# MINUTES

44th ANNUAL SESSION - 2005

# STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at the

Faith Free Will Baptist Church
Salina, Kansas

on

June 9, 10, and 11, 2005

NEXT SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TOPEKA, KANSAS
JUNE 8, 9, & 10, 2006

#### KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### **PERSONNEL**

#### June 2005 to June 2006

#### **OFFICERS**

Moderator Asst. Moderator Clerk Asst. Clerk Treasurer Asst. Treasurer	Rev. Tim StringerBro. James O. BrewerSis. Judy SproutBro. Ray Hubbard
OTHER POSITIONS	
Promotional Director	•
EXECUTIVE BOARD	• •
3-Year Term	Rev. Kevin Wilson
MISSION BOARD	
3-Year Term	Rev. Zane Brooks
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD	
5-Year Term 4-Year Term 2-Year Term 1-Year Term	Bro. James O. Brewer Sis. Charlotte Brooks Sis. Janet Warden
ASSOCIATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE	
General Board Member (2005)	
AUDITING COMMITTEE	

#### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Rev. Joplin Emberson (Ch.), Rev. Clifford Ball, & Bro. Roy Rawls

#### PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Sis. Charlotte Brooks (Ch.), Sis. Debbie Cohom, Sis. Cloy Tafoya

#### **ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS**

June 9, 2005 – Thursday Night Service – 7:30 p.m.

Association called to order: James O. Brewer, Clerk

Presiding: Rev. A. J. Warden, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Prayer: Rev. Michael Jobe, Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas

Congregational Song: "God is so Good"

Song Leader – Sis. Charlotte Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas Pianist – Sis. Cloy Tafoya, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

#### Recognition of Kansas Churches:

Bethel (Kansas City)	. 2
Sunrise (Emporia)	0
Faith (Salina)	19
Wellington	7
Ulysses	0
Parsons	0
Topeka	. 6
Hutchinson	2
Wichita (First)	2
Visitors	_3
Total	41

Welcome: Rev. Tim Stringer, Pastor, Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Salina, Kansas

Offering received (\$98.85)

Congregational Song: "Alleluia"

Special Music: "My Name is Lazarus" – Sis. Donna Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas

Message: Rev. Ron Hunter, General Director/CEO, Sunday School and Church Training Department, Randall House Publications, Nashville, Tennessee Mark 9:2-10 "It's About Worship"

Worship is not about:

1. Knowledge—must have application

- 2. Experience—must have relationship
- 3. Me—focus on Jesus
- 4. Others-must use Biblical Criteria
- 5. Action—focus must be on Jesus

#### Worship is about:

1. Transfiguration—metamorphosis. Change from the inside out. When transfiguration and focus on Jesus comes first, everything else will occur.

#### Invitation

#### **Testimonies**

Appointment of Committee on Committees: Rev. Tim Stringer, Ch., Rev. Clifford Ball and Rev. A. J. Warden

#### Announcements

Benediction and blessing on refreshments: Bro. Bob Lee, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

#### June 10, 2005 - Friday Morning Proceedings - 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Joplin Emberson, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Prayer: Rev. A. J. Warden, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Congregational Song: "This World is Not My Home"

Song Leader – Sis. Donna Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas

Pianist – Sis. Cloy Tafoya, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

#### Recognition of Visitors:

Rev. Ron Hunter, General Director/CEO, Sunday School and Church Training Department, Randall House Publications, Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. David Williford, Director of Institutional Advancement, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. Timothy Eaton, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma

Special Music: "Mercy and Grace" - Sis. Cloy Tafoya and Sis. Charlotte Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

Moderator's Message: Rev. Zane Brooks, State Moderator and Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

II Corinthians 7:10 "True Repentance"

- 1. People today will not repent (Isaiah 14:12-13). We must repent when we are right or wrong.
- 2. People today are sorry for sins but do not tell God (Matthew 27:3-4).
- 3. People today must admit we have sinned against the Lord (II Samuel 12:13)

#### Invitation

Reading of the Quarterly Conference letters. MMS&C to accept the letter and seat the Quarterly Conference delegates and the local delegates.

