

Ohio State Meeting



GOD IS
our refuge
—AND—
STRENGTH
A VERY PRESENT
help IN *trouble*
THEREFORE
—WE WILL—
not **FEAR**

Fear
Not

**ANNUAL
REPORTS
FOR 2017**

**June 22-23,
2018**

Heritage Free Will
Baptist Church
575 Obetz Road
Columbus, Ohio 43207



October 12-13th

2018 Fall Retreat

**Berlin
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Missionary in
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**82nd National Association of Free Will
Baptists Little Rock, Arkansas
July 22-25, 2018**

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Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

PROGRAM

June 22-23, 2018

Friday Morning

9:00 AM Prayer Session Meets
9:30 AM Association Called into Official Session & Introduction of the Moderator, Rev. Mark Price
Welcome to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Tim Stout, Pastor
Moderator's Message
9:35 AM Report of the General Board--Seating of the Delegates
9:50 AM Appointment of Committees: *Resolution *Obituary *Appreciation
Welcome Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers from other bodies by the Moderator
10:00 AM Report of the Ohio State Mission Board
10:25 AM Report of the Ohio Youth Conference (CTS) Board
10:40 AM Report of the Board of Directors
Report of the Promotional Secretary
11:00 AM Worship in Giving
Ministry in Songs: Mark Bailey
11:15 AM Message: Rev. Wendell Combs, Pastor of New Hope FWB, "God is Leading You"
Noon Adjourn for Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:15 PM Devotion: Rev. Jerry Newman
1:30 PM Report of the Ohio Women Active for Christ
1:35 PM Report of the National Women Active for Christ
1:40 PM Miscellaneous Business
2017 National Convention Report
Appointment of Delegates to National Association of FWB
Report of the National Executive Department
Report of Randall House Publications
Report of Welch College
Report of the International Mission Department
Report of the North American Ministries Department
Report of the FWB Foundation
Report of the National Board of Retirement
Miscellaneous Reports
4:00 PM Adjourn

Friday Evening

6:30 PM Prayer Session Meets
7:00 PM Youth Worship Meeting in Heritage Hall
7:00 PM Adult Worship, Presiding: Rev. Tom Dooley
7:15 PM Worship in Giving
7:25 PM Ministry in Songs: Rev. James McComas
7:40 PM Message: Rev. James McComas, Director of Church Revitalization, NA Ministries, "God is Fighting For You"
Adjourn

Saturday Morning

9:00 AM Prayer Session Meets
9:30 AM Devotion: Rev. Bert Alsept
9:45 AM Miscellaneous Reports
10:00 AM Reports from the Committees: *Resolution *Obituary *Appreciation *Registration
10:35 AM Reading the State Letter
10:40 AM Report from the Nominating Committee
Election of Officers
Appointment of Prayer & Registration Committee Chairpersons and Nominating Committee for 2019
11:00 AM Worship in Giving
Ministry in Songs: Rev. Zack Conkel
11:15 AM Message: Rev. Robert Prichard, Pastor of the Cleveland FWB Church, "God is Protecting You"
Noon Adjournment

Moderator: Mark Price
Assistant Moderator: Tom Dooley
Clerk: Bryon Justice
Assistant Clerk: Manuel Lopes
Music Director: Tom Dooley
Pianist: Tobiane Stout

OFFICES FOR ELECTION:

	Moderator.....	2019
	Assistant Moderator....	2019
	Clerk.....	2019
	Assistant Clerk.....	2019

GENERAL BOARD:

	Northern Ohio.....	2020
	Trinity.....	2020
	South Central.....	2020
	Porter.....	2020
	Pine Creek.....	2020
	State Line.....	2020
	Cornerstone.....	2020
	North & Western.....	2020

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

		2019
		2019
		2019
		2019

OTHER BOARDS:

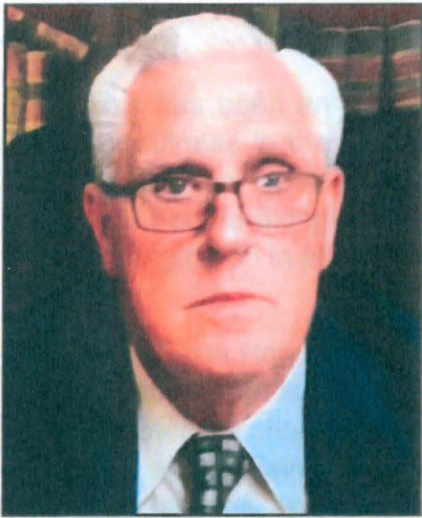
	Board of Directors.....	2025
	CTS Board.....	2025
	State Missions Board...	2025
<u>Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes per Ohio Constitution</u>	National General Bd.....	2021

OTHERS:

***We ask that you turn your cell phones off or put them on vibrate
 during the business and worship sessions. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

2019 Ohio State Association Meeting
June 21-22nd
Heritage FWB Church, Columbus, Ohio

Speaker Profiles



New Hope FWB Pastor and former Ohio Moderator Rev. **Wendell Combs** will be bringing the Friday morning message from the theme "*Fear Not*". The Friday morning message is on the subject, "*God is Leading You*".

Brother Combs was ordained in 1974 while attending the McArthur FWB Church. He is the pastor of the New Hope FWB Church in Chillicothe where he has been since 1997. Earlier in his ministry he was also the pastor of the Springfield First Church on Lafayette from 1978-1983. At the end of 1983 he became the pastor of the Chillicothe First Church for approximately five years.

He married his wife, Linda in 1971 and they have two sons, Matt and Shayne.



Rev. **Jim McComas**, Director of Church Revitalization for the National Home Mission Department and former Ohio pastor will be providing the special music and is scheduled to preach on the subject, "*God is Fighting For You*".

Brother Jim became the Director of Church Revitalization for North American Ministries in March, 2014, the first in the history of the denomination. He travels across the country teaching on the subject of church growth and revitalization, and is in great demand as a revival and conference speaker. He led North American Ministries in launching the Acts 1:8 "Power Conference" on church growth and revitalization in 2015. The North American Ministries staff is joining with Jim to hold regional conferences on church revitalization throughout the nation.

Rev. McComas was Senior Pastor at Canaan Free Will Baptist Church in Creston, Ohio for twenty-one years and sang with the Representatives Quartet for twenty-five years. He and his wife Beth live in Nashville, TN. They have two sons, Aaron and Matt who passed away in 2017.



Rev. **Robert Prichard**, pastor of the Cleveland Church and former Ohio Moderator will then preach the final message, "*God is Protecting You*".

Bro. Prichard, 80, was born in Logan, WV and moved to Cleveland in 1961. He married Lona Sergent of Logan, in 1956. Michael Ray and Vickie Lynn Boggs, their two children, are deceased. They have two granddaughters, Sarah Boggs and Rebecca (Boggs) Farmer.

Robert was saved July 9, 1953 at Mt. Carmel FWB Church in Logan. He was ordained to preach in 1958. He became a member of the Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference in 1961 and has served several capacities in the conference. He served as Moderator of The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists as well as various other positions. He was elected pastor of Bedford FWB Church in 1965. He has pastored the Cleveland FWB Church since 1975. Spring Valley Christian School, a vital ministry of Cleveland FWB Church, was founded in 1978 under Robert's leadership. He has served as Administrator of the Christian school ministry since its founding.

THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MISSION BOARD 2017 REPORT

This has been an exciting year where we continued to celebrate God's blessings and faithfulness in the Ohio State Missions Board. Travis McKenzie continues to see new faces every week in our newest church plant in Ashland, Ohio. God continues to bring new people alongside of Travis to help with the work. In 2018, Compassion Church is averaging 58 in attendance with an average weekly offering of \$1,164.00. To God be the glory!

Your State Home Mission Board understands the great responsibility we have in church planting. That is why we are working hard on the evaluation as well as the development of potential church planters. North American Ministries continues to be a tremendous help and blessing in this process. We take seriously the stewardship of church planters, their families, and church planting resources.

While we believe that every Christian should be in some way a part of church planting, we also believe that not everyone is qualified to be a church planter. An important part of the assessment process is to help the potential planter to see if being a lead church planter is a good fit. Often the assessment process will reveal other ministries the candidate would be better suited for.

Church planting creates challenges for us as we strive to be good stewards of the resources the Lord has provided. While the assessment process takes time and is very intense, we are expecting better church planters, better church plants, and healthier stewardship of people and resources in the process.

We covet your prayers and financial support in order to plant more churches in the future. Every church in our state should be obeying the Great Commission. The Ohio Home Missions board is a vehicle that can help churches be obedient in planting churches in our state where the gospel message is needed.

To those churches and pastors who stand by us with your prayers, encouragement, and financial support, we say thank you. For those who have yet to partner with us in church planting, we pray that God will challenge you to join us as we labor together to advance the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,

Mike Gladson, Board Chairman of the Ohio Missions Board

Thanks for All You Do For Ohio Missions

The Ohio Home Missions Board

**THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MISSION BOARD JUNE 2017 – JUNE 2018**

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2017 TOGETHER WAY PROGRAM RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	
State Associations (3)	\$ 427.13
Church (82)	\$ 49,953.77
Local Conferences (10)	\$ 1,317.73
Local WAC (2)	\$ 841.00
Individual (5)	\$ 650.00
Sub Total	\$ 53,189.63
CELF Interest	\$ 2,584.70
State Association Gift	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 60,774.33

State Associations

Ohio State Association
Ohio WAC
Ohio Youth Conference

Local WAC

Porter WAC
Reynoldsburg WAC

Local Conferences

Central Ohio
Cornerstone
Cuyahoga-Lorain
Franklin
Jackson
Lawrence County
North & Western
Pine Creek
Porter
Trinity

Churches

Ambassador	First Chillicothe	Mount Hope	Sciotodale
Antioch	First Clyde	Neville	Shelby Frist
Beatty	First Springfield	New Beginnings	South Charleston
Bethel	Forest Valley	New Beginnings - Mansfield	South Columbus
Bethesda Chapel	Friendly	New Hope	Springfield
Bloom	Gahanna	New Road	Swauger Valley
Canaan	Garden City	Newark	Tick Ridge
Canaan Land	Good Hope	North	Troy
Carey	Hamilton Glades	Oak Hill	Turkey
Christian Fellowship	Harrison	Old Kyger	Union
Cleveland	Heritage	Pine Grove	United
Coalton	High Street	Piqua	Unity
Columbus First	Hillview	Pleasant Hill	Urbana
Compassion	Lebanon	Porter	Victory
Cornerstone	Lighthouse	Puritan	Wakefield
Dailyville	Lima	Redeemer	Westerville
Dean Road	Lockbourne	Reynoldsburg	Westside
Deforest Road	Madison	Rittman Community	Woodland Chapel
Eastside	Marysville	Rosedale	Woodstock
Fairborn	McArthur	Samantha	
Faith - Cleveland	Mount Calvary	Scioto Baptist	

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MAKE OHIO HOME MISSIONS POSSIBLE!

