

MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

56TH SESSION

CONVENED AT THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TOPEKA, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 13-14, 1976

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Service was opened by congregation singing "Stand Up for Jesus" led by Bro. Nelson Brumfield, Sis. Wanda Newland Pianist, and Bro. Charles Rothfuss organist. Rev. Richard C. Terry took charge of the service in the absence of Moderator, Rev. Jack McAllister and Asst. Moderator, Rev. Jim Summerson.

Prayer by Bro. Richard Sandridge.

Congregational songs "Love Lifted Me" and "How Great Thou Art".

Welcome by Rev. Richard Terry with response by Bro. Laney Messer.

Attendance count of the churches taken: Bethel 9, Emporia 0, Faith 2, New Hope 0, Topeka 23 for a total of 34.

Offering was received in the amount of \$6.54.

Special music by Sis. Donna Brewer entitled "Jesus Use Me".

Message entitled "Victory Through Faithfulness to Christ" was brought by Rev. Jack Stallings from I John 5:1-5, John 3:7-8, John 14:6, Romans 8:24-27, and II Timothy 4:6-8.

Invitation was given and song "To God Be the Glory" was sung.

The following committees were appointed:

<u>Nominating Committee</u>	<u>Business Committee</u>	<u>Temperance Committee</u>
Rev. Larry Messer Ch.	Rev. Jack Stallings Ch.	Bro. Bud Mitchell Ch.
Rev. Richard Terry	Bro. Richard Sandridge	Sis. Virginia Stallings
Rev. Jim Summerson	Bro. Laney Messer	Sis. Edith Blair

Chorus was sung.

Benediction by Rev. Larry Messer.

Saturday Morning, 9:45 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Jim Summerson.

Congregation Sang "O Worship the King" led by Sis. Donna Brewer and Sis. Wanda Newland Pianist.

Prayer by Rev. Larry Messer.

Special Music by Bethel Youth Group entitled "How Great Thou Art."

Devotion by Br. Keith Hovis paralleling Christ's work to a wheel with Christ as the center, the church as the rim and the spokes as Prayer, Word of God, Fellowship and Witnessing. Scripture from Gal. 2:20

Visitors were recognized.

Standing delegates were recognized.

The church letters were read. M.M.S. & C. to seat the delegates and accept the church letters as read.

The rules of order were read by the Asst. Moderator.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Stallings.

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Service opened by congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Sis. Donna Brewer, pianist Wanda Newland, and organist Bro. Charles Rothfuss.

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Moore.

Congregational song "This is My Father's World".

Offering received in the amount of \$16.67.

Special music by Bethel Youth Group entitled "Jesus is Coming Soon" and "Who Am I".

Message by Rev. Richard Terry entitled "Victory Through Faithfulness To The Church". Scripture taken from I John 5:1-5 and Eph 5:25-26.

Invitation was given and "Just as I Am" was sung.

Benediction and Blessing of food by Bro. Richard Sandridge.

Afternoon Business Session, 1:30 P.M.

Session opened by congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Sis. Donna Brewer, pianist Sis. Wanda Newland, and organist Bro. Charles Rothfuss.

Prayer by Rev. Richard C. Terry.

Devotion by Bro. Lee Coiner with scripture taken from Heb: chapter 11, and Matt. 8:10.

Business Committee report was read: #1. We suggest that the next Quarterly Conference be held at the Bethel Free Will Baptist church on May 14 and 15, 1976. #2. We suggest that if Bro. Coffee at that time is teaching the workshop on stewardship at Bethel, we use him as the host speaker for both the Friday night and Saturday services for the conference.

#3. We suggest that the Quarterly Conference pay Rev. Richard Terry mileage at the rate of 10 cents per mile and long distance phone calls concerning the New Hope Church. #4. We suggest that we give the host church a standing ovation for their hospitality. Signed by Richard Sandridge, Laney Messer and Rev. Jack V. Stallings. M.M.S. & C. to adopt report item by item. All items carried.

