

Ohio State Meeting



Be of Good Cheer!

**82nd Annual Meeting
held by the
Ohio General Board**



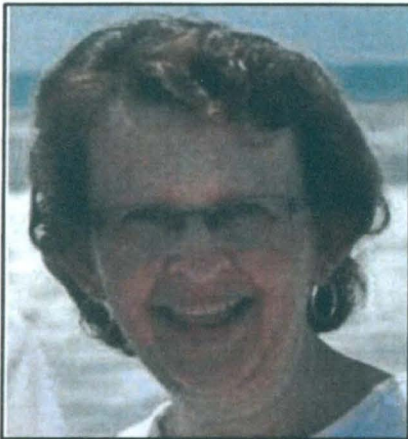
ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2019

June 27, 2020

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

OWAC Fall Retreat!

October 9-10
2020



Our speaker will be Elizabeth Hodges, our National Women's Director.



Berlin Grand Hotel in Amish Country.

Special singing will be by Niecy Shepherd and her husband

Theme verses: Romans 12:1-2.

2020 CONVENTION UPDATE

NAFWB

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

JULY 20-21, 2020

**84th National Association of Free Will Baptists
General Board Meeting in Nashville, TN**

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**General Board Meeting
in Place of
Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists**

PROGRAM

June 27, 2020

Saturday Morning

9:30 AM	General Board Called into Official Session in Place of Ohio Association State Meeting & Introduction of the Moderator, Rev. Mark Price
9:35 AM	Welcome to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Tim Stout, Pastor
9:50 AM	Moderator's Message
9:55 AM	Seating of the General Board
10:00 AM	Report of Executive Committee
10:20 AM	Video Greetings from National Association Executive Secretary Eddie Moody
10:45 AM	Report of the Executive Secretary
11:00 AM	Report of the Board of Directors
11:15 AM	Report of the Ohio State Mission Board
Noon	Report of the Ohio Youth Conference (CTS) Board
	Worship Service
	Ministry in Songs: Tom Dooley, Assistant Moderator
	Special Music: Bryon Justice, Clerk
	Message: Edwin Hayes, Ohio Executive Secretary, "Be of Good Cheer"
	Adjourn for Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:15 PM	Devotion: Rev. Charles Crider
1:30 PM	Report of the Ohio Women Active for Christ
1:40 PM	Miscellaneous Business
2:10 PM	Report of the Committees: <u>*Resolution</u> <u>*Obituary</u> <u>*Appreciation</u>
2:45 PM	Reading the State Letter
2:50 PM	Report from the Nominating Committee
	Election of Officers
	Appointment of Prayer & Registration Committee Chairpersons for 2021
	Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2021
4:00 PM	Adjourn

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.....	2021
	Assistant Moderator....	2021
	Clerk.....	2021
	Assistant Clerk.....	2021

GENERAL BOARD:

	Northern Ohio.....	2022
	South Central.....	2022
	Porter.....	2022
	Pine Creek.....	2022
	State Line.....	2022
	Cornerstone.....	2022
	Trinity.....	2022
	North & Western.....	2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

		2021
		2021
		2021
		2021

OTHER BOARDS:

	Board of Directors.....	2027
	CTS Board.....	2027
	State Missions Board...	2027

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!**

2021 Ohio State Association Meeting
June 25-26th
Heritage FWB Church, Columbus, Ohio

THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

MISSION BOARD 2019 REPORT

This has been a year of uncertainty for all of us in ministry. We've had to be innovative in our approach to ministry during the pandemic. We also have been operating on tight budgets. Because of tight budgets and concerns for the future of churches we had to make difficult financial decisions. One thing is certain during days of uncertainty. God still provides our every need and remains faithful!

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 church plant in Ashland, Ohio. He, like all of us in ministry, faces times of discouragement and difficulty. So please continue to encourage Travis with your prayers and financial support.

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.

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 2019 – JUNE 2020**

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Westerville, OH 43081

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Rev. Tim Stout
Heritage FWB Church
575 Obetz Rd.
Columbus, OH 43207

Term: 2023
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Rev. Grant Cordell
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2019 RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	State Associations	Local Conferences
State Associations (2) \$ 399.50	Ohio State Association	Central Ohio
Churches (74) \$ 45,161.94	Ohio Youth Conference	Cornerstone
Local Conferences (8) \$ 879.32		Cuyahoga-Lorain
Local WAC (2) \$ 555.00	Local WAC	Jackson
Individual (2) \$ 850.00	Porter WAC	Lawrence County
Sub Total \$ 47,845.76	Reynoldsburg WAC	North & Western
CELF Interest \$ 5,239.54		Pine Creek
State Association Gift \$ 8,000.00		Porter
Total \$ 61,085.30		

Churches

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MAKE
OHIO HOME MISSIONS POSSIBLE!**

**2019 RECEIPTS
INCOME BY ACCOUNT**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
General Fund	834.42	954.91	299.23	663.43	620.07	130.00	285.00	1064.13	60.00	286.80	640.00	177.25	6015.24
Cooperative Giving	1909.80	1730.19	1113.08	2480.10	2331.57	1195.13	1967.25	1567.12	1688.59	2370.05	1402.09	1471.80	21226.77
CELF Interest						2572.51						2667.03	5239.54
Total General Fund Revenue	2744.22	2685.1	1412.31	3143.53	2951.64	3897.64	2252.25	2631.25	1748.59	2656.85	2042.09	4316.08	32481.55
As Needed Revenue	398.00	467.00	322.50	338.18	479.53	915.27	705.84	812.00	238.11	1180.40	531.07	619.95	7007.85
State Ministry Offering			350.00	250.00	575.00	1724.50	150.00		50.00				3099.50
McKenzie, Travis	1321.95	935.86	461.32	903.22	1177.02	8521.76	802.82	1109.79	716.68	877.60	974.00	694.38	18496.40
Total Mission Accounts Revenue	1719.95	1402.86	1133.82	1491.40	2231.55	11161.53	1658.66	1921.79	1004.79	2058.00	1505.07	1314.33	28603.75
Total Income	4464.17	4087.96	2546.13	4634.93	5183.19	15059.17	3910.91	4553.04	2753.38	4714.85	3547.16	5630.41	61085.30

NOTE: Income is comprised of Together Way Receipts, Church Extension Loan Interest, and special gift to the Travis McKenzie Account from the Ohio Association of Free Will Baptists.

**OHIO ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD
2021 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Category	2019		2020	2021
	Approved	Spent	Approved	Proposed ⁽³⁾
50001 Accounting		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
50003 Meals	\$ 500.00	\$ 208.62	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
50004 Travel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 973.60	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
50006 Office Supplies	\$ 125.00	\$ 12.13	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
50007 Office Equipment	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
50008 Postage	\$ 25.00	\$ 7.85	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
50010 Ohio Men's Retreat	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
50011 Wages/Insurance ⁽¹⁾	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
50012 Miscellaneous ⁽²⁾	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
50099 Missionary			\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Total	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 61,752.20	\$ 74,325.00	\$ 74,325.00

NOTES:

- (1) Wages previously included missionary and Secretary/Treasurer wages. It now includes only Secretary/Treasurer plus extra for other wages or insurance needs that may arise.
- (2) The Board voted to grant \$ 58,000 to help Compassion Church secure property from the general fund.
- (3) Any short fall between income and expenditures will be covered by using a portion of the current Home Mission Board bank balance.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Assets

Current Assets

Savings \$ 134,931.21

Checking \$ 53,386.17

Total Current Assets \$ 188,317.38

Liabilities \$ 0.00

Net Worth

Assets \$ 188,317.38

Liabilities \$ 0.00

Total Net Worth \$ 188,317.38



**M. J. LOWE'S
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May 8, 2020

Ohio State Home Missions Board
Free Will Baptist
532 Allview Ct.
Westerville, Ohio 43081

Dear Sirs:

We have reviewed the financial records of Ohio State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptist for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. 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

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June 1, 2020



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the state of Ohio:

Greetings from the Ohio Youth Conference. The OYC Board would like to thank you for your continued support through your prayers, participation, and giving. We cannot 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 and overnight activates. Tyler Penn did an excellent job speaking in the OYC worship service. We are very appreciative of Heritage's willingness to provide us with everything we needed to hold our service and activities during the state meeting, and are looking forward to our services and activities next year.

