

MINUTES OF THE 76th SESSION OF  
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

February 13th and 14th, 1981

Topeka, Kansas

Friday Night Session:

Service opened by Bro. James Mize; scripture texts Eph. 4:1-6  
Prayer by Bro. John Rogers  
Welcome by Bro. Gary Elder  
Response by Bro. Mike Rhodes  
Congregational singing: "Victory in Jesus" and "He Brought Me Out"  
Offering taken in amount of \$14.53  
Attendance of churches taken:

Topeka-20  
Bethel-4  
New Hope-5  
Emporia-3  
Visitors-3 (Bro. Howard Gwartney  
Total-35 and family)

7-Kaw Valley Mission

Special Singing: Sister Connie Stilson read poem, "The Course of His Love"  
(written by Sister Stilson)  
Sister Donna Brewer sang, "He was there all the time"  
Bro. Gwartney sang two medleys

Message by Bro. Gwartney- text: 1 Cor. 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12-14:36:1

Appointment of Committees:

Nominating

Tom Holdeman, chairman  
John Rogers  
Mara Rhodes  
Edith Blair

Business

Jim Brewer, chair.  
Janet Rogers  
Hildred Sommers  
Public Morals  
Helen McCain, chair.  
Jackie Elder  
Richard Sanderson

Obituary

Sister Delia Chambers, chair.  
Edith Whitney  
Connie Stilson

Announcement of Refreshments after service

Prayer of Dismissal by Bro. Jim Mize

Saturday Morning Session:

Ladies Auxiliary meet at 8:30 a.m.

Prayer by Bro. Tom Holdeman

Congregational Singing by Bro. Tom Holdeman with Sister Wanda Holdeman at the piano

sings "He Keeps Me Singing"

Devotion by Bro. Gary Elder; Joshua 1:5-9

Church Letters read and Delegates seated: MC&C to receive letters and seat Delegates

Minutes of last meeting read by Clerk; MC&C to receive as read

Annual Treasurer report read; MC&C to receive as read

Executive Board Report read; MC&C to receive item by item

Recess for 15 minutes

Committee Reports:

Business Comm.-Re. the Business Committee, recommend the following: 1. We recommend that an honorarium of \$75.00 be given

Bro. Gwartney;

2. We recommend that the host church, Topeka, be given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality;

3. We recommend that the Executive Board select the speaker for the next quarterly conference.

James O. Brewer, chairman

Hildred Sommers

Janet Rogers



MS&C to receive Business report item by item.  
Public Morals Committee: We recommend that we remember the teaching pre-  
scribed by God in all things concerning mankind to enrich  
our lives by the following scriptures: Prov. 3:1  
2 Tim. 2:7  
Heb. 13:20-21

Helen McCain  
Jackie Elder  
Richard Sandridge

MS&C to receive Public Morals report item by item.  
Obituary Committee report: (verbal by Sister Delia Chambers-  
The church of New Hope regretfully reports the passing  
away of Bro. Carl Willis and wish to have a moment of  
silent prayer for the Willis family.

MS&C to receive report.

NOMINATING Committee Report: We, the Nominating committee, wish to make  
the following recommendations: Moderator-Jim Brewer

Asst. mod.-Rev. Gary Elder

Clerk- John Rogers

Asst. Clerk/treasurer- ~~from the~~

~~Elmer~~ Sister Wanda Holdeman

Treasurer- Edith Blair

MS&C to receive recommendations as stated.

(point of interest: Executive Bd. Members: 1yr. Bro. Gary Elder  
2yr. Bro. Elwin Clifton  
3yr. Bro. Mike Rhodes)

Special Executive Board Report: The executive Board met during the recess

and voted to receive the Ministerial reports and issue  
cards of standing to Bros. Elder, Clifton, and Rhodes.

MS&C to receive report.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: none

MS&C to dismiss Business meeting

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Congregational Singing: "We'll work till Jesus comes", "Joy Unspeakable"

Prayer by John Rogers

Offering taken \$24.90

Special Singing: Sister Angie Blackwell; "This world is not my home"  
Bro. Gary Elder and Bro. Tom Holdeman sang, "Heaven's  
Sounding Sweeter"

Message by Bro. Gwartney: Ezekial 34:11-16 (the local FWB church and  
it's purpose and reason  
for being.)

