

MINUTES  
100TH SESSION  
25TH ANNIVERSARY  
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Meeting at  
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church  
2719 N. 67th Street, Kansas City, Kansas

February 13-14, 1987

THEME: "Steadfast Holding the Sacred Ground"

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

Congregational Song: "Victory in Jesus"

Conference opened by Rev. Gary Mitchener, Moderator

Prayer: Rev. Gary Brunson, Central FWBC, Great Bend

Welcome: Rev. Mike Robinson, Bethel FWBC, Kansas City, KS

Response: Rev. Larry Collins, First FWBC, Emporia

Congregational Song: "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Offering Received: \$24.86, led in prayer by Bro. Jim Brewer, Topeka

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel . . . . .	16
	Emporia . . . . .	1
	Great Bend . . . . .	5
	Salina . . . . .	6
	Topeka . . . . .	15
	Visitors . . . . .	<u>3</u>
	Total	46

Special Music by: Sis. Betty and Bro. Clyde Davis, Bethel - "When My Saviour Reached Down For Me", "How Can You Refuse Him Now", and "Blessed Redeemer"

Prayer: Rev. Rick Messer, First FWBC, Topeka

Message: Rev. Richard Terry, Director of Development, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma  
Proverbs 22:28 "Why We Should Preach"

Invitation

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Bro. Jim Brewer, Chairman  
Bro. Bill Lepping  
Bro. Bob Lee

Obituary Committee: Sis. Hildred Summers, Chairman  
Sis. Brenda Mitchener  
Sis. Delia Chambers

Nominating Committee: Rev. Rick Messer, Chairman  
Rev. Larry Collins  
Bro. Lloyd Moore

Auditing Committee: Bro. Bill Cordill, Chairman  
Bro. Lloyd Moore  
Sis. Hildred Summers  
(report will be given at next Quarterly Conference)

Annual Public Morals Committee: Sis. Linda Lee, Chairman  
Sis. Blanche Lepping  
Sis. Della Lyons  
Sis. Betty Cordill

Announcements: Woman's Auxiliary Meeting, Saturday Morning, 8:30  
Revival in Salina, March 2-6  
National Home Mission Team will be in Wichita March 13-14

Benediction and Blessing on Refreshments by Bro. Bob Lee, Topeka

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SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 14, 1987

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

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

Session called to order by Rev. Gary Mitchener, Moderator

Prayer: Bro. Jim Brewer, Topeka

Congregational Song: "Glory to His Name"

Historical Review from each Church and Quarterly Conference Clerk. Copies of these reports are attached. Philippians 3:13 Prayer by Rev. Richard Terry

Reading of the Local Church Letters. MM&S to accept the letters as read and seat the Delegates, motion carried.

Moderator read rules of order.

Remainder of the November Minutes were read. MMS&C to approve as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Rick Messer, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer, showing a balance of \$75.44. MMS&C to approve report as read.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: We the Nominating Committee nominate the following for the 1987 offices:

Moderator	Rev. Larry Collins
Asst. Moderator	Bro. Jim Brewer
Clerk	Sis. Judy Sprout
Treasurer	Bro. Bill Cordell
Asst. Clerk/Treas.	Bro. Bill Lepping

Executive Committee: 3 year man replacing Gary Mitchener -  
Rev. Gary Mitchener

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Messer  
Lloyd Moore  
Larry M. Collins

Motion was made on each individual office, each was seconded and carried.

Obituary Committee: God in wisdom called Bro. Harold Dugan from Bethel Church, little Derek Stillings, and Sis. Joyce Cowan from Salina Church. Let's have a moment silence of prayer for friends and relatives for comfort that only God can give.

Hildred Summers  
Brenda Mitchener  
Delia V. Chambers

MMS&C to receive the report and grant the request.

Public Morals Committee: We the Public Morals Committee would like to share a word of praise and encouragement regarding results of our efforts picketing and protesting the sale of pronographic magazines in 7-11 stores.

Hundreds of 7-11 stores stopped selling pronographic magazines in their stores and forced many of these magazines to lose sales.

This news should be an encouragement to us that even a small number of Christians can be victorious over Satan if we put faith in the effort.

