

# MINUTES

9th ANNUAL SESSION - 1970

*Kansas*

*State Association of*

*Free Will Baptists*

JUNE 18, 19, 20, 1970

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

WICHITA, KANSAS

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Next Session Will Convene With The  
Westside Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas  
June 17, 18, and 19, 1971

## OFFICERS

MODERATOR ----- Robert Sharry  
ASST. MODERATOR ----- Glen Murray  
TREASURER ----- Trymon Messer  
CLERK ----- Tommie Ann Sharry  
ASST. CLERK ----- Thelma Terry

## STATE MISSION BOARD

3 Year Man ----- Trymon Messer  
2 Year Man ----- Vernie Stillings  
1 Year Man ----- Leonard McFerrin

## STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3 Year Man ----- Troy Dobbs  
2 Year Man ----- Jack Ledbetter  
1 Year Man ----- Richard Terry

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

3 Year Man ----- Doyle Terry  
2 Year Man ----- LeRoy Corbett  
1 Year Man ----- Grover Terry

## ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1970 7:30 P.M.  
Congregational Song: "Oh How I Love  
Jesus". Led by Bro. Graham. Piano  
player, Sis. Graham.

Prayer led by Bro. Vernie Stillings

Scripture reading and call to order by  
State Clerk, Tommie Sharry.

MODERATORS MESSAGE: Rev. Robert Sharry  
& Prayer

Recognition of Churches and Visitors  
Rev. Ed Morris  
Rev. Linn Wood

Alter of Prayer for Rev. Glenn Murray  
(Pastor of Bethel Church, Kansas City,  
who is in the hospital) and our Kansas  
State Association.

Congregational Singing:  
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"  
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
"To God Be The Glory"

Special Songs:  
"Stroll Over Heaven" by the Ledbetter  
Singers  
"My Child You're Home at Last"

Introduction of Speaker, Rev. Robert  
Shockey by Bro. Messer.  
Message: Romans 13:11 II Timothy 1:13  
II Timothy 2:2 II Timothy 4:2

Alter of Prayer

Song: "Jesus is Coming Soon"

Committee on Committees appointed.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. W. A. Hartley.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1970 9:30 A.M.

Congregational Song: "Victory in Jesus"

Sis. Pat Dobbs leading.

Sis. Faye Goats at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Jack Ledbetter.

Devotion Ephesians 5:16

Redeeming the Time by Rev. Troy Dobbs

Visitors recognized

Bro. Robert Shockey

Bro. Lynn Wood

Bro. Verlin Ramsey

Bro. & Sis. Ed Morris

Quarterly meeting letters read.

Delegates seated by Rev. Grover Terry

Reading of Rules of Order by Bro. LeRoy Corbett.

Committee on Committee Report, M.S.C. read.

Letter read from The Board of Foreign Missions.

Old Business.

Unfinished Business.

Motion to amend Article 3 of the Constitution to read 3 men or more instead of 5.

M.S. to lay this motion on the table for  
8 hours.

Reports from the Foreign Missions Dept.

Home Mission Board report.

Prayer by Bro. Ramsey.

Recess

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1970      11:00 A.M.  
                                WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Song: "Sunlight"  
Led by Bro. Ford, Sis Marlene Shell

Prayer led by Rev. Lynn Wood

Congregational Song: "Keep Me Singing"  
Special Songs: "When Jesus Comes"  
                                by Sis. Jonnie Irvan  
                                Sis. Terry at the piano  
                                "I Want To Do Thy Will,  
                                Oh Lord" by Bro. &  
                                Sis. Doyle

Prayer by Rev. Sharry.

Message: "Time To Awake"  
                                I Corinthians 1:17  
                                Rev. Robert Shockey

Prayer by Rev. Ed Morris

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1970 1:00 P.M.

BUSINESS SESSION

Prayer led by Sis. Donna Terry

Congregational Songs:

"I'm a Child King"

"Wherever He Leads Go"

Devotion by Bro. Sid Nichols from  
Matthew 11:28, 29 & 30.

Report about O.B.C. by Rev. Lynn Woods.

