

# **MINUTES**

**57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION - 2018**

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

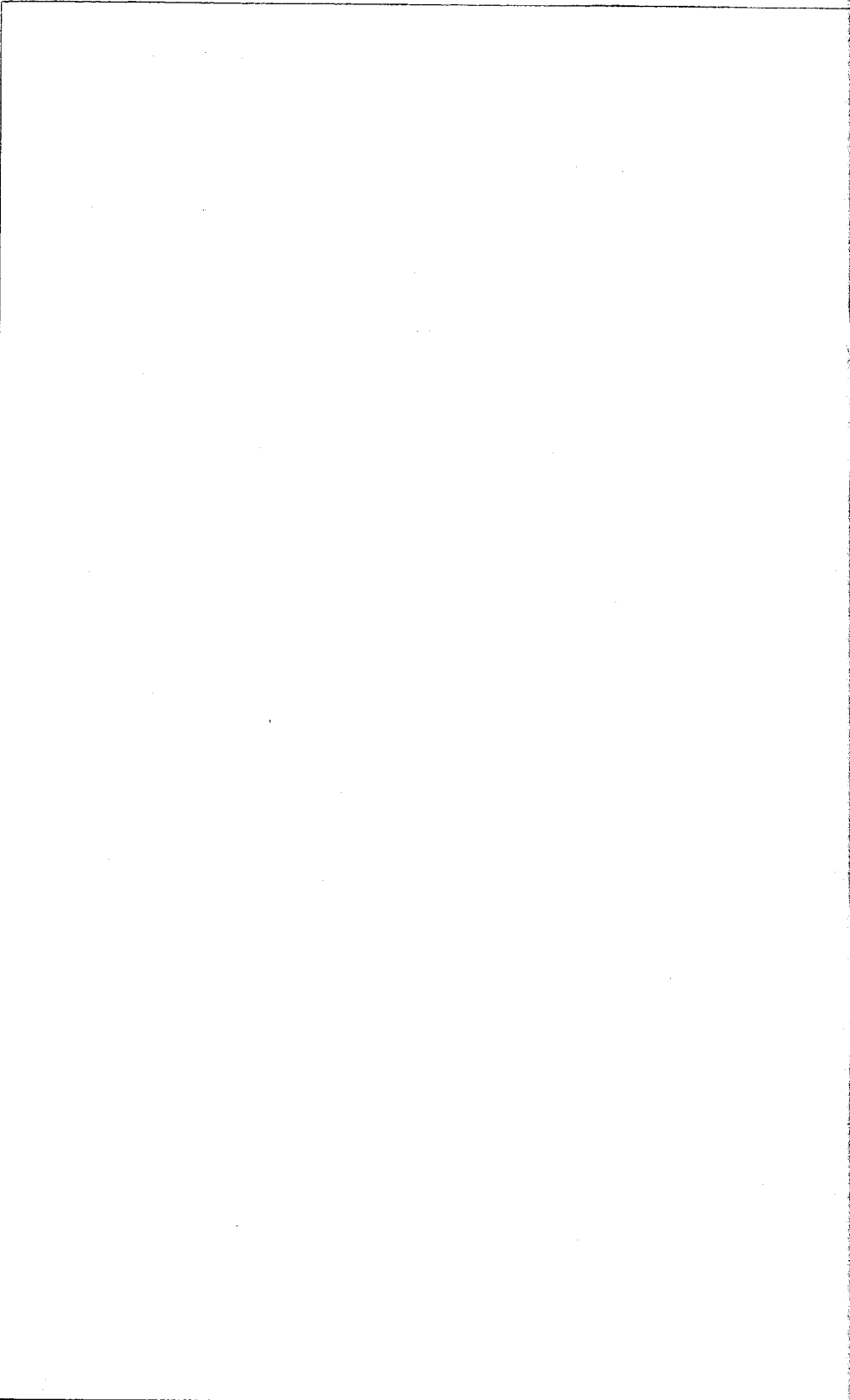
**Meeting at the**

**First Free Will Baptist Church  
Wellington, Kansas**

**on**

**June 26, 27, and 28, 2018**

**NEXT SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH THE  
PRAIRIE MEADOWS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
BONNER SPRINGS, KANSAS  
APRIL 25, 26, & 27, 2019**



# KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## PERSONNEL

April 2018 to April 2019

### 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 ..... Rev. Jason Bruns

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

### MISSION BOARD

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

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

5-Year Term ..... Sis. Charlotte Brooks  
4-Year Term ..... Rev. Jerrod Vickers  
3-Year Term ..... Rev. Anthony D. Warden, Jr.  
2-Year Term ..... Rev. Jacob Thompson  
1-Year Term ..... Bro. James O. Brewer

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

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

### AUDITING COMMITTEE (2019)

Rev. Tim Stringer (Ch.), Rev. Russell Hylton, and Bro. Louis Oelke

### PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE (2019)

Sis. Janet Warden (Ch.), Sis. Kelly Warden, and Sis. Andrea Stringer

## ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

April 26, 2018 – 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: “Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now” and “It Is Well With My Soul” led by the Wellington Praise Band (Cloy Tafoya, Jeanie Escobar, Charlotte Brooks, Cheyenne and Nick Layton, Crosby and Justin Bruns, Bryan Stucky and Sampson Ledesma)

Welcome: Rev. Zane Brooks, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas.

