2 Corinthians 5:18, which says, we are ambassadors for Christ.

There was congregational singing while visitors were welcomed. The moderator then seated delegates in the center isles.

Committies were then appointed. Business: Forest Dyer, Don Patric, Bill Hayes; Resolution: Wendell Combs, Oziel Jeffries, Phil Dillon; Obituary: Roy Hutchinson, Lester McMan, John Reese; Appreciation: Don Hix, Bob Blackburn, Clifford Ball.

A.J. Looper superentendent of Free Will Baptist Childrens Home in Greenville Tennessee then gave a report of his work. Received.

The moderator then called for the General Board report. Item 1, Board members present 9, absent 8. The board voted on and approved one proxy. Item 2, the special committee appointed in 1986 to study and resolve the question between the Scioto Yearly and the Great Lakes conference was given by committee chairman, Wendell Combs. The committee stated the matter was resolved. Item 3, the general board recommends that the word, "should" in our treatise page 59 section E1, E2, E3, and page 69 section D and E be understood as binding - to clarify, it is recommended that all affiliated conferences in the state association follow the treatise in reference to cooperation, courtesy, and uniformity in transferral procedure. Item 4, the board of directors report was given by board member, David Boggs. The board recommended that the report and projected budget of the, Ambassador Bible Book Store, and State office be adopted. Item 5, the state office report was given by, Alton Loveless. Item 6, the executive committee report was given by the clerk. Item 7, OYC report given by, chairman Bernard Wheeler. Item 8, Ohio Mission Board report was given by, Roy Hutchinson. The board ask for clarification of article 5 section 2 of our constitution which governs their responsibility in reference to obtaining and granting financial loans. Item 9, the general board recommends that authority be given to the Home Mission Board to grant and seek financial loans in order to carry out their mandate. There was a motion and second to receive the report. Carried.

The association then proceeded to vote on items 3 and 9, after discussion these were adopted.

Report of the National Foreign Mission office was given by, Fred Warner.

Report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by, Richard Terry, Director of Development. Brother Terry reported that eight students from Ohio attend the college.

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

An offering of \$117.52 was received from the congregation. Special singing by, John Cordell of Woodstock Free Will Baptist Church. The message entitled, "His work in redemption: Regeneration" John 3:5, was delivered by, David Boggs.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Forest Dyer gave a devotional to begin the afternoon session, followed by prayer.

The moderator then called on Bob Prichard to give the Board of Directors report. Promotional Secretary, Alton Loveless then gave a detailed report of the State Office and Bookstore. Brother Loveless reported that we still owe \$14,000.00 on our land. Voted on and approved.

Report of the State Home Mission Board was given by chairman, Roy Hutchinson. Home missionaries, Tom Dooley, Roy Roach, and Willie Booth each reported on their work. Brother Hutchinson noted walk-a-thons throughout the state which have raised money for mission work. Voted on and approved.

The moderator then ask for volunteers to go as corresponding messengers to other state association meetings. Arizona, Forest Dyer; Indiana, Mike Mounts and Mike Stokes; Kentucky, Bill Hayes; North Carolina, James England.

Report of WNAC was given by, Sandy Mounts. Sister Mounts reported that the auxiliary had raised more than \$                      This past year. Voted and carried.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by president, Dr. Charles Thigpin. Following Brother Thigpin's report a motion and second was made that the association stand in a moment of silence in remembrance of Paul Kettamin, who went to be with the Lord recently. Brother Kettamin had served the college for many years.

The National Home Mission Board report was given by board member, Hobert Ashby. Brother Ashby reported that income to support the work of the home mission department for 1986 was, \$1,830,978.96. Voted on and approved.

The OYC report was given by, Bernard Wheeler. Voted on and approved.

Report of Southeastern Free Will College was given by, Joe Haas. Approved.

The moderator then ask for volunteers to go as delegates to the national association meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. Delegates are: Doris Ball, Helen Reese, Geraldene Beal, Lou Hackworth, Al Dooley.

#### FRIDAY PM SERVICE

Mike Mounts opened the service with congregational singing and prayer. Bernard Wheeler then presented CTS competitive activity awards to division winners who will represent Ohio in national competition.

An offering of \$185.94 was received.

Special singing by, Jodi Young winner of the ambassador section of vocal competition. Richard Davis conducted a mass choir, made up of people from across the state. Message: Dr. Charles Thigpin, "His power in living: Sanctification" Romans chapter eight.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened by, Lucian Baker, who gave a devotional.

Moderator Hayes then called for reports of appointed committees.

Obituary: The committee ask the association to stand in a moment of silence to remember those who have gone to be with the Lord this past year. Fred McCoy, Reverend Herbert Hinson, Lena Wheeler, Martha Step, Alva McDaniel, Carrie Sparks, Lula Wiley, Roy Stewart, John Ball.

Appreciation: The committee expressed thanks to, Heritage Temple, their staff and pastor Boggs, Bill Greer song leader, Tommy Greer pianist, Tim Livesay organist, Ruth Ann Castle organist, Richard Davis choir director, all singers and speakers, all officers of the state association. The committee ask for a standing vote of appreciation. Granted.

Resolution: The committee makes the following resolution: "We the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist consisting of 144 churches and more than 10,000 members across the state do not condone the use of contraceptives as an alternative for the prevention of the spread of AIDS. Be it further resolved that, we believe in the Biblical admonition that sexual activity outside of marriage is sin, and that any non monogamous marriage is sin. The committee ask that this resolution be adopted as an official statement of the association, and be sent to state political leaders as well as to the national association. Voted on and approved.

Nomination: Moderator - Edwin Hayes, elected; Assistant Moderator - Mike Mounts, elected; Clerk - Mike Stokes, elected; Assistant Clerk - Greg McCarty, elected; General Board Member - Delmar Marks, (Southern Ohio) elected; Forest Dyer, (Little Miami) elected; Kenny Webb, (Laurance Co.) elected; Ernest Phillips, (Jackson Co.) elected; Ken Frisbee, (Great Lakes) elected; Delmar Sparks, (Franklin Co.) elected; John Jeffries, (Cyahoga-Lorain) elected; Don Hix, (Central) elected; Board of Directors - Roger Childers, elected; State Home Mission Board - Jim Salyers, elected; State CTS Board - Barbara Lester, elected; Dione Dean, to fill an unexpired term of Barb Cordell, elected; Nominating Committee - Danny Laney, elected; Target "90" Program Chairman - Bill Hayes, elected; Executive Committee - Don Hix, Forest Dyer, Keth Perkins, Kin Frisbee, elected.

The moderator then called for reading of the report which will be sent to the national association meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. Delegates to the nationals are: Doris Ball, Geraldene Beal, Helen Reese, Lou Hackworth, and Al Dooley.

An offering of \$87.59 was received. There was a motion and second to adjourn from business for worship. Carried. Special singing by, Sacred Airs. Message: Reverend Franklin Harness, "His Mission Accomplished: Glorification" Philipians 1:6. Adjourn.