

Jan. 11, 1997 - The Southern Ohio Conference of Free Will Baptists²⁵ convened at the Dogwood Ridge Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.

The moderator was Bro. Danny Boggs.

The assistant moderator was Bro. Glenn Bobat. Since Bro. Bobat was on the special committee, Varren Crabtree was appointed to be assistant moderator while Bro. Bobat wasn't present.

We had prayer by Bro. Bobat.

The moderator read Scripture from John 15: 1-15.

We gave our visitor, Bro. Edwin Hayes, the right hand of fellowship, while singing "Amazing Grace". Sis. Betty Carter was pianist, and Bro. Emil Carter was song leader.

We had prayer with Bro. Glenn Bobat leading.

The Special Committee was excused.

Clerk read minutes of last meeting, accepted.

Treasurer gave report, accepted.

Clerk went over the letter of statistics, letter accepted. Clerk also reminded the church clerks that ~~the~~ with the April letter they should send in '60, rather than the usual '20. They should send in a list of the names and addresses and phone numbers of all ministers and deacons, along with a recommendation that their ministers receive their yearly card of Good Standing. The April letter should be a yearly letter, not quarterly.

We only had one visitor from another conference, Bro. Edwin Hayes. He gave a brief report on the State association. He mentioned that the Ohio State assn. is comprised of 19 conferences and 140 churches. And he mentioned that Ohio will be hosting the National Convention in July '97, for only the 3rd time in our history.

Jan. 11, 1997 (continued). ²⁶ Bro. Hayes informed us they need volunteers to help with the national, to welcome people, to type registrations, and about 80 men for ushers. Also, they still need about \$6,000 more in cash to pay the expenses of the National Convention.

Bro. Hayes mentioned that Life-Line day is Feb. 23 rd and Roll Call Sunday is March 30. He also informed us we have a new Home Missionary in Cincinnati. Report accepted.

Varren Crutcher gave reports on the Jackson Co. Conference and the Lawrence Co. conference. Reports accepted.

Bro. Tony Rogers was delegate to Pine Creek conference, but was out with the Special Committee.
New messengers are:

Jackson - Varren Crutcher

Lawrence - Danny Boggs

South Central - Betty Carter

We adjourned for worship service.

Sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" while lifting offering, which amounted to \$43.00.

Bro. Alan Moore asked the blessing on the offering.

Since Bro. Emil Carter had to leave early to go to work, and Bro. Fred Blagg had to leave early for a funeral, the moderator asked clerk to read the Special Committee's report at that time.

The Special Committee's reports read, "We, the Ordaining Committee, recommend that Bro. Fred Blagg be accepted into the Southern Ohio Conference." Signed Bro. Emil Carter, Rev. Glenn Bobst and Bro. Tony Rogers.

We welcomed Bro. Blagg into our conference.

Jan. 11, 1997 (continued) by giving him the right hand of fellowship, while singing "Amazing Grace". We then resumed the worship service. We had some testimonies, then Bro. Edwin Hayes delivered a very good message on Elisha. He read I Kings 19th chapter.

Resumed the business session.

Bro. Kenny Coppock offered the use of Blackford church for our April meeting.

The moderator is to be Bro. Fred Blagg.

The assistant mod. is to be Bro. Tony Rogers.

The April business committee consists of: Bros. Alan Moore, Jim Craftree, Harold Yates.

Eleanor Craftree was the only delegate appointed to the State association when it convened in Columbus on June 26-28, at the Heritage Temple church.

We had no old business.

Business Committee had no business.

Bro. Tony Rogers moved that we pay our visiting ministers to help with their traveling expenses. The amount was set at \$20. The motion passed.

It was mentioned that Sis. Hester Person from Tick Ridge church, had passed away. (She was 98).

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Kenny Coppock.

Eleanor Craftree, Clerk

Correction on Letter of Statistics: The \$60 that our churches send in with the April letter is divided as follows: \$20 for quarterly conf., \$15 for State, \$25 for National, not \$20 for each one.

April 12, 1997 The Southern Ohio Conference of Free Will Baptists convened at the Blackfork Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.

We opened the service with prayer by Bro. Glenn Bobat.

The moderator, Bro. Fred Blagg, read Scripture from I Tim. 2 (complete chapter)

Bro. Kenny Coppers distributed Letters of Statistics clerk went over Letters of Statistics briefly. Also thanked the clerks for getting their letters in early

We had a good group of visitors from Oak Hill Church, which is in the Pine Creek Conference. We welcomed them by extending the right hand of fellowship.