Executive Board Report was read: The Executive Board met twice officially since the last Quarterly Conference, on January 17, 1976 to formulate the program for the February yearly meeting, and on February 10 to discuss the course of action to be taken concerning a request from an aggrieved minority of the New Hope F.W.B. Church for the Executive Board to help solve a problem in the church. The Board decided to allow Rev. Richard Terry, Bro. Trymon Messer, and Rev. Kenneth Stephens to proceed with the preliminary investigation.

We make the following recommendations: #1. That delegate's fees be raised to \$10.00. #2. That the revised constitution be tabled for consideration at the next Quarterly Meeting. #3. That the following ministers be given cards of standing, having reported to the Executive Board: Rev. James E. Summerson, Rev. Richard C. Terry, Rev. Larry D. Messer, and Rev. Jack V. Stallings. #4. That Rev. Jack McAllister's card of standing be withheld pending outcome of the investigation of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. Signed by Jack V. Stallings, Lloyd Moore and Richard C. Terry. M.M.S. & C. to Adopt report item by item. All items carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Richard Sandridge. M.M.S. & C. to accept report as read.

Nominating Committee report was read:

1. Moderator - Rev. Jim Summerson
 2. Assistant Moderator - Rev. Larry Messer
 3. Clerk - Bro. James O. Brewer
 4. Treasurer - Sis. Edith Blair
 5. Asst. Clerk-Treasurer - Bro. Richard Sandridge
 6. Reporter to Arrow - Sis. Virginia Stallings
 7. Executive Board 3 year man - Rev. Jack Stallings.
- Signed by Richard C. Terry, Larry D. Messer and Jim Summerson.
M.M.S. & C. to adopt report item by item, All items carried.

M.M.S. & C. that Bro. Richard Sandridge be given a vote of thanks for the excellent job he has done as treasurer.

Temperance Committee report was read: We the Temperance Committee, in keeping with the theme "Victorious Living" see in the scriptures that we must earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the Saints which could lead to a Martyr's death in this evil day. With this thought, we refer to these scriptures Heb. 6:11-12, Rev. 12:11 and Rev. 15:2. Signed by Virginia Stallings, Edith Blair and Clarence Mitchell. M.M.S. & C. to accept report.

Minutes of the meeting thus far were read and approved.

Announcements: Revival Services at Topeka - April 5-11 with Rev. Andy Lay.
Hillsdale Choir at Bethel Church on March 14.
Revival Services at Emporia March 29-April 4 with Rev. Bob Ketchum.

M.M.S. & C. to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lee Coiner.

James O. Brewer, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
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57th. SESSION

CONVENED AT THE BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
MAY 14-15, 1976

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Service was opened by congregation singing "O I want to See Him" led by Bro. Robert Walker, Pianist Sis. Mary Strichfield. Rev. Larry Messer took charge of service in absence of Moderator Rev. Jim Summerson.

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Moore.

Congregational songs "I'll Be Satisfied" and "He Set Me Free".

Attendance count: Bethel 27, Emporia 0, Faith 5, Topeka 14, New Hope 0, Total 46.

Welcome by Rev. Larry Messer with Response by Bro. Lloyd Moore.

Offering taken in amount of \$17. 42

Song "What A Savior".

Special Music by Bethel Youth Group entitled "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" and "Just Build My Mansion".

Message by Rev. Rufus Coffey on Foundational Message of a series dealing with Stewardship. Outlines were handed out.

Luke 12:42-48, II Cor. 5:14

Love and Dedication to God is the key to Stewardship.

Invitation given and "Pass me Not" was sung.

Business Committee

Rev. Richard Terry, Ch.

Rev. Jack Stallings

Bro. Richard Sandridge

Temperance Committee

Sis. Donna Brewer, Ch.

Sis. Doris Moore

Sis. Bonnie Mitchell

Benediction by Rev. Jack Stallings.

Saturday Morning 9:45 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. Jim Summerson.

Congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Richard Terry and Pianist Sis. Mary Strichfield.

Prayer by Bro. Jim Brewer.

Special music entitled "My Wonderful Lord" by Bro Charles Rothfuss, Sis. Donna Brewer, and Sis. Wanda Newland of Topeka Church.

