

**52nd Annual Session
of the
Ohio State Association
of
Free Will Baptist
Theme
"Our Free Will Baptist Distinctives"**

The 52nd annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist met June 22-23,1990 at Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church Columbus,Ohio. The theme of the convention was "Our Free Will Baptist Distinctives." Richard Davis served as song leader with Myra Leonard pianist.

Friday Morning - June 22,1990

The meeting was opened by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace."

Clerk Mike Stokes called the meeting into official session and introduced Moderator Edwin Hayes.

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

The moderators message to association was taken from 1Kings 22.His subject was "What happens When one Speaks for God."

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

The clerk was then called upon to give the General Board report. Item #1 Board members present 13,absent 5. The Board voted on and approved George Grice as proxy for Ron Parker from Pine Creek. Item #2 The Executive Committee report was given by the clerk. Item #3 The CTS report was given by Manuel Lopes. Item #4 The Ohio State Mission Board report was given by chairman Roy Hutchinson. Item #5 The clerk informed the board of the intentions of Assistant Clerk Greg McCarty to resign because he has moved out of state.Oziel Jeffries was nominated and approved to fill this unexpired term.

Item #6 The Board of Directors Report was given by chairman Hobert Ashby. Item #7 The Executive Secretary Report of the State Office and Book Store was given by Alton Loveless. The General Board recommends that the report and projected budget of the Ambassador Book Store and State Office be adopted. Item #8 The moderator then appointed the chairmen of committies as follows: Jerry McArther, Business; Don Hix, Resolution; Roy Hutchinson, Obituary; Delmar Sparks, Appreciation. A motion carried to receive the General Board report.

The moderator then completed the appointment of committies to serve during the convention. Those appointed to the Business Committee were Manuel Lopes, and David Boggs. The Resolution Committee consisted of Douglas Woorley and Robert Legg, Sr. Those appointed to the Obituary Committee were Elmer Huff and Howard Boggs. Those serving on the Appreciation Committee were John Jeffre, Sr. and Van Meadows. The Nominating Committee consisted of Keith Perkins, Ken Frisbee and Hobert Ashby.

The moderator then called for congregational singing while the convention welcomed visitors.

Moderator Hayes then called for reports from various state and national departments.

Director Roger Hood gave the report of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children located in Greenville, Tennessee. A motion carried to receive his report.

President Jim Shepherd gave the report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. A motion carried to receive the report.

Manuel Lopes gave the State CTS report. A motion carried to receive the report. Brother Lopes presented a plaque to Bernard Wheeler expressing appreciation for his years of service on the State CTS Board. A motion was made and seconded from the floor which ask for a standing vote of appreciation for Brother Wheeler. Carried.

Terry Eagleton gave a report of Randall House Publications. A Motion carried to receive the report.

There was a motion and second to adjourn from business until the afternoon session. Carried.

Richard Davis led the congregation in singing to begin the worship service.

An offering of \$96.38 was received from the congregation.

Special singing by John Blackley.

Pastor Forrest Chamberlin of the Porter Church was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "Our Participation in the Lords Supper." He read 1Corinthians 11:23-24 as a text and delivered the message.

A motion carried to recess the Friday Morning session for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

After congregational singing Keith Perkins read Isiah 40:31, and Hebrews 12:1, brought devotional thoughts and led in prayer to open the afternoon session.

Moderator Hayes introduced Don Sexton to give the National Foreign Mission report. A motion carried to receive his report.

Chairman Hobert Ashby gave the Board of Directors report. A motion carried to receive the report.

Alton Loveless gave a detailed report of the State Office and Book Store. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the projected budget.

Roy Hutchinson gave the report of the Ohio State Mission Board. Brother Hutchinson reported that each of the mission works in Ohio were progressing. Missionary Willie Booth, Lancaster; David McGowen, Hamilton; Roy Roach, Zanesville each gave a report of their work. A motion carried to receive these reports and adopt the budget.

Corresponding messenger Bill Hayes gave a report of the Kentucky State Association which met in Louisville, Kentucky. A motion carried to receive the report. Brother Bill Hayes volunteered again to visit the Kentucky State Association in 1991.

Barbara Chaffin gave the Women's Auxiliary report. A motion carried to receive the report.

Robert Picirilli gave the report of Free Will Baptist Bible College. A motion carried to receive the report.