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

Announcement of materials available from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Randall House Publications.

Prayer: Rev. David Williford, Director of Institutional Advancement, Free Will Baptist Bible College.

June 10, 2005 - Friday Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Joplin Emberson, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Congregational Song: "There is Power in the Blood"

Song Leader – Sis. Charlotte Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas Pianist – Sis. Cloy Tafoya, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

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

Recognition of Visitors

Offering received (\$18.00)

Congregational Song: "What A Lovely Name"

Special Music: "I Love You, Jesus" - Sis. Cloy Tafoya and Sis. Charlotte Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

Message: Rev. David Williford, Director of Institutional Advancement, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee
I Peter 1:1-5 "Hope

Humans need food, water, and air for physical survival but they need hope to live. Three elements that give hope in the passage:

- 1. The author brings hope—apostle with imperfection was used.
- 2. The audience brings hope—strangers (aliens, temporary residents), but elect (chosen) and sanctified (changed), sprinkling (commissioned)
- 3. The activity brings hope—because of activity of God through Jesus.

#### Invitation

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

June 10, 2005 - Friday Afternoon Proceedings - 1:30 p.m.

Presiding: Bro. Bob Lee, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas

Congregational Song: "Faith is the Victory"

Song Leader - Bro. Ray Hubbard, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas

Prayer: Rev. A. J. Warden, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Greetings and oral report from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma, by Rev. Tim Eaton, President.

Greetings, brochure handed out, and oral report from the Free Will Baptist Bible College by Rev. David Williford, Director of Institutional Advancement, Nashville, Tennessee.

Greetings, newsletter handed out, and oral report from Randall House Publications, Nashville, Tennessee by Rev. Ron Hunter, General Director/CEO, Nashville, Tennessee.

"One" Magazine from Free Will Baptist Executive Office in Nashville, Tennessee, introduced and explained by James O. Brewer.

Greetings, film of testimony, and presentation from Free Will Baptist International Missions by Rev. James Forlines, General Director, Nashville, Tennessee.

Executive Board Report read. MMS&C to approve the report.

Christian Education Board Reports handed out from Janet Warden, Charlotte Brooks, and James O. Brewer. MMS&C to approve the reports.

State Home Missions Board Report given. Oral report given by Rev. Zane Brooks concerning Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Hutchinson and financial report handed out by Bro.

Ray Hubbard. MMS&C to approve the State Home Missions Board report. (A written report was provided after the meeting and is included in the minutes.)

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

Session dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jerrod Vickers, Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita.

June 10, 2005 – Friday Evening Service – 7:30 p.m.

Presiding: Rev. Tim Stringer, Pastor, Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Salina, Kansas

Prayer: Bro. Lynn Cohorn, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Congregational Song: "At the Cross"

Song Leader – Sis. Charlotte Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington Pianist – Sis. Cloy Tafoya, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Prayer: Rev. Zane Brooks, State Moderator and Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Recognition of Visitors/First Time Attendees

Congregational Song: "The Old Rugged Cross"

Offering received (\$138.42)

Congregational Song: "I'll Fly Away"

Special Music:

"If It Had Not Been" - Sis. Deidre Vickers, Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas

"Leaving on My Mind" - Bro. Bob & Sis. Linda Lee, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas

Message: Rev. James Forlines, General Director, Free Will Baptist International Missions, Nashville, Tennessee

Colossians 3:1-4 "Two World - Two Identities"

Your choice of where you place your identity will determine:

- 1. Your values
- 2. How you spend your life

- 3. What are you pushing your children and grandchildren toward.
- 4. Where you draw your power in difficult times.
- 5. Whether your life was a success or failure.

