

51st. Annual Session of the
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
THEME

"REACHING A LOST WORLD FOR CHRIST"

On June 23, 1989 at 9:30 A.M. the 51st annual session of the Ohio Association of Free Will Baptist convened at Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was opened by congregational singing led by Richard Davis. 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 moderator's message to the association was taken from Luke 15:1,2. The theme of his message was, "Reaching a lost world."

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

The clerk was then called upon to give the general board report.
Item 1) Board members present 10, absent 7. The board voted on and approved George Grice as proxy for Ron Parker from Pine Creek and Oziel Jeffries as proxy for David Trustey from North and Western.

Item 2) The clerk read a letter of resignation from assistant moderator, Mike Mounts, who informed the board that he has accepted a pastorate in Millport, Alabama. Delmar Sparks was elected by acclamation to fill brother Mounts unexpired term.

Item 3) The general board has examined the organizational structure of the Tri-State Conference and recommends that it be accepted into the Ohio State Association.

Item 4) The Executive Board report was given by the clerk.

Item 5) The OYC report was given by Bernard Wheeler.

Item 6) The Ohio Mission Board report was given by Roy Hutchinson. Brother Hutchinson informed the board that Tom Dooley missionary to Hamilton has resigned for health reasons and that missionary David McGowen will assume that work in July. The general board recommends that the report and proposed budget of the mission board be adopted.

Item 7) The Board of Directors report was given by chairman Hobert Ashby. The board presented a Constitution and By-Laws designed to govern the board of directors. The general board recommends it's radification and that the report and projected budget of the Ambassador Bookstore and State Office be adopted.

Item 8) The Executive Secretary report was given by Alton Loveless.

There was a motion and second to receive the report. Then the association proceeded to vote on items 2 and 3 which were approved. Item 7 to be considered in the afternoon session.

Committees were then appointed. Business: Jerry McArthur, James Blair, George Grice; Resolution: Oziel Jeffries, Bill Hayes, Manuel Lopes; Appreciation: Roy Roach, Ernest Phillips, Roy Hutchinson; Obituary: Wayne Keith, Clifford Ball, Robert Lay.

The moderator then called for congregational singing while the right hand of fellowship was given to visitors Herman Hersey Director of the national board of retirement, A.J. Looper director of the Free Will Baptist Childrens Home in Greenville, Tennessee, Fred Warner from the National Foreign Mission Board, Bill Fulcher from Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Melvin Worthington from the National Office.

Moderator Hayes then called for reports from various departments. Report of the national office was given by Executive Secretary, Melvin Worthington, received.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Childrens Home was given by director, A.J. Looper, received.

Report of the National Home Mission Board was given by, Willie Booth, Ohio home missionary, received.

Report of the Southeastern Free Will Baptist College was given by, Bill Fulcher, received.

Report of the OYC was given by, Manuel Lopes, received.

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

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

An offering of \$117.63 was received from the congregation. Special singing by, Cindi Porter. The message from Acts 1:8 entitled, "The Power of the Witness" was delivered by, Wendell Combs, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church Chillicothe, Ohio.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing led by, Richard Davis. A devotion from Matthew 18:11 was led by, Danny Cline.

The moderator then called the association to order and introduced the board of directors chairman Hobert Ashby, to give their report. The moderator then called for the reading of item 7 in the general board report which is a recommendation from the general board that, the proposed constitution and by-laws of the board of directors be adopted. The board of directors report and item 7 of the general board report were voted on and approved.

Alton Loveless then gave a detailed report of the State Office and Bookstore. Brother Loveless reported that Free Will Baptist in Ohio were moving forward. Report received and approved.

Corresponding messenger Bill Hayes gave a report of the Kentucky State Association Meeting in Axuer, Kentucky. Received.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement and the Free Will Baptist Foundation was given by director, Herman Hersey, received.

Report of the Ohio Mission Board was given by, Roy Hutchinson. David McGowen designated missionary to Hamilton addressed the association followed by missionar Willie Booth, and Roy Roach who gave reports of their work. The boards report and proposed budget was received and adopted.