In Romans 12:2\* and many other verses of God's word we find "...if God be for us, who can be against us?"

We would like to encourage all Christians to continue praying as we continue in God's work.

\* "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."---Romans 12:2

Linda Lee, Chairman  
Blanche Lepping  
Betty Cordill

MMS&C to accept report as read.

Dismissed for Recess in prayer by Bro. Bill Lepping

Recess

Resumed meeting in prayer by Rev. Mike Robinson

Committee reports cont.

Business Committee Report: We the Business Committee have met and respectfully recommend the following:

1. A honorarium of \$150.00 be paid to our speaker, Rev. Richard Terry.
2. A standing vote of thanks be given to the Bethel Church for their hospitality.
3. Bro. Mike Robinson of the Bethel Church be our speaker for the next Quarterly Conference.

Bill Lepping  
Bob Lee  
James O. Brewer

MM&S to receive committee report and adopt item-by-item. All items carried.

Executive Committee Report: We the Executive Committee recommend the following to be issued cards of good standing for 1987 as ordained ministers of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference: Larry Collins, Gary Mitchener, Rick Messer and Gary Brunson as a licensed minister.

Larry Collins  
Rick Messer  
Gary R. Mitchener

MMS&C to receive report as read.

Report on Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College was given by Bro. Richard Terry.

Minutes read thus far, MMS&C to approve as read.

MMS&C to dismiss Business portion of Saturday meeting.

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

Congregational Song: "God Leads Us Along"

Prayer: Rev. Larry Collins, Emporia

Congregational Song: "Victory in Jesus"

Offering received, led in prayer by Rev. Rick Messer, Topeka

Special Music: "If You're Happy and You Know It" - Tammy  
"Make My Life a Living Sacrifice" - Rev. Mike Robinson

Message: Rev. Richard Terry, Director of Development, Hillsdale Free Will  
Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma  
I John 1:7 and I Peter 1:18-19 "What We Should Preach - The Blood of  
Christ"

Invitation

Announcements: Men's Retreat - May 7-9  
Youth Camp - Prairie View Camp in Ark City, Bro. Mike Messer  
will be our Camp Evangelist.

Benediction and Blessing on Food: Bro. Jim Brewer, Topeka

Respectfully Submitted,

*Judy Sprout*  
Judy Sprout, Clerk



## 25th ANNIVERSARY OF EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

February 14, 1987

### History Report

On May 18th and 19th of 1962, three churches, in the Kansas City area, met together to organize the East Kansas Quarterly Meeting. They were: New Hope, Kansas City, Timberlane, Olathe, and Skyline, Kansas City.

The first officers of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference were: Rev. James McAllister, Moderator; Elmer Russell, Asst. Moderator, and Paul Ussery was elected Clerk-Treasurer. Those elected to the Executive Committee were: D. T. Eaves, Jack McAllister, Jack Stallings, Clarence Howard, and Ernest Bailey.

It has been 25 years since that first conference and this conference today marks the 100th Session of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference.

Several churches have been added to the Quarterly. They are: Topeka, in 1962, New Harmony in 1963, Belton in 1964, Faith in 1966, Emporia in 1972, Kaw Valley in 1981, and Salina in 1985. Unfortunately only four churches remain faithful to the Quarterly Conference today, Bethel, Topeka, Emporia, and the Salina First Church.

One fact that we are proud of is that during the past 25 years 27 men have been ordained to preach the gospel in our conference and 10 men have been licensed to preach the gospel. (Attached is a list of those ordained and licensed.)

Our attendance at the East Kansas Quarterly has been low as 15 and as high as 73 with our average around 35-40.

At this time I would like to acknowledge those churches who are currently still a part of our Conference. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Salina is our youngest member. They joined our Conference in February of 1985. Rev. Gary Mitchener, Pastor.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Emporia has been a member of our Conference since May of 1973, 13 years. They started as a mission work with Bro. Robert Clyatt as founding Pastor. Today their pastor is Rev. Larry Collins.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka was one of the first additions to the East Kansas Quarterly Conference. They were first mentioned in the records in November of 1962 as a mission work and became a member of the Conference in 1964, 23 years ago. Their founding pastor was Rev. Robert Sharpy. Rev. Rick Messer is their current pastor.

