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Jan. 8, 2000 - The Southern Ohio Conference convened at the
Dogwood Ridge Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A. M.

Moderator was Bro. Danny Boggs,

asst. mod. was Bro. David Hackworth.

Sis. Catherine Blackburn was Pianist.

Bro. Mark Stapleton was song leader.

Opened service with prayer by Bro. Glenn Bobst.

The moderator read Scripture from # Peter 3: 1-13.

We sang "leaning on the Everlasting arms" while
welcoming the visitors who were:

Bro. Bob Bradley and Bro. Larry Scott from
Campbell Chapel Church in Lawrence Co. Conference.

Bro. Donnie Massie and Bro. Keith Benina from
Mt. Calvary Church in Lawrence Co. Conference.

Then we had prayer around the altar.

Bro. Tony Rogers was replaced on the Ordaining
Committee by Bro. Mark Stapleton. Bro. Stapleton
will serve on this committee until our regular election
in April, as Bro. Rogers is now pastoring Sherrway
FWB Church in Porter Conference.

Bro. Steven Miller was replaced on the Business
Committee for today by Bro. Dave Maggard. (Bro.
Miller could not serve on this committee today as he
is to be examined to be ordained as deacon today.)

The Ordaining Committee was dismissed.

The Business Committee had no business.

The moderator turned the service over to his
assistant moderator while he served on the
Ordaining Committee.

Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Treasurer's report was read & approved.

Letter of Statistics was approved.

The only letter with business was Mt. Hope's,
asking that Bro. Steven Miller be examined to be
ordained as deacon.

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Bro. Tony Rogers asked for a letter of Recommendation to be sent to the Porter Conference and his request was granted.

Messenger reports from other conferences:

Bro. Larry Scott gave report from the Lawrence Co. Conference.

Bro. Tony Rogers gave report from Porter Conf.

We heard the report of our messenger to the Jackson Conf. - Varner Crabtree.

Reports were accepted.

New messengers appointed were:

Jackson - Varner Crabtree	Porter -
Lawrence Co. - Dave Hackworth	So. Central -
Meigs -	Tri State -
Pine Creek -	Boyd Co. - D. Hackworth

Sis. Catherine played the piano, while lifting offering, while the offering was being lifted.

Bro. Woodrow Dyer prayed the dismissal prayer to change from the business session to the worship service.

We sang "Victory in Jesus", then "Amazing Grace" while assembling for prayer.

Mt. Hope singers sang "Going Home" and "He Touched Me" (these singers included Steven & Rebecca Miller, Mark & Fonda Stepleton, Shawn Richardson, Debra Grant, Carol Cate, Dave Mazzard and Catherine Blackburn.)

Then Sis. Rebecca Miller & Sis. Debra Grant sang "Resurrection Morning" and "Angels all around you."

We had a very good singing and testimony service.

Bro. Bob Bradley from Campbell Chapel church preached. He read II Peter 1:5-11.

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Explicated on how a Christian grows. Very
 useful message.

Service was turned back over to the
 moderator to conclude the business, we sang
 "Is thy Heart Right with God?" and for an invitation
 before getting back to the business.

Bro. Mark Stepleton gave report on the
 Tri-State conference. Report was accepted.

The asst. moderator read I Cor. 13:1-13.
 (Entire chapter.)

Announced that Blackfork will be
 the host for the April conference.

Then we took care of old business
 that had been tabled at the Oct. '99 conference.

Item #1 - Vanner Crabtree submitted
 this item. He suggested that we select our
 moderators in alphabetical order, so all of
 our ministers will have equal chance to serve
 as moderator. If the moderator for a
 quarterly meeting finds out he won't be
 able to moderate the meeting, then he is
 to get in touch with the next minister, in
 alphabetical order. The second minister will
 then be the moderator. The moderator for
 each session will select an assistant moderator.

Item passed.

Our ministers in alphabetical order are:

Fred Blagg, Glenn Bohst, Darryl Boyce,
 David Hackworth, Mark Stepleton, Harold Wilson

Item #2 - Vanner Crabtree also submitted
 this item. He suggested we add the words
 "Assistant Clerk" in our Constitution & By-Laws
 everywhere it mentions "clerk and treasurer",
 for time of election, tenure etc., as we had

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lected an assistant clerk at our April 1999 Conference.

Item Passed.

Since the conference passed Item #1 to go to the alphabetical order for moderators, our April moderator will be Bro. David Hackworth. He selected Bro. Mark Stapleton as his assistant.

The Business Committee will be the same as in January - Woodrow Dyer, Varren Crabtree and Steven Miller.

The Ordaining Council report reads: "We, the Ordaining Council, having examined Bro. Steven Miller, have found him worthy of the office of Deacon." (Bro. Miller is to let the committee know when he is ready for the service.)

