

Jan. 13, 1996 - The Southern Ohio Conference met at the Effort Free Will Baptist Church.

Meeting convened at 9:30 A.M.  
The moderator was Bro. Darryl Boggs.  
The assistant moderator was Bro. Tony Rogers.  
We had prayer with each one leading his own prayer.

The moderator read Psalms 23.

An Ordaining Committee was elected:

Bro. Emil Carter - 3 yrs. - til April 1999

Bro. Glenn Bobst - 2 yrs - til April 1998

Bro. Tony Rogers - 1 yr. - til April 1997

The moderator appointed a Pulpit Committee consisting of Bros. Karen Crabtree, Harold Yates, Emil Carter.

The business committee for today (selected in the previous session) consists of Bro. John Hennings III, Harold Yates and Tony Evans.

Sister Betty Carter was pianist and Bro. Tony Evans was Song Leader.

We sang "Trust and Obey" while welcoming visitors. Our visitors were Bros. Kerry Coppock, Charles Harrison and John Jackson. Fred Blagg came later.

The moderator dismissed the committees.

The clerk read minutes of last meeting. They were ~~and~~ approved.

The treasurer gave report. It was approved.

The clerk read letter of statistics. Letter was accepted. Bro. Tony Rogers brought the letter from Dogwood Ridge church and apologized for it being late.

Heard reports from other conferences -  
Fred Blagg from Lawrence, Ohio, Charles Harrison from Pine Creek,

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we heard the report of our messenger, <sup>Vanner Crabtree</sup> to the Jackson County conference, appointed new messengers:

Jackson Co. - Vanner Crabtree

Lawrence, O. - Betty Carter

Pine Creek - Tony Rogers

Porter - Glenn Bobst

clerk read letter of Recommendation from Pine Creek conference for Dogwood Ridge, Efort and Mt. Hope churches, plus the 7 ministers who are members of these 3 churches.

clerk read letter from <sup>our</sup> Executive Secretary, Bro. Edwin Hayes, stating that the State Ass'n. Committee will meet with the Southern Ohio conference on March 16, 1996 at 10:00 A.M. at the Efort Free Will Baptist church.

Letters accepted.

Our conference voted to have our State moderator, Bro. Robert Ritchard, to preach for us on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The moderator turned service over to the Assistant Moderator for worship service.

We sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" while lifting the offering. Vanner Crabtree asked the blessing on the offering.

Bro. Charles Harrison preached from John 3:17, after reading Psalms 4:1-5. Very good sermon.

We sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Bro. Tony Rogers read John 10:6-18. Then the moderator took charge again.

Bro. Tony Rogers offered the use of Dogwood Ridge church for the April meeting.  
moderator for April - Bro. Tony Rogers  
asst. mod. for April - Bro. Glenn Bobst

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Business Committee for April -

Tony Evans

Dave Maggard

John Hennings III

The Business Committee's Report -

Item #1 - Under "Article III membership" of our Constitution & By-Laws -

"It is required of all churches in the Southern Ohio Conference that their Pastor be a member of the Southern Ohio Conference, and have a Card of Good Standing from said Conference". Submitted and signed by Rev. Glenn Bobst.

"It is the recommendation of the Business Committee that the suggested addition to our Constitution & By-Laws by Rev. Glenn Bobst, be tabled until the next Quarterly Meeting for vote. We agree with the suggestion, but feel that it is proper business to table it at this point." This item was accepted and tabled.

Item #2 - "I checked with the Liberty Press in Jackson about having our Constitution and By-Laws printed in Booklet Form. They quoted me a price of 50 for \$29.00 or 100 for \$54.00. I would like to suggest that we have 100 <sup>copies</sup> printed, and since we are a new conference with very limited funds, I also suggest that each person wanting a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws in Booklet Form, should pay \$2.00. This will reimburse the Conference with a few dollars to spare". Submitted and

New business

Item Tabled

New business

Jan. 13, 1996 Continued - Signed by Eleanor Crabtree,  
"It is the recommendation of the "Business  
Committee" to bring the suggestion of Eleanor  
Crabtree, regarding the printing of our Consti-  
tution and By-Laws, to a vote today, we  
agree with the suggestion she has made."

