

MINUTES

37th ANNUAL SESSION—1998

KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

**June 11, 12 and 13, 1998
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WICHITA, KANSAS**



**NEXT SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH THE
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TOPEKA, KANSAS
JUNE 10, 11 and 12, 1999**

KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PERSONNEL

June 1998 to June 1999

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Larry Collins
Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Marvin Harris
Clerk.....Bro. James O. Brewer
Asst. Clerk.....Sis. Judy Sprout
Treasurer.....Sis. Patricia Collins
Asst. Treasurer.....Sis. Susie Hubbard

EXECUTIVE BOARD

3-Year Term.....Rev. Clifford Ball
2-Year Term.....Rev. Tim Stringer
1-Year Term.....Rev. Marvin Harris

MISSION BOARD

3-Year Term.....Rev. Robert Sharry
2-Year Term.....Bro. Ray Hubbard
1-Year Term.....Bro. James O. Brewer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

5-Year Term.....Rev. Tim Stringer
4-Year Term.....Sis. Janet Warden
3-Year Term.....Bro. Louis Oelke
2-Year Term.....Bro. Carl Metcalf
1-Year Term.....Bro. Jim Brewer

ASSOCIATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

General Board Member (1998 & 1999).....Rev. Larry Collins

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Bro. Carl Metcalf (Ch.), Bro. Dan Hilburn, & Sis. Della Lyons

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Sis. Judy Sprout (Ch.), Sis. Patricia Collins, Sis. Janet Warden

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

June 11, 1998 – Thursday Night Service – 7:30 p.m.

Association called to order: James O. Brewer, Clerk

Service opened: Rev. Tim Stringer, Chairman, Executive Board

Rev. Wayne Bookout, Wellington, elected as moderator.

Prayer: Rev. Robert Sharry, Wellington

Congregational Song - Bro. Ray Hubbard, Song Leader, Bro. Kenneth McClintock, Pianist:
"Faith is The Victory"

Recognition of Kansas Churches:

Bethel (Kansas City).....	4
Emporia	0
Hutchinson.....	6
Faith (Salina)	4
Topeka.....	8
Ulysses	0
Wellington.....	2
Wichita	<u>11</u>
 Total	 35

Recognition of Visitors:

Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita – 17
Rev. Connie Cariker, Pastor, West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Sis. Tommy Ann, Ben, and Chris Sharry, Moore, Oklahoma

Welcome: Bro. Ray Hubbard, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas

Offering: \$74.86

Special Music:

Bro. Ken McClintock, Westside (Wichita) Piano Solo – "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"
Bro. Dan Hilburn, First Free Will Baptist Church (Wichita) – "Feel the Nails"
Bro. Scott Collins, First Free Will Baptist Church (Hutchinson) – "Thank You"

Rev. Robert Sharry, Moore, Oklahoma – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Time of Testimonies

Introduction of Speaker: Rev. Wayne Bookout

**Message: Rev. Connie Cariker, Pastor, West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Revelation 3:1-6**

- 1) Things that need to die in the church (vs. 2) fighting, fussing, bitterness, formality, criticism, complacency, deadness, dullness, doubtful theology, etc.**
- 2) Strengthen the things that remain (Ephesians 6:11-14)**

Invitation – One person saved!

Appointment of Committee on Committees: Tim Stringer (Ch.), Clifford Ball, Dan Hilburn

Announcements

Benediction: Rev. Larry Collins, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Hutchinson

June 12, 1998 – Friday Morning Proceedings – 9:00 a.m.

Service Opened: Rev. Tim Stringer, Pastor, Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Salina

Prayer: Rev. Larry Collins

Congregational Song - Bro. Ray Hubbard, Song Leader, Sis. Patricia Collins, Pianist: “Where He Leads, I’ll Follow”

Recognition of Visitors:

**Rev. Connie Cariker, Pastor, West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. Carl Cheshier, President, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma**

**Special Music: Bro. Marcus Brewer, Topeka – “Midnight Cry”
Bro. Ray Hubbard, Wichita – “That Was Where His Mercy Begins”**

**Moderator’s Message: Rev. Wayne Bookout, Wellington
Love One Another – Matthew 6:19-34, John 3:16
Love and Giving Go Together – Malachi 3:6-11**

Greetings and oral report by Rev. Carl Cheshier, President, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma.

Greetings and oral report of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Wendell, North Carolina, given by Rev. Larry Collins.

Recess in prayer by Bro. Bill Lepping, Abilene, Kansas.

June 12, 1998 – Friday Morning Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Service opened – Rev. Robert Sharry, Wellington

Congregational Song – Rev. Robert Sharry, Song Leader, Sis. Patricia Collins, Pianist: “Something About That Name,” “The Family of God”

Prayer: Rev. Robert Sharry, Wellington

Congregational Song: Bro. Ray Hubbard, Song Leader, Sis. Patricia Collins, Pianist: “Praise Him, Praise Him”

Recognition of Visitors

Congregational Song: “The Solid Rock”

Offering: \$75.50

Special Music: The Collins Family (Larry, Patricia, Scott), Hutchinson – “In Pleasant Places”

Message: Rev. Connie Cariker, Pastor, West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Revelation 3:1-6

Some things in the church that needs to die. Strengthen the things which remain.
Four things for which the church should take a definite stand.