Devotion By Bro Lowell Hurt from Matt. 12:25.

Visitors recognized included Rev. Rufus Coffee.

Standing Delegates were recognized.

The church letters were read. M.M.S. and C. to seat the delegates, and accept the letters as read.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator.

The Executive Board Report was read: We request the Quarterly Meeting vote on giving card of standing to Rev. Jack McAllister. Signed by Rev. Richard C. Terry, Rev. Jack V. Stallings, and Lloyd Moore. M.M.S. and C. to accept report.

M.M.S. and C. to give card of standing to Rev. Jack McAllister.

Nominating committee was appointed as follows:

Bro. Charles Hunter, Ch.

Bro. Dale Spath

Bro. Charles Rothfuss

M.M.S. and C. to recess.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Larry Messer

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Service opened by congregation singing "When we All Get To Heaven" led by Sis. Donna Brewer, Pianist Sis. Mary Strichfield.

Prayer by Bro. Charles Hunter.

Congregational song "I Want to Be Ready To Meet Him".

Offering received in the amount of \$16.39.

Special music by Sis. Terry Mitchell and Sis. Carol Messer entitled "I Need no Mansion Here" and Bethel Youth Group entitled "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference" and "Who am I"?

Message by Rev. Rufus Coffey from I Cor. 3:1-11 on Topic of cooperation.

Business Committee Report was read: #1. We the Business Committee recommend that \$50.00 be given toward Bro. Coffey's expenses. #2. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for their fine hospitality and good food. Signed by Rev. Richard Terry, Bro. Lloyd Moore, and Bro. Richard Sandridge. M.M.S. and C. to approve report item by item. Both items carried.

M.M.S. and C. to approve Quarterly Conference letter as compiled.

Nominating Committee Report was read: The following are nominated as delegates to the State Association. Bro. Lowell Hurt, Sis. Thelma Terry, Sis. Pansy McAllister, Sis. Minnie Messer, and Bro. Jim Brewer. Alternates to be appointed by the Moderator as necessary. M.M.S. and C. to accept report.

Temperance Committee report was read: #1. We the Temperance Committee recommend that the name Temperance Committee be changed to Public Morals Committee in order to more clearly describe our responsibilities as Christians to stand against all of the evils of our society. #2. We further recommend that our churches become more aware of their responsibility to teach biblical principles so that the membership can be more discerning of the moral evil associated not only with alcoholism, but durgs, gambling, profanity, pornography, abottion, immorality, etc. #3. We especially recommend that our churches not condone any form of gambling, such as bingo, even though it has been approved in the State of Kansas by the Legislature. We would refer to the Scriptures II Cor. 5:17, I Thes. 5:22, and II Cor. 6:17. Signed by Donna Brewer, Doris Moore and Bonnie Mitchell. M.M.S. and C. to Adopt report item by item. All items carried.

Minutes thus far were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. M.M.S. and C. to accept report.

M.M.S. and C. to remove revised Constitution from the table.

M.M.S. and C. to Table revised Constitution until next Quarterly Conference.

M.M.S. and C. to adjourn.

Dismissed in Prayer and blessing on food by Rev. Jack McAllister.

James O. Brewer, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

58th. SESSION

CONVENED AT THE FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
AUGUST 13-14, 1976

FRIDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M.

Service was opened by Asst. Moderator, Rev. Larry Messer, in absence of Moderator, Rev. Jim Summerson.

Prayer by Bro. Jim Brewer.

Congregational songs "I'll Work Till Jesus Comes", "Victory In Jesus", "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder", and "Bring Them In", led by Bro. Tom Holdeman, pianist Sis. Virginia Stallings.

Attendance count: Bethel 21, Emporia 0, Faith 4, New Hope 9, Topeka 13 for a total of 47.

Welcome by Rev. Jack Stallings with Response by Bro. Jim Brewer.

Congregation song "My Jesus I Love Thee" and Offering received in the amount of \$11.62.

Special music by Bro. Tom Holdeman entitled "Ninty and Nine".

