

**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
31ST ANNUAL SESSION
JUNE 19-21, 1997**



**Member of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists**

**The Thirty-First Annual Session
of the Maryland State Association
of Free Will Baptists
Convened on June 19-21, 1997 at
Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church
1995 Old Chatham Road
Martinsville, Virginia 24112**

**Host Pastor.....Rev. Clayton Cordell
Moderator.....Rev. David Reece
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. William Steele**

**The Thirty-Second Annual Session
Will Convene on June 25-27, 1998 at
Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
1413 Cranberry Road
Post Office Box 128
Perryman, Maryland 21130-0128**

**Host Pastor.....Rev. Dennis Keen
Moderator.....Rev. David Reece
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. William Steele**

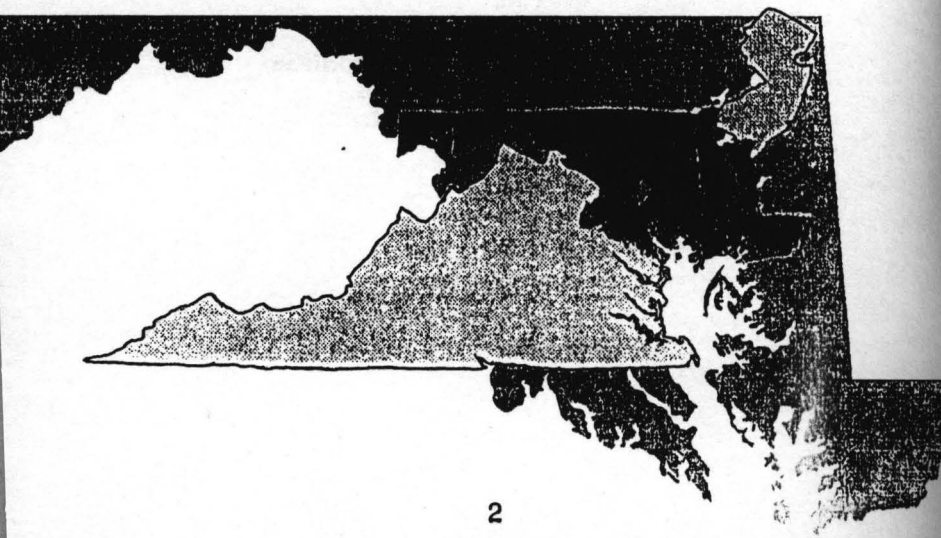
**General Board Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 1998
7:00 P.M.**

**Maryland Women Nationally Active for Christ
Business Session
Thursday, June 25, 1998
7:00 P.M.**

**Maryland State Youth Conference and Competition
Thursday, June 25, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.
Friday, June 26, 1998 at 9:00 A.M.**

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Bethel FWB Church
Bloss Memorial FWB Church
Calvary FWB Church
Chestnut Hill FWB Church
Comertown FWB Church
Crosskeys FW Fellowship
Elkton FWB Church
Fairwood FWB Church
First FWB Church of Bedford, VA
FWB Church of New Castle, DE
FWB Church of Townsend, DE
Grace FWB Church
Heritage FWB Church
Hope FWB Church
Manassas FWB Church
Meadowbrook FWB Church
Mt. Calvary FWB Church
Park Lane FWB Church
Shiloh FWB Church
Stafford FWB Church
Stanley FWB Church
Waldorf FWB Church
Welcome Home FWB Church
Woodland Heights FWB Church
Yorkshire FWB Church



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1998

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Boards and Committees**Executive Committee****Terms Expired**

Rev. Richard Atwood	2000
Rev. Dave Nobles	1998
Rev. William Steele	1998
Rev. Billy D. King	1999
Rev. Lester Horton	1999

State Home Missions Board

Rev. Clayton Cordell	2000
Rev. Roger Mullins	1998
Rev. Lonnie Salyers	1998
Rev. Dave Nobles	1999
Rev. Murray Southwell	1999

State Youth Committee

Bro. Dock Hoilman	2000
Rev. Richard Wright	2000
Mrs. Marian Reece	1998
Rev. Jim Fairchild	1999
Bro. Tim Moody	1999

Historical Committee

Rev. William Steele	2000
Rev. Ray Mullins	1998

National Association General board Members

Rev. Lester Horton	1999
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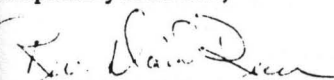
Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met on February 17, 1997, at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia, at 10:00 a.m. Members present were:

Rev. David Reece, Moderator
Rev. William Steele, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Billy King
Rev. Dennis Keen, Treasurer
Rev. Lester Horton, Promotional Secretary

The program was planned and speakers chosen for the 1997 State Meeting. A theme was adopted from I Peter 2:21, "In His Likeness"

Respectfully Submitted,



Rev. David Reece, Moderator

General Board Report
June 19, 1997
7:00 P.M.
Woodland Heights F. W. B. Church

Executive Committee Members Present:

Rev. David Reece
Rev. William Steele
Rev. Lester Horton
Rev. Billy King
Rev. Jay Baines

At Large Delegates:

Central Virginia-Bro. Charles Goff
Northern Virginia-Bro. Clarence Robertson and Bro. Bobby Wilson
Mid-Atlantic Conference-Bro. Grady Hamm

Ordained Ministers:

Rev. Lester Horton	Rev. Phillip Beam
Rev. David Austin	Rev. Rick Gatten
Rev. Bill Steele	Rev. Billy D. King
Rev. David Reece	Rev. Jim Fairchild
Rev. Todd Tennant	Rev. Murray Southwell
Rev. Roger Mullins	Rev. Jay Baines
Rev. James Anderson	Rev. Clay Cordell
Rev. Don Hellms	