The fourth Church in our Quarterly Conference today is the only one of the founding Churches that is still with us today. They started in the Quarterly Conference as the Skyline Church and later changed their name to the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. Their pastor at that time was Rev. Elmer Russell. Today their pastor is Rev. Mike Robinson.

At this time I would like to acknowledge some very special people. We have with us today two people who have been with the Quarterly Conference since it's beginning. They are Sis. Jewell Roark and Sis. Edith Blair. Sis. Blair, I might add, has been the Treasurer for the East Kansas Quarterly Conference since February of 1975. While it was heartbreaking to see so many people and church that have come and gone while researching the past records, I was so encourage as a young christian to see these two who have been so faithful all these years. Thank you so much for the example of faith that your lives have been to all of us.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Jack Stallings	Charles Dozier
D. T. Eaves	James Summerson
Jack McAllister	Larry D. Messer
James McAllister	Rue Dell Smith
Ernest Bailey	Charles Murphy
David Lunday	Mike Rhodes
Howard Hensley	Gary Elder
Robert Sharry	Virgil Nolen
Bill Hall	Elwin A. Clifton, Jr.
Carl Thompson	Rick Messer
Richard Terry	Ben Cotter
Don Bullard	Gary Mitchener
Lester Lemons	Larry Collins
Robert Clyatt	

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Junior Ussery	Vernon Arthur
Faye Green	Fred Wallis
Glenn Murray	Mark Tams
Lavon Lawler	Jim Mize
Bill Page	Gary Bunson



BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Kansas City, Kansas

February 14, 1987

April 23, 1961, the Skyline Armordale Free Will Baptist Church was organized at 2:30 p.m. at 734 Osage Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas by The Quarterly Conference Board. Rev. James McAllister, Moderator. Rev. Elmer Russell was elected Pastor.

Church moved from Skyline Armordale Center to 1113 Kansas Avenue. Had first Sunday Service September 23.

January 17, 1963, name of Church was changed from Skyline to Bethel.

June 5th, voted to purchase lot on 67th and Georgia Avenue for \$5000 or less if we could vote to start procedures.

January 1, 1969, enough money was raised to finish paying for the lot.

October 5, 1969 voted to move to Bro. Murray's basement, across from the Church.

November 9, 1969, Church decided to go ahead and get bond program started and plans for building were drawn up.

March 1, 1970, voted to have Bro. Glenn Murray's brother build the church.

Moved into the new building and had our first service November 8, 1970.

Pastors: Rev. Elmer Russell  
Rev. Melvin Batson  
Rev. Howard Hensley  
Rev. Carl Thompson  
Rev. Glenn Murray  
Rev. Donald Bullard  
Rev. Charles Dozier  
Rev. Larry Messer  
Rev. Elwin Clifton

Temporary: Bill Page  
Bill Christenson  
Vernon Arthur

Fill In: Max Haigue  
Faber Hall

Current: Michael D. Robinson

Church was dedicated in January 23, 1971.

# CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Great Bend, Kansas

February 14, 1987

## History Report

In a building purchased by the Kansas State Home Missions Board for \$21,000, the Central Free Will Baptist Church met for the first time. On that day, July 10, 1983, there were 64 in attendance. The Singing Terrys gave the day a special blessing with their singing and testimonies. Bro. Gary Brunson represented the Missions Board at their first meeting. The Pastor and Founder of the Church, Bro. Gary Elder had worked for several months preparing for that day. Many hours were devoted to visitation, praying, and planning for the event. There was much work and many gospel seeds planted that first year as a result of Bro. Elder.

Upon receiving the resignation of Bro. Elder, August 1, 1984, the Mission Board set out to find a replacement. In November of 1984, Bro. Gary Brunson began holding services for the church. For eight (8) months the trip from Salina to Great Bend was a normal weekend for the Brunson family. In that eight months God blessed in a mighty way. In March of 1985 the Church experienced a great outpouring of His spirit. With many people being saved and a "Big" day on March, 108 people came to worship. In June of the same year Bro. Brunson moved to Great Bend to assume full-time duties as pastor. In July of 1985 he traveled to the National Association being held at Nashville, Tennessee, and was approved as the first Associate Missionary. Since then several men have been approved for the program.

