

MINUTES
129TH SESSION
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

***** Meeting at the *****

First Free Will Baptist Church
3900 Shunga Drive
Topeka, Kansas

***** May 6-7, 1994 *****

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

Meeting opened in prayer by Rev. James O. Mize, Moderator

Congregational Song: "At Calvary"

Welcome by Rev. Jerry Murphree, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

Response by Bro. Lloyd Moore, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

Congregational Songs: "When I See The Blood"

Offering received (\$26.61), led in prayer by Bro. Jerry Murphree, Jr., First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka.

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel.....	4
	Emporia.....	0
	Topeka.....	23
	Visitors.....	<u>1</u>
	Total.....	28

Congregational Song: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

Special Music: Marcus Brewer - "The Broken Rose"

Message: Rev. Jerry McClary, Pastor, Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Nehemiah 4:13-18, Ezra 1:1-3,5 "The Urgency of Building the Church"

Invitation

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Rev. Jerry Murphree, Chairman
Bro. Lloyd Moore
Bro. Charles McFarland

Obituary Committee: Sis. Donna Brewer
Sis. Karen Mize
Sis. Clara Redding

Announcements:

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

Benediction and blessing on refreshments by Rev. Jerry Murphree.

Saturday Morning, May 7, 1994

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

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

Session opened in prayer by Bro. James O. Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

Congregational Song: "Follow On"

Devotion given by Bro. Jim Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka.

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

Moderator read the Rules of Order.

The remainder of the February minutes were read, MM & S to approve minutes as read, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Jim Brewer, Treasurer, with a balance of \$248.90, (copy attached). MM & S to approve the report as read, motion carried.

Dismissed for recess in prayer led by Bro. Lloyd Moore, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee Report:

1. Contacted Bro. Jerry McClary to speak at the East Kansas Quarterly Conference to be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas, on May 6-7, 1994.
2. Spent time in fellowship, talking about current affairs and upcoming events.
3. Bro. Jerry Murphree also gave us an update from the EKQC Public Morals Committee and phone numbers of our Legislators.

Signed: James O. Mize
Lloyd Moore

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

Obituary Committee Report:

The Lord in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call home our sister in Christ, Mrs. Opal Peet, from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas.

We would like to request that the body stand for a moment of silent prayer and remember her family in prayer.

Signed: Clara Redding
Karen Mize
Donna Brewer

MM&S to accept the report and grant the request, motion carried.
Marcus Brewer led in prayer.

Public Morals Committee Report: (see attached)

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

Business Committee Report:

We recommend the following:

1. An honorarium of \$125.00 be given to our guest speaker (Rev. Jerry McClary).
2. We recommend that the Executive Board call Rev. Bruce Thurman of Hutchinson to be our next speaker with Bro. Jim Mize of Bethel being alternate speaker.
3. A standing vote of thanks be given to the host church.
4. We recommend that the Executive Board of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference adopt a letter to be sent to the Emporia Church offering any assistance we can in finding a pastor.
5. A special prayer be offered for the State meeting and Ulysses church (at this time).

Signed: Jerry Murphree
Lloyd Moore
Charles E. McFarland

MM&S to accept the report as read and act upon Items 3 and 5, motion carried.

MM&S to have the Quarterly Clerk send an additional letter to the Emporia Church offering the assistance and support of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference in their search for a pastor and waiving their \$30.00 delegate fee to the EKQC until they have a pastor, motion carried.

MM&S to elect Phyllis Murphree, Marcus Brewer, Doris Moore, Charles McFarland, and Janet Warden to be the EKQC delegates to the State Meeting in June and give the Moderator authority to appoint others as needed, motion carried.

MM&S that the EKQC letter to the State be sent as presented, motion carried.

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

MM&S to dismiss the Business portion of Saturday meeting, motion carried.

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

Prayer led by Kami Warden, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Congregational Song: "He Set Me Free"

Offering received (\$41.45), led in prayer by Bro. Charles McFarland, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka.

Congregational Song: "Down at the Cross"

Special Music: Paula Murphree & Rachel McFarland - "Thank You"

Message: Rev. Jerry McClary, Pastor, Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska
II Thess. 3:13 "The Temptation of Being Weary"

Invitation

Benediction and blessing on food by Sis. Karen Mize, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sprout
Judy Sprout, Clerk

Minutes taken and typed by Sis. Judy Sprout.

EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

Balance last Quarter \$ 194.30

Receipts: (February 1994 meeting)

Offerings:

Friday Evening \$ 28.10

Saturday Morning 86.50

Total Offerings \$ 114.60

Representation Fees 90.00

Total Receipts 204.60

Balance plus receipts \$398.90

Disbursements:

