

# **MINUTES**

**56<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION - 2017**

## **KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Meeting at the**

**Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church  
Wichita, Kansas**

**on**

**June 27, 28, and 29, 2017**

**NEXT SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH THE  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
WELLINGTON, KANSAS  
APRIL 26, 27, & 28, 2018**

# KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## PERSONNEL

April 2017 to April 2018

### OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Zane Brooks  
Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Josh Bush  
Clerk.....Bro. James O. Brewer  
Asst. Clerk .....Sis. Kelly Warden  
Treasurer .....Sis. Judy Sprout  
Asst. Treasurer .....Sis. Donna Brewer

### OTHER POSITIONS

Promotional Director .....Rev. Russell Hylton  
Asst. Promotional Director .....Bro. Dylan Ray

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

3-Year Term.....Rev. Josh Bush  
2-Year Term.....Rev. Anthony D. Warden, Jr.  
1-Year Term.....Rev. Tim Stringer

### MISSION BOARD

3-Year Term.....Rev. Alan Barus, Jr.  
2-Year Term.....Rev. Zane Brooks  
1-Year Term.....Rev. Jerrod Vickers

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

5-Year Term.....Rev. Jerrod Vickers  
4-Year Term.....Rev. A.J. Warden  
3-Year Term.....Rev. Jacob Thompson  
2-Year Term.....Bro. James O. Brewer  
1-Year Term.....Sis. Charlotte Brooks

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

General Board Member (2018-2020).....Rev. Josh Bush

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Rev. Josh Bush (Ch.), Bro. Dan Hilburn, and Bro. Louis Oelke

### PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Sis. Andrea Stringer (Ch.), Sis. Charlotte Brooks, and Sis. Kaitlin Hicks

## ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

April 27, 2017 – Thursday Night – 7:30 p.m.

Association called to order: James O. Brewer, Clerk

Presiding: Rev. Alan Barus, Jr, Pastor, Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas

Prayer: Rev. Alan Barus, Jr, Pastor, Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas

Congregational Songs: “No Not One” and “How Great Is Our God”

Song Leaders: Crosby Bruns, Nick and Cheyenne Layton

Welcome: Rev. Josh Bush, Pastor, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Recognition of Churches and Visitors

Church	Number of Attendees
Bethel FWBC (Kansas City)	0
Prairie Meadows FWBC (Bonner Springs)	0
Parsons FWBC (Parsons)	0
Sunrise FWBC (Emporia)	1
First FWBC (Topeka)	4
Faith FWBC (Salina)	1
Cross Point FWBC (Wichita)	17
First FWBC (Wellington)	5
First FWBC (Arkansas City)	2
Visitors	9
Total	39

Prayer Requests & Praise: Rev. Alan Barus, Jr., Pastor, Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia

Special Music: “I Am Redeemed” and “The Promise” by Crosby Bruns, Nick & Cheyenne Layton

Message: Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary, National Association of Free Will Baptists, Antioch, Tennessee

Luke 12:40 “Be Ye Therefore Ready”

1. Acts 21:13-14 Paul was ready to do the will of God. Three groups: Pretenders, Intenders, Contenders (doers)

2. II Corinthians 12:14-21 We must be willing to do the hard stuff and fix the problem.
3. Romans 1:15 We must be ready to preach the Gospel to others.
4. II Timothy 4:6 We must be ready for tough times and be ready to be offered in a moment's notice.

## Invitation

Appointment of Committee on Committees by Moderator, Rev. Josh Bush: Jim Brewer, Alan Barus, Jr., Jerrod Vickers

Auditing Committee: Rev. Tim Stringer, Rev. Josh Bush, Rev. Derl Hicks

## Announcements

Benediction: Rev. Derl Hicks, Pastor, Ark City Free Will Baptist Church, Arkansas City, Kansas

## April 28, 2017 – Friday Morning Proceedings – 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Derl Hicks, Pastor, Ark City Free Will Baptist Church, Arkansas City, Kansas

Prayer for the Josh & Jennifer Bush family.

Congregational Song: "Take My Live and Let It Be"

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

## Recognition of Visitors

Prayer for Moderator Zane Brooks.

Moderator's Message: Rev. Josh Bush, Pastor, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, KS

### Philemon 2:8-21

- We were at one time useless, like Onesimus. Paul had confidence that Philemon would go above and beyond what is minimum required.
- Matthew 5:40-41 – Philemon was a "second miler."
- Satan wants us to offend others and be easily offended.
- We need to "grow up" and not be easily offended. Don't let a "former sheep" harm our relationship with "current sheep." Extend love and forgiveness to those who have hurt and wounded us. Difficult people reveal the condition of our heart.
- Go the second mile with patience. Extend patience to unsaved church attenders; extend patience to new converts (Philemon 1:6); extend patience to church volunteers.
- Go the second mile in perseverance.

Reading of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference letter. MMS&C to approve the letter and seat the Quarterly Conference and local church delegates.

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

Recess

April 28, 2017 – Friday Morning Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. A. J. Warden, Pastor, Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Congregational Song: “He Set Me Free”

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

Prayer: Rev. David Williford, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Welch College, Gallatin, Tennessee

Congregational Song: “The Solid Rock”

Offering: \$41.00

Congregational Song: “Bind Us Together”

Message: Rev. Clint Morgan, General Director, Free Will Baptist International Missions

Acts 1:8 “Be Witnesses for Christ” (Not a Suggestion)

Deuteronomy 19:15 (A legal term), John 5:31-37

A witness is one who has seen, experienced, or heard.

Atheist condemnation of what Christians say but don’t mean:

- Have a personal relationship with God.
- Have read the entire Bible
- Are not concerned about people going to Hell
- Doesn’t act like Christians – blatantly commit sin
- Don’t pray very often

To be an authentic witness:

- Individual must be creditable
- Individual must be convinced
- Individual must be committed to transmitting truth (different than desire)
- Individual must be controlled by the Holy Spirit

Announcements

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

April 28, 2017 – Friday Afternoon Proceedings – 1:30 p.m.

Presiding: Rev. Josh Bush, Assistant State Moderator and Pastor, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Congregational Song: "Father, I Adore You"

Song Leader: Donna Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas

Greetings and oral report from Randall University, Moore, Oklahoma, and Randall House Publishing by Rev. Mark Braisher.

Greetings and oral report from Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary, National Association of Free Will Baptists, Antioch, Tennessee. The 2017 Free Will Baptist National Association meeting in Louisville, Kentucky will be held in July 16-19.

Greetings and oral report from North American Ministries by Dr. David Crow, Executive Director, Antioch, Tennessee.

Greetings and oral report from International Missions by Rev. Clint Morgan, General Director, Antioch, Tennessee.

Greetings and oral report from Welch College by Rev. David Williford, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Welch College, Gallatin, Tennessee.

Greetings and oral report from Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement by Josh Eidson, Antioch, Tennessee.

Greetings and oral report from Free Will Baptist Foundation by Bro. David Brown, Director, Antioch, Tennessee

Greetings and oral report from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries by Rev. Jerry McArthur.