Many great things could be said about what God has done but the most important are the souls that have been won to Christ. Already two of our members who prepared themselves for eternity in our church have went on to heaven. In 3½ years the church has seen 26 baptized, with 41 currently on the membership roll. Finishing 1986 with an average of 43 on Sunday morning we are going to continue to grow this year.

We wish to thank all who have had a part both in prayers and support in helping the church get to where it is today. Your love and encouragement means so much to us. God bless you in your work for the Lord.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Emporia, Kansas

February 14, 1987

History Report

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Home Missionary, held the first services in Emporia, Kansas, on June 18, 1972, at 605 Congress in the pastor's home. There were 17 present, offering totaled \$42.19.

The first Sunday of September, 1972, services began to be held in the Odd Fellows Lodge, 882 W. 5th.

Organization Service was held March 15, 1973. Woman's Auxiliary organized in 1973.

August 1973, bought land at present location.

August 19, 1974, Rev. Jim Summerson assumed pastorate.

Building on land completed September 15, 1975. Decicated October 19th.

Charlie Murphy served as pastor for 9 months. Mike Rhodes served as pastor for 7 years. Current pastor is Larry Collins.

Charter members are: Jack Robison, Eva Robison, Rodney Robison, Charles Robison, Gene Nurnburg, Shirly Nurnburg.

First member to join the church is Della Lyons in the fall of 1973. The first baptized was Kenny and Sherril Smith.

# FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Salina, Kansas

February 14, 1987

## History Report

God's call was given to Pastor Dick Shade and Layman Trymon Messer on July 24, 1964. Bro. Dick Shade, pastor of the Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Bro. Trymon moved their families to Salina on September 3, 1964.

After knocking many doors and after enlisting the interest of some families, a Revival was held on October 18, 1964. The first convert was a lady named Marg Reep from Salina. After that Marg brought her husband, Bob Reep, and through Bob Reep's exertment he invited a friend named Nick Huntley and then later Bob Reep led Nick to the Lord. Nick Huntly now pastors a church in California. A short time after Nick Huntley got saved he led his friends Troy and Alice Shimm to the Lord and from there it just became a chain reaction.

On November 17, 1964, a building was rented at 201 E. Minneapolis Street, Salina, for the amount of \$35.00 a month. In May 1965 began building a church building that would hold about 175 people. Bro. Dick Shade was the first pastor of the church.

After Bro. Shade left, Bro. Trymon, Layman, was asked to fill in until the church could locate a pastor. Thirteen and a half years later the church called Bro. Galen Dunbar. Bro. Galen served for four years. Then God sent Bro. Nathan Eason. Bro. Eason served for two years. The current pastor is now Bro. Gary Mitchener.



# FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Topeka, Kansas

February 14, 1987

## History Report

In 1962 Rev. Robert Sharry, employed by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, began a mission work in Topeka, Kansas. The first meeting of this mission was held at Hume Music Company, in a class room on 6th Avenue. A total of seven were in attendance (Robert Sharry, Tommie Sharry, Jimmy Sharry, Theresa Sharry, Helen McCain, her daughter Linda McCain, and a visiting boy).

The Organizational Meeting was held on May 29, 1964. Message was by Rev. Lonnie Devault, Pastor of Capital Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Eight joined the membership roll and the name adopted was the First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka.

Bro. Sharry made a personal contract with the owner of the property at the present location (3900 Shunga Drive) to purchase it. Rev. Sharry paid \$500.00 down and made personal payments on the property. When the property was paid in full, he deeded the property to the Church. Bonds were sold for the total of \$30,000 to begin a building program. Once again the Sharry's made a personal sacrifice by selling their home and giving the equity to the church. Sis. Sharry's dad loaned the church \$10,000.

Rev. Sharry pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka for ten years during which time a record attendance of 90 was reached.

In 1962, Rev. Sharry resigned and recommended that Rev. Richard Terry, who was currently a member of the Church, be elected as pastor. Recommendation was accepted and Rev. Terry became pastor on February 16, 1972. Rev. Terry pastored for six and a half years and set new attendance records of 91 in March of 1972 and 115 in June of 1972.