Both recommendations of the Business  
Committee were signed by John Hennings III,  
Harold Gates, Anthony Evans. This  
item passed.

The item of business which was tabled  
at the previous Quarterly meeting, was lifted  
from the table to be acted upon. This  
item reads:

"Deacons must be set aside for one  
year by member church before being ordained".  
This item passed and is to be added to  
our Constitution and By-Laws.

The Conference voted to issue "Temporary"  
Cards of Good Standing to our 7 ministers  
to be good until the regular time to issue  
"Annual" Cards of Good Standing, which will  
be at the regular meeting in April.

Adjourned.

Eleanor Crabtree, clerk

Add  
to Constitution  
Old business

March 16, 1996 - 10:00 A.M. - The Southern Ohio Conference met with the State Executive Committee, for the purpose of being examined for membership in the State Association when it convenes in Columbus on June 21 and 22, 1996. This meeting was held at the Epiphany Free Will Baptist church.

Bro. Danny Boggs opened the service by having the congregation sing "Lead Me Light" with Sis. Betty Carter as pianist and Sis. Bonnie Carter as song leader.

Bro. Glenn Bobot led in prayer.

Bro. Boggs turned the service over to our State moderator, Bro. Robert Bitchard.

There were six (6) members of the State Executive Committee present, namely:

Bro. Robert Bitchard, State Moderator

Bro. Edwin Hayes, State Executive Secretary

Bro. Mike Monte, asst. moderator

Bro. Oziel Jeffries, asst. clerk

Bro. Forrest Dyer

Bro. Freddie Dutton

Bro. Bitchard asked questions pertaining to the Doctrinal issues. He addressed the questions to the pastors of the three (3) churches making up the Southern Ohio Conference. These three pastors are: Bro. Danny Boggs of Epiphany Free Will Baptist church, Bro. Emil Carter of Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist church, and Bro. Tony Rogers of the Dogwood Ridge Free Will Baptist church.

The questions asked and the answers given are:

1. Do we believe the Bible is complete? ans. yes
2. Do we believe that believing in the virgin birth is essential to salvation? ans. yes

We met with the State Executive Committee to be examined for membership in the State Association.

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3. Do we preach and teach in a literal bodily resurrection and return of Christ? ans. yes
4. Do we preach and teach that we must be born again? ans. yes
5. ~~Do we preach and teach~~
5. What is our position on Heaven and Hell?  
ans. Both are literal and both are for eternity.
6. Do we practice all 3 Ordinances? yes
7. What is our position on Baptism of the Holy Spirit? ans. we receive it at the time we are saved.
8. What is our position on Sanctification? ans. we are sanctified at the time we receive salvation.
9. What is our position on Spiritual gifts?  
ans. we believe in Spiritual Gifts.
10. What is our position on Charismatic gifts of today? ans. we do not believe in the unknown tongue, we believe an individual needs to request to be healed as the Bible says. The healing is carried out thru the Holy Spirit.
11. Do we believe in Eternal Security and Perseverance of the Saints? ans. we believe in Conditional Eternal Security. we have to endure to the end.
12. What qualifies one for the ministry? ans. Call from God, then he must meet qualifications of the Scriptures.
13. Do we believe and practice tithing? ans. yes
14. Bro. Fritchard then asked questions about our conference.
15. How many churches do we have? ans. 3  
How many ministers? ans. 7
16. Do our churches have good relationships with our neighbors? ans. yes

