

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

64TH SESSION

CONVENED AT THE BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 17-18, 1978

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Service was opened with congregation singing "At Calvary" led by Bro. Nelson Brumfield, and pianist Sis. Ada Smith.

Prayer led by Rev. Clarence Howard,

Congregational songs "At The Cross" and "Love lifted me".

Welcome by Rev. Larry Messer.

Response by Rev. Charles McCaull.

Congregational songs "Come and Dine" and "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul".

Special song "Victory in Jesus" by Bro. Nelson Brumfield and Rev. Richard Terry.

Congregational song "Wonderful Grace of Jesus".

Prayer request were taken.

Prayer led by Bro. Richard Sandridge for Brother Cliftons safety, New Hope church and revival.

Prayer led by Rev. Larry Messer for the lost, Smelby family and youth revival in Topeka.

Prayer led by Sis. Pauline Castle for Sis. Minnie Messers nephew, Bethel church, safety of Jewell Roark and Shirley Jones and our nation.

Attendance count of the churches was taken: Bethel 15; Emporia 0, Faith 2, New Hope 16, Topeka 15. 2 visitors-Bro. & Sis. Clarence Howard for a total of 50 present.

Congregational choruses led by Rev. Richard Terry--"Every day with Jesus", "He is able", "My Lord knows the way through the wilderness", and "I love Him better every day".

Special music by New Hope Church-- Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Rev. Elwin Clifton, Sis. Bonnie Jones, Sis. Janice Jenkins and Sis. Pauline Castle. "Matthew 24" and "My Savior first of all".

Message by Rev. Elwin Clifton from Matthew 24:4-14 & 32-34.
Subject: "The King is coming".

Invitation was given.

Offering was taken in the amount of \$31.20.

The following committees were appointed:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Rev. Rue Dell Smith Ch.
Bro. Jim Brewer
Bro. Richard Sandridge

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE
Rev. Larry Messer Ch.
Rev. C.B. McCaull
Bro. Lloyd Moore

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tom Holdeman.

TURDAY MORNING 9:45 a.m.

Service was opened with congregational singing "Stand up for Jesus", led by Bro. Nelson Brumfield; pianist Sis. Bonnie Jones.

Prayer by Rev. Elwin Clifton.

Devotion by Bro. Jim Brewer--Scripture Romans 8:36-38--Theme: More than Conquerors.

Church letters were read; Motion M.S. & C. to seat the delegates and accept the church letters.

Rules of order were read by the moderator.

Nomination committee appointed as follows: Rev. Elwin Clifton Ch., Sis. Donna Brewer, and Bro. Nelson Brumfield.

Dismissed for recess for committees to meet.

Prayer led by Bro. Richard Terry.

Business called for by moderator.

Clerk read ammendment from the Business Committee report from last meeting that was tabled. (M.M.S.&C. to amend the constitution, Article VIII, Paragraph III by deleting the words "at the yearly meeting" & by adding "At any regular Quarterly meeting".)

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board recommends that: 1. The following ordained ministers receive cards of good standing: Richard Terry, Rue Dell Smith, Larry Messer, and Jack Stallings. 2. That Bro. Charlie Murphy's be acted upon when necessary reports and letters are received. Signed by Richard Terry and Rue Dell Smith.

M.S.&C. to adopt the report as read.

Bro. Elwin Clifton submitted (liscensed ministers report) M.M.S.&C. to give him a card of good standing.

M.M.S.&C. that Chairman of the Executive Board write a letter of encouragement to the Emporia church.

M.M.S.&C. that Bro. Charles Murphy be the Friday Eve. speaker for our next Quarterly conference at Emporia, and Bro. Hague be our Saturday morning speaker.

Public Morals Report:

#1 We the Public morals committee recommend that the clerk of the East Kansas Quarterly conference write a letter to Mr. Norman Garr requesting that Senate Bill II concerning Capitol Punishment be brought back before the Senate this session and favorably voted on and passed.

Also that the Senate vote to rescend the ratification of the ERA.

#3 It has been stated that Madolyn Murray O'Hair has been granted a federal hearing in efforts to stop religious broadasting over the airways. We recommend that the conference clerk send a letter to the Federal Communication Commission, stating that we are in favor of religious broadcasting, also that each pastor ask their church to send a letter signed by their various members in favor of religious broadcasting.

#4 We recommend that each pastor and church member acquaint themselves with the information in the 1972 Edition of Encyclopedia Americana and Britanica concerning efforts to organize a one world government.

Signed by Larry messer Ch., Lloyd Moore, and C.B. McCaull

M.M.S.&C. to accept report item by item. All items carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Business Committee recommends the following:

That the Bethel Church be given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality during this conference. Signed by Rev. Rue Dell Smith Ch., Richard Sandridge & James O. Brewer.