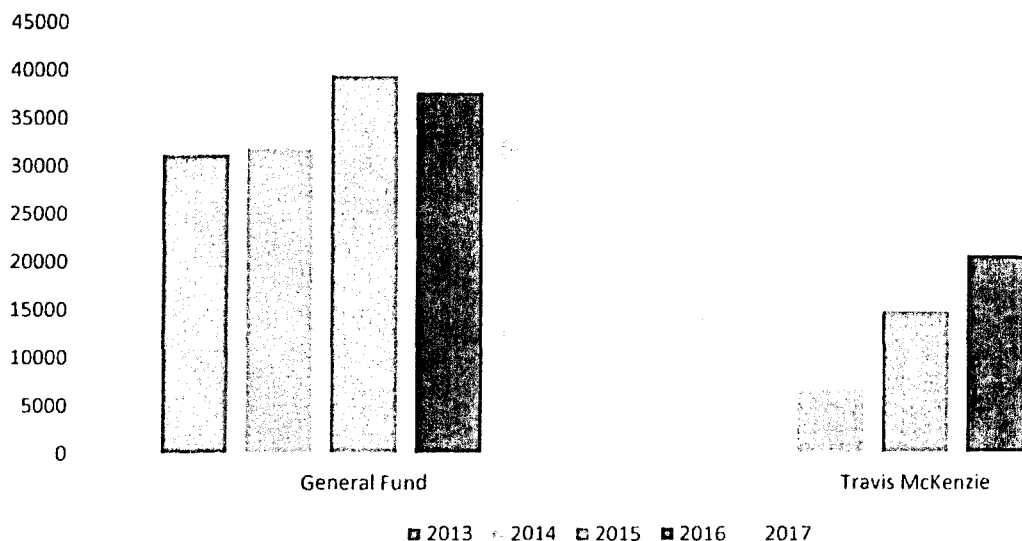
2017 TOGETHER WAY PROGRAM RECEIPTS INCOME BY ACCOUNT

2017	General Fund	Travis McKenzie	Total Income
January	\$ 2,696.58	\$ 1,820.13	\$ 4,516.71
February	\$ 2,889.10	\$ 4,046.68	\$ 6,935.78
March	\$ 2,160.73	\$ 1,292.85	\$ 3,453.58
April	\$ 2,880.02	\$ 1,729.50	\$ 4,609.52
May	\$ 2,824.72	\$ 2,450.15	\$ 5,274.87
June	\$ 2,657.48	\$ 2,392.13	\$ 5,049.61
July	\$ 2,483.55	\$ 1,527.56	\$ 4,011.11
August	\$ 2,682.33	\$ 2,205.97	\$ 4,888.30
September	\$ 2,221.63	\$ 858.51	\$ 3,080.14
October	\$ 2,642.15	\$ 1,900.32	\$ 4,542.47
November	\$ 2,847.81	\$ 1,296.33	\$ 4,144.14
December	\$ 1,476.53	\$ 1,206.87	\$ 2,683.40
Sub Total	\$ 30,462.63	\$ 22,727.00	\$ 53,189.63
CELF Interest	\$ 2,584.70		\$ 2,584.70
State Association Gift		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 33,047.33	\$ 27,727.00	\$ 60,774.33

NOTES:

1. General fund is comprised of designated gifts for general fund (\$ 8,223.26), co-operative giving (\$ 22,239.37), and Church Extension Loan Fund Interest (\$ 2,584.70).
2. Travis McKenzie fund is comprised of designated gifts for Travis McKenzie (\$ 12,621.14), As Needed (\$ 6,697.86), State Ministry Offering (\$ 3,408.00) and State Association Gift (\$5,000).

Income By Year



**OHIO ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD
2019 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Category	2017		2018	2019
	Approved	Spent	Approved	Proposed
Supplies	\$ 125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Computer Needs	\$ 225.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 500.00
Postage	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Phone	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,525.18	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Meals	\$ 500.00	\$ 334.88	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Ohio Retreat	\$ 125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Wages / Insurance	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,888.36	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 87,300.00	\$ 6,148.42	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 69,275.00

**BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Assets

Current Assets

Savings \$ 75,792.76

Checking \$ 110,697.97

Total Current Assets \$ 186,490.73

Fixed Assets

London Property \$ 200,000.00

HP Laptop Computer \$ 262.30

QuickBooks Accounting Software \$ 268.70

Total Assets \$ 200,531.00

Less Accumulated Depreciation \$ (266.14)

Total Fixed Assets \$ 200,264.86

Total Assets \$ 386,755.59

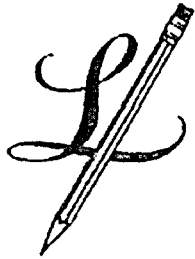
Liabilities \$ 0

Net Worth

Assets \$ 386,755.59

Liabilities \$ 0.00

Total Net Worth \$ 386,755.59



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INCOME TAX SERVICE**

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May 17, 2018

Ohio State Home Missions Board
Free Will Baptist
532 Allview Ct
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Dear Sirs:

We have reviewed the financial records of Ohio State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptist for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. These financial records are the responsibility of Ohio State Home Mission Board Free Will Baptist.

A review of financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial information for it to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Springer
MJ Lowe Tax Service

CONSTITUTION OF THE OHIO MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I: NAME

This board shall be known as the Ohio Mission Board Of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- A. To formulate, supervise, and direct the mission policies of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists.
- B. To plant and establish Free Will Baptist Churches as the Lord opens opportunities.
- C. To encourage the saints by extending the opportunity to partner together in planting and establishing Free Will Baptist Churches for the glory of God.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. This board shall consist of seven (7) members of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists dully elected by the same body.
- B. Term of membership to be seven (7) years...may succeed themselves as often as the body of the Ohio State Association decides.
- C. Any vacancy occurring in the Mission Board may be filled by a proxy who will fulfill the duties of the board member until the next Ohio State Meeting in which that individual could then be elected by the State Association.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

1. This board shall meet quarterly.
2. Board chairman may call special meetings.
3. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.
4. Travel expenses to be reimbursed according to current IRS allowance.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. Chairman

- A. Presiding at all regular and special meetings of the mission board.
 1. Assign members of the board to special duties and maintain contact with them concerning their responsibilities.
 2. Give over-all direction to the mission program of the state and report to State Association at state meeting.

2. Secretary-Treasurer

- A. Record minutes of all meetings of the board.
- B. Handle all necessary correspondence on behalf of the board.
- C. Transmit funds to mission agency or missionary.
- D. Send monthly financial report statements to board members.
- E. Give list of specific donors to missionary if designated.

Article VI: DIRECTIVES AND DUTIES OF THE OHIO MISSION BOARD OF F.W.B.

- I. This mission board shall have charge over all State Home Mission work.
- II. The Ohio Home Mission Board is under no obligation to partner with any other group or organization of Free Will Baptists; however this board will consider partnering with other groups or organizations of the of Free Will Baptists as long as they conform to the policies Ohio Home Mission Board.

THE DIRECTIVES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

I. CHURCH PLANTS

- A. This board shall investigate and survey all proposed and possibilities of new church plants, and to decide as to whether any funds should be spent.
- B. The following criteria will be considered:
 1. Demographic studies.
 2. On site observations.
- C. This board shall recruit new missionary candidates.
- D. This board shall oversee all dispersal of funds.
 1. While this board will be involved in the promotion of each mission work, each missionary is responsible for raising funds for his account.
 2. Each missionary will be responsible to raise enough funds/pledges to cover expected yearly finances before being assigned to the field.
 3. The funds are to be used for the missionaries' salary and the utilities and expenses to operate the mission work (all fundraising to focus only on the above items so the mission can become self-supporting as soon as possible).
 4. Each missionary will spend an amount of time suggested under the guidance of the assessment director before planned opening, to introduce himself and the mission to the community.
 - a. Reaching out to businesses and the community working to establish a core group for the mission church.
 - b. Use whatever means available to let local people know of the work.

5. This board believes that a church must be built with people before any investment is made in property or building.
6. This mission board will assist the mission church with rent until the church is able to purchase or build its own building (the mission church will be expected to be responsible for a portion of the rent according to its ability).
7. This mission board will assist a growing mission church in securing financing but it will not build any buildings and is not in the real-estate business.
8. This board will encourage the mission church to become self-sufficient and assume ownership in this work.
9. This board will not take over any mission or church unless all property, assets, finances, and control are turned over to this board.
10. Any mission/church established through the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist and the Ohio Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptist must maintain their affiliation with the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists. *
11. In the event of dissolution or disassociation of a mission/church established through the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists and the Ohio Home Mission Board, all assets, property and building contents will revert back to the Ohio Mission Board of Free Will Baptists.*

***Items 10-11 to be recorded on all deeds.**

II. The Missionary Selection

A. Qualifications

1. Divinely called and commissioned by God.
2. Must be an ordained Free Will Baptist minister in good standing with his conference or association and must be Free Will Baptist in doctrine and practice.
 - a. Must be able to state and defend by Scripture, Free Will Baptist doctrine.
 - b. Must preach, teach and practice all doctrines and ordinances according to the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
3. Along with Christian character and passion to win the lost this board believes that the missionary must be well trained for the task...at least one of the following will apply in selecting a missionary candidate:
 - a. Four (4) years of pastoral experience.
 - b. Four (4) years of Bible College.
4. The educational qualifications of each candidate will be considered on individual merit without thought of precedence as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make our decision.

5. All candidates and their wives will undergo an intense assessment program recommend by the Ohio Mission Board. Any assessment will include the following: will undergo the following assessments.
 - a. Criminal background check.
 - b. Credit check.
 - c. Character assessment.
6. The missionary's wife will be interviewed to determine her perspective on the calling...both the missionary and his wife must agree on the work and the lifestyle they will engage.
7. Each missionary will sign and be under contract with the Ohio Mission Board to include but not limited to the following obligations:
 - a. Length of contract.
 - b. Periods of assessments.
 - c. Compensation.
8. Each missionary will be given a copy of the Constitution of the Ohio Home Mission Board, and be in agreement with, and will acknowledge that he has read it before signing contract.
9. Should any unforeseen circumstances or health issues arise that the missionary is unable to continue the mission work in their field, the board reserves the right to either reassign the missionary or terminate the contract (the board is committed to respond in a sympathetic Christian manner but the missionary must realize that his continual service with the board is dependant on his ability to carry on the work).
10. Contract can be dissolved by either party after reasonable notice.