Due to the Covid-19 situation, the annual Youth Competitions were not able to be held this year. The OYC board would love to see many competitors at next year's Ohio CTS Ministry Expo.

As a reminder, OYC can be found on Facebook and Instagram. 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.

Please continue to support the OYC through your prayers, participation, and giving. We are here to serve you. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Luthy", written in a cursive style.

Jason Luthy, OYC Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 - DECEMBER 31, 2019

Balance as of 12/31/2018		\$20,113.86
Receipts:		
Coop giving for 2019		\$6,504.27
Competition Fees for 2019		\$735.00
Total Receipts		\$7,239.27
Expenses:		
October meeting - mileage		\$287.68
All Access Days		\$225.00
NYC Guideline Books		\$75.00
		\$587.68
State Competition		
Hotel		\$515.84
Certified mail to NYC		\$7.75
NYC Entry fees		\$625.00
Judges		\$550.00
Food & gift cards		\$590.70
Medals		\$73.35
		\$2,362.64
College Scholarships		
Kylie Etterling	\$1,000.00	
Ashley Sammons	\$1,000.00	
		\$2,000.00
State Meeting		
Friday Night offering @ State Meeting		\$100.00
Tyler Penn - honorarium & hotel		\$1036.99
Buckeye Video Game Truck		\$1,785.00
Food & Gift Cards		\$670.06
Baby Sitting		\$100.00
		\$3,692.05
Total Expenses		\$8,642.37
Balance as of 12/31/2019		\$18,710.76



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Proposed 2021 Ohio Youth Conference Budget

	2021 Proposed	2020 Approved	2019 Approved	2019 Spent
Board Travel Expenses (Travel/Meals/Competition Hotels)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 878.52
OYC Giving	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,225.00
FWB College Scholarship	\$ 2,000			\$ 2,000.00
FWB College Visit Fees	\$ 500			\$ 225.00
Truth & Peace Scholarship	\$ 1,000			\$ -
State Competition:	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,214.05
Supplies	\$ 200			\$ -
Food	\$ 300			\$ 590.70
Judges' Gratuity	\$ 600			\$ 550.00
Medals	\$ 150			\$ 73.35
State Meeting	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,692.05
State Offering	\$ 100			\$ 100.00
Babysitting	\$ 200			\$ 100.00
Giveaways & Food	\$ 100			\$ 670.06
Speaker	\$ 850			\$ 1,036.99
Special Activities	\$ 2,500			\$ 1,785.00
NYC Registration Fees	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 800	\$ 625.00
OYC Mailings/Promotion	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 7.75
2021 Proposed Budget:	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,900	\$ 8,642.37
2021 Anticipated Income:	\$ 7,000 (1)			2019 Income: \$ 7,239.27

Notes:

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

2019 Vertical III CTS Ministry Expo Winners:

Memorization:

- A.03 - Ella Luthy (Ambassador) - 2nd Place
- B.05 - Ana Luthy (Ambassador) - 2nd Place
- C.09 - Haley Wellman (Westerville)- 2nd Place

Group Memorization:

- C.09g - Haley Wellman/Kailey Kuhnheim (Westerville) - 3rd Place
- D.11g - Porter Youth (Fiona McKee/Isaac Osborne) - 1st Place

Sign Language - Group:

- 6.12 A - Hunter Wellman/Aslyn Mounts (Westerville)- 2nd Place

Christian Literature Recitation:

- 6.20 C - Charli Rawe(Troy)d - 1st Place

Drawing:

- 7.20 C - Joel Etterling (Westerville) - 1st Place

Mixed Media:

- 7.30 B - Brianna Montoya (Troy) - 2nd Place



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We have no Ohio student participating in Truth and Peace this year, but we want to remind everyone about this great opportunity and the Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship.



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The Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship

The Ohio Youth Conference is pleased to offer Ohio Truth and Peacers The Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship, in which we will deposit \$250 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 Vertical III.

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 27, 2020

The Executive Committee met August 24, 2019, at the State Office, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, to plan the State Association meeting for June 26-27, 2020.

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

The Moderator offered a devotion and prayer.

Items of Business:

Item #1 After prayer and discussion the committee agreed that the theme for the 2020 State Association meeting will be, "2020 Vision". Speakers for messages and devotions, as well as musicians and singers, were selected.

Item #2 The National Board of Retirement is to be given extra time (15 minutes) during the 2020 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 2021 State Association meeting.

Item #4 Discussion was held concerning funding in anticipation of Ohio hosting a future National Association meeting and the increase in fees in 2020 to \$225.00.

The Committee then adjourned until next session.

Bryon Justice, Clerk

Executive Committee Report – Called Session

June 27, 2020

The Executive Committee met April 25, 2020, via a Zoom meeting hosted by Rev. Bill Hayes, to discuss a proposal by Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes and Moderator Mark Price for a revamped State Association meeting for June 26-27, 2020 due the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

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

The Moderator offered a devotion and prayer.

Items of Business:

The Committee voted to approve the proposal which includes enactment of Ohio Bylaws' Section C. Powers and Duties of the General Board. The General Board shall have power to:

1. act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session to another;
1. State Association Meetings
 - a. Time/Date/Location
 - i. The session of this Association shall be held on Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, at 9:30 a.m., at a location to be determined by the Executive Committee.
 - ii. 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, the General Board shall call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, provide whatever transaction passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and provided that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts by the bylaws of the State Association.

Bro. Edwin's proposal also included the following:

*Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic we are proposing to have the General Board do the work of the 2020 Ohio State Meeting. The meeting would take place at Heritage FWB at 9:30am on Saturday, June 27th and would be considered a regular meeting of the General Board. The meeting would be live streamed so anyone could view the meeting.

*In order to be fair with all the speakers and participants for this year, that we move the theme, speakers and participants to the 2021 Ohio State Meeting.

*We would select a speaker for the morning worship service and someone to give a devotion at the beginning of the afternoon session from those who be attending the meeting. In addition, we would use someone who will be attending to lead the music and provide special music for the morning worship service.

*We would plan to have a catered lunch delivered.

*The Nominating Committee would have to have their slate completed before the meeting. (We would include the deadline of June 17th for submissions, along with pertinent contact information for any nominations, in the *Ohio Update, Ambassador*, as well as within the *Moderator's Letter*. All submissions must be received by the Committee Chairman, by email or USPS mail **no later than June 17, 2020.**

*The other committees (*Resolution, Appreciation, Obituary*) would need to be appointed ahead of time and the June 17th deadline date would be published in the *Ohio Update, Ambassador* and *Moderator's Letter*.) All submissions must be received by the Committee Chairmen by email or USPS mail **no later than June 17, 2020.**

* The May *Ambassador Magazine* will be sent out later than usual with updated instructions on the State and National Meetings. (This will be dependent on when the churches are back meeting again.) We would skip the July Edition of the *Ambassador*.

*We will plan to have a PDF of the State Meeting Digest of Reports sent to the members of the General Board by June 20th.

*In the event that the General Board is unable to meet as specified in the above, the Moderator can conduct the business of the General Board via email or other alternative method.

Bryon Justice, Clerk



Promotional Secretary's Report-2019

At the end of 2019 I completed 26 years of service as Ohio Executive Secretary. The Lord has truly been faithful. He continued to bless in 2019.

Preaching

I appreciated the opportunity to preach in 39 church appointments, nine conferences, in six church revivals, two conference revivals and one regional men's meeting. I taught the lesson on the subject, "Why I Am a Free Will Baptist" in six churches. I taught six Wednesday evening classes and the regular Sunday School lesson three times. I attended a total of 20 conferences, the National Promotional Director's Meeting in Tampa, Florida, the Ohio Executive Committee meeting, the International Mission WMO Dinner, the National Association in Cincinnati, OH, the D6 Conference in Orlando, FL, the National Leadership Conference and three National Executive Committee Meetings in Cincinnati (1) and Nashville (2). I am available to fill your pulpit for conferences, Sunday services and revivals.

