

MINUTES
84th SESSION
(21st ANNUAL MEETING)
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at
New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
4709 Knox Avenue
Merriam, Kansas
February 18 - 19, 1983

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 Bro. Bill Cordill of the Kaw Valley FWB Church, K.C., Ks.
Welcome by Rev. Steve Burton, pastor of the New Hope FWB Church, Merriam, Ks.
Response by Bro. Richard Sandridge, of the Bethel FWB Church, K.C., Ks.
Offering received in the amount of \$31.00.
Congregational Song : "There Is Power in the Blood"

Attendance Count of Churches and Visitors :

Bethel	8
Emporia	0
Kaw Valley	11
New Hope	16
Topeka	7
Visitors	3
	<u>45</u>

Special Music by Sisters Linda Maxville and Carol Messer, "Consider the Lilies" and "He Restoreth My Soul"

Congregational Song : "Victory in Jesus"
Message by Rev. Nathan Eason, pastor of the First FWB Church, Salina, Ks.
II Cor. 5:20 Ambassadors for Christ
II Cor. 5:14 The love of Christ constraineth us.

Invitational Song : "The Old Rugged Cross"
Service closed with an altar of prayer.

Appointment of Committees :

Business Committee

Bro. Bill Cordill, Chairperson
Sis. Delia Chambers
Sis. Hildred Summers

Nominating Committee

(Appointed at the 11/20/82 meeting)

Annual Public Morals Committee

Sis. Jewell Roark, Chairperson Bethel
Sis. Nora Rhodes Emporia
Sis. Betty Cordill Kaw Valley
Sis. Joanne Wallis New Hope
Sis. Johna McFarland Topeka

Motion was made to amend Bylaw 1 to allow a Moderator to serve up to five consecutive years. Motion was seconded and tabled.

Announcements : Women's Auxiliary will meet at 8:30 Saturday morning.
Refreshments

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

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

Opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. James O. Mize of the First FWB Church of Topeka, Kansas.

Charitable offering received for a family who came to the church for help to get them home to Oklahoma.

Congregational Song : "I Am Resolved"

Devotion by Rev. Steve Burton; Psalm 78:9 - Don't run from the battle!

Annual Church Letters were read (Bethel, Kaw Valley, New Hope and Topeka). MMS&C to accept the Letters as read and seat the delegates. (The Emporia Letter was received later through the mail; Rev. Michael Rhodes was unable to attend the Conference.)

The New Hope Letter includes two letters to the Conference, as follows:
"We the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church recommend that our pastor, Brother Steve Burton, be examined by the Executive Board and be put in good standing with the Eastern Kansas Quarterly Conf."

"Eastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists

"Dear Brethern: This certifies that Rev. Steve Burton is a member in good standing in the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists. We sincerely recommend him to your fellowship. May the Lord richly bless you as you work for him.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Mickey Cummins, Liberty Association Clerk."

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

Minutes of the November 19 - 20, 1982, Conference were read (the portion not read at that meeting). Correction noted by the Clerk: The minutes should read Rev. Nathan Eason, not Esson. MMS&C to accept the minutes as corrected.

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

Appointment of Auditing Committee: Bro. Richard Sandridge, Chairperson
Sis. Delia Chambers
Sis. Betty Cordill

They were requested to have their Audit Report ready for the May Conference.

Recess for Committees to meet.

Nominating Committee Report

We the Nominating Committee make the following suggestion for the following:

Moderator - James O. Brewer
Assistant Moderator - Steve Burton
Executive Board Member - Steve Burton
Treasurer - Edith Blair

We make the following suggestion, that the following be nominated off the floor:
Clerk

Assistant Clerk - Treasurer

/s/ Fred Wallis

Discussion by Bro. Fred Wallis: The election of the Moderator is contingent upon the adoption of the Constitutional amendment, and the election of Rev. Steve Burton is contingent upon his examination by and acceptance into the EKQC.

The first four officers were elected as nominated. After much discussion, Bro. James O. Mize volunteered for the position of Clerk and Sis. Donna Brewer volunteered for the position of Assistant Clerk - Treasurer. Both were unanimously elected.

