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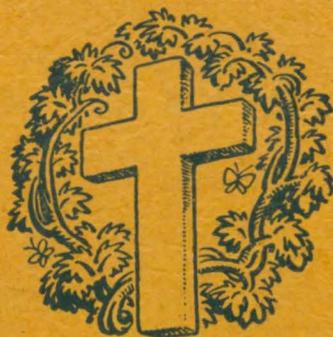
of

The Scioto

Ministerial Conference

and

The Scioto Yearly Conference

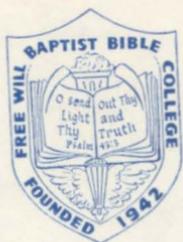


OF THE

Free Will Baptist Church

Held At Bloom Church

August 31, 1950



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

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MINUTES of the SCIOTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

of F. W. B.

August 31, 1950

The Scioto Ministerial Conference of F. W. B. met in regular session at Bloom Church at 10:00 a. m. with the Clerk calling the Conference to order, with 15 ministers present. Sang, "Standing On the Promises." The selection of a Moderator was made and Brother Clarence Herles was elected.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, which consisted of Scripture reading of 5th chapter of 1st Peter and prayer by Brother David Widdig.

1.—Reading of Constitution and By-laws, and Rules of the Conference were read by the Clerk. Assistant officers were appointed. Assistant Moderator, Br. Earl Rankins; Assistant Clerk, Brother Ernest Percell.

2.—Reception of new members. Brother William Antis and Brother Franklin Harness were received as members. (as licensed members.)

3.—Report of the Standing Grievance Committee by the Chairman. All cases that were referred to them were satisfactorily settled and their cards were granted them. Moved and sustained that we appoint the Grievance Committee this morning. Grievance Committee appointed.

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| 1. Forrest Chamberlin | 4. Callie Adams |
| 2. Charles Lykins | 5. Isaac Russell |
| 3. Elmer Miller | |

The following committees were appointed to complete our organization:

Business

1. Jesse Sizemore
2. Lafe Yeley
3. Olen Turner

Resolution

1. Joe White
2. Edward Percell
3. Alfred Artis

Program for Next Session

1. John Kemper
2. Edward Carter
3. Ernest Percell

Obituary

1. David Widdig
2. Earl Rankins
3. Andrew Workmar

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn until 1:30 or sooner for the discussion of Topics assigned at last session. Motion carried.

1st Topic. I. Thess. 5:23 by Brother Sizemore. Brother Sizemore started the discussion. Several discussions before lunch. Dismissed by Brother Millard Greene.

1:15 p. m. — Conference reconvened with the Moderator in charge.

Devotional exercises consisted of song, "Just Over In the Glory Land." Scripture reading, I. Timothy 4, by the Assistant Moderator. Moved and sustained that we lay the discussion on the table for 5 minutes. Business presented to the Conference consisted of appointing a committee to take care of the Communion service next year (to buy the equipment needed.)

The Committee: Brother Miller, Brother Adams and Brother Eugene Martin.

Moved and sustained that we take the subject off the table and continue with the discussion that we adjourned before lunch. Discussion continued, this topic was freely discussed by all.

2nd. Topic: I. Timothy 3:8. Brother Estep being absent, Brother Eugene Martin started the discussion and this topic was freely discussed by all. Moved and sustained that we adjourn until 10:00 a. m. Friday. Dismissed by Brother Miller.

Friday night's service:

Devotional services were led by Rev. Franklin Harness. Prayer by Brother Kemper. The message on the subject, "The Standards of a Minister," by Rv. W. J. White was delivered and followed by Communion and Feet Washing. Truly a great service.

10:30 a. m. Friday, September 1, 1950.

Scioto Ministerial Conference reconvened with the Moderator in charge. 43 Ministers were present. Devotional exercises consisted of prayer by Brother Sturgill and Scripture reading, II. Timothy 1:1-14 by Assistant Moderator. Thursday's minutes were read and approved. O. K.

Reception of members. Three new members were accepted: Brother Paul Milam, Brother James Hall, as licensed ministers, and Brother Henry was accepted as a member, as ordained minister. The Conference gave them the right hand of fellowship into the Conference.