Promotion

Our giving for 2019 for the State Office was *down significantly!* The Ambassador Magazine had an income of \$12,121.75 which is *down* by \$3,004.75 under 2018, the State Office General Fund giving was \$14,046.00 which is *down* by \$3,226.50 under 2018 and Co-op giving was \$141,414.23 which *down* by \$14,414.87 under 2018. Total income for the Ohio Together Way Plan received in 2019 was \$490,467.97. This was less than 2018 receipts by \$51,149.61.

Our giving to the National Departments was *down slightly* in 2019. This breakdown is as follows: Ohio gave \$163,344.64 to National Home Missions and \$137,619.51 to International Missions. Gifts to the Executive Office totaled \$20,657.60 and \$20,166.68 went to Welch College. Ohio churches gave a total of \$375,393.41 to National Ministries which is \$9,562.80 less than in 2018. In addition to this, Ohio gave to the \$58,422.68 to the FWB Family Ministries of Tennessee.

The approximate breakdown of percentages from all 2019 Ohio gifts income breakdown are as follows:

State Office 13.57%
Ambassador Magazine 2%
State Missions 7.81%
State CTS 1.06%
 Ohio State Ministries
 Total 24.47% of all gifts given

Ohio State Ministries
 24.47% of all gifts
Special Ministries
 4.73% of all gifts
National Ministries
 61.3% of all gifts
Children's Homes/Other
 9.5 % of all gifts

The Together Way Giving Plan allows our churches to funnel all their state and national outside giving through the State Office. 112 churches, conferences and ministries have given through the State Office in 2019.

We promoted the twenty-second annual State Ministries Offering. We received \$6,199.00 from at least 51 churches and conferences.



Our State Association did receive two commissions from Brotherhood Mutual from their Partnership Program. One 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.

Because of receiving the commission in 2019, we are proposing that we give \$4,000.00 to Travis McKenzie's account, \$1,250.00 to the Ohio Men's Retreat so as not have as large an increase in the price and \$2,500.00 for the Ohio Women Active for Christ. In addition we would put back \$10,750.00 for the purchase of a State Car that is scheduled to be replaced in 2021. We plan to pay cash for the car.

Men's Retreat

We had our annual Men's Retreat in 2020. We had Missionary Tyler Penn and four of Ohio's younger ministers: Kyle Chadwick, John Meade Jr., Allen Harner and Mike Gillen as speakers. We had a wonderful time in the Lord in both the main services and in the individual services in the dorms. We saw an increase in attendance, two men saved and two men accepted the call into the ministry. He has truly continued to bless this ministry!

I would encourage you to thank the Lord for what He did this year for this ministry. In addition, our finances did improve some as well.



The 2021 retreat is scheduled for January 21-23rd at the Heartland Conference Center in Marengo, Ohio.

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



Ambassador Magazine

In 2019 we completed our 59th year in publishing the *Ambassador*. The magazine had an income of \$12,121.75. We received notice that our printer was shutting down their printing operation. We are now using another printer. We need to be thinking about possible changes in the future for the magazine.

The magazine expense total of \$12,232.80 includes only the printing, clip art and shipping the magazine. It does not includes supplies (*paper and shipping labels*.) It also does not include any of the labor for (*layout, proofreading and shipping and mailing of the magazine*.)

Pastor & Church Assistance

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

Ohio Email Updates

We operate an *Ohio Update Email List* 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 would like to sign up, you can visit the registration desk and pick up an application.

We have 13 pastors signed up for the plan.

Two checks were sent to the pastor's accounts in 2019.

*In January we sent a check for \$1,689.42 for 13 pastors.

*In July we sent a check for \$1,498.82 for 13 pastors.

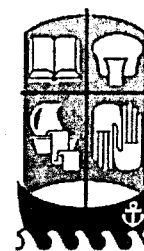


Web Page

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.

2019 National

We hosted the 2019 National Association of Free Will Baptists in Cincinnati. At the end of June we sent the National Executive Office \$40,000.00 and used \$5,353.28 for the National Committee Travel Expenses, the National Booth Expenses and Gifts. With the funds left over, we purchased a CD for \$4,194.55 to be added to yearly and used the next time Ohio hosts a National Association.

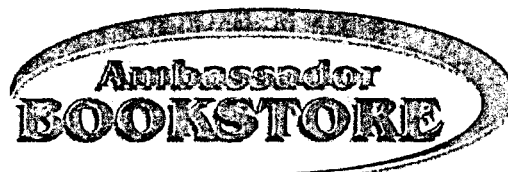


We are grateful for our National Steering Committee: Associate-Paul Keener, Moderator-Mark Price, Ushering-Tom Dooley, Prayer-Mike Mounts, Hospitality-Sandy Mounts, Vertical III Advisor-Jason Luthy, Impact Cincinnati-Jeremy Luthy, and WNAC-Sarah Sargent. In addition, we had countless Ohio Free Will Baptists who helped us in our task. Ohio did a great job in hosting the National Association!

Ambassador Bookstore

The bookstore receipts were almost identical to 2018. Our receipts for 2019 were \$5,165.18 and our product cost was \$3,806.75.

Our actual sales for 2019 were \$4,735.26 compared with \$5,265.15 in 2018.





Randall House Commission

Our office represents Randall House Publications to our churches and conferences. We receive a quarterly commission based on Ohio FWB literature sales. In 2019 we received \$9,301.64 in commissions from Randall House based on our churches literature purchases for the year.

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You support your own Ohio State Association when you use D6 material! You will also be presenting Free Will Baptist Doctrine to your students.

**The Ohio State Office and Ambassador Bookstore will be CLOSED the following dates:
July 17-26th and will reopen Monday, July 27th
December 24th-January 3rd and will reopen Monday, January 4th**

Retirement

I have informed the Ohio Board of Directors of my intention to retire at the end of July 2021. It has been a joy to fulfil this ministry over all these years. I thank you all for all the fellowship, friendship and support that you have given to me over all these years.

Ohio State Association 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.

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

2. Considering we did receive the Brotherhood Commissions in 2019 of which \$20,000.00 was not in the budget, we recommend that the Ohio State Association give the Travis McKenzie Account \$4,000.00, \$1,250.00 for the Ohio Men's Retreat so we would not have to raise the price as much, \$2,500.00 to the Ohio Women Active for Christ and to set aside \$10,750.00 to purchase a State Car in 2021. (We have decided to wait until 2021 to purchase the next state automobile. We do plan at this time to pay cash for the car.)

3. We sent the National Association \$40,000.00 to host the 2019 National Meeting in Cincinnati. We should be scheduled to host the National in 10-12 years. The cost will be presumably higher at that time. We do use \$25 from our churches fees to place into a National Account yearly to host the next National Association. This raises \$3,325 each year. This will not be enough to host for our next time. We propose that we take \$1,500 to add to the account based on the Brotherhood Commission.

4. Since we will be in transition of our staff in 2021 there will be some overlap in salary as a new Executive Secretary and staff are brought on and trained. Also, the Board of Directors will encounter additional expenses in the hiring of a new Executive Secretary. These costs are not reflected in the budget

5. Any shortfall between income and expenditures will be covered by using a portion of the current State Office accounts.

6. In order to balance the 2021 budget, we will need to add \$5,000.00 from the Brotherhood Commission.

Our Staff

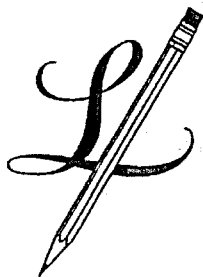
We thank our staff, Ambassador Bookstore Manager **Paul Keener**, Bookkeeper **Ruth Ann Castle**, *Ambassador Magazine* Proofreader **Linda Hayes**, and *Ambassador Magazine* Distribution **Sue Keener**. They all do a wonderful job for our association.

Conclusion

We send our heartfelt thanks to those churches who support the Ohio State Office ministry and our Ohio State Ministries. Your people and churches will be blessed 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.

