

Ohio State Meeting



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VISION**



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

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2020

June 25-26, 2021



2020 Fall Retreat *Hope*

OCTOBER 9-10, 2020
BERLIN GRANDE HOTEL, BERLIN, OH



Special speaking
by: Dr. Neil
Gilliland.
Director IM.
member care

**“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace believing that ye may abound in
hope, through the power of the Holy
Ghost.” Romans 15:13**



Special singing
by: Deanna
Price, Lacey
Ratcliff &
Hannah Parson

Registration and Full Payment due by 9/1/2020

\$85 per person with 4 staying in a room

\$100 per person with 3 staying in a room

\$120 per person with 2 staying in a room

\$185 with 1 person staying in a room

Retreat cost includes retreat fees, Pizza and donuts Friday evening for fun
time , and breakfast Saturday morning.

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Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

PROGRAM

June 25-26, 2021

Friday Morning

9:00 AM	Prayer Session Meets
9:30 AM	Association Called into Official Session & Introduction of the Moderator, Rev. Mark Price Welcome to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Tim Stout, Pastor
9:35 AM	Moderator's Message
9:50 AM	Report of the General Board--Seating of the Delegates
9:55 AM	Appointment of Committees: * <u>Resolution</u> * <u>Obituary</u> * <u>Appreciation</u>
10:00 AM	Welcome Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers from other bodies by the Moderator
10:35 AM	Report of the Board of Directors
11:00 AM	Report of the Promotional Secretary Report of the Ohio Mission Board Worship in Giving
11:15 AM	Ministry in Songs: Jerry Newman, Community FWB
Noon	Message: Rev. Jeremy Luthy, Ambassador FWB, "Watching Vigilantly" Adjourn for Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:15 PM	Devotion: Rev. Mike Baldwin
1:30 PM	Report of the Ohio Youth Board (CTS)
1:45 PM	Report of the Ohio Women Active for Christ
1:55 PM	Report of the National Women Active for Christ Miscellaneous Business
2:10 PM	2020 National Convention Report
2:15 PM	Appointment of Delegates to National Association of FWB
2:20 PM	Report of the National Executive Department
2:25 PM	Report of Randall House Publications
2:30 PM	Report of Welch College
2:35 PM	Report of the International Mission Department
2:40 PM	Report of the North American Ministries Department
2:55 PM	Report of the FWB Foundation
4:00 PM	Report of the National Board of Retirement Miscellaneous Reports Adjourn

Friday Evening

6:30 PM	Prayer Session Meets
7:00 PM	Youth Worship Meeting in Heritage Hall
7:00 PM	Adult Worship, Presiding: Rev. Mike Martin
7:15 PM	Worship in Giving
7:25 PM	Ministry in Songs: Pastor Eugene Crouch, Unity FWB Middleburg Heights
7:40 PM	Message: Dr. Eddie Moody of National Assoc. of FWB, "Looking Anxiously" Adjourn

Saturday Morning

9:00 AM	Prayer Session Meets
9:30 AM	Devotion: Rev. Derrick Lute
9:45 AM	Miscellaneous Reports
10:00 AM	Reports from the Committees: * <u>Resolution</u> * <u>Obituary</u> * <u>Appreciation</u> * <u>Registration</u>
10:35 AM	Reading the State Letter
10:40 AM	Report from the Nominating Committee Election of Officers
11:00 AM	Appointment of Prayer & Registration Committee Chairpersons and Nominating Committee for 2022 Worship in Giving
11:15 AM	Ministry in Songs: Rejoice, Welch College
Noon	Message: Rev. Russell Street, Pastor of the Williams Road FWB, "Seeing Jubilantly" Adjournment

Moderator: Mark Price
Assistant Moderator: Mike Martin
Clerk: Bryon Justice
Assistant Clerk: Manuel Lopes
Music Director: Bryon Justice
Pianist: Tobiane Stout

OFFICES FOR ELECTION:

	Moderator.....	2022
	Assistant Moderator....	2022
	Clerk.....	2022
	Assistant Clerk.....	2022

GENERAL BOARD:

	Little Miami.....	2023
	Lawrence.....	2023
	Jackson.....	2023
	Great Lakes.....	2023
	Franklin.....	2023
	Cuyahoga-Lorain.....	2023
	Central Ohio.....	2023
	Tri-State.....	2023
	Northeastern.....	2023
	Capital City.....	2023

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

	2022
	2022
	2022
	2022

OTHER BOARDS:

	Board of Directors.....	2028
	CTS Board.....	2028
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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!**

2022 Ohio State Association Meeting
June 24-25th
Heritage FWB Church, Columbus, Ohio

Meet our Speakers



Tri-State Conference Clerk Rev. **Jeremy Luthy** will be bringing the Friday morning message from the theme "A 2020 Vision". The Friday morning message is on the subject, "*Watching Vigilantly*".

Brother Luthy was ordained by the Tri-State Conference of Ohio in 2002. He graduated from Welch College in 2007 with a B.A. in Pastoral Training. He currently assists in the ministry at Ambassador Free Will Baptist Church in Cincinnati. He serves as the clerk of the Tri-State Conference, and serves on the Ohio State FWB General Board and Executive Committee.

He has been married to his wife Nicole for 14 years and has a daughter Josilyn (7), and son Findlay (2).



National Association Executive Secretary Dr. **Eddie Moody** is scheduled to preach on the subject, "*Looking Anxiously*".

Dr. Moody was selected as the National Association Executive Secretary at the 2019 National Association in Cincinnati. He was pastor of Tippet's Chapel FWB Church in Clayton, NC, 2000-2020. He was professor of counselor education and associate dean of the School of Education at North Carolina Central University, where he served since 1995. Dr. Moody was additionally vice-chairman of the Welch College Board of Trustees.

A licensed professional counselor supervisor and health services provider, the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of North Carolina named Moody Counselor of the Year in 2016. He holds a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University in counselor education, an M.A. from Middle Tennessee State University in clinical psychology, and a B.A. from Welch College in pastoral training.

Moody is author of *Surviving Culture*, *First Aid for Emotional Hurts: Helping People Through Difficult Times*, and the *First Aid for Your Emotional Hurts* training series, along with numerous professional journal and magazine articles.