- 1) For Salvation
- 2) For Bible Separation
- 3) Christian Service
- 4) Second Coming

Benediction: Rev. Carl Cheshier, President, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma

June 12, 1998 – Friday Afternoon Proceedings – 2:00 p.m.

Service Opened: Bro. James O. Brewer, Clerk

Congregational Song: Bro. Ray Hubbard, Song Leader, Sis. Patricia Collins, Pianist: "Old Time Power"

Prayer: Bro. Lloyd Moore, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Greeting and oral report of California Christian College given by Rev. Robert Sharry.

Executive Board report given – MMS&C to approve the report.

Christian Education Board Report given and copies handed out – MMS&C to approve the report.

Treasurer's Report given and copies handed out – MMS&C to approve the report.

State Home Missions Board Report given and copies handed out – MMS&C to approve the report.

Letters of resignation read from Robert W. Brown, Robert Q. Franklin, and Marcus A. Brewer. MMS&C to receive the letters.

June 12, 1998 – Friday Evening Service – 7:30 p.m.

Service opened: Rev. Larry Collins, Hutchinson

Prayer: Rev. Rhan Bowen, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Congregational Song: Bro. Ray Hubbard, Song Leader, Sis. Patricia Collins, Pianist: "My Savior's Love" and "Down At The Cross"

Offering: \$187.87

Special prayer for Jonathan Thomas and his family.

Special Music: Danny & Rhonda Ledbetter, Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita
"Old Time Way," "The Napkin Still Folded Means He's Coming Back," and "Father's Arms"

**Message: Rev. Connie Cariker, Pastor, West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Deuteronomy 19:14 "Remove Not The Ancient Landmarks – They Are Being
Removed Little By Little!"**

- 1) Ways to keep the Devil from moving the landmarks.**
 - a. Check your course every day.**
 - b. Tie on to something anchored.**
 - c. Movement is not growth.**
 - d. Compare your new self to your old self.**
 - e. One must change on purpose, if you must change.**
- 2) The Devil will take your song.**
 - a. By being busy**
 - b. By getting used to it.**
- 3) The Devil will take away your supplication**

Invitation

Special Music: Danny & Rhonda Ledbetter – "What A Reunion"

Announcements

Benediction: Rev. Neal Kerans, Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

June 13, 1998 – Saturday Morning Proceedings – 9:00 a.m.

Services Opened: Rev. Clifford Ball, Pastor, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Congregational Song - Bro. Ray Hubbard, Song Leader, Sis. Patricia Collins, Pianist: "Deeper, Deeper"

Prayer: Rev. Robert Sharry, Wellington

Recognition of Visitors.

Business Committee Report given – MMS&C to accept the report and adopt item by item. All items carried.

Reading of Quarterly Conference Letters and Seating of Delegates. MMS&C to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Report of Committee on Committees. MMS&C to approve the report.

1998 Free Will Baptist Denominational Digest handed out.

Greetings, information handed out, and report from the National Home Missions Department by Bro. James O. Brewer, Clerk.

Greetings, information handed out, and report from the National Executive Office by Rev. Robert Sharry.

Report of former Kansas churches and non-affiliated churches:

Former Churches:

Hickory Grove (Blocker) F.W.B. – Haddam, Kansas – 1870-1950s
Liberty F.W.B. – North Wichita – 1950s-1960
Pratt F.W.B. – 1960s
Harper F.W.B. – 1960s
Milan F.W.B. – 1970s
Gospel F.W.B. – Wichita – late 1960s to early 1970s
Skyline (Bethel) F.W.B. – Kansas City, Kansas
New Hope F.W.B. – Kansas City, Kansas
Salina First F.W.B. (Faith)
Great Bend F.W.B.
Garden City F.W.B.
Chanute F.W.B.
Faith F.W.B. – Kansas City, Kansas
Coffeyville F.W.B.
Timberline F.W.B. – Olathe, Kansas

Unaffiliated Churches:

First F.W.B. – Parsons, Kansas
Westside F.W.B. - Wichita, Kansas
Calvary F.W.B. – Abilene, Kansas
Southern Hills F.W.B. – Overland Park, Kansas
Freewill Baptist – 2902 N. 34th Street, Kansas City, Kansas
Derby F.W.B.
Haysville F.W.B.

Free Will Baptist Organizational Chart handed out and discussed.

Woman's Auxiliary Oral Report given by Sis. Evelyn Metcalf, State WNAC President, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita – MMS&C to receive the report.

Auditing Committee Report given – MMS&C to accept the report.

Obituary Committee Report given – MMS&C to receive the report and grant the request. Led in prayer by Rev. Wayne Bookout.

Registration Report given – MMS&C to receive the report.

Nominating Committee Report given – MMS&C to receive the report and proceed to elect.

MMS&C to give \$150.00 to the General Board Member to the National Association.

Recognition of 1998 Truth & Peace members – Scott Collins (Hutchinson) and Amy Brewer (Topeka)

MMS&C to pay up to \$20.00 per issue for expenses to publish and mail the monthly newsletter.

MMS&C that State Treasurer send a letter to each church giving address and encouraging each to support the Co-op plan and send monies through the state treasurer.

Letter to National Association of Free Will Baptists read – MMS&C to approve.