The examination of ministers was the next order of business and the following ministers were given cards of good standing, after they were questioned on their character, doctrine, efficiency, and whether they have two wives or married anyone that was divorced, and their dues paid.

| Ministers given their Cards of Good Standing | Amount of Dues Paid |
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| 1. Walter Ketter | \$1.00 |
| 2. Alva McDaniel | 1.00 |
| 3. Ben Bird | 1.00 |
| 4. Orville Southworth | 2.00 |
| 5. Alfred Artis | 1.00 |
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| | Total \$6.00 |

It was moved and sustained that we turn Brother Green's case over to the Grievance Committee.

A partial report of the Grievance Committee was read at this time, relative to the renewal of members who were out for several years. Brother Ralph Aldridge from Laurence County Conference came and apologized as recommended by the Committee and was received into membership into the Conference. The Moderator gave him the right hand of fellowship of this Conference.

It was moved and sustained that we adjourn until 1:00 p. m. of thereabouts. Dismissed by Brother Ketter.

1:14 p. m. — Conference reconvened with Assistant Moderator in charge. Stood for one minute in silent prayer in respect for Rev. Frank Radabaugh. Sang, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Brother Eugene Martin. Scripture Reading, 1st chapter of I. John. Moderator takes charge.

Reception of members. Brother J. W. Garrett was received as licensed member and Brother Ted Sowards as an ordained minister. They were given the right hand of fellowship into the Conference.

The continuation of examination of ministers.

The following members were granted cards and dues paid:

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| 6. John Kimble | \$1.00 | 24. Eugene Martin | \$1.00 |
| 7. Emil Sturgill | 1.00 | 25. Robert Miller | 1.00 |
| 8. Marion Reed | 1.00 | 26. E. T. Carter | 1.00 |
| 9. Mel Riddlebarger | 1.00 | 27. Robert Hammond .. | 1.00 |
| 10. Ernest Percell | 1.00 | 28. Floyd Estep | 1.00 |
| 11. Earl Rankins | 1.00 | 29. Peter Barnhart | 1.00 |
| 12. Edward Percell | 1.00 | 30. Walter Abrams | 1.00 |
| 13. Morgan Brown | 1.00 | 31. Floyd Henry | 1.00 |
| 14. Hord Frye | 1.00 | 32. Charles Lykins | 1.00 |
| 15. Bro. Sizemore | 1.00 | 33. Ted Sowards | 1.00 |
| (Given life time card) | | 34. F. Chamberlin | 1.00 |
| 16. Mott McLellan | 1.00 | 35. Callie Adams | 1.00 |
| 17. Andrew Workman .. | 1.00 | 36. Homer Nelson | 1.00 |
| 18. W. J. White | 1.00 | 37. M. L. Ball | 1.00 |
| 19. Marion Wilburn | 1.00 | 38. Clarence Herles | 1.00 |
| 20. Arthur Weaver | 1.00 | 39. John Kemper | 1.00 |
| 21. David Widdig | 1.00 | (a Life time card mem- | |
| 22. Denver Smith | 1.00 | ber reported) | |
| 23. Stephen Messer | 1.00 | | |
| 40. Ralph Aldridge | 1.00 | | |
| Bro. Humphries, who has a life time card, gave his report. | | | |
| (Was at this time received into the Conference.) | | | |
| 41. Kearney Conley | 1.00 | | |

The following members reported by letter, and dues paid:

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| 42. Elmer Miller | \$1.00 |
| 43. George Radabaugh | 1.00 |
| 44. Clarence Conaway | 1.00 |
| 45. Jacob See | 1.00 |
| 46. Philip Crabtree | 1.00 |
| 47. William Price | 1.00 |
| 48. Roy Roberts | 1.00 |
| 49. Russell Milam | 1.00 |

Total Dues Paid \$50.00

(2 members) Brother Foxs' letter was held up because he didn't have an excuse in his letter, and Brother Green's case was turned over to the Grievance Committee.

Report of Committees:

Business Committee had no report.

