

50th. annual session of the  
Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist

THEME  
"OHIO'S YEAR OF JUBILEE"

On June 24, 1988 at 9:30 am the 50th. annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist convened at, Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was opened by congregational singing, let by, Richard Davis, 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 3:5-6 the theme of his message was, "The main purpose of our ministry".

The clerk then informed the association that all credentials were in order and the moderator proceeded to seat all delegates in the center isles.

Committees were then appointed. Business: Keith Perkins, Mark Packston, Don Patric; Resolution: Roy Hutchinson, John Taylor, Delmar Sparks; Appreciation: Jim England, Van Meadow, Wayne Keith; Obituary: John Jeffries, sr., Roy Roach, Clifford Ball.

There was congregational singing while visitors were given the right hand of fellowship. Visiting were: Clyde Eldridge, A.J. Looper, Jack Taylor, Herman Hersey, Melvin Worthington, Richard Perry, Fred Warner, Roy Thomas, Bob Shockey and Joe Haas.

The clerk was then called upon to give the general board report.

- Item 1) Board members present 9, absent 3. The board voted on and approved Wendell Combs as proxy for Robert Maynard from South Central Conference and Ronald E. Parker as proxy for, Paul Oppy from Pine Creek.
- Item 2) The Franklin Conference informed the board that they have withdrawn fellowship from the Good Shepherd Church. The board was informed that the Southern Ohio Conference has been dissolved.
- Item 3) The Executive Board report was given by the clerk.
- Item 4) The OYC report was given by, Bernard Wheeler.
- Item 5) The Ohio Mission Board report was given by, Roy Hutchinson.
- Item 6) The Board of Directors report was given by, Hobert Ashby. The board offered a resolution for consideration in regard to the state property, it is as follows:  
"Be it resolved that in the event of the dissolution of the State Association of Free Will Baptist that the property maintained by the board of directors, namely, the Ambassador Bible Book Store and State Office property, be deeded to the Free Will Baptist Foundation of the National Association".  
The board also recommended that the report and projected budget of the Ambassador Book Store and State Office be adopted.
- Item 7) The Executive Secretary report of the State Office and Book Store was given by, Alton Loveless, who reported a great year in all departments.

There was a motion and second to receive the report with the exception of items 6 and 7 which would be voted on in the afternoon session.

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

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Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by Promotional Director, Joe Haas. received.

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by, Richard Perry. received.

Nashville Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by, Bob Shockey, Director of Student Support Department. Brother Shockey reported that there were twelve students from Ohio enrolled. Received.

National Foreign Mission Board report was given by, Fred Warner. Received.

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

An offering of, \$102.06 was received from the congregation. Special singing by, Ohio Ministers Quartet. The message from, Joshua 24:1-13, entitled, "Reviewing our past" was delivered by, Dr. Hobert Ashby.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing, Standing on the promises. Devotion by, Rev. Homer Brooks.

The moderator then called on the Board of Directors Chairman, Hobert Ashby to give their report. Alton Loveless then gave a detailed report of the State Office and Book Store. Brother Loveless reported that only about \$500.00 was still owed on the land fund debt. To commemorate our year of jubilee Brother Loveless put together in booklet form an overview of our history which He presented with His report. There was a motion and second to receive the report and to adopt the projected budget. Carried.

Moderator Hayes then called on the clerk to read items 6 and 7, of the general board report. There was a motion and second to adopt. Passed.

Roy Hutchinson Chairman of the Home Mission Board gave their report. Home Missionaries Tom Dooley and Roy Roach gave reports of their works. The reports and projected budget was approved.

The moderator then appointed corresponding messengers to other state association meetings: Arizona, Forest Dyer; Kentucky, Bill Hayes; North Carolina, James England.

Report of the State Womens Auxiliary was given by, Sandy Mounts. Sister Mounts reported that they had exceeded their projected goal for the year, raising \$9,540.09. Auxiliary membership has also increased from 319 members in 1986, to, 413 in 1988. State wide the number of churches with active auxiliaries has increased to 32. This years key note speaker was, Fred Warner. Report received.

Report of the National Office was given by, Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary. Received.

OYC report was given by, Bernard Wheeler. Received.

Herman Hersey, gave a report of the Free Will Baptist Foundation. Received.

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Report of the National Home Mission Board was given by, Director Roy Thomas. Received.

Al Dooley, gave a report of the National Association Meeting in Alabama last year. Received.

