

MINUTES

6th ANNUAL SESSION — 1967

Kansas *State Association of* *Free Will Baptists*

JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1967

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

WICHITA, KANSAS

Next Session Will Convene With The First Free Will
Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas, June 13, 14, 15, 1968

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - - - - - J. R. SHADE
 ASST. MODERATOR - - - - - MARVIN HARRIS
 TREASURER - - - - - TRYMON MESSER
 CLERK - - - - - TOMMIE ANN SHARRY
 ASST. CLERK - - - - - CHRISTINE LEICHNER

STATE MISSION BOARD

5 Year Man - - - - - JACK LEDBETTER
 4 Year Man - - - - - ROBERT SHARRY
 3 Year Man - - - - - HENRY LEICHNER
 2 Year Man - - - - - VERNIE STILLINGS
 1 Year Man - - - - - HOWARD HENSLEY

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5 Year Man - - - - - DALE VANDERBURG
 4 Year Man - - - - - JACK STALLINGS
 3 Year Man - - - - - TRYMON MESSER
 2 Year Man - - - - - JACK LEDBETTER
 1 Year Man - - - - - CHAD RUSS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

3 Year Man - - - - - DOYLE TERRY
 2 Year Man - - - - - ROBERT SHARRY
 1 Year Man - - - - - TRYMON MESSER

THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED AT THE FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH OF WICHITA, KANSAS ON JUNE 15, 16 & 17th,
1967.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1967 7:30 P.M.

Called into conference by Moderator, Rev. Dick Shade

Prayer by Rev. Jack Ledbetter

Congregational singing led by Raymond Ford.

SONGS: "Stand Up for Jesus"
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
"Jesus Rock of Ages"

MODERATORS MESSAGE: By Rev. Dick Shade - Text,
"Magnify the Lord" - Psalms 34:1-3

ALTER OF PRAYER

SPECIAL SONG: The Roy Thomas Family, "As For Me &
My House, We'll Serve the Lord"

MESSAGE: Rev. Roy Thomas, Pastor of the
First Church, Denver, Colorado.

"WHAT" of the Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20
Mark 16:15-16
Luke 24:47
John 20:21-23
Acts 1:8

ALTER CALL - Dismissed in Prayer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1967

9:30 A.M.

Congreational Song:

"To God Be the Glory"

Prayer by Rev. Chad Russ

Congregational Song:

"Redeemed"

Devotion:

By Rev. Dale Vanderburg

Psalms 34

Associational letters read; MSC to seat delegates.

By-laws of Kansas State Association read by Moderator,
Rev. Dick Shade.

Congregational Song:

"A Shelter in the Time
of Storm"

General Announcements made.

Telegram from Free Will Baptist Bible College,
Nashville, Tennessee read.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Troy Shin, Chairman
Clara Hillis
Pauline Castle

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Navada Scott, Chairman
Vada McFerrin
Opal Teague

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Robert Sharpy, Chairman
Larry Messer
Jack Stallings

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Dale Vanderburg, Chmn.
Tippy Shade
Homer Castle

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Marie Thompson, Chairman
Virginia Stallings
Valede Henderson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trymon Messer, Chairman
Chad Russ
Jack Ledbetter

FRIDAY MORNING (Con't)

Unfinished Business called for.

Report from the Study Committee (appointed page 8, 1966 minutes) giving state of the backslider. MS to receive this statement and publish it in the next edition of the Arrow, Carried.

MSC to adjourn the business session until 1:30.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Stallings.