Business Committee Report

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. That the Executive Committee pick the pastor for our next EKQC.
2. That an honorarium of \$100.00 be given Rev. Nathan Eason of the Salina FWB Church.
3. That a standing round of applause be given the New Hope FWB Church for hosting the 84th Session of the EKQC.
4. That we extend a right hand of friendship to the Rev. Steve Burton family.

/s/ Bill Cordill
Delia Chambers
Hildred Summers

MMS&C to accept the Report and adopt it item by item.

Item 1. Carried.

Item 2. Carried.

Item 3. Carried - Applause.

Item 4. Carried - The Rev. Steve Burton family stood at the front of the church to receive the right hand of fellowship.

"Standing" Public Morals Committee Report

The members of this Committee believe that as Christians, Free Will Baptists should be aware of the ungodly forces that are working in our government institutions, such as welfare, family services, etc., to destroy the Family Institution. Examples:

1. Abortion without parental consent for minors.
2. Birth control without parental knowledge.
3. Encouragement of divorce and living in sin to receive financial help by refusing help to married couples.

We would like to remind you of the last quarter's report concerning pornography and television viewing. We also ask that our church delegates present this report to churches.

/s/ Jewell Roark
Betty Cordill
Joanne Wallis
Johna McFarland

MMS&C to accept the Report as read.

Rev. Jerry McArthur, pastor of the First FWB Church of Wichita, Kansas, as a member of the State Home Mission Board, reported on the work in Great Bend, Kansas.

A church building has been purchased.

Information presented: Executive Board 3-year man - Steve Burton
2-year man - (Vacant)
1-year man - Michael Rhodes

MMS&C to remove the Bylaw amendment from the table. MMS&C to adopt the amendment.

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

Prayer by Sis. Edith Whitney.

Business Session dismissed.

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

Congregational Song : "When I See the Blood"

Prayer by Bro. Clyde Davis.

Congregational Song : "The Lily of the Valley"

Offering was received in the amount of \$24.00.

Special music by Sisters Linda Maxville and Carol Messer, "I've Been to Calvary" and "Most of All".

Message by Rev. Nathan Eason: Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right.

Announcements: Men's Retreat coming soon. Bible Conference on Communication in Wichita June 25. Next EKQC in Topeka. Pray for pastor for the Topeka church.

Benediction and Blessing of the meal by Bro. Bill Cordill.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda J. Holdeman, Clerk

MINUTES

85th SESSION

EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at

First Free Will Baptist Church
3900 Shunga Drive
Topeka, Kansas

May 13-14, 1983

THEME: "PREPARATION FOR REVIVAL"

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

Conference opened by James O. Brewer, Moderator.

Congregational Song: "Victory in Jesus"

Prayer by Bro. David Watkins, missionary to Alaska.

Welcome by Bro. Tom Holdeman, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

Response by Bro. Bill Cordill, Kaw Valley Free Will Baptist Church,
Kansas City, Ks.

Congregational Songs: "Since I Have Been Redeemed" & "My Anchor Holds"

Offering received in the amount of \$26.93.

Attendance Count of Churches and Visitors:	Bethel	5
	Emporia	4
	Kaw Valley	9
	New Hope	4
	Topeka	16
	Visitors	5
		<u>43</u>

Special Music by Sister Donna Brewer, "Jesus Now"

Message by Rev. Steve Burton, Pastor of New Hope FWB Church, Merriam, Ks.

II Kings 3:1-20, Preparation for Revival

Invitational Song: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Mike Rhodes, chairperson
Bro. Richard Sandridge
Sis. Carolyn Johnson

Annual Public Morals Committee

Sis. Jewell Roark, chairperson	Bethel
*Sis. Doreene Partridge	Emporia
Sis. Betty Cordill	Kaw Valley
Sis. Joanne Wallis	New Hope
Sis. Johna McFarland	Topeka

* Sis. Doreene Partridge replaced Sis. Nora Rhodes by request.

Announcements: Rev. Mike Rhodes announced a Woman's Retreat at Emporia May 20-21 with Linda Bushman of Osage City as speaker. Rev. Mike Rhodes also asked that Rev. Gary Elder at the Great Bend Mission work be remembered.

