

**MINUTES OF THE 63RD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The 63rd annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 22-23, 2001, at Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church, 3868 Stygler Road, Gahanna, Ohio. The theme for the convention was, "Focusing On Our Pastors." David Chamberlin served as song leader and Deena Armstrong at the piano.

FRIDAY MORNING

At 9:30 AM Clerk Mike Stokes called the meeting into official session and introduced the moderator, Robert Prichard.

The moderator then introduced Rev. Curtis Booth, pastor of Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church, who welcomed the convention to Columbus, and to Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator's message to the convention was taken from Romans 12:1-2. His theme was, "WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE." Brother Prichard then offered prayer.

After seating the delegates the moderator then asked for the General Board Report. The General Board met June 21, 2001, at Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church, Gahanna, Ohio. Items of business: **Item #1** Board members present 9, absent 10. The board approved Tommy Jones, Ron Parker, and Curtis Booth as proxies for, Jim McComas, Redford Meadows and Blaine Etterling. **Item #2** The clerk gave the Executive Committee Report, which was received. **Item #3** Bill Hayes gave the Board of Directors Report, which was received. **Item #4** Edwin Hayes gave a report of the State Office and Literature Center, which was received. The General Board recommends that this report and projected budgets be adopted. **Item #5** The State Home Missions Report was given by, Roy Hutchinson and Paul Etterling, Sr. The General Board recommends that this report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #6** The OYC Report was given by Mark Price. The General Board recommends that this report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #7** Jim McComas gave a report concerning the David Marks grave site restoration project. The project is now complete and a memorial service is planned for May 4, 2002. **Item #8** The General Board recommends a constitutional change of Article 8. Section 1 in reference to the location of the State Association meeting. The suggested change would read as follows, "At a location determined by the discretion of the Executive Committee." **Item #9** The moderator then appointed the chairmen of committees: Resolution - Dana Booth; Obituary - Mark Bailey; Appreciation - David Trusty. A motion carried to receive this report.

After welcoming visitors from other bodies the moderator then completed the appointment of committee members to serve during the convention. Those appointed to the Appreciation Committee were Mark Leonard, and James Webb. Serving on the Obituary Committee were Mike Nabors and Brian Phillips. The Resolution Committee was completed by the appointment of John Jeffery and John Meade.

The moderator then recognized Roy Hutchinson, who with Paul Etterling gave a report of the **State Home Mission Board**. Brother Hutchinson reported that we have three missionaries on the field and one will be self-supporting by the end of this year. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the projected budget.

Ray Lewis gave a report of the **National Board of Retirement**, which was received.

Melvin Worthington gave a report of the **National Executive Office**, which was received.

Jim Cox gave a report of **Free Will Baptist Bible College**, which was received.

The moderator then entertained a motion to adjourn from business until after lunch, carried.

Assistant Moderator Mike Mounts led the congregation in worship.

David Chamberlin provided special singing.

An offering of \$233.00 was received.

Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes was introduced to bring the message. His subject was, "Our Pastor's Service." Following the message the convention recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:00 PM Tim Stout gave devotional thoughts and offered prayer.

Sandy Mounts gave **the OYC Report**. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the projected budget.

Bill Hayes gave the **Board of Directors Report**, which was received.

Edwin Hayes gave the State Office and Literature Center Report. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the projected budgets.

Sandy Mounts gave a report of the Ohio Women Active For Christ. Their theme for this year was, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The state project of \$10,500.00 was exceeded; A total of \$11,841.70 was raised for missionary accounts. The project for 2001 is \$11,000.00. Debbie Teo of Zanesville was elected as their president. A motion carried to receive this report.

The moderator then returned to Item 8 of the General Board Report. After discussion this item was voted on and approved.

Delegates to the National Association meeting in Detroit, Michigan, were then appointed: Geraldine Beal, A.J. Dooley, Mark McCarty, Jason Luthy and Pam Luthy.

James Kilgore gave a report of the Children's Home Greenville Tennessee, which was received.

Richard Green gave a report of the Children's Home in Virginia, which was received.

Alton Loveless gave a report of the National Sunday School and Randall House Publications, which was received.

Richard Adams gave a report of the National Home Mission Department, which was received.

Tom Dooley gave a report of the National Masters Men which was received.

The convention then adjourned from business until Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING

David Chamberlin led the congregation in singing, "He Keeps Me Singing".

Robert Prichard welcomed the people and Joaquine Ooten offered prayer.

