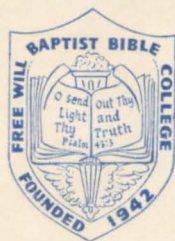


The
Ohio State Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1941

Proceedings of the
3rd Annual Session

Convened at
Union Church near
Sciotoville, Ohio



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

MINUTES

OF THE
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Union Church, Wheelersburg, Ohio, Scioto County,
beginning Tuesday morning, June 3, 1941.

OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. Wm. Shepperd,	Sciotoville, Ohio
Ass't. Mod.:	Eld. W. B. May,	Cheshire, Ohio
Clerk,	Mrs. Grace Peach,	Sciotoville, Ohio
Ass't. Clerk,	Mrs. Ione Buchannen,	Long Run, Ohio

The next annual session of this association will
be held with Wellston Church, Wellston, Ohio,
June 1942.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its third annual session with Union Church, June 3, 1941.

The meeting was called to order by Eld. Lafe Yeley. Opened by singing and prayer.

Scripture reading, Heb. 13, by Eld. Yeley.

Welcome address by Eld. Wm. Shepperd, pastor of the church.

Response by Eld. Milford Riddlebarger.

An old fashioned handshake was enjoyed.

Dismissed with prayer.

Lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened with singing and prayer with devotionals led by Eld. James Shonkwiller.

Message by Eld. May, of Meigs County, text "Lo, I am with you always" Matt. 28.

A testimony was enjoyed.

Dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service in charge of Sciotodale Church led by Bro. Luther Hammond.

Devotionals led by Eld. Walter Ketter.

Message by Eld. Jesse Sizemore of Lawrence County, Ohio, text 2 Tim. 2:15.

Dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The business part of the Association was called to order by the clerk.

Singing and prayer.

The moderator takes charge.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13, by the moderator, Eld. Shepperd.

Eld. John B. Rollins of Monett, Missouri, Editor of the "Free Will Baptist Gem" was given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into the meeting.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.

There were two replacements in the Credential Committee, Eld. Sizemore and Eld. Graham.

Elder Rollins gave a short talk and advertized his publications.

Assistant officers were appointed: Assistant Moderator, Eld. May; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Ione Buchannen.

Report of Credential Committee accepted and the delegates were seated.

Appointment of Committees

Business—Dea. Wm. Jacobs, Eld. Sizemore, Dea. Earl Noel.

Credential—Eld. May, Eld. Yeley, Dea. Frank Adams.

Minutes—Sister Alice Childern, Sister Ella Adams, Sister Vada Yeley.

Publicity—Grace Peach, Eld. Graham, Eld. Melvin Dunn.

Resolutions—Eld. Kemper, Eld. Graham, Eld. C. O. Turner.

Motion and carried we adjourn business until 2:00 p. m.

Dismissed with prayer.

Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Services opened with singing and prayer.

Scripture reading, John 3, by Eld. Turner.

Moderator takes charge.

Appointment of committees continued.

Financial—Bro. Ed. Carter, Eld. Dunn, Dea. G. W. Coldiron.

Program—Sister Childers, Sister Adams, Sister Peach.

Foreign Mission—Eld. Graham, Dea. John Henning, Dea. Earl Noel.

Eld. Rollins gave a report of the Missouri State Association, accepted.

Eld. Sizemore was appointed to visit the Kentucky State Association.

Eld. Shepperd volunteered to go to the Missouri State Association.

Eld. Dunn requested that the next Association be held at Wellston Church. Request was granted.

Delegates to National Association: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Carter, Ione Buchannen; alternate, Molly Shepperd.

Motion carried that we continue in our Ohio State Association being governed by our constitution by re-

presenting from our yearly meetings as here to fore for one more year.

Election of moderator for 1942, Eld. John Kemper was elected.

Report of Minutes Committee accepted and the request granted.

Report of Foreign Mission Board by Grace Peach given and accepted.

Business adjourned until 8:00 P.M.

Eld. Rollins gave a stirring message from James 1:13 "Overcoming Temptations".

Dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service was conducted by Porter church led by Steve Holman.

Two special songs by Peerless City Male Quartett.

Scripture reading by Eld. Percell, 1 John 4.

Message brought by Eld. Gus Graham, Tim. 1:12.

An old fashioned handshake was enjoyed.

Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator opened services with singing and prayer.

Minutes of the Association up to 10:00 A.M. were read and approved.

Financial report given and accepted.

Motion carried we adjourn the business until 2:00 P. M.

A message was brought by Eld. Ed Stevens of Jackson. Scripture, Acts 11:19-27, "The People Were Called Christians at Antioch".

Dismissed with prayer.

Lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened with singing and prayer.

Scripture reading, Heb. 12, by Eld. Dunn.

Business session called to order by moderator.

Report of Business Committee accepted and request granted.

Property Committee. Rev. Dunn, Rev. Walter Doll, Dea. Jacobs. Motion carried we give this committee discussionary power.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Report of Resolution Committee accepted and request granted.

A free will offering was taken for state property, \$26.75.

The Incorporation Committee was retained.

Eld. Rollins gave an explanation of incorporation.

Minutes of the Association read and approved.

Motion carried we adjourn the business part of this Association until the first Tuesday in June, 1942, at Wellston Church.

An old fashioned handshake was greatly enjoyed by all.

Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song services were conducted by Union church led by Forrest Chamberlin.

Two special songs by Mrs. Ball and daughter.

Duet by Mrs. Lawrence Yeley and Mrs. Smith of Bloom church.

Song by Porter Quartet.

State offering, \$5.80.

Eld. Rollins gave the message, text 2 Cor. 5:21.

Dismissed with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Committee on Minutes

We, your Committee on Minutes, recommend that we have 500 minutes printed, and that we patronize our Free Will Baptist printing house at Monett, Missouri, for the work and to leave it up to the clerk of the Association to have them printed and distributed to the several quarterly meetings of each yearly meeting not later than January 15, 1942.

Report of Financial Committee

We, the Financial Committee, recommend that the finance be gotten in the same manner as before, one collection from each church each year, one collection at each State Association; all ordained authority pay 50c each year. Yearly Meeting dues, \$10.00 per year.

Report of Business Committee

We, your Committee on Business, request that the moderator appoint a committee to investigate concerning a park near Wellston, on Route 75, and see what it can be bought for.

Report of Resolution Committee

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that Article 4 be changed to read ten (10) delegates from each yearly meeting instead of one (1) delegate from each church.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Balance in treasury, June 1940	\$ 38.72
Porter Quarterly Meeting:	
August, 1940	\$76.70
November, 1940	59.69
February, 1941	67.46
May, 1941	60.15
Total Porter Quarterly Meeting	\$264.00
Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting:	
August, 1940	\$30.07
November, 1940	24.63
February, 1941	30.18
May, 1941	33.20
Total Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting	\$118.08
Vinton Quarterly Meeting:	
August, 1940	\$ 5.00
November, 1940	5.00
May, 1941	7.00
Total Vinton Quarterly Meeting	\$ 17.00
Zion Church	\$ 5.54
Porter Church Homecoming	20.01
Tick Ridge Church	4.62
Scioto Church	24.47
First Kyger Sunday School50
Total, Miscellaneous	\$ 59.64
Total Receipts	\$497.44

DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. Blackwelder, National Secretary:	
August, 1940	\$169.00
November, 1940	80.00
February, 1941	100.00
Money orders and stamps	1.21
Insurance	6.24
Hose to Bessie Yeley	1.75
Total paid out	\$358.20
Balance in Treasury	\$139.24

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount brought forward from last year	\$.85	
Dues from Ordained Authority	9.00	
Dues from Yearly Meetings	20.00	
Free Will offerings from:		
Zion Church	1.00	
Porter Church	10.00	
Lawrence County Quarterly Meeting	7.00	
Powellsville Church	2.45	
Harrison Church	7.00	
Garden City Church	3.00	
Offering at State session	2.70	
Interest15	
Total		\$63.15
<i>DISBURSEMENTS</i>		
National dues	\$10.00	
Clerk fees	5.00	
Minutes and ledger	13.26	
Total paid out		\$28.26
Balance in Treasury		\$34.89

