

MINUTES



4th ANNUAL SESSION - 1965



Kansas *State Association of* *Free Will Baptists*

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 1965

NEW HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

*Next Session Will Convene With The First Free Will
Baptist Church, Salina, Kansas, June 16, 17, 18, 1966*

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - - - - - REV. W. T. ROBERTS
ASST. MODERATOR - - - - - REV. J. R. SHADE
CLERK-TREASURER - - - - - REV. WAYNE BOOKOUT
ASST. CLERK - - - - - TOMMIE ANN SHARRY

STATE MISSION BOARD

5 Yr. - Rev. W. T. Roberts
4 Yr. - Rev. Gayle Gardner
3 Yr. - Rev. Melvin Batson
2 Yr. - Rev. Jack Ledbetter
1 Yr. - Rev. Wayne Bookout

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5 Yr. - Rev. Robert Sharpy
4 Yr. - Rev. Jack Ledbetter
3 Yr. - Rev. W. T. Roberts
2 Yr. - Rev. J. R. Shade
1 Yr. - Rev. Wayne Bookout

MISSIONARIES REGISTERED

Aileen M. Calvery - Japan
Wesley Calvery - Japan
Sam Wilkinson - Brazil

DEACONS REGISTERED

John D. Roark - Kansas City

REGISTERED

Barbara Stevens
Teresa Sharpy
Ruel Coffey
Louise Batson
Beulah Hartley
J. B. Stallings
Shirley Gardner
Tommie A. Sharpy
Ruth Roberts
Nadine Ledbetter
Danny Ledbetter
Aleta Moses
Tippye Shade
Marie Roberts
James Ruffin
Virginia Ruffin
LaJune Duckworth

Glenn Ledbetter
Linda McCain
Carolyn Green
Jimmie Scott
Kaye Scott

Bryon Roark
Joe Maxville
Marty Maxville
JoAnne Maxville
Geraldine Green
Cynthia Green
Delbert Allman
Christine Leichner
Betty Jameson
Kay Ledbetter
Billie Hoff
Melba Batson
Dianne Wolf
David Bronkhorst
Jewell Roark
Duane Roark
Paul Jones
and family
Howard Maxville
and family
George Brunkhorst
June Brunkhorst
Debbie Duckworth

REGISTERED

Pamela Scott
Tammy Scott
Janice Scott
Marge Scott
Sheryll Dobyns
Elbert Allman

Clara Hillis
Bill Roberts
Charlotte Dennis
Larry Shade
Jimmy Sharry
Stella Patton

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Rufus Coffey
Gayle Gardner
Wayne Bookout
Melvin Batson
Jack Stallings
W. T. Roberts
Faye Green
Don Green
Robert Sharry
Sam Wilkinson
Wesley Calvery

Nashville, Tenn.
Harper, Ks.
Wellington, Ks.
Kansas City, Ks.
Olathe, Ks.
Kansas City, Ks.
Kansas City, Ks.
Kansas City, Ks.
Topeka, Ks.
Brazil
Japan

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 17, 1965 - 7:30 P.M.

4th Annual Session of Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City

Called into conference by Moderator Rev. W. T. Roberts.

Bro. Don Green in charge of music. Sister Louise Batson at the piano.

Congregation sings "Come Unto Me."

"Press Along weary Pilgrim"

"The love of God."

Rev. Melvin Batson led in prayer.

Rev. W. T. Roberts gave welcome.

Special songs "When Jesus Comes", Teen Quartet

"Ill try to do my best" Bro. & Sis. Brunkhorst

"Saved by Grace" Rev. Robert Sharpy

"I'll Settle Down" Rev. & Mrs. Gardner

Rev. Gayle Gardner delivered message.

Consider thy ways - Haggai 1:1-6.

Altar of Prayer.

Benediction by Rev. Jack Stallings.

Friday, June 18, 1965 - 9:30 A.M.

Called to order by Moderator

Rev. Gardner directing music.
Sister Brunkhorst at the piano.

"My Redeemer"

Reading of letters - Delegates seated

Appointment of Committees.

Business Committee Statistical Committee

Wayne Bookout
Jack Ledbetter
Dick Shade

Robert Sharry
Marie Roberts
Beulah Hartley

Temperance Committee

Obituary Committee

Gayle Gardner
Nadine Ledbetter
LaJune Duckworth

Jack Stallings
Shirley Gardner
Tommie Sharry

Visitors Recognised

Rev. Rufus Coffey

Ruel Coffey

Rev. Wesley Calvery

Aileen Calvary

Rev. Sam Wilkinson

Read previous years minutes

Sister Tommie Ann Sharry elected Assistant Clerk for this session.