Eddie and his wife Lynne have two children, Mackenzie and Mitchell.



Rev. **Russell Street** pastor of the Williams Road FWB Church will then preach the final message, "*Seeing Jubilantly*".

Brother **Russell**, was selected as pastor of the Williams FWB Church in 2020. He was born and raised in the mountains of Virginia and was saved in 1978. He moved to Ohio in 1987 and began attending Northridge FWB Church in Dayton, Ohio. He was called to preach in November of 1987, became the youth pastor in 1993 and ordained in 1996. He moved to Columbus in 1997 and attended Westside FWB Church until 2002, then he went to Canaan Land FWB Church until becoming pastor of the Woodstock FWB Church in 2007. He served there until May, 2018, when he resigned to take care of his wife Fredia, who had been diagnosed with AML Leukemia in 2017. God performed a miracle and has healed Fredia and they are sharing her testimony of her healing. Brother Russell has served the Ohio Association on the General Board and Executive Committee since 2009.

Russell and Fredia have been married for 39 years and have three children, Francesca, Kaleena (in heaven) and Andrew (married to Summer) and five wonderful grandchildren Malachi, Abigail, Noah, Houston and Annalynn.

THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MISSION BOARD 2020 REPORT

This has been a year of new experiences 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, some have 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 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,

Jerry Sargent, Board Chairman of the Ohio Missions Board

Thanks for All You Do For Ohio Missions

The Ohio Home Missions Board

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MISSION BOARD JUNE 2020 – JUNE 2021**

Rev. Mike Gladson (Resigned)
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Adam McCarty
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Term: 2022
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Rev. Tim Stout
Heritage FWB Church
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Term: 2023
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Rev. Wendell Combs
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Term: 2024
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Rev. Kenny Cordell
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2020 RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	State Associations	Local Conferences
State Associations (2) \$ 298.05	Ohio State Association	Central Ohio
Church (75) \$ 44,005.97	Ohio Youth Conference	Cornerstone
Local Conferences (9) \$ 722.76		Cuyahoga-Lorain
Local WAC (1) \$ 30.00	Local WAC	Jackson
Individual (3) \$ 1000.00	Reynoldsburg WAC	Lawrence County
<hr/>		North & Western
Sub Total \$ 46,056.78		Pine Creek
CELF Interest \$ 5,497.30		Porter
State Association Gift \$ 4,000.00		Trinity
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Total \$ 55,554.08		

Churches

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

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

**2020 RECEIPTS
INCOME BY ACCOUNT**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
40010 - General Fund	200.00	574.22	1,812.42	722.69	763.32	267.14	605.00	545.65	220.55	400.00	312.21	415.00	6,838.20
40020 - Cooperative Giving	1,935.36	1,757.56		1,672.85	1,342.33	2,012.94	2,030.55	2,237.41	1,480.18	2,175.53	1,397.76	2,019.40	20,061.87
40030 - CELF Interest						2,706.22						2,791.08	5,497.30
Total 40000 - General Fund Revenue	2,135.36	2,331.78	1,812.42	2,395.54	2,105.65	4,986.30	2,635.55	2,783.06	1,700.73	2,575.53	1,709.97	5,225.48	32,397.37
40201 - As Needed	881.04	991.72	375.55	276.56	734.13	645.53	770.16	691.10	765.58	1,143.23	442.39	608.33	8,325.32
40202 - State Ministry Offering		50.00	50.00	400.00	475.00	1,075.00	150.00	50.00	50.00		50.00		2,350.00
40230 - McKenzie, Travis	587.48	978.04	259.00	916.51	482.11	4,590.00	1,283.25	518.27	904.48	1,009.19	233.56	719.50	12,481.39
Total 40200 - Mission Accounts Revenue	1,468.52	2,019.76	684.55	1,593.07	1,691.24	6,310.53	2,203.41	1,259.37	1,720.06	2,152.42	725.95	1,327.83	23,156.71
TOTAL	3,603.88	4,351.54	2,496.97	3,988.61	3,796.89	11,296.83	4,838.96	4,042.43	3,420.79	4,727.95	2,435.92	6,553.31	55,554.08

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
2022 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Category	2020		2021	2022
	Approved	Spent	Approved	Proposed
50001 Accounting	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
50002 Bank Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 29.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
50003 Meals	\$ 400.00	\$ 43.99	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
50004 Travel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 483.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
50006 Office Supplies	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
50007 Office Equipment	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
50008 Postage	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
50010 Ohio Men's Retreat	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
50011 Wages / Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
50012 Miscellaneous	\$ 5,000.00	1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
50099 Missionary Needs	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Total	\$ 74,325.00	\$ 3,956.96	\$ 74,325.00	\$ 74,325.00

NOTES:

- (1) 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, 2020**

Assets

Current Assets

Savings	\$ 140,428.51
Checking	\$ 74,038.86
Total Current Assets	\$ 214,467.37

Liabilities \$ 0

Net Worth

Assets	\$ 214,467.37
Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Total Net Worth	\$ 214,467.37

June 1, 2021

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 students. 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.

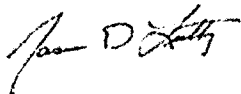
With last year's Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to hold our annual OYC Ministry expo and State Meeting Friday evening service. We are glad we were able to have the 2021 OYC Ministry Expo in person, and are looking forward to this year's Friday Evening Service with Missionaries Tim and Amanda York.

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!

Lastly, we the OYC Board would like to thank Bro. Edwin Hayes for his years of service to Ohio Free Will Baptists as our Executive Secretary. We are especially grateful for his support of the Ohio Youth Conference by making sure we always had a place in the Ambassador Magazine, passing along our messages via the state email list, and advice for us over the years. We love and appreciate you, Bro. Edwin!