Rev. Gary Elder became pastor of the church on January 3, 1979. He came to Kansas from Star City, Arkansas. He pastored four years and set a new attendance record of 129 in March of 1981.

Rev. Rick Messer became pastor on May 19, 1983 and is the current pastor. New record attendances have been set in October, 1983 of 133, April, 1984 of 167, and November, 1986 of 197. A Bus Ministry was started in the fall of 1984. Property was purchased for a new building in May of 1986, and a Building Committee was elected in June, 1986.



MINUTES  
101st SESSION  
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
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Meeting at the  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
1720 East 6th Avenue  
Emporia, Kansas  
May 15-16, 1987

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FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - 7:30 p.m.

Conference opened by Rev. Larry Collins, Moderator

Congregational Song: "Redeemed" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

Prayer by Rev. Mike Messer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Salina

Welcome by Rev. Larry Collins, First Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia

Response by Bro. Bill Cordill, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City

Congregational Song: "Joy Unspeakable"

Offering Received: \$20.50

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel	12
	Emporia	15
	Salina	5
	Topeka	0
	Visitors	0
	Total	32

Special Music by the Emporia Quartet

Message: Rev. Mike Robinson, Pastor, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,  
Kansas City, Kansas  
"Glorifying and Edifying the Saints"

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Lloyd Moore, Louis Oelke, Bill Lepping  
Obituary Committee: No need at this time.  
Public Morals Committee: Standing Committee

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

Benediction and Blessing on Refreshments

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 16, 1987

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

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

Session called to order by Rev. Larry Collins, Moderator

Prayer by Bro. Louis Oelke

Congregational Song: "Love Lifted Me"

Testimony Time - Isaiah 58:11 - Prayer by Rev. Larry Collins, Emporia

Reading of the Local Church Letters. MM&S to accept the letters as read and seat the Delegates, motion carried.

Moderator read rules of order.

Remainder of the February Minutes were read. MM&S to receive minutes as read, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Bill Cordill, MM&S to receive as read, motion carried, balance \$190.30.

Demonstration of Bible Sword Drill and Bible Memorization by Brian Messer, Marcus Brewer, and Amy Jo Brewer.

Dismissed for recess in prayer led by Bro. Bob Lee, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka.

RECESS

#### Committee Reports:

##### Business Committee Report:

- 1) Give Emporia standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.
- 2) We give Bro. Mike Robinson \$75.00 honorarium.
- 3) Bro. Mike Messer be speaker for next session.
- 4) We recommend to bring before State Meeting that they send \$25.00 per delegate elected to go to National Association to help with their expense on and above the original registration fee.

Signed,

Lloyd Moore  
Louis Oelke  
Bill Lepping

## Public Morals Committee Report

### "Beware of T.V."

We of the Public Morals Committee would like to warn every Christian family of a very dangerous tool that Satan is using to get into our homes. Television!

True, there are some Christian and Educational stations now--but what filth and deceit do we excuse for it's presence in our home?

Would we allow cursing, nudity, and humanistic teachings in our homes in any other form? We do if we have an uncontrolled television under our roof!

What about satanic cult worship, murder, rape? Turn on the tube and one of these themes will show up before the day is over.

Some questions we need to ask are: Does the T.V. benefit our Christian home? Does it exalt Christ? Can we control the T.V. or does it control us?

Remember the verse James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Respectfully Submitted

Linda L. Lee (Chairman)  
Betty Cordill  
Blanche Lepping

Motion made and seconded to receive both the Business Committee and Public Morals Committee Reports and adopt item-by-item, motion carried. All items carried.

## Auditing Committee Report

We the Committee find the treasurer's books in correct order.

Signed,

Bill Cordill  
Lloyd Moore  
Hildred Summers

Motion made and seconded to receive report and approve, motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to approve recommendation from the Topeka Church to send Marcus Brewer and Amy Jo Brewer in Bible Sword Drill and Bible Memorization respectively, to the National Youth Competition, motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to approve recommendation from Salina to approve Rev. Gary Brunson for ordination, motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to approve Quarterly letter to State Association, motion carried.

Delegates elected to the State Meeting are as follows: Mike Messer, Laney Messer, Bob Lee, Linda Lee, and Donna Brewer. Alternates selected are as follows: Edith Blair, Hildred Summers, Donna Messer, and Blanche Lepping.