Dismissal

Fellowship and dinner followed and was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully,

John Rogers, Clerk



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EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS,  
AT BETHAL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 2719 N. 67th St., K. C. c.  
May 15-16, 1981  
THEME: "REACHING OUT WITH(IN) GOD'S LOVE"

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE:

Opened by Moderator, Bro. Jim Brewer  
Congregational Song: "My Saviors Love"  
Prayer by Bro. Richard Sandrich  
Congregational Song: "At Calvary"  
Welcome by Bro. Richard Sandrich: scripture text-Psalms 138: ~~1-4~~ 1-3 and Phil. 1:3-6

Response by Bro. Jim Mize  
Congregational Song: "Tis So Sweet"  
Offering received in the amount of \$20.26  
Count of Churchs and Visitors: New Hope-4  
Bethal-9  
Topeka- 13  
Kaw Valley - 16  
Emporia- 3  
Visitors-0  
Total- 45

Message by Bro. Gary Elder: scripture text-Phil. 2:1-4; I peter 1:22  
Invitation Given

Appointment of Committees: Business Comm.

Bro. Mike Rhodes, chairman  
Sister Edith Blair  
Bro. Elwin Clifton

Public Morals Comm.

Bro. Richard Sandrich, Chairman  
Janet Rogers  
Tom Holdeman

Obituary Comm. \*No need at this time

Announcements: Minister's and Laymann's Retreat, May 21-23, 1981

Benediction by Ks. State Meeting, June 18-20, 1981  
Bro. Elwin Clifton

Saturday Morning:

8:30 a.m.- Woman's District Auxiliary Meeting

9:15 a.m.- Business Session started:

Opened by Moderator

Prayer by Bro. Llyod Moore

Congregational Song: "Shall We Gather At The River"

Devotion by Bro. Mike Rhodes -Psalms 63:1-8 (Love God First)

Church Letters Read and Delegates Seated: MS&C To accept  
as read \* Motion ammended to accept letter from the  
New Hope Church though not completed with it to  
be complete by the State Meeting.

Delegates Recognized and Seated

Rules of Order Read by Moderator

Minutes of Last Conference Read by Clerk\*

\* Corrections made by Bro. Clifton concerning the  
absense of the Kaw Valley Mission's request for  
acceptance into EKQC in these minutes

MS&C to receive Minutes as read and corrected

Treasure's Report given: MS&c to accept as read

Recess for Committees to meet

Committee Reports: (cont. on following page)

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Business Committee Report:

Item#1- We recommend that a honorarium of \$25.00 be given Bro. Gary Elder.

Item#2- We, the Business Committee, sincerely appreciate the gracious hospitality of the Bethal Church and we urge all their visiting friends to express thier thanks to to the Bethal folks individually.

Item #3- We recommend the Executive Board choose the speaker and arrange the program for the August quarterly ~~meeti~~ meeting to be held at Emporia.

Mike Rhodes, chairman

Elwin A. Clifton, Jr.

Edith Blair

MS&C to to accept this report item by item.

Public Morals Committee Report:

We, the Public Morals Committee, recommend that the East Kansas Quarterly Conference be admonished to adhere to the teaching of Phil. 4:7-9 in choosing amusments, in particular television and radio programs.

Janet Rogers

Tom Holdeman

Richard Sandrich, Chairman

MS&C to adopt this report as read.

Additional Business: Executive Report read by Clerk. MS&C to adopt this report as a whole.

A VERBAL Executive Report was given.

The Executive Board meet during the recess and voted to receive the annaul ministerial reports and issue cards of standing ing to Bros. Elder, Clifton, and Rhodes.

Mike Rhodes, chairman

Elwin Clifton

Gary Elder

MS&C to accept this ministerial report.

Readin of Annual Church reports to dicuss the nominating of quarterly delegates.