Woman's Auxiliary will meet at 8:30 Saturday morning.

Several testimonies were given.

Bro. Richard Sandridge extended an invitation to hear Bro. David Watkins on May 15 at Bethel FWB Church.

Refreshments

Service closed in prayer by Bro. Ben Cotter, pastor of Kaw Valley FWB Church, Kansas City, Ks.

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

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

Opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Richard Sandridge, Bethel FWB Church, Kansas City, Ks.

Congregational Song: "I Want To Be A Worker"

Devotion by Bro. James O. Mize; Genesis 32:28, "Power With God"

Church letters were read. MMS&C to accept the letters with corrections and seat the delegates.

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

Minutes of the February 18-19, 1983, Conference were read (the portion not read at that meeting). MMS&C to accept as read.

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

Executive Board report was read by clerk (see attached report). MMS&C to accept the report.

Audit Committee Report

The Treasure books were audited and found no mistake.

/s/ Richard Sandridge
Betty Cordill

MMS&C to accept the report as read.

Demonstration by Sis. Carol Baker and her class on Bible competition with Marcus Brewer reciting 23rd Psalm, Roman's Road to Salvation, the Ten Commandments. Challenge was given by moderator for other churches to start Bible Bowl in their churches.

Recess for Committees to meet.

Public Morals Committee

We recommend that our people take a stand on ungodly issues such as pornography, abortion, dope, school issues, etc., by writing our Representatives and Senators in office and let them know how we stand. We feel we need to take this stand to save our children.

/s/ Jewell Roark
Doreene Partridge
Johna McFarland

MMS&C to accept the report as read.

Business Committee Report

1. We suggest Bro. Steve Burton be paid \$75.
2. We recommend that Bro. Rick Messer speak at the next Quarterly Conference.
3. We recommend the theme for the next conference be "Gathering the Sheaves for God's Glory".
4. We recommend that the clerk be allowed to shorten the reading of Quarterly and Annual Church letters by leaving out addresses, telephone numbers and any other insignificant information.

/s/ Carolyn Johnson
Richard Sandridge
Mike Rhodes

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

ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY CONFERENCE TO STATE ASSOCIATION read. MMS&C to accept the Letter as read with delegates to be elected. Nominations from the floor for delegates: Bro. Richard Partridge, Sis. Edith Blair, Sis. Jean McCraney, Sis. Karen Mize, Sis. Carolyn Johnson. Alternates: Sis. Doreene Partridge, Sis. Johna McFarland, Sis. Sylvia Sandridge. MMS&C for nominations to cease and delegates be elected by acclamation. (Delegates names will be added to the ANNUAL LETTER.) Information was presented from the First Church of Topeka concerning their desire to publish an individual church newsletter. MMS&C for all the churches to have unity of Spirit and work together for the cause of Christ at our State meeting. This to be added as a note to our ANNUAL LETTER. Minutes of this Conference were read to this point. MMS&C to accept the minutes as read thus far. Suggestion given for all churches to make a list of members from each church to be given to the other churches, so we could get better acquainted and remember one another. Business session dismissed.

Saturday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Congregational Song: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
Prayer by Bro. Bruce Oliver, First FWB Church, Topeka, Ks.
Congregational Song: "Revive Us Again"
Offering was received in the amount of \$29.10.
Special music by Bro. Tom Holdeman, "It Is Finished"
Message by Rev. Steve Burton: "Cost of Revival", James 1:22-25
Invitational Song: "Trust and Obey"

Announcements: Challenge to give Vacational Bible School offering to the work at Great Bend, Ks.
Youth Camp, July 11-16, 1983
State Meeting June 16, 17, 18 at Emporia
Benediction and Blessing on food by Rev. Nathan Eason, pastor of the Salina church.

