

# MINUTES



12th ANNUAL SESSION - 1973



*Kansas*

*State Association of*

*Free Will Baptists*

JUNE 14, 15, and 16, 1973

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ULYSSES, KANSAS

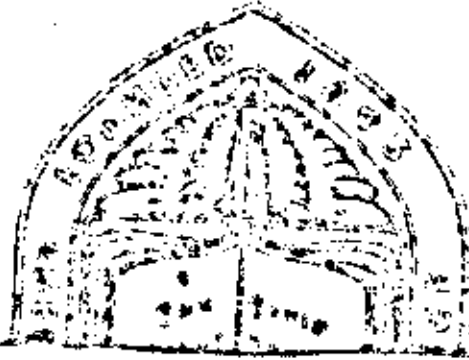
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Next Session Will Convene With The

First Free Will Baptist Church, Salina, Kansas

June 13, 14, and 15, 1974

# FREE MIFF BAPTIST



## OFFICERS

MODERATOR ..... Earl Langley  
ASST. MODERATOR ..... Grover Terry  
TREASURER & CLERK ..... Raymond Fouard  
ASST. TREASURER & CLERK ..... Larry Messer  
PARLIMENTARIAN ..... To Be Appointed

## STATE MISSION BOARD

3 YEAR MAN ..... Trymon Messer  
2 YEAR MAN ..... Jack Ledbetter  
1 YEAR MAN ..... *Robert S.* Richard Terry

## STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3 YEAR MAN ..... *R. Derry* Bobby Clyatt  
2 YEAR MAN ..... Kenneth Stephens  
1 YEAR MAN ..... Lestor Lemons

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

3 YEAR MAN ..... Gary Brunson  
2 YEAR MAN ..... Kenneth Stephens  
1 YEAR MAN ..... Marvin Williams  
HILLSDALE BOARD MEMBER ..... Trymon Messer  
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER ..... Kenneth Stephens  
ARROW EDITOR ..... Virginia Stallings

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

THEME - SHARING CHRIST, THE BREAD OF LIFE

JUNE 14, 1973 - THURSDAY NIGHT PROCEEDINGS - 7:30 P.M.

Association opened by the Clerk - Rev. Richard Terry

Moderator's welcome - Rev. Kenneth Stephens

Prayer - Bro. Jerry Lacey

Congregational Singing - Bro. Gene Molby leading  
"Heavenly Sunlight"  
"I Know Whom I Have Believed"  
"At Calvary"

Welcome from the Host Church - Rev. Earl Langley (Pastor)

Response to the welcome - Bro. Trymon Messer

Special Singing - The Earl Langley Family  
"He Looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Need"

Message: "Sharing Christ By A Dedicated Life"  
Rev. Grover Terry (Pastor - First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita)

Invitation

Appointment of Committee on Committees  
Rev. Jack Ledbetter  
Bro. Trymon Messer  
Rev. Lester Lemons

Benediction - Rev. Reford Wilson

9:00 - 10:00 Fellowship time for Men, Women, and Youth

JUNE 15, 1973 - FRIDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS - 9:30 A.M.

Session called to order by the Moderator

Prayer - Rev. Chad Russ

Congregational Singing - Bro. Gene Molby leading  
"Count Your Blessings"  
"O How I Love Jesus"

Devotion - Rev. Jack Stallings

Reading of letters - M.M.S. & C. to accept letters as read

Delegates seated - Bro. Tommy Holdeman was seated as a delegate from the  
First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Committee on Committee's partial report - M.M.S. & C. to receive

Bro. Gene Molby was seated as a delegate from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Ulysses

Opening Business Session

Home Mission Board Report - Bro. Trymon Messer (Chairman) M.M.S. & C. to receive

Hillsdale Report - Rev. Jerry Rhoades (Director of Promotions)

W.N.A.C. Report - Sis. Brenda Spruill

Letter from the National C.T.S. Department read by Moderator

Announcements concerning this years Youth Camp by Camp Director Rev. Ken Stephens

Recess

JUNE 15, 1973 - FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Conclusion of Committee on Committee's report

Prayer - Bro. Tommie Holdeman

Congregational Singing - Bro. Gene Molby leading  
"Amazing Grace"  
"Redeemed"

Special Music - Tommie Holdeman and Richard Terry  
"Love Is Why"

National Executive Department Report - Rev. Rufus Coffey (Executive Secretary)

Message: "Sharing Christ In the Home"  
Rev. Rufus Coffey

Announcements

Benediction - Rev. Bobby Clyatt

June 15, 1973 - FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS - 1:30 P.M.

