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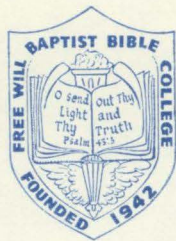
## Free Will Baptist Church

*Held At Union Church*

*September 6, 7, 8, 1947*

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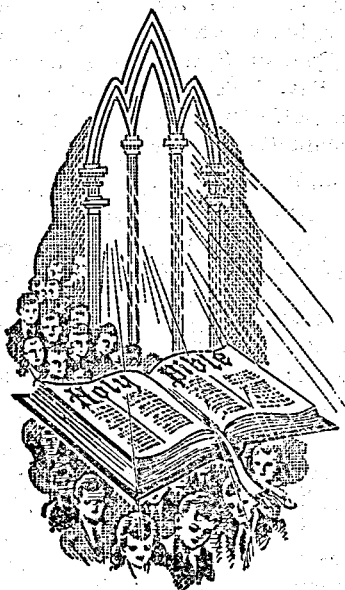
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Rev. Walter Doll, Moderator.....Waverly, Ohio  
Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk.....Wheelersburg, Ohio  
Rev. Earl Rankin, Treasurer.....Route 1, Wheelersburg, Ohio

**PROCEEDINGS**

The Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists convened in regular session at Union Church, September 6th and 7th, 1947, at 10:00 a. m. The Conference was called to order by the Clerk, and asked for the selection of a Moderator. Rev. Doll was elected Moderator. Devotional services followed. (Thirteen ministers were present). Rev. Heles led in prayer. Scripture reading, Romans 12. Assistant officers were selected: Assistant Moderator, Rev. Kemper; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Ketter.

Two items of business were transacted, relating to a letter coming in late last year, from Robert Miller and also a report that Chester Jose had turned in his card to the clerk. David Widdig was accepted into this Conference, as a new member.

It was moved and sustained that we dispense with the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws, and reading of the standing rules which were read by the clerk to be adopted in this Conference.

The following Committees were appointed to complete our organization. Program for next year: Rev. Herles, Rev. Yeley, Rev. Casebolt; Business Committee: Rev. White, Rev. Widdig, Rev. Ball; Resolution Committee: Rev. Carter, Rev. Lintz, Rev. Russell; Standing Grievance Committee (1 yr.): Rev. Kemper, Rev. Nelson, and Rev. Hammonds.

It was moved and sustained that we adjourn the business session until 1:30 P. M. for the discussion of subjects assigned at last session. First Topic: I Cor. 2:14. Brother See being absent, Rev. Ball was appointed to lead discussion. This topic was freely discussed by and enjoyed by all. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. E. T. Carter.

The afternoon session began at 1:00 P. M. The devotional services were conducted by the assistant moderator. Prayer was led by Rev. Isaac Russell. The Scripture lesson was I John 1.

Order of business. No business on hand. It was moved and sustained that we adjourn the business for the discussion of topics.

The second topic was I John 3:9. It was assigned to Rev. Kemper. Brother Kemper led the discussion. This topic was lengthily in discussion, and was enjoyed by all.

The third topic was: Remember the Sabbath Day To Keep It Holy. Brother Wilburn led the discussion, which was discussed freely. It was moved and sustained that we close discussion. The reading of today's minutes was approved. It was moved and sustained that we adjourn the business until 10:00 a. m. Friday. Rev. Herles dismissed the service by prayer.

### 8:00 P. M. THURSDAY NIGHT

The service was opened by Rev. Edward Percell, who conducted the devotions. Prayer by Rev. Walter Ketter. Scripture reading, Gal. 4, by Rev. Percell. The offering was taken for the Conference which amounted to \$15.00. The message was brought by Rev. Clarence Herles from Gal. 4:24. Closed by the Clerk.

### FRIDAY, 10:00 A. M.

The Conference reconvened with the assistant moderator in charge, conducting devotional services with prayer led by Rev. Walter Ketter. Scripture reading, Eph. 2. Every minister arose and sang, "Amazing Grace". There were 30 ministers present.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reception of New Members: Marion Reed, Harvey Royce, George Lawson, John Wilson, and Andrew Workman were accepted as members.