Motion made to nominate the following delegates:

Jim Mize, Nora Rhodes, Edith Blair, ~~Jackie~~

Jackie Elder, and John Rogers

MS&C to elect those delegates with alternates to be choosen as needed by moderator.

AUDING COMMITTEE elected by conference moderator to report in the August conference.

Richard Sandrich, chairman

Janet Rogers

Hildred Sommers

Announcement made concerning the Kaw Valley Missions Organizational service in August with Bro. Rue Dell Smith presiding. Everyone is welcome.

Business Session Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Christianson.

Saturday Morning Worship Service:

Congregational Song, "Only A sinner"

Prayer by Bro. Jim Mize

Congregational Song, "Ring the Bells of Heaven"

Offering received

Special Music by Sister Donna Brewer, "A Child's Request"

Message by Bro. Gary Elder; text from I John 4:9-11, I Thes.

3:12

Invitation given

Benediction and Blessing on Food.

Respectly, John P. Rogers, Clerk

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To the East Kansas Quarterly Conference:

I wish at this time to thank each and everyone for their trust and confidence in allowing me to serve as your clerk and

I hope I have done a pleasing job, not just to you but to the Lord.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve in the Lord's work.

Your's in Christ,

John P. Rogers



## 78th SESSION

## EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at  
 First Free Will Baptist Church  
 1720 East 6th Avenue  
 Emporia, Kansas

August 14 - 15, 1981

THEME : "LOVING GOD, MAN'S TOP PRIORITY"

Friday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Song : "Work for the Night is Coming"

Conference opened by Bro. Jim Brewer, Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Craig Massey.

Congregational Song : "Since I Have Been Redeemed"

Welcome by Rev. Mike Rhodes, pastor of the Emporia church.

Response by Bro. John Rogers of the New Hope Mission.

Congregational Song : "O That Will Be Glory"

Offering received in the amount of \$24.73.

Count of Churches and Visitors :

Bethel	3
Emporia	17
Kaw Valley	0
New Hope	9
Toneka	13
	<u>42</u>

Special Music by Bro. Lyle Williams, "Why Should He Love Me So?"

Message by Rev. Virgil Nolen, pastor of the New Hope Mission

Scripture text : Exodus 20:1-11 and 32:1-9

Ten Commandments - Man's relationship to God

- Man's relationship to man

Invitation : "Just As I Am"

Service concluded with an altar of prayer led by Rev. Mike Rhodes

Appointment of Committees :

Business Committee

Bro. Tom Holdeman, Chairman

Sis. Edith Blair

Sis. Kris Edington

Public Morals Committee

Sis. Johna McFarland, Chairperson

Sis. Donna Brewer

Sis. Edith Whitney

Obituary Committee

Sis. Nora Rhodes, Chairperson

Sis. Hazel Schmelzle

Sis. Jewell Roark

Announcements : Sign up for the New Hope Mission mailing list.  
Benediction by Bro. Lyle Williams.

Saturday Morning Women's District Auxiliary Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning Business Session, 9:15 a.m.

Opened by Bro. Jim Brewer, Moderator.

Prayer by Sis. Hazel Schmelzle.

Congregational Song : "There Is A Name I Love to Hear"

Devotion by Rev. Mike Rhodes. Scripture text, Matthew 4:18-22 Fishers of Men.

Church Letters were read. MMS&C to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates.

Roberts Rules of Order were read by Bro. Jim Brewer, Moderator.

Minutes of the May conference (that portion not read and accepted at the last conference) were read by Clerk John Rogers. MMS&C to accept the minutes as read.  
and to give Clerk John Rogers a standing vote of thanks for serving as Clerk.

Standing Vote of Thanks for Bro. John Rogers.

Treasurer's Report given by Sis. Edith Blair. MMS&C to accept the report as read.

Auditors' Report : August 7, 1981

To The East Kansas Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists.

"We did audit the Treasury book and found it to be very accurate as we found no mistakes."

Bro. Richard Sandridge

Sis. Janet Rogers

Bro. John P. Rogers

MMS&C to accept the Auditors' Report as read.

