

MINUTES
of the
56TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
REV. MIKE STOKES, CLERK

The 56th annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist met June 24-25, 1994 at Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The theme for the convention was "The Year of Renewal." Mark Leonard served as song leader with Myra Leonard at the piano and Diane Foutz, organist.

FRIDAY MORNING

Clerk Mike Stokes called the meeting into session and introduced the moderator Robert Prichard.

The moderator introduced Dr. Billy Sharpston pastor of Heritage Temple who welcomed the association to Columbus and to Heritage Temple.

The moderators message to the association was taken from Ephesians 6:10-20. His theme was, spiritual armour. Followed by prayer

The clerk then informed the association that all credentials were in order and the moderator seated the voting delegates in the center aisle.

The clerk was then recognized to give a partial report of the General Board. Item #1 Board members present 10, absent 8. Item #2 Nominations for the office of Assistant Moderator was called for. Jerry Newman was nominated and elected by acclamation. Item #3 The Executive Committee report was given by the clerk. Item #13 The moderator then appointed the chairman of committees as follows: Bruce Beal, Business; John Jeffrey, Resolution; Ernie Phillips, Obituary; Redford Meadows, Appreciation. A motion carried to receive this partial report

The moderator then completed the appointment of committee members to serve during the convention. Those appointed to the Business Committee were Blain Etterling and Bill Sharpston. The Resolution Committee consisted of Forest Dyer and Delmar Sparks. Appointed to the Obituary Committee were Danny King and Don Hix. Those serving on the Appreciation Committee were Mark Leonard and Homer Brooks.

Moderator Robert Prichard then called for the remainder of the General Board report. Item #4 The Board of Directors report was given by Billy Sharpston. There was a motion and second to receive this report and adopt item per item. All six items were approved. Item #5 The Executive Secretary report was given by Edwin Hayes. Brother Hayes reported that the income for the State Office, Cooperative giving, and the Bookstore had all exceeded our projection. The General Board recommends that the report and projected budget of the Ambassador Bookstore and State Office be adopted. Item #6 The General Board recommends that the State Association adopt the "Together we Give" form on page 30 of our digest of reports, as the method for all our churches to use. It is a simple and comprehensive way of channeling all outside giving through the State Office. Item #7 In order to host the National Association meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1997, the General Board recommends that the suggested giving goals outlined on page 31 of our digest of reports be approved. Item #8 The General Board recommends that Article 7 Section 4 of our Constitution be amended to include the Assistant Clerk. Item #9 The General Board recommends that the Business Committee be abolished and that all business be channeled through the Executive Committee. Item #10 The State CTS report was given by Manuel Lopes. Voted on and approved. Item #11 The Ohio Mission Board report was given by Roy Hutchinson. Brother Hutchinson reported that Willie Booths work in Lancaster was now self supporting. Voted on and approved. Item #12 In response to a request from the Porter Conference the General Board offers the following interpretation as to the intent of Section 14 in our By-Laws: The intent of this By-Law is to keep the ministry blameless and above reproach by adhering to the Apostle Pauls instruction for ministers in I Timothy 3:, where he teaches that a minister should be "The husband of one wife," which means he should not be involved in divorce or plural marriages, which is in keeping with Gods original design for marriage. Item #14 The General Board recommends that By-Law Number 10 be changed to read, from \$20.00 for each local church to \$40.00. This change is to reflect the \$25.00 fee for the national that goes into effect in 1995. Item #15 The General Board recommends that Article 7, Number 6 of the Constitution be changed to read, "The General Board for special meetings, and the Executive Committee for regular meetings, shall be reimbursed at the standard mileage fee rate." A motion carried to receive the full report.

The moderator then called for music while the convention welcomed, Eugene Webb, Alton Loveless, Roy Evans, Roy Thomas, Bob Shockey, Greg McCarty, Jim Alridge, and Clyde Eldrige who were visiting with us.

Moderator Robert Prichard then called for reports from various state and national departments. The State Home Mission Board report was given by Roy Hutchinson. Missionaries Roy Roach, Zanesville; David McGowan, Hamilton each gave a report of their work. A small gift of appreciation was presented to three pastors and their wives for their churches generous gift to the mission work. A motion carried to receive this report.

National Home Mission Department report was given by Roy Thomas. A motion carried to receive this report.

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

Mark Leonard led the congregation in singing to begin the worship service.

An offering of \$197.56 was received from the congregation.

Special singing by, Andrew Toops of Heritage Temple.

Rev. Clarence Newman was introduced to bring the message. His text was Isaiah 40:31.

The convention then recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:15 p.m. Mark Leonard led the congregation in singing "I am resolved!" James Roby gave devotional thoughts from Jeremiah 6:16, and led in prayer.

Moderator Robert Prichard then introduced Manuel Lopes to give the State CTS report. A motion carried to receive this report.

The Board of Directors report was given by, Billy Sharpston. A motion carried to receive this report.

Promotional Secretary Edwin Hayes was recognized to give his report. Ambassador Bookstore manager Jeff Dunn gave a presentation of a new inventory system for the bookstore. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the projected budget.

The moderator then called for a vote on the General Board report, Items #6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15. Voted on and approved.

Danny Bair gave a report of the Southeastern Bible College. A motion carried to receive this report.

Eugene Webb gave a report of the Childrens Home located in Greenville, Tennessee. The home is owned and operated by the Tennessee State Association. A motion carried to receive this report.

Corresponding messenger Bill Hayes gave a report of his visit to the Kentucky State Association meeting. Received.