Business Committee was excused after moderator asked Bro. Kenny Coppers to sit in for Bro. Alan Moore, who had not arrived yet.

clerk read minutes of last meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer, Varner Crabtree, read treasurer's report. It was also approved.

Bro. Doug Clark (from Pine Creek Conference) gave report of Pine Creek Conference.

Bro. Varner Crabtree gave report of Jackson Conference.

Bro. Danny Boggs gave report of Lawrence Co. Conference.

All 3 reports were accepted.

New messengers appointed were:

- Jackson - Varner Crabtree Pine Creek -
- Lawrence - Fred Blagg So. Central -
- Meigs - Tri State -

Adjourned for worship service. Service was turned over to assistant moderator, Bro. Tony Rogers.

April 12, 1997 (continued)

Bro. Rogers read Scripture from II Peter 3: 8-18.

We sang "He Set me Free", with Sis. Betty Carter as pianist, and Bro. John Hemmings as song leader. We had fellowships and prayer around altar, led by Bro. Danny Boggs.

We sang "Victory in Jesus" while lifting offering which amounted to \$60.04.

Bro. Kenny Coppock asked the blessing on the offering.

Several people from Oak Hill Church sang "Blessed Assurance", "An Old Account was Settled", and "Faithful Along". Sis. Donna Henry played the piano for them.

Sis. Betty Carter played the piano while a group from Mt. Hope Church sang "What a Day".

Bro. Jim Simpson from Oak Hill Church (Pine Creek Conference) preached from II Tim. 3: 1-9. Very good sermon.

We sang "There's a Great Day Coming" as an invitational song.

We then resumed the business service.

Our next conference is to be at: Mt. Hope

mod.: Emil Carter

asst. mod.: Danny Boggs

Business Committee:

1. Kenny Coppock
2. David Maggard
3. Woodrow Dyer

Motion was made and carried that we have ~~the~~ the conferences at our churches in this order: Mt. Hope, Effort, Dogwood Ridge, and Blackford.

We issued Cards of Good Standing for the coming year to: Bro. Fred Blagg, Bro. Tony Rogers, Bro. Danny Boggs, Bro. Glenn Bobst,

6 Ministers
received Cards of
Good Standing

April 12, 1997 (Continued) Bro. Harold Wilson, and Bro. Emil Carter.

Jerry Rogers re-elected
for advisory committee

Bro. Jerry Rogers' term had expired on the Special Committee (Ordaining Committee). He was put back on for 3 years. His term will expire in the year 2000.

Eleanor Crabtree was re-elected as clerk.
Sis. Ethel Bobst was elected treasurer.

Clerk read letter to the State Association. Letter was accepted.

See note on next sheet

Bro. Vanner Crabtree gave the Business Committee the only item of business, which was that our conference pay the \$150 for Blackfork church, and also the \$150 for Dogwood Ridge church, to the State Association to help pay the expenses for the National Convention, since they had stated they were unable to pay that amount.

The Business Committee recommended that the quarterly meeting pay this \$300. Motion was made and carried to do this.

It was brought to the attention of our conference that a ruling made at our January conference was not clear, concerning paying the ministers that preach at our quarterly meetings. So Bro. Jerry Rogers made the motion to pay each minister \$20, whether he come from a short distance, or a long distance, motion carried.

Bro. Dearl Porter gave report of the Jackson co. Conference. Report accepted.

We had announcements then Bro. John Hemmings from Mt. Hope mentioned they had lost 1 member this month by death - Bro. Elmer Hoop. We stood in a moment of silence, then Bro. Dearl Porter dismissed with prayer.
Adjourned.

clerk - Eleanor Crabtree

note: On 4-14-97 Blackfork church paid the \$150 to the State association to help with the expenses of the National Convention, when it convenes in Cincinnati in July 1997.

Eleanor Crathree, clerk

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July 12, 1997 - The Southern Ohio Conference convened at Mt. Hope church at 9:30 A.M.

Service was opened by moderator Darryl Buggs, in the absence of ^{Emil Carter} ~~Bro. Darryl Buggs~~. (Bro. Emil Carter is now pastor of Coaltan F.W.B. church in Jackson Conf., as of July 3, 1997. Bro. Tony Evans is pastor of Mt. Hope church, as of June 1997.)

Had prayer by assistant moderator, Bro. Glen Bohst. Bro. Fred Blagg was appointed to fill Bro. Carter's place on the Special Committee for the day. Clerk read minutes of last meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer gave report. It was approved.