Greetings from Women Nationally Active For Christ (WNAC) by Sis. Elizabeth Hodges, Director, Antioch, Tennessee, read by Clerk James Brewer.

Executive Board Report given. MMS&C to approve the reports.

Christian Education Board Reports given. MMS&C to approve the report.

State Home Mission Board Report given by Rev. Jerrod Vickers. MMS&C to accept the report.



State Home Missions Board Financial Report given by Rev. Alan Barus, Jr.. MMS&C to accept the report.

Report on the Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Mission Church in Bonner Springs, Kansas, given by Rev. Anthony D. Warden, Jr., Pastor. MMS&C to accept the report.

Report of the Ark City Free Will Baptist Mission Church in Arkansas City, Kansas, given by Rev. Derl Hicks, Pastor. MMS&C to accept the report.

State Treasurer's Report given by Sis. Judy Sprout, Treasurer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas. MMS&C to accept the report.

Public Morals Committee Report given by Sis. Janet Warden, Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, Kansas. MMS&C to accept the report.

Auditing Committee Report given. MMS&C to approve the report.

April 28, 2017 – Friday Evening Service – 7:30 p.m.

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

Prayer: Rev. Anthony D. Warden, Jr., Pastor, Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Recognition of youth to attend Truth & Peace and E-Team:

Tanner Stringer – E-Team

Kristen Bruns – E-Team

Dominic Shore – Truth & Peace

Congregational Songs: "Be Thou Vision," and "No Longer Slaves"

Song Leader: Deirdre Vickers, Cross Point Free Will Free Will Baptist Church

Musicians: Tony Hammake, Ken Allen, & Jacob Prater, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church

Recognition of visitors

Offering received (\$133.00).

Congregational Songs: "This is Amazing Grace," "The Creed," and "Good, Good Father"

Message: Rev. David Crow, Executive Director, Free Will Baptist North American Ministries, Antioch, Tennessee

John 11:32 "Bro. Crow's Personal Testimony"

- Jesus won't tell anyone anything about us that is bad. Much gossip is made in the form of prayer requests.
- It troubled Jesus that the living had lost their faith in Him.
- If you want a blessing, you must roll the stone away by faith.
- You can be lost in the house (church).
- When we don't want God, He still wants us.
- It is all about a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Bro. David rolled the stone of sin away and was saved.
- God loosed him from grave clothes of death from sin.
- We must all roll the stones of sin away from our lives.

Invitation

Announcements

Benediction

April 29, 2017 – Saturday Morning Proceedings – 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Josh Bush, Assistant State Moderator, and Pastor, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Congregational Songs: "Look and Live"

Song Leader: Rev. Alan Barus, Jr., Pastor, Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas.

Recognition of Visitors

Prayer: Rev. Josh Bush, Pastor, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Business Committee Report given. MMS&C to approve the report.

Obituary Committee Report given. MMS&C to approve the report.

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

Nominating Committee Report given (election of 2017-2018 officers). MMS&C to approve the report.

MMS&C for Rev. Josh Bush to be Proxy General Board Member at the 2017 meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. (Subsequent to the State Meeting, Rev. Bush was unable to attend the National Association Meeting, so the State Executive Board approved James O. Brewer to be the Proxy General Board Member).



Letter to the National Association read, MMS&C to approve the letter and delegates as follows:  
Aileen Hylton, Deirdre Vickers, Jennifer Bush, and Donna Brewer.

MMS&C to give \$300 to the General Board Member representing Kansas.

Minutes read thus far. MMS&C to approve the minutes.

Announcements

MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Derl Hicks, Pastor, Ark City Free Will Baptist Church, Arkansas City, Kansas.

April 29, 2017 – Saturday Morning Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Josh Bush, Pastor, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Mission Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Prayer: Rev. Russ Hylton, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Congregational Songs: "Nothing But The Blood of Jesus," and "Beulah Land"

Song Leader: Deirdre Vickers, Cross Point Free Will Free Will Baptist Church

Musicians: Tony Hammake, Ken Allen, & Jacob Prater, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church

Offering received (\$54.00)

Congregational Songs: "How Great Thou Art" and "How Great Is Our God"

Message: Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary, National Association of Free Will Baptists, Antioch, Tennessee

Numbers 20:1-13 "How to Survive Success"

Our call in the Bible is not to be successful, but we are called to be faithful.

People can be a success in the eyes of mankind but a failure in God's eyes.

1. God does not subscribe to the notion that the end justifies the means. I Chronicles 13:6-10 Uzza did not follow the Word of God.
2. There is no statute of limitation in following God's instructions. Moses was about 80 years old at the time of striking the rock. Moses should have known better. Age should bring maturity, not temptation to succeed.

3. 3. Disobeying/disregarding God's Word will result in serious consequences. He was not allowed to lead God's people into the promised land (Deuteronomy 3:25-28).

Truths:

1. We must realize what God calls success...such as faithfulness, loving God and people, service, etc.
2. We must understand the source of success.
3. We must realize that our success involves help...like a turtle on the top of a fence post, it didn't get there by itself.

Invitation

Announcements:

Youth Camp – June 5-9

Topeka's search for a permanent pastor

Wellington's New Church Building Dedication in May

National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, July 16-20

Benediction: Rev. Anthony D. Warden, Jr., Pastor, Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, Kansas

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following:

- Nominating Committee:

Rev. Tim Stringer, Ch.  
Rev. Jerrod Vickers  
Rev. A.J. Warden, Jr.
- Business Committee:

Rev. Alan Barus, Jr., Ch.  
Rev. Derl Hicks  
Sis. Janet Warden
- Public Morals Committee:

Sis., Andrea Stringer, Ch.  
Sis. Charlotte Brooks  
Sis. Kaitlin Hicks
- Obituary Committee:

Sis. Donna Brewer, Ch.  
Sis. Judy Sprout  
Bro. Marcus Penrod
- Auditing Committee:

Rev. Josh Bush, Ch.  
Bro. Dan Hilburn  
Bro. Louis Oelke

Signed: Bro. James O. Brewer, Rev. Alan Barus, Jr., Rev. Jerrod Vickers

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Auditing Committee, met and examined the state books (Kansas State Treasurer, Christian Education Board Treasurer, and Kansas State Mission Board Treasurer) and have found them sound and accurate

(Signed): Rev. Derl Hicks, Ch., Rev. Tim Stringer, & Rev. Josh Bush

REGISTRATION REPORT:

Out of State Visitors.....	7
Kansas Ordained Ministers .....	9
Kansas Licensed Ministers.....	0
Kansas Ordained Deacons.....	2
Elected Delegates .....	4
Youth Services .....	44
Kansas Free Will Baptists & Visitors .....	<u>39</u>

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Psalms 116:15 reads "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints".

Even though we are grieving for the ones we lost in 2016, we can take comfort that it is a temporary separation.

Revelation 21:4 tells us, *"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

God has promised us that the loss is temporary and that we will be reunited with the ones that have gone before us.