In His Service,



Jason Luthy, OYC Chairman



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FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020

Balance as of 12/31/2019		\$18,710.76
Receipts:		
Co-op giving for 2020	\$ 5,936.60	
Donation	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	
Total Receipts for 2019	\$ 6,026.60	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$24,737.36
Expenses:		
<u>Truth & Peace Scholarships</u>		
Fiona McKee	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	
		\$ 250.00
<u>State Meeting</u>		
Friday Night offering	\$ 100.00	
Eddie & Amanda Simmons	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
		\$ 600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 850.00</u>
Balance as of 12/31/2020		\$23,887.36



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Proposed 2022 Ohio Youth Conference Budget

		2022 Proposed	2021 Approved	2020 Approved	2020 Spent
Board Travel Expenses (Travel/Meals/Competition Hotels)		\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -
OYC Giving		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 250.00
FWB College Scholarship	\$ 2,000				\$ -
FWB College Visit Fees	\$ 500				\$ -
Truth & Peace Scholarship	\$ 1,000				\$ 250.00
State Competition:		\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 200				\$ -
Food	\$ 300				\$ -
Judges' Gratuity	\$ 600				\$ -
Medals	\$ 150				\$ -
State Meeting		\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 600.00
State Offering	\$ 100				\$ 100.00
Babysitting	\$ 200				\$ -
Giveaways & Food	\$ 100				\$ -
Speaker	\$ 850				\$ 500.00
Special Activities	\$ 2,500				\$ -
NYC Registration Fees		\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
OYC Mailings/Promotion		\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -
2022 Proposed Budget:		<u>\$ 10,000</u>	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 850.00
2022 Anticipated Income:		<u>\$ 6,000</u>	(1)	2020 Income:	\$ 6,026.60
Notes:					
(1) Any short fall between income and expenditures will be made up by using a portion of the current OYC bank balance.					

2021 Ohio Youth Conference Ministry Expo Winners:

Memorization:

B.05 - Ella Luthy (Ambassador)

B.06 - Nate Luthy (Ambassador)

C.07 - Ana Luthy (Ambassador)

Christian Literature Recitation:

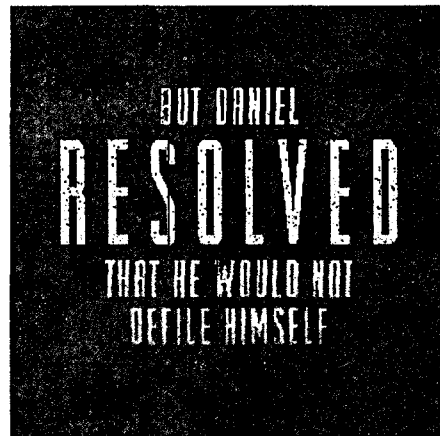
6.20 C - Charli Rawe(Troy)

Drawing:

7.20 D - Brianna Montoya (Troy)

Mixed Media:

7.80 D - Makayla Cole (Troy)



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Our 2021 Zachary Yoho Truth and Peace Scholarship is **Fiona McKee**, from Porter Free Will Baptist Church. Congratulations, Fiona. Our prayer is that the Truth and Peace experience is a good one, and brings you closer to the Lord!

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.



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Executive Committee Report

June 24, 2021

The Executive Committee met September 26, 2020, via a Zoom meeting, to plan the State Association meeting for June 25-26, 2021.

Members present: Mark Price, Mike Martin, Jeremy Luthy, Russell Street, Charlie Crider, Manuel Lopes 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 2021 State Association meeting will be, "A Clear Vision... Looking forward to Christ's Coming with Clarity". 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 2021 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 2022 State Association meeting.

Item #4 Discussion was held concerning a change needed in the Bylaws due to a conflict in the description of a "quorum". Page 7 Section D Meetings of the General Board you will see that a quorum would be made up from a majority of the number of the General Board Members. Then on Page 8 Section A 2. Meetings of the General Board c. that a Quorum consists of those who attend the meeting.

Item #5 A request was received from the Liberty Association in Michigan to join the Ohio State Association. This matter was tabled pending further research and discussion.

The Committee then adjourned until next session.

Bryon Justice, Clerk



Promotional Secretary's Report-2020

This will be my final report as Ohio Executive Secretary after serving 27+ years. The Lord has truly been faithful and He continued to bless in 2020.

Preaching

As you all know, 2020 was a challenging year because of the Covid-19. We were all hindered from doing what we normally have be able to do. Even with this, I am thankful to have preached in 28 church appointments, one conference, two church revivals and last year's State Meeting (General Board). I taught the lesson on the subject, "Why I Am a Free Will Baptist" in two churches. I attended a total of four conferences, the Ohio Executive Committee meeting (By Zoom), the International Mission WMO Dinner, the National Association (General Board) in Nashville, TN, the National Leadership Conference and two National Executive Committee Meetings in Nashville along with several Zoom Meetings. I would encourage you to use Brother Ben Crabtree, our new Ohio Executive Secretary in your conferences and churches.

Promotion

Our giving for 2020 for the State Office was mixed. The Ambassador Magazine had an income of \$10,301.00 which is *down* by \$1,820.75 under 2019, the State Office General Fund giving was \$13,931.33 which is *down* by \$114.67 under 2019 and Co-op giving was \$141,886.79 which *up* by \$472.56 over 2019. Total income for the Ohio Together Way Plan received in 2020 was \$478,154.61. This was less than 2019 receipts by \$12,313.36.

Our giving to the National Departments was *down* in 2020. This breakdown is as follows: Ohio gave \$138,481.25 to National Home Missions and \$146,921.57 to International Missions. Gifts to the Executive Office totaled \$20,421.21 and \$22,646.96 went to Welch College. Ohio churches gave a total of \$342,739.42 to National Ministries which is \$32,653.99 less than in 2019. In addition to this, Ohio gave to the \$71,208.23 to the FWB Family Ministries of Tennessee.

The approximate breakdown of percentages from all 2020 Ohio gifts income breakdown are as follows:

State Office 15.29%

Ambassador Magazine 2%

State Missions 7.74%

State CTS 1.0%

**Ohio State Ministries
Total 26.03% of all gifts given**

Ohio State Ministries
26.03% of all gifts

Special Ministries
4.66% of all gifts

National Ministries
57.6% of all gifts

Children's Homes/Other
12 % of all gifts

The Together Way Giving Plan allows our churches to funnel all their state and national outside giving through the State Office. 114 churches, conferences and ministries have given through the State Office in 2020.

We promoted the twenty-third annual State Ministries Offering. We received \$4,700.00 from at least 43 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.