#### Invitation

#### Announcements

Benediction: Rev. Joplin Emberson, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

June 11, 2005 - Saturday Morning Proceedings - 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Zane Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Prayer: Rev. Wayne Bookout, Kansas State Promotional Director

Congregational Song: "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

Song Leader – Bro. Roy Rawls, Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Salina Pianist – Sis. Cloy Tafoya, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

#### Recognition of Visitors:

Business Committee Report given. MMS&C to approve the report. Standing vote of thanks given to host church.

Obituary Committee Report given. MMS&C to approve the report. Prayer given by Rev. Clifford Ball, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Auditing Committee Reports given, MMS&C to approve the report.

Registration Report given, MMS&C to approve the report.

Nominating Committee Report given, MMS&C to approve the report and proceed to elect.

Letter to the National Association read. MMS&C to approve the report.

MMS&C to approve the following delegates to the National Association:

Delegates:

Janet Warden

Donna Brewer Wanda Pohl Moderator is authorized to appoint additional alternates as necessary.

Minutes read thus far. MMS&C to approve.

MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Zane Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

June 11, 2005 - Saturday Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Clifford Ball, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Prayer: Rev. Zane Brooks, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Congregational Song: "Standing on the Promises"

Song Leader - Sis. Debbie Cohorn, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City Pianist - Sis. Cloy Tafoya, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Offering received (\$107.67)

Special Music: "Sinner Saved by Grace" and "In the Midst of It All" - Bro. Lynn and Sis. Debbie Cohorn, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Message: Rev. James Forlines, General Director, Free Will Baptist International Missions, Nashville, Tennessee

Philippians 2:10-11, 5-9 "The Mind of Christ, to Accomplish Missions" 1200 People groups in the world with no witness of Christ.

To have the mind of Christ, we must do what Jesus did:

- 1. Left safety and security in heaven
- 2. Became a servant
- 3. Gave himself as a sacrifice

Invitation

Announcements:

August 1-5 – Kansas State Youth Camp

Benediction and Blessing on Food by Bro. Roy Rawls, Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Salina

#### **ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS**

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following:

Nominating Committee:

Bro. Bob Lee

Rev. Randy Harris Rev. Joplin Emberson

**Business Committee:** 

Rev. Wayne Bookout

Rev. Michael Jobe Rev. A. J. Warden

Public Morals Committee:

· Sis. Charlotte Brooks

Sis. Debbie Cohorn Sis. Cloy Tafoya

Obituary Committee:

Sis. Donna Brewer

Sis. Andrea Emberson Sis. Andrea Stringer

Auditing Committee:

Rev. Joplin Emberson

Rev. Clifford Ball Bro. Roy Rawls

Signed: Tim Stringer, Clifford Ball, and A. J. Warden

#### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE:**

We, the Obituary Committee, recommend that the body stand and remember our brother and sisters in Christ and offer prayer for family and friends left behind.

Sis. Betty Sprecker – Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Salina, Kansas Rev. Rhan Bowen – Pastor, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons, Kansas Sis. Arlone Mast, First Free Will Baptist Church, Ulysses, Kansas

Signed: Andrea Stringer, Andrew Emberson, and Donna Brewer

#### **REGISTRATION REPORT:**

Out of State Visitors	4
Kansas Ordained Ministers	8
Kansas Licensed Ministers	
Kansas Ordained Deacons	
Elected Delegates	
Kansas Free Will Baptists & Visitors3	<u> 36</u>
Total	;o

#### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

We recommend the following:

- 1. The 2007 session be at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita.
- 2. Give \$150.00 honorarium to speakers Ron Hunter, David Williford, and James Frolines
- 3. Give host church a standing vote of thanks.
- 4. Give \$200.00 to general board member to the National.

Respectfully submitted: (signed) Rev. Wayne Bookout, Rev. Clifford Ball, and Rev. Michael Jobe

#### **AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Auditing Committee reviewed the financial records of the State Treasurer, Home Missions, and Christian Education Board and have found them all to be accurate and correct. I would personally like to commend Ray Hubbard in his meticulous work and detail in both the State Treasurer records and the Home Missions records which he has done an incredible job organizing.