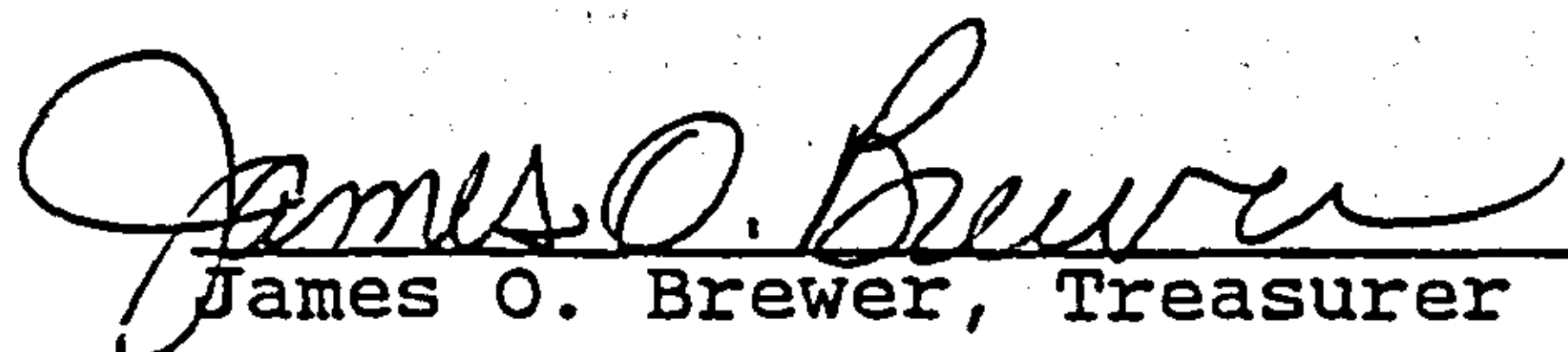
Speaker (Rev. Jerry Murphree) \$ 125.00

Clerk (Judy Sprout) 25.00

Total Disbursements 150.00

Balance minus Disbursements \$ 248.90

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE BALANCE \$ 248.90


James O. Brewer, Treasurer

May 5, 1994
Date

REPORT OF THE EKOC PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

May 7, 1994

"It gets dark early in the Midwest this time of year. Long before many parents are home from work, the shadows creep up the walls and gather in the corners, while on the carpet a little figure sprawls in the glow emanating from an anchorman's tan. There's been a murder in the Loop, a fire in the nightclub, an indictment of another priest. Red and blue lights swirl in urgent pinwheels as the ambulances howl down the dark streets. And one more crime that never gets reported, because there's no one to arrest. Who killed childhood? We all did!

The foregoing paragraph was copied from a Newsweek article entitled "Growing Up Scared: How Our Kids are Robbed of Their Childhood," by Jerry Adler. The article also went on to state that a child is 15 times more likely to be shot in the United States than in Northern Ireland! Parents in some inner-city neighborhoods make their kids sleep in bathtubs to protect them from stray bullets crashing through the walls!

Why is there so much violence in America today? Where did we go wrong? Who's to blame for the condition America is in today? Perhaps we could blame the government, perhaps the school system. It would be easy to blame others for the conditions this country is in, but would that be fair? Matthew 5:14-16 states "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Perhaps Christians have kept the candles hidden under that bushel for too long.

Violence in America and in our children is escalating hourly. Who of us has picked up a newspaper or turned on the news without hearing of another child that was murdered or has committed murder. One thing is evident, Christians need to let the "light so shine before men" now more than ever before.

The influences of violence on society today are many. One of the most common, and easily accessible, sources of violent influence on society, especially children, is entertainment...movies, music, and television. How many homes do you know of are without a TV. Even in the poorest homes you will find at least one TV. In many homes the TV has become the family babysitter, sometimes because parents have no other choice but to leave their children at home unattended or in other, more tragic cases, simply because the parents don't care enough about their children to monitor what they watch.

Study after study, survey after survey has proven there is a direct link between violence on T.V. and violent behavior in children.

MTV - with its fixation on sex and violence, admits being out to shape this generation of young people. MTV has affected the way an entire generation thinks, talks, dresses, and buys. In November 1992 MTV came out with an animated program called "Beavis and Butt-Head". Since that time there have been numerous reported incidents where children committed violent acts after watching it. In Moraine, Ohio, the mother of a five-year old who started a fire that killed his younger sister blames the cartoon. The five-year old told authorities that he had watched an episode where the characters said that playing with fire was fun. In Houston, Texas, two 7th graders were emulating the stars of the show when they set three apartment complexes on fire.

Does entertainment influence our children...the answer is a most definite YES!

We, the Public Morals Committee, would like to urge all Churches in the East Kansas Quarterly Conference to get actively involved in fighting this kind of evil influence on our children. Here is how you can help:

1. Examine your own family viewing habits. A good rule to go by is that if kids shouldn't watch it, neither should adults.
2. PRAY--The most powerful tool that Christians have is the power of prayer.
3. Sign up to receive the American Family Association Journal. This organization is a watchdog organization that monitors television programming and then passes along to their subscribers those corporations who sponsor violent, offensive programming.
4. Write the sponsors and tell them how you feel...be polite! Let them know that you will boycott their products until such a time as they change their advertising policies and then follow through with the boycott.
5. Write your legislators...let them know where you stand on issues that involve morality.
4. DON'T QUIT--change will not be made overnight!

Remember, if there is any hope for a change in America then it must come from godly men and women who proclaim the Lord Jesus to an ungodly society.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warden
Steve P. Musher
Judy Sprout

MINUTES
130TH SESSION
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OF
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***** Meeting at the *****

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

***** August 19-20, 1994 *****

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

Conference called to order by Bro. Jim Mize. Six first-time visitors recognized and welcomed.

Meeting opened in prayer by Rev. James O. Mize, for Topeka for safety on road.

Congregational Song: "Dwelling in Beulah Land" and "Living By Faith"

Welcome by Bro. Clyde Davis, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Response by Bro. Louis Oelke, First Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas, Romans 12:1 and II Corinthians 6:2, led in congregational song "Thank You Lord"

Congregational Song: "Heaven Came Down"

Offering received (\$38.37), led in prayer by Bro. Jim Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka.

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel.....	14
	Emporia.....	6
	Topeka.....	16
	Visitors.....	<u>7</u>
	Total.....	43

Congregational Song: "Little Is Much When God Is In It"

Special Music: Piano Solo by Kami Warden, "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Bro. Jim Mize - "I Will Glory In The Cross"

Message: Rev. Bruce Thurmon, First Free Will Baptist Church,
Hutchinson, Kansas
II Chronicles 7:14 "Is God Speaking Today?"
1) God's Call to His People
2) God's People Changing Direction
3) God's Answer to Our Plea

Invitation

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Rev. Jerry Murphree, Chairman
Bro. Louis Oelke
Bro. Charles McFarland

Announcements:

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

Benediction and blessing on refreshments by Bro. Bill Cordill, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Saturday Morning, August 20, 1994

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

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

Session opened in prayer by Rev. Jerry Murphree, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

Congregational Song: "Just Over In The Glory Land"

Devotion given by Bro. Lloyd Moore, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas - II Kings 7:9

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

Moderator read the Rules of Order.