FRIDAY, June 16, 1967 11: WORSHIP

Prayer led by Bro. Doyle Terry

Congregational Songs: "To God be the Glory"
"Heavenly Sunlight"
"Since I Have Been Redeemed"
"I Love to Tell the Story"

Prayer led by Bro. Larry Messer

Special Songs: "Its Different Now", by
The Roy Thomas family.
"My Anchor Holds", by
Rev. Robert Sharpy

MESSAGE: Mark 16:15-16, "WHO" of the
Great Commission,
by Rev. Roy Thomas

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1967 1:30 BUSINESS SESSION

SPECIAL SONGS: "One by One, By Rev. & Sis. Roy
Thomas
"Each Step I take", by Sis. Hillis

DEVOTION: By Bro. Troy Shinn, Psalms 118

PRAYER : Led by Sis Christine Leichner

Auxiliary Reports by Sis. Clara Hillis, MSC to accept.
Report of our State Paper, "The Arrow" by Sis. Shade,
MSC to accept as read.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON (Con't)

Letter from Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Foreign Mission Department read. MSC to acknowledge same.

Temperance Report given - MSC to accept
Statistical Report given - MSC to accept as read
Obituary Committee Report- MSC to accept as read
Placement Committee report- MSC to accept
Executive Board Report - Recommendations concerning the By-Laws on this report, tabled until Saturday Business session.

Masters Men Report - MSC to accept this report as information.

Treasurer's Report - MSC to accept
Resolution Committee - Partial report - MS to adopt item by item.

Item #1- Adopted Item #4, MS to table until
Item #2- Adopted Saturday business session, Carried
Item #3- Adopted Item #5-Adopted

Nomination Committee Report - Adopted Item by Item.

Unfinished business called for - MS our clerk write a letter to the FWB Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., asking for the president and each faculty member to give their stand on the condition of a backslider in writing, and these be published in our state paper the Arrow. Carried.

MSC our representative to the General Board of the National Association, convey the Kansas State Assn. stand on this issue.

Rev. Harold Critchner nominated to be recommended to the Nominating Committee at the National Association to fill the vacancy left by Rev. Billy Melvin.

Rev. Dick Shade elected to be recommended to the General Board of the National Association in 1968.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 16, 1967 (Con't)

MSC to elect a State reporter, Rev. Bill Hall elected.

MSC we adjourn the business session until 9:30 a.m. Sat.

Announcements made -

Visitors recognized - Rev. and Sis. Charles Brazil from Collinsville, Oklahoma

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Ledbetter.

JUNE 16, 1967 7:30 P.M. EVENING SERVICE

Congregational songs: "To God Be the Glory"
"Saved by the Blood"

Prayer by Rev. Charles Brazil

Special Song: "Without Him", by Sis. Brazil

Recognition of Visitors

Congregational Songs: "He Lives"
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
"He Keeps Me Singing"

Special Singing by the Ledbetter Singers -
"Eternal Vacation"
"I Was Born to Serve the Lord"
"Remind Me Dear Lord"

MESSAGE: "HOW" of the Great Commission
Acts 1:8, by Rev. Roy Thomas

Alter of prayer for Salvation, Consecration and Dedication

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Stallings.

JUNE 17, 1967 SATURDAY 9:30 A.M.

Congregational Song: "Higher Ground"

Prayer led by Rev. J. R. Hall.

Special Songs: By Bro. & Sis. Doyle Terry
 "He Lifted Me Out"
 "The Next Step I Take"

Congregational Song: "Blessed Redeemer"

Rev. Homer Willis, Director of the National Home Missions spoke to us concerning the progress and needs of our National Home Missions, using the Scripture Mark 6:32.

MSC to take the report concerning the Sharon Rice Scholarship from the table.

MS we accept this recommendation, Carried.

Delegates elected to the National Association.

Tippye Shade	Doyle Terry
Nadine Ledbetter	Tommie Sharpy
Homer Castle	

MS to take Item #4 of the Resolutions committee report from the Table. Carried

MSC to adopt this resolution.

Resolution Committee report #2 given. Adopted item by item.

Item #1 - Adopted	Item #4 - MS to rescind
Item #2 - Adopted	yesterdays action, Carried
Item #3 - Adopted	Item #5 - Adopted

MSC to take from the table the Executive Board recommendation to add Item 17 & 18 to By-Laws of our Constitution. Balance of report carried.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1967 9:30 a.m. (Cont)

Other business called for

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell brought a report from Oklahoma Bible College.