The moderator then appointed corresponding messengers to other bodies: Bill Hayes to Kentucky and Michigan; James England to North Carolina; Roger Dempsey to West Virginia; Bill Jones to Oklahoma.

Sandy Mounts gave a report of the Ohio Woman's Auxiliary. Sandy reported a membership of 329, and that the Auxiliary had exceeded it's projected goal for 1993-94 by \$676.34. Speakers this year were Dr. and Mrs. Charles Thigpin. The state project for 1994-95 is \$14,000.00. A motion carried to receive this report.

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

Bob Shockey gave a report of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Sixteen students from Ohio are enrolled for the 1994-95 school year. A motion carried to receive this report.

Jimmy Alridge gave a report of the National Foreign Mission Department. A motion carried to receive this report.

Bill Evans gave a report of the Board of Retirement. A motion carried to receive this report.

Moderator Robert Prichard then appointed delegates to the National Association meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. Delegates appointed were: Anna Lee Sparks, Jean Blair, Evelyn Chamberlin, Carol Childers, Linda Dunn. A motion carried to adjourn from business until Saturday Morning.

FRIDAY EVENING

Mark Leonard led the congregation in singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Willie Booth welcomed the congregation and led in prayer.

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

Special music by, Daniel Clark, the Rejoice Ministry team from Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Sheri France, ambassador winner.

An offering of \$428.43 was received from the congregation.

Rev. Bob Shockey was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "Renewal Through Revival." His text Isaiah 40:31 and 1 Kings 18:1-6.

SATURDAY MORNING

At 9:30 a.m. Richard Davis led the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus."

Brian Phillips read Psalms 63:1-5 and gave some devotional thoughts and Robert Prichard offered prayer.

Alton Loveless gave a report of the National Sunday School and Church Training Department. A motion carried to receive this report.

Committee reports were then called for. Obituary: Since we last met in June 1993, the following fellow believers have gone to be with the Lord: Michael Ray Prichard, Rev. Phillip Crabtree, Sally L. Lightner, Amanda Curnatte, Lawrence Calliccoat, Rev. Elda Mingus, Sylvia Roberts, Rev. David Widdick, Marion Runyon, Forest Rowe, Mildred Rowe, Shirley Styers, Monie Pack, Carl Cummins. A motion carried which ask the congregation to stand in a moment of silence to remember these who have gone to be with the Lord, followed by prayer offered by Don Hix.

Appreciation: To the moderator Robert Prichard, Edwin Hayes, all officers, musicians, singers, speakers, and the Heritage Temple Church for the use of their facilities, to all who made the convention a success. There was a motion which ask for a standing vote of appreciation. Granted.

Nominating Committee: Moderator, Robert Prichard elected; Assistant Moderator, Mike Mounts elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes elected; Assistant Clerk, Oziel Jeffries elected; General Board, Waynesburg, Hansford Reed elected; Trinity, John Mead elected; South Central, Mark Bailey elected; Porter, Daniel King elected; Pinecreek, Redford Meadows elected; Meigs, Ernie Phillips elected; Gallia, Andrew Parsons elected; Cornerstone, Blain Etterling elected; North and Western, James Webb, elected; Board of Directors, Roger Childers elected 2001; State CTS Board, Dave Bates elected 2001; State Mission Board, Willie Booth elected 2001; Nominating Committee, Keith Perkins elected 1997; National General Board Member, Delmar Sparks elected 1996; Executive Committee, John Mead, Blain Etterling, Delmar Sparks, John Jeffrey elected 1995.

Clerk Mike Stokes then read the report which will go to the National Association meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 17-21. Approved.

Total registration for this years convention was 226. A motion carried to adjourn from business.

Assistant Moderator Jerry Newman led the worship service. An offering of \$ was received from the congregation. Special singing by, Rejoice.

Rev. Curtis Booth was introduced to bring the message. His text was Isaiah 40:28-31. Benediction

Mike Stokes

Clerk, Mike Stokes

ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Name of State Association Ohio Association of Free Will Baptist
Period of time this report covers: From June, 1993 to June, 1994
Present Moderator's Name Robert Prichard Telephone 216/661-8423
Mailing Address 4676 West 11th Street
City Cleveland State Ohio Zip 44109

- DELEGATES: 1. Anna Lee Sparks
2. Jean Blair
3. Evelyn Chamberlin
4. Carol Childers
5. Linda Dunn
- ALTERNATES: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of district associations 18
2. Total number of district associations reporting 18
3. Total number of churches 146
4. Total number churches reporting 145
5. Total number of churches in city/town 66
rural 80
6. Total number of churches with full-time pastors 50
part-time pastors 93

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 592
2. Total members added 744
3. Total members lost 509
4. Total membership 9586

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches \$3,950,313.62
2. Total number of churches with budgets 23

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with parsonages 18
2. Total value of all church property, including parsonages \$26,191,614.34

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 298
licensed ministers* 15
2. Total number of ordained deacons 277
3. Total number of churches with day cares _____
with kindergartens _____
with Christian day schools _____
with Bible institutes 1
with colleges _____
4. Total Sunday School enrollment 9517
5. Total CTS enrollment 538
6. Total WNAC enrollment 714
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 83

Name and Address of State Associational Property	Director's Name and Address	Value of Associational Property
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Representation fee (\$10 per church) enclosed \$ _____

Signed: Clerk's Name Mike Stokes Telephone 513/845-9280
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*Attach names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

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