Moderator: Rev. David Reece

The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator.
The General Board joined in singing the first verse of "Just As I Am".
Rev. Lester Horton read Psalm 133 and Rev. David Austin led in prayer.
The following reports were given:(all were MSC)

The Executive Committee Report- Rev. David Reece
The Moderator's Report- Rev. David Reece
The Promotional Secretary's Report- Rev. Lester Horton
The Maryland State Missions Report-Rev. Murray Southwell
The Maryland State Missionary Report- Rev. Jim Fairchild
The Maryland State Missions Treasurer's Report- Rev. Murray Southwell for
Rev. Dave Nobles
The Maryland State Treasurer's Report- Rev. Jay Baines for Rev. Dennis Keen

Committee's Appointed by the Moderator were:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Doug King(Chairman), Rev. Jim Fairchild, Rev. Clayton Cordell

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Rev. Bill Steele(Chairman), Rev. Todd Tennant, Bro. Grady Hamm

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Rev. Lester Horton(Chairman), Rev. James Anderson, Rev. Rick Gatten

Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was made by Rev. Lester Horton recommending that the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and the Clerk be given permission to make necessary changes on the program when regularly scheduled people cannot be at the State Meeting. The Motion was seconded and carried.

MSC to Adjourn until the General Session on Friday, June 20, 1997
at 9:00 a.m.

Total in Attendance: 19

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Jay Baines
Clerk, MD State Association

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SESSION

Friday, June 20, 1997

9:00 A.M.

Bro. Jack Horsley opened the Service by asking the congregation to sing "Jesus Saves". A welcome was given by the Host Pastor, Rev. Clay Cordell, of the Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church. The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bill Steele, gave devotional thoughts from Romans 12:1 and also gave some historical highlights from the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptist. Rev. Bill Steele led in prayer. The Clerk, Rev. Jay Baines, called the 31st annual session of the Maryland State Association to order and introduced the Moderator, Rev. David Reece. The Moderator then proceeded to seat the delegates and then recognized the guest from various denominational departments.

Total in Attendance: 14 Ordained Ministers
4 Ordained Deacons
16 Elected Church Delegates

MSC to grant the Moderator to change the program as needed to expedite the meetings.
The Following Reports were given:

The General Board Report- Clerk, Rev. Jay Baines
The Maryland State Home Missionary Report- Rev. Jim Fairchild
The Maryland State Home Missions Board Report- Rev. Murray Southwell
The Maryland State Home Mission Treasurer's Report- Rev. Murray Southwell
for Rev. Dave Nobles
The National Executive Office - Melvin Worthington
The Board of Retirement - Bill Evans
FWB Ministries - Kevin Trimble
Moderator's Message - David Reece
Executive Committee Report - David Reece
Promotional Secretary's Report - Lester Horton
It was Msc to recess from the business session to the worship service.

Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Presiding:	Rev. Bill Steele
Song Leader:	Bro. Jack Horsley
Special Music:	"How Great Thou Art" Bro. Paul Turner
Message from God's Word:	"God Will Stand By You" "Acts 27:21-24" Rev. Jay Baines

Lunch was provided by the Host Church

Afternoon Business Session

The Moderator declared the meeting in session. The following reports were received.

The Report from Harvest Home for Children - Martha Stone
The National Home Missions Report - Rev. David Crowe
The National Foreign Missions Department - Rev. Jimmy Aldridge
Southeastern Bible College - Rev. Bill Steele
FWBBC - Rev. David Reece
Randal House Publications Rev. -David Reece

MSC to recess for the day.

MARYLAND WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Presiding

Sister Pat Mullins

Song Leader

Bro. Jack Horsley
"Blessed Assurance"

Sister Karen Southwell gave the Secretary's report and reported on the previous evening's business meeting. She also reported on the Endowment (Scholarship) Fund that was established in 1997. A challenge was given to give to this fund to help with the Educational Scholarships to aid students from the Maryland State Association. Sister Southwell also promoted the Maryland State Ladies Retreat held in September 26-27 at Camp Little Cross Road near Lynchburg, VA.

The Special project adopted for 1997-98 was the Waldorf Land Fund and The Educational Endowment Fund. A plaque was given to Karen Southwell for her 9 years of faithful service to the Maryland FWB Women Active for Christ.

Special Music

Dena Cordell
"Gloryland Is Not That Far Away"

Toni Anderson
"Consider The Lilies"

An offering was taken as a honorarium for the guest speaker and Rev. Lester Horton was introduced as the Speaker for the service. Rev. Lester Horton's message was "As for God, His Way Is Perfect". Psalm 18:30 was the text verse for the theme and the main Message was preached from Joshua chapter 1.

Friday Evening Youth Banquet

<i>Fellowship Meal</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Evening Worship Service</i>	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Presiding</i>	<i>Bro. Doc Hoilman</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Rev. Jim Fairchild</i>
<i>Presentation of Awards</i>	<i>Rev. Jim Fairchild</i>
<i>Special Music</i>	<i>Billy Miller</i> <i>Jay and Annette Baines</i>
<i>Message from God's Word</i>	<i>Rev. Anthony Edgemon</i> <i>Phillipians 2:25</i>
<i>Dismissal Prayer</i>	<i>Rev. Bill Reynolds</i>

**Earlier in the day there were approximately 30 young people that attended an afternoon picnic and field day at an area lake.*

**These two young people went and represented the Maryland State Association at the National Youth Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Sissy Stamey- Interpretive Reading of Scripture
Courtney Fairchild- Bible Memorization

Saturday, June 21, 1997

9:00 a.m.

Bro. Jack Horseley lead the congregation in the hymn, "Praise Him! Praise Him!" followed by a devotion by Rev. Rick Gatten from Matthew 19:5. Murray Southwell led in prayer and the Moderator, Rev. David Reece, took charge.