Respectfully submitted (signed): Joplin Emberson

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: (June 2005 to June 2006)

Moderator	Rev. Zane Brooks
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Tim Stringer
Clerk	Bro. James O. Brewer
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Judy Sprout
Treasurer	Bro. Ray Hubbard
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Robert Franklin
Promotional Director	Rev. Joplin Emberson

#### Executive Board:

3-Year Term	Rev. Joplin Emberson
2-Year Term	Rev. Kevin Wilson (info. only)
I-Year Term	Rev. Clifford Ball (info. only)

#### Mission Board:

3-Year Term	Bro. Louis Oelke
2-Year Term	Rev. Zane Brooks (info. only)
1-Year Term	Rev. Randy Harris (info. only)

#### Christian Education Board:

5-Year Term	Bro. Robert E. Lee
4-Year Term	Bro. James O. Brewer (info. only)
3-Year Term	Sis. Charlotte Brooks (info only)
2-Year Term	Sis. Janet Warden (info. only)
I-Year Term	Bro. Steve Palmer (info. only)

General Board Member......Bro. James O. Brewer (2005)
General Board Member.....Rev. Zane Brooks (3-year term, 2006-08)

Respectfully submitted (signed): Joplin Emberson and Robert E. Lee

#### Kansas State Free Will Baptist Home Missions Report

The Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Kansas, has been working at becoming a family-centered church. Here are some of the ways that Living Hope has been fulfilling the Great Commission:

- They have made 300 contacts in the community.
- They have had 20 professions of faith.
- Fifteen have been baptized.
- They have started a church softball team.
- They have monthly church-wide activities that are geared toward fellowship and unity. (i.e., campouts, cookouts, and socials).

The church is growing and is having an average attendance of 40.

The church is still under the helpful hand of the Kansas State Home Missions Board. They are receiving financial help and, when needed, Bro. Michael is receiving help with the direction the church is going. The Kansas State Home Missions Board is paying Bro. Michael \$400.00 a month.

Living Hope is maintaining a good tithing base, they are paying their own daily and monthly bills.

The Kansas State Home Missions Board has been very proud of Bro. Michael and his wife, Heather.

To God be the glory for the things He has done at Living Hope. With that being said, Bro. Michael and Sis. Heather have been willing vessels for the Lord to work through. They have seen success.

Please let the state of Kansas always be much in prayer for Living Hope, Bro. Michael and his family, and the church family.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rev. Zane Brooks

Rev. Randy Harris

Bro. Ray Hubbard

# Kansas State Free Will Baptist State Home Mission Board Financial Report- May 2004 Through May 2005

Balance of Chec	king Account, 5/1/04	\$15,817.66
Deposits		
•	Interest Income	\$42.42
	Kansas State Association (Co-Op)	\$3,540.00
	Total Deposits	<u>\$3,582.42</u>
Disbursements		
	Kansas Secretary of State (Privilege Fee)	\$80.00
	Preachers for Living Hope Ministries	\$1,000.00
	Michael Jobe (Pastor of Living Home Ministries)	\$3,400.00
	Reno County Treasurer	\$621.27
	Postage	<b>\$</b> 7.40
	Total Disbursements	<u>\$5,108.67</u>
Balance of Chec	king Account, 5/31/04	\$14,291.41
Balance of Chur	ch Extension Loan Fund, 6/17/03	\$38,624.40
Deposits		
	Interest Income	\$1,562.60
Balance of Chur	ch Extension Loan Fund, 6/23/04*	\$40,187.00
*This is the last state	ment I have received.	
	ounts, Kansas State Home Mission Board	<b>\$54,478.41</b>
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Executive Board Report to the Kansas Free Will Baptist 2005 State Meeting

Dear Fellow Christians:

The Executive Board corresponded via e-mail and telephone conversations several times during the past year.

