

**Minutes of the 79th Annual Session
of the
Ohio State Association
of
Free Will Baptists**

The 79th session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 23-24, 2017, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. The theme for the convention was "**Stand**". Bro. David Chamberlain served as song leader. Sis. Deena Armstrong played the piano.

Friday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Clerk Bryon Justice called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. Mark Price. Pastor Tim Stout welcomed the convention to Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. The moderator's message to the convention was taken from Hebrews 11:1-12, his theme was "The Principle of Faith."

The moderator called for the **General Board Report**. The **General Board** met June 22, 2017, at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. Motion was made and carried to receive the report and the business items included therein. Motion was made and carried to table the proposed Ohio Constitution until Saturday's session when it will be brought before the General Assembly for a vote.

The Moderator seated the convention delegates and introduced the various committee members that will be serving in this year's convention. The Moderator then recognized the visiting representatives of the various National Departments and ministries.

Bro. Eugene Crouch gave the **Board of Directors Report**. Motion made and carried to receive the report.

Executive Secretary Edwin Hayes gave a report of the **State Office** and its ministries. Motion made and carried to approve this report and to adopt the budget with the submitted budget items and notes, and fund distribution proposal.

Bro. Mike Gladson and Bro. Paul Etterling II gave the report of the **Ohio Home Missions Board**. Bro. Travis McKenzie gave an update report on the work in Ashland, OH. A motion was made and carried to approve these reports and to adopt the proposed budget. Motion was made and carried to adopt the recommendation of the General Board concerning the transfer of the London Free Will Baptist Church property and appointing Bro. Tim Stout as an agent to act on behalf of the Ohio Association in carrying out this transfer.

Bro. Jason Luthy gave the **OYC Report** which included a video featuring the winners of the 2017 OYC competitions. A motion was made and carried to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget along with the amendment note.

Ohio Women Active for Christ (OWAC) Report was given by Sis. Sarah Sargent. The theme for OWAC this year was, "Praise Him." The project for 2017-2018 will be, \$6,000.00 to be distributed to several ministries. Motion made and carried to receive the report.

National Women Active for Christ (WNAC) Report was given by Sis. Phyllis York. Motion was made and carried to receive the report.

The moderator then appointed delegates to the National Association meeting this year in Louisville, KY. Those appointed were Geri Beal, Geri Baker, A.J. Dooley, Mark McCarty and Mark Musetti.

The morning business session was adjourned for the worship service.

In the worship service, The Ohio Ministers Trio provided special singing. An offering of \$194.00 was received. Attendance was 108. Rev. Jim Blankenship, Pastor of Antioch FWB Church was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was "***Standing in the Face of Fear***". Following the message the convention recessed for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

After opening with a congregational song, Bro. Robert Legg of FWB Family Ministries, gave devotional thoughts from John 4:23-24.

Miscellaneous Business

Bro. A.J. Dooley gave a report of the **2016 National Association Meeting**, which was received.

Bro. Keith Burden gave a report from the **FWB National Executive Office**, which was received.

Dr. Ron Hunter gave a report of **Randall House Publications**, which was received.

Bro. David Williford gave a report on **Welch College**, which was received. Dr. Jeff Cockrell, who heads the new Master's Degree program at Welch was introduced, and shared about the program.

Bro. Sam McVay gave a report on **International Missions**, which was received.

Bro. Brad Ransom gave the report on **North American Ministries**, which was received.

Bro. David Brown, gave a report of the **FWB Foundation**, which was received.

Bro. Mike Gladson gave a report on the **FWB Board of Retirement**, which was received.

Bro. Robert Legg gave a report for the **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries** which was received.

The moderator shared that Mark Musseti, who was elected as a delegate to the 2017 National Convention, would not be able to attend and motion was made and carried to elect Manuel Lopes as a delegate.

The afternoon business session was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Friday Evening

Assistant Moderator Tom Dooley welcomed the congregation and led worship. Bro. David Chamberlain led the congregation in singing. An offering of \$5,536.00 was received. Attendance was 190 with 100 of those attending the OYC service. Special singing was provided by Paul James Sound, from Southwest FWB. Rev. Travis McKenzie, Home Missionary to Ashland, OH, was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was ***“Stand Against our Formidable Foe.”***

Benediction.

Saturday Morning

At 9:30 AM, Deacon Jesse Luthy, of the Ambassador FWB in Cincinnati, OH, gave devotional thoughts from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. The moderator then called for committee reports.

Motion was made and carried to lift the constitution change from the status of tabled and to adopt the addition to Section 16 of the Ohio State Association constitution as presented in Friday morning's session.