Youth Camp Report by Rev. Wayne Bookout

Salina Mission Report by Rev. Dick Shade

Recessed until 11:00 A.M.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Ledbetter.

Friday (Cont)

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Robert Sharpy directing singing
Sister Louise Batson at piano
Congregation sings "Deeper, Deeper"
"Saved, Saved, Saved."
"Give of the best to the
Master."
"Jesus Saves"

Led in prayer by Rev. Wayne Bookout

Special songs: "Because of Him"
"Kneel at the Cross"

Led in prayer by Rev. Gayle Gardner

Message delivered by Rev. Rufus Coffey.
Mark 5:1-20

Benediction and blessing asked on noon meal
by Rev. Jack Stallings.

Friday afternoon, June 18, 1965.

Congregation singing led by Sister Shirley
Gardner.

Piano played by Sister Louise Batson.
"How beautiful heaven must be."
"Cleanse me."

Led in prayer by Sister Nadine Ledbetter.

Special Song "I'll Meet you by the River."
Special Song "Pauls Ministry" by Clara Hillis.
Congregation signs "I would not be denied"

Led in prayer by Rev. Rufus Coffey.

Devotion by Rev. Jack Ledbetter, Luke 14:16.

Friday afternoon (Cont.)

Obituary report read - Silent prayer.

M.S.C. to receive Obituary report.

Statistical report.

M.S.C. to receive.

Report on our State paper "The Arrow"

M.S.C. to receive.

Temperance report read.

M.S.C. to receive.

Report on finances of Mission Board.

M.S.C. to receive.

Partial report of Business Committee.

M.S.C. to receive.

Report of Kansas State Foreign Missions
accomplishments by Rev. Rufus Coffey.

Dismissed Business Session until 9:30 A.M.
Saturday.

Friday Evening 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Gayle Gardner Song director.

Sister Shirley Gardner at piano.

Congregation sings: "Keep on the Firing Line."
"Living by Faith"

Sister Nadine Ledbetter led in prayer.

Special songs by: Bro. & Sis. Brunkhorst
Sis. LaJune Duckworth
Sis. Linda McCain

Bro. Don Green led in prayer.

Message delivered by Rev. Sam Wilkinson, re-
turned missionary from Brazil. Romans 10:9-13.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wilkinson.

Saturday, June 18, 1965 - 9:30 A.M.

Bro. Don Green song director.
Sister Shirley Gardner at the piano.
Congregation sings "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Rev. Dick Shade led in prayer.

Congregation sings "Standing on the promises
Handshake.

Rev. Jack Ledbetter led in prayer.

Morning devotion by Rev. Wayne Bookout.
Acts 2:1.

Business Committee Report

We recommend:

1. M.S.C. the officers of the State Association endorse the loan for the new building of the Salina Church.

2. M.S.C. Kansas State Association meet with the Salina Free Will Baptist Church for 1966 Session.

3. M.S.C. Send \$50.00 to Wilkinson Account
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4. M.S.C. @ 5 Man State Mission Board
M.S.C. b. 5 Yr. W. T. Roberts
M.S.C. 4 Yr. Gayle Gardner
M.S.C. 3 Yr. Melvin Batson
M.S.C. 2 Yr. Jack Ledbetter
M.S.C. 1 Yr. Wayne Bookout.

Saturday A.M. (Cont)

Business Committee report (Cont)

5. M.S.C. Executive Board as follows:

M.S.C. 5 Yr. - Robert Sharry

M.S.C. 4 Yr. - Jack Ledbetter

M.S.C. 3 Yr. - W. T. Roberts

M.S.C. 2 Yr. - Dick Shade

M.S.C. 1 Yr. - Wayne Bookout

6. M.S.C. Assistant Clerk - Tommie Sharry

M.S.C. Clerk/Treasurer - Wayne Bookout

M.S.C. Assistant Moderator - Dick Shade

M.S.C. Moderator - W.T. Roberts

7. M.S.C. Standing vote of thanks to New Yope Church and to the women who prepared food.

signed,

Wayne Bookout

Dick Shade

Jack Ledbetter

M.S.C. Editor of "Arrow" be authorized to send each missionary family a copy of Arrow.

M.S.C. verbal treasurers report give, balance sheets to be mailed.

M.S.C. \$50.00 be given to State Clerk.

Delegates nominated and elected to National Convention:

Sister Marie Roberts

Sister Tippy Shady

Sister Nadine Ledbetter

Sister Shirley Gardner

Sister June Brunkhorst

Saturday A.M. (Cont)

Obituary Committee Report:

We the obituary committee report the following deaths during the year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker

Mrs. Lillie Murphy

Our loss is heavens gain.