B. Evaluation

1. The following aspects will be considered in evaluation:
 - a. Attendance.
 - b. Conversions.
 - c. Baptisms.
 - d. Members added.
 - e. Overall vision of the members of the work.
 - f. Growth rate.
 - g. Finances.
2. Anytime after the one (1) year anniversary that the mission board does not see significant signs of a mission church taking root the board may take action it deems necessary.
 - a. May close or relocate the mission work.
 - b. May terminate the contract with the missionary.

C. Commitment of Missionary to Mission Work and the Board

1. Remain diligent in the work of sowing and reaping carefully guarding time away from work.
2. Attend conferences and state meetings (board to pay reasonable expenses as funds allow).
3. Will not obligate themselves to be away from work for more than two weeks per year (revivals etc.)
4. Will not accept part time employment without board approval.
5. Will report any problems or concerns to the mission board (we are partnering with him and are here to help in any way possible).

III. Commitment of the Mission Board to the Missionary And Mission Work

- A. Provide a basic startup equipment package allowance (as funds allow) to be used upon board approval to purchase such items as:
 1. **Equipment:** tables, chairs, hymnals, some type of projector, sound system, electronic hymnal, portable podium, computer, printer, copier, and white boards.
 2. **Promotional Materials.**
 3. **Miscellaneous.**
- B. Continuing in prayer for the missionary and his family.
- C. To support and encourage others to support financially and spiritually the needs of the missionary and the mission work to the best of our ability.
- D. We will strive to be aware of the needs of the missionary and his family.
- E. Will provide financial assistance for missionary and his family to attend National Association meeting as funds allow.
- F. Schedule at least one board meeting per year at each mission location if possible.
- G. Keep the churches of Ohio informed of the status of the missionaries through the state magazine and/or e-mails from the state office.
- H. Ensure that the missionary is paid in a timely manner each month. (**Missionary checks will not be sent out until the monthly report is received...any exception of this must be approved by chairman of the board**).
- I. While this board will make every effort to offer assistance in establishing new Free Will Baptist churches we understand our obligation to be faithful stewards. All decisions will be made knowing that we must report to God and the Ohio State Association our actions and expenditures. Should the need arise to close a work it will be done with no animosity toward the missionary or work and we would expect the same understanding be extended to this board.
- J. The Ohio Mission Board is an "at will" employer.



The Ohio Youth Conference

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Adam McCarty
Deanna Price, Treasurer

Mike Ellis
Mark McCarty
Mike Sammons

June 21, 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the state of Ohio:

I bring you greetings from the Ohio Youth Conference. On behalf of the entire OYC Board, I would like to thank you for your continued support through your prayers, participation, and giving. We could not do what we do for the Lord and our youth without the support of His people.

We would like to remind everyone of the programs for the youth of Ohio. The first is that the OYC Board will pay the fee associated with visiting one of our Free Will Baptist Colleges for any Ohio student. The second was that we offer up to a \$1,000 in scholarship to students that fill out our application, have participated in OYC competitions in age category D, and will be or are attending a Free Will Baptist College. The third is the Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship awards \$250 to each Ohio student's account when they are accepted to Truth and Peace. We do hope the youth of Ohio take advantage of these offers, and churches continue supporting OYC financially so we can continue these programs.

Last year, we once again hosted Friday evening youth worship services, overnight activities and a Saturday morning session. We are very appreciative of **Heritage's** willingness to provide us with everything we needed to hold these special services during the state meeting, and are looking forward to our services and activities this year.

On April 7, the annual Youth Competitions were held at **First Springfield FWBC**. The OYC board would like to congratulate all those that will be representing Ohio at the National Youth Conference in Louisville. We would encourage anyone attending the National Convention to make some time and support our youth that worked so hard to make it to the National Competition.

As a reminder, OYC has a page on Facebook. We are using it to promote OYC activities as well as activities of groups around the state quickly and in mass. If you are on Facebook, we'd love to have you search for the Ohio Youth Conference and join the group! Please encourage your youth to join, too.

This year we are saying good bye to two of our board members, as **Adam McCarty**, along with his wife Rachelle, and **Mike Sammons**, along with his wife Melissa. We would like to thank Adam and Rachelle and Mike and Melissa for their time working with OYC and pray the Lord's blessing as they continue their ministries.

Please continue to support the OYC through your prayers, participation, and giving. We are here to serve you. So, please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you promote or support youth activities. Our board members are here for you. We are looking forward to another great year in the state of Ohio for our youth!

In His Service,

Jason Luthy, OYC Chairman



The Ohio Youth Conference

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Balance as of 12/31/16

\$21,540.77

Receipts:

Coop giving for 2017	\$6,665.36
Competition Fees for 2017	\$ 825.00
Checks #842 voided – never cashed	\$ 50.00

Total Receipts

\$ 7,540.36

Expenses:

January meeting - food	\$ 66.64
January meeting - mileage	\$ 391.62
Zachary Yoho Truth & Peace Scholarship	\$1,000.00
College Scholarship	\$1,000.00
October meeting – mileage	\$ 349.92
Hotel rooms for State Competition	\$ 637.96
Flowers for funeral for Michael Sammons' Father	\$ 70.00
J.D. Webb - contribution to mission acct	\$ 500.00
State Competition:	\$1,776.15
Food & gift cards	\$ 829.37
Judges' Gratuities	\$ 700.00
Trophies/Name Plates	\$ 164.00
Devotional Speaker	\$ 75.00
Mailing of NYC registrations	\$ 7.78

NYC Registration fees \$ 775.00

Friday Night offering @ State Meeting	\$ 100.00
Pizza, Pop, plates & gift cards, doughnuts	\$ 496.50
Babysitting	\$ 200.00
Aaron Pontius – honorarium & hotel	\$ 942.49
Doughnuts, juice & milk	\$ 80.00
LazerKraze (rental, tokens & drinks)	\$1,438.30

Total Expenses

\$ 9,744.58

Balance as of 12/31/17

\$19,336.55



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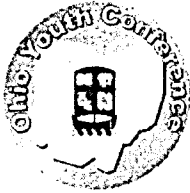
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Proposed Budget 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019

	2019 Proposed	2018 Approved	2017 Approved	2017 Spent
Board Travel Expenses (Travel/Meals/Competition Hotels)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,446.14
OYC Giving	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,570.00
FWB College Scholarship \$ 2,000				(Scholarships +
FWB College Visit Fees \$ 500				missions+flowers)
Truth & Peace Scholarship \$ 1,000				
State Competition:	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,776.15
Supplies \$ 300				
Food \$ 700				
Judges' Gratuity \$ 900				
Trophies \$ 700				
State Meeting	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,850	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,177.29
State Offering \$ 100				
Babysitting \$ 200				
Giveaways \$ 100				
Speaker \$ 850				
Special Activities \$ 2,500				
NYC Registration Fees	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 775.00
OYC Mailings/Promotion	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ -
2019 Proposed Budget:	\$ 11,900	\$ 11,400	\$ 11,600	\$ 9,744.58
2019 Anticipated Income:	\$ 8,000	(1)	2017 Income:	\$ 7,540.36

Notes:

(1) Any short fall between income and expenditures will be made up by using a portion of the current OYC bank balance.



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Congratulations to the 2017 Vertical III Ministry Expo Winners!

Individual Memorization

0.02 Nate Luthy – 3rd place

Group Memorization

0.12g Ashley & Caleb – 3rd place

Sign Language – Individual

6.11 D Shardonay Johnson* - 2nd place

Sign Language – Group

6.12 B Lord's Loving Hands (Westerville) – 3rd place

6.12 D Lord's Loving Hands (Westerville) – 1st place

Mixed Media

7.30 B Brianna Montoya – 1st place

Textiles

7.63 A Ella Luthy – 2nd place

Slide Show

9.30 A Ana Luthy - 1st place





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Congratulations to the 2018 OYC Ministry Expo Winners!

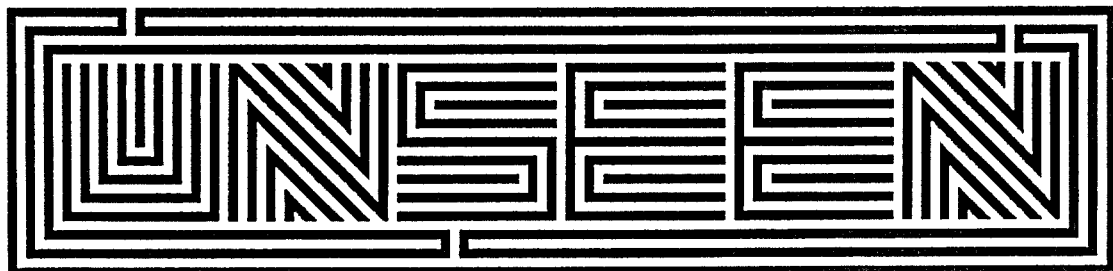
Individual Memorization

- 0.02 Ella Luthy*
- 0.03 Nate Luthy*
- 0.04 Ana Luthy*

Mixed Media

- 7.30 B Charli Rawe*
- 7.30 C Brianna Montoya*

*=will be going to Nationals



HEBREWS 11:1



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Congratulations to the 2018 Ohio Truth and Peacers!

Baylee Trimble
Jewelina Rose Van Keuren

The Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship

The Ohio Youth Conference is happy to announce that the 2018 Ohio Truth and Peacers listed above are recipients of The Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship, and have had \$250 deposited into their Truth and Peace accounts to help offset some of the cost of the program.

Zachary Yoho was an Ohio Youth Conference competition participant and Truth and Peace member for 2 years. In that time, Zachary was a great mentor to the youth of the State of Ohio. In 2006 Zachary was a freshman at Free Will Baptist Bible College (now Welch College). On March 30, 2007, Zachary went on to be with the Lord in his sleep. In his short time on the earth, Zachary lived a life that honored Christ and was an excellent example to the Free Will Baptist youth of Ohio. With The Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship, the Ohio Youth Conference would like to honor his memory, and help future Ohio youth experience the Truth and Peace leadership program.



What is Truth & Peace?

The Truth & Peace Leadership Conference is the premier leadership training conference for Free Will Baptist high school students. Each year, students from across the country, in grades 9-12, meet for two weeks of intensive leadership training. The culmination of the conference is at the National Youth Conference where the Truth & Peace student put their training into practice as the staff of the NYC.