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.” Romans 16:24

Edwin Hayes, Executive Secretary



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May 6, 2020

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, 2019 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, 2019, 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, 2019, 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								\$ 137,810.57
SAVINGS ACCT								\$ 6,251.54
NATIONAL FUND								\$ 46,319.24
PAYROLL ACCT								\$ 5,237.61
CHURCH EXT LOAN FUND								\$ 269,330.08
AMOUNT CARRIED 12/31/18								\$ 464,949.04
INCOME	\$ 141,414.23	\$ 26,633.99	\$ 140,929.81	\$ 2,261.90	\$ 28,988.10	\$ 138,118.19	\$ 12,121.75	\$ 490,467.97
TOTAL								\$ 955,417.01
Business Expenses-Disbursements						\$ -		
Wages						\$ 55,514.91		
Federal Taxes						\$ 24,338.25		
State Taxes						\$ 2,760.08		
City Taxes						\$ 3,322.34		
Workers Comp						\$ 167.76		
Insurance						\$ 2,145.00		
Retirement						\$ 6,600.00		
Housing Allowance						\$ 16,000.08		
Travel-Ex Sec						\$ 2,975.12		
Travel- BD						\$ 635.51		
Travel-Employees						\$ 2,545.82		
Travel-Ex comm						\$ 720.82		
Special Ministries					\$ 28,988.10	\$ -		
Automobile Payment								
Automobile Insurance						\$ 770.20		
Automobile Repairs						\$ 1,129.81		
Gasoline						\$ 1,623.14		
Bookstore Product						\$ 3,806.75		
Credit Card Settlement						\$ 78.76		
Sales Tax						\$ 63.42		
Condo Fees						\$ 1,725.72		
Property Taxes						\$ 3,730.51		
Copier						\$ 653.08		
Employee expense						\$ 182.71		
Operating Supplies						\$ 100.00		
Office supplies						\$ 970.97		
Phone						\$ 862.13		
Postage						\$ 2,532.22		
Internet						\$ 642.65		
Utilities						\$ 1,236.02		
State Assoc Expense						\$ 2,040.00		
Pastors Retirement						\$ 3,188.24		
National CO-OP	\$ 42,242.12		\$ 140,929.81					
Natl Assoc-2019						\$ 45,223.30		
Ambassador							\$ 12,232.80	
National Fee						\$ 19,200.00		
State Home Mission CO-OP	\$ 21,211.77							
State HM Mission Desg		\$ 26,633.99						
Ohio Youth Coop	\$ 4,242.37							
Ohio Youth Designated				\$ 2,261.90				
Retreat						\$ 28,010.90		
Revivals						\$ 3,329.32		
Gift St Mission-OWAC-Retreat		\$ 8,000.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 13,000.00
Miscellaneous						\$ 1,147.21		
Leadership Conference						\$ 1,073.01		
Professional Fees						\$ 2,600.00		
Golf Tournament								
Expense Totals	\$ 67,878.26	\$ 34,633.99	\$ 140,929.81	\$ 2,261.90	\$ 31,488.10	\$ 246,145.76	\$ 12,232.80	\$ 535,570.62
TRANSFERS								
Fixture						\$ 6.99		\$ 6.99
Total Transfer						\$ 6.99		\$ 6.99
TOTAL EXP+TRANSFERS	\$ 67,878.26	\$ 34,633.99	\$ 140,929.81	\$ 2,261.90	\$ 31,488.10	\$ 246,152.75	\$ 12,232.80	\$ 535,577.61
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 73,535.97	\$ (8,000.00)		\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (108,034.56)	\$ (111.05)	\$ (45,109.64)

BALANCE IN CHECKING										\$ 138,815.19
BALANCE IN PAYROLL										\$ 1,205.82
BALANCE IN SAVINGS										\$ 6,264.05
BALANCE IN NATL FUND										\$ 4,224.26
BALANCE IN LONG TERM INVST										\$ 269,330.08
TOTAL BALANCE AS OF 12/31/19										\$ 419,839.40

Prepared by
MJ Lowe Income Tax Service
May-20

**Breakdown of Ohio State Office
Budget-2021**

Randall Curriculum Sales	\$	9,400.00
Brotherhood Commission	\$	15,000.00
Church Fees	\$	29,025.00
General Fund Gifts	\$	14,100.00
Interest from NHM CELF Acct.	\$	11,350.00
Ohio Bible Institute	\$	25.00
Service Income	\$	9,200.00
State Ministry Offering	\$	2,850.00
Ohio Men's Retreat	\$	31,800.00
Bookstore Sales	\$	5,100.00
Misc Income	\$	1,255.00
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Total Income	\$	129,105.00

2021 Ohio State Association Proposed Budget

	<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	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 150,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 129,105.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 509,105.00
BUSINESS EXPENSES								
WAGES						\$ 57,496.00		
FEDERAL TAXES						\$ 24,500.00		
STATE TAXES						\$ 2,300.00		
CITY TAXES						\$ 3,150.00		
WORKERS COMPENSATION						\$ 140.00		
INSURANCE						\$ 2,150.00		
RETIREMENT						\$ 6,600.00		
REVIVALS						\$ 3,374.63		
HOUSING ALLOWANCE						\$ 16,000.00		
TRAVEL-EXEC, SECRETARY						\$ 3,200.00		
TRAVEL-BRD. OF DIRECTORS						\$ 800.00		
TRAVEL-EXEC. COMMITTEE						\$ 850.00		
TRAVEL-BOOKSTORE MGR						\$ 2,550.00		
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE						\$ 800.00		
AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS						\$ 1,000.00		
GASOLINE						\$ 1,700.00		
PROFESSIONAL FEES						\$ 2,520.00		
STATE ASSOCIATION EXPENSE						\$ 2,500.00		
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE						\$ 900.00		
RETREAT						\$ 30,300.00		
MISCELLANEOUS						\$ 950.00		
PROPERTY TAXES						\$ 3,800.00		
CONDO FEES						\$ 1,800.00		
UTILITIES (ELECTRIC & GAS)						\$ 1,250.00		
COPIER						\$ 670.00		
PHONE						\$ 900.00		
INTERNET PROVIDER						\$ 650.00		
POSTAGE METER						\$ 2,300.00		
POSTAGE PERMIT						\$ 240.00		
POSTAGE/SHIPPING						\$ 60.00		
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE						\$ 200.00		
OFFICE SUPPLIES						\$ 1,100.00		
OPERATING SUPPLIES						\$ 130.00		
SPECIAL MINISTRIES					\$ 31,500.00			
ST HOME MISSION CO-OP	\$ 22,650.00							
ST. HME MISSION DESIGNATED		\$ 30,500.00						
OHIO YOUTH COOP	\$ 4,530.00							
OHIO YOUTH DESIGNATED				\$ 2,500.00				
NATIONAL CO-OP	\$ 45,300.00							
NATL MINIST DESIGNATED			\$ 150,500.00					
NATIONAL FEE						\$ 22,575.00		
NATIONAL HOST FUND						\$ 3,325.00		
MINISTER'S RETIREMENT						\$ 3,200.00		
AMBASSADOR							\$ 12,500.00	
CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT						\$ 100.00		
SALES TAX						\$ 100.00		
BOOKSTORE PRODUCT						\$ 2,900.00		
TOTAL	\$ 72,480.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 150,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 209,080.63	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 509,060.63
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 78,520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (79,975.63)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 44.37

**Ohio Association of Free Will Baptist and
Balance Sheet
as of December 31, 2019**

ASSETS

	Payroll Account	\$1,205.82	
	State Office Checking Account	\$138,815.19	
	Savings CD	\$6,264.05	
	National Home Missions Investment Note	\$269,330.08	
	National Fund	\$4,224.26	
	Cash register Change	\$150.00	
	Building/Land	\$109,179.18	
	Retreat Deposit	\$4,032.70	
N-1	Accounts Receivable	\$107.94	
N-1	Store Inventory	<u>\$4,856.36</u>	
	 Total Cash Assets		 <u>\$538,165.58</u>
N-2	Fixtures & Equipment	\$50,725.48	
	Accumulated Depreciation Fixtures & Equipment	<u>(\$46,264.56)</u>	
	Fixtures & Equipment Net		\$4,460.92
N-3	State Vehicle	\$24,017.40	
	Accumulated Depreciation State Vehicle	<u>(\$22,815.66)</u>	
	State Vehicle Net		\$1,201.74
	 Total Fixed Assets		 <u>\$5,662.66</u>
	 TOTAL ASSETS		 <u>\$543,828.24</u>
	 LIABILITIES		
	Unpaid Accounts (Store)	<u>\$203.28</u>	
	 Total Liabilities		 \$203.28
	 Net Worth		 <u>\$543,624.96</u>
	 TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		 <u>\$543,828.24</u>