Delegates to National Association – Patricia Collins, Wanda Bookout, Loren Davis, James O. Brewer, and Donna Brewer. Alternates – Starla Shelby, Marcus Brewer, Amy Brewer, Tim Shelby, and Scott Collins

Minutes read thus far – MMS&C to approve as read.

MMS&C to dismiss business session.

June 13, 1998 – Saturday Morning Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Service Opened: Rev. Tim Stringer, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Salina

Congregational Song - Bro. Ray Hubbard, Song Leader, Sis. Kami Warden, Pianist: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Offering: \$214.10

Special Music:

Rev. Rhan & Sis. Shirley Bowen, Parsons – “I’ve Never Been This Homesick Before,”
“When he Was On The Cross,” and “Only Jesus Can Satisfy Your Soul”

Aaron Ragle, Donna Brewer, Marcus Brewer, and Amy Brewer, Topeka – “Yes, I Know”

Scott Collins, Hutchinson – “Find Us Faithful”

Message: Rev. Connie Cariker, Pastor, West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24 “After His Kind”

- 1) Everything has reproductive power – The Law of God – so it is with virtues.
 - a. Gloom reproduces itself.
 - b. Joy reproduces itself.
 - c. Soul-winning reproduces itself.
 - d. Enthusiasm reproduces itself.
 - e. Pessimism reproduces itself.
 - f. Love reproduces itself.

- 2) Listening to preaching does not get the job done, it is practicing the preaching that gets the job done.

Announcements

Benediction: Rev. Robert Sharry, Wellington

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT:

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following:

Nominating Committee:	Bro. Tim Stringer, Ch. Bro. Larry Collins Bro. Lloyd Moore
Business Committee:	Bro. Robert Sharry, Ch. Bro. Ray Hubbard Bro. Clifford Ball
Public Morals Committee	Sis. Judy Sprout, Ch. Sis. Janet Warden Sis. Patricia Collins
Obituary Committee:	Sis. Wilma Ankrom, Ch. Sis. Evelyn Metcalf Sis. Donna Brewer
Auditing Committee:	Bro. Carl Metcalf, Ch. Bro. Dan Hilburn Sis. Della Lyons

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Obituary Committee, report the loss of two (2) members from our local churches.

Sister Florence Tyler - First Free Will Baptist Church, Ulysses
Bro. Clifford Smith - First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Please stand and someone lead in prayer for the family of the deceased.

Signed: Evelyn Metcalf, Donna Brewer, Wilma Ankrom

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. The Business Committee respectfully requests that the Kansas State Association vote in favor of changing our fiscal year from the current June 1 – May 31 to May 1 – April 30, in order to allow committees (especially the Auditing Committee) more time to meet before the annual state meeting.
2. The Business Committee also requests that the body give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for their gracious hospitality.
3. The Committee further recommends that the body extend their gratitude to Bro. Wayne Bookout for acting as moderator, a job well done.
4. That the 2000 State meeting be held in the First Church, Ulysses, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted, (signed) Robert R. Sharry, Clifford Ball, Ray Hubbard

REGISTRATION REPORT:

Out of State Visitors.....	11
Kansas Ordained Ministers.....	6
Kansas Licensed Ministers	0
Kansas Ordained Deacons.....	3
Elected Delegates.....	11
Kansas Free Will Baptists & Visitors	<u>60</u>
Total	91

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Officers:

Moderator	Rev. Larry Collins
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Marvin Harris
Clerk	Bro. James O. Brewer
Asst. Clerk	Sis. Judy Sprout
Treasurer	Sis. Patricia Collins
Asst. Treasurer	Sis. Susie Hubbard

Executive Board:

3-year term	Rev. Clifford Ball
2-year term	Rev. Tim Stringer (info. only)
1-year term	Rev. Marvin Harris

Mission Board:

3-year term	Rev. Robert Sharry
2-year term	Bro. Ray Hubbard (info. only)
1-year term	Bro. James O. Brewer

Christian Education Board:

5-year term	Rev. Tim Stringer
4-year term	Sis. Janet Warden (info. only)
3-year term	Bro. Louis Oelke (info. only)
2-year term	Bro. Carl Metcalf (info. only)
1-year term	Bro. James O. Brewer (info. only)

General Board MemberRev. Larry Collins (1998-1999)

Respectfully submitted, (signed) Larry Collins, Tim Stringer, and Lloyd Moore

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

May 31, 1998

The Christian Education Board activities for the past year consisted primarily of planning and carrying out our Kansas State Youth Camp, Kansas Men's Retreat, and Kansas competitors to the National Youth Conference.

Meetings were held June 7, 1997, at Kansas City and August 7, 1997 and March 20, 1998, at Prairie View Christian Camp. The Board also communicated several times by phone and in writing. At the June meeting James O. Brewer was selected as Chairman and Tim Stringer as Clerk/ Treasurer.

