

MINUTES  
53rd.ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

The 53rd annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist met June 21-22,1991 at Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus,Ohio. The theme of the convention was "The Fundamentals of Our Faith." Richard Davis served as song leader with Myra Leonard and Diane Fouts musicians.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

The meeting was opened by the congregation singing "Holy Holy Holy."

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

The moderator introduced the interim minister of Heritage Temple, Delmar Sparks,who welcomed the association to Columbus,and to Heritage Temple.

The moderator's message to the association was taken from Matthew 9:35-36;10:1. Brother Hayes then offered prayer for the association.

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

The clerk was called on to give the General Board report. Item #1 Board members present 12,absent 6. 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 Board of Directors report was given by Hobert Ashby. The Board of Directors recommends that the report and projected budget of the Ambassador Book Store and State Office be adopted. Item #4 The Executive Secretary report 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 #5 The CTS report was given by Manuel Lopes. Item #6 The Ohio Mission Board report was given by Roy Hutchinson. Item #7 The moderator then appointed the chairmen of committees as follows:Delmar Sparks,business; Jerry McArthur,resolution; John Jeffrey, appreciation; George Grice,obituary. A motion carried to receive the General Board report.

There was a motion to receive the resignation of Robert Chaffin a member of the Bord of Directors. Carried.

The moderator then completed the appointment of committee members to serve during the convention. Those appointed to the business committee were Robert Legg and Manuel Lopes. The resolution committee consisted of Carl Dunn and Kenneth Frisbee. Those appointed to the obituary committee were Roy Hutchinson and Clyde Perry. Those serving on the appreciation committee were Mark Packston and Mark Leonard. The moderator appointed Tom Dooley to fill a vacancy on the nominating committee for this year.

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

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

Director Eugene Webb gave a report of the Free Will Baptist Home for children located in Greenville, Tennessee. Brother Webb reported that there are thirty two children living at the home. A motion carried to receive his report.

Danny Baer gave a report of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. Danny reported that enrollment was up 24% over last year.

Richard Adams gave the report of the National Home Mission Department. A motion carried to receive this report.

Steven Ashby gave a report of Youth For Christ Camp an Ohio youth camp sponsored by the First Dayton Free Will Baptist Church. A motion carried to receive this report.

Manuel Lopes gave the CTS report. Brother Lopes reported that a record number of young people were involved in CTS competitive activities. A motion carried to receive his 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 \$153.10 was received from the congregation.

Special singing by Jerry McArthur.

Reverend David McKnight pastor of the Puritan Church, Hamden, was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "The Precepts of Our Faith-The Scriptures." He read from John 20:30-31, as a text and delivered the message.

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

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After congregational singing Jim Blankenship read James 1:27 brought devotional thoughts and led in prayer, to open the afternoon session.

Moderator Hayes introduced Barbara Chaffin to give the Ohio Woman's Auxiliary report. Sister Chaffin reported the total membership in Ohio is 371. There were 30 auxiliaries reporting. \$28,687.88 was disbursed throughout Ohio in 1990-91 to various missions endeavors. The Auxiliary project goal for 1991-92 is \$14,000.00. A motion carried to receive this report.

Hobert Ashby gave a report of the Board of Directors. A motion carried to receive this 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 three missionary accounts were in the black demonstrating continued support. Missionary Willie Booth, Lancaster; David McGowan, Hamilton; Roy Roach, Zanesville; each gave a report of their work. A motion carried to receive these reports and to adopt the projected budget.

Corresponding messenger Forest Dyer gave a report of his visit to the Kentucky State Association meeting in Salyersville, Kentucky. Jerry McArthur gave a report of his visit to the Michigan State Association meeting. A motion carried to receive these reports. Brother Bill Hayes volunteered to visit the Kentucky State Association meeting next year as a corresponding messenger.

Tom Malone president of Free Will Baptist Bible College gave his report. A motion carried to receive this report.

Alton Loveless who serves on the National Foreign Mission Board gave a report of foreign missions. A motion carried to receive this report.

Moderator Hayes then appointed delegates to the National Association meeting in Charleston, West Virginia, July 21-25 for the 55th annual session: Anna Lee Sparks, Geraldine Beal, Amanda Keener, Evelyn Chamberlin, and A.J. Dooley.

A motion carried to adjourn from business until Saturday morning.

#### **FRIDAY P.M. SERVICE**

Jerry McArthur welcomed the congregation and called on Delmar Sparks to lead in prayer. Richard Davis led worshippers in singing a hymn.

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

Special singing by Cornerstone Conference choir and a solo by Bob Farmer Ambassador winner and a piano solo by Kenny Fitzpatrick.

An offering of \$269.83 was received from the congregation.

Reverend Tom Malone was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "The Person of Our Faith-The Savior."

#### **SATURDAY MORNING**

At 9:30 A.M. Richard Davis led the congregation in singing a hymn. Roger Childers read 11 Kings 18 brought devotional thoughts and led in prayer.

Moderator Hayes then introduced Melvin Worthington to report on the National Executive Department. A motion carried to receive his report.

Committee reports were then called for.

Business: The committee reported no business.

Resolution: The committee reported no resolutions.

Obituary: Since we last met in June of 1990, the following fellow believers have been called to be with the Lord: Neva Ferguson, Jullie Hamm, Clara Kiser, Fred Combs, Clara Stratton, Harold Grant, Carrie Brown, Genevieve Haney, Harvey Hook, Chester Godfrey, Bennie Wright, Herschel Salyers, Garnet Havens, Jack Henry, Tom Conkey, James Gallion, Beatrice Bryant, Minnie Arms, June Pitts, Fred Mootz, Martha Moore, Carl Kittle, May Willis, Jessie Blankenship, Mary Chaney, Nellie Lester, Charles Cooper, Nola Warren, Earnest Knight, John Markum, Jack Osburn, Maud Bennett, Ester Copley. 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.

Appreciation: The Heritage Temple Church for the warm welcome and the use of their facilities. All those involved in preparing the convention, the state office, preachers, committees, 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, Oziel Jeffries elected; General Board, Forest Dyer, (Little Miami) elected; Danny Laney, (Lawrence) elected; Jim Eberts, (Jackson) elected; Kenneth Frisbee, (Great Lakes) elected; Delmar Sparks, (Franklin) elected; John Jeffrey, (Cuyahoga-Loraine) elected; Jerry McArthur, (Tri-State) elected; Daniel Bates, (Northeastern) elected; Board of Directors, Hobert Ashby elected; Carl Dunn to fill an unexpired term of Robert Chaffin, elected; State CTS Board, Dottie Sizemore elected; State Mission Board, Tom Dooley elected; Nominating Committee, Keith Perkins elected; Executive Committee, Jerry McArthur, Forest Dyer, Don Hix, Delmar Sparks elected.

Clerk Mike Stokes then read the report which will be sent to the National Association meeting in Charleston, West Virginia July 21-25, 1991. The clerk reported that four conferences did not include a financial report in their letters. The association then instructed the clerk to attempt to obtain this information before sending the report to the national association, and to write a letter to each of the four conferences requesting this information be included in the future.

A motion carried to adjourn from business.

Assistant Moderator Robert Prichard led the worship service. An offering of \$98.87 was received from the congregation.

Special singing by the First Dayton ensemble.

Reverend Steven Ashby was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "The Product of Our Faith-The Saint." He read from Ephesians 2 as a text and delivered the message. Benediction.

Mike Stokes, clerk

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