Men's Retreat

Because of the pandemic, we were forced to cancel our Ohio Men's Retreat for the first time in our history.

The Heartland Retreat Center was very gracious with us, allowing us to move our 2021 deposit of \$4,145.00 to our 2022 retreat. (According to our contract, they could have made us pay the whole amount for our 2021 contract.)

They did contact us and ask if we could help them with a project they were installing a filter system to clean the air that would help in stopping the transmission of virus and germs. The Board of Directors authorized a gift of \$500.00 to help in this project. Heartland was very appreciative of the gift.

**The 2022 retreat is
scheduled for
January 20-22nd at
the Heartland
Conference Center in
Marengo, Ohio.**

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

This next year will be critical for this ministry. I think we would all agree that we personally and our association has benefited greatly from the retreat. I would encourage you to make sure to bring your men to the retreat in 2022. In addition, I would ask you to pray for this ministry and thank the Lord for what He has done for us over all these years!

Ambassador Magazine



In 2020 we completed our 60th year in publishing the *Ambassador*. The magazine had an income of \$10,301.00. Because of the pandemic and most of our churches not meeting, we only printed five issues in 2020. We delayed the May issue and did not print the July issue.

The magazine expense total of \$10,105.20 includes only the printing, clip art and shipping the magazine. It does not include supplies (*paper and shipping labels*.) It also does not include any of the labor for (*layout, proofreading and shipping and mailing of the magazine*.)

We now have all available editions of the *Ambassador* on the Ohio website going back to 1959.

Pastor & Church Assistance

The State Office is there to assist churches in need of a pastor or pulpit supply. We are thankful that this ministry will continue 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 2020.

*In January we sent a check for \$1,623.40 for 13 pastors.

*In July we sent a check for \$1,617.95 for 14 pastors.



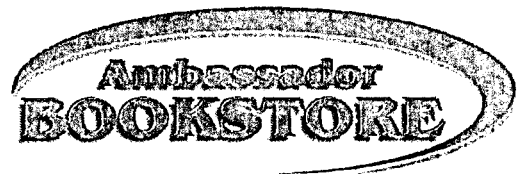
Web Page

We have redesigned our website. The website maintains our state ministry information, announcements, our history, beliefs, events calendar, Executive Secretary's schedule, forms and links to our National, OYC, Ohio Missions and OWAC Pages. You can also find us on **Facebook**. We thank Brother Aaron Justice for assisting us in

the website redesign.

Ambassador Bookstore

The bookstore receipts were down compared to 2019. Our receipts for 2020 were \$4,130.21 and our product cost was \$2,235.33. Our actual sales for 2020 were \$3,972.35 compared with \$4,735.26 in 2019.



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 2020 we received \$8,635.10 in commissions from Randall House based on our churches literature purchases for the year.

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

Building Repairs

We did run into some repairs that needed to be made to our building. First, our front door began to drag and we have to have it repaired at a cost of \$270.00. Then we had a leak in the walls and a plumber repaired it at a cost of \$240.00. Westerville Associate Pastor Michael Sammons fixed the drywall back and painted it. We thank him for taking care of that for us. We had to replace our refrigerator at a cost of \$159.00.

The Ohio State Office and Ambassador Bookstore will be

CLOSED

the following dates:

July 17-25th and will

Reopen

Monday, July 26th

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."

(The Board authorized the replacement of the copier at a cost of \$9,718.57 in 2021.)

(We did have two repairs that were paid for in 2021. The front door needed to be reinforced at a cost of \$270.00, and a water leak and wall repair that cost \$372.49. In addition, our refrigerator needed to be replaced at a cost of \$159.00.)

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

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

4. In order to balance the 2022 budget, we had to add \$3,000.00 from the Brotherhood Commission.

Our Staff

We thank our staff, Ambassador Bookstore Manager Paul Keener, Bookkeeper Ruth Ann Castle (Who retired in 2020.) Ambassador Magazine Proofreader and Bookkeeper Linda Hayes and Ambassador Magazine Distribution Sue Keener. They all have done a wonderful job for our association and have been a joy to work with.

As most of you know Brother Paul came to help us in a very difficult time for our association and bookstore. He took hold of the bookstore ministry and helped get us through troubling circumstances and helped put us on solid ground. Ruth Ann also came on to help us at that same time. Sue came on later to help Paul with the bookstore and to help us ship and mail the Ambassador Magazine. Linda had proofread the Ambassador for many years and when Ruth Ann retired as our bookkeeper, she came in and filled that position. As all of you know, you cannot fulfill these ministries alone. I am truly grateful for all the staff who has helped me.

Conclusion

As, I close out this time of ministry, I do want to take the time to thank others who supported my efforts.

First of all, I must thank our **Heavenly Father, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit** for their blessing, favor and guidance in this ministry. I have found that all work that we do is in vain without His presence. He has been with me every step of the way!

I thank my wife **Linda** who has always supported me. She has travelled all over the state with me visiting with our churches. As you all know that when you are a minister, you cannot do it alone. I am grateful for her strength and support. Our daughters, **Julie and Holly**, their husbands **Glenn McGinnis and John Harra** and our grandchildren **Keely and Johnny Harra** have always been supportive of me in this ministry.

I thank the Ohio Board of Directors in 1993 who showed confidence in me to fill this position. The board that hired me was: **Forrest Chamberlin, Billy Sharpston, Wayne Keith, Carl Dunn, Bill Hayes, Roger Childers and Hobart Ashby.**

There were others who served on the Board during my tenure which included: **Jim McComas, Don Hix, Mike Nabors, Brian Phillips, Chris Oiler, Keith Perkins, Tom Dooley and Alan Barnes.**

I also thank the current Board of Directors: **Bill Hayes, Pete Dunn, Eugene Crouch, Mitch Salyers, John Wallace, Mike Mounts and Mark Bailey.** *All these men have been supportive of the ministry.*

Ohio Moderator **Mark Price** filled in many times on the Board and was a joy to work with over these years. Also, our previous Moderator **Robert Prichard** also was great to labor together with. Our clerks, during this period **Mike Stokes and Bryon Justice** have made my job much easier. Pastors **Tim Stout and Curtis Booth** were so gracious to offer their church buildings for our State Meeting.