The Following Reports were given and MSC.

Southeastern FWB College- Dr. Bruce Barnes
Resolutions Committee Report- Rev. Lester Horton

First resolution was tabled due to a lack of clarity.
Second resolution concerning Promise Keepers was MSC.
Third resolution concerning the KJV of the Bible was amended then MSC.

*At this time a plaque was presented to Rev. Lester Horton in appreciation for his dedication as Moderator and Promotional Secretary of the Maryland State Association for 20 years.

Maryland State Budget- Rev. Bill Steele
Youth Report- Doc Hoilman
Nominating Committee Report- Rev. Bill Steele

The following people were elected as delegates to the National Association of FWB in Cincinnati, Ohio:

Doc Hoilman
Brenda Hoilman
Lottie Horton
Vonda King
Marion Reece

The 1998 Session will be held at The Mt. Calvary FWB Church in Perryman, Maryland, June 25-27, 1998.

MSC to adjourn for the Worship Service.

Worship Service

11:25 a.m.

Presiding	Rev. David Austin
Congregational Hymn- "Victory In Jesus"	Bro. Jack Horseley
Special Music	Deena Cordell
Message From God's Word	Rev. Greg Bevan "The Place Called Hell" Mark 9:43-48

Invitation

MSC for the adjournment of the 31st Annual Session of the Maryland State Association of FWB

Thirty-eight women from thirteen churches and ministries were present for the business session of the Maryland State Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 1997; at Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia.

Sister Jean Horsley led the women in singing "His Way With Thee".

Sister Minnie Weaver led in prayer.

Sister Margaret (Pat) Evans, local Vice President, welcomed the women to the Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church and to the city of Martinsville.

Sister Pat Mullins, President, took charge of the meeting and brought a devotion concerning "God's Way Is Perfect" from Psalms 18:30.

MSC to seat delegates.

Visitors Martha Stone, Harvest Free Will Baptist Child Care Ministries and Rev. William Evans, Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement / Free Will Baptist Foundation were recognized.

MSC to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.

A short report was given by Sis. Martha Stone, Harvest Free Will Baptist Child Care Ministries.

Rev. William Evans gave a short report concerning our Educational Endowment/Scholarship Fund.

MSC that the Executive Committee serve as the committee to formulate the rules and an application for the scholarship.

Information was given on the State Retreat to be held on September 26-27, 1997 at Camp Little Crossroads at Lowesville, VA

There was no old business.

During New Business, MSC that the 1997-98 project be equally divided between the Waldorf Land Fund and the Educational Endowment. The goal is \$3,000.

The following were elected as officers:

President
(3 yr term
elected '96)

Pat Mullins
1236 Timberlake Road
Strasburg, VA 22657
540-465-4061

Vice Presidnet
(2 yr term
elected '96)

Lottie Horton
6415 Little Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
703-250-3102

Sec'y-Treasurer
(3 yr term
elected '97)

Dena Cordell
280 Woodhaven Road
Martinsville, VA 24112
540-632-2339

FW/Mbr-at-Large
(1 yr term)

Betty Goff
1760 Dowdy Crossing
Huddleston, VA 24104

FW/Mbr-at-Large
(1 yr term)

Laura Hamm
7 North Independence
New Castle, DE 19720
302-322-4164

FW/Mbr-at-Large
(1 yr term)

Marian Reece
12500 Chewning Lane
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
540-972-7612

Nat'l Nom. Cmtee
(2 yr term - elected
on odd numbered year
to serve 1997 and 1998)

Lottie Horton
6415 Little Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
703-250-3102

Retreat Committee:

(3 yr term
expires 1998)

Marian Reece
12500 Chewning Lane
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
540-972-7612

(3 yr term
elected in '96
expires 1999)

Pat Mullins
1236 Timberlake Road
Strasburg, VA 22657
540-465-4601

(2 yr term
elected in '97
expires 1999)

Dottie Steele
112 Whitcomb Lane
Goode, VA 24556
540-586-0759

MSC to give Sister Horton \$100.00 to help defray expenses to the National Association.

Elected as delegates to the National Association which meets in Cincinnati, OH are: Sisters Lottie Horton, Laura Hamm, Brenda Hoilman, and Marian Reece.

MSC to adjourn.

	BETHEL	BLOSS	CEN VA DIST	CHES HILL	FAIRWOOD	FIRST BEDFD	HERITAGE	MEADOW BROOK	NEW CASTLE	NO VA DIST	WOOD HGTS
FOREIGN MISSIONS:											
General Fund										\$100.00	
Helping Hands (Doropo Clinic)							\$ 52.56	\$ 50.00			
LBS World Missions Offering		\$ 30.06			\$ 110.00				\$269.00		\$ 50.00
TEAM '97	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00			\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00			
Dale Bishop											\$120.00
Robert Bryan								\$ 60.00			
Carlisle Hanna	\$1,762.90	\$145.00			\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00			
Alice Smith								\$ 100.00			
Jim Sturgill	\$ 50.00	\$120.00			\$ 100.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
HOME MISSIONS:											
Jim Fairchild										\$120.00	\$120.00
Lizzie McAdams Offering		\$ 70.00			\$ 95.00						\$ 50.00
COLLEGES:											
Southeastern						\$120.00					
Mischa Bevan Scholarship Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00			\$ 25.00	\$300.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00			
(at Southeastern FWB College)											
WNAC:											
Co-Laborer Fund		\$120.00			\$ 120.00		\$ 4.00	\$ 90.00		\$120.00	
Dues	\$ 100.00	\$100.00			\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00	\$130.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00		\$ 60.00
Emphasis Month					\$ 80.00						\$ 65.00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:											
AL Children's Home			\$100.00								
Harvest FWB Child Care Ministry			\$100.00								
NO STATE FWB WAC:											
State Treasury					\$ 50.00	\$ 51.00			\$ 50.00	\$200.00	
Educational Endowment (Project)	\$ 300.00	\$101.00		\$131.00	\$ 275.00		\$100.00	\$ 375.00	\$140.00	\$ 80.00	\$275.00
TOTAL GIVING:	\$2,262.90	\$742.06	\$200.00	\$131.00	\$1,010.00	\$531.00	\$436.56	\$1,045.00	\$579.00	\$620.00	\$740.00
GRAND TOTAL GIVING: \$8,649.52											
PROJECT TOTAL: \$1,777.00											