Topics for Discussion:

1. I. Peter 3:19—By Rev. W. J. White.
2. I. Cor. 3:15—By Rev. E. T. Carter.

Thursday night at 8:00 p. m.

Devotional by Brother McClellan. Sermon by Rev. Franklin Harness on the subject, "God's Call," using as a text, II. Timothy 1:9 in connection with the Communion and Feet Washing. (Report accepted.)

Friday at 8:00 p. m.

Devotions by Brother Isaac Russell. Sermon by Rev. Eugene Martin, no text given.

Obituary Committee—Recommends that the clerk send a copy of the letter which is on record to the nearest of kin to Rev. B. F. Radabaugh. and that we stand for one minute in silent prayer in his respect. (Report accepted.)

Resolution Committee—Res. No. 1. Be it resolved, that we, the ministers of the 3 Quarterly Conferences of the Scioto Ministerial Conference of F. W. B., that we extend to Bloom Church and the community at large a standing vote of thanks for the way they have taken care of this session of the Ministerial Conference. A Great People is great because it has done great things for God. Only by concrete examples of devotion and faithfulness can one merit the right to be called great. God said, "Thou shalt not have one lot only; thou shalt have this mountain."

—W. J. White, Alfred Artis and Edward Percell

Res. No. 2 Whereas : Our Constitution and By-laws and Standing Rules are adequate to protect our Conference, and some of our ministers have criticized the rules and regulations, and the minister who try to enforce them, be it resolved that if any of our members are found committing the things mentioned above. that they be turned over to the Grievance Committee. to be dealt with as they see fit, and also in defending the Treatise the same way. (Report unanimously adopted.)

Moved and sustained that we adjourn until 7:30 tonight. Brother Con'ey dismissed.

41 Ministers reported in person, 8 by letter, 3 life time members present, 5 licensed preachers present, a total of 57 ministers. (5 did not report.)

Financial Report:

Amt. in Treasury at the close of last years session \$47.20

Paid out during the year Disbursements

For Flowers \$15.00

For printing of cards 9.00

Total paid out \$24.00 24.00

Balance \$23.20

Amount received at this session 50.00

\$73.20

Less the Clerk's fee 20.00

\$53.20

Less \$3.00 for mileage fee for Grievance Committee 3.00

Balance in Treasury now \$50.20

Moved and sustained that we take an offering for the purpose of printing of minutes Offering \$15.00

Balance in Treasury \$65.30

Moved and sustained that we adjourn until 9:15 a. m. on Saturday morning.

Saturday morning, 9:45.

Moved and carried that the 16 ministers present on Saturday morning recommend that we increase the dues and amend the by-laws to read from \$1.00 to \$2.00, and to be acted on at the beginning of next session.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn business until the Thursday before the first Saturday in September at Union Church.

Earl Rankin, Moderator

Homer Nelson, Clerk

*Constitution of the Scioto 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 a 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 and 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 minister's 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 6c 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 3 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.

Rule 8.

That all members of this Conference be male members only.

Rule 9.

That no minister be granted a card who has 2 living women, or performing a ceremony of any couple who previously have been divorced.



**MINUTES OF THE SCIOTO YEARLY CONFERENCE of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Saturday, September 2, 1950

The Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists convened in regular session at Bloom Church at 10:00 a. m. The Conference was called to order by the Clerk and ascertained who were delegates, and asked for the selection of Moderator.

Brother E. T. Carter was elected Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Franklin Harness. Scripture Romans 8:1-10. Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers were invited to seats of advisory members.

Brother Cummings, Brother Furguson, Brother Williams, Brother Gould, Brother Delawder.

Reading of Constitution and By-laws. Assistant officers were appointed. Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. J. White. The appointing of committees was next.

Business

1. John Kemper
2. Ed Percell
3. Adams

Obituary

1. Chamberlin
2. Ernest Percell
3. Wilburn

Resolution

1. Eugene Martin
2. Philip Crabtree
3. Charles Lykins

Program

1. Rankins
2. Riddlebarger
3. Harness

Moved and sustained that we adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

Special singing by Mary Lou Martin. Song by Brother Homer Harris. In the absence of Brother Conaway, Brother Ernest Percell brought the Introductory Sermon. Brother Percell brought a wonderful message.

