

MINUTES



7th ANNUAL SESSION - 1968



Kansas *State Association of* *Free Will Baptists*

JUNE 13, 14, 15, 1968

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

TOPEKA, KANSAS

Next Session Will Convene With The
New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas
June 12, 13, 14, 1969

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - - - - - Dick Shade
ASST. MODERATOR - - - - - Marvin Harris
TREASURER - - - - - Trymon Messer
CLERK - - - - - Tommie Ann Sharry
ASST. CLERK - - - - - Christine Leichner

STATE MISSION BOARD

5 Year Man - - - - - Leonard McFerrin
4 Year Man - - - - - Jack Ledbetter
3 Year Man - - - - - Robert Sharry
2 Year Man - - - - - Henry Leichner
1 Year Man - - - - - Vernie Stillings

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5 Year Man - - - - - Bill Hall
4 Year Man - - - - - Dale Vanderburg
3 Year Man - - - - - Jack Stallings
2 Year Man - - - - - Trymon Messer
1 Year Man - - - - - Jack Ledbetter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

5 Year Man - - - - - Grover Terry
4 Year Man - - - - - Andy Timblin
3 Year Man - - - - - Trymon Messer
2 Year Man - - - - - Doyle Terry
1 Year Man - - - - - Ozell Fout

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1968 7:30 P.M.

Congregational Songs: "Love Divine"
"He Keeps Me Singing"

Prayer led by Bro. Doyle Terry

WELCOME TO TOPEKA by Mr. Nash, Park Commissioner

Welcome on behalf of the host Church - Rev. Sharry

MODERATORS MESSAGE: Rev. Dick Shade

THEME - "PREPARE FOR THE STORM" - Isaiah 29:36

Telegram read from Rev. Homer Willis, Director of
Home Missions, on behalf of the National Board.

Special Songs: "A Shelter in Time of Storm"
by Sis. Coffey

"Follow Me" By Rev. Robert Sharry

"I've Been to Calvery"
by Rev. Andy Timblin

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, return missionary from Africa
introduced Rev. Rufus Coffey as guest speaker.

Text - Psalms 55: 1-11

"I would hasten my escape from the windy
storm and tempest"

Invitation Song: "A Shelter In the Time of Storm"

Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees:

Bro. Trymon Messer
Rev. Jack Stallings
Bro. Doyle Terry

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1968 10:00 a.m.

Session called into conference.

Sis. Pauline Castle as pianist

Rev. Robert Sharry - Song Director

Congregational Song - "The Solid Rock"

Led in Prayer by Rev. Bill Hall

Congregational Song - "I'll Live in Glory"

Rev. Dick Shade, Moderator introduced Rev. Vernie
Stillings, Salina to bring the morning devotion.

"Prepare for the Storm" Luke 13:3, Romans 13:11

Prayer by Bro. Stillings.

Announcements made. Dismissed in prayer by
Bro. Trymon Messer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1968 1:00 p.m.
BUSINESS SESSION

Congregational Song: "Old Time Power"
Led in prayer by Sis. Nadine Ledbetter.
Congregational Song: "My Redeemer"

Devotion by Rev. Andy Timblin, I Peter 2:5

Rev. Roger Reeds from National Sunday School
Department gave a report on our literature
program for the coming year.

Rev. Grover Terry gave a report on Bible Bowl
and Bible Tic Tac Toe rules and competition
requirements.

Obituary Committee Report
Temperance Committee Report
Statistical Report
Placement Committee Report

Bro. Robert Sharpy resigned from the Christian
Education Board. Accepted

Partial Resolution Committee report:
Motion, Second to adopt this report item by
item. Carried.

Item #1 Carried
Item #2 Carried
Item #3 Carried

MSC to attach Item #4 to Nominating Committee
Report. Item #5 Carried.

Nominating Committee Report:

Moderator	- Rev. Dick Shade
Assistant Moderator	- Rev. Marvin Harris
Treasurer	- Bro. Trymon Messer
Clerk	- Sis. Tommie Ann Sharpy
Assistant Clerk	- Sis. Christine Leichner

Reading of Letters, MS to accept letters and seat the delegates. Carried

By-laws ready by Moderator, Rev. Shade
Unfinished business called for.

MS we acquire forms for individual churches to report to State Meeting with their delegates. Carried.

Telegram from Rev. Homer Willis, Central Director of National Home Missions, read.

MS Each church in the State send \$5.00 as a delegate fee to State Association. Carried.

Committees Appointed. MS to adopt printed program as guide for this State Meeting.

Treasurers Report read by Bro. Trymon Messer. MS to receive this report. Carried.

Letter from National Foreign Mission Board read, stating \$2,421.14 was given in 1967 from Kansas. Letter read from National Foreign Mission Board giving report on Project 5,000.

Executive Board report given of business carried on since last State Meeting. M.S. to receive report. Carried.