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17. Are we out of fellowship with any churches? Ans. No
18. Are we in fellowship with the conference we left? (Pine Creek) Ans. Yes
19. Do we believe in and have Sunday School? Ans. Yes, it is very important!
20. Do we have a Constitution and By-Laws? Ans. Yes
21. Do we agree with the basic practices of our Treatise? Ans. Yes
22. Do we read, and agree with, our State Constitution and By-Laws? Ans. Yes
23. Does our conference plan to be active in the State and National activities? Ans. Yes
24. Do we intend to support our State and National denominational work? Ans. Yes
25. How do we ordain deacons? Ans. Our churches set aside the candidate for deacon for one (1) year. Then the Ordaining Council examines him and carries out the Ordination at the quarterly meeting or the deacon's home church, whichever the deacon prefers.
26. Bro. Pritchard said we needed to be recommended to the State and that our conference should send the yearly letter to the State as the we are already a member of the State Association. The State Association will vote on us early so we will have the right to vote in the meeting.  
Then Bro. Pritchard turned service over to Bro. Danny Boggs, so that the State Executive Board could retire to discuss their work.

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recommendation.

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me".  
The Committee returned with their  
recommendations:

1. They <sup>will</sup> recommend that the Southern Ohio Conference be taken into the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists, when it convenes in Columbus on June 21 and 22, 1996.
2. They recommended we make a change in our constitution, to read "This Southern Ohio Quarterly meeting shall itself be a member of the Ohio State Association and the National Association of Free Will Baptists." This is under "Article III Section I - membership" of our constitution. Motion was made and seconded and carried to make this change. Formerly it read "This Southern Ohio Quarterly meeting shall itself be a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists" without the words "Ohio State Association".
3. They recommended we adopt the Bible as God's Rule of Faith and Practices in this Conference. Motion made, seconded and carried.
4. They recommended we adopt our Pledge and Church Covenant.  
Motion made, seconded and carried.

Bro. Mike mounted led in Prayer.

The State Executive Committee gave our  
3 Pastors the right hand of fellowship and  
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accepted us into the State Association, while singing "Amazing Grace".

The service was then turned over to our Moderator, Bro. Tony Rogers.

We had a short worship service with testimonies and song by Mt. Hope Church, "Victory in Jesus".

The congregation ~~sang~~ sang "What a Friend" and "Wonderful Words of Life".

Then Bro. Rogers turned the service over to Bro. Sutchard for preaching. Bro. Sutchard prayed, then read Judges 17 (Complete Chapter), he preached a very good sermon.

We sang "Carrying Home" then dismissed.

Eleanor Crabtree  
clerk

April 13, 1976 - The Southern Ohio Conference of Free Will Baptists met at the Dogwood Ridge Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting commenced at 9:30 A.M.

The moderator was Bro. Tony Rogers, with the assistant moderator being Bro. Glenn Bobat.

Bro. Rogers called the meeting to order, then asked Bro. John Jennings to lead us in prayer.

The moderator seated delegates all on one side. Then he read Scripture from I Tim. 1:1,2, 2:1,2,3, 3:1,2,3 and 4:1,2.

Item called

A motion was made, seconded & carried to appoint a Pulpit Committee each quarterly meeting to choose a preacher for the next quarterly meeting. This item was tabled til the next quarterly meeting.

Neither the Ordaining Committee, nor the Business Committee had any business for today.

Clerk read ~~the~~ minutes of last meeting. They were accepted.

Treasurer gave report, it was accepted.

Clerk went over the Letter of Statistics and Letters with business. The only business was the Kenosha - Letters for the ministers to receive their Cords of Good Standing. We have 7 ministers.

The moderator passed out the Cords of Good Standing.

We heard reports of our messengers to other conferences:

Kenneth Crabtree gave report of Jackson Conf.

Glenn Bobat gave report from Porter Conf.

Both reports were accepted.

New messengers were appointed:

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| Jackson        | _____ |              |
| Lawrence, Ohio | _____ | Betty Carter |
| Maize          | _____ |              |
| Pine Creek     | _____ | Tony Rogers  |
| Porter         | _____ | Glenn Bobat  |
| So. Central    | _____ | Betty Carter |
| Tri-State, Ky. | _____ |              |

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we sang "Amazing Grace" while welcoming our visitor, Bro. Charles Harrison, from Blackfoot Church. The moderator turned the service over to the assistant moderator for Worship services.

With Sis. Betty Carter as pianist and Bro. John Hemming as song leader, we sang "Have Faith in God" while lifting the offering.