Recognition of Churches and Visitors

| Church                                | Number<br>of<br>Attendees |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ark City FWBC (Arkansas City)         | 0                         |
| Bethel FWBC (Kansas City)             | 0                         |
| Cross Point FWBC (Wichita)            | 12                        |
| Faith FWBC (Salina)                   | 0                         |
| First FWBC (Topeka)                   | 3                         |
| First FWBC (Wellington)               | 63                        |
| Parsons FWBC (Parsons)                | 0                         |
| Prairie Meadows FWBC (Bonner Springs) | 0                         |
| Sunrise FWBC (Emporia)                | 1                         |
| McPherson FWBC (McPherson)            | 1                         |
| Visitors                              | 6                         |
| Total                                 | 86                        |

Special Music: “Redeemed” and “He Is”

Message: Rev. Stan Bunch, Executive Director, Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists  
Ephesians 4:11-12 “Biblical Foundation for a Healthy Church”

- Infers commitment, loyalty, unity, prayer, encouraging others, giving, working, etc. Follow biblically qualified leaders.
- What really matters is that we are together.

- Acts 1:28, 4:4 & 32, 5:14 – numbers do matter. Acts 5:32 – How did they know who needed help? II Timothy 5:19
- New believers showed a changed lifestyle and association. We are members of the universal church also.
- Keys to a healthy church:
  - God's Word
  - Hebrews 1:1 – God spoke and speaks to us.
  - II Peter 1:21 – Holy Spirit helps us to understand and apply God's Word
  - Edifying and serving God. God's plan is well throughout. He uses proper ingredients.
  - I Corinthians – use your God-given abilities.
- What it means to be lost – Revelation 20:15, 21:8, Acts 26:18
- Biblically qualified leaders – Hebrews 13:17
- How can you use talents God gave you.
- Edify the Body of Christ
- Encourage others

Prayer: Rev. Stan Bunch

Invitation & Songs: "Lord I Give You Me," "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and "It Is Well With My Soul"

Appointment of Committee on Committees by Moderator, Rev. Zane Brooks: Josh Bush, Ch., Alan Barus, Jr., and Zane Brooks

## Announcements

Benediction: Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Director, National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee

April 27, 2018 – Friday Morning Proceedings – 9:00 a.m.

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

Prayer: Nick Layton, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

Congregational Songs: "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "I've Never Been This Homesick Before" led by the Wellington Praise Band (Cloy Tafoya, Charlotte Brooks, Nick Layton, and Crosby Bruns)

Recognition of Visitors

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

Judges 10:1-2 "Obscure Judge – Tola"

- Sad life it appears at first reading
- However, he defended Israel

Prayer: Rev. Zane Brooks

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.

Prayer: Rev. Russ Hylton, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

April 27, 2018 – Friday Morning Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Congregational Song: "I'll Fly Away" led by the Wellington Praise Band (Cloy Tafoya, Charlotte Brooks, Cheyene and Nick Layton, and Crosby and Justin Bruns)

Recognition of Visitors

Congregational Song: "Because He Lives"

Offering: \$77.00

Special Music: "Mercy and Grace" and "The Promise"

Message: Rev. Stan Bunch, Executive Director, Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists  
Acts 11:22-24 "A Mature Christian"

- Barnabus was a "good" man. What does that mean? His characteristics: his character (Acts 2:44, 46), met needs (Acts 4:34, 36), he understood New Testament stewardship.
- Everything is God's and at His disposal (Acts 9:23-27); he believed in God's ability to transform, John Mark was influenced by Barnabus.
- Acts 11:24-26, Barnabus and Paul disciplined people
- Acts 13:1-3, Barnabus and Paul went as missionaries
- Barnabus was committed and submitted to God

- What do we want out of life? Hear God say, “Well done faithful servant.”

Invitation

Announcements

Benediction: Rev. Zach Parent, Pastor, McPherson Free Will Baptist Church, McPherson, Kansas.

April 27, 2018 – Friday Afternoon Proceedings – 1:30 p.m.

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

Prayer: Rev. Jerrod Vickers, Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas

Congregational Song: “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” and “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” led by the Wellington Praise Band (Cloy Tafoya, Charlotte Brooks, Nick Layton, and Crosby and Justin Bruns)

Greetings and reports from denominational ministries, led by Moderator Zane Brooks:

Greetings and oral report from Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary, National Association of Free Will Baptists, Antioch, Tennessee. The 2018 Free Will Baptist National Association meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, will be held in July. Discussion of modernization, communication, revitalization and cooperation was presented.