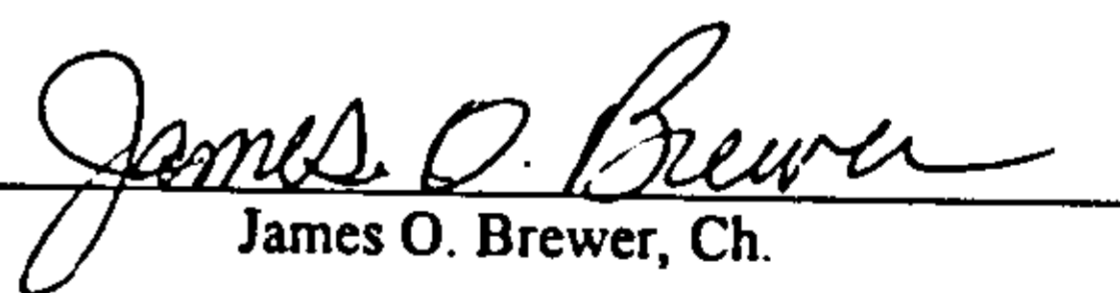
The 1997 Kansas State Youth Camp was held August 4 through August 8 at Prairie View Christian Camp near Arkansas City, Kansas. The evangelist was Rev. Russell Payne. The camp was attended by 5 Primaries, 12 Juniors, 22 Teens, and 13 workers for a total of 52.

The 1998 Kansas State Men's Retreat was held March 20-21 at Prairie View Christian Camp near Arkansas City, Kansas. Rev. Rue Dell Smith of Monticello, Arkansas, was the speaker. The retreat was attended to 29 men and teen boys, including the speaker.

It was decided that the 1998 Kansas State Youth Camp would be held August 3 through August 7 at Prairie View Christian Camp near Arkansas City, Kansas. The fee will be \$90.00 per person is prepaid by July 6 and \$125.00 thereafter.

The evangelist for the 1998 Youth Camp will be Rev. Jimmy Kiser of Parkville, Missouri, and James O. Brewer and Tim Stringer were selected as Camp Director and Asst. Camp Director respectively.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: 
James O. Brewer, Ch.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT 6/1/97 to 6/1/98

June 1, 1997 Balance	\$2210.82
Kansas State Association Deposit	<u>\$ 183.71</u>
	\$2394.53
Church Donations (Hutchinson)	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	\$2399.53
1997 Youth Camp Deposits	<u>\$5485.50</u>
	\$7885.03
1997 Youth Camp Expenses	<u>\$6700.00</u>
	\$1185.03
1998 KS State Assoc. Deposit	<u>\$ 101.64</u>
	\$1286.67
Church Donations (Topeka-\$200)	<u>\$ 440.00</u>
(Salina-\$180;Wichita-\$60)	\$1726.67
1998 Men's Retreat Deposit	<u>\$1160.00</u>
	\$2886.67
1998 Men's Retreat Expenses	<u>\$1360.00</u>
	\$1526.67

Prepared by Tim Stringer Date: 6-11-98
Tim Stringer, Treasurer

Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists
Treasurer's Report - 1997 - 1998

Note of Information: Recvd: February 1998 - Church Rpt Forms for \$1,776.14
Recvd: March 1998 - Check for Account \$1,585.78

Beginning Balance:.....\$751.39

Receipts: St. Mtg (97).....\$519.73
(Offering & Fees)

COOP:

Emporia.....\$442.89

Breakdown of Coop

State Home Missions.....\$155.01
National Coop.....44.29
C.E. Board.....110.72
F.W.B.B.C.....22.15
State Treasury.....110.72
Total \$442.89

E.W.B. Foreign Missions

Emporia.....\$564.20
Topeka.....61.27
Total \$625.47

National Home Missions Department

Emporia.....\$183.00
Topeka.....56.28
Wichita.....244.00
Total \$483.28

Christian Education Board

Topeka.....\$200.00
Wichita.....60.00
Total \$260.00

Misc. Gifts

New Account Bonus.....\$10.00
Southeastern
F.W.B. College (Topeka).....\$67.38
F.W.B. Children's Home
in AL (Emporia).....\$211.12
State Treasury...(Topeka).....\$50.00
(Wichita).....\$120.00
Total \$458.50

<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$2,789.87</u>
Bringing Balance Available to	\$3,541.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Representation Fee(Nat'l).....	\$200.00
Wayne Bookout (Speaker & Rm).....	\$492.04
Gen. Board Member (Nat'l).....	\$150.00
Jim Brewer (Printing St. Minutes).....	\$ 81.20
F.W.B. Foreign Missions.....	\$625.47
Home Missions Dept.....	\$483.28
COOP.....	\$332.17 (\$110.72 to St. Treasury)
Christian Ed. Board.....	\$260.00
Southeastern FWB College.....	\$ 67.38
FWB Children's Home (AL).....	\$211.12
Order Checks.....	<u>\$ 14.85</u>

<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$2,917.51</u>
Leaving Balance of	\$ 623.75
Less Difference of	<u>- 190.36</u>

<u>Leaves Ending Balance (5/31/98)</u>	<u>\$ 433.39</u>
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*Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Collins, Asst. Treasurer*

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, report the following:

1. We met in Topeka on Saturday, May 9, 1998, to audit the records of the State Home Missions Board. We found them to be kept in good order and in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.
2. We met in Wichita on Friday, June 12, 1998, to audit the records of the State Christian Education Board. We found them to be kept in good order and in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.
3. We met in Arkansas City on Saturday, March 21, 1998, to audit the records of the State Treasurer. We found the records supplied to us to be in disrepair and lacking nearly all necessary documentation of the year's activities. The records supplied to the committee were the records given to the Assistant Treasurer when the Treasurer left the state. After reviewing the records that were available, the committee contacted the Treasurer and the previous Treasurer to obtain the remainder of the records so that a complete audit might be conducted; these records were never received. The committee then requested that the Treasurer and previous Treasurer provide copies of the bank statements for the period June 1996 through March 1998 in order to establish a permanent record of activities during that period. The committee has not yet received those statements.