The activities of the Kansas State Executive Board consisted primarily of planning the program for the 2005 state meeting at Salina, Kansas.

We would like to thank Bro. Jim Brewer for his assistance with the scheduling of the speakers and organizing the program for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Clifford Ball

Rev. Kevin Wilson

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#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

#### April 30, 2005

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.

The 2004 Kansas State Youth Camp was held June 21-25 at Cave Springs Christian Retreat Camp near Quapaw, Oklahoma. The evangelist was Rev. Michael Waddell, Pastor of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. The camp was attended by 110 girls, 68 boys, 39 workers, and 3 worker's children for a total of 220.

The 2005 Kansas State Men's Retreat was held March 11-12, 2005, at Prairie View Christian Camp near Arkansas City, Kansas. Rev. Rick Locklear, Asst. Pastor, Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church, Woodhaven, Michigan, was the speaker. The retreat was attended by 77 men and teen boys, including the speaker.

It was decided that the 2005 Kansas State Youth Camp would be held August 1 through 5 at Timber Lakes Camp southwest of Ottawa, Kansas. The fee will be \$150.00 per person if prepaid by July 1 and \$175.00 thereafter.

The evangelist for the 2005 Youth Camp will be Rev. Curt Gwartney, Youth Minister of Locust Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Locust Grove, Oklahoma. James O. Brewer and Charlotte Brooks were selected as Co-Directors and Randy Harris as Asst. Camp Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

James O. Brewer, Chairman

Christian Education Report to the Kansas Free Will Baptist 2004 State Meeting

Dear Fellow Christians:

The CE Board met in person twice during the past year as well as corresponded via e-mail and telephone conversations.

The highlights of these meetings/conversations are as follows:

- Elected officers for 2003/04
   James Brewer, Chair
   Sis. Charlotte Brooks, Treasurer
   Sis. Janet Warden, Clerk
- 2. Changed camp location to Timber Lakes Camp, Williamsburg, Kansas.
- 3. Scheduled Curt Gwartney for youth camp evangelist for 2005.
- Voted to have Sunday School Workshop, October 8, 2005, Emporia Church, Ron Hunter, Speaker.
- Voted to pay entry fees for Kansas competitors to 2005 National Meeting and nurse's camp fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Warden

### KANSAS STATE C. E. BOARD Financial Report May 1<sup>st</sup> 2004—April 30<sup>th</sup> 2005

Beginning Balance May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2004\$7,002.50	
Total Deposits from Kansas St. Assoc. of F.W.B+\$1,862.12	
= \$8,864.62	
Youth camp deposits 2004+\$32,056.47	,
= \$40,921.09	
Youth camp expenses 2004\$31,812.28	
= \$9,108.81	
Men's retreat deposits 2005+\$3,368.00	
= \$12,476.81	
Men's retreat expenses 2005 \$3,763.52	
= \$8,713.29	
Kansas City-N.Y.C. expenses \$340.00	
= \$8,373.29	
Timber Lakes deposit for camp 2005\$3,000.00	
Ending balance-April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2005= \$5,373.29	
Respectfully submitted by high the Fredsure.	5/9/05

# Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists Treasurer's Report Reporting Period May 1, 2004- May 31, 2005