If you are the kind of student who is not willing just to endure school, but want to make a difference on your campus, in your church, and with your youth group, then Truth and Peace is the experience you are looking for.

Executive Committee Report

June 21, 2018

The Executive Committee met October 13, 2017, at the State Office, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, to plan the State Association meeting for June 22-23, 2018.

Members present: Mark Price, Tom Dooley, Jeremy Luthy, Dan King, Russell Street, Manuel Lopes, and Bryon Justice.

The Moderator offered a devotion from II Timothy 2:1-7.

Items of Business:

Item #1 After prayer and discussion the committee agreed that the theme for the 2018 State Association meeting will be, "Fear Not". Speakers for messages and devotions, as well as musicians and singers, were selected.

Item #2 Welch College is to be given extra time (15 minutes) during the 2018 meeting for their report. Luncheon on Friday will be provided by the OWAC with a free will offering including tips to be suggested to attendees.

Item #3 The committee voted to return to the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church for the 2019 State Association meeting.

Item #4 Motion was made and carried for Mark Price, Bryon Justice and Edwin Hayes to meet at a designated time to review and edit the update of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio State Association as proposed by The National Center for Life and Liberty. The update will ultimately be presented to the General Board.

Item #5 Preliminary discussion was held concerning Ohio hosting the 2019 National Association in Cincinnati.

The Committee then adjourned until next session.

Bryon Justice, Clerk

Executive Committee – Special Session

A special session, via email, was called on May 17, 2018. Bro. Edwin presented the Executive Committee with copies of the proposed updated bylaws for review.

A motion to approve the document for presentation to the general board/delegates was made by Jeremy Luthy, with a second by Bryon Justice.

Those in favor: Jeremy Luthy, Bryon Justice, Russell Street, Charlie Crider, Tom Dooley, and Manuel Lopes. Motion Carried.

Clerk,

Bryon Justice

2018 Board of Directors Report

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

Greetings from your Ohio State Association of FWB Board of Directors.

God has been very kind to our State Office and our denomination. We are blessed to have Bro. Edwin Hayes as our Executive Secretary. We are also thankful for Bro. Paul Keener, Sister Sue Keener, Sister Linda Hayes, Sister Ruth Ann Castle who serve as staff. Bro. Paul continues to promote our denominations D6 literature which is produced by Randall House. Continue to pray for Bro. Edwin and our State Office staff.

We want to say a special **THANK YOU** to all of the churches in our state who support the State Office through the Together Way program. Your investment in our state work through Co-op or direct donations allows us to be a blessing to our churches in Ohio. This is your State Office and we encourage you to continue to support this important State ministry.

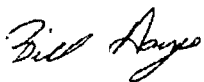
God has blessed our State Office financially. Bro. Edwin has included the financial report for the State Office and an overview of his ministry and that of the State Association in his report.

We, the Board of Directors, are recommending that some of the money received from the Brotherhood Mutual commission be distributed as follows: **\$8,000 to the account of Ohio missionary Travis McKenzie who is pastor of the Compassion FWB Church in Ashland, Ohio; \$2,500 to the Ohio Men's Retreat account; \$2,500 to the Ohio Women Active for Christ.** As well, we are asking that the State Association **approve changes to the Board of Directors Constitution and Bylaws.** These changes are outlined on the proceeding pages of this report.

Once again, thank you for your support and we are very blessed to be able to serve and minister to our state association. Pray God's continued blessings on Brother Edwin, the staff, and churches which we serve. Feel free to contact Edwin or any member of the Board of Directors if you have any questions or are in need of further information regarding the finances or function of the State Office.

God bless you and continue to pray for the State office.

Sincerely Yours and **HIS!**



Bill Hayes, Chairman, Board Of Directors

Chris Oiler, Asst. Chairman

Mitch Salyers, Secretary

Eugene Crouch, Member

Peter Dunn, Member

Mike Mounts, Member

John Wallace, Member

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

- Section 1.** **Name:** The name of this Board shall be know as the Board of Directors of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist.
- Section 2.** **Location:** The location of the principal office of the Board shall be that of the State Office at 7554 Slate Ridge Blvd, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, where minutes and general information shall be maintained along with the secretary's records. In the event of the disillusionment of the State Office, the location shall be that of the secretary.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- Section 1.** **General:** The general purpose of this Board, as delegated by the Ohio State Association shall be to promote the general welfare and effectiveness of the Free Will Baptist denomination in Ohio and its worldwide endeavors. To do so the Board of Directors is responsible to hire a Promotional-Secretary, who under the Board's direction, shall seek to accomplish its mission, with particular emphasis in stimulating interest and activities toward said desires; to assist pastors, churches, conferences, in their respective endeavors; to foster and encourage a sprit of fraternity and opportunities for fellowship within the state of Ohio. The State Promotional Secretary (Executive Secretary) will serve as Ohio's National General Board member and he will be empowered to name his proxy should circumstances not allow his attending the National Association.
- The Promotional Secretary is to oversee this work along with editing the Ambassador, the state publication; promotion of denominational enterprises; direct the Ohio Bible Institute; oversee the Ambassador Bible Bookstore; serve as treasurer of the Association and be responsible for handling all monies of the Association except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by this Association; plan and promote the annual men's retreat; administer the Ohio website and other responsibilities deemed necessary to fulfil the office and functions given to the Board.
- In the event any organization within the supervision of this board becomes large enough that it becomes necessary to have separate directors or managers, then this board may be empowered to hire these, and each report to the Board of Directors.

- Section 2.** **Specific:** The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist is recognized by this Board of Directors as the supreme governing body, determining all matters of policy and direction. The Board of Directors shall serve, support, and channel concerns to the General Board of the Ohio State Association in their annual meeting.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.** **Regular membership:** The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist duly elected by the same body. The term of membership shall be directed by the constitution of Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist.
- Section 2.** **Vacancy:** If a member fails to be present at two consecutive meetings, or if there is a resignation, the Board of Directors at their discretion can seek for a replacement so as to maintain a full board until the next State Convention.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

- Section 1.** **Officers:** The officers of the Board of Directors shall be:
- A. Chairman.
 - B. Vice Chairman.
 - C. Secretary.
- (They will also serve as the Executive Committee of the Board.)

Section 2.

Duties and power of officers:

A. Chairman

- 1) The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at the meetings of the Board.
- 2) Assign members of the Board special duties, maintain contact with them concerning their responsibilities.
- 3) Give an over-all direction to the Board of Directors program in co-operation with the Promotional Secretary.
- 4) Report to the General Board and State Convention the progress of the Board of Directors.
- 5) May call special meetings not designated by the Board.

B. Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman is to serve as the replacement for the Chairman, either in his absence or by the designation of the Chairman.

C. Secretary

- 1) The Secretary shall be in charge of maintaining the minutes of general, special, and executive committee meetings.
- 2) Shall handle all necessary correspondence for said Board of Directors.
- 3) Copies of the minutes and necessary legal records will be kept at the State Office and also by the Secretary.

D. Executive Committee

- 1) **Members:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board of Directors.
- 2) **Quorum:** The majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the general, special, or executive committee meetings.
- 3) **Powers:** This committee shall have no power but to provide agenda for board if necessary and to serve as a liaison between Promotional Secretary and Board of Directors.

E. Elections

- 1) The officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve one year terms at the board meeting after the State Association.
- 2) **Vacancies:** The vacancy of officers can be filled at any session by majority vote.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. Meeting: The Board of Directors will hold two meetings annually with times and agenda determined by Board in regular meeting, or called session by the chairman.

Section 2 Place: The meetings will be held at the State Office or by email unless otherwise directed by the Chairman of Board of Directors in previous session.

Section 3. Quorum: A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - AMMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds favorable vote at any session of the Board of Directors constituent with the ratification by the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist.

Promotional Secretary's Report-2017



At the end of 2017 I completed 24 years of service to the Ohio Association in this position. I thank the Lord that He has been with us the entire time. 2017 was a good year for our association.

Preaching

I appreciated the opportunity to preach or teach in 41 church appointments, four conferences, in two church revivals, one conference revival, the Tennessee All Boards Meeting and two regional men's meetings. I taught the lesson on the subject, "Why I Am a Free Will Baptist" in seven churches and the regular Sunday School lesson seven times. I attended a total of 17 conferences, the International Mission WMO Dinner, the National Association in Louisville, Ky, the D6 Conference in Dallas, the National Leadership Conference and the National Executive Committee Meeting in Nashville. (*I was off a good part of May and June for a hip replacement.*) I am available to fill your pulpit for conferences, Sunday services and revivals.

Promotion

Our giving for 2017 for the State Office was *mixed*. The Ambassador Magazine had an income of \$14,401.65 which is *up* by \$379.65 over 2016, the State Office General Fund giving was \$13,931.79 which is *up* by \$200.75 over 2016 and Co-op giving was \$149,272.55 which *down* by \$6,148.57 under 2016. Total income for the Ohio Together Way Plan received in 2017, was \$536,930.63. This was less than 2016 by only \$810.96.

Our giving to the National Departments was up very slightly in 2017. This breakdown is as follows: Ohio gave \$221,875.09 to National Home Missions and \$114,676.34 to International Missions. Gifts to the Executive Office totaled \$22,074.30 and \$17,217.73 went to Welch College. Ohio churches gave a total of \$386,079.48 to National Ministries which is \$1,908.53 more than in 2016. In addition to this, Ohio gave \$61,521.16 to the FWB Family Ministries of Tennessee.

The approximate breakdown of percentages from all Ohio gifts income breakdown are as follows:

<p><i>State Office 14.79%, Ambassador Magazine 2%, State Missions 8.18%, State CTS 1.03%</i></p> <p>Ohio State Ministries Total 26.2% of all gifts given</p>
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<p><u>Ohio State Ministries</u> 26.2% of all gifts <u>Special Ministries</u> 4.91% of all gifts <u>National Ministries</u> 59.4% of all gifts <u>Children's Homes/Other</u> 9.5 % of all gifts</p>
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The Together Way Giving Plan allows our churches to funnel all their state and national outside giving through the State Office. 112 churches, conferences or ministries have given through the State Office in 2017.

We promoted the twentieth annual **State Ministries Offering**. We received **\$6,428.00** from at least 56 churches or conferences.



Our State Association **did** receive two commissions from **Brotherhood Mutual** from their new program. The first commission totaled **\$15,000.00**. This commission is for advertising for them. We received an additional commission of **\$15,000.00** based on a formula of premiums verses our churches' losses. We are proposing that we add \$10,000.00 of the commission into the 2019 budget because of a cut in the Randall Commission. (See next page.)