Miscellaneous Reports

The Resolution Committee submitted a resolution affirming our denominational stand on God's Word. Motion was made and carried to adopt the resolution.

The Obituary Committee report was given: Since we last met in June 2016, the fellow believers, listed on the attached list, have gone to be with the Lord. Motion was made and carried to approve the report. A moment of silence was held to remember these.

The Appreciation Committee report was given and a motion was made and carried to approve the report.

The Registration Committee report was read. Total registration was 219; 54 Ministers, 10 Deacons, 13 Delegates, 57 Visitors, and 85 Youth.

The Clerk then read the **504 Report** which will be sent to the National Association Meeting in Louisville, KY, which was approved.

The Nominating Committee report was given and acted upon. For offices with term ending in 2018: **Moderator**, Mark Price, elected; **Assistant Moderator**, Tom Dooley, elected; **Clerk**, Bryon Justice, elected; **Assistant Clerk**, Manuel Lopes, elected.

Executive Committee for 2017 - 2018: Charles Crider, Jeremy Luthy, Dan King, and Russell Street, elected.

General Board for term ending in 2019: : Randall Keffer (Capital City); Russell Street (Central Ohio); Robert Prichard (Cuyahoga-Lorain); William Chadwick (Franklin); Mike Martin (Great Lakes); Ed Barney (Jackson); Tim Crank (Lawrence); Charles Crider (Little Miami); Ronnie Conn Jr. (Northeastern); Jeremy Luthy (Tri-State)

For **OYC Board Member term ending 2024**: Deanna Price, elected. Bro Mike Ellis was elected to fill the unexpired term of J.D Webb who will be commissioned as a missionary to Brazil.

For **Board of Directors term ending 2024**: Eugene Crouch, elected.

For **State Missions Board term ending 2024**: Wendell Combs, elected.

The Moderator appointed the **Nominating Committee** for 2018 as follows: Mark Bailey, Chairman, Billy Parson and Jeremy Luthy.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. Roland Luthy as **Prayer Committee Chairman**. Sis. Sue Moore was appointed as **Registration Committee Chairperson**. Both will serve for the 2018 State Association meeting.

A motion made and carried to adjourn from business for the 2017 session.

Bro. Jared Mounts, provided special singing. An offering of \$98.00 was received. The total State Ministry Offering totaled \$5,828.00 Attendance was 128 with 52 of those attending the OYC service. Rev. Keith Burden, FWB Executive Secretary, was introduced to bring the message. The sermon topic was, ***“Stand for Faith”***. Benediction.

Bryon J. Justice, Clerk

**Ohio State Association
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Obituaries-2017**

Garnett Sue Adams
Cora Alsept
Joann Barstow
Todd Burns
Doug Burr
Molly Bickle
Rosa Borders
Jeannie Bowden
Beverly Lou Burns
Todd Burns
Dennis Cartee
Avery Carter
Mary Carter
Fred Cartmell
Hazel Carver
Oakley Chapman
Betty Collins
Ivel Conley
Pam Ennamorato
Tony Ennamorato
John O. Etterling
Alka Fitzpatrick
Phyllis Fulk
Ralph Geyer
Louann Gibson
Fostella Gilliam
Marjorie Gillispie
Evelyn Hall
Lorita "Rita" Mae Hensley
Ollie Hill
Jackie Horn
Jerry Huff
Grace Hughes
Regina Hughes
Veronica Jackson
Charles Johnson
Junnjie Jones
Ruth Jones
Denver Kilgore
Marie King

Fellie Mack Shirden Knight
Charlie Leesburg
Karen Losovs
David "Mickey" Manson
Nora Lee McCarty
Linda Lou McKibben
Pearl "June" Miller
Ollie A. McClone Newman
James Nichols
Annabelle Palkovacs
Beverly Perkins
Joyce Powers
Henry Pulley
Norman Ramey
Abby Lynn Ruby
John Sammons
Eleanor Scott
Dreama Shuck
Sam Spradlin
Gary Staton
Monroe Stone
Lucille Washburn
Martha Waugh
Pauline White
Bessie M. Williams
Margaret Withrow
Amy Wise
Ed Young
Ministers
Rev. David Adkins
Rev. John Daniels
Rev. Don Hix
Rev. Eddie Kennedy Sr.
Rev. Harold Owens
Rev. Gene Peak
Rev. William Clifton Thompson
Rev. Joe Walters
Deacons
Charles Branham
Charles Deboard
Dennis Moore Sr.
Glen Spears
Missionaries
James Combs