Greetings and oral report from North American Ministries (NAM) by Bro. Ken Akers, Antioch, Tennessee. NAM includes church planting, Hispanic works, Chaplains, Master’s Men, church revitalization Legacy ministry, power conferences, Impact Service at National Association Meeting, storm weather clean-up and recovery.

Greetings, handouts and oral report from International Missions by Bro. Don Matchett, Director of Church Relations and Development, Antioch Tennessee.

Greetings and oral report from Randall University given by Rev. Tim Eaton (President), Moore, Oklahoma.

Board of Retirement video shown and materials available.

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

Greetings and oral report from Randall House Publications by Rev. David Womack, Nashville, Tennessee.

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

Christian Education Board Reports given by Bro James O. Brewer and Bro. Jerrod Vickers. MMS&C to approve the reports.

State Home Mission Board 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.

State Home Missions Board Financial Report given by Rev. Alan Barus, Jr.. 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.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Andrew Shipley, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas.

April 27, 2018 – Friday Evening Service – 7:30 p.m.

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

Congregational Songs: "How Great Thou Art" led by ABIDE from Randall University, Moore, Oklahoma (Kennedy Barnett, Taryn Wagner, Mitch Wagner and Tyler Burke)

Prayer: Rev. Wayne Bookout, Blackwell, Oklahoma

Recognition of visitors

Congregational Songs: "Open Up The Heavens," "Jesus Paid It All," and "Your Grace Finds Me"

Prayer: Sis. Tayrn Wagner, Randall University, Moore, Oklahoma

Offering received (\$253.00).

Special Music by ABIDE: "Reckless Love" and "I Surrender All"



Prayer: Bro. Tyler Burke, Randall University, Moore, Oklahoma

Message: Rev. Stan Bunch, Executive Director, Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists  
Zechariah 4:6 "How We Accomplish What Needs to be Done"

- We are not alone in the arena of becoming disillusioned and discouraged, even depressed.
- Do an evaluation of where you came from and where you are.
- Backing out, quitting does not fulfill God's calling.
- Ezra 5, we see the rebuilding of the temple to only a minor structure compared to the past temple.
- They knew the glory days but now dark days. We can discourage ourselves.
- Haggai 2:3, who is left that saw the first temple?
- Haggai 2:9, tells the second temple will be greater than the first one.
- Evangelism is not easy. We need manpower and will power to follow God's direction.
- Zechariah 4:1-7, God will rebuild the temple. We are not indispensable. Without God we are weak.
- We keep going with prayer and fasting for God to do the work through us.
- We must be faithful.
- Smallness is no excuse for laziness.
- Step back, determine to faithfully follow God and let Him build his work through us, His committed people.

Invitation

Announcements

Benediction led by Rev. Zane Brooks, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas.

April 28, 2018 – Saturday Morning Proceedings – 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Rev. Zane Brooks, Moderator, and Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas.

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

Congregational Songs: "Blessed Assurance" and "I Know a Man Who Can" led by the Wellington Praise Band (Cloy Tafoya, Charlotte Brooks, Cheyenne and Nick Layton, Crosby Bruns)

Recognition of Visitors

MMS&C to hold the 2020 Kansas State Meeting at the Cross Point Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Public Morals Committee report given. MMS&C to approve the report.

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

Obituary Committee Report given. MMS&C to approve the report. Prayer led by Rev. Zane Brooks, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas.

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

Nominating Committee Report given (election of 2018-2019 officers). MMS&C to approve the report.

Letter to the National Association read, MMS&C to approve the letter and delegates.

MMS&C for the State Association to pay up to \$125.00 for operation of the state web services and to continue printing the state minutes.

MMS&C to give \$300 for expenses to the General Board Member representing Kansas at the National Association Meeting.

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

Announcements

MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dylan Ray, Youth Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas.

April 28, 2018 – Saturday Morning Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

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

Prayer: Rev. Ken Akers

Congregational Songs: "Do Lord" led by the Wellington Praise Band (Cloy Tafoya, Charlotte Brooks, Cheyenne and Nick Layton, and Crosby Bruns)

Offering received (\$50.00)

## Congregational Songs: "Amazing Grace"

Message: Rev. Stan Bunch, Executive Director, Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists  
Acts 4:1-9, 22; 3:2, 8 "What Could Happen When We are Led by the Lord?"

- Things were happening at church as God led them. We need both bold and subdued people and everyone in between.
- Acts 3:8, miracles happen when God touches people.
- We don't always understand God's marvelous things
- God opens and closes doors to accomplish His will.
- Acts 4:4, people are converted, even religious people. Repentance is required. Preach the Gospel.
- Acts 4:7, God's power is manifested when we are led by God's Spirit but it may sometimes appear insignificant.
- Persecution will happen. Acts 4:7, don't try to take credit. Don't try to be self-sufficient. Walk forward and trust God as He leads (Hebrews 11:8)
- Pray daily, fasting, follow God's Word, seed opportunities, wait for God to do the work.

