

Minutes of the 73rd Annual Session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist

The 73rd session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist met June 24-25, 2011, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The theme for the convention was "Watchmen on the Wall." David Chamberlin served as song leader with Deena Armstrong at the piano.

Friday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Clerk Mike Stokes welcomed the congregation and called the meeting to order by introducing the moderator, Rev. Mark Price. Pastor Tim Stout welcomed the convention to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. The moderators message to the convention was taken from Hebrews 12:2, his theme was "Looking unto Jesus."

After seating delegates, the moderator called for the General Board Report. The General Board met June 23, 2011, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. Items of business: **Item #1** Board members present 13, absent 7. **Item #2** The Executive Committee Report was given and received. **Item #3** The Board of Directors Report was given by Jim McComas and 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 projected budget be adopted. **Item #5** The State Home Missions Board Report was given by Roland Luthy and Paul Etterling, Sr, which was received. The General Board recommends this report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #6** Jason Luthy gave the OYC Report, which was received. The General Board recommends this report and projected budget be adopted. **Item #7** The General Board recommends an update of Section 10 of our By-laws; \$200.00 to replace \$150.00. **Item #8** The General Board recommends that, at the request of the National Association, the Ohio State Association extend an invitation to host either the 2019 or 2021 National Association meeting, contingent upon the availability of funds in the Ohio National Funds Account. **Item #9** The moderator appointed the chairperson of committees to serve during the convention: Resolution Committee, Mike Mounts; Appreciation Committee, Manuel Lopes; Obituary Committee, Mark Bailey. The convention then approved items 7 and 8.

To complete the appointment of committee members to serve during the convention, Tom Jones, and Don Hix was chosen to serve on the Resolution Committee; those serving on the Obituary Committee were Mark McCarty and Mitch Salyers; those appointed to the Appreciation Committee were A.J. Dooley and Jim Baker.

The moderator then recognized Roland Luthy and Paul Etterling, Sr, who gave a report of the Ohio Home Missions Board. Appreciation plaques were presented to Keith Burt for his work at the Hamilton Mission. Plaques were presented to Redeemer Free Will Baptist Mission Church, Porter Free Will Baptist Church, and Samantha Free Will Baptist Church for their level of giving to missions during 2010. Don Hix gave a report of his work at Redeemer Mission Church; Tim Byers sent a video report of his work in Ashtabula. A motion carried to receive these reports and to adopt the budget.

Jason Luthy gave the OYC Report, which was received and the budget adopted.

Ohio Women Active for Christ (OWAC) Report was given by Frances Etterling, which was received. The theme for OWAC this year was, "Alive in Christ." OWAC current membership is 135. The project for 2011-2012 is, \$12,100.00 to be divided between 9 ministries. Officers elected this year were: Sarah Sargent, President; Sandy Mounts, Vice President; Jessica Mussetti, Secretary; Geri Baker, Field Worker; Jennie Sargent, Treasurer; Beth King, Pam Luthy, Paula Bollender, Ruby Martin, and Donna Springer, Members at Large.

The National Women Active for Christ (WNAC) Report was given by director, Elizabeth Hodges which was received.

Tom Jones gave a report of his work in Greensburg, PA, which was received.

Frank Woods gave a report of FWB Family Ministries, a ministry of the Tennessee State Association, which was received.

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

In the worship service, Jesse Luthy provided special singing. An offering of \$220.00 was received. Attendance was 165. Rev. Roland Luthy, Pastor of Ambassador Free Will Baptist Church, Amelia, Ohio, was introduced to bring the message. His subject was, "The Watchmen's Walk." Following the message the convention recessed for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

At 1:15 PM, Shawn Beauchamp, gave devotional thoughts.

Mitch Salyers gave the Board of Directors Report, which was received.

Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes gave a report of the State Office and it's ministries. A motion carried to receive this report and to adopt the budget.

Manuel Lopes gave a report of the 2010 National Association Meeting, which was received. The moderator then appointed delegates to the National Association meeting this year in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 17-20, 2011: Those appointed were; A.J. Dooley, Manuel Lopes, Mark McCarty, Gerry Beal, and Tobianne Stout.

A report of the National Master's Men was given by General Director Ken Akers, which was received.

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

Executive Secretary Keith Burden gave a report of the National Executive Department, which was received.

International Missions Department Report was given by members care consultant Neil Gilliland, which was received.

National Home Mission Report was given by Tim York, Jr, which was received.

General Director David Brown gave a report of the FWB Foundation, which was received.

FWB Board of Retirement Report was given by Ray Lewis, which was received.

Free Will Baptist Bible College Report was given by David Williford, which was received.

Freddy Dutton gave a report of his ministry.

Friday Evening

David Chamberlin led the congregation in singing. Tom Dooley welcomed the congregation and led worship. An offering of \$6,152.48 was received. Attendance was 219. Special singing was provided by Bellville Free Will Baptist Church Choir. Rev. Daryl Grimes National Home Missionary to Erie, PA, was introduced to bring the message. His subject was, "The Watchmen's Watch." Benediction.

Saturday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Travis McKenzie gave devotional thoughts. The moderator then called for committee reports.