**Ohio State Association of FWB
and the Ambassador Church Supply Center**

**Balance Sheet
Three Year Comparison**

ASSETS	2019	2018	2017
Church Supply Checking & savings Acct	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Office Checking & Savings Acct	\$138,815.19	\$137,810.57	\$122,248.74
Savings CD	\$6,264.05	\$6,251.54	\$6,239.05
Payroll acct	\$1,205.82	\$5,237.61	\$4,596.23
Petty cash	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Accounts Receivable	\$107.94	\$473.97	\$271.45
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	\$4,032.70	\$3,816.10	\$3,509.80
Store Inventory	\$4,856.36	\$4,448.11	\$5,822.54
National Fund	\$4,224.26	\$46,319.24	\$43,030.73
Total Cash Assets	\$538,165.58	\$583,016.40	\$564,377.80
Fixtures & Equipment	\$50,725.48	\$50,389.49	\$50,460.51
Accum Depreciated Fixtures & Equipment	(\$46,264.56)	(\$45,244.09)	(\$46,177.13)
Fixtures & Equipment Net	\$4,460.92	\$5,145.40	\$4,283.38
State Vehicle	\$24,017.40	\$24,017.40	\$24,017.40
Accumulated Depreciation State Vehicle	(\$22,815.66)	(\$20,413.92)	(\$15,610.44)
State Vehicle Net	\$1,201.74	\$3,603.48	\$8,406.96
Total Fixed Assets	\$5,662.66	\$8,748.88	\$12,690.34
TOTAL ASSETS	\$543,828.24	\$591,765.28	\$577,068.14
LIABILITIES			
State Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accounts payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unpaid Accounts (Store)	\$203.28	\$0.00	\$146.79
Remainder of 20th Ann Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mortgage-Building	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$203.28	\$0.00	\$146.79
Net Worth	\$543,624.96	\$591,765.28	\$576,921.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	\$543,828.24	\$591,765.28	\$577,068.14

Thanks go to the following 57 churches and 9 conferences who gave support to the State Office in 2019. The gifts came in through the Co-op plan, or the State Office General Fund.

Churches

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

Old Kyger
Pine Grove
Pleasant Hill
Porter
Puritan
Reynoldsburg & Ladies Auxiliary
Rosedale
Samantha
Shelby First
South Charleston
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 47 churches and
6 conferences & ministries who gave
support to the Ambassador Magazine
in 2019.**

Churches

Antioch
Beatty
Beech Grove
Bethesda Chapel
Bloom
Bucyrus
Calvary-Ravenna
Christian Fellowship
Coalton
Columbus First
Community-West Jefferson
Dean Road
Dogwood Ridge
Faith-Cleveland
First Clyde
Frederick
Gahanna
Good Hope
Harrison
Heritage
Hillsboro
Hillview
Mansfield
Marysville
Mount Calvary
Mount Sterling
Newark
New Hope-Chillicothe
Northridge
Oak Hill

Old Kyger
Pine Creek
Pine Grove
Porter
Rittman Community
Scioto
Scioto Dale
Shelby First
South Charleston
Springfield
St. Louisville
Symmes Valley
Tick Ridge
Urbana
Wakefield
Westside
Zion #3

Conferences & Ministries

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

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

Conference Clerks: Historical Commission Requests Conference Minutes

Conference Minutes Requested: All the annual report forms, from now on, whether from the state association or the local associations in the state, will include a box to check that each conference clerk is requested to send two copies of their minutes from the previous year to the Ohio State Office when you send in your conference fees and letter.

The National Association Historical Commission is having all the minutes of all the FWB associations scanned and put online ([fwbhistory.com website](http://fwbhistory.com)) our "Minutes Project."

People are just beginning to become aware of this resource, and it is meeting with excited approval on the part of those who use it. It's a tremendous resource.

Let's make sure that our Ohio Free Will Baptist Conferences are included in this compilation of our history.

2020 Board of Directors Report

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

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

We are thankful for the promising report our Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes has given of the condition of our state work and finances. With the effects of the COVID-19 Virus, we know that it has been difficult for some churches and conferences to give what they would like to give. We are praying for ALL of our pastors and churches and leave it in God's hands. We know He is in control and desire nothing more than His will to be done.

We are blessed to have Bro. Edwin and his staff at the helm steering the State Office through these turbulent times. Though it has been difficult with the cancellation of revivals, services, and conference meetings, Bro. Edwin and his staff continue to promote the work of the State Office and represent our denominations ministries. This includes promoting our denominations D6 literature which is produced by Randall House. Continue to pray for Bro. Edwin and our State Office staff.

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. Once again, 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 approval of the State Office report and recommended budget. Trying times may still not be over but we believe the recovery of our nation's economy and each churches financial situation will soon return to normal.

It is with great trepidation that we have accepted the notice of retirement of our Executive Secretary, Rev. Edwin Hayes. Rev. Hayes has been serving in this capacity for over 26 years and has done a tremendous job. His value to our State Association and the Lord's work here in Ohio is second to none. His wisdom and spiritual depth have been a great asset in our churches, amongst our pastors, and for our State. Though he will still be around, his involvement as our Executive Secretary will be sorely missed. Let's pray for Bro. Edwin and thank God for sending such an honorable man and spiritual leader to bless our Association.

As per the Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of directors ratified by the State convention, the new Promotional Secretary will be secured by the Board of Directors:

(ARTICLE II – Section 1) 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 spirit of fraternity and opportunities for fellowship within the state of Ohio.

The Board understands that this is a difficult task and must be undertaken with much prayer and counsel. We

ask that you pray for us as we endeavor to fulfill the wishes of the State Association. We thank Bro. Hayes for giving us an adequate amount of time to fulfill our obligation of hiring his replacement. Brother Edwin's effective retirement date will be July 31, 2021. With this in mind, we have formulated the beginning process of securing the new Promotional Secretary and would like your help:

1. We will begin taking recommendations and accepting resumes December 1, 2020.
2. All interested men are to submit resumes and will be considered with equal scrutiny and fairness.
3. All recommendations must have the permission of the person being recommended.
4. Those selected for interview will be sent a job description and an informational questionnaire to complete and return.
5. The process of interviewing prospective candidates will begin in February 2021.
6. Resumes and recommendations may be emailed to board@OhioFWB.org or mailed to:
Ohio State Association of FWB
7554 Slate Ridge Blvd.
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
ATTN: Board
7. All pertinent information regarding this process will be dispersed via our State Paper "The Ambassador" and other FWB venues and publications.
8. Applicants must be a member in good standing of his FWB church, local association, state association and the denomination as a whole.
9. The office of the State Association is to remain at its current location in Reynoldsburg, OH.
10. Any questions regarding the process may be directed to Bill Hayes at 614/561-9697.

We, the board, would appreciate your patience and prayers as we seek to do the Lord's will in selecting our next Executive Secretary. Our hope is that there will be a definite leading of God's Holy Spirit in who the next man is and a smooth transition.

Once again, thank you for your support. 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 the 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 your State office.

Sincerely Yours and HIS!



Bill Hayes, Chairman, Board Of Directors

Mike Mounts, Asst. Chairman

Mitch Salyers, Secretary

Eugene Crouch, Member

Peter Dunn, Member

Mark Bailey, Member

John Wallace, Member



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Janie Cantrell

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

First let me say thank you! Whether you are a State Board member, pastor or lay person thank you! Thank you for navigating our churches through what is an unprecedented time in our history.

I want to thank my predecessor Sarah Sargent for leading our women so wonderfully during her tenure as President. Sarah willingly gave of her time freely, implementing many events and ideas that have benefitted our women. She will still serve us well as a WNAC Executive Board Member, mentor and friend to OWAC.

While I served as member-at-large and then OWAC Secretary for ten years; this is my first term serving in the capacity of President. I want to thank the Free Will Baptist women across the state of Ohio for trusting me to lead you through what is a very challenging time in our history. I love each of you dearly and appreciate your willingness to allow me to serve you in this role. I could never have imagined serving through a global pandemic and it has presented many challenges in this past year.