Message by Rev. Rue Dell Smith dealing with God's Word. God's Word is the only foundation on which we can bild because: 1. Bible is Holy Book 2. It is only book in World written by Prophets 3. It has survived and stood the test. Scripture was taken from John 5:24 and II Peter 1:16-21.

Invitation was given.

Committees appointed as follows:

Business Committee

Rev. Jack Stallings, Ch.
Bro. Tom Holdeman
Bro. Laney Messer

Public Morals Committee

Sis. Edith Blair, Ch.
Sis. Connie Whitworth
Sis. Thelma Terry

Saturday Morning 9:45 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Asst. Moderator, Rev. Larry Messer.

Prayer by Bro. Mike Hurt.

Congregation sang "Higher Ground", "When I see The Blood" and "Blessed Assurance" led by Bro. Tom Holdeman, Pianist Sis. Virginia Stallings.

Devotion by Bro. Tom Holdeman from Romans 12:11 and Ecclesiastes 9:10.

The church letters were read. M.M.S. & C. to seat the delegates and accept the letters as read.

The rules of order were read by the Asst. Moderator.

M.M.S. & C. to remove revised constitution from the table.

M.M.S. & C. that "deacons" be added to Article VIII, last paragraph.

M.M.S. & C. that By-law No. 8 be changed to pay the Quarterly Conference Clerk \$10.00 per quarter.

M.M.S. & C. that the Order of Business include "Read Rules of Order" as item No. 7.

M.M.S. & C. that Placement Committee be deleted.

M.M.S. & C. that the revised constitution be approved as amended.

Public Morals Committee report :: We the Public Morals Committee recommend the following: #1. Encourage the members of this quarterly conference to exercise their privilege to vote for candidates most likely to uphold Christian standards. #2. That this body go on record as being in favor of the resolution passed by the 1976 session of the National Association concerning homosexuality and adultery. Signed by Thelma Terry, Edith Blair and Connie Whitworth. M.M.S. & C. to adopt report item by item. Both items carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Stallings.

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Service opened in prayer by Bro. Lloyd Moore.

Congregation Sang "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Jesus Saves" led by Bro. Tom Holdeman, pianist Sis. Wanda Holdeman.

Offering received in the amount of \$13.72.

Special Music by Bethel Youth Group entitled "Hallelujah Square".

Message by Rev. Rue Dell Smith comparing Christain life to a palm tree with scripture from Psalms 92:12.

Invitation was given.

Dismissed in prayer and blessing on food by Bro. Jim Whitworth.

Afternoon Business Session, 1:00 P.M.

Session opened by congregation singing "Nothing But The Blood" Led by Bro. Tom Holdeman, pianist Sis. Wanda Holdeman.

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Moore.

Devotion by Rev. Larry Messer from Psalm 121.

Business Committee Report was read: #1. Recommendation for speakers for next quarterly conference : Rev. Richard Terry, Friday evening, Rev. Bill Evans from Central F.W.B. Church Saturday morning. #2. Recommend that February meeting have Foreign Missions and Home Missions emphasis. Speakers will be provided by the National Home and Foreign Missions Departments. #3. Recommend that Faith F.W.B. Church be given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.. Signed by Rev. Jack Stallings, Laney Messer and Thomas Holdeman. M.M.S. & C. to approve report item by item. All items carried.

The Executive Board Report was read: #1. Motion made to compile a letter to Rev. Jack McAllister notifying him of this Quarterly Conference's intention of revoking his credentials if he does not satisfactorily answer charges made against him. The Executive Board also requested the State Executive Board to assist in this matter. #2. Motion Made to accept Rev. Rue Dell Smith into this association as a Minister in good standing upon receipt of a letter from the Unity Association in Arkansas. M.M.S. & C. to approve report item by item. All items carried.

Treasurers report was read. M.M.S. & C. to accept report.

Minutes thus far were read and approved.

Next meeting will be at New Hope Church.

M.M.S. & C. to adjourn.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Howard Maxville.