Minutes read thus far. Motion made and seconded to approve as read, motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to dismiss business portion, motion carried.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Song: "Stand Up for Jesus"

Prayer led by Bro. Lloyd Moore, Bethel

Congregational Song: "Tell it to Jesus"

Offering Received led in prayer by Bro. Jack Robinson, Emporia

Special Music by Rev. Larry Collins, Emporia - "Something Worth Living For" and "I'll Tell the World that I'm a Christian"

Message: Rev. Mike Robinson, Pastor, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church,  
Kansas City, Kansas  
"Judging Others" Romans 14:1-10, I Corin. 3:6-9  
Prayer by Bro. Mike

Announcements: Revival Services in Topeka starting tomorrow thru Friday  
with Dr. Joe Ange.  
Youth Camp August 17-21, Fee \$55.00  
State Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

*Judy Sprout*  
Judy Sprout, Clerk

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Meeting at  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
611 Willis, Salina, Kansas

August 14-15, 1987

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

Conference opened in song - "I Am Thine O Lord"

Prayer led by Bro. Jim Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

Welcome by Rev. Mike Messer, Pastor of the Salina First Free Will Baptist Church.

Response by Bro. Jim Brewer, Topeka

Congregational Song, "Sweet By and By"

Offering received, led in prayer by Rev. Larry Collins, Pastor of the Emporia First Free Will Baptist Church. Total received \$22.25.

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel	1
	Emporia	10
	Salina	15
	Topeka	9
	Visitors	<u>1</u>
	Total	36

Special Music by the Salina Church: "Somebody Prayed for Me" by Bro. Greg and Sis. Bea Adams

Message: Rev. Mike Messer, Pastor of the Salina First Free Will Baptist Church. Scripture: I Peter 4:17-18, Isaiah 1:11-16, Ezekiel 9:4-7

Invitation



Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Louis Oelke, Bob Lee, Mike Messer (Chairman)

Obituary Committee: Patricia Collins, Donna Brewer

Announcements: Woman's Auxiliary Meeting, Saturday morning, 8:30 a.m.

Benediction by Bro. Warren Jones, First Free Will Baptist Church, Salina

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1987

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

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

Session called to order by Rev. Larry Collins, Moderator

Prayer by Bro. Bob Lee, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

Congregational Song: "He Keeps Me Singing"

Devotion by Rev. Larry Collins - I John 3:1-3 - Bro. Larry led in prayer.

Reading of the Local Church letters. MM&S to accept the letters as read and seat the Delegates, motion carried.

Moderator read rules of order.

Remainder of the May minutes were read. MM&S to approve minutes as read, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was not given, Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer were not present.

Dismissed for recess in prayer led by Bro. Louis Oelke, First Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia.

RECESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Committee Report:

1. Give Salina Church standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.
2. We give Bro. Mike Messer \$50.00 honorarium.

3. We would like to have one of the new pastors in the State to be the speaker for the next session. Bro. Bozeman from Wellington.

Bob Lee  
Michael Messer  
Louis Oelke

MM&S to receive report as whole and act upon the items, motion carried.

Obituary Committee Report:

The Lord in His infinite wisdom has called home to be with Him our brother in Christ, Larry Cooper, of the Salina First Free Will Baptist Church.

We recommend that the body rise and have a moment of silent prayer and that the moderator appoint someone to lead in a prayer for strength and wisdom for this family.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Collins  
Donna Brewer

MM&S to receive report as read and act upon it, motion carried.

Public Morals Committee Report:

We the Public Morals Committee desire the prayers of every Christian as we look around at all the false prophets and false teachings in our world today, as Jude spoke of in Jude 3-5: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

There are so many whom would like for us to turn our backs on the truth in God's Word and believe in the truth as they see and tell it.

These people come into our homes everyday and into our lives through television, newspapers, and even our schools.

We as Christians need to be aware and deeply concerned for our children, world, and our own Christian walk with God.

We need to take a stand and let Satan know that we are aware of his deceptiveness and through the grace of God shall have victory over him and his angels.

As in I John 4:4, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lee, Chairman  
Blanche Lepping  
Della Lyons

MM&S to receive report as read, motion carried.