Motion to adopt proposed O.B.C. Budget,  
S.C.

State Treasurer's Report given, S.C.

Christian Education Board report given.  
M.S. to adopt item by item.

Obituary Committee Report given, M.S.C.

Led in prayer by Bro. Raymong Ford.

Business Committee Report given, M.S.  
to adopt item by item. Carried.

Mission Board Financial Report given on  
the Chanute Church & Parsonage trans-  
actions. M.S.C.

Report on the State Paper "The Arrow"  
given by Sis. Virginia Stallings.

Minutes read and approved thus far.

Promotional Committee appointed to promote bringing the National Assn. to Kansas in 1973.

Grover Terry  
Doyle Terry

M.S. to recess our business session until Saturday morning - carried.

Prayer by Sis. Marlene Shell.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1970 7:30 P.M.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE

Service opened with an Alter of Prayer for Denominational needs.

Congregational Songs: "How Wonderful"  
"He Hideth My Soul"

Bro. Graham leading, Sis. Graham at the piano.

Special Song: "They That Sow in Tears,  
Shall Reap in Joy"  
by Sis. Marlene Shell

Congregational Song: "Near the Cross"

Special Song: "Remind Me Dear Lord"  
"Had It Not Been" by the  
Graham Family

Congregational Song: "Amazing Grace"

Songs by the Ledbetter Family:

"Thank God I'm Free"

"Jesus is Coming Soon"

"Jesus Signed My Pardon"



Prayer by Rev. Richard Terry

MESSAGE: "Time to Cast Off"  
Rev. Ed Morris  
Romans 13:12

Invitation: Mercy, Not Justice, I Pray.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1970 9:30 A.M.

### BUSINESS SESSION

Congregational Songs:

"Victory in Jesus"

Bro. Doyle Terry leading

Sis. Terry at the piano

"I Love To Tell The Story"

Prayer led by Rev. Frank Johnson

Devotion - Amos 3:3-8 by Rev. Richard  
Terry.

Temperance Committee Report given.  
M.S.C.

Motion. The Moderator draft a statement for the news media stating Kansas State Assn. of F.W.B.'s stand on paramutual betting, pornography, liquor by the drink, sex education, drugs and narcotics. S.C.

Addition to Business Committee report given, M.S.C.

Placement Committee report given. M.S.C.



M.S. to take Item involving constitutional change from table. Carried.

M.S. 4 yr. man become 1 yr. man.  
5 yr. man becomes 2 yr. man and  
we elect the 3 yr. man. Carried.

Delegates to the National Association  
Elected:

W. A. Hartley  
Tommie Sharry  
LeRoy Corbett  
Donna Terry  
Trymon Messer

New Officers Elected as Follows:

Asst. Clerk - Thelma Terry  
Clerk - T. Sharry  
Treasurer - T. Messer  
Asst. Mod. - G. Murray  
Moderator - R. Sharry

M.S. to elect a Parliamentarian. Carried.  
LeRoy Corbett elected.

Trymon Messer elected to serve for  
the next year on O.B.C.'s Trustee Board.

Virginia Stalling elected as Editor for  
The Arrow.

M.S. Editor's salary increased to \$15.00  
a month. Carried.

Auditing Committee  
Larry Messer  
LeRoy Corbett

Minutes read and approved thus far.

M.S. to go right into our worship service. Carried.

Congregational Song: "At Calvery"  
Bro. Leightner leading.  
Sis. Graham playing the piano.

Prayer led by Bro. Larry Messer.

Message: "Time to Put On"  
Text Romans 13:14 using  
Genesis 1:3-4 Psalm 104:2  
Psalm 106:9  
By Rev. Ed Morris.

Expression of thanks from Marlene  
Shell for the Sharon Rice Scholarship.

Congregational Song: "Blest Be The Tie  
That Binds"

M.S. to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charley Price.

## PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Westside Church has been recommended by the Placement Committee as the site of the next Kansas State Association.