Director Roy Thomas gave the report of the National Home Mission Department. Brother Thomas announced a "Build My Church Campaign" which will put money into a special fund used to purchase property to build churches on. A motion carried to receive the report.

Delegate A.J. Dooley gave a report of the national association meeting. A motion carried to receive the report.

Moderator Hayes then appointed delegates to the National Association Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona: Doris Ball, A.J. Dooley, Evelyn Chamberlin, Annalee Sparks, and Geraldene Beal.

A motion carried to adjourn until Saturday morning.

Friday P.M. Service

Robert Prichard welcomed the congregation and called on Clarence Newman to lead in prayer. Richard Davis led worshipers in singing "He Lives."

Manuel Lopes then presented CTS awards to division winners who will represent Ohio in national competition.

Special singing by mass choir led by Richard Davis. Solos by Jodi Young and Anne McElroy.

An offering of \$355.00 was received from the congregation.

Dr. Robert Picirilli was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "Our Preaching on Perseverance." He read Hebrews 6:1-12, and delivered the message.

Saturday morning-June 23, 1990

At 9:30 A.M. Rev. James Lilly read II Corinthians 11:3, brought devotional thoughts and led in prayer to open the morning session.

Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington gave a report of the National Office. A motion carried to receive the report.

Guy Owens gave a report of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. A motion carried to receive the report.

Moderator Hayes then called for committee reports.

Business: The Business Committee recommended a constitutional change relating to, Article 5 under Boards and Committees #3, which would allow the moderator to appoint the Nominating Committee at each annual convention. There was a motion and second to adopt this change. The motion failed to win a two thirds majority.

Resolution: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the following resolution: Be it resolved that we declare this next fiscal year as Ohio's year of involvement, Be it further resolved that we entitle our theme for involvement R.E.A.P. (Reach every available person), Be it further resolved that we encourage all of our people and churches to become involved in some form of outreach, First, in Evangelism: 1. Personal Evangelism 2. Church Evangelism 3. Evangelism beyond their local area, Second, adopt some form of outside interest: 1. A course in which to become involved 2. Something in which to invest prayer and gifts 3. Someone in whom to pray and share, Third, encourage participation in the affairs of the church, conference, and denominational enterprises. Whereas, involvement creates a sense of belonging and meaningful fulfillment, we recommend a committee to provide and promote such be formed consisting of our Moderator, Home Mission Chairman, Youth Board Chairman, and Promotional Secretary to implement such a program during this coming year. Adopted.

Obituary: Wash Keener, John Stiles, Homer Pruitt, Alex Harmon, Robert Hughes, Lucille Graham, Bertha Asher, Norman Spradlin, Ruth Godfrey, Rev. Ben Bird, Clarence Sparks, Loraine Johnson, Nova Grant, Thelma Grant. A motion carried which ask the association to stand in a moment of silence to remember these who have gone to be with the Lord during this past year followed by prayer.

Appreciation: The Heritage Temple Church for the warm welcome and the use of their facilities; All those involved in preparing the convention; State Office, preachers, committies, boards, speakers, singers and musicians. 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, Ozel Jeffries elected; General Board, Hansford Reed, (Waynesburg) elected; Denzil Wright, (Trinity) elected; Wendell Combs, (South Central) elected; Floyd Estep, (Porter) elected; Ron Parker, (Pine Creek) elected; Merlin Teets, (Meigs) elected; Andrew Parsons, (Gallia) elected; Willie Booth, (Cornerstone) elected; James Webb, (North and Western) elected; Board of Directors, David Boggs elected; State CTS Board, Joy Henderson elected; John Beverley two year term unexpired term, elected; Jerry Sergent six year unexpired term, elected; State Mission Board, Jim Blankenship elected; Nominating Committee, Lester McMahan elected; National General Board Member, Delmar Sparks elected; Executive Committee, Merlin Teets, Willie Booth, Forest Dyer, and Jerry McArthur elected.

Clerk Mike Stokes then read the report which will be sent to the National Association Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, July 15-19, 1990.
Approved.

A motion and second carried to adjourn from business.

Special singing by the Heritage Singers. An offering of \$84.20 was received.

Pastor Wayne Keith was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "Our Practice of Feet Washing." Benediction.


Mike Stokes, clerk

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