MSC to give \$40.00 to Bro. Joe Hass's account
MSC to take offering for Home Mission Department.
Offering in the amount of \$44.50.

JUNE 17, 1967 SATURDAY 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Congregational Song: "To God Be the Glory"

Prayer led by Bro. Workman

Congregational Songs: "Anywhere with Jesus"
"Saved, Saved, Saved"

Special Song: "Oh the Glory did Roll, Sis. Clara
Hillis and Sis. Darlene Teague.

Testimonies of the Hass family and special song -
Harvest Time"

MESSAGE: By Rev. Joe Hass, "Luke 10:1-2"
"John 4:31-38"

Minutes read and approved.

Motiona, Second, we adjourn, Carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the temperance committee recommend that we adopt the same report as last year.

Signed Tippy Shad

Dale Vanderburg

1966 Temperance Committee Report as follows:

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.

I Thessalonians 5:21-22.

Verse 21 - Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Verse 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.

I 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 lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, 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 seems to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this mans 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.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Partial

1. In regard to the last paragraph on Page 9 of 1966 State Minutes we realize that due to the shortage of ordained men the date of 1967 be amended to read - go into effect at a later date when the State feels it has enough ordained men to abide by this ruling.

2. Due to the cost of printing and mailing the Arrow, we recommend that the Arrow be reduced to one $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{1}{4}$ folded sheet and mailed in bundles to the churches in Kansas. Other than this they are only to go to Paid subscribers. Subscriptions to be \$1.00 per year. That the Editors fee be lowered to \$10.00 per month.

June 1965 to June 1966, the cost of printing to the State was \$477.60. Most of this was for the Arrow. It was only printed 10 times.

June 1966 to June 1967 the cost of printing was \$412.09. Most of this was for the Arrow.

(These figures include all cost for the mimeographing and postage.)

Signed: J. R. Shade

3. Be it resolved that an honorarium of \$110.00 be given to Rev. Roy Thomas.

4. We recommend that the Constitution be amended in Article 2 to read following the word - Boards and all elected officers of the State Associations.

5. We recommend that a set fee of \$50.00 be paid to the State Clerk per year.

Signed: Robert Sharpy
Jack Stallings
Larry Messer

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Balance of report

1. We recommend that the Christian Education Board pay Miss Dianna Moses's tuition fee at the Oklahoma Bible College for this past year. The Outstanding bill is \$250.00

2. We recommend that the cooperative plan be revised to read:

State Home Mission Board	- - -	-40%	
National Cooperative plan	- - -	30%	
State Office	- - - - -	-18%	- 14%
Christian Education Board	- - -	8%	- 10%
Oklahoma Bible College	- - - - -	4%	- 06%

3. We recommend that a unified form be ordered by the Clerk to send out to the various yearly meeting for reporting to the State Association.

4. We recommend that the motion made yesterday concerning the clerk's fees be rescinded and a new motion be made to pay the clerk \$30.00 and the Treasurer be paid \$30.00 each year-- Due to the fact that the jobs were separated yesterday.

5. We recommend that a vote of thanks be given the host church.

Signed: Robert Sharpy
Jack Stallings
Larry Messer

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We the placement committee recommend the next State Meeting be held at the First Church, Topeka, Kansas.

Signed: Valade Henderson
Virginia Stallings

SHARON RICE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that a "Sharon Rice Scholarship" of \$6,000. be established and invested in church bonds, the interest from which to be applied to the tuition of a deserving student at Oklahoma Bible College. We recommend that a pamphlet be printed to set forth a description of the qualifications of the recipient and a description of the life exemplified by Sharon Rice. We further recommend that this committee be authorized to proceed with a campaign to raise funds for this scholarship.