Moderator's Report 1997

It is a pleasure to be together with each of you for the 31st anniversary of the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptist. We have had a great year as a State Association. We have seen and enjoyed great reports from our Mission work. We have seen two building programs progress. We have new churches since last year and our attendance on Roll Call Sunday nearly doubled while our conversions on that day more than doubled.

I have visited all Quarterlys one time, helped establish a new church, and represented you at the National Association Meeting.

I thank you for the privilege of serving you and all the help each of you have given to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rev. David Reece". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "D".

Rev. David Reece
Maryland State Association, Moderator

1996 - 1997
REPORT OF STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Greetings in Jesus name.

I have been looking forward to another meeting of the Maryland Association hosted by the Central Virginia Quarterly Conference and we always have a wonderful time here in Martinsville, at Woodland Heights Church.

This has been a very good year in many ways. To God be the glory.

The great results of Roll Call Sunday is still fresh on our minds with a total in attendance of 4,325 with 73 saved. This is an increase of 1,353 over last years attendance with 41 more saved than reported last year.

The Townsend Church was the leader with 509 in attendance, Heritage Church came in second place with 342. The leading church in conversions was our Mission Church in Waldorf, MD with 30 saved and 317 in attendance.

As always, my wife and I look forward to attending the quarterly meetings. It is like a family reunion for us.

I was blessed to represent our association at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN in December.

The good reports from our churches are always exciting.

Meadowbrook F.W.B. Church (formerly Stephens City) is now in their beautiful new building. Bro. Richard Atwood and the good folks are making progress in the building of a new sanctuary.

We welcome the Calvary F.W.B. Church in the Madison, VA area as a member of this association. Also, we welcome other ministers to our fellowship including Bro. Rick Gatten as pastor at Chestnut Hill Church.

A special "Thank You" to all the churches that contributed to our state budget including our state mission project.

Although we failed to meet the projected figures, let me challenge all our churches to do your best to help meet our proposed budget in the days ahead.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your promotional secretary for another fiscal year.

The expenditures will be reflected in the treasurer's report.

Sincerely submitted,

Rev. Lester Horton

Rev. Lester Horton
Promotional Secretary

LH:dsp

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION BUDGET REPORT

June 1997-May 1998

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

General Board Member Expense to National Association	1,300.00
Delegates to National Association	375.00
Honorariums (Clerk, Sec., Treas., Moderator, Speakers)	550.00
Youth Committee	1,000.00
Moderator	750.00
Promotional Secretary	750.00
National Association Dues (30.00 per church)	660.00
Printing of Minutes and Programs	650.00
Miscellaneous	850.00
	6,885.00

HOME MISSIONS BUDGET

State Home Missions Project (1/2 yr. due to self-supporting)	21,000.00
Home Missions Board Expense and Missionary Expense to National Association	2,000.00
	23,000.00
TOTAL STATE BUDGET	29,885.00

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Steele, Chairman
Grady Hamm
Todd Tennant

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HOME MISSIONS REPORT
JUNE 19, 1997

The State Home Missions Board met in September at the Waldorf Free Will Baptist Church to discuss pressing needs for more parking space. After considerable discussion, five thousand dollars was earmarked for engineering and surveying of the additional lot purchased in February of 1995. However, the church has been able to use the lot in its unimproved condition, for overflow parking and recreation.

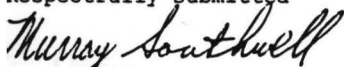
Rev. Clayton Cordell and I attended the National Home Missions Retreat in Nashville, Tn. in January 1997. The focus was on ways and means of increasing attendance and reaching our communities with an uncompromised Gospel. Much of John Maxwell's methods were discussed. We were privileged to hear two Marylanders speak, Rev. Atwood and Rev. Fairchild.

The board met again on February 17, 1997 to discuss the progress of the Waldorf Church. The reports were very positive. We believe the Church will be self-supporting in every way by the end of this year or the first quarter of next year. Great prayer warriors are needed as these folks step out on faith to assume all church expenses and building expansion.

Please continue your financial support as plans are finalized for their organizational service.

As you are aware, this has been a "joint project" with the National Association of Free Will Baptists Home Missions Department. We appreciate their work greatly as they have helped raise funds throughout the nation to help establish a Free Will Baptist Church in Waldorf. Their encouragement, seminars, newsletters, and guidance have been invaluable. As a State Association, we say "Thank You."

Respectfully Submitted



Rev. Murray Southwell-Chairman.

