

MINUTES



5th ANNUAL SESSION - 1966



Kansas *State Association of* *Free Will Baptists*

JUNE 16, 17, 18, 1966

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SALINA, KANSAS

Next Session Will Convene With The First Free Will
Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, June 15, 16, 17, 1967

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - - - - - J.R. SHADE
 ASST. MODERATOR - - - - - GAYLE GARDNER
 CLERK-TREASURER - - - - - JOHN STAGGS
 ASST. CLERK - - - - - TOMMIE SHARRY

STATE MISSION BOARD

5 Year Man	- - - - -	WAYNE BOOKOUT
4 Yr. "	- - - - -	W.T. ROBERTS
3 Yr. "	- - - - -	GAYLE GARDNER
2 Yr. "	- - - - -	HOWARD HENSLEY
1 Yr. "	- - - - -	JACK LEDBETTER

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5 Year Man	- - - - -	JACK STALLINGS
4 Yr. "	- - - - -	ROBERT SHARRY
3 Yr. "	- - - - -	JACK LEDBETTER
2 Yr. "	- - - - -	CHAD RUSS
1 Yr. "	- - - - -	LEON SHEPPARD

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

3 Year Man	- - - - -	JOHN STAGGS
2 Yr. "	- - - - -	TRYMON MESSER
1 Yr. "	- - - - -	DOYLE TERRY

DELEGATES REGISTERED

CHURCH DELEGATES

New Hope (Kansas City)	- - - - -	George Bronkhorst
Wellington	- - - - -	Wilma Sheppard
Topeka	- - - - -	Rita Smally
Faith (Kansas City)	- - - - -	Carrie Ross
First (Wichita)	- - - - -	Clara Staggs
Harper	- - - - -	Shirley Gardner
Salina	- - - - -	Bill Bitner
Westside (Wichita)	- - - - -	Clara Hillis

EAST KANSAS ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

Virginia Stallings
Bonnie Mitchell
Tommie Ann Sharry
Charlene Hensley
Bud Mitchell

FIRST KANSAS ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

Tippye Shade
Doyle Terry
Barbara Cox
Inez Russ

DEACONS REGISTERED

Trymon Messer
Henry Leichner
Bill Shackelford

PREACHERS REGISTERED

John Staggs	- - - - -	Wichita
Howard Hensley	- - - - -	Kansas City, Kansas
Gayle Gardner	- - - - -	Harper
Jack Ledbetter	- - - - -	Wichita
Jack Stallings	- - - - -	Olathe
Robert Sharry	- - - - -	Topeka
J.R. Shade	----	Salina
W.T. Roberts	- - - - -	Kansas City, Kansas
Wayne Bookout	- - - - -	Wellington
Leon Sheppard	- - - - -	Wellington

VISITING MINISTERS REGISTERED

Mark Vandivort	- - - - -	Nashville, Tenn.
Wade Jernigan	- - - - -	Jerome, Idaho

MISSIONARIES REGISTERED

The Bobby Poole family	- - - - -	Brazil
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1967 SESSION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD
AT THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, WICHITA.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: (Saturday Morning)

We the Placement Committee recommend that we, the
Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists
accept the invitation to come to the FIRST FREE
WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF WICHITA, KANSAS, IN 1967.

Signed: Leon Sheppard
Doyle Terry
Bud Mitchell

M.S.C. To adopt the report.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED AT THE FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH OF SALINA, KANSAS ON JUNE 16th-18th, 1966.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1966 7:30 P.M.

Called into conference by Moderator, Bro. W.T. Roberts,
then turned to the Assistant Moderator, J.R. Shade.

Brother Gayle Gardner led in prayer.

Congregational singing led by Robert Sharpy.
Pianist: Clara Staggs.

SONGS: "Saved by the Blood"
"Redeemed"
"Send The Light"

SPECIAL SINGING:

Bro. & Sis. Gayle Gardner "He will pilot me"
Quartet from Westside Church "Ten Thousand Angels"

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: "Only Believe"

PRAYER: Trymon Messer

SPECIAL SONG: "My God is Real" By Sis. Linder

MESSAGE: By Brother Wade Jernigan, Home Missionary
to the State of Idaho. All messages during the Assoc-
iation was preached by Brother Jernigan. TEXT, Joshua 24:15

ALTAR OF PRAYER

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES SELECTED:

J.R. Shade, Chairman
Wayne Bookout
Gayle Gardner
Jack Stallings
Howard Hensley

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jack Stallings

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1966 9:30 A.M.

Called to order by Moderator, W.T.Roberts

Prayer by H.R.Shade

Congregational Singing led by Robert Sharpy
"Savior, like a Shepherd lead us"

Devotional by Trymon Messer, taken from Psalms 34:1-6

Prayer by Jack Ledbetter

By-Laws of Kansas State Association read by J.R.Shade

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS READ:

MSC to seat Delegates.