The remainder of the May minutes were read, MM & S to approve minutes as read, with correction, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Jim Brewer, Treasurer, with a balance of \$171.96, (copy attached). MM & S to approve the report as read, motion carried.

Dismissed for recess in prayer led by Rev. James O. Mize, Pastor Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Committee Reports:

Public Morals Committee Report: (see attached)

MM&S to accept the report as read and act upon the request, motion carried.

Business Committee Report:

We recommend the following:

1. An honorarium of \$125.00 be given to our guest speaker (Rev. Bruce Thurman).
2. That the Executive Board call Bro. Bob Brown of Wichita to be our next speaker, with Bro. Jim Mize of Bethel as alternate speaker.
3. That we have a standing vote of thanks to the host church.
4. Have a special prayer for the Wellington Church that God's work there would go forward and God will lead a man of his choosing there to fill that vacancy.
5. Continued prayer for the State Missions Board as they search for a man for the Wellington Mission work.
6. Continued prayer for our sister churches, unity in our state, and revival throughout the state of Kansas.

Signed: Jerry Murphree
Louis Oelke
Charles E. McFarland

MM&S to accept the report as read and adopt item by item, motion carried, all items carried.

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

Bro. Jim Brewer gave a report on Youth Camp.

Upcoming Events: Topeka - Church Picnic, Sept. 5 @ 11:00 a.m.
Bethel - Revival with Van Dale Hudson, Sept. 5-9
Wichita - Revival/Leadership Conference with
Don Guthrie
Hutchinson - Prayer Revival with Danny Phillips
First Kansas Quarterly will be meeting in Salina
in October.

Dismissed the Business portion of Saturday meeting in prayer by Bro. Jim Mize.

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

Congregational Song: "To God Be The Glory"

Offering received (\$35.50), led in prayer by Bro. Lloyd Moore, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Kami Warden played "The Church in the Wildwood" for offering.

Congregational Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Special Music: Nani McFarland, Amy Jo Brewer, Paula Murphree, Rachel McFarland, and Kami Warden - "God on the Mountain"

Message: Rev. Bruce Thurman, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas

Nehemiah 4:6 "A Vision"

- 1) Before we can have a vision we must have the right mind.
- 2) Before we can have a vision we must have the right heart.
- 3) When we put the right mind and the right heart together we will begin to have a vision.

Invitation

Benediction and blessing on food by Bro. Marcus Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Sprout, Clerk

Minutes taken and typed by Sis. Judy Sprout.

EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

Balance last Quarter \$ 248.90

Receipts: (May 1994 meeting)

Offerings:

Friday Evening \$ 26.61

Saturday Morning 41.45

Total Offerings \$ 68.06

Representation Fees 90.00

Total Receipts 158.06

Balance plus receipts \$ 406.96

Disbursements:

Speaker (Rev. Jerry McClary) . \$ 150.00

Clerk (Judy Sprout) 25.00

Kansas State Association . . . 60.00
(delegate fees)

Total Disbursements 235.00

Balance minus Disbursements \$ 171.96

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE BALANCE \$ 171.96

James O. Brewer
James O. Brewer, Treasurer
August 18, 1994
Date

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE REPORT

August 20, 1994

I John 2: 15-16 states that we, as Christians, should "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

In society today there are many issues that face Christians that are of major concern. Some of the issues that Christians need to keep informed of are:

1. Abortion (Exodus 20:13)
2. The violent and immoral influence of the entertainment media (TV). (II Corinthians 10:4-5)
3. The National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) - their support of vulgar, offensive "art" with tax dollars. (I John 2:15-16)
4. The United Nation's General Assembly's Convention on the Right of the Child - their resolution that removes all parental authority from raising our children. (Proverbs 22:6, Exodus 20:12)

All of these are of great concern to Christians and we need to keep vocal and informed on each one.

One issue that needs immediate action by all Christians is the proposed guidelines that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is currently in the process of writing. These "guidelines" will threaten our religious liberty.

The EEOC is the governmental body that interprets federal civil rights law and sets the standards for what is permissible or unacceptable in the work place. For example, this regulatory commission determines what constitutes sexual harassment, racial discrimination and like conduct. The EEOC intends to apply all the previous civil rights legislation to a new offense they call "religious harassment." In short, the commission intends to make it illegal to share one's faith--or even show evidence of it--in the work place if a single employee objects to that witness.

If these guidelines are enacted, your place of employment could be sued if just one employee takes offense to any of the following:

Wearing a cross around the neck, wrist or any openly visible part of the body.

Displaying a picture of Christ, a Bible, tract or any other religious article in the work place.

Conversation about religion or religious groups, functions, and events.

Hosting Christmas, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving or Easter celebrations, parties, or events in any form that have any focus on Christ, God or other religious organization.

Not only could your place of employment be sued, but we as taxpayers could pay for the legal costs if the person suing couldn't afford his attorney's fees.

Regarding the proposed guidelines, Madalyn Murray O'Hair's organization, American Atheists, has issued a press release stating "Religion is, or ought to be, a private matter. Even with eight hours of employment per day, religious persons still have 16 hours of time, each day, to perform religious obligations and are, therefore, under no real restriction. Activities related to religion of any employee should be anathema in any places of employment, government or private." The statement concluded, "...the right to...freedom from religion must be guarded by this regulatory agency, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission."

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" I Peter 3:15

If these guidelines are past, another step will have been taken to prohibit the spread of the Gospel in America. We must stop these guidelines from being enacted. A resolution was introduced in the Senate that expressed great disagreement with EEOC's intended changes. The resolution passed the Senate 94-0. Another resolution was introduced to the House of Representatives that calls for the EEOC to exclude religion from regulation and not to issue any guidelines. However, because the EEOC is an independent agency it is not under the supervision of the Congress. The only action that Congress can take would be to withhold funds to implement the guidelines.