Let us take a moment to remember the following and we request prayer be offered for their families:

Sis. Johna McFarland, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas

Sis. Rayma Rinehart from the Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, Kansas

Bro. Bill Rinehart from the Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, Kansas

Respectfully submitted (signed): Marcus Brewer, Judy Sprout & Donna Brewer

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. An honorarium of \$400 be given to Rev. Keith Burden.
2. An honorarium of \$300 be given to Rev. Clint Morgan.
3. An honorarium of \$300 be given to Rev. David Crowe.
4. The 2019 Kansas State Association annual meeting be held at the Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church.
5. A standing vote of thanks be given to the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Salina for their gracious hospitality.

(Signed): Rev. Alan Barus, Jr., Rev. Derl Hicks, Sis. Janet Warden

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: (April, 2017 thru March 2018)

Moderator ..... Rev. Zane Brooks  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Josh Bush  
Clerk ..... Bro. James O. Brewer  
Assistant Clerk ..... Sis. Kelly Warden  
Treasurer..... Sis. Judy Sprout  
Assistant Treasurer ..... Sis. Donna Brewer  
Promotional Director..... Rev. Russell Hylton  
Assistant Promotional Director ..... Bro. Dylan Ray

### Executive Board:

3-Year Term..... Rev. Josh Bush  
2-Year Term..... Rev. Anthony D. Warden, Jr.  
1-Year Term..... Rev. Tim Stringer (info only)

### Mission Board:

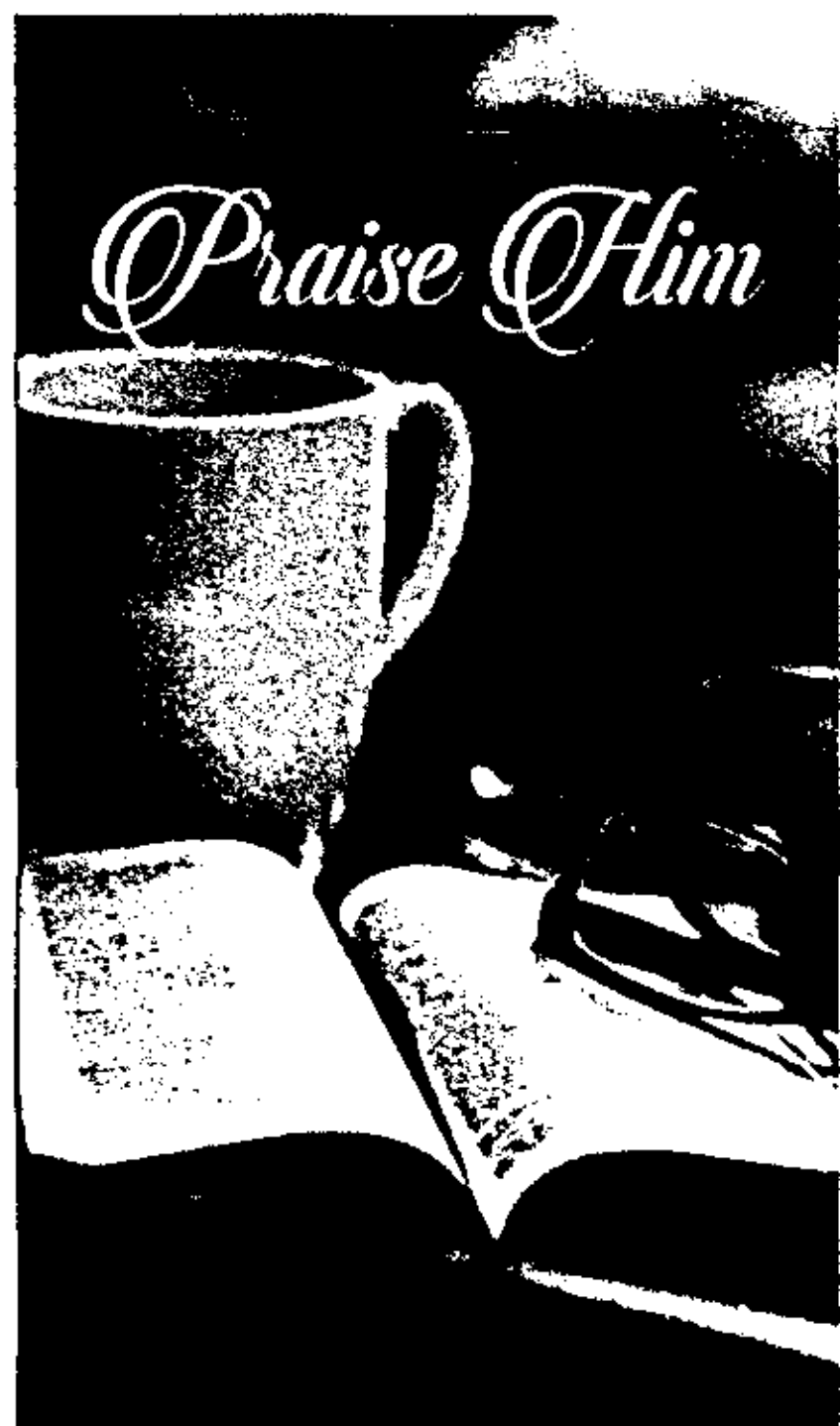
3-Year Term..... Rev. Alan Barus, Jr.  
2-Year Term ..... Rev. Zane Brooks (info only)  
1-Year Term..... Rev. Jerrod Vickers. (info only)

### Christian Education Board:

5-Year Term..... Rev. Jerrod Vickers  
4-Year Term..... Rev. A.J. Warden (info only)  
3-Year Term..... Rev. Jacob Thompson (info only)  
2-Year Term..... Bro. James O. Brewer (info only)  
1-Year Term..... Sis. Charlotte Brooks (info only)

General Board Member..... Rev. Josh Bush (2018 to 2020)

Respectfully submitted (signed): Rev. Tim Stringer, Rev. Jerrod Vickers, & Rev. Anthony Warden, Jr.



## Kansas State Meeting April 2017

"Praise Him" in various life situations has been the theme for our Bible studies this year. These studies have originated in the Psalms. *Treasure*, our Bible study guide, is published quarterly.

### WNAC statistics:

*Report to NAFWB in Louisville, KY (July 2017)*

3,534 members for 2016

\$496,107.27 total cash gifts

\$12,740.98 total non-cash gifts to the Provision Closet

\$508,848.25 grand total given by our women in 2016

### Cleo Pursell Foreign Student Scholarships:

Students at Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Cuba.

### Dr. Mary R. Wisheart Student Scholarships:

California Christian College

Randall University

Southeastern FWB College

Lizzie Stevanus (TN), Welch College

### International Scholarship:

Keren Delgado, (AR), Welch College

Deborah Trifonov (Bulgairia), Welch College

### National Retreat (Cuba):

We are raising \$12,000 to sponsor 400 ladies who will gather at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in May.

We are also raising \$10,000 for airline tickets for the Cuban doctor and her family, along with the X-ray technician who are ready to serve at the hospital in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. The doctor's husband is a church planter. How exciting!



