

MINUTES
88th SESSION
(22nd ANNUAL MEETING)
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at
Kaw Valley Free Will Baptist Church
7800 Kansas Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas
February 17 - 18, 1984

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

Conference opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator.
Congregational Songs: "There is Power in the Blood" and "I Shall Not Be Moved".
Prayer by Bro. Tom Holdeman.
Welcome by Bro. Bill Cordill of the Kaw Valley FWB Church.
Response by Bro. Tom Holdeman of the Topeka First FWB Church.
Congregational Song: "Fill My Way With Love".
Offering received in the amount of \$25.68.

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel	5
	Emporia	6
	Kaw Valley	22
	New Hope	3
	Topeka	<u>21</u>
		<u>57</u>

Special Music: "Jesus Is Still the Answer" by the Kaw Valley Ladies Choir;
"The Darkest Hour Is Just Before Dawn" by Sis. Debbie Cotter,
Sis. Bonnie Jones, Bro. Darrell Cline.
"I've Never Had A Friend Like This" by Sis. Debbie Cotter.

Message by Bro. Ben Cotter, pastor of the Kaw Valley FWB Church: Matthew 16:24-26.

Invitation

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Bro. Tom Holdeman, Ch.
Sis. Jean McCraney
Sis. Jewell Roark

Annual Public Morals Committee

Sis. Debbie Cotter, Ch.
Sis. Delia Chambers
Sis. Viki Messer
Sis. Karen Mize
Sis. Sylvia Sandridge

Obituary Committee

Sis. Bonnie Jones
Sis. Nora Rhodes
Sis. Diane Morrison

Nominating Committee

Bro. Jim Mize
Sis. Edith Blair
Bro. Richard Sandridge

Announcements

Benediction and Blessing on Refreshments by Rev. Mike Rhodes.

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

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

Prayer by Rev. Rick Messer, pastor of Topeka First FWB Church.

Congregational Song: "Kneel At The Cross".

Devotion by Bro. David Morrison: John 3:16, John 15:16.

Reading of Annual Church Letters. MMS&C to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Moderator read rules of order.

MMS&C to remove from the table Item #4 of the November Business Committee Report.

Item #4 reads "We recommend that the officers be accepted as standing delegates of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference".

MMS&C to accept Item #4.

Reading of Local Church Letter. MMS&C to accept letters and act on recommendations.

Request from Kaw Valley concerning Bro. Ben Cotter to be ordained was referred to the Executive Committee.

MMS&C to accept the request from New Hope as information.

Two requests from Topeka First Church: 1) concerning our Youth Competition Team.

MMS&C to approve the request. 2) concerning 2 items on the Annual Letter. MMS&C to accept both requests.

Remaining Minutes of the November 11 - 12, 1983 meeting were read. MMS&C to accept as read.

Treasurer's Report read by Sis. Edith Blair. Correction made on offering received at November 12, 1983 meeting. MMS&C to receive the report as read.

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board met and examined Rev. Ben Cotter. MMS&C that he be approved for ordination.

The Annual Minister's Reports for Rev. Michael L. Rhodes, Rev. Rick D. Messer, and Rev. Ben Cotter were examined. MMS&C that they each be issued card of standing for 1984.

/s/ Mike Rhodes
Rick D. Messer
James O. Brewer

MMS&C to receive the report as read.

Recess

Bro. Jim Brewer recalled session to order.

Obituary Committee Report

We acknowledge the promotion of Eleanor Ammel, Emporia FWB and Esther Johnson, Topeka FWB to be with the Lord. We suggest that you remember these families in prayer.

/s/ Bonnie Jones, Ch.
Nora Rhodes
Diane Morrison

MMS&C to accept as read.

Annual Public Morals Committee Report

1. We urge everyone to call their representative early this week to voice our opinion against legalization of gambling, as it is to be voted on in the Kansas legislature this week.
2. We urge each one to vote yes on raising the drinking age to 21, and we urge each church to stress the total abstinence of drinking.

/s/ Debbie Cotter
Delia Chambers
Viki L. Messer
Karen S. Mize
Sylvia Sandridge

MMS&C to accept the report as read. Members were encouraged to act on the recommendations.

Business Committee Report

We the Business Committee recommend that:

1. The East Kansas Quarterly Conference send letters to the FWB churches in Nebraska inviting them to participate in our May quarterly conference.