Recess for committees to meet.

Committee Reports :

Obituary Committee Report

From New Hope Mission, Bro. Ivan McHenry went to be with the Lord on July 18 (12:10 p.m.) at 69 years old. He left behind Sis. Pearl McHenry and sons. The Conference wishes all to remember Sis. McHenry and her family in your prayers.

Sis. Nora Rhodes, Chairperson

Sis. Hazel Schmelzle

Sis. Jewell Roark

MMS&C to accept the report as read.

Public Morals Committee Report

We the Public Morals Committee would like to admonish all parents to be more aware of the methods of teaching in our public schools, such as "Advisory-based Education" and "Secular Humanism". These are contrary to God's Word, and as parents we have a responsibility to our children as stated in Proverbs 22:6.

Sis. Johna McFarland, Chairperson

Sis. Donna Brewer

Sis. Edith Whitney

MMS&C to accept the report as read.

Business Committee Report

We the Business Committee recommend the following :

1. That the Executive Board be directed to present a recommendation for constitutional amendment at the next quarterly conference to allow membership of a mission in our conference.
2. That, pending the passage of the above amendment, John P. Rogers be reinstated as clerk.
3. That the Executive Board arrange to have a speaker for our next quarterly conference, preferably from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Business Committee Report (continued)

4. That an honorarium of \$30.00 be given to Bro. Virgil Nolen.
5. That the Emporia church be given a round of applause for hosting the East Kansas Quarterly Conference.

Bro. Tom Holdeman, Chairman  
Sis. Edith Blair  
Sis. Kris Edington

MMS&C to accept the report item by item. All items carried.

Additional business :

Letter To : East Kansas Quarterly Conference  
From : The Congregation and Pastor of the Kaw Valley F.W.B. Church  
Subject : Church Membership in the East Kansas Quarterly Conference

"On Sunday, August 9, 1981, the Kaw Valley Free Will Baptist Mission became an Organized Free Will Baptist Church. This service was witnessed by a representation from every church in the East Kansas Quarterly Conference, and was presided over by Rev. Gary Elder, State Moderator, and officiated by Rev. RueDell Smith, Member of the National Home Missions Board. We are indeed thrilled and thankful for the way God has led and increased these efforts.

Now we, of the Kaw Valley Free Will Baptist Church, do petition the East Kansas Quarterly Conference for admission and church membership into the fellowship of this Conference.

We trust that you will find this letter satisfactory, and look favorably upon, and grant this petition."

Prayerfully and Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaw Valley Free Will Baptist Church  
Rev. Elwin A. Clifton, Jr., Pastor

MMS&C to accept the church into the Quarterly Conference.

Letter Edwin Clifton  
7201 Forest Drive  
Kansas City, Kansas 66106

"The First Oklahoma Association requests a letter of recommendation for Lewie Jeffries who has united with the Straight Street Free Will Baptist Church, a member of our association."

Ivan Van Winkle, Clerk  
First Oklahoma Association  
2429 Weatherford Drive  
Norman, Oklahoma 73071

MMS&C to accept the letter as read and grant the request.  
(Letter sent by Clerk on September 14, 1981)

MMS&C to request a letter of recommendation for Rev. Virgil Nolen from his previous quarterly conference.

Point of Information from Rev. Virgil Nolen - The Tennessee Association will meet October, 10. There is time for clerk to request recommendation and for their response for our November quarterly conference.

(Letter sent by Clerk on September 14, 1981 to the Northern Quarterly Conference, Cumberland Association in Tennessee.)

Minutes read for Quarterly Conference to this point. MMS&C to accept the minutes as read thus far.

Announcement : Next Quarterly Conference, New Hope <sup>FWB</sup> Mission, Merriam, Kansas.  
Business Session dismissed.

Kaw Valley Church members were asked to come forward to receive the right hand of fellowship.



Saturday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Song: "His Way With Thee"

Prayer by Bro. John Rogers.

Congregational Song: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Offering received in the amount of \$14.00.