## Invitation

## Announcements:

Youth Camp – June 11-15

Wellington Golf Tournament

Martins at Wellington – August 4

Benediction and prayer on food led by Bro. Daniel Shipley, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following:

- Nominating Committee:

Rev. Alan Barus, Jr., Ch.  
Rev. Zane Brooks  
Rev. A.J. Warden, Jr.
- Business Committee:

Rev. Josh Bush, Ch.  
Rev. Jason Bruns  
Bro. Jim Brewer
- Public Morals Committee:

Sis., Janet Warden, Ch.  
Sis. Kelly Warden  
Sis. Andrea Stringer
- Obituary Committee:

Sis. Charlotte Brooks, Ch.  
Sis. Donna Brewer  
Bro. Judy Sprout
- Auditing Committee:

Rev. Tim Stringer, Ch.  
Bro. Russ Hylton  
Bro. Louis Oelke

Signed: Rev Josh Bush, Rev. Zane Brooks, Rev. Alan Barus, Jr.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the Christian Education, Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, and the four separate accounts of the Home Missions Board books.

We have found all the books in good order and in line with general accounting principles.

We would like to commend the treasurers for their hard work and especially the Home Missions Board Treasurer for balancing 4 separate accounts.

(Signed): Rev. Josh Bush, Ch., Bro. Louis Oelke

REGISTRATION REPORT:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Out of State Visitors.....                | 10        |
| Kansas Ordained Ministers.....            | 8         |
| Kansas Licensed Ministers .....           | 0         |
| Kansas Ordained Deacons.....              | 2         |
| Elected Delegates .....                   | 5         |
| Kansas Free Will Baptists & Visitors..... | <u>58</u> |
| Total.....                                | 83        |

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

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

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

Sis. Susie Arnold, Bro. Dusten Heibert, Sis. Sandra Mendia, Bro. Steve Terrel,  
Bro. Tony Martin, Sis. Sandra Beggs, Bro. Pierce Collier, and Bill Henry -  
Wellington Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Glen Clopp from the Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas

Respectfully submitted (signed): Judy Sprout, Donna Brewer, and Charlotte Brooks

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. A speaker's honorarium of \$1,000 be given to Rev. Stan Bunch.
2. The 2019 Kansas State Association annual meeting be held at the Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church.
3. A standing vote of thanks be given to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wellington for their gracious hospitality.

Respectfully Submitted (Signed): Bro. James O. Brewer, Rev. Josh Bush, and Rev. Jason  
Bruns

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: (April, 2018 thru April, 2019)

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. Jason Bruns

Executive Board:

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

Mission Board:

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

Christian Education Board:

5-Year Term ..... Sis. Charlotte Brooks  
4-Year Term ..... Rev. Jerrod Vickers  
3-Year Term ..... Rev. Rev. Anthony D. Warden, Jr.  
2-Year Term ..... Rev. Jacob Thompson  
1-Year Term ..... Bro. James O. Brewer

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

Respectfully submitted (signed): Rev. Alan Barus, Jr., Rev. Zane Brooks, & Rev. A. J. Warden, Jr.

# KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## State Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year April 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018

| Explanation                                     | Disbursements     | Receipts          | Balance            |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance                               |                   |                   | \$ 8,178.35        |
| Coop (Undesignated)                             |                   | \$2,927.82        |                    |
| Offerings from State Meeting                    |                   | \$228.00          |                    |
| Church Registration Fees at State Meeting       |                   | \$1,500.00        |                    |
| Welch College (Free Will Baptist Bible College) | \$87.85           | \$0.00            |                    |
| Hillsdale Bible College                         | \$87.85           | \$0.00            |                    |
| National "Together Way"                         | \$292.78          | \$0.00            |                    |
| International FWB Missions                      |                   |                   |                    |
| Shane Davison                                   | \$300.00          | \$300.00          |                    |
| Matt & Cristina Price                           | \$300.00          | \$300.00          |                    |
| National FWB Home Missions:                     |                   |                   |                    |
| Carl Spruill                                    | \$300.00          | \$300.00          |                    |
| Mark Thomas                                     | \$180.00          | \$180.00          |                    |
| Kansas State Christian Education Board          | \$731.96          | \$0.00            |                    |
| Kansas State Home Missions (undesignated)       | \$1,024.74        | \$0.00            |                    |
| AJ Warden - Prairie Meadows FWB Mission         | \$0.00            | \$0.00            |                    |
| 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. Keith Burden          | \$400.00          |                   |                    |
| Speaker Honorarium - Rev. Clint Morgan          | \$300.00          |                   |                    |
| Speaker Honorarium - Rev. David Crowe           | \$300.00          |                   |                    |
| Printing of State Minutes                       | \$139.50          |                   |                    |
| <b>Totals</b>                                   | <b>\$6,094.68</b> | <b>\$5,735.82</b> | <b>\$ 7,819.49</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%

3/31/2018

*Jack Spruill*  
 4-27-18

Public Morals Committee  
Kansas State Meeting of FWB  
April 26-28, 2018

Most of us here today will never forget the horrific school shooting at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Twenty-four students and teachers were injured that day and fifteen people were killed, including the two shooters themselves. Since that fateful attack, there has been an average of ten school shootings per year with a total of 25 of them ending in fatalities. Of those fatal shootings, ten ended with four or more fatalities with a total of 122 dead. Already in the first three months of 2018, eleven school shootings have been reported.