Public Morals Report  
Kansas State Meeting  
April 27 – 29, 2017

*O be careful little eyes what you see  
O be careful little eyes what you see  
There's a Father up above  
And He's looking down in love  
So, be careful little eyes what you see*

*O be careful little ears what you hear  
O be careful little ears what you hear  
There's a Father up above  
And He's looking down in love  
So, be careful little ears what you hear*

*O be careful little feet where you go  
O be careful little feet where you go  
There's a Father up above  
And He's looking down in love  
So, be careful little feet where you go*

*O be careful little mouth what you say  
O be careful little mouth what you say  
There's a Father up above  
And He's looking down in love  
So, be careful little mouth what you say*

Psalm 1:1-2

I am sure that we have all heard the words of this children's song and have sang them probably numerous times. However, like many a song we too often sing the lyrics of the song without embracing the biblical truth behind the song. This song seems like it was inspired by the very passage of Scripture we just read, a great warning to be careful. A warning the church of today seems to be ignoring much to its detriment.

**O be careful little eyes what you see**

The opening line of this song is a great reminder to keep our eyes on the righteousness of God. Where we let our eyes wonder is where our soul will dwell. There are a vast array of sins our eyes entice us too. There is a nationwide and churchwide epidemic of pornography. Jesus teaches us that if

we look upon another with lust we have sinned. In spite of this dire warning there are countless church goers who let the destructive sin of pornography wreck their relationship with God, their relationship with their families and their effectiveness to minister. The most frightening aspect is that many Christians are allowing this to infiltrate their home under the guise of a harmless movie or tv show. We need to stand up and sound the warning that there is nothing harmless about fragrant and flippant nudity and that it will lead to the destruction of the family and ultimately the church. We need to be careful what we let our eyes gaze upon.

### **O be careful little ears what you hear**

We must heed the warning of this lyric. We need to be careful what we hear. Over the ages the church has become lethargic about the sanctity and holiness of God. We have allowed His name to become a mockery. We have supported music and movies that takes His name in vain. We have allowed our minds to become numb to vulgarity and profanity. We need to be careful what we allow our ears to hear. When we fill our minds with the constant hate and filth of the world, that is what we become. We should guard our minds with the truth and love of God. We should fill our minds with the words of Scripture. We should listen to the edifying of His majesty. We should be careful what we allow our ears to hear.

### **O be careful little feet where you go**

This verse most aptly embodies the Psalmist warning. We need to be careful where we allow our feet to carry us. There has been many a Christian who has fallen based on where his feet carried him. Weather it was to ungodly counsel or ungodly activity we need to be careful where we allow our feet to take us. There is a progressive action behind the warning of the Psalmist. If we allow our feet to continually take us into sinful situations, we will eventually fall into sin. We need to guard against this and be careful where we allow our feet to take us.

### **O be careful little mouth what we say**

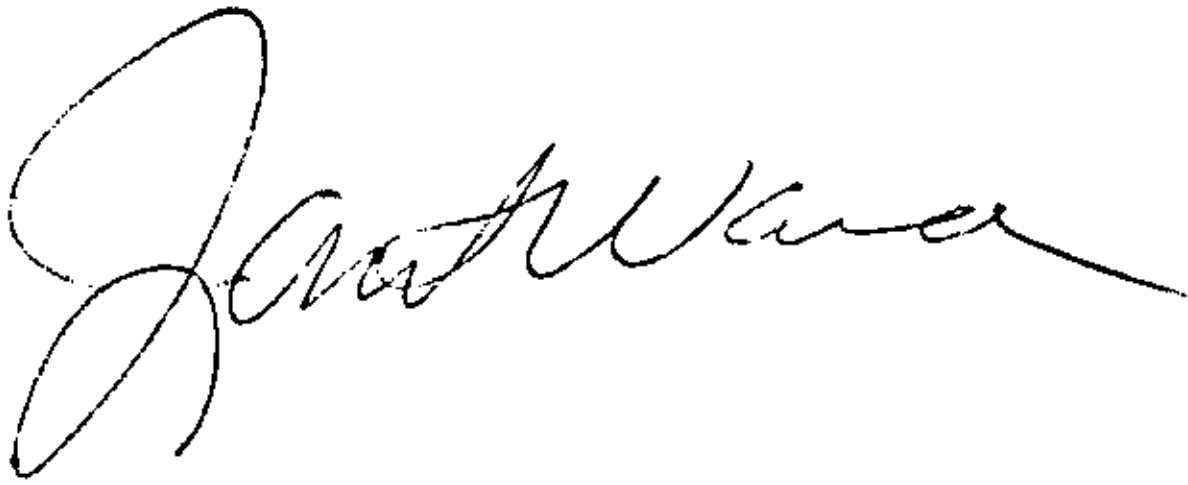
We need to have a mouth that is uplifting and fully of Godly grace. We need to be people who are identified by our love and not hate. The church as a whole has a reputation of hate, and much of it is warranted. We have become so judgmental of people that we forget the words of Jesus, "Love your neighbor as yourself." We need to get rid of the hateful and ungodly speech, and be people who speak Love. We need to let the Holy Scriptures be our voice. We need to speak God to people. We need to be careful what we allow our mouth to say.

In conclusion let us look to Proverbs 4:23 which reads, "Keep your heart with all

vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." We need to be actively guarding our heart and only allowing in the things from God. What we allow ourselves to be exposed to, will become part of us. Like mentioned in our key text, Psalm 1, let us meditate and expose ourselves to God's Law. We need to allow God's Word to become part of us.

**O be careful little Christian what you do**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Wana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

# KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## State Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year May 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017

Explanation	Disbursements	Receipts	Balance
Beginning Balance			\$ 9,179.94
Coop (Undesignated)		\$750.00	
Offerings from State Meeting		\$196.00	
Church Registration Fees at State Meeting		\$1,350.00	
Welch College (Free Will Baptist Bible College)	\$22.50	\$0.00	
Hillsdale Bible College	\$22.50	\$0.00	
National "Together Way"	\$75.00	\$0.00	
International FWB Missions			
Shane Davison	\$265.00	\$265.00	
Matt & Cristina Price	\$275.00	\$275.00	
National FWB Home Missions:			
Donnie Burke	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Carl Spruill	\$275.00	\$275.00	
Mark Thomas	\$165.00	\$165.00	
Kansas State Christian Education Board	\$187.50	\$0.00	
Kansas State Home Missions (undesignated)	\$262.50	\$0.00	
AJ Warden - Prairie Meadows FWB Mission	\$780.00	\$780.00	
Darl Hicks - Arkansas City FWB Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Expenses:			
General Board Member's Expenses at National	\$300.00		
Church Delegate Fees at National (\$150/church)	\$1,350.00		
Speaker Honorarium - Rev. Frank Wiley	\$900.00		
Office Supplies (toner)	\$51.84		
Printing of State Minutes	\$124.75		
Bank Charge for printing Bank Statement	\$1.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,072.59</b>	<b>\$4,071.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,178.35</b>

Notes: Balance includes \$2204.50 designated for the AJ Warden Project

### CO-OP breaks down as follows:

State Home Missions 35%  
 National "Together Way" 10%  
 Christian Education Board 25%

Free Will Baptist Bible College 3%  
 Hillsdale Bible College 3%  
 State Treasurer 24%

3/31/2017

*Janey Sprunt*  
 4-25-17

We the Home Mission Board respectfully submit the following report to the Kansas State Meeting for the reporting period of April 2016 through March 2017.