Session opened by the Moderator

Prayer - Rev. Jack Ledbetter

Executive Board Report - M.M.S. & C. to receive

Arrow Report - M.M.S. & C. to receive

Treasurer's Report - M.M.S. & C. to receive

Free Will Baptist Bible College Report - Rev. Paul Kettelman

National Laymans Board Report - Bro. Kenneth Lane (Chairman)

Greetings From the Oklahoma State Association - Rev. Lonnie Davolt  
(Executive Secretary)

Devotion - Rev. Bobby Clyatt

Temperance Committee Report - M.M.S. & C. to recieve

Obituary Committee Report - M.M.S. & C. to receive

Business Committee Report - M.M.S. & C. to adopt item by item  
Item 1 - Lost  
Item 2 - Carried

M.M.S. & C. that two men be appointed by the Moderator from each Quarterly Conference to review the Constitution and By-Laws and give a job description for each office and board of the State Association.

M.M.S. & C. that the evening service be moved up from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM and that the Saturday Morning service be moved up from 9:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

Benediction - Rev. Chad Russ

JUNE 15, 1973 - FRIDAY NIGHT PROCEEDINGS - 7:00 P.M.

Service opened by Rev. Earl Langley

Prayer - Rev. Paul Kettelman

Congregational Singing led by Bro. Gene Molby  
"He Lives"

Rev. Rufus Coffey presented the film "More Than Bricks and Morter" a promotion of the various National Departments.

Congregational Singing  
"Blest Be the Tie"

Prayer - Rev. Lester Lemmons

Special Music - Ulysses Quartet  
"His Name Is Wonderful"  
"Redemption Draweth Nigh"  
Bro. Gene Molby  
"I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"

Message: "Sharing Christ With a Local Church Witness"  
Rev. Homer Willis (General Director, National Home Mission Board)

Invitation

Alter of Prayer

Offering

Benediction - Bro. Jerry Lacey

Film: "In His Steps"

JUNE 16, 1973 - SATURDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS - 9:00 A.M.

Session opened by the Moderator

Prayer - Rev. Grover Terry

Congregational Singing - Bro. Gene Molby leading  
"Standing On the Promises"  
"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Devotion - Rev. Chad Russ

Competitive activities - Bible Bowl Demonstration by the First Free Will  
Baptist Church, Wichita

Business Session

Nominating Committee Report - M.M.S. & C. to adopt item by item

Election of officers as follows:

Moderator.....	Earl Langley
Asst. Moderator.....	Grover Terry
Treasurer and Clerk.....	Raymond Fouard
Asst. Treasurer and Clerk.....	Larry Messer
Hillsdale Board.....	Trymon Messer
Mission Board 3 yr. man.....	Trymon Messer
Mission Board 2 yr. man.....	Jack Ledbetter
Executive Board 3 yr. man.....	Bobby Clyatt
Chris. Ed. Board 3 yr. man.....	Gary Brunson
Auditing Committee.....	Appointed by moderator
Delegates to the National.....	Nominated from floor

Bro Trymon Messer elected as General Board member from Kansas

Delegates to the National Association elected as follows:

Gary Brunson  
Chuck Holdeman  
Thelma Terry  
Doyle Terry  
Donna Terry

M.M.S. & C. to give the Moderator authority to appoint alternates at the  
National Association.

Auditing Committee Report - the auditing committee was not able to audit the  
books. M.M.S. & C. that the auditing committee audit the books and report  
to the Executive Board, with the result of its findings to be published in  
the Arrow.

Sis Virginia Stallings elected as Editor for the Arrow

Placement Committee Report - M.M.S. & C. to receive

M.M.S. & C. that Rev. Earl Langley's resignation be accepted for 2 year man on the executive board

Bro Chuck Holdeman elected as 2 year man on the executive board

M.M.S. & C. to rescind action taken by the body concerning the election of Bro. Chuck Holdeman to the executive as it was not constitutional.

Rev. Kenneth Stephens elected as two year man on the executive board

M.M.S. & C. that \$75.00 be given to each of the speakers from the National office. Ammended to include \$50.00 to Hillsdale and \$50.00 to the State Home Mission Board. Ammendment carried. Main motion carried.

Minutes read and accepted

Letter from the Insurance and Retirement Board read by the Moderator

Officers installed by admonition from the moderator and prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson

Recognition given to Bro. Gene Molby, and Sis. Donna Langley for being our musicians throught the association

Recognition given to the Moderator for his efforts throughout the past year

Recognition given to the Clerk-Treasurer for efforts this past year

Recognition given to Bro. Doyle Terry for his work on the Christian Education Board

JUNE 16, 1973 - SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Congregational Singing - Bro. Gene Molby leading  
"Amazing Grace"

Old Fashioned Hand Shake

Special Music - The Langley Family  
"For Me"

Message: "Sharing Christ Through World Evangelism"  
Rev. Reford Wilson (General Director, National Foreign Mission Dept.)