Signed: Mark Stapleton, Darryl Boyce,
Glen Bobst

The assistant clerk, Rebecca Miller, read a Christmas card from the "Family Ministries", a Free Will Baptist Home for children in North Carolina. Also she mentioned a letter from them asking for a donation. Conference voted to send them \$200.00

Sis. Clara Bailey from Blackfork church was the only obituary mentioned.

Had announcements, then adjourned.

Eleanor Crabtree
Clerk

25 people present

Feb. 5 Bro. Steven Miller was ordained as deacon at Mt. Hope FWB church.

April 8, 2000 - The Southern Ohio Conference convened at the Blackfork Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.

Moderator - Bro. David Heskworth
asst. mod. - Bro. Mark Stapleton
Pianist - Sis. Debra Grant
Song leader - Sis. Rebecca Miller/M. Stapleton
Opened with prayer by Bro. Mark Stapleton,
moderator read the whole book of Philimon.
Congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee" while
welcoming the visitors, who were Bro.
Randy Sizemore and Bro. Paul Bartram,
(Sis. Dotie Sizemore was also present.)
we had prayer around the altar.
minutes of last meeting were read
and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.
Letter of Statistics was ~~read~~ approved.
Letters w/ business:

Blackfork requested that Bro. Fred Blagg and Bro. Danny Boyce be issued ministerial cards of Good Standing for the coming year.

Dogwood Ridge requested that Bro. David Heskworth be issued his card of Good Standing.

Effort requested that Bro. Glenn Bobst and Bro. Harold Wilson be issued their cards of Good Standing.

Mt. Hope requested that Bro. Mark Stapleton be issued his card of Good Standing.

Bro. Randy Sizemore gave a report of Jackson Conference. Report accepted.
Bro. Fred Blagg gave a report of Lawrence

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conference. (He was not a delegate but he went, and gave a very good report.) accepted. appointed new messengers.

Jackson Conference - Mark Stapleton

Lawrence Conference - Fred Blagg

Service was turned over to assistant moderator, Bro. Mark Stapleton, for the worship service.

Congregation sang "Amazing Grace" while fellowshiping, then had prayer around altar.

Mt. Hope singers sang "Resurrection morning" and "Going Home"

Bro. Stapleton sang "Thank God, I am free"

Congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On", while lifting the offering.

Bro. Roger Kleiber led in prayer.

Bro. Paul Buttram brought the message. He read from I Kings 17: 1-7 about Elijah. Very good sermon.

Congregation sang "Just as I am" for an invitational. (Very good worship service)

Back to business - Bro. Stapleton read Ezekiel 34: 18-26.

Bro. Danny Boggs led in prayer.

Moderator, Bro. Hackworth, took care of the rest of business.

Host church for next conf. - Mt. Hope

Moderator - Bro. Mark Stapleton

asst. mod. Bro. Glenn Bohst

Business committee - Bro. Woodrow Dyer

Bro. Farnon Crabtree, Jr.

Bro. Steven Miller

No old business

New business - Bro. Mark Stapleton was elected to the Ordaining Council for a 3-yr.

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terms, from April 2000 to April 2003.

Conference voted to retain same:

Clerk - Eleanor Crattree

asst. clerk - Rebecca Miller

Treasurer - Ethel Bobst

Conference voted to issue ministerial
cards of Good Standing to:

Fred Blagg (Blackfork)

Glen Bobst (Effort)

Danny Boggs (Blackfork)

David Hackworth (Dogwood Ridge)

Mark Stapleton (Mt. Hope)

Harold Wilson (Effort)

Delegates to the State Association for
June 23 & 24, 2000 are:

Rebecca Miller

Eleanor Crattree

Fonda Stapleton

Deidre Hart

Clerk read letter from our conference
to the state association. approved.

There were no obituaries reported.

Had announcements.

adjourned with prayer by Bro. Woodrow
Dyer.

Eleanor Crattree
Clerk

There were 28 present.

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The Southern Ohio Conference convened at Mt Hope
Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.

Moderator - Bro. Mark Stapleton

asst. mod. - Bro. Glenn Bobat

Pianist - Sis. Catherine Blackburn

Song leader - Bro. Mark Stapleton

Opened with prayer by Bro. Randy Sizemore.

Moderator read I John 1: 1-10 (Entire chapter)

Had delegates identify themselves by lifting
their hands.

We sang "Rock of Ages" while welcoming the
visitors who were: Bro. Forest Dyer

Bro. Emil Carter

Bro. Randy Sizemore, Bro. Don Friend

(All three wives were present, too)

We had no committee vacancies to fill.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

There were no letters with business.

We heard reports of messengers from other conferences.

1. Bro. Forest Dyer reported from Little Miami.

2. Bro. Randy Sizemore reported from Jackson.

3. Bro. Don Friend reported from Lawrence.

All reports accepted.

We had no reports from our messengers to
other conferences. (Reports already given.)

Appointed new messengers

1. Jackson - Karen + Eleanor Crabtree

2. Lawrence - David Hackworth

3. Meigs - Darryl Boggs

Adjourned for worship service.