Respectfully submitted,

James O. Mize, Clerk

MINUTES
86th SESSION
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
2719 N. 67th
Kansas City, Kansas
August 19 - 20, 1983
THEME: "GATHERING THE SHEAVES FOR GOD'S GLORY"

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

Conference opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator

Congregational Song: "Bring Them In"

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Moore

Welcome by Bro. Richard Sandridge

Response by Bro. Bill Cordill

Congregational Song: "Bringing In The Sheaves"

Offering received in the amount of \$17.55

Attendance Count of Churches:

Bethel	9
Emporia	3
Kaw Valley	3
New Hope	2
Topeka	<u>11</u>
	<u>28</u>

Special Music by the Bethel Church, "Hide Me, Rock Of Ages" and "I Will Not Be A Stranger". Sis. Edith Whitney, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me"

Message by Rev. Rick Messer, pastor of the First FWB Church, Topeka, Ks.
The Great Commission - Acts 24:24-25, Matt. 28:16-20

Invitation

Appointment of Committee:

Business Committee

Bro. Clyde Davis, Ch.
Bro. Preston McClure
Bro. Richard Sandridge

Annual Public Morals Committee

Sis. Jewell Roark, Ch.	Bethel
Sis. Doreene Partridge	Emporia
Sis. Betty Cordill	Kaw Valley
Sis. Joanne Wallis	New Hope
Sis. Johna McFarland	Topeka

Announcements

Benediction and blessing on refreshments

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

Saturday Morning Business Session, 9:00 a.m.

Called to order by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator

Prayer by Bro. Larry Tryford

Congregational Song: "To God Be The Glory"

Welcome to visitors

Devotion by Bro. Ben Cotter; II Cor. 5:17, Ministry of Reconciliation Church letter read. MMS&C to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Request was read from the Emporia Church to change the date of the November meeting from the 18th & 19th to the 11th & 12th. of Nov. MMS&C to change the November meeting of the East Kansas Quarterly meeting to be held the 11th & 12th at Emporia.

Moderator read rules of order.

Remainder of minutes of the May 13-14, 1983 meeting were read. MMS&C to accept as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Sis. Edith Blair. MMS&C to receive as read. Balance is \$134.37

A letter was read from the First Kansas Quarterly Conference requesting a letter of recommendation for Rev. Gary Elder. MMS&C to accept the letter as information and issue a letter of recommendation for Bro. Elder.

A letter was read from the Northern Quarterly meeting of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in Tennessee, requesting a letter of recommendation for Rev. Virgil Nolen. MMS&C to accept the letter and issue a letter of recommendation for Bro. Nolen.

A letter was read from the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in Tennessee, stating that Rev. Rick Messer has been ordained and is in good standing with the Association. MMS&C to accept the letter as information.

The moderator appointed Delia Chambers and Debbie Cotter to serve as temporary members of the Public Morals Committee with Jewell Roark, Ch.

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference met and examined Rev. Rick Messer and Rev. Ben Cotter.

We recommend the following:

1. That Rev. Rick Messer be accepted as an Ordained Minister in the East Kansas Quarterly Conference and be issued a card of standing.
2. That Rev. Ben Cotter be accepted as a Licensed Minister in the East Kansas Quarterly Conference upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Greater Kansas City Quarterly Conference and that he be issued a certificate of standing.
3. That Rev. Rick Messer be elected to the position of the 2-year man on the Executive Board of the East Kansas Conf.

/s/ Mike Rhodes
James O. Brewer

MMS&C to accept the report as read and approve item by item. All items carried.

Business Committee Report

1. We recommend Bro. Cotter for speaker for next quarterly conf.
2. We recommend love offering of \$65.00 for Bro. Rick Messer.

/s/ Bro. Richard Sandridge
Clyde Davis
Preston McClure

MMS&C to accept report as read.

Public Morals Committee Report

We recommend to this body and to all Christians that we practice John 13:34-35. We feel this is the solution to empty pews in our churches.

/s/ Jewell Roark
Debbie Cotter
Delia Chambers

MMS&C to accept report as read.

MMS&C to allow Bro. Ben Cotter, speaker for Nov. meeting, to choose the topic or theme for the messages for the Conference.

Minutes for the 86th Session were read thus far. MMS&C to accept as read.
Recess

Saturday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Congregational Song: "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"

Prayer by Bro. David Short (visitor, Nashville, Tenn.)