Standing vote of thanks for their hospitality was given the Bethel church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT read:

1. MODERATOR -----Rev. Richard Terry
2. ASSISTANT MODERATOR -----Rev. Elwin Clifton
3. CLERK -----Sis. Ozella Smith
4. TREASURER -----Sis. Edith Blair
5. ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER ----Bro. Richard Sandridge
6. EXECUTIVE BOARD 3 Year Man ---Rev. Jack Stallings

Signed by Nelson Brumfield, Elwin A. Clifton and Donna Brewer.
M.M.S.&C. to receive the Nominating Committee Report item by item. All items carried.

M.M.S.&C. that as Bro. Larry Messer has accepted a church in Salinas, Calif. that this Association go on record as commending him to their fellowship.

Treasurers Annual report given: (FOR 1977)

	Amt. of offerings	\$146.70
	Amt. of delegate fees	180.00
Disbursements \$457.55	Amt. brought forward	151.96
aving in treasure \$21.11		<u>\$478.66</u>

M.M.S.&C. to accept Treasurers Report as given.

Clerks minutes read thus far. Motion M.S.&C. that minutes be approved as read with parenthetical insertions.

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

Congregational song: "Holy, Holy, Holy".

Prayer led by Bro. Lloyd Moore.

Congregational song ----- "When the roll is called up yonder"

Offering was taken in the amount of \$13.00.

Special music -----by Topeka Church -- "Open my eyes that I might see"---
Sis. Donna Brewer, Pianist Sis. Bonnie Jones.

Message by Rev. Elwin Clifton ----Subject: "Now What?" Psalms 126:5-6.

Special altar of prayer of dedication.

Benediction and blessing on food by Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

Ozella M. Smith

OZELLA M. SMITH CLERK

MINUTES OF THE EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY
MEETING OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
65TH SESSION

Convened at the 1st Free Will Baptist Church
Topeka, Kansas

May 19-20 1978

Fri. Eve. 7:30pm.

Services opened with Congregational Singing led by Brother TOM HOLDEMAN, with Pianist Sister Wanda Holdeman and organist Brother Charles Rothfuss, "Send the Light".

Prayer led by Brother Jim Brewer.

Congregational Singing, "Victory in Jesus" and "He brought me out."

Welcome by Brother Jim Brewer.

Response by Rev. Jack Stallings.

Special Music by TOPEKA - Bro. Tom Holdeman, Pianist Sis. Wanda Holdeman - "The Wonder of it all."

Attendance Count of the churches was taken:

Bethel 4, Emporia 0, Faith 2, Topeka 14, New Hope 13,
for a total of 33 Present.

MESSAGE by Rev. LEWIE JEFFRIES - "Recovery from Decline"
Ephesians 4:1-7

Invitation was given.

M.M.S.C. to wait until Sat. Morn. to appoint Committees.

Offering was taken in the amount of - \$12.23 -

Rev. Rue Dell Smith acted as Moderator in the absence of OUV Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Richard Sandridge.

Sat. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

Services opened with Congregational Singing - "Shall we gather at the river" Song leader Sis. Donna Brewer, Pianist Sis. Wanda Holdeman.

Prayer led by Rev. Richard Terry.

Devotion by Rev. Rue Dell Smith - 1 JOHN 1:1

Prayer led by Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

Church letters were read, M.M.S.C. to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Rules of order read by the Moderator.

Committees appointed:

Resolution Committee

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Rue Dell Smith Ch.
Bro. Norman Hildebrandt
Sis. Edith Whitney

Bro. Jim Brewer Ch.
Sis. Ada Smith
Bro. Richard Sandridge
Sis. Patty Long

Old Business called for: none

Letters of Petition - none

Dismissed for recess for committees to meet.

Resolution Committee report read:

- #1 We recommend to give \$50.00 to Bro. Jeffries for expenses as speaker for the Quarterly Conference.
- #2 We recommend the following speakers for the next Quarterly Conference - Rev. Bob THOMPSON from Wichita. Rev. Ken Stephens (Hutchinson-alternate)
- #3 Resolve that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for hosting the Quarterly Conference. Signed by Rue Dell Smith Ch., Edith Whitney, Norman Hildebrandt. M.M.S.C. to accept report item by item. All items carried.

Sat. morn. cont.

Public Morals Committee report read.

We the Public Morals Committee met and recommend that each Church in the Quarterly Conference encourage its qualified members to register to vote, and then to vote on all issues. We further that each qualified voter, vote against any attempt to sell liquor by the drink on a county option basis in all future elections. Signed by - James O. Brewerch., Patricia L. Long + Ada Smith - M.M.S.C. to accept report as read.