Maryland State Home Missions
Balance Sheet - Actual
For All Accounts
As of May 31, 1997

ASSETS

Checking	
Checking	<u>\$6,845.53</u>
Total Checking	\$6,845.53
Savings	
Savings	<u>\$15,390.78</u>
Total Savings	<u>\$15,390.78</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$22,236.31</u>

EQUITY

Fund balance	
Auxiliary Fund/GWHope	\$2,671.99
General Operating Fund	\$8,188.05
One for Waldorf Fund (All monies received are disbursed to the National for loan)	\$0.00
Waldorf Fund	<u>\$11,376.27</u>
Total Fund balance	<u>\$22,236.31</u>
TOTAL EQUITIES	<u>\$22,236.31</u>

Maryland State Home Mis
Income and Expenses - Actual
For All Accounts
June 01, 1996 through May 31, 1997

INCOME

Income

Bank Interest Income	\$365.86
General Operating Income	\$4,189.14
One for Waldorf Income	\$568.05
Waldorf Income	\$21,471.27

TOTAL INCOME

\$26,594.32

EXPENSE

Expense

General Operating Expense	\$1,758.84
One for Waldorf Expense	\$568.05
Waldorf Expense	\$21,471.27

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$23,798.16

Maryland State Home Miss
General Operating Fund Expense Accounting
For Account General Operating Expense
June 01, 1996 through May 31, 1997

General Operating Expense : Expense

Date	Trans Type Account Posted To	Payee/or Memo	Amount
7/10/96	Increase in Expense Checking	Jim Fairchild Expenses to the National	\$1,000.00
9/5/96	Increase in Expense Checking	Clayton Cordell 400 miles @ .25 - Board Meeting in Waldorf	\$100.00
9/5/96	Increase in Expense Checking	Travelers Bank Reimb for lunch for Board Meeting	\$49.13
11/15/96	Increase in Expense Checking	Murray Southwell Travel - Board Expense	\$30.00
1/3/97	Increase in Expense Checking	Trymon Messer Trip to Nashville - cash for road to Home Missions Retreat	\$100.00
2/4/97	Increase in Expense Checking	National Home Missions Two Board members to National Home Missions Retreat	\$200.00
2/24/97	Increase in Expense Checking	Murray Southwell Meals - Board Expense	\$12.31
2/24/97	Increase in Expense Checking	Dave Nobles Board Meeting Expense - meal	\$6.15
2/24/97	Increase in Expense Checking	Roger Mullins Board Expense - 150 miles @ .25 + meals	\$49.81
2/24/97	Increase in Expense Checking	Jim Fairchild Board Expense - 100 miles @ .25	\$25.00
2/24/97	Increase in Expense Checking	Clayton Cordell 400 miles @ .25 - Board Meeting + meals	\$112.31

5/31/97

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Bethel FWB Church

Woodbridge, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
1	General Oper. Fund	\$250.00
1	One For Waldorf Fund	\$140.00
1	Waldorf Fund	\$2,284.99

TOTAL GIVING: \$2,674.99

Bloss Memorial FWB Church

Arlington, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
2	General Oper. Fund	\$504.85

TOTAL GIVING: \$504.85

Chestnut Hill FWB Church

Big Island, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
3	General Oper. Fund	\$211.66

TOTAL GIVING: \$211.66

Elkton FWB Church

Elkton, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
4	General Oper. Fund	\$125.00
4	Waldorf Fund	\$400.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$525.00

5/31/97

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Fairwood FWB Church

Fairfax Station, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
5	General Oper. Fund	\$133.32
5	One For Waldorf Fund	\$80.00
5	Waldorf Fund	\$596.66

TOTAL GIVING: \$809.98

First FWB Church

Bedford, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
6	General Oper. Fund	\$564.05
6	One For Waldorf Fund	\$3.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$567.05

Heritage FWB Church

Fredricksburg, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
8	General Oper. Fund	\$150.00
8	Waldorf Fund	\$150.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$300.00

Hope FWB Church

Bridgeton, NJ

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
9	General Oper. Fund	\$30.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$30.00

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GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Manassas FWB Church

Manassas, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
10	General Oper. Fund	\$43.34
TOTAL GIVING:		\$43.34

Mt. Calvary FWB Church

Perryman, MD

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
11	General Oper. Fund	\$967.25
11	Waldorf Fund	\$977.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$1,944.25

Park Lane FWB Church

Charlottesville, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
12	One For Waldorf Fund	\$72.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$72.00

Stafford FWB Church

Stafford, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
14	Waldorf Fund	\$165.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$165.00

5/31/97

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Stanley FWB Church

Stanley, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
15	Waldorf Fund	\$80.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$80.00

Meadow Brook FWB Church

Middletown, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
16	General Oper. Fund	\$91.68
16	One For Waldorf Fund	\$167.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$258.68

Waldorf FWB Church

Waldorf, MD

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
18	Waldorf Fund	\$12,629.58
TOTAL GIVING:		\$12,629.58

Woodland Heights FWB Church

Martinsville, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
20	General Oper. Fund	\$632.18
20	One For Waldorf Fund	\$96.05
20	Waldorf Fund	\$458.58
TOTAL GIVING:		\$1,186.81

5/31/97

GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Yorkshire FWB Church

Manassas, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
21	General Oper. Fund	\$133.36
21	Waldorf Fund	\$1,645.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$1,778.36

FWB Church of New Castle

New Castle, DE

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
22	General Oper. Fund	\$150.08
22	Waldorf Fund	\$1,861.12
TOTAL GIVING:		\$2,011.20

FWB Church of Townsend

Townsend, DE

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
23	General Oper. Fund	\$100.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$100.00

MD Woman's Auxiliary

, VA

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
24	Waldorf Fund	\$290.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$290.00

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GIVER'S HISTORY TO DATE-SUM OF FUND TYPES

Northern VA Conference

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
25	General Oper. Fund	\$35.71
TOTAL GIVING:		\$35.71