Letter of request for recommendation for Rev. Gary Mitchener from the Mount Zion Association was read. MM&S to grant request for letter of recommendation for Rev. Gary Mitchener. Motion Carried.

MM&S to approve minutes as read thus far, motion carried.

Bro. Mike Messer acknowledged Amy Jo Brewer and Marcus Brewer for their placings in the National Youth Competition at the National Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. Amy Jo took 3rd in Bible Memorization and Marcus took 3rd in Bible Sword Drill.

MM&S to dismiss Business meeting, motion carried. Dismissed the Business portion of the Saturday meeting in prayer led by Bro. Terry Hunington of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

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

Congregational Song: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Prayer led by Rev. Larry Collins, Emporia

Congregational Song: "Bringing In The Sheaves"

Offering received, led in prayer by Bro. Jim Brewer, Topeka.

Special Music by Rev. Larry Collins, "Springs of Living Water"

Message: Rev. Mike Messer, Pastor of the Salina First Free Will Baptist Church, Scripture: Exodus 14:14, I Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:15, Matthew 1:21, John 8:34-35

Announcements: Emporia Revival, September 20-25 with Richard Adams  
Youth Camp Starts Monday, August 17th.

Benediction and Blessing on Food by Bro. Bill Lepping, Salina First Free  
Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Sprout*

Judy Sprout, Clerk

MINUTES  
103RD SESSION  
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at

First Free Will Baptist Church  
3900 Shunga Drive

November 13-14, 1987

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

Conference opened by Rev. Larry Collins, Moderator.

Congregational Song: "Victory in Jesus"

Prayer led by Rev. Gary Brunson, Pastor, Central Free Will Baptist Church of Great Bend.

Welcome by Rev. Rick Messer, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka.

Response by Bro. Bill Cordill, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Congregational Song: "His Way With Thee"

Offering received, led in prayer by Bro. Jim Brewer, Topeka. Special Song sung by Linda Lee, Carol Henderson, and Willa Brown - "When He Was On The Cross, I Was On His Mind"

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel	8
	Great Bend	3
	Emporia	6
	Salina	8
	Topeka	31
	Visitors	<u>10</u>
	Total	66

Special Music by the Topeka Church: "Ten Thousand Years" sung by Willa Brown, Rasha and Heba Bishara, Donna Brewer, Gary Brunson, and Rick Messer.

Message: Rev. Ken Bozeman, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kan. Scripture: John 4:31-38 "The Harvest is Great, but the Labourers are Few."

Invitation



Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Jim Brewer (Chairman), Craig Massey, Randy Hederstedt

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

Benediction and Blessing on refreshments by Bro. Bill Cordill, Kansas City

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SATURDAY MORNING, November 14, 1987

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

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

Session called to order by Rev. Larry Collins, Moderator

Prayer by Rev. Larry Collins, First Free Will Baptist Church of Emporia

Congregational Song: "To God Be The Glory"

Devotion presented by Bro. Jim Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka. II Kings 5:1-11, 13-15

Reading of the Local Church letters. MM&S to accept the letters as read and seat the Delegates, motion carried.

Remainder of the August minutes were read. MM&S to approve minutes as read, motion carried.

Moderator read rules of order.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Bill Cordill, Treasurer, with a balance of \$230.83, MM&S to approve as read, motion carried. (Copy of report attached.)

Dismissed for recess in prayer led by Rev. Gary Brunson, Great Bend.

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MM&S to accept letters of resignation from Bro. Bill Lepping from the position of Asst. Clerk/Treasurer and Sis. Blanche Lepping from position on the Public Morals Committee, motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Business Committee Report:

We, the Business Committee, have met and respectfully recommend the following:

- 1) An honorarium of \$100.00 be paid to our speaker, Rev. Ken Bozeman.
- 2) Rev. Jim Shepherd of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Grandview, Missouri, be the speaker for the next Quarterly Conference. If Bro. Shepherd is not available, we recommend that Rev. Rick Messer be the speaker.
- 3) The Executive Board of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference draft a proposed amendment to Article VIII of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference Constitution in response to:  
"Corrupting philosophical trends which threaten the theological integrity, and doctrinal distinctiveness of our Denomination, i.e., qualifications for pastors accepted within this conference and specifically regarding the issue of divorce.
- 4) A standing vote of thanks be given to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka for their hospitality.
- 5) That Bro. Craig Massey be elected to fill the vacant office of Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.