The next order of business was the examination of Ministers, who were examined on their Doctrine, Efficiency, and Character. The following were granted cards and were present: Emil Sturgill, Forrest Chamberlin, Marion Wilburn, Peter Barnhart, Stephen Messer, M. L. Ball, John B. Wilson, and Alfred Artris; Millard Greene, Andrew Workman, Marion Reed, Arthur Weaver, George Lawson, Harvey Royce, David Widdig, and Isac Russell; Clarence Herles, E. T. Carter, Elmer Miller, Robert Hammonds, Willion Price, Roy Roberts, and G. L. Yeley (Life Card).

During the course of examination, the Grievance Committee dealt with Alfred Artis and Millard Greene and upon proper apology to the conference, were re-instated. Also, Roy Roberts was requested to become more familiar with the by-laws, and in the future adhere to the same and upon his apology, be granted a card.

Rev. Earl Rankins, Chairman

Rev. Edward Percell

Rev. J. W. White

It was moved and sustained that we adjourn till 1:30. Dismissed by W. W. Morris.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE, 1:30 P. M.

The afternoon service was opened with the assistant Moderator, Brother Kemper, in charge. Brother Kemper conducted the devotional service. Prayer by William Price. Scripture reading, Gal. 5.

Order of Business: Alva McDaniel, a licensed Minister, and Bessie Yeley, were accepted as new members.

Continuation of Examination of Ministers. The following were present and dues paid: Floyd Estep, Eugene Martin, James Casebolt, Homer Nelson, Walter Abrams, Walter Ketter, W. W. Morris, Philip Crabtree, Callie Adams, Bessie Yeley, and Olen Turner (given a life card); Walter Doll, Albert Lintz, John Kimble, Melford Riddlebarger, Edward Percell, W. J. White, Earl Rankins, George Rada-  
baugh, Hord Frye, John Kemper (life card), Russel Miliam, Orville Southworth, and Clarence Conaway.

The following reported by letter: Frank Radabaugh, William Weisenberger (life card), Jacob Fox, Jesse Sizemore, James Shonkwiler (life card), Jacob See, Selven Percell, and Robert Miller

Report of Committees: Business Committee, No report; Resolution Committee, No report.

Program for Next Session: Topics for Discussion: I. Acts 2:38, led by ~~James Shonkwiler~~ <sup>(Edward Percell)</sup>; II. 1 Cor. 16:2, led by James Shonkwiler; III. (Rev. 2:14, led by Jacob Fox.) Bro Doll

#### THURSDAY, 8:00 P. M.

Devotions conducted by Arthur Weaver and introductory sermon by Clarence Conaway, Tex I Cor. 4:1.

#### FRIDAY, 8:00 P. M.

Devotions conducted by David Widdig. Sermon by Jessie Sizemore, Text II Tim. 2:2.

Clarence Herles  
James Casebolt  
G. L. Yeley

It was moved and sustained that we remain open for business tonight so that the clerk may read the Journal. An offering was taken for Jessie Sizemore amounting to \$21.00.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance on hand from last session	-----	\$ 20.45
Paid out for minutes	-----	16.00
Balance on hand at this session	-----	4.45
 This Session's Receipts	-----	 \$ 56.00
 Total	-----	 \$ 60.45

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Clerks Fee	-----	\$20.00			\$ 60.45
Due Yearly Conference	-----		Less Disbursements	-----	26.25
on Minutes	-----	6.25			
			Balance	-----	\$ 34.20
Total	-----	\$26.25	Offering	-----	15.00
			Balance on Hand	-----	\$ 49.20

Reading of Minutes today and stood approved as read. It was moved and sustained that we adjourn business until Thursday before the first Saturday in September, 1948, at Union Church.

Rev. Walter Doll, Moderator

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk

Dismissed by Rev. Milam.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION AT 8:00 P. M.**

Devotionals were conducted by Rev. Chamberlin. Scripture reading I Peter 3. Sermon by Rev. Selven Percell, Text I Peter 3:15.





## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

(Organized September 1, 1922, at Union Church)

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be known as the Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists' and shall consist of all Ordained Ministers belonging to this Compact.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Conference shall be for the mutual benefit of its members and for the advancement of the cause of Christ among their people.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Conference shall be a Moderator who is elected annually, a Clerk, and a Treasurer who are standing officers.

ARTICLE 4. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds majority of the Scioto Ministerial Conference of F. W. B. at any session, notice of such intended alteration, having been given in writing at the previous session.

### (BY-LAWS)

ARTICLE 1. All members shall report in person or by letter at each annual session.

ARTICLE 2. All members reporting by letter must give a cause for not being present in person.