Calvary FWB Church

Madison, Va

GIVER#	FUND TYPE	AMOUNT GIVEN
26	One For Waldorf Fund	\$10.00
TOTAL GIVING:		\$10.00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator	Rev. David Reece	Annually
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bill Steele	Annually
Home Missions Treasurer	Rev. Dave Nobles	N/A
Promotional Secretary	Rev. David Reece	2000
Executive Committee	Rev. Richard Atwood	2000
State Home Missions Board	Rev. Clayton Cordell	2000
Youth Committee	Bro. Tim Moody	1999
	Bro. Doc Hoilman	2000
	Rev. Richard Wright	2000
Historical Society	Rev. Bill Steele	2000
General Board Member	Rev. Lester Horton	1999

Submitted By: Rev. Billy D. King
Rev. Clayton Cordell
Rev. Jim Fairchild

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

June 19, 1997

Submitted by David Austin

To: Resolutions Committee

Re: Gender Neutral N.I.V. Translation of the Scriptures

Be it resolved that the Maryland State Association recognize that the Holy Scriptures set forth God to have revealed himself to mankind as the masculine Triune God, referring to himself in the masculine gender and being witness as being the Heavenly Father, by Jesus, His only son; by the apostles; by the Prophets; and by all the writers of both the Old and New Testaments; as well as by all the church fathers throughout the history of the New Testament church. We do not accept as biblically correct any Gender Neutral Translation of the Scriptures, by any translation's or publisher's nor sanction it's use in our Association.

June 19, 1997

Submitted by David Austin

To: Resolutions Committee

Re. Promise Keepers

Be it resolved that the Maryland State Association set forth its' position of the current movement called "Promise Keepers", that we do not sanction or accept the beliefs set forth by this unbiblical ecumenical movement. Be it further resolved that the Maryland State Association go on record as being opposed to any sanction by any of our National Ministries of the "Promise Keepers"

To: Resolutions Committee

Submitted by Rev. Lester Horton

Re: KJV

In keeping with the practice of The Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches through the years and to avoid an issue that would create division and controversy if changes were made; Therefore be it resolved that we continue to use only the authorized King James Version Bible in all the services of this Association including The Youth Conference and WAC while in our annual session; be it futher resolved that all speakers including members and guests be informed of this practice in advance.

To: Resolutions Committee

Submitted by Rev. Lester Horton

A rising vote of appreciation be given to Woodland Heights FWB Church of Martinsville, Va.

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

FINANCIAL REPORT

1 June 96 through 31 May 97

Beginning Balance June 1st 1996

\$4,048.55

Receipts

State Treasurer	\$5,533.45
MD State Home Missions	\$4,374.18
Foreign Missions	\$3,221.95
Home Missions	\$310.00
Children's Home Tennessee	\$60.00
Reimbursed By National Association	\$110.00

Total Receipts

\$13,609.58

Grand Total Receipts

\$17,658.13

Expenditures

National Association Fees	\$660.00
Foreign Missions	\$3,221.95
Home Missions	\$310.00
MD State Home Missions	\$4,374.18
Youth to National	\$400.00
Children's Home Tennessee	\$60.00
Honorariums	\$475.00
Youth Expense	\$500.00
Delegates to National	\$375.00
General Board to National	\$1,100.00
Moderator/Promotional Sec Exp.	\$762.00
Executive Committee Expense	\$243.54
Printing of State Minutes	\$607.64
Benevolence	\$54.50
Telephone Expense	\$799.29
Miscellaneous	\$12.90

Total Expenditures

\$13,956.00

Balance May 31st, 1997

\$3,702.13

Respectfully submitted,

Rw Dennis R Keen
M. Stanley Parnell

Dennis R. Keen, Treasurer

Stanley Parnell, Assistant Treasurer

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST TREASURER'S REPORT

1 June 96 through 31 May 97

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	FWBBC	South Eastern College	Children's Home Alabama	Children's Home Tenn.	Harvest Children's Home	Children's Home S.C.	MD State Gen Fund	MD State Home Missions	Total
Bethel									\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
Bloss Memorial									\$833.61	\$416.80	\$1,250.41
Chestnut Hill						\$60.00			\$259.34	\$129.66	\$449.00
Elkton	\$300.00								\$200.00	\$100.00	\$600.00
Fairwood	\$100.00								\$266.68	\$133.32	\$500.00
First Bedford	\$714.82	\$270.00							\$679.22	\$339.63	\$2,003.67
Meadowbrook	\$60.00	\$30.00							\$273.32	\$86.68	\$450.00
Heritage										\$300.00	\$300.00
Hope of N.J.	\$1,957.13								\$73.34	\$36.66	\$2,067.13
Stanley	\$40.00										\$40.00
Mt. Calvary										\$1,516.00	\$1,516.00
New Castle									\$333.28	\$370.22	\$703.50
Townsend									\$133.34	\$66.66	\$200.00
Woodland	\$50.00								\$817.02	\$492.82	\$1,359.84
Yorkshire									\$299.98	\$150.02	\$450.00
Central VA Conf									\$90.00		\$90.00
N. VA . Conf									\$689.32	\$35.71	\$725.03
Mid-Atlantic									\$180.00		\$180.00
Individual Gifts		\$10.00							\$5.00		\$15.00
Total	\$3,221.95	\$310.00				\$60.00			\$5,533.45	\$4,374.18	\$13,499.58
Bethel	\$6,831.59	\$4,304.60		\$2,704.54							\$13,840.73
First of Bedford	\$4,670.20	\$890.33		\$7,300.00	\$1,637.50		\$437.50	\$50.00			\$14,985.53
Mt. Calvary	\$5,496.20	\$2,473.21		\$700.00		\$322.00					\$8,991.41
New Castle	\$4,499.18	\$5,444.54	\$700.00	\$850.00						\$300.00	\$11,793.72
Welcome Home	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$1,050.00			\$769.76					\$2,219.76
Townsend	\$7,719.59	\$1,750.00								\$250.00	\$9,719.59
Heritage	\$320.00	\$2,615.00	\$100.00								\$3,035.00
Total	\$29,686.76	\$17,727.68	\$1,850.00	\$11,554.54	\$1,637.50	\$1,091.76	\$437.50	\$50.00		\$550.00	\$64,585.74
Grand Total	\$32,908.71	\$18,037.68	\$1,850.00	\$11,554.54	\$1,637.50	\$1,151.76	\$437.50	\$50.00	\$5,533.45	\$4,924.18	\$78,085.32

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CONSTITUTION

of the
MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a state association, and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination among us, do therefore adopt this Constitution for the purpose of better denominational government and to the glory of God.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND AFFILIATION

This yearly meeting shall be called the "Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists."