M.M.S. & C. to adjourn

Benediction - Bro. C. A. Long



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

1. Business committee - Grover Terry, Chad Russ, Bobby Clyatt
2. Nominating committee - Richard Terry, Larry Messer, Newt Weber
3. Obituary committee - Katherine Williams, Sis. Chad Russ, Nadine Ledbetter
4. Placement committee - Lester Lemmons, Marvin Williams, Earl Langley
5. Temperance committee - Jack Stallings, Gary Brunson, Kenny Rogers
6. Auditor committee - Raymond Fouard, Chuck Holdeman

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Report of the Executive Board  
of the Kansas State Assoc.

1972-1973

The Exec. Board met in October, 1972 in Wellington to appoint Rev. Jack Ledbetter to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Troy Dobbs on the State Mission Board. We also had preliminary discussion concerning the program for the 1973 State Association program.

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The Executive Board met on Jan. 20, 1973, at the West Side Free Will Baptist Church of Wichita, to formulate the program for the State Association. The Board voted to include clerk and treasurer of the Association as ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

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On Feb. 4th, 1973 the Executive Board met at the First Church of Wichita, to nominate, a steering committee for the National Convention which is to convene in Wichita in 1974. The Board also voted to pay Pastor's travel allowance of 5¢ a mile when they travel to pastor's fellowship conferences within the State.

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The Executive Committee met to discuss general business which might need to be anticipated for the meeting of the State Association. No business was noted or discussed.

Earl Langley, Chairman  
Jack Stallings  
Lester Lemmons.



# ARROW REPORT

May 18, 1973

To the Kansas State Association when convened with First FWB Church,  
Ulysses, Kansas, June 14, 15, 16, 1973.

Twelve months from May 1, 1972 to May 1, 1973:

MONTH	EXPENSES	EDITOR	AMT. REMITTED TO STATE TREASURER
May	37.04	15.00	3.00
June	8.00	15.00	21.00
July	14.98	15.00	15.00
July Repair	122.77	Typewriter & Gestetner	
August	13.11	15.00	12.00
September	38.53	15.00	7.00
October	21.59	15.00	61.00
November	54.43	15.00	85.00
December	17.83	15.00	7.00
January	12.48	15.00	28.00
February	31.64	15.00	22.00
March	22.62	15.00	56.00
April	<u>33.69</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
Totals	\$428.71	\$180.00	\$341.00

Total Expense (Editor and Other).....\$608.71  
Less Subscriptions.....341.00  
Cost to State.....\$267.71 (Including \$122.77 Repair)

## Arrow Distribution:

Churches	187
Individual Subscriptions	61
Missionaries	13
National Depts. & Colleges	13
Exchanges	<u>16</u>
Total	290 compared to 256 last year

Thank God for His Blessing

Virginia Stallings, Editor

# BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

The business committee recommends:

- The following allocation of the Co-op monies:
  - 57% - Kansas State Home Mission Board
  - 20% - National Co-op
  - 10% - Hillsdale
  - 8% - Christian Education Board

5% - State Office  
100%

2. That a heart felt thanks for the hospitality of this church with its food, lodging, and kindness be expressed.

Grover Terry  
Bobby Clyatt  
Chad Russ

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from May 1, 1972 to April 30, 1973

CHURCH	CO-OP	MISSIONS	HILLSDALE	"74" CONV.	72 - 73 TOTAL	71 - 72 TOTAL (11 mths.)
Behtel	997.45	169.37	.00	60.00	1,226.84	889.41
Emperia	213.24	15.00	.00	.00	228.24	.00
Faith	136.03	.00	.00	45.00	181.03	197.10
1st Wichita	.00	.00	.00	108.00	108.00	1,180.37
Gospel	271.37	409.53	.00	50.00	730.90	199.78
Hutchinson	322.23	164.08	.00	45.00	531.31	50.00
Milan	206.28	141.97	.00	10.00	358.25	.00
New Hope	.00	.00	.00	162.00	162.00	.00
Salina	1,893.50	993.82	941.35	.00	3,828.67	3,951.65
Timberlane	.00	100.28	.00	60.00	160.28	38.55
Topeka	1,176.43	888.96	240.92	110.00	2,416.31	2,548.17
Ulysses	.00	175.00	.00	55.00	230.00	242.00
Wellington	671.44	161.15	5.00	37.50	875.09	812.64
Westside	458.58	1,634.38	.00	.00	2,092.96	2,447.98
TOTAL	6,346.55	5,297.36	1,187.27	742.50	13,573.68	12,557.65

## Other Receipts

THE ARROW	341.00
State Offering	78.00
Delegate Fees	75.00
	494.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS (from May 1, 1972 to April 30, 1973)..... 14,067.68

DISBURSEMENTS..... 11,150.58

Balance May 1, 1972	1,200.97
Total Receipts 1972-73	14,067.68
TOTAL	15,268.65
Total Expenditures	11,150.00
On Deposit	4,118.07
April 30, 1973	

1974 Convention Fund Balance \$1,089.50

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Romans 12:1, 2

We the temperance committee have met and want to emphasize these verses because God has commanded it for all believers.