Because of receiving the commission in 2017, we are proposing that we give **\$8,000.00** to Travis McKenzie's account, **\$2,500.00** to the Ohio Men's Retreat to not have to raise the price for those in the dorms in 2019 and **\$2,500.00** for the Ohio Women Active for Christ.

We had our nineteenth annual **Ohio Golf Tournament**. Twenty one golfers had a good time fellowship and recreation directly after the State Meeting. We will not be having a tourney this year.



Men's Retreat

We had our annual Men's Retreat in 2018. We had Ohio Legislative Watch President **Dan Whisner**, Former NFL Player **Troy Sadowski**, and Ohio Pastors **Jason Meade**, **Eugene Crouch** and **Curtis Booth** as speakers. We witnessed many decisions made for the Lord. He has truly continued to bless this ministry.

The 2019 retreat is scheduled for **January 24-26th** at the **Heartland Conference Center** in **Marengo, Ohio**.

(See the ad on the inside of the back page of this book.)

Pastor & Church Assistance

We continue to assist churches in need of a pastor or pulpit supply. We are thankful to be there to be a help to our pastors and churches when they are in need of counsel or advice.

Ambassador Magazine

We completed our 57th year in 2017 in publishing the *Ambassador*. The magazine had an income of **\$14,401.65**.



Ohio Email Updates

We do operate an *Ohio Update Email List* which allows us to send out information and prayer requests. If you would like to receive *Ohio Updates*, send an email to ehayes@ambassadorbible.com and ask to be placed on the list.



Ohio Pastor's Retirement Plan

This voluntary plan allows the pastor of each church who gives to the Co-op Plan or directly to the Ohio State Association Office to have 5% of the gifts given to his retirement account at the National Board of Retirement in Nashville. If you have not signed up yet, I would encourage you to see the registration desk and pick up your application.

We have 16 pastors signed up for the plan.

Two checks were sent to the pastor's accounts in 2017.

*The first was sent in January and totaled \$1,832.77 for 17 pastors.

*In July we sent a check for \$2,150.95 for 17 pastors.

The Ohio State Office and Ambassador Bookstore will be CLOSED the following dates:

July 20-29th and will reopen Monday, July 30th

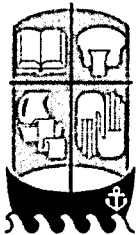
September 19-23rd and will reopen Monday, September 24th

December 21st-January 1st and will reopen Wednesday, January 2nd

Web Page

We maintain our State website with current state ministry information, announcements, our history, beliefs, events calendar, my schedule, forms and links to our National, OYC, Ohio Missions and OWAC Pages. You can also find us on Facebook. We have made some progress in redesigning the site to make it compatible with cell phones.

www.OhioFWB.org



National Fund

We are planning to host the 2019 National Association of Free Will Baptists in Cincinnati. We used \$25.00 from each church's fees in 2017 and the additional \$5,000.00 from the Brotherhood Commission and deposited \$8,645.00 for this account. That account now stands at \$43,073.42. We plan on giving the National Executive Office \$40,000.00 in 2019 and use the rest for the National Committee Expenses and the National Booth Expense. We also will have funds to add this year and in 2019. Any funds left over will remain in the National Fund for hosting in the future.

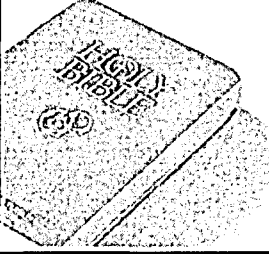
Randall House Commission

Both Paul Keener and Edwin Hayes represent Randall House Publications to our churches and conferences. We receive a quarterly commission based on Ohio FWB literature sales.



It was discovered that Randall had been overpaying us because they were including all churches in Ohio for their calculations and they were supposed to be only using the churches in our association according to the contract we signed with them in 2009. We will be receiving about \$7,000.00 annually less than we have in the past. In 2017 we received \$15,233.13 in commissions from Randall House.

**Using
Randall House material will be a blessing to your Church and it gives
you the opportunity to support your own Ohio State Association!**



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Ambassador Bookstore

The bookstore sales were down again. Our receipts for 2017 were \$7,065.02 and our product cost was \$3,857.14.

Our actual sales for 2017 were \$6,677.48 compared with \$9,863.85 in 2016.

You can purchase material by the website www.ambassadorbible.com or the phone 1/800/726-1290.

Budget Notes

1. The Board of Directors requested and received authorization at 2013 State Meeting, "That if we incur a major expense such as the heating/cooling system, the copier, or computers, etc. that we would have permission to take care of these expenses with our savings or checking accounts." A Phone System, CC Terminal and Powerpoint Projector were added to this list in 2015. We did purchase a new laptop computer and printer in June.

"These additions would be contingent on a vote of the Board of Directors."

2. Considering we did receive the Brotherhood Commissions in 2017 that were not in the budget, recommend that the Ohio State Association give the Travis McKenzie Account \$8,000.00, \$2,500.00 for the Ohio Men's Retreat so we would not have to raise the price for those in the dorms in 2019 and \$2,500.00 to the Ohio Women Active for Christ.

3. We will have some expense in preparation to host the 2019 National Association in Cincinnati. The expense will be for the National Committee and National Booth. These expenses will be paid from the National Fund.

4. We did have expense of \$272.92 (mileage & meal) for a meeting of the Moderator, Clerk and Executive Secretary on March 3rd to work on the proposed by laws that the Executive Committee authorized to be presented to the General Board at this year's convention.

Our Staff

We thank our staff, Ambassador Bookstore Manager **Paul Keener**, Bookkeeper **Ruth Ann Castle**, *Ambassador Magazine* Proofreader **Linda Hayes** and *Ambassador Magazine* Distribution **Sue Keener**. They all do a wonderful job for our association.

Conclusion

We appreciate all our churches who support the Ohio State Office ministry and our Ohio State Ministries. There is a blessing to be gained by supporting the state work through the **Co-op Plan**, *Ambassador Magazine*, or direct gifts to the **State Office**, **Ohio State Missions** and **Ohio State Youth**.

"I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers" Philemon 1:4
 Edwin Hayes, Executive Secretary



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May 17, 2018

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists and
The Ambassador Church Supply Center

Dear Sirs:

We have reviewed the accompanying balance sheets of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists as of December 31, 2017 and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our findings.

We could not satisfy ourselves to the amounts as referenced in Notes 1 through 3 to the Balance Sheet.

In our opinion, except for the effects of Notes 1 through 3 to Balance Sheet referred to in the previous paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists as of December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the financial statements or this letter, please feel free to contact Jennifer Springer at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Springer
MJ Lowe Tax Service



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SUBJECT: Supplement to the Balance Sheet

This is a supplement to the Balance Sheet for Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists and the Ambassador Church Supply Center as of December 31, 2017, Notes 1 through 3.

Note 1:

Although the records are being kept on a cash basis, the receivables, payables, and inventories are being accounted for at the end of each month for reporting and management information purposes. Staff employees have counted the inventory, not an outside independent accounting firm. We recommend that an outside firm be employed to handle end of year inventory.

Note 2:

The figure used to determine fixtures and equipment is an estimated cost (fair market value) of replacement. The actual purchase cost of these items could not be determined.

Note 3:

This figure represents the actual purchase cost of the vehicle less depreciation based on the method used by the Internal Revenue Service. Actual appraisal or "Bluebook" value of the vehicle may be more than the book balance.

	CO-OP	OHIO MISS	NATL MIN	OHIO YOUTH	SPEC MIN.	STATE OFFICE	AMBASSADOR	
CHECKING ACCT								\$ 107,934.59
Check from 2016 Not Cleared					\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00
SAVINGS ACCT								\$ 6,226.58
NATIONAL FUND								\$ 34,329.73
PAYROLL ACCT								\$ 4,064.58
CHURCH EXT LOAN FUND								\$ 269,330.08
AMOUNT CARRIED 12/31/16								\$ 421,905.56
INCOME	\$ 149,272.55	\$ 30,802.94	\$ 156,434.45	\$ 2,187.80	\$ 31,960.59	\$ 151,870.65	\$ 14,401.65	\$ 536,930.63
TOTAL								\$ 958,836.19
Business Expenses-Disbursements						\$ -		
Wages						\$ 55,715.93		
Federal Taxes						\$ 23,921.03		
State Taxes						\$ 2,089.28		
City Taxes						\$ 2,016.16		
Workers Comp						\$ 133.69		
Insurance						\$ 1,971.00		
Retirement						\$ 6,600.00		
Housing Allowance						\$ 12,999.84		
Travel-Ex Sec						\$ 2,997.26		
Travel- BD						\$ 843.32		
Travel -Employees						\$ 2,555.60		
Travel-Ex comm						\$ 715.31		
Special Ministries					\$ 31,980.59	\$ -		
Automobile Payment						\$ 904.00		
Automobile Insurance						\$ 974.43		
Automobile Repairs						\$ 1,422.63		
Gasoline						\$ 3,857.14		
Bookstore Product						\$ 146.05		
Credit Card Settlement						\$ 120.04		
Sales Tax						\$ 2,552.79		
Condo Fees						\$ 3,846.60		
Property Taxes						\$ 705.98		
Copier						\$ 180.00		
Employee expense						\$ 65.00		
Operating Supplies						\$ 1,423.29		
Office supplies						\$ 1,116.64		
Phone						\$ 3,258.63		
Postage						\$ 620.48		
Internet						\$ 1,324.00		
Utilities						\$ 2,313.00		
State Assoc Expense						\$ 3,983.72		
Pastors Retirement								
National CO-OP	\$ 44,774.05							
Natl Ministries Desig			\$ 156,434.45					
Ambassador							\$ 11,895.72	
National Fee						\$ 19,950.00		
State Home Mission CO-OP	\$ 22,386.69							
State HM Mission Desg		\$ 30,802.94						
Ohio Youth Coop	\$ 4,477.56							
Ohio Youth Designated				\$ 2,187.80				
Retreat						\$ 31,496.33		
Revivals						\$ 3,389.96		
Miscellaneous						\$ 2,165.47		
Leadership Conference						\$ 379.00		
Professional Fees						\$ 2,655.00		
Golf Tournament						\$ 516.00		
Expense Totals	\$ 71,638.30	\$ 30,602.94	\$ 156,434.45	\$ 2,187.80	\$ 31,980.59	\$ 201,924.87	\$ 11,895.72	\$ 506,864.67
TRANSFERS								
Transferred to National Acct						\$ 8,701.00		\$ 8,701.00
Purchased Fixtures						\$ 26.69		\$ 26.69
Transferred Interest to Savings						\$ 12.47		\$ 12.47
Gifts to St Mission, OYC, OWAC		\$ 5,000.00			\$ 1,500.00			\$ 6,500.00