This Association shall voluntarily affiliate with the National Association of Free Will Baptists according to the provisions in its treatise.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

The membership of this Association shall be composed of properly organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings. Each shall be composed of churches conforming to the usages and adopting the Doctrines and the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Association. Any Quarterly Conference desiring membership in this Association may at any time, upon application and by majority vote of this Association, become a member thereof.

The business of this Association shall be conducted by the ordained ministers, deacons, clerks who are members of a Quarterly Meeting within this Association, and elected delegates. Each Quarterly Meeting is entitled to three delegates from each church in addition to the standing delegates.

No minister or deacon will be recognized as a standing delegate who does not conform to all the qualifications of I Timothy 3 and Titus 1, including if he or his wife has a living companion from a previous marriage.

It shall be the duty of each Quarterly Meeting belonging to this Association to send a letter to each annual meeting of this Association reporting in the same its statistics and benevolent work.

This Association shall have authority to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for practices contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association. Any Quarterly meeting belonging to this Association may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

The officers of this Association shall consist of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and all boards and committees as elected by the body. These shall be elected for a term of three years, except for the Moderator and the Assistant Moderator which shall be elected annually at the close of the meeting of the Association.

A. Duties of Officers:

Moderator - It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings of the Association, General Board, and Executive Committee, and to perform all other duties incumbent to this office. He shall be chairman of the Executive Committee and the General Board. He shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

Assistant Moderator - It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator when-ever called upon, and assume the chair in the absence of the Moderator.

Clerk - It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record and maintain all minutes and records pertaining to this Association.

Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Secretary to be responsible for recording the minutes of the

Association and to keep complete records of all business transactions. It shall further be the duty of the Secretary to assist the Clerk in the printing of the minutes of each Annual Association.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide means to enroll the ordained personnel and delegates to this Association who shall sign the register upon arrival with name, address, and Quarterly meeting represented.

Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, deposit, and disperse all funds at the discretion of this Association.

The Treasurer shall provide a quarterly report to the Moderator and Promotional Secretary, and shall give an annual report to the this Association in session.

Assistant Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Assistant Treasurer to assist the Treasurer in the duties incumbent upon the office. In the absence of the Treasurer the signature of the Assistant Treasurer shall be valid.

3. General Board:

1. The General Board of this Association shall meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday before the regular annual session convenes on Friday Morning, and shall consist of the following: Moderator, Clerk, Executive Committee, two members-at-large from each Quarterly Meeting, the Chairmen of all boards and committees, and all ordained ministers.

2. It shall be the duty of all members of this board to be present at the time appointed for each meeting. Proxy representation will be accepted upon presentation of a statement signed by the member.

3. All meetings of this board shall convene with open doors except when resolved into a committee of the whole. Any person not a member of this board may be allowed to take part in the discussion by obtaining permission from the Moderator.

4. It shall be the responsibility of this board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of this Association.

5. Should necessity arise between the annual sessions of the state association, this board shall be called into special session with the privilege to act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of this Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

6. This board shall review the annual reports and budgets of all boards and committees before these reports are presented to this Association.

C. Executive Committee:

1. This Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five[5] members elected by this Association to three[3] year terms.

2. This committee shall provide written reports of its work to the General Board. It shall not have power to commit this Association to any course of action or policy not authorized by this Association.

3. This committee shall have the responsibility of planning the program for the annual meetings of this Association.

4. This committee shall have authority to disburse funds as approved in the Association budget.

5. This committee shall act on behalf of this Association between annual sessions and make recommendation to the General Board.

D. State Home Mission Board:

1. This board shall consist of five[5] members elected by this Association to three[3] year terms, and shall be responsible for carrying out the desires of this Association in establishing and supporting mission churches in areas under the direction of the Maryland State Association. It shall report annually to this Association.

2. This board shall have authority to make decisions on location, personnel, and finance. Upon approval of this Association or the General Board, it shall be authorized to sign for loans of up to 80% of the bank value of the real estate property .

3. This board shall elect one of its members as the Home Missions Treasurer. He shall receive and disburse all Home Missions monies and shall keep proper records.

E. Youth Committee:

1. This committee shall consist of five[5] members elected annually to three[3] terms as needed.

2. This committee shall elect its officers which shall consist of the following: chairman, secretary, coordinator, and treasurer.

3. The purpose of this committee shall be three-fold:

a. To plan and promote the youth activity for each State Association Meeting;

b. To plan and promote the CTS youth competition among the local churches;

c. To plan and promote one state youth activity for each fall and spring season.

4. This committee will meet at the following times:

a. During each State Association Meeting to elect its officers and to set the exact date for the next meeting;

b. During Youth Camp to make plans for a state youth activity in November;

c. During the state youth activity in November to finalize plans and to prepare a report for the planning session of the Executive Committee concerning the youth activity at State Association. The report will include the following:

1) Friday Activity

2) Competition Schedule

3) Friday Night's Activity Schedule

d. During January to plan a state youth activity for the spring.