Letter to State meeting was read by Clerk.

M.M.S.C. to elect the following delegates for the State meeting: Sis. Pat Hildebrandt, Sis. Donna Brewer, Sis. Edith Blair, Sis. Ozella Smith + Sis. Hildred Summers.

Also that the moderator be given the power to elect alternates if needed.

M.M.S.C. to adjourn business meeting.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Congregational Singing - "Higher ground".

Prayer led by Bro. Richard Sandridge.

Congregational Singing - "Follow On" and "Standing on the Promises".

Offering was taken in the amount of \$14.14.

Special music by - New Hope - Rev. Rue Dell Smith sang.

"I can't even walk without you holding my hand". Pianist, Ada Smith.

Message: by Rev. Lewie Jeffries - "Preserving the Church through discipline". I Cor. 5: 1-13

Invitation.

Prayer of dismissal and blessing on the food by Rev. Lewie Jeffries.

Ozella M. Smith Clerk

MINUTES OF THE EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY
MEETING OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Local Session
Convened at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Mission
Merriam, Kansas
Aug. 18-19 1978

Friday Eve. 7:30 p.m.

Services opened with prayer led by Bro. Lewie Jeffries.

Congregational singing, led by Rev. Rue Dell Smith, pianist Sis. Ada Smith.
"Because He Lives", "The Lord is my Shepherd", "Revive us again", "I Will
Serve Thee", "The Old Rugged cross made the Difference".

Welcome: by moderator- Rev. Richard Terry.

Response: by moderator- Rev. Richard Terry.

Count of churches taken:

Bethel 5 - Emporia -0 - Faith: 2 - New Hope 20 - Topeka 20 - Wichita 3 Total
present 50.

Special Music: by Topeka - Rev. Richard Terry sang "Back in the Fold", pianist
Sis. Thelma Terry. Also a special from New Hope by Pauline Castle & Sis. Janice
Jenkins, pianist Sis. Bonnie Jones "I Love Him too Much to Fail Him Now".

Speaker: Rev. Bob Thompson.
Scripture text "Mark 6:1-6 & Matt. 13:53
Invitation was given.

Appointment of Committees by moderator:

Resolution Committee:

Bro. Jim Brewer - Chairman
Sis. Edith Blair
Sis. Edith Blair
sis. Monica Jenkins

Public Morals:

Bro. Elwin Clifton - Chairman
Bro. Rue Dell Smith
Bro. Jack Stallings

Offering was taken in the amount of \$19.05.

Blessing on the offering & dismissal prayer by Bro. Tom Holdeman.

Sat. Morning Aug. 19, 1978

Services opened with prayer led by Rev. Richard Terry.

Congregational Singing-- "Peace Like a River"--"I Love Him Better Everyday"
led by Rev. Richard Terry.

The church letters were read by clerk:

M.N.S.&C. to accept letters as read and delegates seated.

Rules of order read by the moderator.

Dismissed for recess for committees to meet.

Resolution Committee report read.

M.M.S. & C. to receive the report item by item. Carried.

Resolution Committee Report:

We the resolution committee have met and recommended the following: #1 That the speaker for next Quarterly meeting be Rev. Mike Rhodes, with Rev. Ken Stephens as alternate.

#2 That the speaker (Rev. Bob Thompson) be paid \$75.00 for expenses.

#3 That the host church (New Hope) be given a standing vote of thanks for its hospitality. Signed by James O. Brewer, Edith Blair, and Sis. Monica Jenkins.

Public Morals Committee Report:

#1 Be it resolved that the East Quarterly Conference goes on record as being opposed to the liquor by the drink law.

#2 Be it resolved we oppose any subversive groups that advocate the overthrow of this government of the United States. We also oppose violence of the same manner.

#3 Be it resolved that we fully endorse the National Conference stand on the issue of E.R.A.

#4 Be it resolved that we reaffirm our opposition to the Gay Liberation Movement. Signed by Rue Dell Smith, Jack V. Stallings, Elwin Clifton chairman.

M.M.S. & C. to amend by substitution the word so called Gay Liberation Movement (Homosexual) instead of Gay Liberation Movement.

Treasurers report read. M.M.S. & C. that the Quarterly Conference extend their approval to Bro. Elwin Clifton as an ordained minister and give him a card of good standing upon the examination of the executive committee and their approval.

M.M.S. & C. to adjourn business session.

Recess

11:00 Worship Service

Services opened with Congregational singing led by Sis. Donna Brewer - pianist Sis. Ada Smith "Sunlight" - "My Faith Looks up to Thee" and "At Calvary"

Offering was taken in the amount of

Special music by Rev. Richard Terry, Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Rev. Elwin Clifton and Rev. Lewie Jeffries-- Kneel at the Cross".