The actions that we as the Public Morals Committee would like to recommend are as follows:

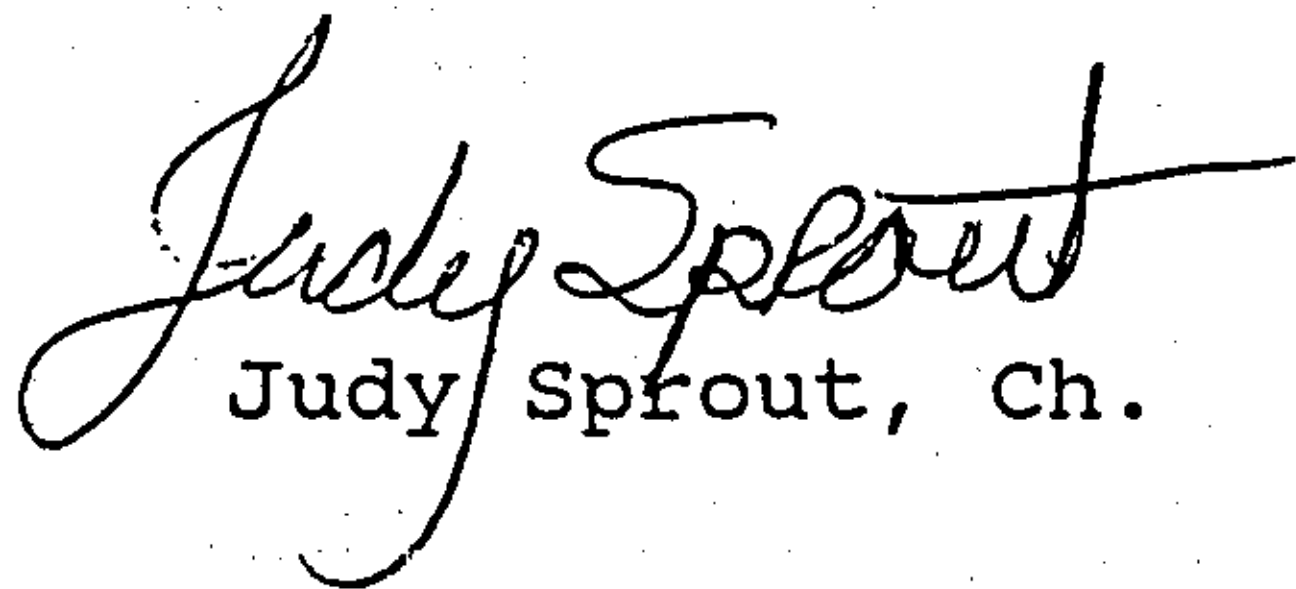
1. Pray "without ceasing" that these guidelines will not be enacted. Pray that Christians will become very vocal on this issue. Make it a matter of special prayer in your churches.
- 2 Write to President Clinton requesting that he ask the EEOC to withdraw the proposed guidelines. Perhaps you would like to encourage your children to write as well.

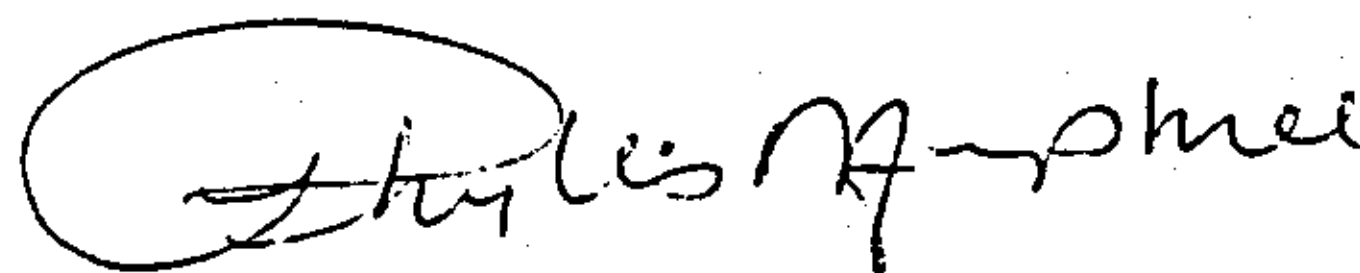
3. Write your Congressmen and Senators and ask them not to fund the implementation of these guidelines.
4. Inform other Christians you know who may be unaware of these proposed guidelines.

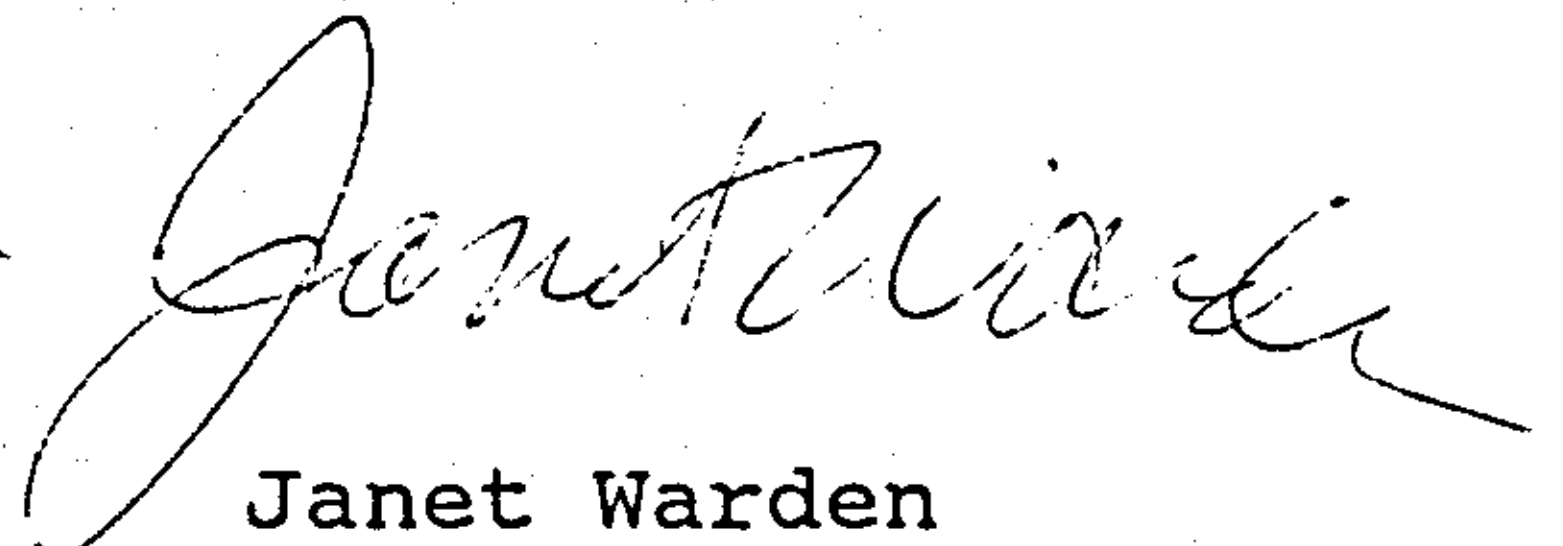
Throughout the scriptures there are many examples of prophets and apostles who had to stand for righteousness against great opposition. Many who lost their lives because of that stand. In Isaiah 41:10, God encourages His people to "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

