

**MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The 68<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 23-24, 2006 at the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, 575 Obetz Rd. Columbus, Ohio. The theme for the convention was **“Holiness: The Passionate Desire of God.”** Greg Harrell served as song leader with Tobianne Stout at the piano.

**Friday Morning**

At 9:30 AM, Clerk Mike Stokes welcomed the congregation and called the meeting into official session by introducing the moderator, Rev. Robert Prichard.

The moderator then introduced Rev. Tim W. Stout Pastor of Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, who welcomed the convention to Columbus, and to the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator's message to the convention was taken from Second Chronicles chapter ten. His theme was **“Holiness on the Curve System.”** Brother Prichard then offered prayer for the convention.

After seating delegates, the moderator then called for the General Board Report. The General Board met June 22, 2006, at the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Items of business:

**Item #1** Board members present 14, absent 5. **Item #2** The clerk gave the Executive Committee Report, which was received. **Item #3** The Board of Directors Report was given by Bill Hayes, which was received. **Item #4** Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes gave a Report of the State Office, which was received. The General Board recommends that this report and proposed budget be adopted. **Item #5** Paul Keener gave a report of the Ambassador Bible Bookstore, which was received. The General Board recommends that this report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #6** The State Home Mission Report was given by Roy Hutchinson and Paul Etterling Sr. State Home Missionaries Tim McKnight and Tim Byers each gave an oral report of their work. The General Board recommends that the Home Missions Report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #7** The OYC Report was given by Paul Etterling Jr. The General Board recommends that this report and proposed budget be adopted. **Item #8** The General Board has assigned to the Executive Committee the responsibility of formulating a policy and by-law's statement that will sustain a legal challenge on the question of homosexuality. Further, the Executive Committee is to present this policy statement to the state association in 2007 for approval. **Item #9** The moderator then appointed the chairpersons of committees: *Resolution*, Jim Henderson; *Appreciation*, Tim Byers; *Obituary*, Grant Cordell. A motion carried to receive this report. Item #8 to be acted on in the afternoon session.

At this time, the moderator completed the appointment of committee members to serve during the convention. Those appointed to the *Resolution Committee* were David Reese and Wendell Combs. Serving on the *Appreciation Committee* were Tim McKnight and Manual Lopes. The *Obituary Committee* was completed by the appointment of Jon Mountjoy and Forest Dyer.

The moderator then called for a time of fellowship while the convention welcomed visitors and messengers from other bodies.

The moderator then recognized Roy Hutchinson and Paul Etterling Sr. who gave a report of the **State Home Mission Board**. Home Missionaries Keith Burt, *Hamilton Mission Church*; Tim Byers,

*Ashtabula Mission Church*; and Tim McKnight, *London Mission Church* each gave a report of their work. A motion carried to receive these reports and to adopt their budget.

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

Andy Maynard from Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church, ministered in song.

An offering of \$234.00 was received from the congregation.

The attendance was 150.

Rev. Mike Stokes, Pastor of Forest Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio, was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "**The Demand of God's Holiness.**"

Following the message the convention recessed for lunch.

### Friday Afternoon

At 1:15 PM, Greg Harrell led the congregation in singing.

Jim Henderson gave devotional thoughts from Romans 13:11-14.

Paul Etterling Jr. gave the **OYC Report**. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the budget.

Bill Hayes gave The "**Board of Directors Report.**" Brother Hayes announced a "Building Kingdom Stewards Seminar" October 7, 2006. Dr. Stan Toler will conduct the seminar.

Edwin Hayes gave a report of the **State Office**. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the projected budget.

The **Ambassador Bible Bookstore and Church Supply Center Report** was given by Paul Keener. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the budget.

Sister Geri Baker gave the "**OWAC (Ohio Women Active for Christ) Report**". Their theme this year was "**Hearts on Fire.**" Total giving for 2005-2006 was \$15,010.32. A motion carried to receive this report.

At this time, the moderator returned to item # 8 of the General Board Report. This item was voted on and approved.

A.J. Dooley gave a report of the *National Association Meeting* in Louisville, Kentucky, last year. A motion carried to receive this report.

The moderator then appointed delegates to the National Association Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, this year: A.J. Dooley, Geri Beal, Pam Luthy, Ellen Cordell, and Manuel Lopes.

Keith Burden gave a report of the **National Executive Office**, which was received.

David Williford gave a report of **Free Will Baptist Bible College**, which was received.

Neal Gilliland gave a report of **International Missions**, which was received.

Ron Hunter gave a report of **Randall House Publications**, which was received.

Bill Evans gave a report of the **National Foundation**, which was received.

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

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

The attendance was 143.

The convention then adjourned from business until Saturday morning.

### Friday Evening

Greg Harrell led the congregation in singing.

Tom Dooley welcomed the congregation and offered prayer.

In worship in giving, an offering of \$6,299.00 was received.

The choir from Woodland Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio, provided the special singing.