Increase in Payroll Acct						\$ 531.65		\$ 531.65
National Church Growth Conference						\$		\$
TOTAL EXP+TRANSFERS	\$ 71,638.30	\$ 35,922.94	\$ 156,434.45	\$ 2,187.80	\$ 33,480.59	\$ 211,196.68	\$ 11,895.72	\$ 522,636.48
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 77,634.25	\$ (5,000.00)	\$	\$	\$ (1,520.00)	\$ (59,326.03)	\$ 2,505.93	\$ 14,294.15
BALANCE IN CHECKING								\$ 122,248.74
BALANCE IN PAYROLL								\$ 4,596.23
BALANCE IN SAVINGS								\$ 6,239.05
BALANCE IN NATL FUND								\$ 43,030.73
BALANCE IN LONG TERM INVST								\$ 269,330.08
TOTAL BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017								\$ 445,444.83

State Office Income 2019-Budget

Randall Curriculum Sales	\$ 11,000.00
Brotherhood Commission	\$ 10,000.00
Church Fees	\$ 26,600.00
General Fund Gifts	\$ 14,375.00
Golf Tourney	\$ -
Interest from NHM CELF Acct.	\$ 11,200.00
Ohio Bible Institute	\$ 25.00
Service Income	\$ 7,750.00
State Ministry Offering	\$ 2,800.00
Ohio Men's Retreat	\$ 36,000.00
Bookstore Sales	\$ 7,500.00
Misc Income	\$ 1,255.00

Total Income **\$ 128,505.00**

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists Proposed Budget-2019

	<u>COOP</u>	<u>OH MISSON</u>	<u>NATL MINISTRIES</u>	<u>OH. YOUTH</u>	<u>SPEC MINIS</u>	<u>ST. OFFICE</u>	<u>AMBASSADOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
INCOME	\$ 151,400.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 156,500.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 128,505.00	\$ 14,575.00	\$ 517,580.00
BUSINESS EXPENSES								
WAGES						\$ 56,470.00		
FEDERAL TAXES						\$ 24,200.00		
STATE TAXES						\$ 2,323.00		
CITY TAXES						\$ 2,100.00		
WORKERS COMPENSATION						\$ 150.00		
INSURANCE						\$ 2,000.00		
RETIREMENT						\$ 6,600.00		
REVIVALS						\$ 3,374.63		
HOUSING ALLOWANCE						\$ 16,000.00		
TRAVEL-EXEC, SECRETARY						\$ 3,000.00		
TRAVEL-BRD. OF DIRECTORS						\$ 850.00		
TRAVEL-EXEC. COMMITTEE						\$ 800.00		
TRAVEL-BOOKSTORE MGR						\$ 2,550.00		
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE						\$ 925.00		
AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS						\$ 1,000.00		
GASOLINE						\$ 1,450.00		
PROFESSIONAL FEES						\$ 2,520.00		
STATE ASSOCIATION EXPENSE						\$ 2,500.00		
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE						\$ 400.00		
RETREAT						\$ 31,500.00		
GOLF TOURNEY								
MISCELLANEOUS						\$ 1,200.00		
PROPERTY TAXES						\$ 3,900.00		
CONDO FEES						\$ 2,000.00		
UTILITIES (ELECTRIC & GAS)						\$ 1,400.00		
COPIER						\$ 750.00		
PHONE						\$ 1,150.00		
INTERNET PROVIDER						\$ 650.00		
POSTAGE METER						\$ 3,100.00		
POSTAGE PERMIT						\$ 230.00		
POSTAGE/SHIPPING						\$ 100.00		
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE						\$ 200.00		
OFFICE SUPPLIES						\$ 1,450.00		
OPERATING SUPPLIES						\$ 100.00		
SPECIAL MINISTRIES					\$ 32,400.00			
ST HOME MISSION CO-OP	\$ 22,710.00							
ST. HME MISSION DESIGNATED		\$ 32,000.00						
OHIO YOUTH COOP	\$ 4,542.00							
OHIO YOUTH DESIGNATED				\$ 2,200.00				
NATIONAL CO-OP	\$ 45,423.00							
NATL MINIST DESIGNATED			\$ 156,500.00					
NATIONAL FEE						\$ 19,950.00		
NATIONAL HOST FUND						\$ 3,325.00		
MINISTER'S RETIREMENT						\$ 4,000.00		
AMBASSADOR							\$ 12,000.00	
CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT						\$ 150.00		
SALES TAX						\$ 130.00		
BOOKSTORE PRODUCT						\$ 4,000.00		
TOTAL	\$ 72,675.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 156,500.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 208,497.63	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 516,272.63
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 78,725.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (79,992.63)	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 1,307.37

**Ohio Association of Free Will Baptist and
Balance Sheet
as of December 31, 2017**

ASSETS

	Payroll Account	\$4,596.23	
	State Office Checking Account	\$122,248.74	
	Savings CD	\$6,239.05	
	National Home Missions Investment Note	\$269,330.08	
	National Fund	\$43,030.73	
	Cash register Change	\$150.00	
	Building/Land	\$109,179.18	
	Retreat Deposit	\$3,509.80	
N-1	Accounts Receivable	\$271.45	
N-1	Store Inventory	<u>\$5,822.54</u>	
	 Total Cash Assets		 <u>\$564,377.80</u>
N-2	Fixtures & Equipment	\$50,460.51	
	Accumulated Depreciation Fixtures & Equipment	<u>(\$46,177.13)</u>	
	Fixtures & Equipment Net		\$4,283.38
N-3	State Vehicle	\$24,017.40	
	Accumulated Depreciation State Vehicle	<u>(\$15,610.44)</u>	
	State Vehicle Net		\$8,406.96
	 Total Fixed Assets		 <u>\$12,690.34</u>
	 TOTAL ASSETS		 <u>\$577,068.14</u>
	 LIABILITIES		
	Unpaid Accounts (Store)		
		<u>\$146.79</u>	
	 Total Liabilities		 \$146.79
	 Net Worth		 <u>\$576,921.35</u>
	 TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		 <u>\$577,068.14</u>

**Ohio State Association of FWB
and the Ambassador Church Supply Center
Balance Sheet
Three Year Comparison**

ASSETS	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Church Supply Checking & savings Acct	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Office Checking & Savings Acct	\$122,248.74	\$107,934.59	\$106,560.82
Savings CD	\$6,239.05	\$6,226.58	\$0.00
Payroll acct	\$4,596.23	\$4,064.58	\$1,581.75
Petty cash	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Accounts Receivable	\$271.45	\$538.12	\$423.15
National Home Missions Investment Note	\$269,330.08	\$269,330.08	\$269,330.08
Building/Land	\$109,179.18	\$109,179.18	\$109,179.18
Retreat Deposit	\$3,509.80	\$4,320.26	\$6,075.62
Store Inventory	\$5,822.54	\$5,744.84	\$6,407.85
National Fund	\$45,030.73	\$34,329.73	\$25,426.30
Total Cash Assets	<u>\$564,377.80</u>	<u>\$541,817.96</u>	<u>\$525,134.75</u>
Fixtures & Equipment	\$50,460.51	\$51,406.35	\$52,686.89
Accum Depreciated Fixtures & Equipment	(\$46,177.13)	(\$45,642.58)	(\$44,587.96)
Fixtures & Equipment Net	\$4,283.38	\$5,763.77	\$8,098.93
State Vehicle	\$24,017.40	\$24,017.40	\$24,017.40
Accumulated Depreciation State Vehicle	(\$15,610.44)	(\$10,806.96)	(\$6,003.48)
State Vehicle Net	\$8,406.96	\$13,210.44	\$18,013.92
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$12,690.31</u>	<u>\$18,974.21</u>	<u>\$26,112.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$577,068.14</u>	<u>\$560,792.17</u>	<u>\$551,247.60</u>
LIABILITIES			
State Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accounts payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unpaid Accounts (Store)	\$146.79	\$391.95	\$481.77
Remainder of 20th Ann Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mortgage-Building	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$146.79</u>	<u>\$391.95</u>	<u>\$481.77</u>
Net Worth	<u>\$576,921.35</u>	<u>\$560,400.22</u>	<u>\$550,765.83</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	<u>\$577,068.14</u>	<u>\$560,792.17</u>	<u>\$551,247.60</u>

Thanks go to the following 60 churches and 9 conferences who gave support to the State Office in 2017. The gifts came in through the Co-op plan, or the State Office General Fund.

Churches

Ambassador
Antioch
Beatty
Bethel-Cleveland
Bethesda Chapel
Calvary-Ravenna
Canaan
Canaan Land
Cleveland
Coalton
Columbus First
Community-West Jefferson
Compassion
Cornerstone-Mansfield
Dailyville
Eastside
Faith-Cleveland
First Chillicothe
First Springfield
Forest Valley
Gahanna
Good Hope
Harrison
Heritage
Hillview
Lighthouse, Elsmere, KY
McArthur
Mount Calvary
Neville
Newark
New Beginnings-Mansfield
New Hope-Chillicothe
New Hope-Lucasville
New Road
North
Oak Hill
Old Kyger

Pine Grove
Pleasant Hill
Porter
Puritan
Redeemer
Reynoldsburg & Ladies Auxiliary
Rosedale
Samantha
Shelby First
South Charleston
South Columbus
Southwest
Springfield
Swauger Valley
Tick Ridge
Turkey Creek
Union
Unity
Urbana
Victory
Westerville
Woodland Chapel
Woodstock

Conferences

Central Ohio
Cornerstone
Cuyahoga-Lorain
Franklin
Jackson
Lawrence
North & Western
Pine Creek
Trinity

Note: If we have overlooked your church or conference by mistake, please let me know and I will correct it.