Through the grace of God and the support of fellow Christians, the Kansas Home Mission Board has two missionaries on the field, Bro. Anthony Warden of Prairie Meadows and Bro. Derl Hicks of Ark City.

The Kansas Home Mission board through the support of contributors was able to provide Bro. Anthony Warden and Bro. Derl Hicks with varying amounts of monthly support during the year. It truly is a blessing to the state of Kansas to have these two families serving the Lord and their communities in both Olathe and Arkansas City.

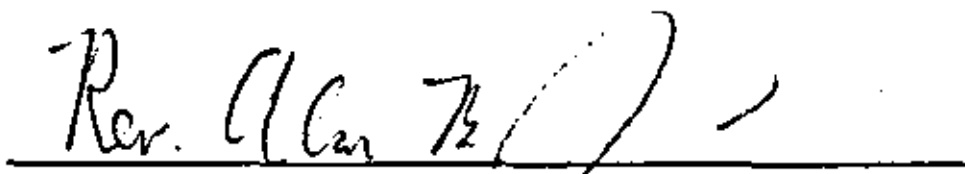
Over the year, the Home Mission Board met to discuss the following items:

- Ulysses Free Will Baptist Church
  - o Surveyed the church building and secured all Free Will Baptist Property
  - o Completed the sale of the Church for \$115,000 on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - o Since the Sale, the Spanish Assembly of God has reported an increase in numbers and great works of the Lord taking place
- E-Team Support
  - o Kansas Home Mission Board made a donation in the amount of \$250 to support each of the following students:
    - Tanner Stringer – Haiti
    - Ashely Sharbutt – Cuba
    - Braydon Jackson – Nashville
    - Kirstain Burns - Chicago
- Prairie Meadows Mission Work
  - o Mission Account
    - Bro. Anthony sent out a letter to each church requesting the amount needed from each church to provide \$1000 in Monthly Funding
    - Spoke to Bro. Anthony about the possibilities of securing a part-time job to continue supporting his family while the donations are down
    - Provided as needed Assistance to keep the mission work running including a \$3000.00 one-time donation
  - o Prairie Meadows Relocation
    - The Building Prairie Meadows was renting was purchased
    - Prairie Meadows found a new location in the “Happenings Event Space” in Bonner Springs, KS for a less expensive cost with increased space
- Arkansas City Mission Work
  - o Mission Account
    - Approved additional support from the General Home Mission Board Account to assist Bro. Derl Hicks
    - Spoke to Bro. Derl about the possibilities of securing a part-time job to continue supporting his family while the amount of donations are down
      - Assisted Bro. Derl with creating a resume
      - Bro. Derl secured a job within the local school district
  - o Discussed Bro. Derl continuing to pay back the building fund at a minimum of \$100 per month.

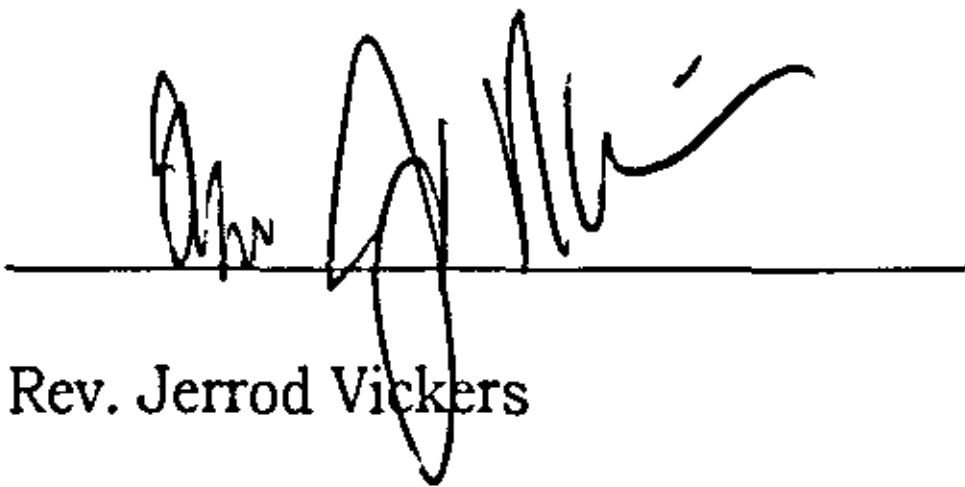
- o Intern Assistance
  - Met and decided to secure an intern to Assist Bro. Derl Hicks in the Arkansas City, Mission Work.
- Additional Home Missions Support
  - o The Kansas State Home Missions Board encouraged both missionaries to attend the Men's Retreat and paid the cost of their entry to attend the event.

We hope you enjoyed the summary of events that took place over the past year with the Kansas State Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board. We are blessed to be part of the Free Will Baptist Denomination and are thankful to serve on the Mission Board.


Respectfully Submitted,



Rev. Alan Barus, Treasurer



Rev. Jerrod Vickers



Rev. Zane Brooks



**ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT**

**FOR**

**THE KANSAS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD**

**TO**

**THE KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**APRIL 27 - 29, 2017**

## Treasurer's Report Summary

### Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptist Mission Board

#### All Missions Accounts

April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

#### **Kansas State Home Mission Board General Account**

Beginning Balance				\$34,412.53
Income				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Income from Contributors	\$	93,228.84	
Expenses				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Account Debits	\$	9,062.26	
Ending Balance				\$118,579.11

#### **Olathe Home Missions Account**

Beginning Balance				\$1,722.84
Income				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Income from Contributors	\$	12,481.00	
Expenses				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Account Debits	\$	11,452.23	
Ending Balance				\$2,751.61

#### **Ark City Home Missions Account**

Beginning Balance				\$1,493.13
Income				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Income from Contributors	\$	7,050.00	
Expenses				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Account Debits	\$	8,018.13	
Ending Balance				\$525.00

#### **Building Fund Account**

Beginning Balance				\$2,082.00
Income				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Income from Contributors	\$	575.00	
Expenses				
4/1/16-3/31/17	Account Debits	\$	-	
Ending Balance				\$2,657.00

April 27-29th

2017 State Association Meeting

Wichita, KS

*Alan Barus Jr.*  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

4/24/2017  
Date

## Treasurer's Report

### Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptist Mission Board

#### General Home Missions Account

April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

#### Beginning Balance

\$34,412.53

#### Income

Apr-17	Income from Contributors	\$	-
May-17	Income from Ulysses Rent Payment	\$	688.34
Jun-17	Income from Ulysses Rent Payment	\$	600.00
Jul-17	Income from Contributors	\$	-
Aug-17	Income from Ulysses Rent Payment	\$	600.00
Sep-17	Income from Ulysses Rent Payment	\$	600.00
Oct-17	Income from Ulysses Rent Payment	\$	600.00
Nov-17	Income from Ulysses Rent Payment	\$	600.00
Nov-17	Income from Sale of Ulysses Church	\$	89,540.50
Dec-17	Income from Contributors	\$	-
Jan-18	Income from Contributors	\$	-
Feb-18	Income from Contributors	\$	-
Mar-18	Income from Contributors	\$	-
Total Credits		\$	93,228.84

