

Minutes of the 71st Annual Session
Of the
Ohio State Association
Of
Free Will Baptist

The 71st session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist met June 26-27, 2009 at Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church, Gahanna, Ohio. The theme for the convention was "If the Foundations be Destroyed." David Chamberlin served as song leader with Deena Armstrong at the piano.

Friday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Assistant Clerk Bryon Justice welcomed the congregation and called the meeting to order by introducing the moderator, Rev. Mark Price. The moderator then introduced Rev. Curtis Booth, pastor of Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church, who welcomed the convention to Gahanna and to Gahanna FWB Church.

The moderator's message to the convention comes from Psalms 11:3 and Matthew 7:24-25.

After seating delegates, the moderator called for the General Board Report. The General Board met June 25, 2009, at Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church. Items of business: **Item #1** The clerk called the roll of board members: present 16, absent 6. A motion carried to seat Mark Bailey as proxy for Billy Joe White of the Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference, Paul Staton as proxy for Chris Russell of the Northern Ohio Conference, and Bert Alsept as proxy for Jim Henderson of the South Central Conference. **Item #2** The clerk gave the Executive Committee Report, which was received. **Item #3** The Board of Directors Report given by Bill Hayes, which was received. **Item #4** The Report of the State Office given by Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes, and was received. The General Board recommends the reception and adoption of this report and projected budget. **Item #5** The Ambassador Bookstore Report given by Paul Keener, which was received. The General Board recommends the reception and adoption of this report and projected budget. **Item #6** The State Home Missions Report given by, Roland Luthy and Paul Etterling, Sr.; which was received. The General Board recommends this report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #7** The OYC Report given by Jason Luthy was received. The General Board recommends this report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #8** The General Board recommends that the state association allow the moderator to appoint a liaison from Ohio to the National Master's Men office. **Item #9** The moderator then appointed the chair of committees who will serve during the convention: Resolution Committee, Forest Dyer; Obituary Committee, Roger Daniel; Appreciation Committee, Russell Street.

To complete the appointment of committee members to serve during the convention Tom Dooley and Daryl Grimes are chosen to serve on the Resolution Committee with Forest Dyer; those serving on the Appreciation Committee were Manuel Lopes, Mitch Salyers and Russell Street; those appointed to the Obituary Committee were Tim Byers, Chris Oiler, and Roger Daniel.

Roland Luthy and Paul Etterling, Sr. gave the State Home Missions Report. Missionaries Tim Byers, Don Hix and Keith Burt each gave a report of their work. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the budget.

Jason Luthy gave the OYC Report. A motion and second carried receive this to approve this budget.

Frances Etterling gave the Ohio Women Active for Christ (OWAC) Report. Received.

At this time, the moderator called for action on item #8 of the General Board Report. This item was approved and Tom Dooley was appointed as a liaison from Ohio to the National Master's Men office.

Manuel Lopes gave a report of the 2008 National Association Meeting, which was received.

The moderator then asked for volunteers to go as delegates to the National Association Meeting this year in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 19-22. Those volunteering were Manuel Lopes, Tobianne Stout, Rebecca Phillips, Mark McCarty, and Geri Beal.

David Williford gave the Free Will Baptist Bible College Report, which was received.

Keith Burden gave the National Executive Office Report, which was received.

The chair then entertained a motion, which carried to adjourn from business until the afternoon.

In worship, the Mansfield Quartet from Mansfield Free Will Baptist Church provided special singing.

An offering of \$195.27 was received. Attendance was 124.

Rev. Edwin Hayes, Executive Secretary of Ohio Free Will Baptists was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "The Foundation for Creation."

Following the message, the convention recessed for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

At 1:15 PM, Eric Boggs gave devotional thoughts and offered prayer.

Bill Hayes gave the Board of Directors Report. A motion carried to accept this report.

Edwin Hayes gave the State Office Report. A motion carried to accept this report and to adopt the budget.

Paul Keener gave the Ambassador Bookstore Report. A motion carried to accept this report and to adopt the budget.

General Director Ron Hunter gave a report of Randall House Publications. A motion carried to accept this report.

General Director James Forlines gave a report of International Missions. A motion carried to accept this report.

Missionary Dana Booth gave a report of National Home Missions. A motion carried to accept this report.

General Director David Brown gave a report of Free Will Baptist Foundation. A motion carried to accept this report.

General Director Ray Lewis gave a report of Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement. A motion carried to accept this report.

Greg McCarty gave a report of the New Durham Ridge Church Endowment Fund. A fund created to help preserve and maintain the church started and erected by Benjamin Randall in 1818-19.

Frank Woods gave a report of Family Ministries, ministry located in Greenville, Tennessee, owned and operated by the Tennessee State Association.

Mitch Salyers of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance addressed a legal vulnerability of our churches, and made suggestions of how they can protect themselves from unscrupulous litigation in the courts.

The convention then adjourned from business until Saturday morning.

Friday Evening

David Chamberlin led the congregation in singing.

Brian Phillips welcomed the congregation and presided over the service.