Based on these findings, the Auditing Committee recommends the following:

1. That the Nominating Committee continue to consult each nominee prior to presenting their nominations on the floor.
2. That nominees for Treasurer possess a basic level of bookkeeping skills.
3. That the Treasurers of the Home Missions Board and Christian Education Board be commended for their hard work and good order.
4. That the Assistant State Treasurer be commended for working to reorganize the records and bring them into good order.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus A. Brewer

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Carl Metcalf

Carl L. Metcalf

Executive Board Meeting
May 5, 1998

The Kansas State Executive Board got together by phone.

We discussed a recommendation for State Moderator to preside over this year's state meeting since we are without a moderator at this time, and we decided upon Bro. Wayne Bookout.

The Kansas State Executive Board, after discussing the financial condition of the State Treasury, recommends that Bro. Connie Cariker be given an honorarium of \$400 plus the cost of his hotel for two nights.

We the Kansas State Executive Board decided to ask Bro. Carl Cheshier to be the speaker for the 1999 State Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Tim Stringer
Bro. Marvin Harris

Tim Stringer

**Kansas Free Will Baptist State Home Missions Board
Annual Report to the
Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists**

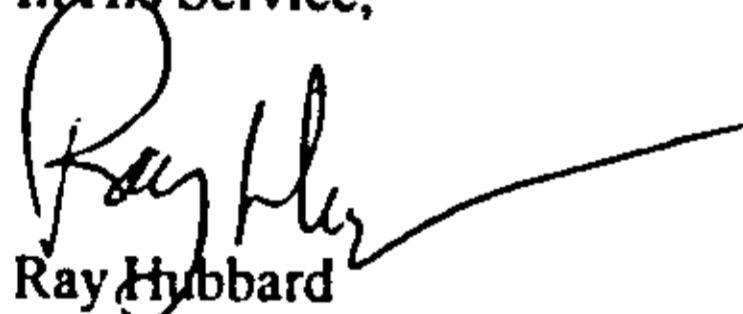
The Board has not had an very active year. We convened once (in February- see attached minutes), electing officers and discussing ways of encouraging prospective pastors to move to Kansas. One of the suggestions was to make information on Kansas available to those attending the National Association this July in Tulsa. The board feels that if more people outside of the state would familiarize themselves with Kansas, they would see the need that is here and be encouraged to move to the state.

The board continues to consider cities in Kansas that would be feasible to start other missions in the future. One likely area is metropolitan Kansas City, due to its rapid growth. Please pray with the board about prospective locations for new churches.

The Kansas Free Will Baptist State Home Missions Board, along with the Kansas State Association and First Church of Wichita was saddened this past year by the death of one of our board members- Bro. Clifford Smith. He was a fervent worker for the Lord in his local church, the First Kansas Quarterly Association, and the Kansas State Association. We rejoice, however, that he is no longer suffering from cancer and is now with the Lord.

In view of the shortage of available candidates for state offices and the distance between our churches, the Kansas Free Will Baptist State Home Missions Board respectfully requests that the Kansas State Association consider electing a three-member state home mission board, rather than the current five.

In His Service,



Ray Hubbard
Clerk - Treasurer
Kansas Free Will Baptist
State Home Missions Board

**Kansas State Home Missions Board Meeting
Saturday, February 14, 1998
Meeting at Emporia, Kansas**

The meeting convened shortly after 12:00 PM, at the end of the East Kansas Quarterly meeting. Bros. Marcus Brewer, Larry Collins, Bob Franklin, Ray Hubbard and Bob Brown (State Moderator) were present. Bro. Ray Hubbard opened the meeting with prayer.

The board briefly discussed the situation in Wellington. The general consensus was to make it a point in the future to thoroughly check out a candidate's references before calling them to a church.

The Board elected Larry Collins as its chairman, and Ray Hubbard as secretary & treasurer.

The secretary advised the board that annual corporation paperwork could now be filled out and mailed to the Secretary of State.

The board discussed the possibility of making information about Kansas available at the upcoming National meeting to encourage prospective pastors and others to move to the state. We also agreed that we need to think of ideas to bring about stabilization in the state, to slow the turnover in pastors we have been experiencing.

Bro. Collins asked us to pray about this, and to make sure we haven't become discouraged and lost our dreams.

The board also discussed the feasibility of a three-member board as apposed to five, considering the miles between churches and the fact that so many people are holding down several positions in the quarterly and state associations. After discussion, MSC to recommend to the state association that future home mission boards consist of three members instead of five.