#### Expenses

May-16	Assistance to Ark City Church	\$	268.87
Jun-16	Assistance to Ark City Church	\$	375.00
Jun-16	State Farm Insurance on Ulysses Church	\$	1,196.25
Aug-16	Assistance to Ark City Church	\$	1,005.00
Sep-16	State Farm Insurance on Ulysses Church	\$	1,196.25
Sep-16	Assistance to Prairie Meadows Church	\$	680.00
Nov-16	Assistance to Prairie Meadows Church	\$	200.00
Nov-16	Overnight Closing Documents	\$	30.89
Dec-16	Assistance to Prairie Meadows Church	\$	3,000.00
Jan-17	Donation International Mission Students	\$	1,000.00
Mar-17	Pay for Missionaries Mens Retreat	\$	110.00
Total Debits		\$	9,062.26

#### Ending Balance

\$118,579.11

April 27-29th

2017 State Association Meeting

Wichita, KS

*Alan Barus Jr.*  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

4/24/2017

Date

## Treasurer's Report

### Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptist Mission Board

#### Olathe Home Missions Account

April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

#### Beginning Balance

\$1,722.84

#### Income

Apr-17	Income from Contributors	\$	-
May-17	Income from Contributors	\$	1,666.60
Jun-17	Income from Contributors	\$	875.06
Jul-17	Income from Contributors	\$	759.80
Aug-17	Income from Contributors	\$	993.93
Sep-17	Income from Contributors	\$	840.00
Oct-17	Income from Contributors	\$	693.24
Nov-17	Income from Contributors	\$	785.00
Dec-17	Income from Contributors	\$	4,136.82
Jan-18	Income from Contributors	\$	592.46
Feb-18	Income from Contributors	\$	758.09
Mar-18	Income from Contributors	\$	380.00
Total Income		\$	12,481.00

#### Expenses

Apr-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,000.00
May-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,000.00
Jun-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,000.00
Jul-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,000.00
Aug-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	902.00
Sep-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,002.00
Oct-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	956.23
Nov-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	692.00
Dec-17	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,000.00
Jan-18	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	900.00
Feb-18	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,000.00
Mar-18	Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary)	\$	1,000.00
Total Salary		\$	11,452.23

#### Ending Balance

\$2,751.61

April 27-29th

2017 State Association Meeting

Wichita, KS

Alan Barus Jr.  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

4/24/2017

Date

## Treasurer's Report

### Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptist Mission Board

#### Ark City Home Missions Account

April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

#### Beginning Balance

\$1,493.13

#### Income

Apr-17	Income from Contributors	\$ -
May-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 1,840.00
Jun-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 1,200.00
Jul-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 195.00
Aug-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 520.00
Sep-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 410.00
Oct-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 825.00
Nov-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 625.00
Dec-17	Income from Contributors	\$ 295.00
Jan-18	Income from Contributors	\$ 375.00
Feb-18	Income from Contributors	\$ 330.00
Mar-18	Income from Contributors	\$ 435.00
Total Income		\$ 7,050.00

#### Expenses

Apr-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 1,202.00
May-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 1,202.00
Jun-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 933.13
Jul-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 1,198.00
Aug-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 192.00
Sep-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 522.00
Oct-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 411.00
Nov-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 502.00
Dec-17	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 500.00
Jan-18	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 502.00
Feb-18	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 352.00
Mar-18	Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)	\$ 502.00
Total Salary		\$ 8,018.13

#### Ending Balance

\$525.00

April 27-29th

2017 State Association Meeting

Wichita, KS

*Alan Barus Jr.*  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

4/24/2017

Date

## Treasurer's Report

### Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptist Mission Board

#### Building Fund Account

April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

**Beginning Balance** **\$2,082.00**

#### Income

16-May	Payment from Ark City	\$ 75.00
16-Jun	Payment from Ark City	\$ 200.00
16-Sep	Payment from Ark City	\$ 130.00
16-Oct	Payment from Ark City	\$ 70.00
17-Jan*	Payment from Ark City	\$ 50.00
17-Mar*	Payment from Ark City	\$ 50.00
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$ 575.00</b>

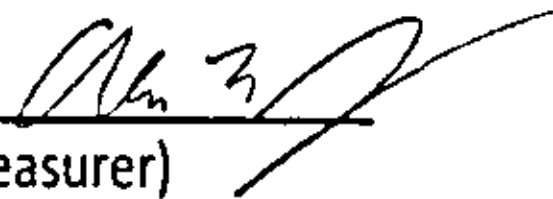
#### Expenses

No Expenses for the Time Period of April 2016 - March 2017	\$ -
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Ending Balance** **\$2,657.00**

April 27-29th      2017 State Association Meeting      Wichita, KS

\*\* Payments were provided in April 17 with Pre-dated Checks

Alan Barus Jr.   
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

4/24/2017  
Date



# ARK CITY FWB CHURCH REPORT

To the Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptist;

At this time last year, we were in the training stage to begin facilitating a Christian based depression support group. In September, we launched the support group and have been blessed to minister to a diverse age range of people who are struggling with depression and have considered or attempted suicide. We have had one person attend because the group was recommended by their counselor and we remain amazed their counselor even knew the group existed. God has used the group to minister His restorative love to hurting, desperate people. We are in the planning stages of starting an addiction support group but at this moment do not have a launch date in mind and we wait upon the Lord to lead and guide in that endeavor.

The last year obviously held its struggles and challenges but we rejoice in the victories. Our oldest daughter, Kaitlin, spent 6 months in Thailand working with victims of sex trafficking through a Christian mission group. She has returned to the states to pursue her studies. Our youngest daughter, Gabrielle, has answered her call to vocational missions and is planning to attend Welch after graduating high school to study psychology and missions. She is returning to Rampart, Alaska on a mission trip this summer and will also be traveling to Uganda. While she has not met her entire fund raising goal yet but God has greatly blessed her finances thus far. She also continues to be active in various local ministries.

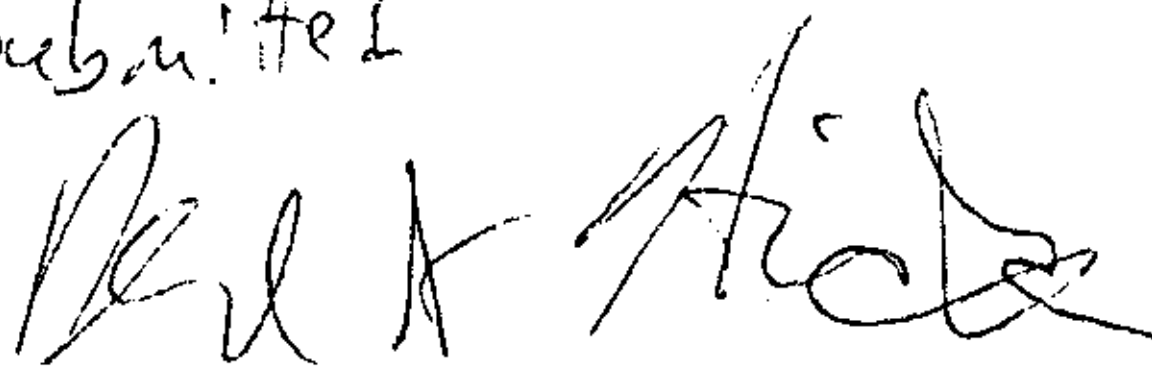
The last few months at church has seen a person we have been ministering to for 4 plus years reach 10 months of sobriety. My wife and I have often despaired of ever seeing this person live clean and sober and we have been overjoyed at their deliverance and success. It has been an important reminder to us, and will hopefully serve as a reminder to others, that you work where God plants you and He will bring a harvest. In my younger days in ministry I dreamed of being involved in these historical, great revival type of moves of God. As time has gone on I have been incredibly humbled by the fact that God would take a single broken life and trust us to minister to that person. I also want to express my thanks to my wife who, like most pastor's wives, labors tirelessly for God, the church, and our family with little recognition or appreciation.