2. The conference clerk be allowed up to \$25. to purchase a new brief case,
3. The conference increase the conference clerk's expense allowance to \$25,
4. The conference give our guest speaker, Bro. Ben Cotter, \$75.00 for bringing the messages for this meeting.
5. The conference give the host church, Kaw Valley, a standing applause in recognition of their hospitality,
6. The conference allow the executive committee to select the guest speaker for the May conference,
7. The conference move the May meeting of 1984 to the Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday (May 25,26)
8. The conference amend Article lx of our constitution to add the following phrase at the end of the article: "...unless approved by the conference."

/s/ Thomas J. Holdeman, Ch.

Jean W. McCraney

Jewell K. Roark

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

Item 1. Carried.

Item 2. Carried.

Item 3. Being a constitutional change, the motion carried and will be tabled until the May meeting.

Item 4. Carried.

Item 5. Carried.

Item 6. Carried.

Item 7. Carried.

Item 8. Being a constitutional change, the motion carried and will be tabled until the May meeting.

Nominating Committee Report

Moderator - Bro. James O. Brewer

Asst. Moderator - Bro. Ben Cotter

Treasurer - Sis. Edith Blair

Asst. Clerk-Treasurer - Sis. Donna Brewer

Clerk - Sis. Evangeline Cline, Sis. Edith Whitney

Executive Board: 3 yr. man - Bro. Mike Rhodes

2 yr. man - Bro. Ben Cotter (upon his ordination)

1 yr. man (information only) - Bro. Rick Messer

/s/ James O. Mize

Edith Blair

Richard Sandridge

MMS&C to accept the report and adopt item by item.

MMS&C for Bro. James O. Brewer to be Moderator.

MMS&C for Bro. Ben Cotter to be Asst. Moderator.

MMS&C for Sis. Edith Blair to be Treasurer.

MMS&C for Sis. Donna Brewer to be Asst. Clerk-Treasurer.

MMS&C for Sis. Evangeline Cline to be Clerk.

MMS&C for Bro. Mike Rhodes to be the 3 yr. man on the Executive Board.

MMS&C for Bro. Ben Cotter to be the 2 yr. man on the Executive Board.

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

Business Session dismissed by Bro. James O. Brewer.

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

Congregational Song: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

Prayer by Bro. Abe

Congregational Song: "There Is Power In The Blood"

Offering received in the amount of \$21.95

Special Music: "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place" by Kaw Valley Church

Message by Bro. Ben Cotter; The Church, Ephesians 2:19-22

Invitational Song: "Another Chance" sung by Sis. Debbie Cotter.

Announcements

Benediction and Blessing on food.

Respectfully submitted,

James O. Mize, Clerk

MINUTES
89th SESSION
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at
New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
4709 Knox Avenue
Merriam, Kansas
May 25 - 26, 1984

Friday Evening Worship Service - 7:30 P.M.

THEME: THE MANDATES OF THE GOSPEL ORDINANCES

Conference opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator

Congregational Song: When We All Get To Heaven

Prayer by Bro. Lyle Williams

Welcome by Bro. Lowell Burns of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church

Response by Bro. Ben Cotter, Pastor of Kaw Valley Free Will Baptist Church

Congregational Song: He Brought Me Out

Offereng received - \$21.82

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel	7
	Emporia	9
	Kaw Valley	12
	New Hope	4
	Topeka	10
		<u>42</u>

Special Music: "He's My Dearest Friend" by Sis. Debbie Cotter of
Kaw Valley Free Will Baptist Church

Message by Rev. Mike Rhodes of Emporia Free Will Baptist Church -
Scripture from John 13:1-17, Luke 22:24-26

Invitation

Lord's Supper and Feet Washing

Appointment of Committees: No Obituary Committee was appointed as
it was determined not necessary.

Names of Standing Annual Public Morals Committee were read. They
are: Sis. Debbie Cotter, Chmn Sis. Vicki Messer

Sis. Delia Chambers Sis. Karen Mize

Sis. Sylvia Sandridge

Business Committee: Bro. Jim Mize, Chmn.

Bro. Bill Cordill

Bro. Lyle Williams

Friday Evening Worship Service, continued

Announcements:

Tentative plans for a Youth Camp at Camp King Solomon this summer are being made. It would be held the week of July 9 and workers are needed.

The State Association Meeting will be June 14-15-16 in Wichita, Ks. Bro. Bob Ketchum of Broken Arrow Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Church is the Guest Speaker.