Charge to Delegates delivered by J.R.Shade

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Tommie Ann Sharpy, Chairman
Shirley Gardner
Tippye Shade

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Chad Russ, Chairman
George Bronkhorst
Sis. Bonnie Mitchell

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

John Staggs, Chairman
Robert Sharpy
Wayne Bookout
Howard Hensley
Trymon Messer

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Jack Ledbetter, Chairman
Bill Bitner
Virginia Stallings
Clara Staggs
Carrie Ross

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Leon Sheppard, Chairman
Doyle Terry
Bud Mitchell

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

J.R.Shade, Chairman
Jack Stallings
Gayle Gardner

FRIDAY MORNING (Con't)

Unfinished Business called for - NONE

VISITORS RECOGNIZED

MSC to adopt recommendation from East Kansas Association that "NO MAN SERVE ON MORE THAN ONE BOARD AT A TIME."

Motion and second to adopt recommendation from First Kansas Association that we "ELECT A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD ON THE STATE LEVEL."

MSC to table until Afternoon Session.

MSC to adjourn for Morning Worship.

11:00 A.M.

Congregational singing led by Brother Robert Sharpy.
"Since Jesus came into my heart"

Prayer by Brother Chad Russ

Congregational Song: "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Special Song: "I'm too near home to turn back now"

MESSAGE: Wade Jernigan, Joshua 24:15

Dismissed in prayer by Brother John Staggs.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON: 1:30 P.M.

Congregational Song led by Robert Sharpy
"Come thy fount"

Special Song by Sandy Barnes "Its in your hands"

Devotion by John Staggs, taken from Psalms 37:1-5

Letter from Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Read.

MSC to acknowledge same.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON (Con't)

Statistical Report read. MSC to accept as read.

Obituary Report read. MSC to accept as read and to stand for silent prayer.

Letter read from Homer E. Willis, General Director of the Home Missions Dept. of National Association Of Free Will Baptists.. MSC to acknowledge same.

Temperance Committee Report read. MSC to accept as read.

Placement Committee Report read. MSC to accept as read.

Executive Committee Report read. MSC to accept as read.

Mission Board Report Read. MSC to accept as read.

Master's Men Report Given. MSC to accept.

Womans Auxiliary Report read. MSC to accept as read.

Treasurers Report read. MSC to accept as read.

W.T. Roberts resigned from Executive and Mission Boards.

Partial report of Nominating Committee read. MSC to accept report and elect.

THE FOLLOWING MEN WERE ELECTED TO SERVE.

5 Yr. Man to Executive Board - - Jack Stallings

2 Yr. Man to Executive Board - - Leon Sheppard

5 Yr. Man to Mission Board - - - Wayne Bookout

4 Yr. Man to Mission Board - - - W.T. Roberts

2 Yr. Mna to Mission Board - - - Howard Hensley

Moderator - - - - - J.R. Shade

Ass't. Moderator - - - - - Gayle Gardner

Clerk-Treasurer - - - - - John Staggs

Ass't. Clerk - - - - - Tommie Ann Sharpy

FRIDAY AFTERNOON (Con't)

J.R.Shade resigned from Executive Board. MSC to accept.

Chad Russ elected to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Bro.Shade on Executive Board.

MISC. BUSINESS:

MSC to elect Study Committee to study the position of Free Will Baptists on the subject "STATE OF THE BACKSLIDER" and to report to this body at the next session. This report to become a permanent part of the minutes of this Association.

Elected to this Committee were the following:

J.R.Shade
Jack Ledbetter
Wayne Bookout

AMMENDMENT: That we give this Committee the authority to oppose literature contrary to our doctrine on the subject of eternal security. (carried)

MSC to accept recommendation from First Kansas Assn. to elect a Christian Education Board.

AMMENDMENT: That this be a three man Board. (carried)

Ammendment: That the Chairman of this Board always be an ordained man.)carried)

Nominating Committee placed the following names in nomination to serve on the Christian Education Board.

3 Yr.Man - - John Staggs, Chairman
2 Yr.Man - - Trymon Messer
1 Yr.Man - - Doyle Terry

MSC to elect

MSC to adjourn

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Nadine Ledbetter.

FRIDAY 7:30 P.M.

MSC to give Bro. W. T. Roberts a standing vote of thanks for his past service to the State Association as Moderator.

Congregational Song, led by Bro. Sharry.

"Singing Glory"

Special Song by the "SINGING LEDBETTERS"

"I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now"

"A Rich man am I"

Congregational Song, "Anywhere with Jesus"

Special Song by Sister Linder & Daughter, Dawn.

"It will be worth it all"

Congregational Song, "Sound the Battle Cry"

Special Song by Brother & Sister Staggs

"I found him at an altar of prayer"

Congregational Song, "I am Thine O Lord"

Special Song by the "SINGING LEDBETTERS"

"When the call comes"

MESSAGE: Wade Jernigan, Johhua 24:15

Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY 9:30 A.M.

Congregational Song led by Robert Sharry.