Richard Terry  
Verni Sillings  
Jack Ledbetter

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, request we stand in silent prayer and meditation in respect for the ones who have gone on to meet the Lord in the year past. Bro. H.O. Stephenson, age about 65, from W.S. Church, Bro. Jake Blair, age 69, from the Bethel Church, Quinton Todd, First Church, Wichita.

Rev. 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works to follow them.

Clara Hillis  
Bonnie Mitchell  
Virginia Stallings

## EDUCATIONAL BOARD REPORT

We, the Educational Board, recommend:

This State Association receive and pay to the Tic Tac Toe and Bible Bowl teams the fee of \$10.00 for each team entering the

contest. Also, that we pay the \$10.00 entrance fee of \$10.00 per team to the National Association.

Having received a request from Miss Marlene Shell for the Tuition Fee from the Sharon Rice Fund. We recommend to grant same to her.

We also have rented the same Youth Camp for this year which we had last year. Insurance is already taken care of. Trymon Messer is the Director for same.

Grover Terry, Chairman  
Trymon Messer  
Doyle Terry

#### ARROW REPORT

July 1969 to June 1970

Amount paid editor	\$ 120.00
Other expenses	<u>182.91</u>
Total	\$ <u>302.91</u>
Amt. of Subscriptions	<u>-245.60</u>
Total cost to State	\$ <u>57.31</u>

We are now sending the Arrow to the following:

Churches	134
Individual subscriptions	49
Missionaries (Home & Foreign)	8
Servicemen	2
National Departments	3
Colleges	3
Exchange papers	<u>6</u>
Total Distribution	<u>205</u>

Editor, Virginia Stallings

## 1969-70 Treasurer's Report

Co-Op Receipts.....	\$ 4,357.05
(6-1-69 to 5-1-70)	
Mission Receipts.....	2,699.08
(6-1-69 to 5-1-70)	
<u>The Arrow</u> .....	244.60
Delegate Fee .....	90.00
State Offering .....	35.70
Robert Sharpy (.B.C.).....	45.00
 TOTAL RECEIVED .....	 \$ 7,471.43
(6-1-69 to 4-30-70)	
 Balance in Bank June 1, 1968 \$	 870.18
Total Received June 1, 1969	
to May 1, 1970 .....	<u>7,471.43</u>
 Total .....	 \$ 8,341.61

### DISBURSEMENTS

National Co-op .....	1,164.00
Foreign Missons .....	2,176.82
National Home Missions .....	585.56
State Home Missions .....	2,229.20
State Christian Education	
Board .....	398.20
Oklahoma Bible College .....	263.76
State <u>Arrow</u> .....	285.36
Moderator's Expenses to National	
Association (Robert Sharpy)	100.00
State Clerk .....	30.00
State Treasurer .....	30.00
Southeastern Public Service	
Company .....	12.02
Stamps & Record Book .....	17.16

State Phone Calls & Mileage...	47.00
State Minutes & brief case ....	70.50
National Delegate Fee .....	35.00
United Rent-All (adding machine)	2.00
Oklahoma Bible College (Robert Sharry) .....	45.00
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	 7,491.58
 Balance in Bank May 1, 1970 ..	 850.03

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend to advise the General Board to request that the National Association of Free Will Baptist's convene in Wichita, Kansas in 1973.

2. We recommend that a honorarium of \$125.00 be given to Rev. Robert Shockey.

3. We recommend that a honorarium of \$75.00 be given to Rev. Ed Morris.

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

	From	To
State Home Mission Board	40%	35%
National Co-operative Plan	30%	30%
State Office	14%	15%
Christian Education Board	10%	10%
Oklahoma Bible College	6%	10%

5. We recommend that the State Association give a standing vote of thanks to Free Will Baptist Church of Wichita for having this session here.

6. We recommend that the State Association give a standing vote of thanks to Sis. Virginia Stallings for her work with the Arrow.

Troy Dobbs  
Grover Terry  
LeRoy Corbett

#### Addition to Business Committee Report

We recommend the State allow the State Treasurer to purchase a briefcase to carry the records in.



# 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 3 ordained ministers, elected for a 1, 2, and 3 year term, 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.

1. Providing they adopts and adhere to State Questionaire 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.