Benediction and Blessing on Refreshments by Bro. Richard Sandridge.

Saturday Morning Woman's Auxiliary Meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Saturday Morning Business Session, 9:15 A.M.

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

Prayer by Bro. Lowell Burns of New Hope FWB Church.

Congregational Song: "Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

Devotion by Bro. Jim Mize of Topeka FWB Church. Joel 3:13 & 14,
Matthew 9:37 & 38.

Reading of Local Church Letters. MMS&C to accept letters and seat Delegates. Recommendations: Request from Topeka requesting that Bro. Jim O. Mize be examined for licensure as a minister. MMS&C to act on recommendation of Topeka Church.

Moderator read rules of order.

Remaining Minutes of the February 17 & 18, 1984 meeting were read. MMS&C to accept as read.

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

RECESS

Bro. Jim Brewer recalled session to order.

Business Committee Report:

1. We the Business Committee recommend that we give \$100.00 to the Gary Elder Account.

2. We the Business Committee recommend the letter we received in regard to Bro. Steve Burton be acted on.

Letter reads: 3-30-84 Rev. Steve Burton, former pastor of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church phoned me and requested that a letter of recommendation to the Mission Association in Missouri be sent to: Mrs. Florence Housley

Route 1, Box 110, Norwood, MO 65717

signed: J. O. Brewer

3. We the Business Committee recommend that we keep our Quarterly Meeting on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday. Also, that we notify Christian Education Board and others in the State so that it does not conflict with our meeting.

4. We recommend that the Executive Board find a speaker for the next Quarterly Meeting.

5. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host Church.

/s/ James O. Mize, Chmn.

Bill Cordill

Lyle Williams

Business Committee Report, continued

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

Item 1. Carried

Item 2. Carried

Item 3. Carried

Item 4. Carried

Item 5. Carried

Sis Delia Chambers expressed thanks to those who helped with the Conference.

Old Business: Tabled Items from February meeting are:-

Item 3. The conference increase the conference clerk's expense allowance to \$25.00. Carried.

Item 8. The conference amend Article 1x of our constitution to add the following phrase at the end of the article: "...unless approved by the conference." Carried.

Public Morals Committee Report:

1. We encourage the members of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference to be aware of our Church Covenant and suggest that it be read in our local Churches on a regular basis.
2. We encourage each Christian to have care and compassion for one another (especially since we notice the world has "lack of affection"). Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Galatians 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."
3. Continue to teach against wrong-doing or ungodly sin against the innocent, especially the unborn. Exodus 23:7 "Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay not: for I will not justify the wicked."

/s/ Karen Mize
Sylvia Sandridge
Delia V. Chambers

MMS&C to accept the Report as read.

Reading of Annual Letter from East Kansas Quarterly Conference to Kansas State Association. Correction of items by local churches were made. The Moderator instructed local churches to notify the District Clerk of any information omitted from their annual report in order to provide a more accurate report to the State. MMS&C to accept the report as corrected.

Election of Delegates to the State Association: Standing delegates are all Ordained Ministers, Ordained Deacons, and elected officers of the Quarterly Conference, i.e., Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. Delegates Nominated-Edith Blair, Johnna McFarland, Karen Mize, Jewell Roark, Hildred Summers, and Nora Rhodes as Alternate. MMS&C to elect these persons as Delegates to the State Convention.

Minutes of this Conference were read to this point. Corrections were made. MMS&C to accept thus far.

Business Session dismissed by Bro. James O. Brewer.

Closing Prayer by Bro. Merle Abe.

Saturday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 A.M.

Congregational Song: "Victory in Jesus."

Prayer by Bro. Jim Daugherty

Congregational Song: "Lily of the Valley"

Offering received in the amount of \$21.84

Message by Bro. Mike Rhodes; "Baptism", Acts 2:37-42.

Invitational Song: "Have Thine Own Way"

Announcements

Benediction and Blession on Food, Bro. Jim Mize

Respectfully submitted,

Evangelyn Cline

Evangelyn Cline, Clerk

MINUTES
90th. SESSION
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at
First Free Will Baptist Church
3900 Shunga Dr.
Topeka, Kansas
August 17-18, 1984

Friday Evening Worship Service - 7:30 P.M.