Bro. Danny Boggs offered prayer for the remainder of the service. We sang "He Set me free", then had prayer around the altar, with each one leading his own prayer.

Bro. Glenn Babst read Colossians 3: 1-17.

We had testimonies, then Mt. Hope, <sup>don</sup> sang "Standing on the Solid Rock".

Bro. Emil Carter brought a very good and very needful sermon from Ephesians 2: 14. He preached on one word - "Stand".

We sang "Just as I Am" for an invitational song.

Bro. Babst turned the service back over to the moderator for the remainder of the Business service.

Mt. Hope church volunteered to host the July Quarterly meeting.

The moderator is to be Bro. Glenn Babst.

The assistant moderator is to be Bro. Danny Boggs.

The Business Committee will be:

Bro. Alan Moore

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Dave Maggard

We had one item of business tabled at the January meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to lift this item from the table and act on it.

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For July Meeting

July 13, 1996 - The Southern Ohio Conference convened at Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist church at 9:30 A.M.

The moderator was Bro. Glenn Bobst.

The assistant moderator was Bro. Danny Boyze.

We had prayer with the moderator leading. We sang "Have Faith in God", with Sis. Catherine Ferrel as pianist and Bro. John Hemmings as song leader.

Bro. Bobst read Scripture from Ephesians 5: 1-21, and made a few comments. Then he had the letters of statistics distributed.

We gave our visitors the right hand of fellowship, while singing "Amazing Grace". Our visitors were: Bro. Randy Patrick, Bro. Ron Parker and Bro. Randy Sizemore.

Then Bro. Ron Parker led in prayer around the altar.

The Business Committee was excused.

Clerk read minutes of last meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer gave report. It was approved.

Clerk went over letters of statistics. We had no letters with business.

We heard reports of messengers from other associations.

Bro. Randy Sizemore gave report of the Jackson Conference.

Bro. Ron Parker gave report of Porter Conf.

We heard reports of our messengers to other conferences.

Sis. Betty Carter gave report of the Lawrence Co. conference.

We appointed new messengers:

- Jackson - Betty Carter
- Lawrence Co. Ohio - Danny Boyze
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- Pike Creek - Glenn Bobst
- Porter - \_\_\_\_\_
- So central - \_\_\_\_\_
- Tri-State, Ky. - \_\_\_\_\_

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The moderator turned service over to the assistant moderator for worship service.

Bro. Danny Boggs read Proverbs 7: 1-5.

We sang "He set me free" while lifting the offering, which amounted to \$44.25.

Bro. Alan Moore asked the blessing on the offering.

Mt. Hope choir sang "He was There all the Time". Very good singing.

We had some testimonies, then the service was turned over to Bro. Randy Patrick, who sang "Walking in the Light", the new "Ship of Zion" and "I've Got the Lord and He's Enough". Very good singing.

Then Bro. Patrick read Scripture from Rev. 22: 16-21. He preached a very good sermon.

We sang "Coming Home" as an invitational song.

Our next conference will be held at the Effort Free Will Baptist church.

The moderator - Bro. Ernie Carter

asst. moderator - Bro. Tony Rogers

Business Committee: Bro. Alan Moore

Bro. Woodrow Dyer

Bro. David Maggard

Our old business consisted of one (1) item, which was tabled in April. We voted to lift the item from the table and ~~act~~ <sup>act</sup> on it.

The tabled item reads, "A motion was made, seconded and carried to appoint a pulpit committee each quarterly meeting to choose a preacher for the next quarterly meeting."

This item was defeated.

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Brs. Danny Boyz suggested that the pastor and deacons from the host church form the committee to provide a preacher for the quarterly meeting each time. Motion was made, seconded and carried to obtain the preacher this way.

The Business Committee had 2 items of business:

Item #1 - Eleanor Crabtree suggested that our conference select a reporter to report to the Ambassador.

Item #2 - Karen Crabtree submitted an item concerning the jurisdiction for a candidate for license to preach. It reads "a candidate for ministerial license must have been a member of a Free Will Baptist church for one (1) year immediately prior to being recommended for license by that church."