**Thanks to the following 63 churches and
7 conferences & ministries who gave
support to the Ambassador Magazine
in 2017.**

Churches

Antioch
Beatty
Beech Grove
Bethel-Cleveland
Bethel-Mansfield
Bethesda Chapel
Black Oak
Bloom
Bucyrus
Charity
Christian Fellowship
Coalton
Columbus First
Community-Somerset
Community-West Jefferson
Cornerstone-Mansfield
Dean Road
Faith-Cleveland
First Clyde
First Dayton
Frederick
Gahanna
Grace-Cleveland
Good Hope
Harrison
Harvestime
Heritage
Hillsboro
Hillview
Liberty
Lima
Lockbourne
Main Street
Mansfield
Marysville
McGuffey
Mount Calvary
Mount Sterling
Newark
New Beginnings
New Hope-Chillicothe

Northridge
Oak Hill
Old Kyger
Petrea
Pine Creek
Pine Grove
Porter
Rittman Community
Scioto
Sciotodale
Shelby First
South Charleston
Springfield
Summit Station
Symmes Valley
Tick Ridge
Trinity-Wilgus
Union & SS Classes
Urbana
Wakefield
Westside
Zaleski

Conferences & Ministries

Freddy Dutton Ministries
Franklin
Northeastern
North & Western
Pine Creek
Porter
Ohio Women's Auxiliary

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conference by mistake, please let me know and
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2017 OWAC State Report for the Ohio Association of Free Will Baptist

Ohio Women Active for Christ

President

Sarah Sargent

Vice President

Donna Springer

Secretary

Jessica Musetti

Treasurer

Jeannie Sargent

State Representative

Paula Davis

Member at Large

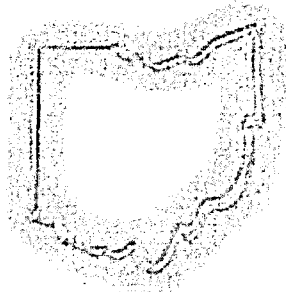
Gerri Beal

Sherry Brazzell

Frances Etterling

Cecelia Lundy

Melissa Sammons

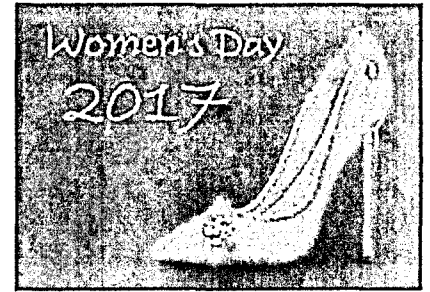


In 2017, we had a membership of 107 made up of twelve churches.

Thank you to Akron, Ambassador, Canaan, Cleveland, Dailyville, Harrison, Hillview, McArthur, New Road, Porter, Reynoldsburg and Westerville churches for being members of OWAC.

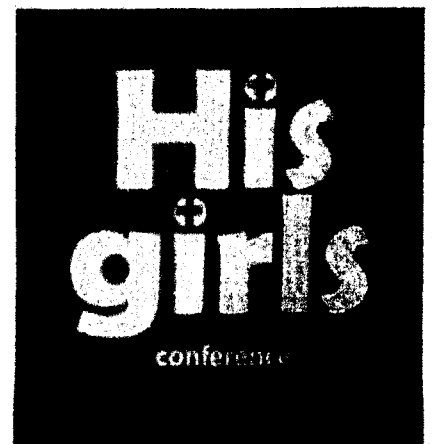
May 6th at Westerville FWB
20 young girls in attendance representing 7 different churches

The girls were able to hear from speakers Amanda York, Caitlin Hayes and Julie McGinnis. They also participated in a question and answers panel of young women including two students from Welch College.



Central Ohio:
April 22nd
at Gahanna FWB
40 women in attendance representing 8 different churches

Northern Ohio:
May 20th
at Canaan FWB
62 women in attendance representing 8 different churches





June 22nd at Heritage FWB
25 women in attendance
and 4 children

Mallory White, of the Hope Center, gave a poignant devotion on Praise. As a body we voted on a state project for 2018 of \$6000.



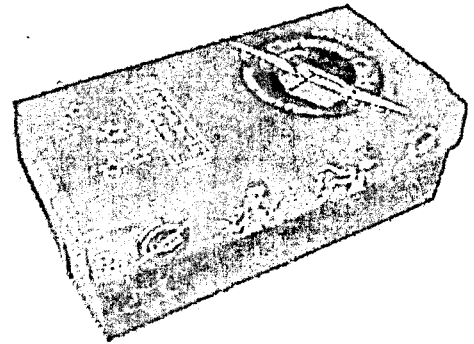
November 4th at Harrison FWB
40 women in attendance
representing 5 churches

Our purse auction and ice cream social was a hit again. During the event we raised over \$600. Everything raised was added to OWAC's 2019 National fund.

October 13th-14th OWAC Fall Retreat...
in AMISH COUNTRY...Grand Berlin Hotel
Our speaker will be International Missionary Kellie Penn

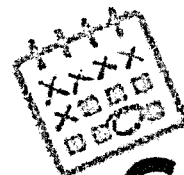
Fundraiser & Fellowship , November 3rd
at Canaan FWB Church

We will be having a purse and dessert auction along with an ice cream social. All proceeds will go to OWAC's 2019 National fund.



October 13th-14th at Holiday Inn Conference Center
108 women in attendance
representing 14 different churches

Izabella McMillon, speaker for Operation Christmas Child, shared her powerful testimony of both receiving and giving Christmas Child boxes. At the retreat we were able to make 111 shoeboxes to send out around the world. Our retreat trophies went to Canaan FWB for most attendees and Lighthouse FWB for most first time attendees as well as best present to member ratio.



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Your
Calendar**

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Greetings from the "Freddy Dutton Ministries"! This year begins 15 years in our full-time evangelism and soul winning ministry. Our ministry began in "2003" with a burning desire to touch our generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ! At the beginning, we had no appointments and no financial means of supporting a full-time ministry in evangelism. We stepped out on total faith and trust in the Lord for our needs to be supplied. During these past 15 years, we have experienced many challenges, many sacrifices, but also tremendous blessings, and also great victories from the Lord. As we have faithfully honored and served in this calling, we can truly say that God is so faithful as He continues to care for us! We thank God and we thank "you", our Ohio Free Will Baptists that support us, pray for us, and love us! From the depths of our hearts, we thank you for your faithful commitment of investing in evangelism and soul winning through the "Freddy Dutton Ministries"!

During these 15 years, we have seen approximately 5,300 altar decisions; driven 460,000 safe miles and enjoyed the great privilege of being with approximately 150 different churches. Since our last report, the Lord has opened many doors of opportunity. I have been privileged and blessed to be with 36 churches (many of these were visited several times); approximately 150 meetings; around 200 altar decisions (with several of these being first time commitments.) The "Freddy Dutton Ministries" continues to support two foreign missionaries and several benevolent gifts as needs arise. Terry also continues to minister to cancer patients through weekly volunteering at The James Cancer Hospital. This is the 18th year she has volunteered on the outpatient infusion floor at The James Cancer Hospital.

Since our last report, I have experienced some health issues. Terry and I both realize that it continues to be more difficult to keep a rigorous full-time travel schedule. As long as the Lord allows, we want to continue ministering throughout the Central Ohio and surrounding areas. We will always continue to minister to the needy, the broken and down trodden and proclaim the name of Jesus! "America needs Revival"! We want to continue proclaiming this fact as long as the Lord gives us breath to do so! Thank you so much for your investment in the "Freddy Dutton Ministries" and for your prayers, generosity, and the many acts of kindness you show us. Please continue to pray for us!

**Minutes of the 79th Annual Session
of the
Ohio State Association
of
Free Will Baptists**

The 79th session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 23-24, 2017, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The theme for the convention was "Stand". Bro. David Chamberlain served as song leader. Sis. Deena Armstrong played the piano.

Friday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Clerk Bryon Justice called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. Mark Price. Pastor Tim Stout welcomed the convention to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. The moderator's message to the convention was taken from Hebrews 11:1-12, his theme was "The Principle of Faith."

The moderator called for the **General Board Report**. The **General Board** met June 22, 2017, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. Motion was made and carried to receive the report and the business items included therein. Motion was made and carried to table the proposed Ohio Constitution until Saturday's session when it will be brought before the General Assembly for a vote.

The Moderator seated the convention delegates and introduced the various committee members that will be serving in this year's convention. The Moderator then recognized the visiting representatives of the various National Departments and ministries.

Bro. Eugene Crouch gave the **Board of Directors Report**. Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes gave a report of the **State Office** and its ministries. Motion made and carried to approve this report and to adopt the budget with the submitted budget items and notes, and fund distribution proposal.

Bro. Mike Gladson and Bro. Paul Etterling II gave the report of the **Ohio Home Missions Board**. Bro. Travis McKenzie gave an update report on the work in Ashland, OH. A motion was made and carried to approve these reports and to adopt the proposed budget. Motion was made and carried to adopt the recommendation of the General Board concerning the transfer of the London Free Will Baptist Church property and appointing Bro. Tim Stout as an agent to act on behalf of the Ohio Association in carrying out this transfer.

Bro. Jason Luthy gave the **OYC Report** which included a video featuring the winners of the 2017 OYC competitions. A motion was made and carried to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget along with the amendment note.

Ohio Women Active for Christ (OWAC) Report was given by Sis. Sarah Sargent. The theme for OWAC this year was, "Praise Him." The project for 2017-2018 will be, \$6,000.00 to be distributed to several ministries. Motion made and carried to receive the report.

National Women Active for Christ (WNAC) Report was given by Sis. Phyllis York. Motion was made and carried to receive the report.

The moderator then appointed delegates to the National Association meeting this year in Louisville, KY. Those appointed were Geri Beal, Geri Baker, A.J. Dooley, Mark McCarty and Mark Musetti.

The morning business session was adjourned for the worship service.

In the worship service, The Ohio Ministers Trio provided special singing. An offering of \$194.00 was received. Attendance was 108. Rev. Jim Blankenship, Pastor of Antioch FWB Church was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was "***Standing in the Face of Fear***". Following the message the convention recessed for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

After opening with a congregational song, Bro. Robert Legg of FWB Family Ministries, gave devotional thoughts from John 4:23-24.

Miscellaneous Business

Bro. A.J. Dooley gave a report of the **2016 National Association Meeting**, which was received.

Bro. Keith Burden gave a report from the **FWB National Executive Office**, which was received.

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

Bro. David Williford gave a report on **Welch College**, which was received. Dr. Jeff Cockrell, who heads the new Master's Degree program at Welch was introduced, and shared about the program.

Bro. Sam McVay gave a report on **International Missions**, which was received.

Bro. Brad Ransom gave the report on **North American Ministries**, which was received.

Bro. David Brown, gave a report of the **FWB Foundation**, which was received.

Bro. Mike Gladson gave a report on the **FWB Board of Retirement**, which was received.

Bro. Robert Legg gave a report for the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries which was received.

The moderator shared that Mark Musseti, who was elected as a delegate to the 2017 National Convention, would not be able to attend and motion was made and carried to elect Manuel Lopes as a delegate.

The afternoon business session was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Friday Evening

Assistant Moderator Tom Dooley welcomed the congregation and led worship. Bro. David Chamberlain led the congregation in singing. An offering of \$5,536.00 was received. Attendance was 190 with 100 of those attending the OYC service. Special singing was provided by Paul James Sound, from Southwest FWB. Rev. Travis McKenzie, Home Missionary to Ashland, OH, was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was "***Stand Against a Formidable Foe.***"

Benediction.