MSC to dismiss. Marcus Brewer prayed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Hubbard, Clerk

**KANSAS FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE HOME MISSIONS BOARD
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

BEGINNING BALANCE, 6/1/97		\$ 384.98
DEPOSITS:		
CHURCH EXTENSION LOAN FUND	\$5,000.00	
CO-OP	1,045.18	
INTEREST INCOME	71.63	
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$6,501.79
DISBURSEMENTS:		
RANDY MASHBURN (7/97 FIN. PKG.)	\$1,500.00	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS	198.40	
KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE	20.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$1,718.40
ENDING BALANCE, 5/31/98		<u>\$4,783.39</u>

**KANSAS FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE HOME MISSIONS BOARD
CHURCH EXTENSION LOAN FUND ACCOUNT**

BEGINNING BALANCE, 6/1/97		\$41,828.59
DEPOSITS:		
INTEREST INCOME		\$2,514.66
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TRANSFER TO CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$5,000.00
ENDING BALANCE, 5/31/98		<u>\$39,343.25</u>
TOTAL, CHECKING AND C. E. L. F.		<u>\$44,126.64</u>

ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Name of State Association Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists
 Period of time this report covers: From January 1, 1997 to January 1, 1998
 Present Moderator's Name Rev. Larry Collins Telephone 316 / 728-0370
 Mailing Address 2800 East 21st Avenue
 City Hutchinson State Kansas Zip 67502

DELEGATES: 1. Patricia Collins
 2. Wanda Bockout
 3. Loren Davis
 4. James O. Brewer
 5. Donna Brewer

ALTERNATES: 1. Starla Shelby
 2. Marcus Brewer
 3. Amy Brewer
 4. Tim Shelby
 5. Scott Collins

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of district associations 2
 2. Total number of district associations reporting 2
 3. Total number of churches 8
 4. Total number churches reporting 8
 5. Total number of churches in city/town 8
 rural 0
 6. Total number of churches with full-time pastors 2
 part-time pastors 4

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 21
 2. Total members added 14
 3. Total members lost 20
 4. Total membership 135

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches \$119,316.02
 2. Total number of churches with budgets 2

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with parsonages 1
 2. Total value of all church property, including parsonages \$2,025,990

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 6
 licensed ministers* 0
 2. Total number of ordained deacons 4
 3. Total number of churches with day cares 0
 with kindergartens 0
 with Christian day schools 0
 with Bible institutes 0
 with colleges 0

4. Total Sunday School enrollment 191
 5. Total CTS enrollment 0
 6. Total WNAC enrollment 33
 7. Total Master's Men enrollment 11

Name and Address of State Associational Property	Director's Name and Address	Value of Associational Property
None		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Representation fee (\$25 per church) enclosed \$ 200.00
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 Mailing Address 5864 W. 26th Street
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KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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 coordination within us, do therefore ordain this constitution for a better denominational government.

ARTICLE I - NAME

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 Quarterly Conferences, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

This Association shall consist of elected delegates from the several Quarterly Conferences and Churches of which they are composed. Each Quarterly Conference is entitled to five (5) delegates and every Church is entitled to one (1) delegate, providing said Quarterly Conferences 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 shall be standing delegates.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

The officers of this association shall be moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, and assistant treasurer. The executive board shall consist of three (3) ordained ministers, elected for a one (1), two (2), and three (3) year term, with one term to expire each year.

ARTICLE IV - REPRESENTATION

Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Conference, composed of such churches as conform with the practice 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 and by vote of this body, become of 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 with this ruling concerning licensing and ordination of ministers and deacons will result in withdrawal of fellowship.

ARTICLE V - DISCIPLINE

This Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Conferences 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 VI - DELEGATES AND FEES

It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conferences of this Association to represent themselves by letter, delegates, and a fee of \$40.00 per church, and report their standings and statistics, at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Conferences and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution. Each local church is entitled to one (1) delegate to this Association, provided a letter of recommendation is presented to the clerk of this Association, from the local church, signed by the local church clerk or its pastor.

ARTICLE VII - BY-LAWS

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 VIII - AMENDMENTS

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 eight (8) hours.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1 - OFFICERS

All officers and board members shall be members in good standing of a local church affiliated with the Kansas Sate Association. They shall be elected at the discretion of this Association.

SECTION 2 - OFFICERS DUTIES

1. Moderator: The Moderator shall be the principle executive of the Association. He shall preside at the meetings of the State Association. He shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees.
2. Assistant Moderator: In the absence of the Moderator, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the Association.
3. Clerk: To be custodian of the Association records, in general, perform all duties incidental to the office of Clerk and such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or Association.
4. Assistant Clerk: In the absence of the Clerk, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk and when so acting, shall have all the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Clerk. The Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Clerk or the Association.

5. **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall be a person with some bookkeeping ability. It shall be his duty to receive and promptly deposit to the bank account of the State Association all checks and monies. He shall pay all fixed expenditures, and miscellaneous expenditures incurred in the normal operation of his office. He shall keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements with proper vouchers. He shall balance his books monthly. He shall give an itemized written report to each annual Associational meeting. He shall give a written monthly report to the editor of the State publication to be printed. He is the custodian of all records (financial), legal papers, and Associational documents.
6. **Assistant Treasurer:** In the absence of the Treasurer, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Treasurer and when acting, shall have all the power of and be subjected to all the restrictions upon the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Treasurer or the Association.
7. **Parliamentarian:** He shall have a good working knowledge of parliamentary law. He is to advise the Moderator or any member of the proper procedure, according to Roberts' Rules of Order.

SECTION 3 - BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. **Executive Board:** It shall be the duty of this board to act in behalf of the Association in an emergency situation when the Association is not in session, provided there is not sufficient time to call the Association into special session. The declaration of emergency shall be unanimous by all three board members. It shall be bound to carry out the directions of the Association and shall hold itself bound by every consideration of morality and honor to carry out the wishes of this Association and to act under its instructions in whatever technical rights, civil laws, and the decisions that the courts may give it in certain emergencies.