- In trying to understand the “whys?” behind these brutal shootings, we find the reasons or motives have not always been easy to determine or made clear. Some of the attackers left notes behind, knowing that they would end up taking their own lives or being killed. Various motives include mental illness, hatred of Christianity, jealousy, anger, and some that are still unknown.
- Many people today believe that gun control is the answer to solving these kinds of problems and will put an end to violence in schools. However, there is a much deeper issue to solve than the guns themselves. As we take a look into Scripture, it is clear to see that these acts of violence have been matters of the heart.

King Solomon, the wisest man on earth, stated in Ecclesiastes 1:9 that there is nothing new under the sun. Since the first recorded murder of mankind when Cain slew Abel, the works of the flesh point toward man’s depravity. Paul states in Galatians 5: 19-21:

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



In the book of Jeremiah 17, the prophet states that man's heart is desperately sick and only the Lord understands it and can test it. Therein lies the target of where reform must take place -- man's own heart. But how is heart reform accomplished? God's Holy Spirit must convict man of the sin within him. Until man accepts the fact that indeed he is a sinner, reform cannot take place. Once man acknowledges the wickedness of his heart and repents, then he must transform the thoughts of his mind.

A life lived devoid of God will not produce godly thoughts or godly fruits. What we allow into our minds by what we see and what we hear directly affects what we do. It is safe to say that these school shooters, some of whom were students themselves and others who were adults, were not living their lives for the Lord. Many of them filled their minds with the violence found in many video games. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the shooters in the Columbine Massacre, idolized Timothee McVeigh and Terry Nichols, the master minds behind the Oklahoma City bombing of 1995, and wished for their attack to be even more brutal. They planned and rehearsed how they would carry out their attack. What they dwelt on in their minds ended up making its way out into their deadly actions.

What is the cure for man's sick heart? Jesus. The love and power of Christ is the only remedy for the sinfulness of man. As Christians we must fulfill God's calling to be light and salt to a dying world and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. When we take time and make an effort to invest in someone who desperately needs Jesus' love, lives are changed one at a time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Stringer*  
*Charlotte Brooks*

We the Home Mission Board respectfully submit the following report to the Kansas State Meeting for the reporting period of April 2017 through March 2018.

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.

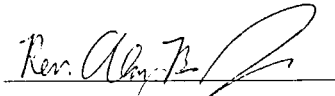
Over the year, the Home Mission Board met to discuss the following items:

- New Mission Work in McPherson, KS
  - o Met for prayer of Zach and Alishia Parent going before the North American Mission Board to begin a church plant in McPherson, KS
  - o Discussed several ways we can support this effort in the future
- Christmas Bonus Gift
  - o The Board met and decided on giving a Christmas Bonus Gift of \$500 to the following missionaries to help with any family needs:
    - Anthony Warden
    - Derl Hicks
- E-Team Support
  - o Kansas Home Mission Board made a donation in the amount of \$250 to support each of the following students:
    - Morgan Anderson
    - Kirstian Bruns
- Truth and Peace Support
  - o Kansas Home Mission Board made a donation in the amount of \$250 to support each of the following students:
    - Dominic Shore
    - Catrina Abbott
- Prairie Meadows Mission Work
  - o Mission Account
    - Currently Maintaining and has been able to provide a Salary of \$1000 per month via Paypal and Missions Donations
  - o Prairie Meadows Relocation
    - Prairie Meadows found a new location in an existing church located at 426 Emerson Ave in Bonner Springs, KS for a less expensive cost with increased space
    - Discussed several ways we may be able to assist Prairie Meadows Secure this building (Help with Insurance, Assist on Utilities or Building with a lump sum amount)

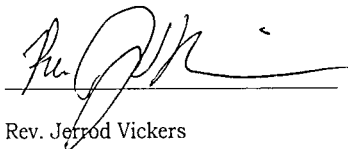
- Arkansas City Mission Work
  - o Mission Account
    - Provide the amount donated by individuals to Bro. Derl Hicks each month
    - Approved Outreach support from the General Home Mission Board Account to assist Bro. Derl Hicks reach the community in the amount of \$1250
  - o Intern Assistance
    - Attempted to Secure an Intern for Bro. Derl Hicks, but was unsuccessful
- Additional Home Missions Support
  - o The Kansas State Home Missions Board encouraged all missionaries to attend the Men's Retreat and paid the cost of Zach Parent's 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.