Mark Price was then introduced to present CTS awards to division winners who will represent Ohio in national competition.

An offering of \$6,691.00 was received.

Special music provided by Deena Armstrong, Dailyville Choir, David Chamberlin, and Lacey Price.

Reverend Edwin Hayes was then introduced to bring the message. His subject was, "Our Pastor's Subjection." Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING

At 9:30 AM David Chamberlin led the congregation in singing.

Kenny Cordell gave devotional thoughts and offered prayer.

Moderator Robert Prichard then called the meeting to order.

Jimmy Aldridge gave a report of the National Foreign Mission Department, which was received.

Cathy Crawford gave a report of her work as missionary to France, which was received.

Jim McComas gave a report of the David Marks Project, which was received.

The moderator then appointed Mike Mounts as Prayer Committee Chairmen for 2001 - 2002. Freddy Dutton was appointed as Registration Committee Chairmen.

Committee reports were then called for.

Registration Committee: Chairmen Freddy Dutton reported that 224 have registered for the convention this year. Ministers 73, Deacons 13, Delegates 26, and 112 visitors of whom 15 are from out of state.

Obituary Committee: Since we last met in June of 2000, the following fellow believers have gone to be with the Lord: Olive Roe, Faye Wylie, Janice Stutler, James Plaster, Mae Riddle, Betty Malone, Charles Driggs, Lucille Click, Audra Jones, Roscoe Adkins, Alice Woolwine, Ada Case, Jewel Chestnut, John Wright, Rev. Bert Miller, Arnold Comer, Harold Parker, Dorothy Ockerman, Billy Williams, Leatha Biggs, Lawrence Biggs, Wendell Williams, Lois Carey, Reverend Eldon Ross, Emma Dever, Lorraine Deemer, Jo Mercer, Hershel Nabors, Clyde Combs, Joan Brewer, John Arthur, Lucinda Hammersley, Franci Dixon, Larry Maple, Rev. Robert Mead, Rev. Charles Baldwin, James McCarty, Madelin Keith, Ronnie Maze, Rev. Marvin Bates, Johnny Adams, Lloyd Pack, Paulene Workman, Bewell Duff, Izadore Bates, Lucille Neely, Lynn Scoggin, Rev. Ed Beesler and Kay Moore. A motion carried which asked for a moment of silence to remember these who have gone to be with the Lord followed by prayer offered by Don Hix.

Appreciation Committee: Special thanks to Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church and Pastor Curtis Booth for the warm welcome and the use of their facilities. Thanks to Moderator Robert Prichard, Assistant Moderator Mike Mounts, Clerk Mike Stokes, Assistant Clerk Mark Bailey, Song Leader David Chamberlin, Pianist Deena Armstrong, all special singers, speakers, boards, committees, the sound man, ushers, Edwin Hayes, and all prayer partners. A motion carried which ask for a standing vote of appreciation.

Nominating Committee: Moderator, Robert Prichard - elected; Assistant Moderator, Mike Mounts - elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes - elected; Assistant Clerk, Mark Bailey - elected; General Board, Capital City, Roger Dempsey-elected; Central Ohio, Harold Coleman-elected; Cuyahoga-Lorain, Paul Finney-elected; Franklin, Delmar Sparks-elected; Great Lakes, Ken Frisbee-elected; Jackson, Dave Reese-elected; Lawrence, Tim Crank-elected; Little Miami, Steve Sykes-elected; Northeastern, Ollie Collins-elected; Tri-State, David Phillips-elected; Executive Committee, Dan King, David Trusty, Roger Dempsey, and Paul Finney-elected; Board of Directors, Brian Phillips for a full term-elected; Billy Sharpston to fill an unexpired term of Forrest Chamberlin which ends in 2006-elected; CTS Board, Dave Bates-elected; State Home Mission Board, Willie Booth-elected; Oziel Jeffries to fill an unexpired term of Clarence Newman which ends in 2002-elected; Nominating Committee, Bill Chadwick-elected; Tim Stout to fill an unexpired term of Oziel Jeffries which ends in 2003-elected.

The clerk then read the report, which will be sent to the National Association meeting in Detroit, Michigan. This report was approved.

A motion carried to adjourn from business.

Assistant Moderator Mike Mounts led the worship service.

An offering of \$226.00 was received.

The Heritage Quartet from First Rittman Free Will Baptist Church provided the special singing.

Reverend Edwin Hayes was then introduced to bring the message. His subject was, "Our Pastor's Style." Benediction.

Mike Stokes, Clerk