May we stand and have a moment of silent prayer.

Signed,

Jack Stallings

Shirley Gardner

Tommie Sharry

Temperance Committee Report

We your temperance committee would certainly like to recommend to our brothers and sisters in Christ that there be no letting down in regard to our morals and our manner of living We would like to stress the following points:

1. Total abstinence from alcohol. Prov. 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."
2. Return of our women to the virtues of the scriptures. Prov. 12:4. "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."
I Tim. 2:9-10. "In like manner also, that woman adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing Godliness) with good works.

Saturday A.M. (Cont)

Temperance Committee Report (Cont)

- 3. More careful in our conversation.
Philippians 1:27a "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."

Signed:

Gayle Gardner
Nadine Ledbetter
LaJune Duckworth

Statistical Report - June 1965

District Associations	- - - - -	2
Local Churches	- - - - -	12
Parsonages	- - - - -	4
Ordained Ministers	- - - - -	14
Licensed Ministers	- - - - -	4
Ordained Deacons	- - - - -	14
Total Membership	- - - - -	672
Members Received in 1965	- - - - -	133
Sunday School	- - - - -	812
C. T. S.	- - - - -	283
Womens Auxiliary	- - - - -	102
Members dismissed	- - - - -	29
Pastors Salary	- - - - -	20,075.00
Evangelists	- - - - -	855.00
Co-Operative Fund	- - - - -	3,500.00
Foreign Missions	- - - - -	1,050.00
Home Missions	- - - - -	850.00
Church Property	- - - - -	300,000.00

Signed,

Robert Sharry
Beaulah Hartley
Marie Roberts

Saturday A.M. (Cont)

M.S.C. Rev Wayne Bookout be recommended to the General Board of National Convention.

Rev. Wesley Calvery dismissed in prayer.

Saturday 11:00 A.M.

Congregation sings "I want to know more"

Rev. Faye Green led in prayer.

Special songs by the Ledbetters:

"I don't pray enough"

"Jesus signed my pardon"

"At the crossing of the Jordon"

Rev. Wesley Calvery, missionary to Japan, brought the message, "I will build my church"

Sister Aileen Calvary gave her testimony.

Special song "Jesus Use Me" my Glenn Ledbetter.

Sister Nadine Ledbetter gave her testimony.

Prayer and ask Gods blessing on food by Rev. Robert Sharpy.

KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church: and to preserve and maintain correspondence and co-ordination within us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

Article I. This Association shall be called the Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such regularly organized and disciplined Free Will Baptist Yearly Meetings, conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. This Association shall consist of elected delegates from the several Yearly Meetings and Churches of which it is composed. Each Yearly Meeting is entitled to 5 delegates and every church is entitled to one delegate providing said Yearly Meeting and Churches are in good standing. Ordained ministers and ordained deacons who are serving on local church deacon boards.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and a Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association, with assistants as may be found necessary. These officers with one ordained minister from each Yearly Meeting with rotating officers will serve as an Executive Board with one office to expire each year.

Article 4. Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the practices, and

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adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of the National Association may at any time, on application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

1. Providing they adopt and adhere to State Questionnaire No. 1, 2, & 3 for Ministers and Deacons.

2. Failure to comply with this ruling concerning licensing and ordination of ministers and deacons will result in withdrawal of fellowship.

Article 5. This Association shall have power to discipline the Yearly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Yearly Meetings of this Association to represent themselves by letter, delegates, and a fee of \$5.00 per church, and report their standing, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Yearly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution.

Article 7. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its session.

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by two-thirds vote present, provided the proposed amendment or change be laid on the table for at least 8 hours.

KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

BY-LAWS

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's Word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
2. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committee but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any member.
3. No one shall speak more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.
4. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association and by a two-thirds majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.
5. No one shall leave the Association when in a business session without the consent of the Moderator.
6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say "Brother Moderator," but shall speak no further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.
7. The Moderator shall stop discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when it is likely to lead to discord or division.
8. The officers of this body shall submit, at every annual session, a written report of the work done for this Association.

BY-LAWS (Cont)

9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions be responsible for all funds received and disbursed; shall superintend the printing of the minutes.
10. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
11. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of such committee, then the clerk shall not read the resolutions or report. A minority report may be received however.
12. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator who shall be assisted by a committee on committees. This committee on committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
13. A majority of votes shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the Constitution and By-Laws, receive Quarterly Meeting or Associations, the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator & over ruling the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.
14. The sessions of this Association shall convene Thursday night, Friday, Friday night, Saturday until noon preceeding the third Sunday of June each year.
15. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by two-thirds vote present.
16. This Association shall adopt "Roberts Rules of Order."