I have had a wonderful staff over these years, **Gayle Rapp, Tammy Beverly, Janice Beverly, Linda Hayes, Ruth Ann Castle, Sue Keener, Norma Fosnaugh, Teresa Ward, Bertie Tillis, Gayle Dean, Jeannie Sargent, Phyllis Seedle, Lori Hatzer, Shelly Tresmer, Jeff Dunn, Paul Etterling** and especially my longtime associate, **Paul Keener.**

I had so much help at the men's retreat, I am sure that I am going to miss someone, but I do want to thank **Manuel Lopes, Jim Baker, Jeff Dunn, Aaron Reed, Freddy Dutton, Tom Dooley, John Tawney, Rick Henderson, Ricky Henderson, Dick Shaw, Mitch Salyers, Bryon Justice, Derrick Lute, Jacob Lute, Mark Leonard, Dave Crank, Travis McKenzie, Mark Price, Mark Bailey, Bill Chadwick, Greg Harrell and Jim Kelling.** These and others were a great help to the retreat!

I thank the **Ohio Pastors and Churches** throughout this state. One of the greatest joys in my time here was to be out in the churches working with and to assisting our pastors. They have opened their pulpits to me and allowed me to sever them. They have encouraged me with kind words and financial support. I appreciate each of them! I am thankful for the cooperative spirit of the pastors and churches of Ohio.

I send our heartfelt thanks to those churches who have supported the Ohio State Office ministry and all our Ohio State Ministries. I trust that our people and churches have been 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.**

It is a good time to remember that this ministry is not about me, but it is about Him! And it is about our Ohio Association of Free Will Baptists. As you know Brother **Ben Crabtree** has been selected to follow me in this position. He will need your cooperation and help. As you have supported this ministry in my tenure, I want to encourage to continue praying and giving in Ben's tenure as well, and if you are not presently praying and giving, I would encourage you to start!

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen" Jude 25

Edwin Hayes, Executive Secretary

Ohio State Association Income Statement 2020

	Co-op	OH Mission	Natl Min	OH Youth	Spec Min	St Office	Ambassador	Totals
CHECKING ACCOUNT								\$ 138,815.19
SAVINGS								\$ 6,264.05
NATIONAL FUND								\$ 4,224.26
PAYROLL ACCOUNT								\$ 1,205.82
Church Ext Loan Fund								\$ 269,330.08
Amount Carried 12/31/19								\$ 419,839.40
INCOME	\$141,886.79	\$ 24,773.76	\$ 134,983.20	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 27,692.08	\$ 136,837.78	\$ 10,301.00	\$ 478,154.61
TOTAL								\$ 897,994.01
BUSINESS EXP. DISBURSED								
WAGES						\$ 56,946.72		
FEDERAL TAXES						\$ 24,715.99		
STATE TAXES						\$ 2,270.24		
CITY TAXES						\$ 3,079.70		
WORKERS COMPENSATION								
INSURANCE						\$ 2,193.65		
RETIREMENT						\$ 6,600.00		
REVIVALS						\$ 3,192.55		
HOUSING ALLOWANCE						\$ 16,000.08		
TRAVEL-EXEC, SECRETARY						\$ 774.84		
TRAVEL-BRD. OF DIRECTORS						\$ 557.33		
TRAVEL-EMPLOYEES						\$ 285.00		
TRAVEL-EXEC. COMMITTEE								
SPECIAL MINISTRIES					\$ 27,692.08			
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE						\$ 746.05		
AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS						\$ 1,100.82		
GASOLINE						\$ 1,005.82		
BOOKSTORE PRODUCT						\$ 2,235.43		
CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT						\$ 116.51		
SALES TAX						\$ 84.05		
CONDO FEES						\$ 1,848.85		
PROPERTY TAXES						\$ 1,868.82		
COPIER						\$ 624.59		
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE								
OPERATING SUPPLIES						\$ 169.45		
OFFICE SUPPLIES						\$ 767.32		
PHONE						\$ 954.08		
POSTAGE						\$ 2,141.71		
INTERNET PROVIDER						\$ 557.99		
UTILITIES						\$ 1,262.95		
STATE ASSOCIATION EXPENSE						\$ 817.45		
PASTOR'S RETIREMENT						\$ 3,241.35		
NATIONAL CO-OP	\$ 42,566.04		\$ 134,983.20					
NATL MINISTRIES DESIGNATED								
AMBASSADOR							\$ 10,105.20	
NATIONAL FEE						\$ 22,050.00		
STATE HOME MISSION CO-OP	\$ 21,283.02							
ST. HME MISSION DESIGNATED		\$ 24,773.76						
OHIO YOUTH COOP	\$ 4,256.60							
OHIO YOUTH DESIGNATED				\$ 1,680.00				
OHIO GOLF TOURNEY								
RETREAT						\$ 30,786.29		
Gifts to St Mission-OWAC-Retreat		\$ 4,000.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		
MISCELLANEOUS						\$ 955.74		
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE						\$ 1,012.56		
PROFESSIONAL FEES						\$ 2,200.00		
EXPENSE TOTALS	\$ 68,105.66	\$ 28,773.76	\$ 134,983.20	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 30,192.08	\$ 194,663.93	\$ 10,105.20	\$ 468,503.83
Fixtures						\$ 9,807.57		
Total Transfer & Expense	\$ 68,105.66	\$ 28,773.76	\$ 134,983.20	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 30,192.08	\$ 204,471.50	\$ 10,105.20	\$ 468,503.83
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 73,781.13	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (67,633.72)	\$ 195.80	\$ (156.79)
BALANCE IN CHECKING								\$ 133,913.42
BALANCE IN SAVINGS								\$ 6,273.44
BALANCE IN NATL FUND								\$ 9,116.07
BALANCE IN PAYROLL								\$ 1,049.60
BALANCE IN CHURCH EXT LOAN FUND (LONG TERM INVST)								\$ 269,330.08
TOTAL BALANCE DEC 31, 2020								\$ 419,682.61

**Breakdown of Ohio State Office Income
Budget 2022**

Randall Curriculum Sales	\$	9,400.00
Brotherhood Commission	\$	18,000.00
Church Fees	\$	28,400.00
General Fund Gifts	\$	14,100.00
Interest from NHM CELF Acct.	\$	11,034.00
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	\$	4,100.00
Misc Income	\$	1,255.00