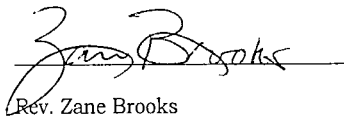
Respectfully Submitted,



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 26 - 28, 2018**

## Treasurer's Report Summary

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

#### All Missions Accounts

April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

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

|                   |                |                          |    |              |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| Beginning Balance |                |                          |    | \$118,579.11 |
| Income            |                |                          |    |              |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Income from Contributors | \$ | 957.72       |
| Expenses          |                |                          |    |              |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Account Debits           | \$ | 4,196.25     |
| Ending Balance    |                |                          |    | \$115,340.58 |

#### *Olathe Home Missions Account*

|                   |                |                          |    |            |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----|------------|
| Beginning Balance |                |                          |    | \$2,751.61 |
| Income            |                |                          |    |            |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Income from Contributors | \$ | 8,772.62   |
| Expenses          |                |                          |    |            |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Account Debits           | \$ | 10,100.00  |
| Ending Balance    |                |                          |    | \$1,424.23 |

#### *Ark City Home Missions Account*

|                   |                |                          |    |          |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----|----------|
| Beginning Balance |                |                          |    | \$525.00 |
| Income            |                |                          |    |          |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Income from Contributors | \$ | 2,965.00 |
| Expenses          |                |                          |    |          |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Account Debits           | \$ | 3,342.00 |
| Ending Balance    |                |                          |    | \$148.00 |

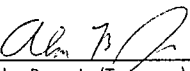
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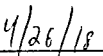
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|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----|------------|
| Beginning Balance |                |                          |    | \$2,557.00 |
| Income            |                |                          |    |            |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Income from Contributors | \$ | 100.00     |
| Expenses          |                |                          |    |            |
|                   | 4/1/17-3/31/18 | Account Debits           | \$ | -          |
| Ending Balance    |                |                          |    | \$2,657.00 |

April 26-28th

2018 State Association Meeting

Wellington, KS

  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

  
Date

## Treasurer's Report

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

#### General Home Missions Account

April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

#### Beginning Balance

\$118,579.11

#### Income

|               |                                  |           |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Apr-17        | Income from Contributors         | \$ 262.50 |
| Jul-17        | Income from Contributors         | \$ 199.57 |
| Sep-17        | Income from Ulysses Rent Payment | \$ 172.07 |
| Dec-17        | Income from Contributors         | \$ 272.34 |
| Mar-18        | Income from Contributors         | \$ 51.24  |
| Total Credits |                                  | \$ 957.72 |

#### Expenses

|              |   |             |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| Apr-17       | State Farm Insurance on Ulysses Church        | \$ 319.25   |
| May-17       | C.E. Board Youth Camp (Missionaries)          | \$ 540.00   |
| Sep-17       | Ministry Outreach Funding (Derl Hicks)        | \$ 1,250.00 |
| Dec-17       | Christmas Bonus (Anthony Warden)              | \$ 500.00   |
| Dec-17       | Christmas Bonus (Derl Hicks)                  | \$ 500.00   |
| Dec-18       | Stop Payment Fee (Derl Hicks Check Stolen)    | \$ 32.00    |
| Jan-18       | Truth & Peace (Dominic Shore/Catrina Abbott)  | \$ 500.00   |
|              | *Not Received, Reissued in March and Cashed * |             |
| Jan-18       | E-Team (Morgan Andersen/Kirstian Bruns)       | \$ 500.00   |
|              | *Not Received, Reissued in March and Cashed * |             |
| Mar-18       | C.E. Board Men's Retreat (Zach Parent)        | \$ 55.00    |
| Total Debits |   | \$ 4,196.25 |

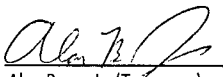
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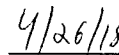
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April 26-28th

2018 State Association Meeting

Wellington, KS

  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

  
Date

## Treasurer's Report

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

#### Olathe Home Missions Account

April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

**Beginning Balance** **\$2,751.61**

#### Income

|        |                          |             |
|--------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Apr-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 847.65   |
| May-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 1,130.00 |
| Jun-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 814.97   |
| Jul-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 730.00   |
| Aug-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 405.00   |
| Sep-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 380.00   |
| Oct-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 1,326.00 |
| Nov-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 717.00   |
| Dec-17 | Income from Contributors | \$ 662.00   |
| Jan-18 | Income from Contributors | \$ 600.00   |
| Feb-18 | Income from Contributors | \$ 850.00   |
| Mar-18 | Income from Contributors | \$ 310.00   |

**Total Income** **\$ 8,772.62**

#### 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) | \$ 700.00   |
| Jul-17 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 900.00   |
| Aug-17 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Sep-17 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 800.00   |
| Oct-17 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 800.00   |
| Nov-17 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 700.00   |
| Dec-17 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 800.00   |
| Jan-18 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 800.00   |
| Feb-18 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 800.00   |
| Mar-18 | Prairie Meadows FWB Church (Salary) | \$ 800.00   |