Motion to adjourn business meeting until 1:00 p.m. Friday S. Carried.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1968

Congregational Songs: " I Choose Jesus"
" Joy Unspeakable"
"The Wonderous Story"

Prayer by Rev. Grover Terry

Special Music by Sis. Clara Hillis and Bro. Doyle Terry - "In The Shelter of His Arms"

Congregational Song - "Wonderful Story of Love"

MESSAGE: "THE PURPOSE OF THE STORM", Rev. Coffey
Nahum 1:3, Isaiah 29:6, Exodus 19, Mark 4:38,
Ezekiel 14:13, Psalm 107:23, Psalm 89:9, Job 37:11-13
Psalms 148:8, Deuteronomy 11:14-17

5 Yr. man for State Mission Board - Leonard
McFerrin. 5 Yr. man for Executive Board -
Rev. Bill Hall.

Christian Education Board:

3 yr. man - Trymon Messer

5 yr. man - Grover Terry

4 yr. man - Andy Timblin

Filling Robert Sharpy's vacancy -

1 yr. man - Ozell Fout

2 yr. man - Doyle Terry

State Youth Camp report given by Bro. Doyle
Terry. Camp to be August 19th thru 23rd at
Camp Fellowship, Lake Afton, Goddard, Kansas
Fee \$15.00

Sharon Rice Scholarship Fund report given by
Bro. Doyle Terry.

Delegates selected for the National Association

Doyle Terry

Nadine Ledbetter

Tippye Shade

Trymon Messer

Pauline Castle

C.T.S. report given by Bro. Jim McLauthrin.

Other business called for - None

M.S. to adjourn, Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jimmy Aldridge.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1968 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Songs: "Rescue the Perishing"
"Lord Send Me"
"At the Cross"

Prayer led by Bro. Jim Lauthrin

Special Song, "The Haven of Rest, by Sis.

Clara Hall

Congregational Song: "Since Jesus Came Into
My Heart"

Special Song: "I Surrender All" by
Rev. & Sis. Aldridge.

MESSAGE: By Rev. Rufus Coffey,
A continuation - "The Purpose of the Storm"
Joel 2:11, Nahum 1:2-10, Isaiah 66:15,
Psalms 107:28, Jeremiah 23:19, Ezekiel 13:3
Ezekiel 3:18-20, Ezekiel 33:12-18, Matthew
24: 37-39, Revelation 6:9-17, Rev. 8:7, Rev. 16:18

Rev. and Sis. Jimmy Aldridge sang "Oh How I
Love Jesus" in African dialect.

Report and color slides on the work and our
missionaries in Africa. Questions and
discussion followed.

Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Aldridge.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1968 10:00 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Congregational Songs: "When the Roll is Called
Up Yonder"

Led in prayer by Bro. Olson.

Congregational Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting
Arms"

Letter read from the Free Will Baptist Bible
College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Report by Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive
Secretary of our National office, using
scripture Judges 8:22.

Helen McCain delegate from the Topeka church
seated as a delegate .

Resolution Committee report given. M.S. to
receive this report. Request it be adopted
item by item.

Resolution Committee Report, continued

Item #1 Carried

Item #2 Carried

M.S. offering of Friday and Saturday plus an offering to be taken in our home churches, be given to the Aldridges. Carried

Item #3 Carried

Item #7 Carried

Item # 4 Carried

Item #8 Carried

Item #5 Carried

Item #9 Carried

Item #6 Carried

Item #10 Carried, after

being amended to read - Those started under the auspices of the State Mission Board.

Sis. Virginia Stallings elected as Editor of our Kansas State paper, "The Arrow".

M.S. 1969 be placed in the minutes that Rev. Dick Shade be our General Board Member for 1968 and 1969. Carried

M.S. Rev. Robert Sharpy and Rev. Dick Shade continue as our State Representatives to Oklahoma Bible College.

Installation of Officers by Rev. Jack Ledbetter.

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge talked to us about Project 5,000.

Minutes read and approved. M.S. to adjourn our 1968 business session. Carried.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1968 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Song: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Led in prayer by Rev. Glen Murray.

Special Song: "Ship Ahoy" by Rev. Robert Sharpy

MESSAGE: Rev. Rufus Coffey -
"PREPARE FOR THE STORM"
How to Prepare - Have Faith

Mark 4:35, Luke 8:25, Romans 14:22

Prayer by Rev. Rufus Coffey

Offering

Announcements

Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Clara Hillis

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the temperance committee feel that the Christian today is engulfed by a storm of iniquity and we as Christians would do well to prayerfully consider again these scriptures:

I Corinthians 9:26-27, I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to other, I myself should be a castaway.

I Corinthians 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

II Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his, and let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Andy Timblin, Chairman

Clara Hillis

Virginia Stallings

Partial RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. We the Resolution Committee, considering that the C.T.S. Board is being merged with the Christian Education Board and with the additional recommendation that the Sunday School department come under this Christian Education Board, we recommend that the Christian Education Board be increased from a 3 member board to a 5 member board. With this in mind we recommend Rev. Grover Terry and Rev. Bill Hall be the additional members. We also recommend that Bro. Trymon Messer, whose term expires this year be returned to this Board.