Beginning Checkbook Balance- Ma	-, -, = • • •			\$4,367.66
Receipts		Designated	Co-Op	
Bethel, K C			\$2,632.41	
Faith, Salina		\$230.00	\$3,315.19	
1st Free Will, Topeka		\$1,099.78	\$540.95	
1st Free Will, Wellington			\$1,900.00	
1st Free Will, Wichita	_	\$300.00	\$1,865.91	
First Kansas Quarterly Conference -		\$500.00	•	
East Kansas Quarterly Conference - [	Dues	\$400.00		
State Meeting Offerings		\$263.90		
East Kansas Quarterly - AJ Warden		\$300.00		
Bethel, K.C AJ Warden		\$114.35		
1st Free Will, Topeka - AJ Warden		\$450.00		
Parsons Free Will - AJ Warden		\$200.00		
Clifford Ball - AJ Warden		\$100.00		
Wayne Bookout - AJ Warden		\$100.00		
James Brewer - AJ Warden		\$100.00		
Charles Rothfuss - AJ Warden		\$35.00		
Judy Sprout - AJ Warden		\$100,00		
Torres Family - AJ Warden		\$100,00		
Janet Warden - AJ Warden		\$40.00		
Wayne Bookout - Donation to Kansas	State Treas	\$100.00		
Total Receipts				\$14,787.49
Breakdown of Receipts				
Pinkertons - Missionaries	\$250.00			
Abidjan - Missions	\$60.00			
Smiths - Missionaries	\$130.00			
Martens - Missionary	\$35.00			
Davidson - Missionary	\$135.00			
Snow - Missionary	\$5.00			
Prices - Missionaries	\$485.00			
Thompson - Missionary	\$250.00			
Natl Gen Mission Fund	\$89.89			
Foreign Gen Mission Fund	\$89.89			
Future Kansas Mission	\$10.00			
Benjamin Randall	\$80.00			
Together Way Ministries	\$971.33			
A J Warden	\$1,639.35			
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$638.04			
KS Christian Education Board	\$2,753.44			
KS State Home Missions Road	#2.540.00			

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KS State Home Missions Board

Disbursements	
Bank Service Charges	\$5.00
Postage	\$14.80
Rev. Wayne Bookout (Kansas Promo Director)	\$1,300.00
Zane Brooks (General Board)	\$200.00
Dan Hilbum (Arrow)	\$160.00
National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$900.00
National Foreign Missions	\$1,259.39
National Home Missions	\$374.39
Benjamin Randall Offering	\$80.00
Kansas State Home Missions	\$3,540.00
Kansas Christian Education Board	\$2,878.58
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$638.04
Together Way	\$1,011.39
A J Warden	\$2,387.00
James O. Brewer	
Promotional Material	\$200.00
Printing of State Minutes	\$161.10
Total Disbursements	

Respectfully Susmitted,

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\$15,109.69

Ending Checkbook Balance - May 31, 2005

\$4,045.46

#### The Value of Life

An unborn baby aborted before she ever has a chance to live outside her mother's womb. A baby born with a terrible birth defect that will prevent him from ever living what society considers a "normal" life. An elderly man or woman with Alzheimer's who no one understands and considers a burden to take care of. A woman who, because of some unknown cause, finds herself brain-damaged and at the mercy of others to care for her. Our Heavenly Father loves and values each of these lives just as much as He loves and values each and every life He has ever created. God does not use society's tape measure to determine the value of a person's life. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." The following passage beautifully describes the tender care God uses to create a human life.

"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed, and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me when as yet there were none of them." (Psalm 139:13-16)

Society today has been subtly deceived into believing that if a person has some kind of handicap, be it physical or mental, that he or she is not a "whole" person. In some cases, society might even say that he or she has no quality of life. Society has gone as far as to advocate prematurely ending these kind of lives in a way that was never intended by God our Creator.

Earlier this year, a Florida woman's life was taken because she required a feeding tube connected to her stomach to sustain her life. She could breathe, maintain a blood pressure, see, and move her limbs on her own. She could feel emotions, and she could feel pain, but because of her one handicap, some believed her quality of life was gone, so she should be allowed to "die with dignity." How was her death accomplished? She was literally dehydrated and starved until her body could no longer function. Her name was Terri Schiavo.