Total Income **\$ 130,164.00**

2022 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	\$ 148,764.76	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 150,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 130,164.00	\$ 14,136.00	\$ 508,064.76
BUSINESS EXPENSES								
WAGES						\$ 57,000.00		
FEDERAL TAXES						\$ 24,800.00		
STATE TAXES						\$ 2,300.00		
CITY TAXES						\$ 3,150.00		
WORKERS COMPENSATION						\$ 140.00		
INSURANCE						\$ 2,200.00		
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						\$ 1,050.00		
RETREAT						\$ 31,000.00		
MISCELLANEOUS						\$ 950.00		
PROPERTY TAXES						\$ 3,800.00		
CONDO FEES						\$ 1,860.00		
UTILITIES (ELECTRIC & GAS)						\$ 1,270.00		
COPIER						\$ 630.00		
PHONE						\$ 960.00		
INTERNET PROVIDER						\$ 560.00		
POSTAGE METER						\$ 2,300.00		
POSTAGE PERMIT						\$ 250.00		
POSTAGE/SHIPPING						\$ 60.00		
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE						\$ 200.00		
OFFICE SUPPLIES						\$ 900.00		
OPERATING SUPPLIES						\$ 170.00		
SPECIAL MINISTRIES					\$ 31,500.00			
ST HOME MISSION CO-OP	\$ 22,315.00							
ST. HME MISSION DESIGNATED		\$ 30,500.00						
OHIO YOUTH COOP	\$ 4,463.00							
OHIO YOUTH DESIGNATED				\$ 2,500.00				
NATIONAL CO-OP	\$ 44,630.00							
NATL MINIST DESIGNATED			\$ 150,500.00					
NATIONAL FEE						\$ 22,050.00		
NATIONAL HOST FUND						\$ 3,325.00		
MINISTER'S RETIREMENT						\$ 3,300.00		
AMBASSADOR							\$ 12,500.00	
CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT						\$ 125.00		
SALES TAX						\$ 100.00		
BOOKSTORE PRODUCT						\$ 2,300.00		
TOTAL	\$ 71,408.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 150,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 208,644.63	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 507,552.63
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 77,356.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (78,480.63)	\$ 1,636.00	\$ 512.13

Ohio State Association Net Worth December 31, 2020

ASSETS

		TOTAL
**AMOUNT IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 419,682.61	
CASH REGISTER CHANGE	\$ 150.00	
RETREAT DEPOSIT	\$ 4,145.80	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 18.87	
INVENTORY, DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 4,038.58	
FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT, DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 60,657.26	
FIXTURE DEPRECIATION	\$ (48,676.24)	
CAR	\$ 24,017.40	
CAR DEPRECIATION	\$ (23,215.66)	
BUILDING/LAND	<u>\$ 109,179.18</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 549,997.80

LIABILITIES

UNPAID ACCOUNTS (STORE)		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
NET WORTH DECEMBER 31, 2020		<u><u>\$ 549,997.80</u></u>

**PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 1,049.60	
**STATE OFFICE	\$ 133,913.42	
**SAVINGS CD	\$ 6,273.44	
**NATIONAL FUND	\$ 9,116.07	
**NATIONAL HM LOAN ACCT	\$ 269,330.08	
**TOTAL IN LIQUID ACCOUNTS	<u>\$ 419,682.61</u>	

Thanks go to the following 59 churches and 9 conferences who gave support to the State Office in 2020. 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
Eastside
Faith-Cleveland
First Chillicothe
First Springfield
Forest Valley
Gahanna
Good Hope
Harrison
Heritage
Hillview
Lighthouse, Elsmere, KY
Mansfield
McArthur
Mount Calvary
Neville
Newark
New Beginnings-Mansfield
New Hope-Chillicothe
New Hope-Lucasville
New Road
North
Oak Hill

Old Kyger
Pine Grove
Pleasant Hill
Porter
Puritan
Reynoldsburg & Ladies Auxiliary
Rosedale
Samantha
Shelby First
South Charleston
South Columbus
Southwest
Springfield
Swauger Valley
Tick Ridge
Turkey Creek
Union
Unity
Urbana
Victory
Westerville
Woodland Chapel
Woodlawn
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 45 churches and
7 conferences & ministries who gave
support to the Ambassador Magazine
in 2020.**

Churches

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

Old Kyger
Pine Creek
Pine Grove
Porter
Scioto
Sciotodale
Shelby First
South Columbus
South Charleston
Springfield
Symmes Valley
Tick Ridge
Wakefield
Westside

Conferences & Ministries

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

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conference by mistake, please let me know and
I will correct it.*

2021 Board of Directors Report

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

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

Last year the Board of Directors set out on a task to fill the position of Executive Secretary for the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists. Edwin Hayes gave his notice of retirement during our State Association meeting. We knew this would be a daunting task but trusted God to send the right person to continue the work of the State Office.

We began the process of accepting resumés and inquiries at the end of 2020. There were five people who contacted us and showed an interest. ALL of the applicants possessed great qualifications. We knew that it would take much prayer and direction from God to determine who He wanted to fill this position.

On Tuesday April 20, 2021, Ben Crabtree was selected as the next Executive Secretary of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist. Ben began his duties on June 1, 2021. We welcome Ben and his family to the state of Ohio as our new Executive Secretary.

Ben is from North Carolina but does have deep roots in Ohio Free Will Baptists. His great grandfather Philip Crabtree was a longtime FWB minister in southern Ohio. His grandfather, Brother Vannen Crabtree was a deacon at the Eifort FWB Church and his grandmother Eleanor, was the clerk of both the Pine Creek and Southern Ohio Conferences. His father, Jeff Crabtree came from the Eifort FWB Church and is a FWB Missionary to Canada. His mother Donna came from the First Dayton FWB Church. Brother Ben preached his first sermon at the Eifort FWB Church.

His wife's name is Kristen. They have a daughter Elly (18), one son Carson (14), and another daughter Arabella (5). His wife is a registered nurse. Ben graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology, attended Welch College, and is currently a student at Dallas Baptist University pursuing an MA in Discipleship and Leadership. Ben also served in the military from 2009 to 2015 and was a board member for Christ Covenant School (JK – 12th grade). Ben excels in church revitalization and is excited to assist Ohio pastors reach the lost for the kingdom.