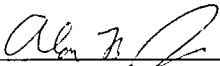
**Total Salary** **\$ 10,100.00**

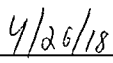
**Ending Balance** **\$1,424.23**

April 26-28th

2018 State Association Meeting

Wellington, KS

  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

  
Date

## Treasurer's Report

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

#### Ark City Home Missions Account

April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

#### Beginning Balance

\$525.00

#### Income

|              |                          |    |          |
|--------------|--------------------------|----|----------|
| Apr-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 555.00   |
| May-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 395.00   |
| Jun-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 175.00   |
| Jul-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 430.00   |
| Aug-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 195.00   |
| Sep-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 195.00   |
| Oct-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 170.00   |
| Nov-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 120.00   |
| Dec-17       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 195.00   |
| Jan-18       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 195.00   |
| Feb-18       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 195.00   |
| Mar-18       | Income from Contributors | \$ | 145.00   |
| Total Income |                          | \$ | 2,965.00 |

#### Expenses

|              |   |    |          |
|--------------|---|----|----------|
| Apr-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary)               | \$ | 500.00   |
| May-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 502.00   |
| Jun-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 472.00   |
| Jul-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 177.00   |
| Aug-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 425.00   |
| Sep-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 197.00   |
| Oct-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 192.00   |
| Nov-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 224.00   |
| Dec-17       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 67.00    |
| Jan-18       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 192.00   |
| Feb-18       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 192.00   |
| Mar-18       | Arkansas City FWB Church (Salary+ServiceCharge) | \$ | 202.00   |
| Total Salary |   | \$ | 3,342.00 |

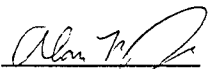
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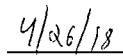
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April 26-28th

2018 State Association Meeting

Wellington, KS

  
Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

  
Date



## Treasurer's Report

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

#### Building Fund Account

April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

**Beginning Balance** **\$2,557.00**

**Income**

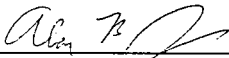
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|--------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Apr-17 | Payment from Bro. Derl Hicks | \$ 100.00        |
|        | <b>Total Credits</b>         | <b>\$ 100.00</b> |

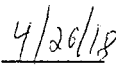
**Expenses**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| No Expenses for the Time Period of April 2017 - March 2018 | \$ -        |
| <b>Total Debits</b>  | <b>\$ -</b> |

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

|               |                                |                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| April 26-28th | 2018 State Association Meeting | Wellington, KS |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------|

  
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Alan Barus Jr. (Treasurer)

  
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Date

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# Prairie Meadows Church

**A Free Will Baptist Congregation**

Kansas Free Will Baptist State Meeting - April 27, 2018

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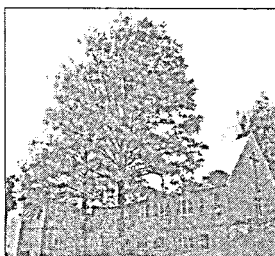
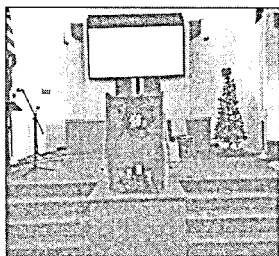


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## Great Year at Prairie Meadows

This has been one of the greatest years since we started Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church. For our family the biggest news happened in September, when Maycee had an airway reconstruction surgery and her trach removed! This is something we have been praying towards for the last 4 years! God is good! Please continue to keep Maycee in your prayers. She does still have some health issues, but we are trusting God to continue to heal Maycee.

For the church, however, there were times when we questioned what our future held, especially when the event space where we were meeting lost their lease and we were told we would have to relocate in less than a week. However, this was all part of God's plan, and what an amazing plan it was. The sad part of the story was of an evangelic church in town that had closed its doors. We are on good terms with one of the trustees from this church, so we inquired about the possibility of renting the building. Everything worked out and we have been meeting in this location since last July. We really felt like this was where God wanted us to remain so we faithfully began to pray for God to provide the opportunity to purchase the building. We did not know how He would answer, especially since the property is appraised at around \$700,000.



### What the future Holds

Around mid-March we were contacted by the trustee from the previous work and he told me that there was another church interested in the property. This was discouraging to say the least, until he shared the proposal from the other church. The widow of the pastor of the former congregation currently lives in the parsonage on the church property. They were initially wanting to separate the church from the parsonage and let her keep the house while they sold the church. However, they found this is not possible because the waste water from the parsonage runs through the church. They then thought about selling the property and giving her a lump sum of money, until they figured out that they could not do this because of tax laws.

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This is where the offer from the other church came into play. They were offered \$500 per month for a period of 15 years and they would allow the Pastor's widow to remain in the parsonage during that time. I couldn't believe it when they told me they were actually considering this deal. I told them that we would pay our current rent, which is \$700 per month, for 30 years and allow the Pastor's widow to remain in the parsonage during the term of the mortgage or until she was ready to move on her own accord.