Most Americans know or at least are familiar with Terri's story. Some argued that Terri would not have wanted to live in a "persistent vegetative state." Others disagreed that she was in this kind of state at all and that Terri valued all human life. In the end, a courtroom judge determined that Terri should be allowed to die. Was it really Terri's time to go? That is a question only our Heavenly Father can answer. God our Creator never intended His creations to make decisions concerning life and death. "As it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

We as believers in the body of Christ need to do what is in our power to protect and preserve the value of life. An unborn baby's voice cannot be heard. A handicapped child may never be able to speak and let others know he has feelings just like anyone else. The elderly person who cannot remember things from yesterday but can remember things from years past struggle to get people to understand that they do not understand themselves why they do not remember. The brain-damaged woman who cannot make her voice work cannot express to others that she does not want to die. Christians need to be the voice for these special lives whom God has breathed the breath of life into. One day our life might be in jeopardy. Who will stand and speak for us?

06/11/05

Respectfully Submitted,

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### ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

	January !	, 2004 to	January I	, 2005
resent Moderator's Name Rev. Zane Brooks	s	Te	lephone (620) 39	9-8787
Tailing Address1401 North Park		·		
ity Wellington	_ State F	<b>Cansas</b>	Zip <u>67152</u>	
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2. Wanda Pohl	_	_2		
3. Janet Warden	_	3.		
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#### KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

(updated 06/19/03)

#### **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 \$100.00 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.

#### ARTICLE IX – ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

The reporting period for this association will begin May 1 and end April 30.

#### <u>BY-LAWS</u>

#### **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. <u>Assistant Moderator</u>: 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. <u>Clerk:</u> 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. <u>Assistant Clerk</u>: 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**

Each state board shall provide a proposed plan for the coming year with their vision statement and proposed budget, so that the state body of Free will Baptists will be apprised of the growth and expansion of the state work.

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. <u>Mission Board</u>: 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

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

I. General Board Member to the National Association: He shall be elected for a three (3) 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 -

#### <u>1975</u>

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.

#### <u> 1977</u>

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.

#### <u> 1981</u>

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.

#### <u>1988</u>

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.
- 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.

#### <u> 1991</u>

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

#### <u> 1992</u>

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.

#### <u> 1996</u>

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

#### <u>1997</u>

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.

#### <u> 1998</u>

Reduced Mission Board size from five to three members.

#### <u>2000</u>

Associational year will run from May 1 to April 30.

#### 2001

The Arrow editor will be paid \$40.00 per bimonthly issue for expenses.

The General Board Member to the National Association will be elected to a three-year term.

#### <u>2002</u>

Guidelines for the office of State Promotional Director:

- 1. To see to the needs of the local church by filling empty pulpits, when asked by the local church.
- 2. To see that the neighboring states receive copies of the state newsletter, the Arrow.
- 3. To promote only those things that the state body of Free Will Baptists approved by vote.
- 4. Work in cooperation with the state boards.

#### **Previously Approved Motions**

#### <u>2003</u>

- 1. Everyone elected to handle the financial affairs of this Association must have some knowledge of proper bookkeeping/accounting procedures.
- 2. Each person elected to handle the financial affairs of this Association read and follow the previously approved motions shown in the State minutes regarding their duties and the Associational year.
- 3. The State Home Missions Board recover missing records such as bank statements, and to the extent possible, source of receipts and expenditures. Since there was none found among the records, the State Home Missions Board will recover or develop a repayment agreement and schedule for the \$13,000.00 loaned to Living Hope Free Will Baptist Ministries in 2001. These documents will become a permanent part of the Board's records.

#### **2004**

Adopted a program to be called "The A.J. Project" (patterned after our current program of a Kansas ministerial student in college) for future years to be used for a yet unidentified participant.

#### LIST OF PREVIOUS STATE MEETINGS

1962 – WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH) 2003 – HUTCHINSON

1963 – NEW HOPE 2004 – BETHEL

1964 – WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH) 2005 – SALINA

1965 - NEW HOPE

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)

1999 - TOPEKA

2000 - WELLINGTON

2001 - ULYSSES

2002 - SUNRISE (EMPORIA)