The attendance was 350.

Rev. Mike Mounts, Pastor of the Westerville Free Will Baptist Church, Westerville, Ohio, was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "The Demonstration of God's Holiness." Following the worship, awards for youth competition were presented.

### **Saturday Morning**

At 9:30 AM, Jerry Newman gave some devotional thoughts.

Moderator Robert Prichard welcomed the delegates and offered prayer.

The moderator recognized James Kilgore, who gave a report of Family Ministries of Greenville, Tennessee, which was received.

Lorenzo Stox gave a report of Southeastern Bible College, which was received.

Chris Fannin, missionary to Prescott, Arizona, gave a report of his work, which was received.

Tom Jones, missionary to Pennsylvania, gave a report of his work, which was received.

Howard Munsey, President of Berea Ministries, gave a report of their work in Mexico, which was received.


Dana Booth, missionary to Rochester, New York, gave a report of his work, which was received.

The moderator then called for committee reports:

**Obituary Committee:** Since we last met in June of 2005, the following fellow believers have gone to be with the Lord: Dr. Calvin Evans, Rev. Tom Rice, Rev. John Blount, Rev. Ray Boggs, Donna Sykes, Lillian Henthorn, Ed Weidner, Barbara Bryant, Lola Jean Caudill, Everett Salyers, Evelyn Holbrook, Beulah Frowine, Sharon Fry, Charles Gee, Joe Lawson, Una Meade, Ruby Hamm, Phyllis Stapleton, Dixie Wiles, Alma Sizemore, Chuck Edgington, Vicki Crawford, Alma Blimes, Bud Melvin, Della Skiles, Norman Watts, Nell Jeffries, Charles Beddy, Elberta Bowman, James Shepherd, Lucy Williams, Dorothy Dryden, Onie McLound, Jean Harsar, James Smith, Jim Winger, Hursel Case, Opal Dutton, Gene Berry, Pauline Darby, Joshua Castle, Helen Ramey, Clarabell Jones, Jim Shepherd Sr., Harold Fancey, Bill Loudin, Eugene Bare, Phyllis Dow, Mary Conley, Ruby Pigza, Opal Moore, Marge Pittman, Virginia Edwards, Elmer Fleck, George Davila, Norman McDevitt, Mike Campbell, Evelyn White, Anna Bernthold, Toy Huffman, Zelua Mathias, and Ella Yates. The committee asks for a standing vote and a moment of silence to remember these who have gone, granted.

**Appreciation Committee:** We express our appreciation to Brother Stout and the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church for the use of their beautiful facilities. Thanks to Moderator, Robert Prichard; Assistant Moderator, Mike Mounts; Clerk, Mike Stokes; Assistant Clerk, Mark Bailey. Thanks to Greg Harrell for leading our singing, and Tobianne Stout, for playing the piano. Thanks to the sound technicians, and ushers, all speakers, singers, boards, committees, and prayer partners. We are grateful to our Lord for meeting with us throughout the convention. The committee asks for a standing vote of appreciation, granted.

**Nominating Committee:** For officers term ending in 2007: Moderator, Mike Mounts, elected; Assistant Moderator, Mark Price, elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes, elected; Assistant Clerk, Bryon Justice, elected. For officers term ending in 2008: General Board, Cornerstone, Blain Etterling, elected; North & Western, James Webb, elected; Southern Ohio, Robert Fulton, elected; Pine Creek, Aaron Reed, elected; Porter, Dan King, elected; South Central, Jim Henderson, elected; Trinity, Warren Simpkins, elected; Unity, Jamie Fortner, elected; State Line, Tim Byers, elected. For officers term ending 2007: Executive Committee, Kenny Cordell, Dan King, James Webb, and Freddy Dutton. Board of Directors, term ending 2013, Tom Dooley, elected. CTS Board, term ending 2008, Mark Bailey, elected; term ending 2009, Chris Mitchell, elected; term ending 2013, Mark McCarty, elected. State Home Mission Board, term ending 2013, Roy Hutchinson, elected. Nominating Committee, term ending 2009, Bill Pitts, elected.



**Registration Committee:** Stephanie Wolfe reported that 222 have registered for the convention; 71 ministers, 15 deacons, 22 delegates, 85 visitors, and 29 youth. The moderator then appointed Grant Cordell as Prayer Committee Chairman, and Teresa Endicott as Registration Committee Chairperson.

The clerk then read the report, which will be sent to the National Association Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, in July, which was approved.

A motion carried to adjourn from business.

Assistant Moderator, Mark Price led the congregation in worship.

An offering of \$348.00 was received. Total offerings for the entire convention was \$6,881.00.

The attendance was 125.

Julie Hayes, and Don & Kyle Chadwick from North Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, provided the special music.

Dr. Neil Gilliland, International Missions Director of Member Care, Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced to bring the message. His subject was **"The Design of God's Holiness."** Adjournment.

Mike Stokes, Clerk