Saturday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Deacon Jesse Luthy, of the Ambassador FWB in Cincinnati, OH, gave devotional thoughts from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. The moderator then called for committee reports.

Motion was made and carried to lift the constitution change from the status of tabled and to adopt the addition to Section 16 of the Ohio State Association constitution as presented in Friday morning's session.

Miscellaneous Reports

The Resolution Committee submitted a resolution affirming our denominational stand on God's Word. Motion was made and carried to adopt the resolution.

The Obituary Committee report was given: Since we last met in June 2016, the fellow believers, listed on the attached list, have gone to be with the Lord. Motion was made and carried to approve the report. A moment of silence was held to remember these.

The Appreciation Committee report was given and a motion was made and carried to approve the report.

The Registration Committee report was read. Total registration was 219; 54 Ministers, 10 Deacons, 13 Delegates, 57 Visitors, and 85 Youth.

The Clerk then read the **504 Report** which will be sent to the National Association Meeting in Louisville, KY, which was approved.

The Nominating Committee report was given and acted upon. For offices with term ending in 2018: **Moderator**, Mark Price, elected; **Assistant Moderator**, Tom Dooley, elected; **Clerk**, Bryon Justice, elected; **Assistant Clerk**, Manuel Lopes, elected.

Executive Committee for 2017 - 2018: Charles Crider, Jeremy Luthy, Dan King, and Russell Street, elected.

General Board for term ending in 2019: : Randall Keffer (Capital City); Russell Street (Central Ohio); Robert Prichard (Cuyahoga-Lorain); William Chadwick (Franklin); Mike Martin (Great Lakes); Ed Barney (Jackson); Tim Crank (Lawrence); Charles Crider (Little Miami); Ronnie Conn Jr. (Northeastern); Jeremy Luthy (Tri-State)

For **OYC Board Member term ending 2024**: Deanna Price, elected. Bro Mike Ellis was elected to fill the unexpired term of J.D Webb who will commissioned as a missionary to Brazil.

For **Board of Directors term ending 2024**: Eugene Crouch, elected.

For **State Missions Board term ending 2024**: Wendell Combs, elected.

The Moderator appointed the **Nominating Committee** for 2018 as follows: Mark Bailey, Chairman, Billy Parson and Jeremy Luthy.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. Roland Luthy as **Prayer Committee Chairman**. Sis. Sue Moore was appointed as **Registration Committee Chairperson**. Both will serve for the 2018 State Association meeting.

A motion made and carried to adjourn from business for the 2017 session.

Bro. Jared Mounts, provided special singing. An offering of \$98.00 was received. The total State Ministry Offering totaled \$6,428.00. Attendance was 128 with 52 of those attending the OYC service. Rev. Keith Burden, FWB Executive Secretary, was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was, "***Stand for the Faith***". Benediction.

Bryon J. Justice, Clerk

**Ohio State Association
Of Free Will Baptists
Obituaries-2017**

Garnett Sue Adams
Cora Alsept
Joann Barstow
Todd Burns
Doug Burr
Molly Bickle
Rosa Borders
Jeannie Bowden
Beverly Lou Burns
Todd Burns
Dennis Cartee
Avery Carter
Mary Carter
Fred Cartmell
Hazel Carver
Oakley Chapman
Betty Collins
Ivel Conley
Pam Ennamorato
Tony Ennamorato
John O. Etterling
Alka Fitzpatrick
Phyllis Fulk
Ralph Geyer
Louann Gibson
Fostella Gilliam
Marjorie Gillispie
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Rev. Joe Walters
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**CONSTITUTION
& BY-LAWS**

(2017 UPDATE)

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME - This Association shall be called the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of all regularly organized and disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly or Yearly Associations as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE - The objective of this Association shall be the bringing together of Free Will Baptists of the State of Ohio in an annual gathering that we may become better acquainted with one another and enact such business as will promote the cause of Christ among Free Will Baptist churches of this Association, and a world wide outreach of souls.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP--

Section I - The members of this Association shall consist of one delegate for each local church in a local association and one delegate from each local church within the state, together with all ordained authority and the assistant clerk of this Association.

Section II - Any well organized and well regulated local Association in the state by application and conforming to the faith and practice of the original Free Will Baptist denomination, shall be received into this Association by a majority vote of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS--

1. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk shall be elected annually at the close of each session and may succeed themselves as often as this body shall decide.
2. The Officers of this body shall submit, at every session, a report of the work done for this Association.
3. The Moderator shall be the principle executive officer of the Association and he shall sign, with the Clerk or any other people, officers, or agent of the Association, thereunto authorized by the General Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the General Board has authorized to be executed except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by this Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. The duties of the Moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board and the Executive Committee; to call special meetings of the General Board and Executive Committee; and in general, to fulfill whatever responsibilities may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body or General Board.
4. In the absence of the Moderator, or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Assistant Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.

5. A. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; shall superintend the printing of the minutes and shall receive an honorarium of an amount agreed upon by this body.

B. The Clerk shall: (a) keep the minutes of the Association and on the General Board meetings in one or more books provided for this purpose; (b) see that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the Association records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Association under its seal is duly authorized; (d) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Clerk and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.

6. In the absence of the clerk, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk and when so acting, shall have all the power and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Clerk. The Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Clerk or by the General Board.

ARTICLE V

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. All standing boards shall be composed of seven members, exclusive of the General Board. Standing boards include the Home Mission Board, Board of Directors, CTS Board and the General Board. No person who is an employee of the State Association may be elected to any standing board of this body.

2. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields, and to receive, hold, manage, use or convey any funds and property entrusted to said boards. Each board or agency shall be required to present a projected budget to the State Association when in session. All budgets must be presented to the General Board for recommendation to the association delegates for approval.

3. The Nominating Committee will be appointed by the State Moderator during the General Board Meeting at each year's Association meeting to serve the following year. This is to take effect in the 2012 State Association meeting. The duties of said committee is to recommend one nomination for each office open for election for consideration to the Association.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION

1. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years and a third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years, sixth for a term of six years and seventh for a term of seven years and thereafter each shall be elected for a term of seven years.

2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the officers of the State Association; the chairman of all standing boards, the chairman of the Nominating Committee and one member from each local Association to be elected by the State body whose term of office shall be two years and so constituted that the expiration date of the term of office of half of these shall expire one year and the other half the following year. This shall be determined by alphabetical order of the name of the affiliated Association.

3. No person shall fill more than one office at the same time except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being a chairman of the board of which he is an elected member.

4. Any vacancy occurring in the General Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board members though less than a quorum of the General Board.

5. All Board members elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

6. Any member of the standing board of the State Association who does not put forth any interest in or function on said board for the period of one year, shall have his office declared vacant and a new member be elected by this Association to fill his unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES

1. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the right to employ a Promotional-Secretary who shall serve as Treasurer of the Association and be responsible for handling all monies of the Association except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by this Association. The State Promotional Director (Executive Secretary) will serve as our National General Board member and that he would be empowered to name his proxy should circumstances not allow his attending the National Association. In the event any organization within the supervision of this board becomes large enough that it becomes necessary to have separate directors or managers, then this board may be empowered to hire these, and each report to the Board of Directors.
3. The General Board shall have power to fill any regular vacancies that may occur in its own body and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of work between sessions of the State Association. It shall be the duty of the Board to make written reports of all its work to each session.
4. An Executive Committee, consisting of eight members of the General Board, shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the State Association, Assistant Clerk, and four other members to be elected annually by the State Association whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said Board is not in session. It shall also plan and execute the program for the annual sessions of the Ohio State Association.
5. A majority of the number of the General Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Board.
6. By resolution of the General Board, the Board members shall be paid their expenses including travel expense of the standard mileage fee rate for attendance of special meetings of the General Board and Regular Meetings of Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

1. The session of this Association shall be held on Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 9:30 a.m. at a location determined by the discretion of the Executive Committee.
2. In the event the necessity arises from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, providing whatever transaction passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts by the By-Laws of the State Association.
3. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion from God's Word, and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
4. Special meetings of the General Board or the Executive Committee shall be called when necessary by the Moderator, with the written consent of three other members of the Executive Committee. Special meetings of the General Board shall also be called upon the written request of a majority of its members.
5. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least fifteen days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or by mail to each board member at his business address.

ARTICLE IX

DISPOSITION OF STATE PROPERTY

In the event of the disillusionment of the State Association of Free Will Baptists, the properties maintained by the Board of Directors, namely the Ambassador Bible Bookstore and State Offices properties, be deeded to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

1. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistent with this constitution or usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination.
2. This constitution and by-laws shall not be changed or altered except by two-thirds majority of all members present at a regular session. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be read, then tabled until the next session. The amendment can then be removed from the table, read again and acted upon.

BY-LAWS

SECTION I

The Clerk shall call the Association to order and in his absence the Assistant Clerk shall call the Association to order.

SECTION II

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to the Association to send a letter giving statistics to the body.

SECTION III

The Association shall sit with open doors except when it goes into a committee as a whole.

SECTION IV

No person shall nominate more than one person if that person be elected.

SECTION V

The Moderator shall not allow any conversation except it be in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord.

SECTION VI

Anyone desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

SECTION VII

The voting sign shall be at the discretion of the Moderator.

SECTION VIII

No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject and not more than five minutes at a time.

SECTION IX

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat the delegates in a convenient place.

SECTION X

The form of financing the State Association shall be \$200 from each local church in a conference and \$2 for each local church sending a local delegate. In addition, an offering received from each church in the state and an offering from each morning and evening service that shall be divided as follows: 50% to the State Mission Board, 40% to the State Office, and 10% to the State CTS Board.

SECTION XI

That all Standing Boards must be in session called by the chairman to make money appropriations.

SECTION XII

That this Association pay the Moderator and Clerk \$100 per year.

SECTION XIII

That this Association be governed by the National Treatise and Robert's Rule of Order.

SECTION XIV

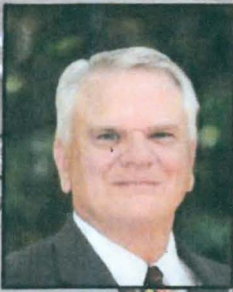
That all ministers be male members only. That no minister can be a member of this Association who has two living wives or whose wife has two living husbands.

SECTION XV

That no conference or the churches, pastors, ministers or delegates associated therewith shall act to affirm, approve or endorse in any way homosexual behavior.

SECTION XVI

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God and the rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person. (Genesis 1:26-27)



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