2. We recommend that the Christian Education Board pay a total of \$55.00 toward the expenses of the Tic Tac Toe and Bible Bowl teams and their registration fees to the National Association of Free Will Baptists at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 15, 16 & 17, 1968. Also \$55.00 toward their expenses come from the General Fund. Total expenses \$110.00

3. We recommend that this State Association of Free Will Baptists request that the National Association of Free Will Baptist Convention convene in Wichita, Kansas in 1972.

4. We recommend that the ministers of the Chanute Free Will Baptist Church be extended full fellowship in the State Association of FWB for the next ninety days.

5. We recommend that should Rev. Jimmy & Sister Janie Aldridge still be in the States at our next yearly conference, that Rev. Aldridge be extended an invitation to be our Conference speaker; that arrangements begin immediately through Rev. Henry VanKluyve so Rev. Aldridge could be scheduled for this Conference Meeting.

Rev. Jack V. Stallings, Chairman
Bro. Trymon Messer
Bro. Doyle Terry

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Balance of report

1. We recommend all boards make a written report to the State Association.
2. We recommend a missionary offering be taken for the Aldridge family.
3. Be it resolved that an honorarium of \$125.00 be given to Rev. Rufus Coffey.
4. We recommend that the Clerk be instructed to write the Foreign Mission department requesting Bro. Aldridge for guest speaker of State Association for 1969,
5. We recommend that the Cooperative Plan remain the same as this year.
6. We recommend that the State paper "The Arrow" become partley self supporting by subscriptions to the extent of 100 subscriptions at the rate of \$1.00 per year in bundles mailed to the churches, or \$2.00 a single copy mailed to individuals. If within 90 days the goal has not been reached, we recommend dropping the paper.
7. We request if this recommendation is accepted by the body that the Nominating Committee place a recommendation before the body for an editor of the paper.
8. If the paper is dropped we recommend the equipment of the Arrow be turned over to the State Clerk for use in state work.
9. We recommend that a vote of thanks be given the host church.
10. We recommend that the State Mission Board be in charge of organizing all new churches, started under the auspices of the State Home Mission Board.

Jack V. Stallings, Chairman
Trymon Messer

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We the placement committee recommend the next State Meeting be held at the New Hope Church in Kansas City, Kansas .

Agnes Terry, Chairman
Nadine Ledbetter
Ellen Dobyns

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the obituary committee request that we stand in silent prayer and meditation in respect for the one who has gone to meet the Lord, a member of the First Church, Wichita.

Vernie Stillings, Chairman
Theresa Graham
Linda Adams

STATISTICAL REPORT 1968

District Associations - - - - -	2
Local Churches - - - - -	11
Parsonages - - - - -	6
Ordained Ministers - - - - -	12
Licensed Ministers - - - - -	8
Ordained Deceaons - - - - -	14
Total Membership of Churches - - - - -	737
Sunday School Enrollment - - - - -	608
C. T. S. Membership - - - - -	188
Womans Auxiliary Membership - - - - -	78
Organized Sunday Schools - - - - -	11
Organized Master's Men - - - - -	3
Organized Prayer Meetings - - - - -	10
Total Reported Giving in churches - - -	\$55,282.73
General Offering - - - - -	45,280.65
Building Funds - - - - -	5,472.58
Pastor's Salaries - - - - -	13,185.88
Evangelistic work - - - - -	1,914.88
Bldg. & repairs - - - - -	19,309.10
Literature - - - - -	1,969.56
Advertising, radio programs etc. - - -	61.32
Miscellaneous - - - - -	-14,102.77
Other - - - - -	5,009.91
Cooperative Plan - - - - -	4,501.15
Foreign Missions - - - - -	1,470.68
Home Missions - - - - -	639.79
Education - - - - -	75.80

STATISTICAL REPORT - Continued

Value of Church properties - - - - \$339,500.55

Value of parsonage properties - - 47,900.00

Robert Sharry, Chairman

Pauline Castle

Clara Hall

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 proffession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the 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, Asst. Moderation 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 a 1,2,3,4, and 5 year term, with one term to expire each

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.

1. Providing they adopts and adhere to State Questionnaire Number 1,2 and the one 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 constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations 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 BAPTISTS 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.

BY-LAWS, Continued

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.

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.

BY-LAWS Continued

12. 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.

13. A majority of votes shall be final upon all subjects except to ammend the consitution and by-laws, receive Qtly. 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 2/3 majority.

14. The sessions of this Association shall convene Thurs. nite, Friday, Friday nite and 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".

17. 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 follows outlined procedure.

(2.) If church desire not to follow with the outlined procedures, all members holding State Office or Board Member positions will be declared vacant and replaced by the Executive Board.

18. 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.