James O. Brewer, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
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59th. SESSION

CONVENED AT THE NEW HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 19-20, 1976

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Service was opened by congregation singing "Crown Him Lord Of All" led by Bro Nelson Brumfield.

Prayer by Rev. Jack Stallings.

Congregational singing-"Love Lifted Me" and "To God Be The Glory".

Attendance count: Topeka 9, New Hope 24, Faith 1, Emporia 0, and Bethel 19 for a total of 53.

Welcome by Sis Ozella Smith with response by Rev. Jack Stallings.

Special music by New Hope: Shirley and Ida Smith sang "He's Going To Smile On Me", Bro. And Sis. Clifton sang "Jesus Signed My Pardon", and Sisters Pauline Castle, Janice Jenkins, and Shirley Jones sang "I'm Learning To Lean On Jesus".

Message by Rev. Richard Terry entitled "Nature of Christian Unity" from Eph. 4:3.

Invitation was given.

Offering was received. Offeratory prayer by Rev. Larry Messer.

Prayer by Bro. Clifton.

Saturday Morning 9:45 A.M.

Service opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Nelson Brumfield--"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayer by Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

Congregation sang "Bring Them In".

Devotion by Rev. Richard C. Terry from I Timothy 6:11-12.

Visitors were recognized and the following committies were appointed:

Business Committee
Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Ch.
Bro. Tom Holdeman
Bro. Lloyd Moore

Public Morals Committee
Sis. Thelma Terry, Ch.
Sis. Mildred Whitworth
Sis. Janette Summerson

The letters from the churches were read. M.M.S. & C. to seat the delegates and accept the letters as read.

The Executive Board report was read: The Executive Board met Nov. 5, 1976. #1. Compiled a letter to Rev. Jack McAllister setting up a meeting to hear answers to charges against him. #2. We planned a program for the Quarterly Meeting. #3. We recommend that we contact Bro. Eddie Payne and Jerry Pinkerton for yearly meeting in February, and that we emphasize the Kansas Home Missions work. Signed by Richard Terry, Jack V. Stallings and Lloyd Moore. M.M.S. & C. to adopt report item by item. All items carried.

Recess. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jim Summerson.

10:45 A.M. Business Session

Service was opened with the congregation singing "Shall We Gather At The River".

Business Committee report was read: #1 That Article III of the constitution be amended by deleting the word "all" and inserting the words "ordained ministers". #2. That Article IV of the constitution be amended by inserting "Assistant Clerk" to read "Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, etc." #3. That a honarium of \$15.00 be given to visiting speakers outside the area where the meeting is being held, and mileage at the rate of 10 cents per mile be paid to visiting speakers outside the meeting area. M.M.S. & C. to adopt report item by item. M.M.S. & C. to table items #1 and #2. Item #3 carried.

The Public Morals Committee report was read: #1. We the Public Morals Committee recommend that the churches be aware of a concerted effort to push a liberalized liquor-by-the-drink law through the 1977 Legislature. #2. We recommend the Moderator write a letter to the President Pro Tem of the Senate to the effect of liquor by the drink. #3. We as a conference direct our Moderator to write a letter to the President Pro Tem of the Senate that we favor a capital punishment law in the State of Kansas. #4. We recommend that pastors write a letter to their legislators to that effect. Signed by Thelma Terry, Jan summerson and Mildred Whitworth. M.M.S. & C. to adopt report item by item. All items carried.

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Congregational Singing - "Standing On The Promises."

Special prayer requests were taken.

Offering was received in the amount of \$12.35.

Special Music - Rev. Richard C. Terry sang "I Should Have Been Crucified".

Message by Rev. Bill Evans - "Maintenance of Christian Unity" I. Cor. 13.

Dismissed in prayer and blessing on food by Bro. Thacker.

Afternoon Business Session 1:15 P.M.

Service opened with congregation singing "At Calvary".

Devotion By Rev. Rue Dell Smith from Luke 9:44-56.

Treasurers report was read. M.M.S. & C. to accept report.

Minutes thus far were read and approved.

Next meeting will be at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Emporia in February of 1977.

M.M.S. & C. to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Richard C. Terry.

James O. Brewer, Clerk