Message by Rev. Bob Thompson.

Scripture Text: Acts 20:28 38 (Its More Blessed to Give Than Receive)
Invitation was given.

Prayer of dismissal and blessing on the food by Rev. Jack Stallings.

MINUTES OF THE EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY

MEETING OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

67th SESSION

CONVENED AT THE EMPORIA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

6th AVE.

November 17-18, 1978

Friday Evening - 7:30 p.m.

Services opened with prayer led by Bro. Elwin Clifton, Assistant Moderator.

Congregational singing--led by Brother Cleon Linton--Pianist Sis. Ada Smith.

"Tell me the story of Jesus", "When we all get to Heaven" and "When the roll is called up yonder."

Count of churches was taken: -- Bethel (5) -- Emporia (13) -- New Hope (5) --

Topeka (7). For a total of 30 present.

Welcome by Rev. Mike Rhodes.

Response by Rev. Elwin Clifton.

Special Music by Emporia- Bro. Cleon Linton sang - (2) songs.

Evening message by Bro. Mike Rhodes -- Scripture- Mark-Chapter 4.

Invitation.

Altar of prayer : * to make us more dedicated Soul Winners.

Moderator- Bro. Richard Terry- Appointed Committees.

Business Committee

Bro. Elwin Clifton Chairman

Sis. Diana Martinez

Sis. Sarah Baker

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Richard Terry.

Public Morals Committee

Bro. Tom Holdeman Chairman

Sis. Ozella Smith

Bro. Richard Sandridge

SATURDAY MORNING 9:45 a.m.

Services opened with congregational singing--- "Since I've been Redeemed"& "Revive us again", led by Bro. Cleon Linton-- Pianist- Sis. Ozella Smith.

Prayer by Sis. Edith Blair.

Meeting called to order -- Scriptures: 1 Thes. 5:18 -- 11 Cor. 11:23.

Bro. Terry told us the story about the Pilgrims & Thankfulness.

Prayer by Bro. Richard Terry.

Church letters were read by clerk.

Motion M.S. & C. to accept the letters & seat the delegates.

Rules of order read by moderator.

Credential Committee report was read:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

We the Credential Committee have examined Bro. Mike Rhodes & recommend that he be ordained & receive a card of good standing from this Quarterly Conference.

Richard Terry & Elwin Clifton

M.M.S.&C. to accept the Credential Committees Report as read. Carried.

Recess given for Committees to meet.

Public Morals Committee Report read:

We, The Public Morals Committee recommend that the membership of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference:

1. Re-read and renew their commitment to the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant.

2. Patronize restaurants and grocery stores that do not serve alcoholic beverages or tobacco and that we inform the management of reasons why we are or are not patronizing their business.

We further recommend that the clerk of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference send a letter to the Kansas Supreme Court commending them for their interpretation of the Constitution concerning the liquor in restaurants law.

Tom Holdeman Chairman-- Richard Sandridge -- Ozella Smith.

M.M.S.&C. to accept the Public Morals Committees Report as read & adopt item by item.

Responsive reading of church covenant.

Report of Business Committee was read.

Report of Business Committee:

1. Recommend that the FWB Church of Emporia be commended for their hospitality & fellowship for the November 17th & 18th Quarterly Conference.

2. We would like to extend the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Mike Rhodes in leadership of the Emporia Church.
3. Be it resolved that the East Kansas Quarterly Conference in Topeka, on Feb. 16th & 17th 1979 be designate a "Family Conference" and family come in mass to attend the services of the conference.
4. Be it resolved that Rev. Terry shall have the liberty to choose the speaker for The Quarterly Conf. to be held in Topeka, Feb. 16th & 17th, 1979.
Elwin A. Clifton Chairman--Sarah K. Baker -- Cleon Linton.

Motion M.S.&C. to accept The Report of The Business Committee & adopt item by item, carried. Treasurers report read. M.M.S.&C. to accept the treasurers report as read.

M.M.S.&C. that Bro. Elwin Clifton fill the vacancy on the Executive Board.

The right hand of fellowship was given Bro. & Sister Mike Rhodes.

Congregational Singing--"Send a Great Revival"--"Where we will never grow old", and "On Jordans stormy banks" -- Song leader Bro. Cleon Linton -- Pianist - Sis. Ozella Smith.

Offering prayer led by Bro. Hurst.

Offering was taken in the amount of \$28.01.

Special music from Topeka - - by Bro. Tom Holdeman.

Message by Bro. Mike Rhodes -- "Harvest -- Scripture -- St. John - Chapter 4.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Richard Terry.

OZELLA M. SMITH ** CLERK