Appreciation Committee: We express our sincere thanks to Pastor Tim Stout and the Heritage FWB Congregation for the use of their facilities. Thanks to David Chamberlin for leading our singing, and Deena Armstrong for accompanying at the piano. Thanks to Moderator Mark Price; Assistant Moderator Tom Dooley; Clerk Mike Stokes; Assistant Clerk Bryon Justice; the sound technicians; singers; speakers; boards; committees and prayer partners. The committee asked for a standing vote of appreciation, granted.

Registration Committee: Total registration 256; 59 Ministers, 15 Deacons, 19 Delegates, 119 Visitors, and 44 Youth.

Resolution Committee: WHEREAS, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has given us "His Great Commission" recorded in each of the Gospels and the book of Acts; WHEREAS, souls are still perishing and Jesus still saves; WHEREAS, Free Will Baptist

have been faithful to pray for and support our missionaries; WHEREAS, our National Association of Free Will Baptist has set aside a day each year to ask for special gifts to our Home and International Missions programs; WHEREAS, Ohio State Missionaries have been faithful to preach the Gospel, win and disciple souls and build local churches; WHEREAS, our Ohio State Mission Board has worked under heavy financial pressures; have sacrificed their time, labor and wisdom and have not been compensated for travel or food; and after much prayer have made some very serious decisions, BE IT RESOLVED that our State Home Mission Board be commended by our State Association for their heart for souls and labor of love; BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist be encouraged to continue to pray and support our Missionaries and their families and our State Mission Board. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that each church be encouraged to receive a "special offering" once a year for Ohio Free Will Baptist Missions and the first Sunday of March be designated as Ohio State Missions Sunday and this event be promoted by our State Executive Office.

Obituary Committee: Since we last met in June 2010, the following fellow believers have gone to be with the Lord: Rev. Daniel "Ed" Bates, Rev. Kenny Rose, Rev. Eugene Webb, Rev. Paul Williams, Rev. James Smith, Deacon Rod Young, Deacon Luther Fluty, Joe Adkins, Jerry Ball, Mavis Bare, John Barrea, Deacon George Beal, Maggie Blackburn, Marie Boring, Dee Bowman, Bob Burke, Dorothy J. Burns, Myrtle Bursererean, Polly B. Caines, Leona Castle, Evelyn Chamberlin, Barbara Christman, Harvey B. Combs, Randuf Conley, Richard Cox, Vannen Crabtree, Helen Creek, Sylvia Dawley, Edna Deel, Jennings DeWeese, Oville DeWeese, Barb Diller, Jim Eaton, Zetta Endicott, Mazel L. Eaves, Majorie Ewing, Geraldine Fairchild, Paul Fife, Luther Fluty, Jim Graham, Gary Hammond, Mary Rose Hensley, James Hickey Sr., Ron Hogle, George Hollinger, Pauline Horne, Roger Hottinger, Jeanette Jaworowski, Elbert Jones, Reesha Jones, Loretta Keaton, Polly Kimberling, Ray Kimberling, Mollie Kinser, Una Maynard, Dorothy Meade, Ruth MGuire, Connie Miller, Elsie Marie Williams Mills, Glen Moley, Darlene Moore, Mae Mullins, George Murphy, Elsie Perry, Lois Phillips, Virgil Price, Loretta Ellen Reese, Betty Rhoads, Violette Salyers, Bill Sayre, Carl Scott, Gladys Shelton, Caleb Shepard, Bertha Staton, Shirley Stiles, Genevieve Tenney, Gloria Whitehall, Herb Williamson, Ann Wolfenbarger, Clarence Young, Mildred Roberts, Irene Harmon, Imogene Nance, Vivian Estep, Sondra "Jean" Followell, and Elsie Perry. A moment of silence was granted to remember these who have gone.

Nominating Committee: For officers term ending in 2012: **Moderator**, Mark Price, elected; **Assistant Moderator**, Tom Dooley, elected; **Clerk**, Mike Stokes, elected; **Assistant Clerk**, Bryon Justice, elected. For officers term ending in 2013, **General Board:** Capitol City, Freddy Dutton, elected; Central Ohio, Russell Street, elected; Cuyahoga-Lorain, Robert Prichard, elected; Franklin, Del Wallace, elected; Great Lakes, Ken Frisbee, elected; Jackson, David Reese, elected; Lawrence, Tim Crank, elected; Little Miami, Charlie Cryder, elected; Northeastern, Randy Rose, elected; Tri-State, Jeremy Luthy, elected. For officers term ending in 2012, **Executive Committee:** Russell Street, Freddy Dutton, Dan King, and James Webb, elected. For officers term ending in 2018, **Board of Directors**, Mitch Salyers, elected; **CTS Board**, Adam McCarty, elected; **State Missions Board**, Roland Luthy, elected; **Nominating Committee** term ending 2014, Paul Keener, elected.

The moderator then appointed Roland Luthy as Prayer Committee Chairman, and Delois Loveless as Registration Committee Chairperson.

The clerk then read the 504 report which will be sent to the National Association Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, in July, which was approved.

A motion carried to adjourn from business.

The Harner Family from Bloom FWB Church, South Webster, Ohio, provided special singing. An offering of \$102.00 was received. Attendance 110. Rev. Ken Akers, Director of National Master's Men Department was introduced to bring the message. His subject was, "The Watchmen's Warning." Benediction.

Mike Stokes, Clerk