Bro. Tony Evans informed us that he plans to come into the Southern Ohio Conf. at the next Quarterly meeting.

Sis. Catherine (Fennell) Blackburn ~~was~~ was pianist, and Bro. John Hennings led the singing, as we sang "He Set me Free".

Had prayer led by Bro. Fred Blagg.

Vanner Crathree gave report of the Jackson Conference. Report was received.

New messengers appointed:

Jackson - Vanner Crathree Porter -

Lawrence, Ohio - So. Central -

meigs - In-State, Ky. -

Pine Creek -

July³² 12, 1997 (Continued)

Adjourned for worship

Service was turned over to assistant moderator,

We sang "Have Faith in God", then sang, "Amazing Grace", while lifting the offering.

Bro. Bobot read John 14: 1-6

We had some testimonies, then Sister Catherine Blackburn sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells".

Bro. Dave Maggard led in prayer before Bro. Tony Evans preached.

Bro. Evans read from John 15: 7-17 and delivered a good sermon.

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

The Oct. Quarterly meeting will be at Eifort Church.

Moderator - Bro. Glenn Bobot

asst. mod. - Bro. Fred Blagg

Business Committee - Verna Crabtree

John Hemmings III

Kesny Coppock

It was recommended that each church report any obituaries over the last 3 months to the clerk, who, in turn, will send the list of names with our letter to the State Association each year.

I (Eleanor Crabtree) gave report of the State Association. Report was accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Fred Blagg.

Eleanor Crabtree, clerk

Oct 11, 1997 The Southern Ohio Conference met at ³³ Eiford Free Will Baptist church at 9:30 A.M.

Moderator was Bro. Glen Bobst.

Assistant Moderator was Bro. Fred Blagg.

The moderator opened service by having Bro. Danny Boggs offer prayer.

Then Bro. Bobst read Scripture from Romans 6:1-16.

Letters of Statistics were distributed.

Clerk read letter from Jackson Conference asking for a letter of Recommendation for Bro. Emil Carter, who had joined their conference, pending such letter.

The conference voted to grant Bro. Carter his letter of Recommendation.

Bro. Danny Boggs was elected to finish Bro. Carter's term on the Special Committee, which term ends in April 1999.

Danny Boggs elected to special committee

We welcomed our visitors while singing "Amazing Grace". The visitors were Bro. and Sis. Ken Walker.

Had prayer led by Bro. Danny Boggs.

Clerk read minutes of last meeting, and they were approved.

Treasurer gave report. It was also approved.

The only letter with business was the letter from Mt. Hope, asking that their pastor, Bro. Tony Evans, be taken into the Southern Ohio Conference.

We had no reports from other conferences.

Bro. Varren Crutcher gave report of the Jackson Conference. Report accepted.

New messengers appointed were:

Jackson - Rebecca Miller, Peggy Carter
Lawrence Co. - Fred Blagg, Danny Boggs

Oct. 11, 1997 Continued - Meigs -

Bine Creek.

Porter - Danny Boggs

So. central

Tri-State, Ky. -

Service ^{was} turned over to assistant moderator,
Bro. Fred Blagg, for worship service.

(The Special Committee examined Bro.
Tony Evans while Bro. Blagg took care of
the worship service.)

We had some songs and testimonies,
and lifted offering, then Bro. Ken
Walker preached from John 14: 16, 17,
and John 16: 13, 14. The message was
on submission to the Holy Spirit. It
was a very inspiring message.

Service was then turned over to
our moderator for resuming the business.

Next conference to be at - Dogwood Ridge.

Moderator - Tony Rogers

assit. mod. - Danny Boggs

Business Committee:

Vernon Craftree

John Henning III

Kenny Coppock

We had no old business.

Business Committee had no report.

The Special Committee's report "we, the
Ordaining Committee, after examining Bro.
Tony Evans, recommended that he be received
into the conference and given the right hand
of fellowship." Signed, Danny Boggs, Glenn
Babat, Tony Rogers.

Conference welcomed Bro. Evans into the
conference while singing "The Lily of the

Oct. 11, 1997 continued - Valley.

Only one whitening reported for the preceding 3 months. This was Sis. Margaret Jones from Bleakford church. She was a charter member.

We stood in a moment of silence, then Bro. Kenny Coppock led in prayer.

Had announcements.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Darryl Boggs

Eleanor Crutcher
Clerk

Oct. 13, 1997 - clerk mailed Bro. Emil Carter's letter of Recommendation to Marvin Martin. Also mailed Bro. Tony Evans' ministerial card of Good Standing.