We would like to request a special time of prayer by this Conference that these guidelines will not be enacted.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Sprout, Ch.


Phyllis Murphree


Janet Warden

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1720 East 6th Avenue
Emporia, Kansas

***** November 18-19, 1994 *****

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

Meeting opened by Rev. James O. Mize, Moderator

Prayer led by Bro. Bob Brown, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church,
Wichita, Kansas

Congregational Songs: "Heaven's Jubilee" and "I'll Meet You in the
Morning"

Welcome by Rev. Jerry Myers, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church,
Emporia

Response by Rev. Jerry Murphree, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist
Church, Topeka.

Congregational Song: "Just Over in the Glory Land"

Offering received led in prayer by Bro. Larry Trayford, First Free
Will Baptist Church, Emporia.

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel.....	8
	Emporia.....	14
	Topeka.....	13
	Visitors.....	<u>4</u>
	Total.....	39

Congregational Song: "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"

Special Music: Bro. Lee Barrows & Bro. Larry Trayford - "Mansion Over
The Hilltop"

Sis. Marlene Myers - "Thank You Lord for Your
Blessings"

Message: Rev. Bob Brown, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church,
Wichita
Matthew 20:17-28
"Envy in the Ministry"

Invitation - "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Bro. Jerry Murphree
Bro. Lloyd Moore
Bro. Louis Oelke

There was no need for an Obituary Committee.

Announcements:

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

Benediction by Bro. Jim Brewer, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas.

Saturday Morning, November 19, 1994

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

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

Session opened in prayer by Rev. Bruce Thurman, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Hutchinson.

Congregational Song: "Living By Faith"

Devotion given by Rev. Jerry Myers, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia. Bro. Myers led in prayer.

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

Moderator read the Rules of Order.

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

The Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Jim Brewer, Treasurer, with a balance of \$185.83, (copy attached) MM & S to accept the report as read, with correction made to date, motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Public Moral Report was read (copy attached). MM&S to accept the report as read, motion carried.

Business Committee Report:

1. An honorarium of \$125.00 be given to our guest speaker (Rev. Bob Brown).

2. The Executive Board call Bro. Larry Collins, future pastor to the Omaha, Nebraska, church, with Bro. Robert Spencer, Missionary Pastor to the Wellington, Kansas, church, as the alternate speaker for the next Quarterly Meeting.
3. That we have a special prayer offered for the Ulysses, Kansas, church, that God's work there would go forward and that God would send a man of His choosing to fill the vacancy there.
4. Continued prayer for revival in the state of Kansas.
5. That we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church.

Signed: Louis Oelke
 Lloyd Moore
 Jerry Murphree

MM&S to accept the report as read and deal with it item-by-item. Motion carried, all items carried. Bro. Lloyd Moore led in prayer on Item No. 3.

EKQC District Woman's Auxiliary Report:

We, the EKQC District Woman's Auxiliary, hereby notify the EKQC that the District Woman's Auxiliary has disbanded until the May 1995 meeting, at which time we will meet to reconsider. Please remember us in your prayers and that God's will be done.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: Janet Warden, President

MM&S to receive the report, motion carried.

Executive Board Report: (oral report)

We, the Executive Board of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference, recommend that Bro. Jerry Myers be accepted into our conference and fellowship as a minister in good standing.

MM&S to accept Bro. Myers upon receipt of a letter from the First Kansas Quarterly Conference, motion carried.

Charles McFarland, Larry Trayford, and Bill Cordill were appointed to serve on the Auditing Committee.

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

MM&S to dismiss the Business portion of Saturday meeting, motion carried. Bro. Jim Mize, Moderator, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas, led in prayer.

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

Congregational Song: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

Offering received led in prayer by Rev. Jerry Myers.

Congregational Song: "Jesus, Hold My Hand"

Special Music: Sis. Dee Borrows, Emporia - "It Took A Miracle"
Sis. Linda Trayford, Emporia - "Until Then"
Sis. Lonna Oelke, Emporia - "Can You Reach My Friend"

Message: Rev. Bob Brown, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church,
Wichita
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
"Christianity is a Person, not a Religion"
1. We need to have a sense of reverence when we come to
the House of God.
2. We need to be careful what to say and not say too much,
what we take to God - Proverbs 10:19
3. We need to keep what we promise to God - Ecc. 5:5
Conclusion - fear God, listen well, speak little, and do
what you vow.

Invitation

Right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. Jerry Myers and Family.

Announcements:

Next Quarterly Meeting will be in Topeka, February 17-18, 1994.
Men's Retreat 03/31 - 04/01, 1995 at Prairie View Christian Camp.
Woman's Retreat tentatively to be in April or May, letter will
be forthcoming.