The Business Committee's report reads as follows:

Item #1 - "The Business Committee agrees with Item #1 completely that a person should be elected or appointed for this position by the Conference." Sis Betty Carter was elected.

Item #2 - The Business Committee recommends that this be brought before the conference to be added to our By-laws."

Both items were signed by: Dave Maggard, Woodrow Dye, and Alan Moore

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Item #2 was tabled til the next conference,

Eleanor Crafter gave a brief report on the Va. State Association, when Jeffrey Crafter and family were commissioned to go into the missionary field of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada,

also, she gave a report of the Ohio State Association. Our State Association, which convened at the Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church on June 21-22, 1996 accepted the Southern Ohio Conference and welcomed us into the State Association.

We had our announcements, then adjourned.

Eleanor Crafter  
clerk

Oct. 12, 1996 - The Southern Ohio Conference of Free Will Baptists convened at the Elport Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.

Bro. Tony Rogers was moderator, replacing Bro. Emil Carter, who was absent due to the death of his mother-in-law, Sis. Mary Sizemore.

(Sis. Mary passed away 10-9-96 and her husband, Bro. Elmer, passed away 10-12-96)

Bro. Rogers asked Bro. Glenn Bobst to open the service with prayer.

Delegates were permitted to remain seated when they were.

The moderator read scripture from Colossians 3:1-3.

Bro. Darryl Boggs was appointed Assistant Mod.

We sang "leaning on the everlasting arms" while welcoming the visitors, who were Bro. Bill Jones from Lawrence Co. Conf. and Bro. Keny Coppock from Blackford Free Will Baptist Church.

(Eleanor Crabtree was pianist and John W. Hemmings III was song leader)

Bro. Alan Moore and Bro. Woodrow Dyer were absent from the Business Committee. They were replaced by Bro. John Hemmings and Bro. Glenn Bobst.

The Business Committee was excused.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Clerk went over the Letter of Statistics. There was no business in the letters.

Bro. Bill Jones gave a report on the last Lawrence Co. Conference. Report was accepted.

We had no reports from our messengers to other Conferences.

New messengers appointed were:

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Lawrence Co. - Vasser & Eleanor Crabtree.

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Pine Creek - Tony Rogers

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Tri - State, Ky. -

moderated turned service over to assistant mod.  
for worship service.

We sang "Come and Dine" while offering.  
Bro. Harold Yates asked the blessing on the offering,  
which amounted to \$37.00.

After testimonies Bro. Bill Jones sang "I am  
One of Them Today".

Bro. Jones read John 5: 30 thru 40. His text  
was, "ye will not come to me that ye might have  
life". Very good sermon.

Service was turned back over to the moderator.

Bro. Rogers offered the use of Dogwood Ridge  
church for our January conference.

Moderator - Bro. Danny Boggs

asst. mod. - Bro. Glenn Bobot

Business Committee - John Jennings III

Davis Maggard

Vasser Crabtree

We had one (1) item of Old Business. It  
was voted to lift this item from the table and  
act on it.

The tabled item reads, "a candidate for  
ministerial license must have been a member of  
a Free Will Baptist church for one (1) year  
immediately prior to being recommended for  
license by that church."

This item was passed and added to our By Laws.  
(Page 12, article IV - Ministers, Section II, of our Constitution & By Laws)  
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Oct. 12 continued - Business Committee's report - "We, the Business Committee, recommend acceptance of the Blackford Free Will Baptist church into the Southern Ohio Conference of Free Will Baptists. Our conference has received a letter from Blackford Free Will Baptist church requesting acceptance into our conference. The Pine Creek Conference of Free Will Baptists has provided the church with "a Letter of Good Standing" by Elders John W. Harmons III, Glen Bobst, David Maggard.

clerk read Letter of Good Standing from Pine Creek Conference, also the letter from Blackford church to our conference (letter of statistics?)

We voted to accept them into our conference. We gave them the right hand of fellowship while singing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus".

Had announcements, then adjourned with prayer by Tim Cratree.

Eleanor Cratree  
clerk