We believe that once you get to know Ben, you will agree with us that God has made the decision and sent us a true man of God. We have been blessed with Bro. Edwin Hayes at the helm of the State Office but believe he is leaving it in very capable hands. Join with us as we pray for Bro. Ben and his family and their transition to the Buckeye State.

We are sad to see Brother Edwin retire but know he must follow the Lord's leading in his life. Having Bro. Edwin as our Executive Secretary has spoiled us but know Bro. Ben will do a fine job. When Bro. Edwin came into this position, he followed Bro. Alton Loveless and those were big shoes to fill. He has done a tremendous job over the last 28 years, but I am sure we will see him around from time to time. We want to wish he and his wife Linda well as they embark upon this transition to retirement. We will be honoring Bro. Edwin at a celebration lunch today and in this evening's service.

With the COVID-19 virus and all that has occurred over the last 15 months, the Board of Directors are encouraged with the financial report that will be given today. We thank our churches that continued to give even when times were uncertain. We are also thankful for those churches that allowed Bro. Edwin to preach and minister to them. Some wore masks and some didn't. But the word of God still prevailed and continues to go on.

We also want to highlight the staff. Bro. Paul Keener will also be retiring at the end of July along with Bro. Edwin. Paul has been a valuable asset to our State Office and to Bro. Edwin. He came at a time when his skills and prowess were needed and has been a great blessing. Please join us as we congratulate Paul Keener on his retirement and pray for he and his wife Sue. They will be missed.

A special **THANK YOU** to all of the churches in our state who support the State Office through the Together Way program. Your investment in our state work through Co-op or direct donations allows us to be a blessing to our churches in Ohio. This is your State Office and we encourage you to continue to support this important State ministry. God has blessed our State Office financially. Bro. Edwin has included the financial report for the State Office and an overview of his ministry and that of the State Association in his report. We, the Board of Directors, are recommending approval of the State Office report and recommended budget. We were unable to obtain the letter of review from our accounting firm but we have gone over the reports submitted by Bro. Edwin and believe they represent a fair, true, and positive indication of our state work. Once we do receive the review, we will let you know and you may request a copy at that time.

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, Bro. Ben, the staff, and the churches which we serve. Feel free to contact Edwin, Bro. Ben 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



Wow! What a different year it's been for OWAC. We've suffered immeasurable loss; losing OWAC State Secretary Donna Springer, who is also my mom. When I was preparing my report for last year I remember thinking to myself how hopeful I was that Covid would go away quickly and a normality would resume by the scheduled Women's Retreat in the fall... that didn't happen but I thank God that He is still guiding us as we continue to navigate uncharted waters. There is a popular Christian song right now that says, "There is another in the fire standing next to me, there is another in the waters holding back the seas" and boy am I thankful we aren't in the fire alone.

I was thankful we were able to have our Purse and Dessert auction last November, it was well attended and we were able to raise almost \$1500 for ministry. So far this year we had our Central Ohio Women's Day hosted by the Columbus First Free Will Baptist Church we had 20 ladies in attendance represented by 5 churches. Our Northern Ohio Women's Day was hosted by Canaan Free Will Baptist Church we had 28 ladies in attendance represented by 11 churches. We had a wonderful time!

Our state meeting speaker will be our WNAC Executive Director Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges and we are looking forward to hearing what the Lord has placed on her heart.

As we look to remainder of the year our Women's Retreat will be held at The Berlin Grande hotel in the heart of Amish country on October 8-9, 2021. Our special speaking will be done by

Neil Gilliland and our special singing will be done by Deanna Price who serves on our Ohio Youth Conference board and her daughters Lacey Ratcliff and Hannah Parson. We are really looking forward to this event and hope to see all of our Ohio Free Will Baptist ladies there.

In closing I would like to extend our thanks from the OWAC Executive board to Brother Edwin Hayes. It is rare that you get to experience someone with Edwin's talents who is willing to serve for such a long time. Edwin has been a champion and friend to OWAC for many years. His friendship, servanthood and love will not be forgotten. Best of luck Brother Edwin. OWAC loves you!

In His Service,

Jessica Musetti,

OWAC President

**Minutes of the 82nd Annual Session
of the
Ohio State Association
of Free Will Baptists**

The 82nd session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic the Executive Committee voted to have the General Board do the work of the 2020 Ohio State Meeting.

Morning Session

At 9:30 AM, Clerk Bryon Justice called the General Board into Official Session and introduced the moderator, Rev. Mark Price. Pastor Tim Stout welcomed the General Board to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. The moderator's message was taken from II Timothy 1:1-7. The Clerk called the **General Board Roll Call** and proxies were elected. (10 Conference Representatives present and 6 absent, 2 Proxies-Joe Egnor (Cuyahoga-Lorain) and George Lore (Northern Ohio), 3 General Officers and 4 Board and Committee Chairman for a total of 19 present out of 26 General Board Members.)

The Clerk then read the **Executive Committee Reports**. Motion was made and carried to receive the reports.

National Association Executive Secretary Eddie Moody gave video greetings including a report on various National Association matters. Motion was made and carried to accept the report.

Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes gave a report of the **State Office** and its ministries. In his report Brother Hayes informed the association of his plans to retire on July 31, 2021. Motion made and carried to approve this report and to adopt the budget with the submitted budget items and notes, along with the Brotherhood Mutual commission distribution proposal.

Bro. Bill Hayes gave the **Board of Directors Report**. In this report the procedure for replacing the Executive Secretary was presented to the association. Motion made and carried to receive the report. Motion was made and carried to receive the report.

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**. It was noted that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic no 2020 OYC competitions were held. A motion was made and carried to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget along with the budget note.

Morning session was adjourned for the worship service.

In the worship service, Bro. Bryon Justice provided special music. Rev. Edwin Hayes, Executive Secretary, was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was "**Be of Good Cheer**". Following the message the General Board recessed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The Moderator opened the afternoon session and introduced Bro. Charlie Crider who gave devotional thoughts from Psalm 103:1-2.

