

Sept. 8, 1995 - 7:00 P.M. A meeting was held at Eifort Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of organizing a new quarterly meeting.

The moderator was Vanner Crabtree.

There were 9 churches of the Pine Creek Quarterly meeting represented at this meeting. These churches were Antioch, Blackfork, Bloom, Dogwood Ridge, Eifort mth Dermott, Mt. Hope, Oak Hill, and Tick Ridge.

Copies of a new Constitution and By-Laws were passed out. Then the moderator read this Constitution and By-Laws in its entirety. Bro. Emil Carter made a motion that we accept this as our Constitution and By-Laws and form a new Quarterly meeting. Bro. Tony Rogers seconded this motion. After discussion, the body voted in an overwhelming majority for the motion.

Mt. Hope and Eifort were the charter members of the Southern Ohio ^{Quarterly} Conference of Free Will Baptists. Pastors of the other churches agreed to discuss the matter with their churches to see if their churches wish to join the new conference, then let the moderator know what they decide.

Bro. Tony Evans made a motion, which was seconded and carried, to elect officers to serve til our regular time of election, which will be the 2nd Sat. of April 1996. The officers elected were:

Moderator - Emil Carter
assistant moderator - Darry Boggs
Clerk - Eleanor Crabtree
Treasurer - Vanner Crabtree
(over)

Cont. from previous page - The first meeting of the newly organized Southern Ohio ^{Quarterly} Conference of Free Will Baptists is to be held at the Mt. Hope church on the 2nd Saturday in October, 1995.

We recommend that each church wishing to join this conference to please send a letter of withdrawal to the Pine Creek Conference.

We lifted an offering, which amounted to \$72.00. This is to be used to pay the expenses of the first meeting which amounted to \$23.58. (For stamps to send letters announcing the meeting, and for copies of the constitution and By-Laws.) The remainder will be put in the Treasury.

We agreed that the host church for the quarterly meetings will supply the piano player and song leader.

Adjourned.

Eleanor Crabtree
clerk

Oct. 14, 1995 - The first ^(1st) meeting of the Southern Ohio Quarterly Conference convened at 9:30 A.M. at the Mt. Hayes Free Will Baptist church.

The moderator was Bro. Emil Carter, with the assistant moderator being Bro. Danny Boggs. We had prayer by Bro. Tony Evans. Then congregation sang "I am Determined", with Sis. Catherine Ferrell as pianist and Bro. John Henning as song leader.

The moderator read 2 Tim. 3:10-17, then appointed the Business Committee, consisting of Bro. John Henning III, Bro. Harold Yates & Bro. Tony Evans. Then we sang "Amazing Grace" while welcoming our visitors.

The Clerk read the minutes from the Organizational meeting of Sept. 8, 1995. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer gave report, which was also accepted.

The Business Committee was excused.

We had no reports from other conferences, or from our messengers to other conferences, since this was our first conference.

New messengers appointed were:

- Jackson - Karen Crabtree
- Porter - Danny Boggs
- Lawrence - Danny Boggs
- Lin. Station - Emil Carter
- Pine Creek - Karen Crabtree

Clerk explained what Bro. Edwin Hayes said we should ^{do} to be admitted to the State Assn. in June 1996.

Conference agreed to try to meet with a committee from the State Assn. on March 16, 1996, at the Effort church.

Conference voted to wait til later to appoint an Ordaining Committee, since we had no business for them to take care of now.

Sis. Susie Webb sang "Unfinished Task"

We heard the report of the Business Committee:

Item #1: we, the Business Committee, recommend the acceptance of Dogwood Ridge Free Will Baptist church

Business committee report

Oct. 14, 1995 cont'd. - into the Southern Ohio Conference,
Signed John W. Hemmings, Harold Gates, Tony Evans
(The Conference had received a letter from the
Dogwood Ridge Church stating that they wished
to join our conference.) We accepted them into
our conference and gave them the right hand
of fellowship.

Item # 2 - In our Constitution and By-Laws, on
Pages two (2), five (5), and six (6), it should read
"April" instead of "May" regarding meeting dates
of the quarterly conference. This was just a
typographical error. Signed John W. Hemmings III,
Harold Gates, Tony Evans, we voted to make these
changes. (Bro. Vanner Crebtree had submitted
this as a business item.)

Item # 2 B - We recommend the addition of
the following statement to Page five (5), Article
IV, Section IV of the By-Laws:

"Deacons must be set aside for one year by
member church before being ordained."

However, we recommend this item to be
tabled as per Article VI of the By-Laws, until
the next meeting of the Southern Ohio Quarterly
Conference in January 1996. Signed by
John W. Hemmings III, Harold Gates, Tony Evans.
This item was also submitted by Vanner Crebtree.
Item was accepted and tabled.

Adjourned for worship service. The assistant
moderator took charge of the service. The congregation
sang "Have Faith in God". Had some testimonies.
The the mt. Hope singers sang "Faith's Fire", and
"He was there all the time".

Congregation sang "He Set Me Free" while
lifting offering.

Bro. Kenny Webb from Pine Grove church
in Lawrence Co., Ohio, brought the message from
(next page)

Items tabled

Oct. 14, 1995 Cont'd. - Amos 4: 6-12 with the thought, ⁵"Are we spiritually ready to meet the Lord?" It was a real good message.

We sang "Just as I Am" as the invitational song.

Had announcements, then adjourned.

Eleanor Craktree

Clerk

For the January '96 Conference:

Host church - Effort Free Will Baptist

Moderator - Darryl Boggs

Assistant Moderator - Tony Rogers

Business Committee - John Hemmings III

Harold Gates

Tony Evans

Eleanor Craktree, Clerk

missed the
conference
to correct
many places
Eleanor Craktree