Special Music by Sis. Nora Rhodes, Sis. Kris Edington and Sis. Tammy Robison,  
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Message by Rev. Virgil Nolen

Scripture text : Exodus 32:10-35

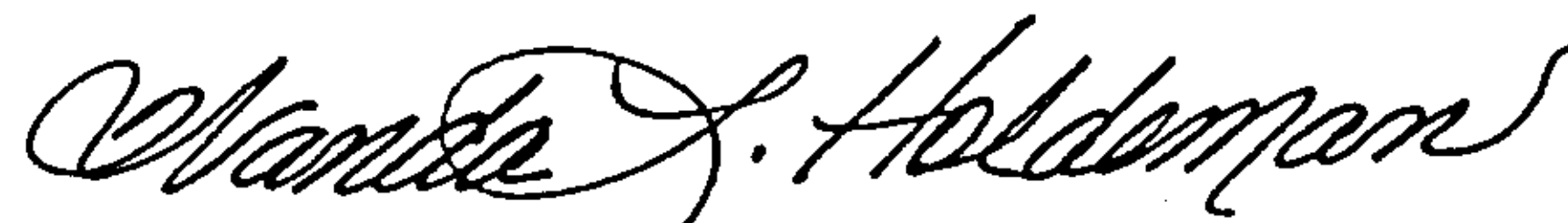
Intercession by Moses for the Nation of Israel.

Invitation : "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Everyone united hands for prayer.

Benediction and Blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda Holdeman, Clerk

MINUTES  
79th SESSION  
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OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Meeting at  
New Hope Free Will Baptist Mission  
4709 Knox Avenue  
Merriam, Kansas 66203

November 13 - 14, 1981

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Friday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.

Conference opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator.

Congregational Song : "When We All Get to Heaven".

Prayer by Rev. Vernon Arthur, pastor of the Bethel church.

Congregational Song : "To God Be The Glory".

Welcome by Rev. Virgil Nolen, pastor of the New Hope Mission.

Response by Rev. Elwin A. Clifton, Jr., pastor of the Kaw Valley church.

Congregational Song : "Joy Unspeakable".

Offering received in the amount of \$30.66.

Attendance Count of Churches and Visitors :

Bethel	18
Emporia	0
Kaw Valley	11
New Hope	33
Topeka	9
Visitors	2
	<u>73</u>

Special Music by Sisters Janice Jenkins and Pauline Castle, "The Prodigal Son" and "Thank You, Lord".

Message by Rev. Rolla Smith, General Director of the National Foreign Missions Dept. of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Scripture text : II Kings 7:9 ( Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 19:41-44, Acts 1:8 and Proverbs 24:11-12 )

"THE UNFINISHED TASK"

Patriarchs had their day

Prophets had their day

Apostles had their day

We now have our day to go and tell our generation.

Prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith

Invitational Song : "Just As I Am".

Appointment of Committees :

Business Committee

Bro. James O. Mize, Chairman  
Sis. Ida Smith  
Sis. Edith Blair

Public Morals Committee

Bro. Tom Holdeman, Chairman  
Bro. Richard Sandridge  
Sis. Johna McFarland



Friday Evening Worship Service (continued)

Executive Board Report (attached)

The Executive Board Report was read by Rev. Clifton. MMS&C to table the report (the proposed constitutional changes).

Announcements were made.

Benediction by Bro. Richard Sandridge.

Saturday Morning Women's District Auxiliary Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Morning Business Session, 9:15 a.m.

Opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. James O. Mize

Congregational Song : "Take The Name of Jesus With You".

Devotion by Rev. Rolla Smith. Scripture text : John 20:19-21

SO SEND I YOU .

Church Letters were read ( Bethel, Kaw Valley and Topeka ). MMS&C to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates.

MMS&C to remove the Executive Board Report from the table. It was read by Rev. Clifton, then a motion was MS&C to adopt it in its entirety. Nevertheless, each item was adopted individually. Item 1 was revised to read, "... we recommend the acceptance of Brother Virgil Nolen's ordination into the East Kansas Quarterly Conference." as he is already ordained. Item 2 was clarified by stating that the New Hope F.W.B. Mission will pay the same delegate fees as member churches.