- Our Ohio Women's Days scheduled for this past Spring were cancelled due to Covid-19
- The regional Flourish conference given by the WNAC for Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia has been moved to an online event later this summer due to Covid-19
- Our HIS girls conference that is geared towards young ladies ages 12-20 had to be rescheduled to later this fall due to Covid-19. It will now be held September 25-26 as a lock-in beginning at 6:30pm and ending around 9 am at Hillview Free Will Baptist Church.
- Our State meeting held Thursday, June 25, 2020 was conducted online (a first in our history) and with only our Executive Board voting on business (also a first in our history)
 - Our State meeting Speaker, Amanda Simmons, will be holding a Facebook live service for us on Friday July 3, 2020 at 6pm (definitely a first for us!)

We cannot be sure what the future holds for our upcoming events this year but we are hopeful we will be able to still have all events even if we need to modify them. In the midst of the unexpected there are always blessings!

- We are pleased to report a membership of 105 ladies from 13 churches and 2 districts
- We held our annual fall retreat on September 13 and 14, 2019 at the Berlin Grande hotel in the heart of Amish Country. Our speaker Ana Batts spoke on our theme of "God Speaks Still..." and we enjoyed our special singer, 16 year old Kendra Kent. It was a time of sweet fellowship and rejoicing with our ladies. There were 90 women in attendance from 16 different churches

- We also held our annual purse and dessert auction at Hillview FWBC on November 2, 2019. We are pleased to announce we raised over \$1000 for Eddy and Amanda Simmons, FWB missionaries to the Samburu people of Kenya, Africa.

We don't know what the coming months hold for our cities, states and country. However, we know that we serve an unfailingly just and loving God who will hold each of us in the palm of His hand no matter the circumstances.

In Christ Alone,

Jessica Musetti,

OWAC President

**Minutes of the 81st Annual Session
of the
Ohio State Association
of Free Will Baptists**

The 81st session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 21-22, 2019, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The theme for the convention was "Standing As One". Bro. Jacob Lute served as song leader. Sis. Tobianne Stout served as pianist.

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 Romans 5:1-11, his theme was "The Blessings of Justification". The Moderator called for the **General Board Report**. The **General Board** met June 20, 2019, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. 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. Mike Gladson and Bro. Paul Etterling II gave the report of the Ohio Home Missions Board. A motion was made and carried to approve the report along with the proposed budget.

Bro. Jason Luthy gave the OYC Report which included a video featuring the winners of the 2019 OYC competitions. A motion was made and carried to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget along with the budget note.

Bro. Bill Hayes 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 Brotherhood Mutual commission distribution proposal.

Ohio Women Active for Christ (OWAC) Report was given by Sis. Sarah Sargent. The theme for OWAC this year was, "God's Promises". The project for 2019-2020 will be, \$4,000.00 to be distributed to several ministries. Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Bro. Don Matchett, Director of Church Relations, gave a report on IM, Inc., formerly International Missions, which was received.

The morning business session was adjourned for the worship service.

In the worship service, Bro. Mike and Sis. Sandy Mounts provided special singing. An offering of \$218.00 was received. Attendance was 112. Rev. Mike Martin, Pastor of the Ravenna FWB Church was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was "Standing As One – Loving the Same Lord". Following the message the convention recessed for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

After opening with a congregational song, Bro. Aaron Justice, gave devotional thoughts from 1 John 2:1-3.

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

Miscellaneous Business

Bro. A.J. Dooley gave a report of the 2018 National Association Meeting, which was received.

The moderator then appointed delegates to the National Association meeting this year in Cincinnati, OH. Those appointed were Manuel Lopes, A.J. Dooley, Mark McCarty, Geri Beal, and Geri Baker.

The Moderator brought to the floor and highlighted the proposed amendments/revisions to the updated Ohio State Association bylaws. Motion was made and carried to remove the tabled item of adopting the updated Ohio State Association bylaws. Motion was made and carried to adopt the amendments/revisions to the updated Ohio State Association bylaws. Motion was made and carried to adopt the updated Ohio bylaws replacing the former Ohio State Association Constitution and Bylaws.

Bro. Keith Burden gave a report from the FWB National Executive Office, which was received and a standing vote of appreciation was given to Bro. Keith for his years of service as our denomination's Executive Secretary.

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

Bro. Jeff Miller of the American Church Group of Ohio, who represents Brotherhood Mutual, gave a report which was received.

Bro. David Wiliford gave a report on Welch College, which was received. Dr. Jeff Cockrell, who heads the Master's Degree program at Welch was introduced.

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

Bro. Josh Eidson gave a report of the FWB Board of Retirement, which was received.

Bro. Jim McComas gave a report for the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, which was received.

The afternoon business session was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Friday Evening

Assistant Moderator Tom Dooley welcomed the congregation. An offering of \$5,538.00 was received. Attendance was 202 including 86 attending the OYC service. Special singing was provided by Undivided. Rev. Tim York then brought the message. The sermon topic was "*Standing as One - Believing the Same Word.*" Benediction.

Saturday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Bro. Kyle Chadwick, of the Columbus North FWB Church, gave devotional thoughts from Daniel 6.

Miscellaneous Reports

Bro Tim Stout gave the report on North American Ministries, including a report by Travis McKenzie on the work in Ashland, Ohio, which was received.

The moderator then called for committee reports.

The Resolution Committee submitted no resolutions.

The Obituary Committee report was given: Since we last met in June 2018, 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 241 consisting of 52 Ministers, 14 Deacons, 23 Delegates, 66 Visitors, and 86 Youth.

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

The Nominating Committee report was given and acted upon. For offices with term ending in 2020: **Moderator**, Mark Price, elected; **Assistant Moderator**, Tom Dooley, elected; **Clerk**, Bryon Justice, elected; **Assistant Clerk**, Manuel Lopes, elected.

General Board for term ending in 2020: Leon Stevens (Trinity – filling remaining term of Densil Wright) elected, Bill Wolford (North & Western – filling remaining term of James Webb), elected.

General Board for term ending in 2021: Charles Crider (Little Miami), Donnie Massie (Lawrence), Ed Barney (Jackson), Mike Martin (Great Lakes), Bill Chadwick (Franklin), Robert Prichard (Cuyahoga-Lorain), Russell Street (Central Ohio), Jeremy Luthy (Tri-State), Ronnie Conn, Jr. (Northeastern), and Randy Keffer (Capital City), elected.

Executive Committee for 2019 - 2020: Charles Crider, Jeremy Luthy, Dan King, and Russell Street, elected.

For Board of Directors term ending 2020 (Replacing Chris Oiler): Mark Bailey, elected.

For Board of Directors term ending 2026: Peter Dunn, elected.

For OYC Board Member term ending 2026 : Jason Luthy, elected.

For State Missions Board term ending 2026: Jerry Sargent, elected.

The Moderator appointed the **Nominating Committee** for the 2020 Ohio State Association as follows: Adam McCarty Chairman, Randy Keffer and Roland Luthy.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. Paul Etterling II as **Prayer Committee Chairman**. Sis. Jeannie Sargent was appointed as **Registration Committee Chairperson**. Both will serve for the 2020 State Association meeting.

A motion made and carried to adjourn from business for the 2019 session.

Bro. Bryon Justice, provided special singing. An offering of \$143.00 was received. Attendance was 95. The total of all Ohio State Association offerings was \$5,899.00. Rev. Mark Baily, Pastor of the Mansfield FWB Church, was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was, ***“Standing as One - Serving on the Same Team”***. Benediction.

Bryon J. Justice, Clerk

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The Psalmist said, "Precious in the sight of the LORD [is] the death of his saints." (Psa 116:15 KJV) While death is a painful time of grieving that leaves a void in our lives, we take great joy in the words of the Apostle Paul, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." (1Th 4:13 KJV) We rejoice because of the hope we have in Christ.

It is requested that our brothers and sisters in Christ be remembered with the memorial video, a moment of silence, and prayer.