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT

Walter Doll	Waverly, Ohio
W. J. Shepperd	Sciotoville, Ohio
W. B. May	Cheshire, Ohio
C. O. Turner	Wheelersburg, Ohio
J. A. Kemper	Wheelersburg, Ohio
Melvin Dunn	Wellston, Ohio
B. F. Radabaugh	Waverly, Ohio
G. L. Yeley	Wheelersburg, Ohio
Jesse Sizemore	Pedro, Ohio
Gus Graham	Plains, Ohio
James Shonkwiller	Beaver, Ohio
Ray Miller	Idaho, Ohio
Edward Stevens	Jackson, Ohio

Licensed Ministers Present

Edward Carter	Lucasville, Ohio
Leslie Hardin	Lucasville, Ohio
Albert Lintz	Lucasville, Ohio

Visiting Minister

John B. Rollins	Monett, Missouri
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Constitution of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

Art. 1—This Association shall be called the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of all regularly well organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist yearly meetings as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Art. 2—The purpose of this association is for to promote the cause of Christ among our people, and bring about a better spirit of union among our several quarterly meetings.

Art. 3—The officers of this association shall be a clerk and a treasurer, who shall serve at the pleasure of this association, a moderator who shall be elected one year in advance of the year he shall serve.

Art. 4—The members of this association shall consist of ten (10) delegates from each yearly meeting, together with all ordained authority belonging to same.

Art. 5—Any well organized and well regulated yearly meetings in the state shall by application and conforming to the usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination shall be received into this association by a majority vote of this association.

Art. 6—The session of this association shall be held annually on the first Tuesday in June of each year, the place being in one of the various yearly meetings in rotation and placed by vote of association till each have had an association and repeated, etc.

Art. 7—This association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistant with this constitution and not repugnant to any constitution or usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Art. 8—This constitution may be altered or amended by vote of this association at any session by a two-thirds majority vote.

Signed: Elder W. J. Shepperd, Chairman,

Elder G. D. Webb,

Elder Melvin Dunn.

Drawn up June 14, 1939, at Porter Church.

By-Laws of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

Art. 1—The clerk shall call the conference to order, and in his absence the oldest minister present shall call the conference to order.

Art. 2—It shall be the duty of each body belonging to the association to send a letter giving statistics of the body.

Art. 3 — Each meeting shall be opened by reading of scripture and prayer.

Art. 4 — The association shall sit with open doors except when it goes into a committee as a whole.

Art. 5 — No person shall nominate more than one, if that person be elected.

Art. 6 — The moderator shall not allow any conversation except it be in a Christian Spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

Art. 7 — Any one desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Art. 8 — Voting must be done by the show of the right hand.

Art. 9 — No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject and not more than five minutes at a time.

Art. 10 — It shall be the duty of the moderator to sit the delegates in a body in a convenient place.

Art. 11 — These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present.

Art. 12 — All ordained authority and licentiates are standing members.

Signed: Rev. G. L. Yeley, Chairman,
Rev. Earl Rankins,
Dea. Frank Adams.

Program for the State Association for 1942

TUESDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotionals led by Eld. Edward Stevens.

10:20 a. m.—Welcome by pastor of church.

Response by Elder Walter Doll.

12:00 Lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p. m.—Devotionals led by Elder G. L. Yeley.

2:20 p. m.—Prayer and praise service led by Elder. C. O. Turner.

Dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING

8:00 p. m.—Devotionals led by Elder Earl Rankins.

8:30 p. m.—Message by Elder John Kemper.

Dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Association called to order by clerk.

Moderator takes charge.

10:15 a. m.—Enrollment of ministers and delegates.

10:30 a. m.—Appointment of Committees.

12:00 Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p. m.—Devotionals led by Elder Clarence Hurles.

2:20 p. m.—Miscellaneous business period.

4:00 p. m.—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

8:00 p. m.—Song service by Wellston Church.

8:30 p. m.—Devotionals led by Elder Robert Hammond.

8:45 p. m.—Message by Elder Selven Percell.

Special songs by Peerless City Male Quartet.

Dismissed.

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotionals led by Elder Melvin Dunn.

10:20 a. m.—Business.

Message by Elder Sidney Crabtree.

12:00 Lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p. m.—Devotionals led by Elder Gus Graham.

2:20 p. m.—Business.

Dismissed.

THURSDAY EVENING

8:00 p. m.—Song service by Sciotoale Church led by Luther Hammond.

8:30 p. m.—Devotionals led by Elder Jacob See.

Message by Elder W. J. Shepperd.

Dismissed.