Conference opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator
Congregational Song - Brethern We Have Met To Worship
Prayer by Bro. Bill Cordill
Welcome by Bro. David Morrison
Response by Bro. Richard Sandridge
Congregational Song - How Great Thou Art
Offering received - \$35.00

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel	4
	Emporia	0
	Kaw Valley	6
	New Hope	9
	Topeka	35
	Total	<u>58</u>

Special Music: "It is Well With My Soul" By Sis. Mona Kelly and Sis. Donna Brewer of the Topeka Church.

Message by Rev. Andy Percy, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Withita, Ks. Scripture from I John 1:1-4

Invitation Song - Have Thine Own Way Lord

Appointment of Committees: An Obituary Committee was not appointed as it was determined not necessary.

Business Committee: Bro. Ben Cotter, Chmn.
Bro. Richard Sandridge
Bro. David Morrison

A Vacancy was noted on the Public Morals Committee. Moderator, James O. Brewer appointed Sis. Carolyn Johnson to replace Sis. Karen Mize. The Members on that committee now are: Sis. Debbie Cotter, Chmn., Sis. Delia Chambers, Sis. Viki Messer, Sis. Sylvia Sandridge and Sis. Carolyn Johnson.

Friday Evening Worship Service, continued

Benediction and Blessing on refreshments by Bro. Jim Daugherty.

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Saturday Morning Woman's Auxiliary Meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Saturday Morning Business Session - 9:15 A.M.

Session called to order by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator

Prayer by Bro. Nolan Johnson

Congregational Song - Count Your Blessings

Devotion by Rev. Rick Messer of the Topeka FWB Church.

Scripture: Matt. 10:27

Reading of Local Church Letters. MM&S to accept the letters and seat the Delegates. Motion Carried.

Moderator read rules of order.

Remainder of Minutes of the May 25-26 Conference were read. MMS&S to accept as read.

Treasurer's Report was read. MMS&C to receive the report as read.

Report given by Bro. Rick Messer on Youth Competition at the National Convention.

Report given by Bro. Rick Messer on our State Home Missions work. Rev. Gary Elder, Great Bend, Ks., resigned Aug. 1, 1984. Request made for prayer and support for the Great Bend work.

Report given by Bro. Jim Brewer on youth camp for 1984.

RECESS - Prayer By Bro. Russ Kelly, Blessing on refreshments

Public Morals Committee Report was read:

1. We recommend that as individuals, we should make it a point not to trade at any business that sells or promotes pornography.
2 Cor. 6:17
2. We recommend that as God's children, we should be reminded to show love one to another with a greater zeal as we do God's work.
1 John 4:7-8
3. Each person realize that we definatly are servants. The important point is to realize whose servant we are.
Rom. 6:16

MMS&C to accept the report as read.

Business Committee Report:

The Business Committee Recommends:

1. That the conference give \$100.00 to Bro. Andy Percy for ministering to us through Gods word.
2. That Calvin Chaney, from Belton, Mo., be called to preach at our next conference, and that the theme be left up to Bro. Chaney.
3. That the conference give a hand of applause to the Topeka church for their hospitality.

MMS&C to accept all three items as read.

Saturday Morning Business Session, continued

Executive Board Report was read by Bro. Mike Rhodes.

The East Kansas Quarterly Conference Executive Board met on June 9, 1984 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka. Those present were, Pastor Rick Messer, Brother James O. Brewer, and Pastor Mike Rhodes.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Pastor Rick Messer. Brother James O. Mize was examined for license. The board members reviewed the questionnaire filled out by Brother Mize and questioned him regarding his beliefs and devotion to the Lord. MMS&C to recommend to the conference that we approve Brother Mize and issue him a license to preach.

The board members discussed the next conference. MMS&C to invite Pastor Andy Percy to speak at our next conference using a theme of his own choosing.

The board members discussed the problem at Salina and decided to draft a letter to the State Association regarding the matter. The letter was later written, signed by each board member and presented at the State Association.

Signed,

Pastor Rick Messer, Chairman

Brother James O. Brewer

Pastor Mike Rhodes

MMS&C to approve the report as read.

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

Business Session dismissed by Bro. James O. Brewer.