ARTICLE 3. Any member failing to comply with Article 1, Article 2, and fails to receive a card of good standing shall be deemed in not good standing with the denomination and can not pastor any church in the Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists and no minister be allowed to serve a church regularly by appointment that has no card from the Ministerial Conference.

ARTICLE 4. No member shall be given a card of good standing until he has given proof of his EFFICIENCY and of DOCTRINE, and of CHARACTER.



ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of every member of this conference to live up to the doctrine and practice of the denomination as prescribed in the Treatise of same and to require the same of their respective charges.

ARTICLE 6. The meeting of this Conference shall be held annually in connection with the Scioto Yearly Conference and shall begin on Thursday before the first Saturday in September at 10:00 A. M.

ARTICLE 7. Any pastor permitting any heretical doctrine to be preached in the church which he has charge may be dealt with by a grievance committee of his peers.

ARTICLE 8. There shall be an introductory sermon preached on Thursday at 8:00 P. M. The subject pertaining to the ministry and the appointment to be made by the committee for the next session.

ARTICLE 9. There shall be a membership fee of \$1.00 assessed to each member to accompany each ministers report. (Amended September 6, 1946).

ARTICLE 10. Any licensed minister of the Scioto Yearly Conference, may sit in on our deliberations, but without voice, (inserted in By-Laws, September 6, 1946).

### STANDING RULES

RULE 1. That the Ministerial Clerk notify the Quarterly Meeting Clerks of the Ministers who failed to receive cards of good standing. (Adopted 1935 at Union Church).

RULE 2. That we pay the Clerk \$20.00 per year for his services.

RULE 3. That we pay all Committees six cents per mile, for their expenses in completing their work for the Conference. (1944).

RULE 4. That all bills be paid by the Clerk that are presented to him. (1944).

RULE 5. That any minister in the three Quarterly Conferences who after reasonable warning fails to join the Ministerial Conference to demand and Confiscate his Credentials as a Minister of the F. W. B. Denomination. (1946).

RULE 6. That the Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to buy flowers for the deceased of our members. (1946).

RULE 7. That the Clerk prepare the Minutes of the Conference, and have them printed, as many as needed.



## MINUTES OF THE SCIOTO YEARLY CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OFFICERS: Rev. W. J. White, Moderator; Rev. Homer Wilson, Clerk; Rev. G. L. Yeley, Treasurer.

### PROCEEDINGS

The Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists convened in regular session at Union Church at 10:00 A. M., September 6, 1947. The Conference was called to order by the Clerk, and ascertained who were delegates, and asked for the selection of a Moderator. Rev. W. J. White was elected as Moderator. The devotional service followed with Rev. Selven Percell leading in prayer. The Scripture reading was taken from the 13th Chapter of Hebrews.

The reading of the constitution and the by-laws was the next order of business.

The following assistant officer was selected: Rev. Selven Percell, as assistant Moderator.

The Moderator then invited all visiting Brethren and corresponding messengers to seats as advisory members.

The following committees were appointed: Business—Rev. Kemper, Deacon Henning, and Rev. Carter; Resolution—Rev. Doll, Rev. Rankins, and Deacon Miller; Pulpit and Program for next Session—Rev. Herles, Rev. Yeley, and Mrs. Riddlebarger; Obituary—Rev. Percell, Rev. Riddlebarger, and Rev. Hammonds.

It was moved and sustained that we adjourn the business until 1:00 P. M. for the introductory sermon this morning. Rev. Milford handshake while the congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Dismissed which was soul stirring, and then we enjoyed an old fashioned Riddlebarger brought the introductory message from John 11:25, by Rev. William Coyle.

1:00 P. M.

The Conference reconvened with the Assistant Moderator in charge of the devotions.

Prayer by Deacon Harvey Sheets. Scripture reading, 5th chapter from I Thess. Special singing by Mary Lou Martin, Bussey Twins, and Rev. Fox.

Remarks from the members of the Home Mission Board, concerning Home Missions in Ohio.

An offering was taken for a P. A. System for the State Evangelist, which amounted to \$55.00.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

**READING OF LETTERS:** Reading of the Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting letter, with \$18.00 dues accepted; Reading of the Porter Quarterly Meeting letter, with \$10.00 dues accepted; Reading of the Lawrence County Quarterly Meeting letter, with \$6.00 dues accepted.

Business presented in the Lawrence County letter relative to the adopting the National Association Treatise. It was sustained to let it lay on the table for one year as stated by the constitution.

Hearing of reports from corresponding messengers appointed at the last session.

**OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING:** Rev. Selven Percell, Rev. Edward Percell, neither went, and the report was given by Rev. Clarence Herles, who attended. Report was accepted and the fee was paid.

**ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTISTS:** Rev. Rankins and Rev. Selven Percell, neither went.

**CHRISTIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:** Rev. Nelson and Rev. E. T. Carter. Brother Nelson attended. Report accepted.

No representations from other bodies to this body. Sister Riddlebarger, a delegate to the State Association at New Church in June, gave a report of the State Association. Rev. Doll gave a report from the Ministerial Conference.

### MESSENGERS APPOINTED TO OTHER BODIES

**OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING:** Rev. Russell Milam; Rev. Eugene Martin, Alternate.

**ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTISTS:** Rev. Selven Percell; Rev. W. J. White, Alternate.

**CHRISTIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:** Rev. John Kemper; Rev. Walter Doll, Alternate.

The appointment of delegates to the State Convention at Long Run: Sister Yeley, Sister Fern Martin, Sister Sheppard, Sister Ella Adams, Sister Doll, Sister Milam, Sister Lynd, Sister Glenn, Sister Kelley, and Sister Nona Yeley.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: No report.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Tonights services, devotions by Rev. Hammonds, mesage by Rev. Edward. Percell. Sunday Morning, Rev. Earl Rankins; Sunday Evening, Rev. Homer Nelson.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We your committee, recommend that the clerk send a copy of the letter which is on record, to the nearest kin to Deacon Riddlebarger, and Deacon Hamburg, and stand together for one minute of silent prayer in their respect.

Rev. Edward Percell  
Rev. Milford Riddlebarger  
Rev. Robert Hammonds

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Amount in Treasury at close of last session	\$35.81
Disbursements: Minutes	\$15.00
State Association Dues	10.00
Under estimate of Mins.	12.50

TOTAL \$37.50 37.50

Conference Owes the Treasury \$ 1.69

Received in Letters \$34.00

Min. Conference paid Treas. 6.25

Total \$40.25

Amount in Treasury \$40.25

Less Disbursements 19.69

Balance of \$20.56

DISBURSEMENTS: Messenger fees \$ 8.00

Refund to Treasury 1.69

Clerks fee 10.00

Total Disbursements \$19.69

Today's minutes were read and approved. Moved and sustained that we adjourn until first Saturday in September, 1948.

Rev. J. W. White, Moderator

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk

## YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Yearly Meeting shall be called the Scioto Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE 2. The conference of this Yearly Meeting shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, every Quarterly Meeting being entitled to one delegate to each church of the Quarterly Meeting of which it is composed.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a standing Clerk and Treasurer; and a Moderator shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting with such assistance as may be found necessary.

ARTICLE 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, as published in the Minutes of the General Conference, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time on application, by vote of this Yearly Meeting become a member thereof.

ARTICLE 5. This Yearly Meeting shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor prove unsuccessful; but in no case to reverse their decision nor interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE 6. The session of this Yearly Meeting shall be held on the First Saturday in September of each year at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which the Yearly Meeting is composed, to represent themselves by delegates and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter, at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act on such topics as may be referred to them by their respective Quarterly Meetings and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution nor to the usages of the Denomination, as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

ARTICLE 7. This Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulations by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, which be deemed essential to the further regulation of its session.

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Yearly Meeting at any session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

## BY-LAWS

I. We recognize no other treatise than of 1847.

II. That an offering be taken at each annual session for the benefit of the conference.

III. That we allow no one to have any official business who is not a member of the Free Will Baptist Organization.

IV. There shall be an introductory sermon preached on Saturday morning to be selected by the Pulpit Committee.

V. No Minister in this Yearly Meeting be allowed to Pastor any church in this Yearly Meeting unless he has a card of good standing from the Scioto Ministerial Conference of the Free Will Baptists.

VI. That the Churches of this Yearly Meeting require their Pastors to present a card of good standing signed and dated by the Moderator and Clerk of this ~~Yearly~~ Meeting of Free Will Baptists.  
(Scioto Min. Con.)

VII. The Members of this Conference shall be all ordained Authority of the Scioto Yearly Conference, of Free Will Baptists.

The following rule was adopted September 7, 1946 at Porter Church:

That all Ministers belonging to the three Quarterly Conferences, which comprises this Yearly Conference to affiliate themselves, with the Scioto Ministerial Conference, and if they fail to do so after reasonable warning, to demand and confiscate their credentials, as Ministers of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