Report of the Womans State Auxiliary was given by Vice President, Zerina (zee) Shopbell. Sister Zee reported that Auxiliary members reporting were 384 from 28 auxiliaries. Four local auxiliaries reported who does not belong to a district. Five districts reported. Two auxiliaries were added this year. Their projected goal for 1989-90 is \$9,500.00. New officers elected this year are: President, Barbara Chaffin; Vice President, Zerina Shopbell; Field Worker, Delois Loveless; Secretary, Clara Widdig; Treasurer, Catherine Rapp; Members at Large, Barbara McArther, Betty Ashby, and Judi Dempsey, received.

Nashville Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by, Bob Shockey, director of student support departmant. Brother Shockey reported that the Pass the Torch campaign ended May 31, 1989, and that Ohio gave \$30,372.24. Enrolement at the college for 1988 - 1989 was 345 with 15 students from Ohio. Received.

Report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by, Richard Terry. Brother Terry reported that president Edwin Wayde has retired and that Jim Shepherd was now president of the college, received.

Report of the National Association Meeting last year in Kansas City was given by, A.J. Dooley, received.

The moderator then ask for volunteers to go as delegates to the national association meeting in Tampa, Florida. Delegates appointed are: A.J. Dooley, Mary Dooley, Doris Ball, Delois Loveless, Janueta Jewell.

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

FRIDAY PM SERVICE

Presiding, Rev. Delmar Sparks. The service was opened with prayer and congregational singing. Manuel Lopes then presented CTS activity awards to division winners who will represent Ohio in national competition. Brother Alton Loveless then presented an appreciation plaque to Herman Hersey for his 50 years of ministry in Free Will Baptist.

Special singing by a mass youth choir and Krissy Lemaster, winner of the vocal competition.

Message by, Rev. Herman Hersey, "The People of the Witness" Acts 1:8.

An offering of \$305.37 was received.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened by congregational singing led by, Richard Davis, followed by a devotion led by, James Blair. Moderator Edwin Hayes then called the association to order for business.

Committee reports. Business: The Business Committee recommended the following constitutional change involving article 4 under officers #1 "The officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk shall be elected annually at the close of each session and may succeed themselves as often as this body shall decide." This recommendation was voted on and approved.

Resolution: No resolutions presented.

Obituary: John Burserean, Marvin Anderson, Cecil Gardner, Brenda Beaty, Minnie King, Gladys McNeal, Hazel Tillis, Eva Mitchel, Arma Chaffin, Allie Edwards, Allie Huntsman, Verta Hester. There was a motion 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: Pastor Boggs and the Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church for their excellent facilities; Sister Orthea Rose for designing the banner; Musicians, Myra Leonard, Tim Livesay; Singers, Richard Davis, Cindi Porter, Krissy Lemasters, Mass Youth Choir, Maranatha Singers; All speakers, Wendell Combs, Herman Hersey, Robert Prichard, James Blair, Danny Cline, Delmar Sparks, and Alton Loveless; all officers, Thanks. The committee ask for a standing vote of appreciation. Granted.

Nominating Committee: Moderator, Edwin Hayes, elected; Assistant Moderator, Robert Prichard, elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes, elected; Assistant Clerk, Greg McCarty, elected; General Board, Oziel Jeffries (Northwestern), elected; Forest Dyer, (Little Miami), elected; Howard Kimbell (Lawrence), elected; Jim Ebert (Jackson), elected; Kenneth Frisbee (Great Lakes), elected; Delmar Sparks (Franklin), elected; John Jeffrey (Cuyahoga-Loraine), elected; Don Hix (Central), elected; Jerry McArther (Tri-State), elected; Daniel Bates (Northeastern), to fill the unexpired term of Cecil Jessie, elected; Board of Directors, Bob Lagg, elected; Forest Chamberlin to fill the unexpired term of Oscar Baldwin, elected; State CTS Board, Mark Price, elected; Steve Loveless to fill the unexpired term of Dione Dean, elected; Home Mission Board, Garland Roberts, elected; Nominating Committee, R.C. Keith, elected; Executive Committee, Delmar Sparks, Don Hix, Howard Kimball, Wendell Combs, elected.

The moderator then called on the clerk to read the report which will be sent to the national association meeting in Tampa, Florida. Approved.

There was a motion and second to adjourn, carried. Special singing by, Maranatha Singers. An offering of \$90.82 was received. Message by, Robert Prichard pastor of Cleveland Free Will Baptist Church, "The Place of the Witness" Acts 1:8. Adjourn.