Saturday Morning Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

Congregational Song - Since I Have Been Redeemed

Prayer - Sis. Hildred Summers

Congregational Song - Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

Offering received in the amount of \$20.03

Special Music - Just Over in Glory Land sung by Topeka Quartet

Message by Rev. Andy Percy, Pastor - First Free Will Baptist Church,
Wichita, Ks. Scripture from I John 4:1-4

Invitation-Trust and Obey

Benediction and Blessing on Food by Bro. Ben Cotter

Donna Brewer, Asst. Clerk

MINUTES
91st. SESSION
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting At
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
2719 N. 67th. St.
Kansas City, Kans.
November 16-17, 1984

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

Conference opened by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator

Congregational Song - To God Be the Glory

Prayer - Rev. Jim Gideon, Pastor of the Belton, Mo. Free Will Baptist Church

Welcome - Bro. Richard Sandridge

Response - Rev. Mike Rhodes

Congregational Song - Sunlight

Prayer - Bro. Rick Beaty

Offering received - \$11.71

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel	13
	Emporia	3
	Kaw Valley	1
	New Hope	3
	Topeka	12
	Visitors	9

Total 58

Special Music - "Oh, He is so Precious to me"

Sung by Bro. and Sis. Hagg, form the Bethel Church

Message by Rev. Calvin Cheney from the Belton, Missouri
Free Will Baptist Church

Scripture from Matthew 22:1-7
Prov. 1:22-33

Invitation Song - Just as I Am

Friday evening service continued:

Appointment of Committees: An Obituary Committee was not appointed as it was determined not necessary.

Business Committee: Bro. Rick Messer, Chmn.
Bro. Ben Cotter
Bro. Mike Rhodes

Announcements - Woman's Auxiliary meeting Saturday morning,
Nov. 17th., at 8:30.

Benediction and Blessing on refreshments by Bro. Mike Rhodes.

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SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 17th., 1984

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

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

Session called to order by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator

Prayer by Sis. Jewell Roark

Congregational Song - Power in the Blood

Devotion By Rev. Ben Cotter, Pastor of the New Hope Free Will
Baptist Church
Scripture Heb. 2:1-3

Reading of Local Church Letters. MM&S to accept the letters and seat the Delegates. Motion Carried.

A statement from the Emporia Church was read concerning an inquiry, from the First Church in Salina, about their joining our Quarterly Conference. Comments and discussion were given.

Moderator read rules of order.

Remainder of Minutes of the August 17 - 18 Conference were read.
MMS&C to accept as read.

Treasurer's report given by Sis. Edith Blair. \$190.28 Bal. MMS&C to accept report as read.

An oral report, from the State Home Mission Board, was given by Bro. Rick Messer.

RECESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee:

We recommend that,

1. Bro. Calvin Cheney be compensated \$75.00 for preaching our 91st. session of the East Kans. Quarterly Conference.
2. That we ask Bro. Neil Kearns, Pastor of the Wellington Free Will Baptist Church, to be our speaker for the 92nd. session of the East Kans. Quarterly Conference in Feb. 1985.

Saturday Morning Business Session Continued:

3. Standing round of applause to the Bethel church for their hospitality.

M.M.S.&C. to accept all three items of the Business Committee report as read.

A standing round of applause was given to the Bethel church.

Public Morals Committee report was read by Sis. Delia Chambers.

1. We suggest to all churches that greater informative knowledge would be possible to everyone if given the National Federation of Decency journal, as it gives information of all moral needs surrounding us. Anyone interested may contact the Public Morals Committee for the address.

I Cor. 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

2. We recommend that each church contribute an offering to further the work of L.I.G.H.T. House as an alternative until the abortion Holocaust is banished from our Government statutes!

M.M.&S to accept the report and vote on it Item by Item. Motion carried. Item 1 carried. Item 2 carried.

Minutes of this Conference were read to this point. MMS&C to accept with one correction.

A motion was made to allow the moderator to appoint an assistant Clerk-Treasurer. MS&C. Sis. Nora Rhodes was appointed.

Business Session dismissed by Bro. James O. Brewer, Moderator.

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

Congregational Song - Redeemed

Prayer - Sis. Jewell Roark

Congregational Song - I Know Whom I Have Believed

Prayer By Bro. Lloyd Moore

Offering received - \$9.51

Special Music - The Scars in the Hands of Jesus sung by Sis. Jewell Roark from the Bethel Church.

Message - Rev. Calvin Cheney, Belton Missouri
Scripture II Peter 2:1-9
Gen. 13:10-13

Invitation - Where He Leads Me

Benediction and Blessing on Food by Bro. Hagg

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Brewer, Clerk