An offering of \$6,706.75 was received.

Special singing provided by REJOICE! Ministry Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Union Choir, from Union FWB Church, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Rev. Aaron Reed, Pastor of Scioto Dale Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, was introduced to bring the message. His theme was "The Foundation for the Home." Benediction.

Saturday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Tim McKnight gave devotional thoughts from Luke 9, and offered prayer.

The moderator then called for committee reports.

Appreciation Committee: We express our sincere appreciation to Pastor Curtis Booth and the Gahanna Free Will Baptist Church for the use of their facilities. Thanks to Moderator Mark Price; Assistant Moderator Brian Phillips; Clerk Mike Stokes; Assistant Clerk Bryon Justice; Thanks to David Chamberlin, for leading our singing, and Deena Armstrong, for accompanying at the piano. Thanks to the sound technicians, singers, ushers, speakers, boards, committees and prayer partners. The committee asks for a standing vote of appreciation, granted.

Registration Committee: 250 registered for the convention: 65 ministers, 15 deacons, 27 delegates, 78 visitors, and 65 young people.

Obituary Committee: Since we last met in June of 2008, the following fellow believers have gone to be with the Lord: Rev. Floyd Estep, Rev. Kevin Morris, Rev. James Music, Rev. Fred Blagg, Rev. Charles M. Shafer, Rev. Bob Siders, Deacon Jerry Speakman, Ester Roach, Anna Lee Sparks, Jack Blankenship, Lucy Stepp, Earl Moore, Maxine Sergeant, Frank Brown, Wilburn Hall, Pete Hilderbrand, Shirley Hutchinson, Fay Cordell, Don Chapman, Charles Topping, Paul Franklin, Carl Sutherlin, Geri Wyatt, Helen Wright, Glen McCarty, Harold Puckett, Willis Jordan, Leona Canter, Doris Light, Betty Moore, Harry O. Gilliam, Donna M. Hegenderfer, Jim Loar, Larry Lute, Wayne Raike, Ron "Butch" Ackley, Elizabeth Adkins, Wanda Bryant, Beatrice Khunimhof, Oretha Marcum, James Martin, Mary Maynard, Ruth McCarty, Frances Rowe, Charlene Bennington, Darrell (Bud) Warnock, George Perkins, Delores Rhodes, Melba Smith, Ken Blair, Barbara Miller, Tim Updike, Hester Lock, Woodrow Dyer, Earl Davenstott, Robert Adkins, Ellis Hale, Darlene Hickey, Patrick Kyer, Herbert Lynch, Lowell Marcum, Julia McFall, Delores Newhouse, Bill Price, Yvonne Reynolds, Arlene Scott, Charlotta Sellers, Bill Shoemaker, Carl Sutherland, June Tenney, Betty Watts, Robert White, Charles Roe Jr., Everett Halley, Geneva Covey, Vena Willis, Arva Slack, Morris Justice, Charles Stapleton, Gary Lundy, Duane Skaggs, Leola Canter, Duane Gammell, Jan Fairbanks, Christy Rice, and Bonnie Riggs. The board asked for a moment of silence to remember these who have gone, and it was granted.

Nominating Committee: For officers term ending in 2010: Moderator, Mark Price, elected; Assistant Moderator, Brian Phillips, elected; Clerk, Mike Stokes, Elected; Assistant Clerk, Bryon Justice, elected. For officers term ending 2011: General Board, *Capital City*, Freddy Dutton, elected; *Central Ohio*, Russell Street, elected; *Cuyahoga-Lorain*, Billy Joe White, elected; *Franklin*, Jerry Sargent, elected; *Great Lakes*, Ken Frisbee, elected; *Jackson*, David Reese, elected; *Lawrence*, Tim Crank, elected; *Little Miami*, Charles Crider; *Northeastern*, Randy Rose, elected; *Tri-State*, Jeremy Luthy, elected. For officers term ending 2010: Executive Committee, Russell Street, Freddy Dutton, Dan King, and James Webb, elected. Board of Directors, term ending 2016, Bill Hayes, elected. CTS Board, term ending 2016, Michael Sammons, elected. State Missions Board, term ending 2016, Tim Stout, elected. Nominating Committee, term ending 2012, Bill Pitts, elected. National General Board, term ending 2012, Mike Stokes, elected. Board of Directors, term ending 2015, John Wallace, elected.

The moderator then appointed Roland Luthy as Prayer Committee Chairman and Stephanie Wolfe as Registration Committee Chairperson.

The Assistant Clerk then read the 504 report, which will be sent to the National Association Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in July, which was approved.

A motion carried to adjourn from business.

Brian Phillips led the congregation in worship. An offering of \$170.10 was received. The total offering for the State Meeting totaled \$7,072.12.

The Canaan Singers from Canaan FWB Church, Creston, Ohio, provided special singing.

Rev. James Forlines, General Director of International Missions was introduced to bring the message. His subject was "The Foundation for Redemption." Benediction.

Mike Stokes, Clerk