Church Letter from New Hope F.W.B. Mission was read. MMS&C to accept the letter as read.

Roberts Rules of Order were read by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator.

Visitors were recognized : Rev. Rolla Smith and Rev. R. Eugene Waddell.

Minutes of the August 14-15, 1981 conference (that portion not read and accepted at the August conference) were read. MMS&C to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. Edith Blair. MMS&C to accept the report as read.

Appointment of Committee member. Sis. Karen Mize was appointed to the Public Morals Committee, to replace Sis. Johna McFarland who was absent.

Announcement : Executive Board will meet with Rev. Vernon Arthur during the recess.

Recess for Committees to meet.

Committee Reports :

Public Morals Committee Report

1. Since we are approaching the Christmas season :
  - a. We exhort the Christians of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference to be reminded of the true reason for celebrating Christmas as found in Luke 2:11 : "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
  - b. We fulfill our responsibilities as the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13) in pointing those with whom we come in contact to the bright and morning star which is Christ Jesus (Revelation 22:16).
2. We recommend that the Public Morals Committee be appointed for an annual term and include one member from each church in the East Kansas Quarterly Conference, so that it will be more effective.

Bro. Tom Holdeman, Chairman  
Bro. Richard Sandridge  
Sis. Karen S. Mize

MMS&C to accept the Public Morals Committee Report in its entirety.

Saturday Morning Business Session (continued)

Business Committee Report

1. We the Business Committee recommend that we give an honorarium of \$44 each to the speakers.
2. We the Business Committee recommend that the Executive Board choose a speaker for the next Quarterly Conference.
3. We the Business Committee recommend that we give the New Hope Mission a vote of thanks for their hospitality.
4. We the Business Committee recommend that we give our clerk \$15 beginning next Quarterly Conference.

Bro. James O. Mize, Chairman  
Sis. Ida Smith  
Sis. Edith Blair

MMS&C to adopt the Business Committee Report item by item. All items carried and a standing vote of thanks was given to the New Hope Mission for hosting the Conference.

Executive Board Report Rev. Clifton reported that the Executive Board met with Rev. Vernon Arthur; they recommend that a Card of Standing be issued and that he be licensed into the East Kansas Quarterly Conference upon receipt of a letter from the Greater Kansas City Association of Free Will Baptists. MMS&C to have Rev. Virgil Nolen and Rev. Vernon Arthur stand at the front of the church to receive the right hand of fellowship at the end of the business session.

Minutes read for Quarterly Conference to this point. Count of churches was corrected (corrected count shown on page 1). MMS&C to accept the minutes as corrected.

Business Session dismissed.

Right hand of fellowship was extended to Rev. Nolen, Rev. Arthur and their families.

Saturday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Song : "There Is Power in the Blood".

Prayer by Rev. Gary Elder, pastor of the Topeka church.

Offering was received in the amount of \$32.00.

Special music by the New Hope Mission choir, "Had It Not Been" and "Jesus Is The Cornerstone/Rock of Ages".

Rev. Rolla Smith announced that literature was available from the National Foreign Missions Dept. He stated that the State of Kansas had contributed \$7,884.98 to National Foreign Missions through the month of October, 1981. He informed us that Howard and Joan Filkins need our support, their account is now a deficit balance of \$2,335.

Message by Rev. R. Eugene Waddell, Associate Director of the National Foreign Missions Dept. of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Scripture text : I Thess. 1:1-10 and II Cor. 8:1

Local church -- Foreign missions

A Giving Church -- The Word sounded out !

Invitational Song : "Have Thine Own Way, Lord".

Prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith.

Announcements : National Minutes available, pastors pick up.

Retreats and Youth Camps being planned.

Next Quarterly Conference in Topeka, will be the annual Conf.

Bethel's radio programs and singing convention.

Benediction and Blessing on the food - prayer by Bro. Tom Holdeman.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wanda L. Holdeman*  
Wanda L. Holdeman, Clerk