Signed: Randy Hederstedt  
Craig Massey  
James O. Brewer

MM&S to receive report as read, motion carried.

### Credentials Committee Report:

The Credentials Committee met on October 3, 1987, in Salina, Kansas to examine Rev. Mike Messer for recommendation of ordination. Rev. Messer was licensed in Colorado at the First Colorado State Association and is recommended by that Association for ordination. Upon the conclusion of the examination being satisfactorily, the Credentials Committee recommends Rev. Mike Messer for ordination.

The Credential Committee met on November 13, 1987, to examine Bro. Mike Robinson for recommendation for licensing. The conclusion of the examination is satisfactory at this time. However, in order to comply with our East Kansas Quarterly Constitution, Article VIII, paragraph 3 of page 5, which reads:

"A minister coming from another Denomination shall be sent to the Credentials Board to be examined as a minister for license, and if accepted, will be placed on probation for one year."

We, therefore, recommend that Bro. Mike Robinson be licensed as a minister in good standing and that during the probation period the Credentials Committee meet with Bro. Mike Robinson as we deem necessary to further instruct Bro. Robinson in areas of history and doctrine of Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick D. Messer  
Larry M. Collins

MM&S to approve report as read, motion carried.

Public Morals Committee Report:

We, the Morals Committee feel we as Christians need to reaffirm our stand against the Lottery.

The promoters of the Lottery call it a voluntary tax, but it is another method of creating revenue by state government who has not properly managed previous funds. It is not an answer to a state's financial problem.

We as Christians need not only stand in opposition to the Lottery, but stand on the promises of the scriptures, Proverbs 3:5-7, by trusting our future to the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5-7 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not into thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil."

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda L. Lee (Chairman)  
Della Lyons  
Blanche Lepping

MM&S to accept report as read, motion carried.

Rev. Larry Collins, Moderator, appointed Sis. Sherry Messer to fill the vacancy on the Public Morals Committee.

MM&S to approve minutes as read thus far, motion carried.

MM&S to dismiss Business Session, dismissed the Business portion of Saturday meeting, led in prayer by Rev. Mike Robinson, Pastor, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

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

Congregational Song: "Redeemed"

Prayer by Bro. Randy Hederstedt, First Free Will Baptist Church of Salina.

Congregational Song: "Stand Up For Jesus"

Offering received, led in prayer by Bro. Laney Messer, First Free Will Baptist Church of Topeka.

Special Music by the Topeka Church: "Jesus Now More Than Ever" sung by Sis. Donna Brewer.

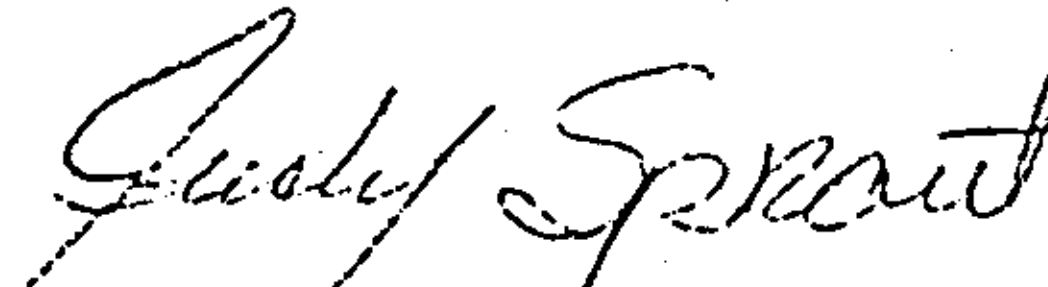
Message: Rev. Ken Bozeman, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wellington, Kansas. Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:11-13 "Some Good Advise - Fear God, Love God, and Obey God"

Invitation - Song "Just As I Am"

Recognition of Winner of State Sunday School Campaign - Garden City!!

Benediction and Blessing on Food by Bro. Craig Massey, First Free Will Baptist Church of Emporia.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Sprout, Clerk