Ohio Women Active for Christ (OWAC) Report was submitted by Sis. Jessica Musetti and included in the Digest of Reports. Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Miscellaneous Business

Miscellaneous Reports

The Resolution Committee submitted no resolutions.

The Obituary Committee report was given: Since we last met in June 2019, the fellow believers, listed on the attached list, have gone to be with the Lord. Motion was made and carried to

approve the report.

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

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

The Nominating Committee report was given and acted upon. For offices with term ending in 2021: **Moderator**, Mark Price, elected; **Assistant Moderator**, Mike Martin, elected; **Clerk**, Bryon Justice, elected; **Assistant Clerk**, Manuel Lopes, elected.

General Board for term ending in 2022: Bruce Copley (Northern Ohio); Leon Stevens (Trinity); Jamie Fortner (South Central); Dan King (Porter); Allen Harner (Pine Creek); Tom Dooley (State Line); Blaine Etterling (Cornerstone); Bill Wolford (North & Western)

Executive Committee for 2020 - 2021: Charles Crider, Jeremy Luthy, Dan King, and Russell Street, elected.

For Board of Directors term ending 2027: Mark Baily

For OYC Board Member term ending 2027: Mark McCarty

For State Missions Board term ending 2027: Paul Ray Etterling

For OYC Board Member Replacing Marcus Baily: James Parker

For State Missions Board Replacing Bill Crank: Adam McCarty

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 2021 State Association meeting.

The Moderator appointed the Nominating Committee for the 2021 Ohio State Association as follows: Jeremy Luthy Chairman, Joe Egnor and Jamie Fortner.

A video greeting was presented by Ron Hunter, PhD, CEO of Randall House Publishing. Motion was made and carried to receive the report.

The State Ministry Offering totaled \$4,100.00.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn until the next session.

Bryon J. Justice, Clerk

Ohio State Association Of Free Will Baptists Obituaries-2020

Karen Baldwin
Dottie Lou Ball
Joann Billups
Larry Douglas Blackburn
Martha Jean Blakeman
Blanche Blanton
Mary Brown Bocook
Ruth Booth
Steven Booth
Otis Brown
Gayle Burns
Cecil "Glax" Cameron
Terry Carsner
Emily Chafin
Girlie Combs
Samuel Curnutte
Roger Dake
Austin Drakulic
Faye Fannin
Wanda Janet Moore Fee
Louise Griffith
Jerry Guinsler
Bonnie Widdig Harner
Joy Harra
Hazel Hastler
Kimberly Ann Holstein
Nancy Hubbard
Sylvia Mae Justice
Connie Kilgore
Violet McVicker
Ruby Messer
Don Miller
Evelyn Miller
Leslie Miller
Doris Moss
Naomi Ruth Nabors
Bonnie Ooten
Faye Patrick
Robert Phillips
Brenda K. Ray
Grace Roberts
June Sayre
James H. Shrink
John Shifflett
Phyllis Snider
Carl Spense
Annie K. Spencer
Pauline Stephens
Judy Stewart
Richard "TJ" Turjanica

Shirley Turner
Betty Ruth VanMeter
Charles O. Walraven Jr
Christopher Webb
Lori Webb
Walter "Woody" Woodcox
George L. Zoldak

Ministers

Rev. David Akin
Rev. David Boggs
Rev. Claude Crain
Rev. Richard Hensley
Rev. Eddie G. Hopkins
Rev. Clayton Lawhorn
Rev. Arvid Lee Mullins
Rev. Arnold Rife
Dr. William L. Snider
Rev Larry Sparks

Deacons

James "Troy" Bryant
Don Bussa
Timothy Coyle
Bud Davis
Harold Doug Fitch
Holland Nile Fox
Russell Harper
Louis Lambert
Herb Moore
Larry Parsons
Charles Rapp
Charles Noah Roberts
Earl Sparks

Missionaries

Sandra McGowan
Jo Ann Ruth

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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 **a majority of the General Board members** 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.

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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.

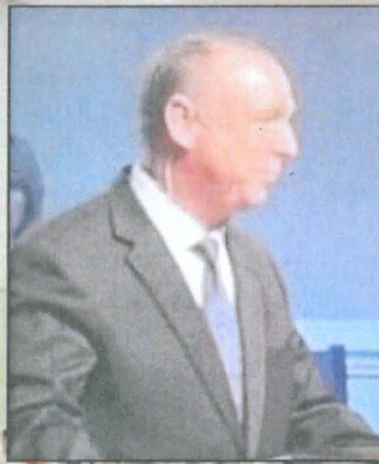
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State Association Clerk

OHIO MEN'S RETREAT

January 20-22, 2022

Heartland Retreat Center
Marengo, Ohio



Rev. Jeff Jones



Dr. Eddie Moody

\$130.00 to Register *before* January 7th

(No Refunds after January 13th, but you can transfer your registration to someone else who is attending.)

\$150.00 To Register *after* January 7th

Individual Rooms:

Can be reserved on September 13th

Single Occupancy \$270 Per Person Double Occupancy \$235 Per Person

Triple Occupancy \$225 Per Person

The Ohio State Office and Ambassador Bookstore will be

***CLOSED* July 16-25th**

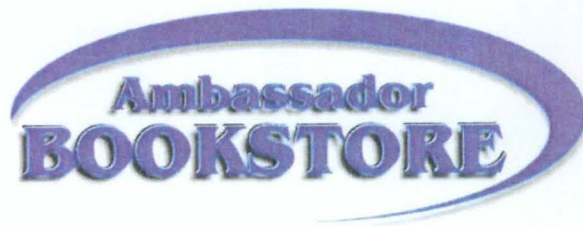
We will

***REOPEN* Monday, July 26th**




Ambassador

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists



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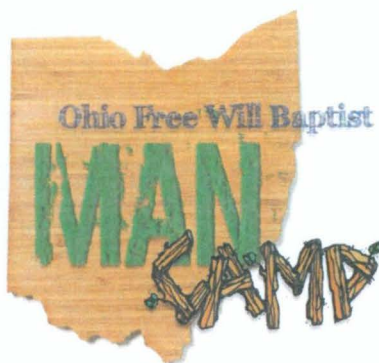
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