Assistant moderator, Bro. Glenn Bobat, had
charge of the worship service.

We sang "Leaving on the Lasting Arms,"
cont'd.

then had prayer around altar, led by Bro. Randy Sizemore. We sang "my Hope is Built" while lifting offering. Bro. Danny Boggs asked the blessing on the offering. Bro. Bobot read Scripture from Rev. 21:1-7, 22:12-14 and made some very good comments about obedience. Bro. Mark sang "I'm Drinking from the Saviour" (because my cup has overflowed) and "If the Lectures were yesterday would you still be here today?" The children of Steven + Rebecca Miller and David + Deloris Hackworth sang "There'll be Joy on the Other Side of Jordan". Sis. Rebecca Miller and Sis. Deidre Grant sang "I'm Going to a City Some Wonderful Day" and "I Stand Redeemed".

Songs & Sermon

Bro. Don Friend brought the message from Jonah 1:10-17. His topic was "The dangers of fleeing from God, and the results." Exceptionally good message. We sang "There's Power in the Blood" for an invitational song.

Bro. Dave Maggard prayed for the remainder of the service.

Bro. Bobot turned service back over to the moderator to finish up the business.

- Our next Conference: Oct. 14, 2000
- Location - Eifort
- Moderator - Bro. Fred Blagg (Bro. Harold Wilson declined.)
- asst. mod. - Bro. Danny Boggs
- Business Committee - stays the same -
- Woodrow Dyer, James Crabtree, Steven Miller

Bro. Forest Dyer gave report on the F.W.B. children's Home in Tennessee. Report accepted.

Clerk gave report on state conv. of Jan 23 + 24. ^{accepted} We had announcements.

There were no obituaries for the last quarter. Crabtree meeting adjourned. 48 present. Election clerk

Key 2nd
Sermon all the
Way through

Oct. 14, 2000 - The Southern Ohio Conference convened at the Effort Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.

- Moderator - Bro. Fred Blagg
- Asst. mod. - Bro. Danny Boggs
- Pianist - Sis. Catherine Blackburn
- Song leader - Bro. Mark Stepleton

Opened by the moderator, who had Bro. Glenn Bobat lead in prayer.

Bro. Blagg read Rev. 21:1-8

We sang "I Shall not be moved" while welcoming the visitors, who were:

- Bro. Marvin & Sis. Loretta Bates
- Bro. Randy & Sis. Dottie Sizemore
- Sis. Betty Carter
- Carl Albert & Debra Coyle

The Business Committee was excused.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Letter of Statistics was approved.

There were no letters with business.

We heard reports from other conferences:

- Sis. Loretta Bates reported from Jackson Conf.
 - Bro. Fred Blagg reported from Lawrence Conf.
- Reports were accepted.

We heard no reports from our messengers to other conferences.

New messengers appointed:

- Jackson - Bro. Mark Stepleton Porter -
- Lawrence - Bro. Fred Blagg So. Central -
- Meigs - Tri-State -
- Live Creek -

adjourned
Opened for worship service with asst. mod., Bro. Danny Boggs, in charge

Lifted offering while singing "I Feel Like Traveling On", then sang "The Old Rugged Cross", while

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Gathering for prayer, led by Bro. Glenn Bobst.
Bro. Danny read Job 14: 1-14.

Sis. Louella Bates read a poem about "Flowers".
Bro. Randy & Sis. Dottie Sizemore, Sis. Betty Carter,
and Sis. Rebecca Miller sang "I Remember The
Day (or night) Jesus Saved Me".

Service was turned over to Bro. Randy
Sizemore for the message. He read John 3: 14-16.
His thought was "Relying on Christ".

Very good message. Sang "Pass me Not" for the
invitational song.

Had a real good worship service.

Service turned back over to the moderator
for the rest of business.

Bro. Danny Boggs led in prayer.

Next conference: Jan. 13, 2001

Location - Dogwood Ridge

Moderator - Bro. Glenn Bobst

asst. mod. - Bro. Mark Stapleton

Business Committee - Gene Woodrow Dyer

Yvonne ^(Sis.) Crabtree

Steven Miller

One item of business was given to the
business committee. It was submitted
by Eleanor Crabtree. It reads,

"I think it would be a good idea if we
would read our Constitution and By-Laws
at the quarterly meeting once a year, to keep
it fresh in our minds. It would only take
about 1/2 hr. to have someone read the
whole thing. Each one should bring his or
her copy to follow along. I will recommend
that we do this at the January conference
over

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each year."

The Business Committee report reads,
"we, the Business Committee, agree
with this recommendation."

Signed: Varren Crabtree, Sr.

Woodrow Dyer

Steven Miller

There were no obituaries to report.

Had announcements.

Adjourned with Bro. Bobst praying the
Dismissal prayer and asking the blessing
on the offering.

There were 23 present.

Eleanor Crabtree

clerk