The moderator then ask for volunteers to go as delegates to the National Association Meeting in , Kansas City. Delegates appointed are: George Beal, Geraldine Beal, Al Dooley, Doris Ball and Tracy Beal.

There was a motion and second to adjourn from business until Saturday Morning. Carried.

#### FRIDAY PM SERVICE

Presiding, Rev. Don Hix. The service was opened with prayer and congregational singing. Bernard Wheeler then presented CTS competitive activity awards to division winners who will represent Ohio in the National Competition.

On behalf of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Caudell Atkins, presented to Brother Loveless a certificate commissioning Him as a Kentucky Colonel.

Special singing by , Porter Choir and Jodi Young, winner of the vocal competition.

Message by, Rev. Carl Dunn. "A Renewal of Our Covenant" Joshua 24:14-24.

An offering of \$370.95 was received.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened by congregational singing and a devotional by, Jerry McArthur.

Moderator Edwin Hayes called the association to order for business. A report of, Masters Men was given by, Director Jim Vallance from the National Office. Brother Jim reported that during 1987 Masters Men helped to build three more Mission Churches. Also that in 1988 there are three new masters hands projects planned. Report received.

The moderator then called for reports of appointed committies.

Obituary: Milburn W. Alicie, Kenneth Wagner, Ellen Cox, Louie Perkins, Cecil Williams, Glen Richards, Stewart Reed, Virginia Zelaski, Alice Roe, Wilma Evans, lacy Pack, Isabel Widdig, Ray Hayes, Mitchell Boyd, Pearlle Beedy and Ruth Calvert. The committee ask that the association stand in a moment of silence to remember these who have gone to be with the Lord this past year. Granted.

Appreciation: The committee expressed appreciation to the following people for making this association meeting a memorable jubilee: The Executive Committee for organizing the meeting; All the officers who did their job for the glory of God; Speakers, Edwin Hayes, Hobert Ashby, Carl Dunn, Lester McMahan, Homer Brooks, Jerry McArthur; The musicians and singers; To Alton Loveless for preparing the convention brochure and the historical research He did; Mark Paxton who spent over fourty hours preparing the convention banner; Special thanks to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church and pastor David Boggs for hosting the association meeting for the tenth year; All former moderators and officers present; Moderator Edwin Hayes and Assistant Moderator Mike Mounts.

The committee ask for a standing vote of appreciation. Granted.

Business: There was a motion and second from the committee to change the percentage of cooperative giving to the State and National Departments from a 60-40 ratio, to a 65-35 ratio. The motion was not sustained. The committee also recommended that the Constitution be changed to enable the Assistant Clerk to succeed Himself as often as the association shall decide. Voted on and approved.

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Resolution: The committee offered a resolution calling on all parents to evaluate the education their children are receiving in both private and public schools and to make sure the values they are learning does not undermine the family unit. Approved. The committee also offered a resolution commending Dennis Shere former publisher of the Dayton Daily News for His commitment to christian values. The committee also ask that a letter be sent to Brother Shere commending Him for His actions and a letter of condemnation to the Dayton Daily News. Approved.

Nomination Committee: Moderator, Edwin Hayes, elected; Assistant Moderator, Mike Mounts, elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes, elected; Assistant Clerk, Greg McCarty, elected; General Board, Hansford Reed (Waynesburg Con.), elected; Richard Hensley (Trinity Conf.), elected; Wendell Combs (South Central Conf.), elected; Floyd Estep (Porter Conf.), elected; Ron Parker (Pine Creek Con.), elected; Cecil Jessie (Northeastern Conf.), elected; W.E. Curfman (Meigs Conf.), elected; Andrew Parsons (Cornerstone Conf.), elected; Board of Directors, Clifford Ball, elected; State CTS Board, Mark Leonard, elected; CTS Board, to fill an unexpired term of Ron Carver, Manuel Lopez, elected; Home Mission Board, Jim Henderson, elected; Nominating Committee, Keith Perkins, elected; National General Board Member, Delmar Sparks, elected.

The moderator then called on the clerk to read the report which will be sent to the National Association Meeting in Kansas City. Approved.

An offering of, \$63.26 was received. There was a motion and second to adjourn from business for worship. Carried. Special singing by, The Hamilton Singers. Message delivered by, Rev. Lester McMahan, entitled "A Reminder of Our Pledge" Joshua 24:25-28. Adjourn.

*NOTE: Elected to the Executive Committee were, Delmar Sparks, Wendell Combs, Donald Hick, + John Jeffries. Mike Stokes*