Youth Camp - July 31 to August 4

Bro. Bruce Thurman gave a brief report on the mission work at
Wellington. Please continue to remember them in prayer.

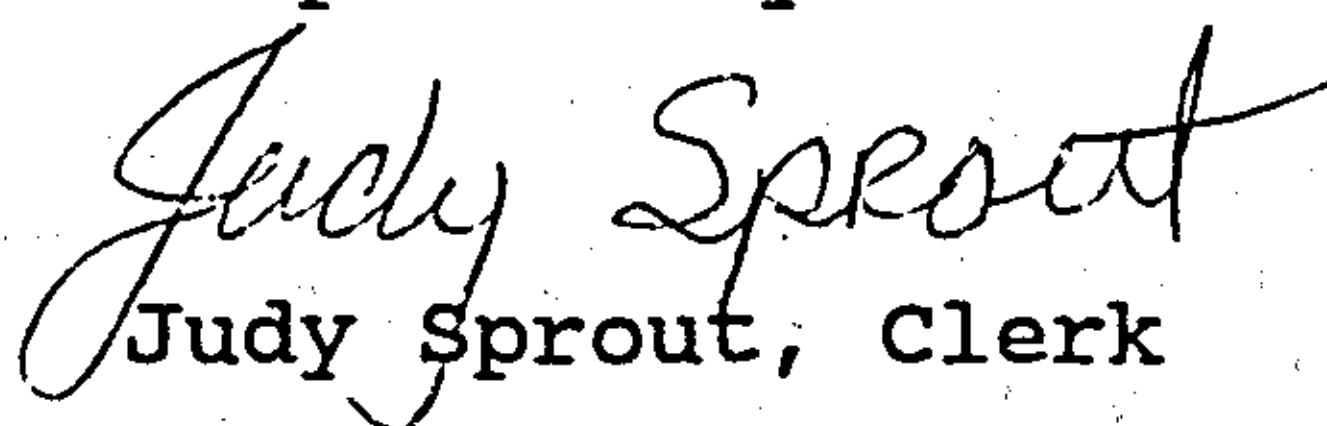
Please remember the ladies in the state in prayer.

Bro. Jerry Myers announced that they had ordination services in
Salina for Bro. Tim Stringer. He also mentioned that there
was another man in the military, stationed at Ft. Riley.
He encouraged the churches in the conference to utilize
these men when pastors are away and remember them in prayer.

Please remember Jeff Myers in prayer. He has a desire to be a
chaplain in the military.

Benediction and blessing on food by Bro. Jim Brewer, First Free Will
Baptist Church, Topeka.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Sprout, Clerk

Minutes taken and typed by Sis. Judy Sprout.

EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

Balance last Quarter \$ 171.96

Receipts: ^{August}~~May~~ 1994 meeting)

Offerings:

Friday Evening \$ 38.37

Saturday Morning 35.50

Total Offerings \$ 73.87

Representation Fees 90.00

Total Receipts 163.87

Balance plus receipts \$ 335.83

Disbursements:

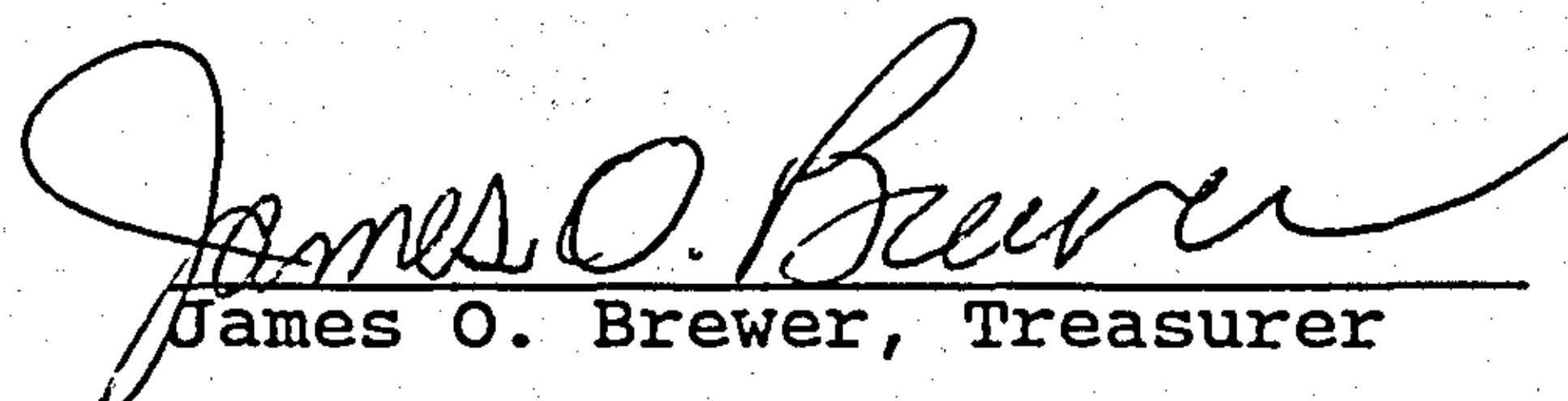
Speaker (Rev. Bruce Thurman) . \$ 125.00

Clerk (Judy Sprout) 25.00

Total Disbursements 150.00

Balance minus Disbursements \$ 185.83

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE BALANCE \$ 185.83


James O. Brewer, Treasurer

Nov. 18, 1994
Date

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE REPORT

to the

EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

November 19, 1994

Were you aware that many churches (both within our denomination and without) are suffering from a deadly disease? This disease, like cancer, eats away at the Church until there is nothing left. It causes a lot of pain, not only to the Church but to the lives of everyone associated with the church, whether they are church members or occasional visitors. This disease infiltrates the very heart of the Church and has been known to kill a church and even cost some Christians their very soul.

The unique thing about this disease is that it is a strictly voluntary disease. It comes only when asked, stays only as long as it is allowed and once it is firmly entrenched, turns deadly. This disease is one of Satan's favorite, most commonly used tool, it is called WORLDLINESS.