P. M. Yearly Conference reconvened with the Assistant Moderator in charge. Devotional exercises consisted of Scripture John 17 and Prayer by Brother Frank Delawder. Offering was received which amounted to \$19.11.

The Conference was opened for business and the reading of the letters from the 3 Quarterly Meetings was next in order.

Letter from Laurence County, Ohio Conference—Letter accepted. Letter from Porter Conference—Letter accepted. Letter from Pine Creek Conference—Letter accepted.

Hearing of reports from Messengers appointed at last session. Christian Baptist Association—Homer Nelson and Ernest Percell. Neither one went. Ohio River Yearly Meeting—Brother Henning and Bro. Milam. No one went. Enterprise Association—Wilburn and Lykins. No one went.

Hearing Reports from other Bodies. Letter from Christian Baptist Association and verbal report by Brother Van Williams and Brother Furguson. Report accepted.

Report from the Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists by Brother Gould. Report accepted. Remarks by Brother Delawder. A report from Brother Cummings. Report accepted.

Appointing of Messengers to other Bodies.

1. Christian Baptist Association—Homer Nelson and W. J. White.
2. Ohio River Yearly Meeting—Melford Riddlebarger and Forrest Chamberlin.
3. Enterprise Association—Ernest Percell and Harness.

Hearing report from State Association.

Sister Chamberlin, Homer Nelson and the Moderator gave his remarks, Sister Martin, Carter. (Report accepted.)

Appointing of delegates to the State Association at McDermott.

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| 1. Sister Kemper | 6. Clara Kelley |
| 2. Sister Widdig | 7. Bill Kerns |
| 3. Sister Means | 8. Virgil Tackett |
| 4. Brother Pinson | 9. Nell Ervin |
| 5. Sister Martin | 10. Kermel Sparks |

Report of Ministerial Conference by the Clerk and Brother Kemper. Several more remarks. Report accepted.

Report of Committees.

1. Business Committee—No report.
2. Pulpit Committee—Tonight, message by Rev. Workman. Sunday Morning, message by Rev. Miller.

Introductory sermon for next year, 1951, by Rev. John Kemper. Report accepted.

3. Resolution Committee—We, the Resolution Committee, of the Yearly Meeting wish to give a vote of thanks to the Bloom Church for extending to us the invitation of holding our Conference in their church and also for taking care of the Conference, and recommend that the Conference give a standing vote of thanks. (Report accepted.) Eugene Martin, Charles Lykins, Philip Crabtree.

4. Obituary Committee—We, your Obituary Committee, recommend that this Yearly Conference stand in one minute of silent prayer in respect to these deceased Brethren—Rev. B. F. Radabaugh, Rev. Henry Messer, Deacons Henry Crabtree, George Caldiron, and Warren Smith, and this Conference send a letter of sympathy to the nearest of kin of each.

—Forrest Chamberlin, Ernest Percell and Marion Wilburn.

Moved and sustained that we have minutes printed and share the expense with the Ministerial Conference.

Brother Harness and Brother Workman were selected to preach the week following the Yearly Conference.



Financial Statement.

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| Balance at last session | 80.56 | |
| Amount received in letter | 40.00 | |
| Amount received on offering | 19.11 | |
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| | Total \$139.67 | \$139.67 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Clerk's Fee | \$10.00 | |
| State Association Dues | 10.00 | |
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| For printing of letter blanks | 4.50 | |
| | Total \$24.50 | 24.50 |
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| | Amount in Treasury | \$115.17 |

Moved and sustained that we adopt the minutes.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn business until the first Saturday in September at Union Church.

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YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION

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Article 1. — This Yearly Meeting shall be called The Scioto Freewill 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 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 delegate 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 for 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 1841.

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 the Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists.

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 3 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.

THE END



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moved and sustained
 that we by the Clerk
 a table and Chair
 for the Conference
 (moved and carried
 that Bro Nelson by
 the Equiv. needed)

Monday sustained the same
adjour., until the 1st Sat.
in Sept. -