Signed: Doyle Terry, Chairman
Henry Leichner
James Cox

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the obituary committee request that we pause for silent prayer and meditation in respect for the following saints who have gone to be with God:

Maxine Dugan
Edith Davis
Sharon Rice
Birch Baby

Signed: Chad Russ, Chairman
Vada McFerrin

STATEMENT ON THE BACKSLIDER -

Definition and condition of a backslider - A backslider is a regenerated person who has degenerated to a state of living in unconfessed and unforgiven sin. Such a person is rebellious to the principles to the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and cannot enter into a sinless heaven in such a backslidden condition. Unless this person has committed the unpardonable sin, (Mark 3:20) he can ask, and receive forgiveness for his backsliding.

The following scriptures explain - Jeremiah 2:21, Jeremiah 2:32, II Peter 1:9, James 1:13-16, James 5:19-20, Romans 6:12, Matthew 6:24, Hebrews 10:38-39, Hebrews 3:12, Ezekiel 18:24, I John 1:9, Revelation 21:27

This is the definition and condition of the backslider
as entered into the minutes of the First Okla. Assn.

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

District Associations - - - - -	-2
Local Churches - - - - -	-11
Parsonages - - - - -	6
Ordained Ministers - - - - -	-11
Licensed Ministers - - - - -	0
Ordained Deacons - - - - -	-14
Total Membership - - - - -	709
Members revived in 1966-1967 - - - - -	-Unknown
Sunday School Membership - - - - -	683
C.T.S. Membership - - - - -	219
Womans Auxiliary Membership - - - - -	93
Organized Sunday Schools - - - - -	11
Average C. T. S. attendance - - - - -	-190
Masters Men Enrollment - - - - -	40
Organized Prayer Meetings - - - - -	11
Total Offerings Received - - - - -	-\$73,142.58

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastors Salaries - - - - -	\$19,915.00
Evangelistic Work - - - - -	1,871.35
Bldg, & Repairs - - - - -	13,113.17
Literature - - - - -	2,344.08
Advertising - - - - -	62.85
Miscellaneous - - - - -	11,904.57
Other - - - - -	1,380.55

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan - - - - -	5,372.56
Foreign Missions - - - - -	1,378.19
Home Missions - - - - -	970.08
Education - - - - -	141.20
Associational, State & National Projects -	20.00
Other - - - - -	27.10

Signed: Troy Shinn

Pauline Castle

KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of unity 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 and ordained deacons, who are serving on local church deacon boards, and all elected officers of the State Association.

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. The Executive board shall consist of 5 ordained ministers, elected for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5-yr. terms, with one term 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 and 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.

ARTICLE 4 Con't)

1. Providing they adopt and adhere to State Questionnaire Number 1,2 & the 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 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 repungent to this Constitution.

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

ARTICLE 8. This consitution 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.
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.

-LAWS (Con't)

2. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
3. 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.
4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, which shall be assisted by a committee on committees. This committee on committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
5. A majority of votes shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the constitution and by-laws, receive new Meetings or Associations, the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator and overruling the Moderator, then it shall require a 2/3 majority.
6. The sessions of this Association shall convene Thurs. eve, Fri., Fri. nite, Sat. until noon preceeding the third Sunday of June each year.
7. These By-laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by two-thirds vote present.
8. This Association shall adopt "Roberts Rules of Order."
9. When a church is a member of a Qtly Conf. or Assn. within the State and desires to change membership to another Qtly Conf. or Assn. it will request a dismissal to unite with another Qtly. Conf. or Assn., a letter of dismissal and recommendation is given, if said church is in good standing.
 1. All members of said church holding State offices or Board Membership will continue their duty if church following outlined procedure.
 2. If church desires not to follow with the outlined procedures, all members holding State Office or Board member positions will be declared vacant and replaced by Executive Board.
10. Any church or minister desiring to start a Mission in an area where there is an organized FWB Church that is a member of the Kansas State Assn. will first seek the cooperation of said church. No minister should help organize a group into a church that is out of fellowship with an established FWB Church that is a member of the Kansas State Association.