We are currently still working on forming a collective vision for the future of our congregation. The goal is to have written visions from all members of the church and then form them into one collective vision. While I had hoped that process would be completed by now it is still something we are working on and something we will continue to challenge the members to constantly consider over the years. I have also challenged every family in our church to plan and execute a community outreach so I can better see how God is speaking to them and so they can see how God is using them and also recognize that it is their efforts that God uses grow the Kingdom and the church. We continue to be active in our support for various missionaries and mission groups and are proud to be supporting efforts to raise awareness of the plight of persecuted Christians around the world.

We were approached in September by the pastor of a displaced Spanish speaking church looking for a location to hold services. 17% of the population of Ark City is Hispanic and we have long felt the need to work with a Hispanic ministry. After doing our due diligence in prayer and reference checking Iglesias Del Nazareno moved into our building and have services on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 and on Tuesday evenings. It has been a wonderful relationship that has benefited both congregations and we look forward to having joint services and outreaches in the future.

Our greatest need continues to be laborers for the harvest. We desperately need someone to work with and teach our children and to help disciple new converts. I would ask you to join us in prayer that God will send us one or two mature Christian families to work alongside us in the ministry.

Respectfully Submitted



**PRAIRIE MEADOWS FWB CHURCH**  
**REPORT TO KANSAS STATE MEETING**  
**APRIL 27 – 29, 2017**

This past year has been a very productive year for Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church. It has been a year filled with joy, sorrow, highs and lows. A year of change and a year of strengthening. This past year we have had to lean on the Lord as never before and join together to accomplish His will.

The biggest news bulletin of the year would be our change of location. As many of you know, our landlord at our old location put the building for sale a couple of years ago. Well, the building finally sold. The purchaser of the building gave us the opportunity to continue to meet there if we signed a three year lease. We prayerfully considered this and decided that it was time to find a new meeting place. The reason for this is many. First, the building was not large and we were already closing in on capacity. Second, there was no room for any additional Sunday School classrooms. Finally, the majority of our people were coming from towns further to our north. We looked for a different place to meet and found Happenings Event Space. This location was about 15 minutes to our north and put us near the center of where our people were actually coming from. The building is twice as large as our previous building and the rent is a little cheaper. The drawback is we do not have exclusive access to the building. It is still an event rental hall and we rent it every week for our church services. This presents some obstacles, but none too big. We do have to set up every week for service and tear down afterwards. Sometimes we will get there on Sunday Morning and have to do some cleaning from the event the night before, but we know that we are where God wants us. The positives far outweigh the negative. However, please pray that we will find a permanent home in God's timing.

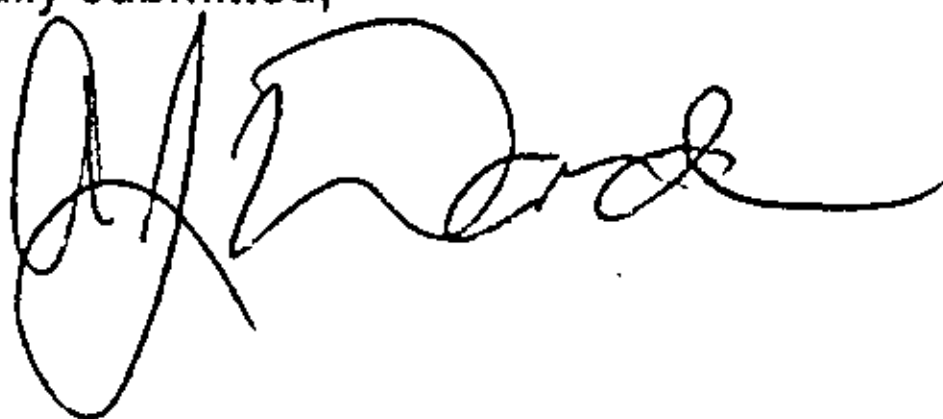
Moving has presented a few struggles with our attenders. The majority are still faithful, but it is easy to get out of the habit of church when something changes. Anything Satan can use to pull someone away from church He will. We do have some families that we are working to get faithful again. Although the church is closer for them now, it is still different. Please pray as we reach out to them through visitation, letters, calls and events.

We have seen growth in some of our "new" to church families. They are stepping up and helping the church and suggesting events. It is exciting to see the growth of God in their lives. We have seen the altar full several Sundays this past year. It is a helpful reminder of why we planted this church, to see God move in people's lives. It is what sustains us when the going gets tough.

We had a tremendous Easter Service. We had some new faces there and many tear filled eyes. We had several babies there and 10 kids from 2-7 in our children's church. The seats were packed with one of our largest crowds ever. Most importantly, the Risen and Living Savior was glorified. Services like this show me that it is evident that God is moving at Prairie Meadows church. We have seen many lives changed. We know that this is where God wants us to be.

We do, still, have the need for financial support. I have talked to the church about working towards a self-sustaining level, but we are not yet there. It is evident that God is moving at Prairie Meadows Church, but it is also evident that Satan is attacking our support. He knows that when the finances are struggling, it is hard to trust in God. I prayerfully ask for your continued support. Even if it is just for another year. I fully believe that self-sustaining is in sight, but we need support for a little longer. We run this church much cheaper than most mission plants. We only require \$1,000 per month in support. This is not a large amount of money in the grand scope of things, but it is what makes the difference in us being able to meet our bills. Please continue to pray.

Respectfully submitted,

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## 2017 Executive Board Report

We, the Executive Board members, met at the beginning of the year to decide on the speaker for the 2017 Kansas State Meeting in Emporia, KS. It was decided to have three of our FWB National Representatives (Bro. Keith Burden, Bro. Clint Morgan, and Bro. David Crowe) to bring the messages. These men were contacted and agreed to come.

In mid February it came to the attention of the Executive Board that another event was taking place in Emporia the same weekend of the State Meeting, and most all of the hotel rooms in Emporia were already reserved for this event. The Executive Board discussed the issue and decided that it would be best to relocate the State Meeting. Pastor Josh Bush of Cross Point FWB Church in Wichita was contacted and graciously agreed to host the State Meeting.