"Stand up for Jesus"

Devotion by Jack Stallings, taken from John 14:1-6

Congregational Song "He keeps me singing"

MSC that the recommendation from the East Kansas Association "THAT NO MAN SERVE ON MORE THAN ONE BOARD AT A TIME" go into effect in 1967.

SATURDAY MORNING (Con't)

Report from Resolution Committee read.

MSC to accept report and adopt item by item.

MSC to send letter to Salina Journal, expressing our appreciation for the coverage given our Meeting.

Report on work in Brazil, given by Bobby Poole.

MSC that we take an offering for the Poole's account.
\$85.00 was received in this offering.

SPECIAL SONGS BY THE "SINGING LEDBETTERS"

"Jesus use me"

"Not my will, Thine be done"

Report on National Home Missions given by National Home Missions Field Secretary, Mark Vandivort.

Installation of Officers by Trymon Messer, using Romans 12:3-12

Prayer of Consecration for these Officers.

Minutes read and approved.

Request by the Topeka Free Will Baptist Church that the 1968 State Meeting be held at Topeka. Clerk instructed to keep a record of this request.

Dismissed in prayer by Mark Vandivort.

11:00 A.M.

Congregational Singing, led by Brother Sharry.

"He is able to deliver thee"

"Faith is the Victory"

Prayer by John Staggs

Special song by Bro. Sharry, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

MESSAGE: Wade Jernigan, Joshua 24:15

Dismissed in prayer by Glen Ledbetter.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We affirm the stand that the National Association has taken toward tobacco, that being, total abstinence for the cause of Christ. That using it in any form is detrimental to our Christian witness and living.

1st Thessalonians 5:21-22

V.21-Prove all things:hold fast that which is good.

V.22-Abstain from all appearance of evil.

2. We affirm our stand on total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages.

3. We shall keep ourselves from worldly amusements such as shows, dances, and books that do not edify Christ.

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world.

1st John 2:15-16 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

4. We ought always to be mindful of what we say, and strive to watch what we say so as not to hurt or offend others.

James 1:26-27 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Signed: Jack Ledbetter
Virginia Stallings
Clara Staggs
Bill Bitner
Carrie Ross

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that an honorarium of \$150.00 be given to Brother Wade Jernigan.
2. Be it resolved that the Executive Board advise the Christian Education Board of their specific duties within 60 days of this date, June 18, 1966.
3. Be it resolved that the Kansas State Association disburse the Cooperative receipts in the following percentages.

30% to the National Cooperative Plan
8% to the Christian Education Board
2% to Oklahoma Bible College
40% to Kansas State Mission Board
20% to Kansas State Office

Be it further resolved that this plan be reviewed at the end of six months by the Executive Board, State Treasurer, Chairman of the Mission Board, Chairman of the Christian Education Board, and be revised if necessary.

4. Be it resolved to give the State Treasurer \$50.00
5. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Host Church for its hospitality.

Signed: John Staggs
Trymon Messer
Robert Sharpy
Wayne Bookout
Howard Hensley

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, request that we pause for silent prayer and meditation, in respect for the Saints who have departed from our midst to be with God.

Respectfully submitted:

Chad Russ
George Bronkhorst
Sis. Binnie Mitchell

KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
- 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 1. 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 Meetings and Churches are in good standing. Ordained Ministers & 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 with the practices & adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist

CONSTITUTION (Con't)

ARTICLE 4. (Con't)

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 committees, 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 resolution 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 ammend the constitution and By-Laws, receive Quarterly Meetings or Associations, The changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator and 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."

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

District Associations	- - - - -	2
Local Churches	- - - - -	11
Parsonages	- - - - -	3
Ordained Ministers	- - - - -	15
Licensed Ministers	- - - - -	3
Ordained Deacons	- - - - -	15
Total Membership	- - - - -	724
Members received in 1965 - 1966	- - - - -	52
Sunday School Membership	- - - - -	817
C.T.S. Membership	- - - - -	333
Womans Auxiliary Membership	- - - - -	103
Organized Sunday Schools	- - - - -	11
Organized C.T.S.	- - - - -	10
Organized Master's Men	- - - - -	5
YPA's	- - - - -	1
Boys Auxiliary	- - - - -	1
Organized Prayer Meetings	- - - - -	11
Total Offerings Received	- - - - -	\$83,162.10

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors Salaries	- - - - -	\$21,068.46
Evangelistic Work	- - - - -	1,206.09
Bldg. & Repairs	- - - - -	36,385.56
Literature	- - - - -	2,305.00
Advertising	- - - - -	42.55
Miscellaneous	- - - - -	5,513.47
Other	- - - - -	6,514.16

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	- - - - -	\$ 5,000.26
Foreign Missions	- - - - -	1,609.21
Home Missions	- - - - -	1,484.60
Education	- - - - -	491.11
Associational, State & Nat'l. Projects	- - - - -	888.75
Other	- - - - -	94.58

Signed:

Tommie Ann Sharpy, Chairman
Tippye Shade
Shirley Gardner