Webster's Dictionary defines worldliness as the state of being worldly. Worldly is defined as relating to, or devoted to this world and its pursuits rather than to religion or spiritual affairs.

There are many warnings by physicians regarding cancer. God has given us many warnings about worldliness that we may avoid getting this disease. Some of these warnings are found in Luke 21:34, Colossians 3:2, James 4:4, Titus 2:12, and 1 John 2:15.

However, if the disease is allowed in, there is a cure--both to individuals and to the Church as a whole. The first step towards complete recovery of any patient is to identify and acknowledge the disease, then seek a cure. Our "Great Physician", the Lord Jesus, will identify the disease for us if we will allow him. Psalms 139:23-24 states "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Let God search your heart.

Once the disease is identified, the cure can be found in God's Word. In Nehemiah, Chapter 9, the Children of Israel were suffering from the disease of worldliness, their cure was recorded in verse 2 "And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers." (Nehemiah 9:2)

If the cure is not affected, the results will be devastating and the repercussions will be felt far and wide. Because he allowed worldliness into his life and his family, Lot suffered the loss of all he owned, including his wife and all but two of his children and whatever influence he had over the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Because the Children of Israel adopted the worldliness of the heathen in their land, they lost their kingdom and were taken into captivity for 70 years.

The Church here in America has lost its influence on society today because "worldly ways" infiltrated Biblical teachings and Godly standards have been compromised

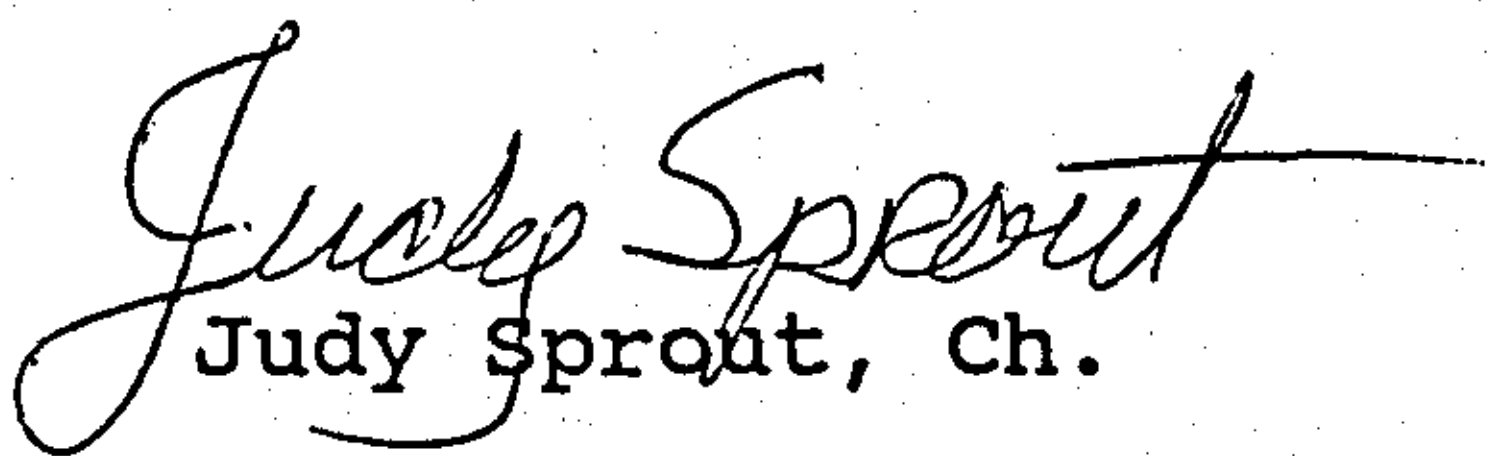
The Public Morals Committee of the East Kansas Quarterly Conference would like to ask each person in this Conference today to prayerfully consider the following:

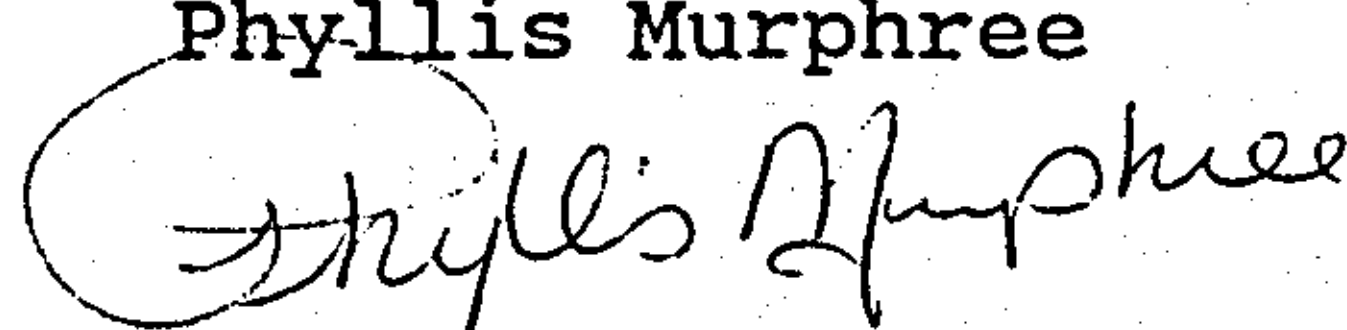
- Are your standards higher today than a few months or years ago? Do you think God is pleased with your standards?
- Are you living your life today so that others might be drawn to Jesus just by watching you? Can they see a difference between you and the world?
- Are you helping your Church to be a Church that is "separated" from the world and totally dedicated to the Lord?