Paul R. Etterling II,
Chairman, 2019 Obituary Committee

Larry Allen
Jack Anderson
Beulah Blackburn
Glenn Blakeman
Dottie L. Brazzell
Willie Jr. Bates
David Bell
Rose Burns
Margaret Cattrell
Duelas Conley
David Crabtree
Thomas Daniels
Dorothy Louise Thompson Davis
Verna Dyer
Charles Eastham
Gary Eubanks
Rebekah Lynn Feight
Phyllis Fellure
Barrett Fitzsimmons
Robert Fraley
Dean Gabriel
Naomi Griffith
Harry Holmes
Leonard Holstein
Jim Jackson
Stella Jarrall
Geneva Jones
Kenneth Kessler
Beth King
Jim King

Bob Kister
Barry Martin
Richard Nichols
Lexter Osborne
Bob Parks
Adam Petrey
Tammy Porter
Helen Puckett
Robert Pugh
Paul E. Reese
Carolyn Roark
Raymond Roby
Carrie Gwendolyn Rummell
Clay Rutherford
Violet Sexton
Lela Shelton
Titus Ray Shifett
Andrew "Andy" Sissell
Rhilda "Gay" Skaggs
Paul Edward Sparks
Coy Spence
Clay Spencer
Geraldine Stepp
Gracie Stepp
Terry Stephens
Bobby Siders
Bernie Townsend
Carl Unkle
Mary Webb
Ruby Pack Spears Webb

Vicki White
Thermolene Wyatt
Donald Young

Ministers

Rev. Taylor Cantrell
Rev. Earl Lavender (Brother of Rev
Roger Lavender)
Rev. H.B. London Jr. (Men's Retreat
Speaker)
Rev. Brynton "Ben" Gibson
Rev. Howard Hubbard
Rev. Milton Ledford
Rev. Curtis Muncy
Rev. Paul Oppy
Rev. J.O. Stevens
Rev. James Webb
Rev. Densil Wright

Deacons

Paul Denning
Larry Dale Goodman
Kenneth Hopson
John Holbrook
Garland Roberts

Missionaries

Cathy Crawford

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BYLAWS

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 local Associations as may embody themselves under these bylaws.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

The purposes of this State Association of churches are to assist in the establishment and maintenance of voluntary Associations of autonomous Free Will Baptist churches in fulfilling their ecclesiastical mission; to foster and promote involvement in the state and The National Association of Free Will Baptist churches; and to encourage cooperative support, conduct meetings, and create fellowship among regional associations of Free Will Baptist churches to further the cause of Christ. This organization operates as an association of churches exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes according to the Bible as interpreted by Free Will Baptist doctrine.

ARTICLE III. Statement of Faith

Section A. Incorporation by Reference. This State Association's statement of faith incorporates by reference parts II and III of *A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists*.

Section B. Additional Faith Provisions. In addition to the beliefs incorporated by reference in Article III Section A of these bylaws, this State Association also adopts, as part of its statement of faith, the following positions:

1. Marriage and Human Sexuality

- a. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one legitimate meaning, and that is marriage sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single covenantal union as delineated by Scripture. Marriage ceremonies performed in any facility owned, leased, or rented by this Association will be only those ceremonies sanctioned by God, joining one man with one woman as their genders were determined at birth. Whenever there is a conflict between the Association's position and any new legal standard for marriage, the Association's statement of faith, doctrines, and biblical positions will govern. (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:22-23; Mark 10:6-9; I Cor. 7:1-9)
- b. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage as defined in (a) above. We believe that any other type of sexual activity, identity, or expression that lies outside of this definition of marriage, including those that are becoming more accepted in the culture and the courts, are contradictory to God's natural design and purpose for sexual activity. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9-10; 1 Thess.

4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

- c. 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)
2. Family Roles. We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home and men are to be the leaders (all ministers and deacons) of the church. (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:18; 1 Timothy 2:8-15; 3:4, 5, 12). This Association will only accept for membership those entities (churches, local associations) where all ministers affiliated with the entities are males, and no church may become a member of this Association if it has any ministers who have two living wives or whose wife has two living husbands.
3. Abortion. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion is murder and constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:13-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:36, 44)
4. Euthanasia. We believe that an act or omission that, of itself or by intention, facilitates premature death is assuming a decision that is to be reserved for God. We do not believe that discontinuing medical procedures that are extraordinary or disproportionate to the expected outcome is euthanasia. (Ex. 20:13; 23:7; Matt. 5:21; Acts 17:28)
5. Love. We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers but also toward those who are not believers, those who oppose us, and those who engage in sinful actions. We are to deal graciously, gently, patiently, and humbly with those who oppose us. God forbids the stirring up of strife, the taking of revenge, or the threat or use of violence as a means of resolving personal conflict or obtaining personal justice. Although God commands us to abhor sinful actions, we are to love and pray for any person who engages in such actions. (Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:44-48; Luke 6:31; John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:9-10; 17-21; 13:8-10; Phil. 2:2-4; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 3:8-9; 1 John 3:17-18)
6. Lawsuits within the Church. We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits within the Church. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. (1 Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32)
7. Protection of Children. We believe that children are a heritage from the Lord and must be absolutely protected within the body of Christ from any form of abuse or molestation. This Association has zero tolerance for any person, whether paid staff, volunteer, member of an affiliated church, or visitor, who abuses or molests a child. (Ps. 127:3-5; Matt. 18:6; Matt. 19:14; Mark 10:14)

Section C. Authority of the Statement of Faith. The statement of faith of Article III, including those provisions incorporated by reference, does not exhaust the extent of our

faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing statement of faith and this document accurately represents the teaching of the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all board and committee members, officers, local Associations, member churches, delegates, staff, and volunteers. All literature, whether print or electronic, used in the State Association shall be in complete agreement with the statement of faith. All activities permitted or performed in any facilities owned, rented, or leased by this state Association or engaged in by any staff member of the state Association (volunteer or paid) and all decisions of the administration of the state Association shall not conflict with the statement of faith.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

Section A. Composition. This Association shall be comprised as follows: Local Associations shall send the number of delegates equal to the number of member churches within their Association; along with one delegate from each Local Church within the state, together with all ordained authority and the Officers of this Association.

Section B. Requirements for Membership

1. A properly organized local association may request membership in the State Association by submitting to the Clerk or Moderator of the State Association a formal letter requesting membership three months prior to the annual meeting of the State Association. The letter must include the following information and be accompanied by the annual reporting form and annual dues:
 - a. a purpose statement of the local association;
 - b. a statement that the local association has adopted the Bible and the document, *A Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.*, as its guide for faith and practice—a local association is not permitted to join this State Association that has not adopted the *Treatise*;
 - c. a statement that the local association is in agreement with the State Association's evangelistic enterprise; and
 - d. a signature of the Moderator or other officers representing the local Association.
2. The Executive Committee of the State Association should meet with an official delegation of the local association requesting membership prior to the annual meeting of the State Association.
3. The Executive Committee of the State Association will examine the reporting form and the dues submitted and make a recommendation to receive the local association into full membership of the State Association.
4. The Moderator shall, at the annual State Association meeting, welcome the local association moderator as a new member.

Section C. Duties of Members

1. It shall be the duty of each local association belonging to this Association to send the required annual fees along with a report of statistics and benevolent work to the annual State Association meeting on a form provided annually by the State Association.
2. Any local association that does not send in the proper form and the appropriate fees shall not be seated with its delegates until the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee. Failure to complete and return this form

for two successive annual meetings of the State Association may be the basis for dismissal from the State Association.

ARTICLE V. Officers

Section A. Composition. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk.

Section B. Election and Terms of Office. 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 the body of delegates shall decide.