Gary Brunson  
Kenneth S. Rogers Sr.  
Jack V. Stallings

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the obituary committee are sad to report the following deaths:

Ernest Lindsay - Westside, Wichita  
Bob Collis - First Church, Salina  
Ackley Carter - First Church, Ulysses  
Omer (Ozell) Fout - Bethel FWB Church

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

We would like to recommend a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of the families left behind.

Kathryn Williams  
Inez Russ  
Nadine Ledbetter

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the nominating committee, nominate the following people for the following offices:

Moderator	Earl Langley
Asst. Moderator	Grover Terry
Treasurer and Clerk	Raymon Fouard
Asst. Treasurer and Clerk	Larry Messer
Hillsdale Board	Trymon Messer
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Chris. Ed. Board 3 yr. man	Gary Brunson
Auditing Committee	Appointed by moderator
Delegates to the National	Nominated from floor

Richard Terry  
Newt Webber  
Larry Messer

STATE HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

Receipts from October 1972 thru April 30, 1973

Transfer from Troy Dobbs to Tryman Messer	7,709.63
Received from Wellington on loan	1,300.00
Hutchinson land fund	80.00
State Treasurer	2,073.00
State Treasurer	1,763.27
Emporia Church	16.44
Emporia Church	21.54
Troy Dobbs - Stamps	5.00
Emporia Church	51.71
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Total	5,276.80
Transferred Amount	7,709.63
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Total Amount Received	12,986.43
Total Amount Paid Out	12,138.67
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Balance of May 1, 1973	847.76

Disbursements from October 1972 thru May 1973

Trymon Messer	15.27
Hutchinson Land Loan	5,200.00
Trymon Messer - Trip to Emporia	12.50
Richard Terry - Mileage to Salina	11.00
Ken Stephens & Bobby Clyatt -	3,000.00
Bobby Clyatt - Thanksgiving	6.00
Ken Stephens - Thanksgiving	6.00
Trymon Messer - State Phone Bills	13.17
Ken Stephens - State Phone Bills	13.57
Richard Terry - Mileage to Emporia	22.50
Trymon Messer - Mileage to Emporia	27.50
Emporia Church - Love offering from Hutchinson	26.92
Stephen & Clyatt - Salaries	3,000.00
Loan to Emporia for Bond Program	600.00
Tables for Missionary Conference	6.80
Food for Missionary Conference	15.00
Roy Thomas - Trip to Missionary Conference	150.00
Trymon Messer - Mileage to Emporia	12.50
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TOTAL	12,138.67
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#### State Home Mission Board Report Cont.

The Kansas State Mission Board has met several times on various different occasions during the past year. On June 11, 1973 the Board met in Salina and reviewed its work over the past year, considered where it is, at the present time, and discussed its hopes and plans for the future.

God has blessed our efforts in Kansas, as can be seen by the establishing of the work in Emporia, and the growth of the work in Hutchinson. Both of our works were organized this past year. The Church in Emporia has launched a \$16,000.00 Bond program for the purchase of property for a future building site. The Hutchinson church has purchased 6 acres for a building site as well as a building at a different location in which they are now worshipping. The Mission Board has been encouraged by the work and dedication of our two Missionaries and their families.

As for our future hopes and plans, it is only natural that our thoughts turn to other cities in Kansas that have no Free Will Baptist churches. However, there are more pressing needs as relating to our present works that need our immediate attention. The main one of these is a raise in salary for our missionaries.

Trymon Messer  
Jack Ledbetter  
Richard Terry

#### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The placement committee recommends the next years State Association meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Salina, Kansas.

Lestor Lemons  
Earl Langley  
Marvin M. Williams

KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
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 a 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 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. Moderator, and a Treasurer-Clerk, 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 adopt and adhere to State Questionnaire Number 1, 2, and the one for Ministers and Deacons.
2. Failure to comply to with this ruleing 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 or 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 Meeting 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 question 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 on 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; and 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, 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 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 amend the constitution and by-laws, receive Q'tly. Meetings or Association, 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 untill noon preceeding the third Sunday of June each year.

15. These By-laws may be ammended 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 fellow 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 F.W.B. 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 F.W.B. Church that is a member of the Kansas State Association.