Information was sent out to all the churches on February 23 informing them of the change in location. The plans were finalized to hold the Kansas State Meeting at the Cross Point FWB Church in Wichita on April 27-29, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Stringer Tim Stringer

Derl Hicks Derl A Hicks

# KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## Christian Education Board Report

April 29, 2017

The Christian Education Board activities for the past year consisted primarily of planning and carrying out our Kansas State Youth Camp and Kansas Men's Retreat. The Board also promoted and supported Kansas Youth participation in Truth & Peace, E-TEAM, NYC, and other National programs.

The 2016 Kansas State Youth Camp was held May 30, through June 3, 2016, at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City, Kansas. Kansas Pastors and Leaders were the evangelists. The camp was attended by 152 campers and workers.

The 2017 Kansas State Men's Retreat was held March 3-4, 2017, at Westminster Woods Camp near Fall River, Kansas. Rev. Alan Kinder, Pastor of Central FWB Church in Grandview, MO, was the speaker. The retreat was attended by 57 men and teen boys, including the speaker, and 3 cooks.

The 2017 Kansas State Youth Camp is scheduled to be held June 5-9 at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City, Kansas with Derreck Lute as evangelist.

The Board met Feb. 25, 2017 to discuss ongoing and future events. For the June, 2017 Youth Camp, Charlotte Brooks was selected as Camp Director and James O. Brewer as Assistant Director.

The fee will be \$180.00 per camper and worker if prepaid by May 8, and \$220.00 thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

By: James O. Brewer  
James O. Brewer, Chairman

Kansas State Christian Education Board  
Financial Report  
Period beginning April 1, 2016 and  
ending March 31, 2017.

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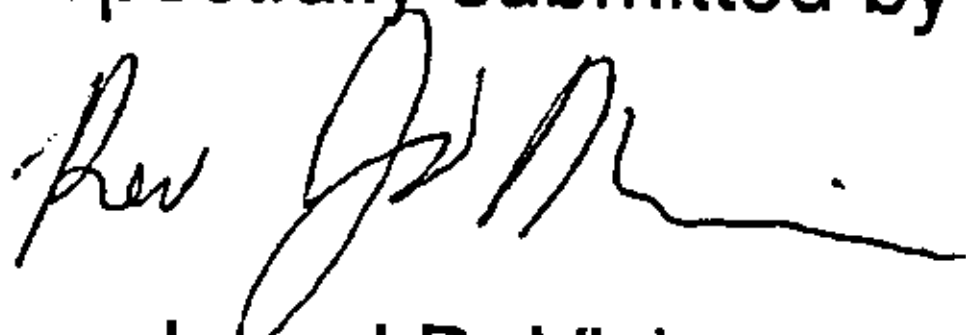
During this period the Kansas CE board started with a balance of \$5,524.85.

The total amounts deposited was \$29,942.87 which came from funds for Youth Camp, Men's Retreat and State Coop.

Total disbursements during this period were \$26,521.58 which went towards Youth Camp and Men's Retreat Costs.

The ending Balance was \$8,946.14.

Respectfully submitted by

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Rev. Jerrod D. Vickers

Kansas Christian Education Board Treasurer



# Annual State Association Letter to the National Association

State Association Kansas State Assoc. of Free Will Baptists Dates of Next Meeting April / 26 to April / 28

(Please attach the following information regarding your next meeting: location, address, start/end time.)

Reporting Period Jan / 2016 to Jan / 2017 (month/year) Moderator's Email zcbrooks@sutv.com

Moderator Rev. Zane Brooks Phone ( 620 ) 440-2558

Address 1611 North H Street City Wellington State KS Zip 67152

Clerk James O. Brewer Email janddbrewer@att.net

Phone ( 785 ) 272-1843 Representation Fees (\$150 per church) \$ 1,350.00

Address 5864 SW 26th St. City Topeka State KS Zip 66614

Treasurer Judy Sprout Email jtaffy@cox.net

Phone ( 785 ) 217-3430

National General Board Member James O. Brewer - 2017 Proxy

## Delegates

- Aileen Hylton
- Deirdre Vickers
- Jennifer Bush

- Donna Brewer
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## A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

- Number of district associations 2
- Number of district associations reporting 2
- Number of churches 9
- Number of churches reporting 9
- Number of churches:  
Within city limits 9  
Rural 0
- Number of churches with:  
Full-time pastors 3  
Bi-vocational pastors 4

## B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- Baptisms 35
- Members added 44
- Members lost 19
- Membership 335

## C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

- Income of all churches \$ 748,286.86
  - Number of churches with budgets 1
- ## D. BUILDING INFORMATION
- Number of churches with parsonages 0
  - Value of all church property including parsonages  
\$ 3,002,929.00

## E. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Number of ordained ministers 9  
Licensed ministers 1
- Number of ordained deacons 2
- Number of:  
Daycares 0  
Christian Schools 0  
Bible Institutes 0  
Colleges 0
- Sunday School enrollment 210

Name and Address of State Associational Property	Director, Address, Email	Value of Associational Property
<u>None</u>		\$ <u></u>
		\$ <u></u>
		\$ <u></u>



# KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(updated 06/11/16)

### 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) men who are ordained ministers or deacons, 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 \$150.00 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 April 1 and end March 31.

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

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. 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 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 the last Thursday night, Friday, Friday night, and Saturday until noon of April.
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.

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

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.

2000

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.

2002

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.

2003

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.

2006

Clarify the program as follows:

“The A. J. Project” be available to Kansas Free Will Baptist ministerial students attending a Free Will Baptist College.

If a Kansas Ministerial student is not available or interested, then any Free Will Baptist ministerial student who will work in Kansas and who is attending a Free Will Baptist college will be considered.

The recruiting, selecting, and fundraising of the candidate(s), along with their scheduling, supervision, and job duties be the responsibility of the State Executive Board.

The program purpose is to visit and assist the churches of the State Association during the student’s stay.

2010

The allocation for State Cooperative giving is:

- 35% - State Home Missions
- 10% - National CO-OP
- 25% - Christian Education Board
- 24% - State Treasurer
- 3% - Free Will Baptist Bible College
- 3% - Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

2011

Increased delegate fee to \$150.00 per church.

2016

Changed Standing Rules of Order to read: The annual sessions of this Association shall convene the last Thursday night, Friday, Friday night, and Saturday until noon of April.

Changed Constitution Article IX to read: The reporting period for this Association will begin April 1 and end March 31.

## 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	2006 – TOPEKA
1966 – SALINA	2007 – WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)
1967 – WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)	2008 – WELLINGTON
1968 – TOPEKA	2009 – BETHEL
1969 – NEW HOPE	2010 – SALINA
1970 – WICHITA (FIRST CHURCH)	2011 – EMPORIA
1971 – WICHITA (WESTSIDE)	2012 – WICHITA (CROSS POINT)
1972 – TOPEKA	2013 – OLATHE (PRAIRIE MEADOWS)
1973 – ULYSSES	2014 – WELLINGTON
1974 – SALINA	2015 – TOPEKA
1975 – WELLINGTON	2016 – SALINA
1976 – BETHEL	2017 – WICHITA (CROSS POINT)
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)	