It shall be the duty of this board to sign their signatures to any and all papers concerning property, indebtedness, bonds, or other legal documents pertaining to the execution of the will of this Association.

The members shall assist and direct such work for the general promotion of this Association as is deemed needful or necessary as the means available shall permit.

All decisions of this board shall be governed by the general tenets of this Association and shall not violate this constitution. This Board shall organize itself and elect such officers as necessary to the orderly conduct of its affairs and labors. This board shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, decisions, and work done and shall make a report in writing at each annual session of the Association. All records shall be available to this Association at its request.

Whereas, this board represents the Association, when not in session as provided above, it or a majority of the active local churches who are members of this State Association shall have the power to call the Association into special conference provided each affiliated Quarterly Conference shall be given notice at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of such special conference.

2. **Mission Board**: It shall be the duty of this board to labor to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the uttermost parts of the earth. In accomplishing this, they are to endeavor to establish missions and churches in communities within the bounds of this Association with whatever moral and financial assistance that may be theirs. In cases of small churches failing to function, whatever assistance deemed appropriate shall be rendered to maintain the effective witness of that church by either direct labor with the church or with a Quarterly Conference board in instances where the affiliated Quarterly Conference has a functional board or agency.

This board shall be empowered to receive and convey title to real property in the area of its labors.

The promotion of missionary endeavor from a local, state, or national level shall come within the scope of endeavor of this board. This board shall assist in maintaining prayer and financial support of missionary enterprises through whatever channels available.

Whereas missionary and evangelistic labors are so intimately related, this board shall assist through participation or assistance in maintaining a strong evangelistic thrust in the life of affiliated Quarterly Conferences.

This board shall organize itself and elect such officers as necessary to the orderly conduct of its affairs and labors. This board shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, decisions, work done, funds received and disbursed, and shall make a report in writing at each annual session of this Association. All records shall be available to this Association at its request.

3. **Christian Education Board**: The duties of this board shall be to plan and assist in organizing and sustaining strong Sunday School, Church Training Services, and any educational endeavor such as conferences, in every church in each Quarterly Conference affiliated with the State Association with every means of promotion and assistance available to them. This board shall plan, promote, coordinate, and conduct statewide youth activities, camp(s), etc. It shall approve all state competitors to the National Youth Conference.

This board shall organize itself and elect such officers as necessary to the orderly conduct of its affairs and labors.

This board shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, decisions, work done, funds received, and funds disbursed. It shall make a report in writing at each annual session of this Association. All records shall be available to this Association at its request.

SECTION 4 - ASSOCIATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

1. **General Board Member to the National Association**: He shall be elected for a two (2) year term. He shall meet with the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall take to it the desires of this Association.

SECTION 5 - ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHURCHES

1. When a church is a member of a Quarterly Conference within the State and desires to change membership to another Quarterly Conference, it will:
 - A. Request a dismissal to unite with another Quarterly Conference. A letter of dismissal and recommendation is given, if said church is in good standing.
 - 1) All members of said church holding State office or board membership will continue their duty if church follows outlined procedure.
 - 2) If church desires not to follow with the outlined procedures, all members holding State office or board membership positions will be declared vacant and replaced by the Executive Board.
 - B. Any church or minister desiring to start a mission in an area where there is an organized Free Will Baptist church that is a member of the Kansas State Association 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 Free Will Baptist church that is a member of the Kansas State Association.

SECTION 6 - THE PRACTICE OF ACCEPTING MINISTERS INTO THE STATE OF KANSAS

1. No minister shall be examined or accepted into the local Kansas Quarterly unless it has been requested by a local church of that Quarterly. The minister must be a member of that church.
2. A minister transferring from one Quarterly to another within the Denomination shall undergo the following:
 - A. He is examined by the local Quarterly's examining council.
 - B. He is required to present a letter of good standing by the Quarterly of which he was last a member.
 - C. His Ordination Credentials may then be "ratified" by the Quarterly upon recommendation of the examining council.
3. A minister from another denomination wishing to unite with the Free Will Baptist Denomination must first unite with a local Free Will Baptist Church and will then be subject similar to that in Item 2. Upon a vote of acceptance he shall be issued Free Will Baptist credentials.
4. A minister from an independent Free Will Baptist Church wishing to unite with the Free Will Baptist Denomination must first unite with a local Free Will Baptist Church.

The following procedure shall take place:

- A. His local Free Will Baptist Church shall request he be examined by the Quarterly.
- B. He will then be set aside for 12 months of probation by the Quarterly upon recommendation of the examining council.

- C. During that 12 months of probation he shall:
 - 1) Have the status of a licensed minister with the Quarterly and State Association.
 - 2) Have the status of an ordained minister in the local church.
 - D. After 12 months the local church may request his credentials be "ratified".
 - E. His ordination credentials may then be "ratified" by the Quarterly upon re-examination and recommendation of the examining council.
5. A minister from another independent church or denomination wishing to unite with the Free Will Baptist Denomination must first unite with a local Free Will Baptist Church and then be subject to the same procedure as that in Item 4. Upon a vote of acceptance he shall be issued Free Will Baptist credentials.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading of 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 the 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 the decision of the chair 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. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. A majority of votes shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the constitution and by-laws, receive Quarterly Conferences, the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator and overruling the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.
13. The sessions of this Association shall convene Thursday night, Friday, Friday night, and Saturday until noon preceding the second Sunday of June each year.
14. These by-laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by two-thirds vote present.
15. This Association shall adopt "Roberts' Rules of Order."

- PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MOTIONS -

1975

All Quarterly Conference projects must be approved by the Executive Boards of the various Quarterly Conferences, and the chairman of the respective boards must contact the State Christian Education Board before sponsorship or funds will be approved.

1977

Association Treasurers (includes Board Treasurers)

1. The treasurers should require written support for all disbursements.
 - A. For mileage, a signed statement should be presented which tells the purpose for the trip, the destination, and the total miles driven.
 - B. For other expenditures an invoice or statement should support all disbursements.
 - C. All Statements should be itemized.
2. All voided checks should be retained.
3. Treasurers should reconcile their bank accounts monthly or as often as the bank supplies statements. Checks that do not clear the bank in a reasonable amount of time should be investigated.
4. The Association should reimburse only the expenses of those members duly elected or appointed by the Association.
5. Members of official business should be more thrifty with God's money.

1979

The Arrow Editor's salary shall be \$20.00 per issue.

1980

The Arrow Editor shall be allowed \$20.00 additional for secretarial assistance as needed.

1981

The Standing Boards of the State Association shall be allowed to pay their duly elected members 20 cents per mile for travel to and from board meetings.

1988

Motion that the clerk instruct future nominating committees to maintain representatives from both Quarterly Meetings on all boards and committees if at all possible.

1990

The following guidelines are to be used in preparation of financial records.

- 1) The check, check register, and ledger (if used) should document the reason for the expenditure.
- 2) Expenditures should be documented by purpose for the expenditure and should be signed and dated.
- 3) Records should show the year in addition to the month and day.
- 4) Each treasurer should read and follow the "Previously Approved Motions" in the State Minutes.
- 5) Bank statements should be reconciled, dated, and initialed.
- 6) Reports from each treasurer that are to be presented at the State Meeting should be prepared early enough for use by the Auditing Committee.
- 7) Separate accounts should have a separate ledger.
- 8) More stability in length of service and experience is desirable in selection of treasurers.

The Moderator is authorized to appoint, from volunteers, an editor for a State newsletter. The newsletter should be informative in nature regarding scheduled events of Churches across the State and should be approximately one page in length. Printing and postage costs necessary will be paid for from the State Treasury.

1991

The Public Morals Committee is to be elected one year in advance of their reporting time.

1992

The Moderator will not serve on any standing board, whereas he is an ex-officiate member of all boards (this applies to the Asst. Moderator when he becomes Moderator), and that those members chosen to serve on the Executive Board not serve on any other standing boards.

As guidelines, no one person will hold more than one office, except for those performing the duties of Clerk and Treasurer.

1994

The following is to be used concerning the State Home Missions Board:

1. Any church and/or pastor receiving financial aid participate in all State and Quarterly activities.
2. Give accountability of work that is being done.
3. Keep records of all visits that are made.
4. Give monthly report to whatever department you are receiving funds from.
5. If unable to abide by these guidelines financial aid would be nullified and all funds paid back to the department from which received.

1995

The allocation for State Cooperative giving is:

- 35% - State Home Missions
- 10% - National CO-OP
- 25% - Christian Education Board
- 5% - Free Will Baptist Bible College
- 25% - State Treasurer

Any person serving as a State officer or as a member of a State board or committee who does not take an active part (does not attend meetings or participate in phone communications) be removed from such board (committee) and be replaced by the State Executive Board until the next state meeting. The respective boards or committees will make this determination and notify the State Executive Board for further action.

No missionary or interim missionary shall be hired into such an important leadership position that cannot pass Guidelines for Ordination set by any Quarterly or Association in the State of Kansas.

1996

The location of the Kansas State Association meeting will be determined two years in advance.

1997

The Kansas State Home Mission Board will cease financial support to churches unless the church place themselves under the authority of the Kansas State Home Mission Board.

1998

Reduced Mission Board size from five to three members.

LIST OF PREVIOUS STATE MEETINGS

- 1962 - WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)
- 1963 - NEW HOPE
- 1964 -
- 1965 -
- 1966 - SALINA
- 1967 - WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)
- 1968 - TOPEKA
- 1969 - NEW HOPE
- 1970 - WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)
- 1971 - WICHITA (WESTSIDE)
- 1972 - TOPEKA
- 1973 - ULYSSES
- 1974 - SALINA
- 1975 - WELLINGTON
- 1976 - BETHEL
- 1977 - HUTCHINSON
- 1978 - TOPEKA
- 1979 - WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)
- 1980 - NEW HOPE
- 1981 - SALINA
- 1982 - HUTCHINSON
- 1983 - EMPORIA
- 1984 - WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)
- 1985 - TOPEKA
- 1986 - SALINA
- 1987 - GREAT BEND
- 1988 - HUTCHINSON
- 1989 - EMPORIA
- 1990 - SALINA (FIRST CHURCH)
- 1991 - BETHEL
- 1992 - WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)
- 1993 - TOPEKA
- 1994 - ULYSSES
- 1995 - HUTCHINSON
- 1996 - SALINA (FAITH)
- 1997 - BETHEL
- 1998 - WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)