Congregational Song: "The Lily of the Valley"

Offering received in the amount of \$20.90

Special music by the Bethel Church, "It Is Love", "Fill My Way With Love",
"I Need No Mansions"

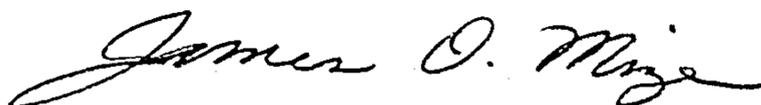
Message by Rev. Rick Messer: Matt. 28:16-20, Discipleship

Invitational Song: "Kneel At The Cross"

Announcements

Benediction and blessing on food by Sis. Viki Messer.

Respectfully submitted,



James O. Mize, Clerk

MINUTES
87th SESSION
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at
First Free Will Baptist Church
1720 E. 6th Avenue
Emporia, Kansas
November 11 - 12, 1983

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

Conference opened by James O. Brewer, Moderator
Congregational Song: "Shall We Gather At The River"
Prayer by Sis. Karen Mize
Welcome by Sis. Della Lyons
Response by Rev. Rick Messer
Congregational Song: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"
Offering received in the amount of \$16.77
Attendance count of churches:

Bethel	1
Emporia	13
Kaw Valley	10
New Hope	1
Topeka	13
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Special music by Sis. Gail Lewis, "What A Day That Will Be"
Message by Rev. Mike Rhodes, pastor of the First FWB Church, Emporia, KS.
Matt. 9:9-13 - The Purpose of the Church
Invitational Song: "Have Thine Own Way"

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Rick Messer, Ch.
Sis. Betty Cordill
Bro. Louis Oelke

Obituary Committee

Sis. Carolyn Johnson, Ch.
Sis. Della Lyons
Sis. Bonnie Jones

Annual Public Morals Committee

Sis. Jewell Roark, Ch.	Bethel
Sis. Doreene Partridge	Emporia
Sis. Betty Cordill	Kaw Valley
Sis. Joanne Wallis	New Hope
Sis. Johna McFarland	Topeka

Announcements

Benediction and blessing on refreshments
Special prayer for veterans

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

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

Called to order by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator

Prayer by Sis. Jean McCraney

Congregational Song: "Have Faith In God"

Devotion by Bro. Tom Holdeman - Matt. 6:25-34

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

Moderator read rules of order.

Remainder of minutes of the August 19-20, 1983 meeting were read. MMS&C to accept as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Sis. Edith Blair. (balance is \$192.04)
MMS&C to receive as read.

A letter was read from the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists, requesting a letter of recommendation from the East Kansas Quarterly Conference. MMS&C to send the letter.

Obituary Committee Report

We acknowledge Helen Dugan of the Bethel FWB Church and George Smith of the Kaw Valley FWB Church have gone on to be with the Lord. They were both servants of the Lord and will be missed. We ask that you pray for their families during this time of sorrow.

/s/ Carolyn Johnson
Bonnie Jones
Della Lyons

MMS&C to accept the report and comply with the request.

Business Committee Report

1. The Business Committee would like to recommend that we ask Bro. Ben Cotter to be our next guest speaker at the next East Kansas Quarterly Meeting.
2. ... that we give our speaker, Bro. Mike Rhodes, \$75.00 for bringing the messages for this meeting.
3. ... Last, we would like to give the host church, Emporia, a standing applause in recognition of their hospitality.
4. We recommend that the clerk be accepted as a standing delegate of the East Kansas Quarterly.

/s/ Rick Messer
Betty Cordill
Louis Oelke

MMS&C to accept the report with ammendment to item #4 to read:
"We recommend that the officers be accepted as standing delegates of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference."

MMS&C to accept the ammendment to item #4. (to be tabled until February 1984 meeting).

MMS&C to accept the report.

Minutes for the 87th Session were read thus far. MMS&C to accept as read.
Business session closed in prayer by Bro. Jess Fletcher

Saturday Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

Congregational Song: "Count Your Blessings"

Prayer by Bro. Jess Fletcher

Congregational Song: "He Brought Me Out"

Offering received in the amount of \$17.81

Special music by Sis. Barbara Cooper, "Give Them All"

Message by Rev. Mike Rhodes: Acts 9:31, The Pattern of the Church

Announcements

Benediction and blessing on food.

Respectfully submitted,
James O. Mize
James O. Mize, Clerk