ARTICLE IV - General Session

The general session of this Association shall convene on Friday Morning at 9 O'clock before the fourth Sunday in June and shall be empowered to conduct business in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Each session shall be opened by Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with Prayer.

This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENT

The Constitution and By-Laws of this Association may be altered or amended at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of the members present providing the change has been submitted in writing and tabled from one previous session.

ARTICLE VI - DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists, any assets of this organization then remaining shall be conveyed to such organizations then existent dedicated to similar objectives to those of this organization, selected by the General Board at the time of dissolution, which organization must be exempt under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended or under successor provisions of the code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution.

BY-LAWS

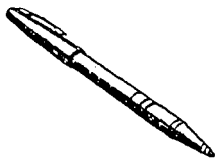
1. The Clerk, or in his absence, the senior minister in years, shall call the Association to order if a quorum is present. The Moderator (or in his absence the Assistant Moderator) shall take charge. If neither is present, a Moderator Pro-Tem shall be elected.
2. By a two-thirds vote of all members present, a ruling of the Moderator shall be overruled.
3. The Moderator shall have the same privileges to speak as any other person provided the chair is properly filled.
4. This Association may correspond by letter or other wise with other religious bodies.
5. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in discussion by obtaining permission from the Moderator and properly identifying themselves.
6. Anyone desiring to speak shall stand and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of each member of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting. Anyone wishing to retire should first obtain permission from the Moderator.
8. The Moderator and the Assistant Moderator must be an ordained ministers.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian Spirit, or when, in his judgment, discord or division will be caused.
10. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any board or committee.
11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat delegates in a designated section at the beginning of each session.
12. A majority of the Quarterly Meetings comprising this body, represented by letter and delegates, shall comprise a quorum.
13. This Association shall follow Parliamentary procedure governed by "Robert's Rules of Order."



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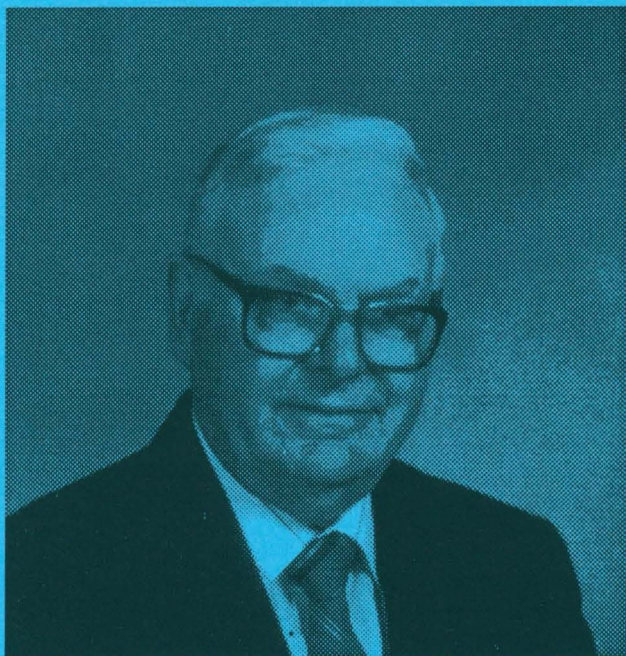
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REV. ELZO BEVAN

Born on October 14th 1922 as one of the 8 children to Circuit Riding Free Will Baptist Preacher, Rev. Elzo Bevan had entered the home of a "country preacher".

His parents were Rev. Waley M. and Ida Bevan of Fayette County Alabama. Brother Bevan's education consisted of "country school" through the 6th grade and he completed the 9th grade at Balch School, which was a local grade school. After entering the ministry he attended 1 year at the Marumsco Bible School of Manassas, Virginia. Brother Bevan was 1 of 5 brothers in the home and all of them became preachers.

In January 1943 he entered the Army Air Corps. He was trained as a radio operator in Gunnery School while in Arizona. He was assigned to the 100th Bomb group of B-17 bombers. After 32 missions he was shot down on September 11, 1944 and became a prisoner of war. He was interned in Poland on February 5th 1945 and was forced to march 87 days ending on May 2nd 1945. He was freed by the British Army lacking only 3 days being a prisoner of War for 8 months. Brother Bevan was shipped back to the USA in October of 1945.

After the close of World War Two on October the 25th 1946 Brother Elzo Bevan was married to his lovely wife Mary in Washington D.C. Shortly there after the couple moved to Annandale Virginia where Brother Bevan was saved in 1952 because of the continual witness of an Assembly of God couple. He answered the call to preach on February 13th 1953. The first message he ever preached was at the Braddock Missionary Baptist Church on Braddock Road in Fairfax Virginia where he became the founding pastor of the Fairwood Free Will Baptist Church. He pastored 9 churches in several states with his longest pastorate staying a total of 16 years at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Woodbridge Virginia. The work at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church is considered by Brother Bevan as his greatest work. The attendance at times exceeded 300 under his leadership as pastor.

Brother and Sister Bevan have three sons and two daughters and all are in Christian service. All three of his sons are preachers.

Other accomplishments in his ministry include: A Radio Broadcasting ministry, 3 trips to Israel, 1 term on the National Home Mission Board, Maryland State Moderator, Chairman of the Maryland. State Mission Board, Credentials committee and other local quarterly positions.

Rev. Elzo and Mary Bevan, his wife of 51 plus years live in retirement in Anger North Carolina and currently worship at the Stage Road Free Will Baptist Church where Rev. Shawn Williams, their son-in-law is the pastor. Brother Bevan is presently serving as the Assistant pastor in the church. At 75 years of age his wit and candor are still a great pleasure. May the spirit and legacy of service to God found in you Brother Bevan, continue for centuries to come. Maryland State thanks you for an excellent example lived out before us.