I am happy to be able to report to you today that they have accepted our offer and we are now just waiting for the contract signing! We are going to be able to purchase this property appraised for \$700,000 with a 30 year interest free mortgage equating to \$252,000! Oh, one more thing, the church ran a Christian school (which I attended) and so there is space for a school, when God sends someone to help run it! After years of uncertainty of where our churches home would be, we have found it. God has provided an amazing deal in an incredibly overpriced Kansas City Market! God also provided terms that we can only attribute to God. A 30 year interest free mortgage! If that is not a God thing, than I don't know what is.

This location has been wonderful for our church. I have seen new excitement in our people that I have never witnessed before. We are seeing new faces all of the time and having wonderful Spirit filled services. I knew how important a permanent church home was, but I never knew how big of an impact it would actually make to our congregation. God is doing amazing things at Prairie Meadows Free Will Baptist Church. Please pray that God will send willing workers to help!


I do have one more exciting goal to share with you. We are pushing and praying to be able to go self-supporting by early 2019! I believe this is an attainable goal and I believe that God will honor our prayer. I need you to join me in prayer to make this a reality. I also need to ask for your patience and generosity for just a big longer. As has always been the case with our mission account, our funds are extremely low. I can see the end in sight, but I need your willingness to give to this ministry for just a bit longer. Would you pray about helping us reach our goal of a self-supporting status. In order to reach this goal, we do need your gifts to our ministry for just a little longer. Will you join our mission the last mile of the way while we tread towards becoming a self-supporting church in our permanent home which God provided in an truly amazing way?

## 2018 Executive Board Report

We, the Executive Board members, corresponded with each other at the end of February to decide on the speaker for this year's State Meeting. It was decided to invite Bro. Stan Bunch, Executive Director of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist to bring the messages April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> in Wellington, Kansas. Bro. Stan was contacted and agreed to be this year's speaker.

The board also decided to go ahead and invite Bro. Will Harmon to be the guest speaker for the 2019 Kansas Free Will Baptist State Meeting. Bro. Will was contacted, and agreed to be the speaker for next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Stringer 

Josh Bush 

A.J. Warden 

# KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## Christian Education Board Report

April 26, 2018

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, CTS, and other National programs.

The 2017 Kansas State Youth Camp was held June 5-9, 2017, at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City, Kansas. Derreck Lute was the Evangelist. The camp was attended by 131 campers and workers.

The Board met Nov. 18, 2017 in Emporia to discuss ongoing and future events.

The 2018 Kansas State Men's Retreat was held March 2-3, 2018, at Westminster Woods Camp near Fall River, Kansas. Rev. Derek Stinnett, FWB Evangelist from Springdale AR, was the speaker. The retreat was attended by 95 men and teen boys, including the speaker, and 3 cooks.

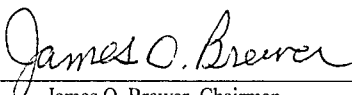
For the 2018 Youth Camp, Charlotte Brooks was selected as Camp Director and James O. Brewer as Assistant Director.

The Camp is scheduled to be held June 11-15 at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City, Kansas with Kansas Pastors as Evangelists

The fee will be \$180.00 per camper and worker if prepaid by May 21, and \$220.00 thereafter with no sign-ups after May 28.

The Board, as requested, has solicited input from our Kansas Churches regarding interest in our women planning and conducting a Kansas State Women's Retreat. The responses from Churches have been collected and sent to our Churches for their further action.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
James O. Brewer, Chairman

Kansas Christian Education Board

Financial Report

for

4-1-17 to 3-31-18

4-26-18

The Starting Balance on 4-1-17 was \$8946.14

Total debits, which went towards Kansas Youth Camp, Kansas Men's Retreat, and Kansas Students participating in E-Team & Truth and Peace was \$27879.30.

Total Credits, which included fees for Youth Camp, fees for Men's Retreat, and Kansas Coop receipts was \$28033.59.

Ending Balance was \$9100.43

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. J. Vickers", written over the printed name.

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 / 25 to April / 27

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

Reporting Period April / 2017 to Mar. / 2018 (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 jaandbrewer@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 Rev. Josh Bush

Delegates

- 1. Donna Brewer
- 2. Justin Bruns
- 3. Crosby Bruns

- 4. Krissy Ray
- 5. Jennifer Bush

*Moderator is authorized to appoint alternates.*

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

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

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- 1. Baptisms 43
- 2. Members added 55
- 3. Members lost 12
- 4. Membership 722

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

- 1. Income of all churches \$ 770,675.33
- 2. Number of churches with budgets 2

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

- 1. Number of churches with parsonages 0
- 2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 5,312,910.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Number of ordained ministers 11
  - Licensed ministers 1
- 2. Number of ordained deacons 3
- 3. Number of:
  - Daycares 0
  - Christian Schools 0
  - Bible Institutes 0
  - Colleges 0
- 4. Sunday School enrollment 172

| Name and Address of State Associational Property | Director, Address, Email | Value of Associational Property |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>None</u>                                      | <u></u>                  | \$ <u></u>                      |
| <u></u>  | <u></u>                  | \$ <u></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 State 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             | 2018 – WELLINGTON               |
| 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)      |                                 |