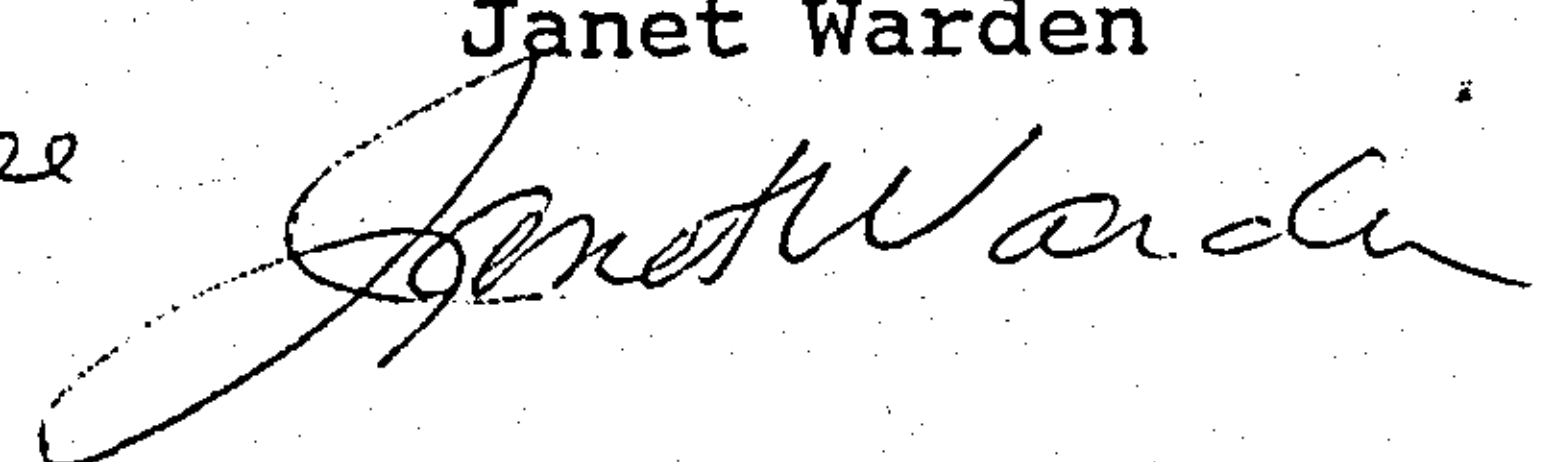
Dr. Roy Thomas, General Director of the Home Missions Department, was gathered and studied church growth statistics and trends. Attached is a copy of some of his finds which was published in the September, October 1994 "Mission Grams". This article clearly states the cost of using and living worldly ways.

In closing, let us drawing your attention to Joshua 1: 8-9 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Sprout, Ch.

Phyllis Murphree


Janet Warden


Learning from the mistakes of others!

by Dr. Roy Thomas

Why are many churches in mainline denominations dying? Why are various churches not reaching the "baby boomers" or the "now" or "x" generation? What can be done in order to see lasting church growth? Ever since the National Association of Free Will Baptists several years ago designated the Home Missions Department to be the evangelism and church growth division for our denomination, I have gathered and studied church growth statistics and trends to find answers to these questions. Many other denominational missions and evangelism agencies have made such studies, and have found some startling results!



Ken Hemphill, director of the Southern Baptist Center for Church Growth, did an in-depth study on the factors causing decline in mainline denominations. He published his findings in *Missions, U.S.A.*, a publication of the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board. His findings revealed the following:

1. The amount of formal education has no impact on a person's religious involvement.
2. Baby boomers do not drop out of church because it has become socially irrelevant.
3. Baby boomers do not leave because of denominational problems or political agendas.
4. People do not leave because they feel they are not being fed spiritually where they are attending.

✦ The startling discovery of the in-depth study revealed that 95% of those who dropped out of mainline denominations did so *because they do not believe in the necessity of salvation through a personal faith in Jesus Christ!* Many of these spiritual dropouts came to embrace a theology of "lay liberalism" which teaches that it is not important what one believes or how one lives in order to be a Christian or go to heaven. These people come from churches whose pastors failed to preach the fundamentals of the faith. Their pastors began to fashion sermons and conduct the church services to appease. They started preaching the standards acceptable to the world instead of preaching Christian commitment which demands obedience, allegiance, dedication and sacrifice.

The declining denominations cut back on evangelism,

missions, and outreach ministries. The study revealed that these same shrinking denominations, as interest waned, abandoned Sunday night and midweek services. The conclusion of the study on the reasons for decline was the weakening of Christian doctrine and convictions on the part of the churches.

The warning Mr. Hemphill issued to Southern Baptists was to avoid the process of theological compromise that undermined those denominations. He urged their ministers to keep the pulpits aflame with fervent Bible preaching. He stated they should insist on repentance, faithfulness of the members, and maintaining high standards of separated Christian living. He urged them to guard against trends of theological liberalism being brought in by outside influences such as the modern day church growth movement which de-emphasizes Bible doctrine, confrontational evangelism and separated living. He warned that these trends might sometimes result in short term gain, but in the end will bring decline and defeat.

The exhortations given to Southern Baptists as the result of this study are these:

1. Call for deep levels of commitment and dedication.
2. Place a stronger emphasis on Bible preaching and doctrinal instruction.
3. Give a higher priority to evangelism and missions.
4. Strengthen Sunday night and midweek services.

His concluding statement is, "I believe the greatest days of Southern Baptists ministry and outreach are yet before us, but we cannot compromise the scriptures nor our unique distinctives lest we find ourselves joining those many groups who are declining during a time of escalating world opportunity."

There is a lesson here for Free Will Baptists also. I challenge our churches to preach repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. I exhort our churches to preach and teach high standards and biblical separation from the world. I entreat our churches to maintain aggressive soul winning and outreach ministries, and to give priority to evangelism and missions. I beseech our pastors to preach and teach our Free Will Baptist doctrinal distinctives. I admonish and challenge our children, young people and adults to deeper commitment, obedience, allegiance, dedication and sacrifice. I believe we need to learn from the mistakes of others so we can avoid the decline as experienced by many mainline denominations. I believe if we will do this, we as Free Will Baptists will win people to Christ and see lasting church growth.