Section C. Duties of Officers

1. Generally. The officers of this body shall submit, at every session, a report of the work done for this Association.
2. The Moderator shall:
 - a. be the principle executive officer of the Association;
 - b. sign, with the Clerk or any other people, officers, or agents of the Association as authorized by the General Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the General Board has authorized except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall otherwise be expressly delegated by the General Board or by this Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed;
 - c. preside at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board, and the Executive Committee;
 - d. call special meetings of the General Board and Executive Committee with the consent of three other members;
 - e. receive an honorarium in an amount agreed upon by the body; and
 - f. fulfill whatever responsibilities may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body or General Board.
3. The Assistant Moderator shall:
 - a. perform the duties of the Moderator in the absence of the Moderator or in the event of his death or inability or refusal to act;
 - b. when acting as Moderator, have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Moderator; and
 - c. perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.
4. The Clerk shall:
 - a. keep an accurate record of all business transactions by keeping the minutes of the Association and the General Board meetings in one or more books provided for this purpose;
 - b. superintend the printing of the minutes;
 - c. see that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law;
 - d. 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;
 - e. 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; and

- f. receive an honorarium of an amount agreed upon by this body.
- 5. The Assistant Clerk shall:
 - a. perform the duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk, or in the event of his death or inability or refusal to act;
 - b. when acting as Clerk, have all the power and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Clerk; and
 - c. perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Clerk or by the General Board.

ARTICLE VI. Boards and Committees

Section A. Standing Boards. All standing boards shall be composed of seven members, and shall be elected for seven-year terms (with the exception of the General Board, see Article VII). Standing boards include the Home Mission Board, Board of Directors, CTS Board, and the General Board. Standing Board members shall be elected for 7-year terms.

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.

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.

No person who is an employee of the State Association may be elected to any standing board of this body.

Section B. Duties of Standing Boards. 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.

Section C. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee (comprised of three [3] persons) will be appointed by the State Moderator during the Saturday morning Business Session at each year's Association meeting to serve the following year. The duty of said committee is to recommend one nomination for each standing board, Executive Committee, and General Officers open for election for consideration to the Association.

Section D. Executive Committee. An Executive Committee, consisting of eight members of the General Board (described in Article VII), shall be composed of the officers of this Association (Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the State Association, and Assistant Clerk), and four other members to be elected annually by the delegates to the State Association, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the General 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.

Section E. Authority of Committees. Committees, whether standing or special, have no authority to act on behalf of the Association. Their primary function is to research and recommend. Committees shall make available upon request all records and materials to the

Moderator and the General Board, who shall have the right to overrule any plans or decisions made by the committee. Each committee shall have a secretary that keeps minutes of each meeting and shall timely submit the minutes to the Clerk of the Association to be filed with Association records.

ARTICLE VII. The General Board

Section A. Composition. The General Board shall be composed of the officers of the State Association (Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk); 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.

Section B. Terms of Office. Each Local Association General Board member's 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.

Section C. Powers and Duties of the General Board. The General Board shall have power to:

1. act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session to another;
2. call special meetings of the General Board when necessary by the Moderator, with the written consent of three other members of the Executive Committee, also call special meetings of the General Board upon the written request of a majority of its members;
3. elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association; and
4. make written reports of all its work to each annual session.

Section D. Meetings of the General Board. 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.

Section E. Expense Reimbursements. By resolution of the General Board, the Board members shall be reimbursed their reasonable and necessary expenses, including travel expenses reimbursed at the standard IRS mileage rate, for attendance of special meetings of the General Board and regular meetings of Executive Committee.

Section F. Elections

1. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, The General Board shall fill any regular vacancies that may occur in its own body as well as any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of work between sessions of the State Association.
2. 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.
3. All Board members elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.
4. Any member of the General 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 the General Board to fill his unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings of the General Board and the State Association

Section A. Meeting Requirements

1. State Association Meetings
 - a. Time/Date/Location
 - i. The session of this Association shall be held on Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, at 9:30 a.m., at a location to be determined by the Executive Committee.
 - ii. 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, the General Board shall call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, provide whatever transaction passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and provided that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts by the bylaws of the State Association.
 - b. Notice. The State Association Moderator/Clerk shall mail each individual church a notice of all meetings of the State Association meetings, including annual and any special meetings, at least one month in advance of the meeting, or in the event of a special meeting, as soon as is practically possible.
 - c. Quorum. A quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.
2. Meetings of the General Board
 - a. Time/Date/Location
 - i. Regular meetings.
 - ii. Special Meetings.
 - b. Notice.
 - i. Regular meetings.
 - ii. Special Meetings. 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.
 - c. Quorum. A quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.

Section B. Procedures of the Annual State Association Meeting

1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat the delegates in a convenient place.
2. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion from God's Word, and prayer.
3. The Clerk shall call the Association to order.
4. The Moderator shall not allow any conversation except it be in a Christian spirit; the Moderator has discretion to end conversations that he thinks will cause discord.
5. Anyone desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

6. The voting sign shall be at the discretion of the Moderator.
7. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject and not more than five minutes at a time.
8. The Association shall sit with open doors except when it goes into a committee as a whole.
9. No person shall nominate more than one person if that person be elected.
10. The form of financing the State Association shall be \$225 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.

ARTICLE IX. Designated Contributions

From time to time the Association, in the exercise of its religious, educational, and charitable purposes, may establish various funds to accomplish specific goals. If the Association receives a designated contribution for these funds or for any other designated purpose, the Association will attempt to honor the designation; however, all designated contributions shall be deemed advisory rather than legally mandatory in nature and shall remain subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the General Board. No fiduciary obligation shall be created by any designated contribution made to the Association other than to use the contribution for the general furtherance of any of the purposes stated in Article II.

ARTICLE X. Tax Exempt Provisions

Section A. Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, board members, or other private persons except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above in Article II.

Section B. Political Involvement. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and to the extent prohibited by law, the Association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section C. Limitation of Activities. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section D. Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members and shall be distributed to the National Association of Free Will Baptists. In the event that the NAFWB ceases to exist, the corporation's earnings or assets shall go to another organization of like faith and practice that is organized for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC

501(c)(3) at the time of the distribution. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Section E. Nondiscrimination Policy. This Association shall not discriminate against member churches, regional associations or conferences, officers, delegates, board members, or others on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin. As a religious institution, however, this organization reserves the right to deny membership or employment or to terminate the membership or employment of persons whose lifestyle, words, actions, or otherwise do not align with the Association's incorporated *Treatise of Faith and Practice*, additional articles of faith, code of conduct, or other policies of this organization.

Article XI. Limitation of Liability and Binding Arbitration

Section A. Limitation of Liability. This Association is not responsible for the actions of local member churches or regional associations or conferences that constitute the members of this Association nor for the actions of members or attendees of such local churches, regional associations, or conferences.

Section B. Submission to Arbitration. Delegates to this Association, officers, board members, and members of the local churches, regional associations, or conferences that constitute the membership of this Association agree to submit to binding arbitration any legal matters that arise between the member churches, regional associations, or conventions and this Association or between the individuals within the member churches, regional associations, or conventions and this Association that cannot otherwise be resolved, and they expressly waive any and all rights in law and equity to bring any civil disagreement before a court of law, except that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Section C. Notice of Arbitration. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising out of or relating to these bylaws or any other Associational matter, the parties shall use their best efforts to settle such disputes, claims, questions, or disagreement as befits Christians. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests to not disgrace the name of Christ, seek to reach a just and equitable solution. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice by either party to the other, disputes, claims, questions, or differences shall be finally settled by arbitration as described in Section A, above, using such procedures for arbitration as are adopted pursuant to the following section.

Section D. Arbitration Procedures. The procedures for arbitration shall be as adopted by the General Board.

ARTICLE XII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the member delegates present and voting at a state Association meeting provided the amendment(s) is/are presented, at a minimum, on the day prior to the vote.

ADOPTION

These bylaws were adopted by a majority vote of the member delegates present and voting at a duly called meeting of the state Association in which a quorum was present.

These bylaws supersede any other bylaws of the state Association.

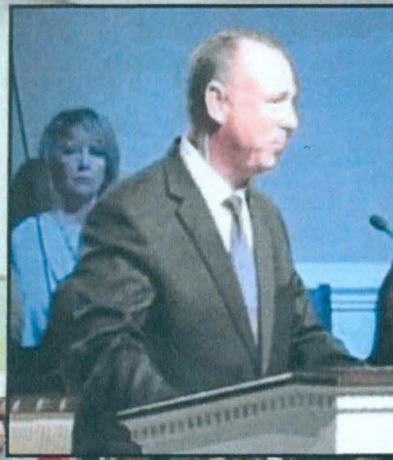
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Marengo, Ohio



Rev. Jeff Jones



Dr. Eddie Moody

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