

MINUTES of the 161st SESSION
of the
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at the

Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church
McLean Elementary School
227 Marigold Lane
Wichita, Kansas 67204

May 10-11, 2002

Friday Evening Worship Service – May 10, 2002, at 7:30 p.m.

Services opened by Rev. John E. Smith, Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Randy Harris, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas

Congregational Song: “When We All Get To Heaven”

Song Leader – Rev. Dale McCoy, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Pianist – Sis. Shirley Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Welcome given by Rev. Dale McCoy, Pastor, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Response given by Rev. John E. Smith, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka (Psalm 9:1-2)

Prayer by Rev. Brian Bird, Pastor, Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia

Congregational Song: “Glory to His Name”

Offering Received, led in prayer by Bro. Ray Hubbard, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas (\$75.00)

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel FWBC	7
	First FWBC, Topeka	7
	Greater Vision FWBC	5
	Parsons FWBC	2
	Sunrise FWBC	1
	Visitors	8
	Total	30

Congregational Song: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Special Music provided by the Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita:

Bro. Dan Hilburn, Bro. Ray Hubbard, and Rev. Dale McCoy – “I Call It Home”

Sis. Crosby Brooks (First Free Will Baptist Church of Wellington) – “Out of This World” and “Grace”

Message: Rev. Zane Brooks, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington
II Kings 6:1-7 “Sink or Swim”

- Everyone has something they can do for God.
- You need to bring God into everything you do.
- Don’t be so busy you forget to check your “ax head.”
- Don’t loose sight of your source of power.
- If you loose sight of your power source, ask God to take you back to it.
- Will you sink or swim?

Invitation – “Just As I Am”

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Bro. Ray Hubbard
Bro. A. J. Warden
Bro. Bob Lee

Obituary Committee: Sis. Carla Riojas
Sis. Donna Brewer
Rev. Randy Harris

MM& S to table the two motions (changes to the Constitution and By-Laws) until tomorrow, motion carried.

Benediction by Rev. Wayne Bookout, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, Kansas

Saturday Morning Business Session – May 11, 2002 - 9:15 a.m.

Meeting opened by Rev. Brian Bird, Asst. Moderator

Prayer by Bro. Dan Hilburn, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church

Congregational Song: “To God Be The Glory”

Song Leader – Rev. Dale McCoy, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Pianist – Sis. Julie McCoy, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Devotion given by Bro. A. J. Warden, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Exodus 14:10-14 “Have You Lost Your Faith?”

Letters to the East Kansas Quarterly Conference from the local churches were read. MM&S to accept the letters and seat the delegates, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report was handed out by Rev. Brian Bird. We have a balance of \$1,029.04. MM&S to approve the report, motion carried.

Rules of Order read.

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

Recess

Committee Reports:

Obituary Committee Report

We, the Obituary Committee, would like to honor Donna Williams from the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church who passed away on April 4, 2002. We recommend that we take a moment of silence to honor Ms. Donna and have a word of prayer for her family. We would also like to honor the memory of Chris Cohorn, son of Lynn and Debbie Cohorn.

Signed: Donna Brewer
Carla Riojas
Randy Harris

MM&S to accept the report, motion carried. Bro. Bob Lee, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, led in prayer.

Public Morals Committee Report

Red Flag Alert!! We would like to raise a flag of caution tot he "Anything Goes" movement which has taken over our world today, even in our churches. Some even go as far as to lower the standards that God has set before us, even to the point of lowering the requirements for getting to heaven. Romans 10:9, 10 & 13. There are some congregations who aren't even hearing the word of God. So think about it! Where does their faith come from? Romans 10:17.

We are told in Hebrews 10:35 not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together but, you know it has to break His heart due to the manner in which some come and assemble themselves.

We need to be aware and wise to the fact that not all doors that have Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, Pentecostal, etc., are teaching the infallible word of God—The Bible! *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised)."* Hebrews 10:23

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed: Shirley Bowen
Linda Lee
Janet Warden

MM&S to accept the report, motion carried.

Executive Committee Report (copies attached)

MM&S to accept the report and consider item-by-item, motion carried.

MM&S to appoint a committee to develop an examination form for EKQC approval of deacon's credentials. The committee will consist of Bro. Dan Hilburn, Chair., John Smith, Jim Brewer, Dale McCoy, and Ray Hubbard.

MM&S to bring from the table the amendment to the By-Laws to show that the EKQC will pay for certificate(s) and frames for licensed and ordained ministers and ordained deacons approved by the EKQC.

MM&S to accept the recommended amendment, motion carried.

MM&S to remove the Constitutional change from the table, motion carried.

MM&S to make a Constitutional change to hold the May session on Friday night and Saturday before the third Sunday, motion carried.

MM&S to approve the recommendation to approve Bro. James O. Brewer as a deacon in the EKQC, motion carried.

MM&S to approve Bro. A. J. Warden as a licensed minister, motion carried.

Business Committee Report

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

1. That our speaker be given an honorarium of \$150.00.
2. That the speaker for the next Quarterly Meeting be Rev. Wayne Bookout and the alternate speaker be Rev. Randy Harris.
3. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for their hospitality.

The Business Committee also received a request to recommend that the Executive Board look at the feasibility of changing our Quarterly Meeting to a one-day meeting instead of two. By a 2/3 majority, the committee has chosen not to recommend this item for consideration.

Signed: Robert E. Lee
A. J. Warden
Ray Hubbard

MM&S to approve the report and proceed item-by-item. MM&S to amend the motion to receive the report as a whole, motion carried. Main motion carried

MM&S to approve the letter from the EKQC to the State Association and proceed to elect delegates. MM&S to amend the motion that the letter to the State Association be changed upon receiving clarification from the clerk of the State Association regarding "part-time" pastors, motion carried. Main motion carried.

MM&S to elect Donna Brewer, Bob Lee, Janet Warden, A. J. Warden, and Juan Riojas as delegates to the State Association and give the Moderator (or Asst. Moderator) the authority to appoint other delegates as needed, motion carried.

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

MM&S to dismissed the Business meeting, motion carried.

Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Prayer led by Rev. Clifford Ball, Pastor, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Congregational Song: "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Song Leader – Rev. Dale McCoy, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Pianist – Sis. Julie McCoy, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Offering received, led in prayer by Bro. Randy Harris, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas (\$38.00).

Congregational Song: "Because He Lives"

Special Music: Bro. Ray Hubbard – "Somebody's Praying" & "His Strength is Perfect"

Rev. Dale McCoy – "A Sinner Saved By Grace"

Message: Rev. Zane Brooks, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington

Romans 11:16-24 "The Olive Tree – Pitiful or Powerful?"

- The olive tree is grafted
- The olive tree is hollow
- The olive tree can live for thousands of years.
- The olive tree produces fruit in winter
- The olives are harvested by beating and shaking the tree.
- The olive tree grows best in rocky soil.
- To produce olive oil, the berry must be crushed, bruised, and ground, but the pit is never crushed.

Invitation – "Trust and Obey"

Announcements:

State Meeting – June 6-8, 2002 Rev. Randy Sawyer will be the guest speaker.

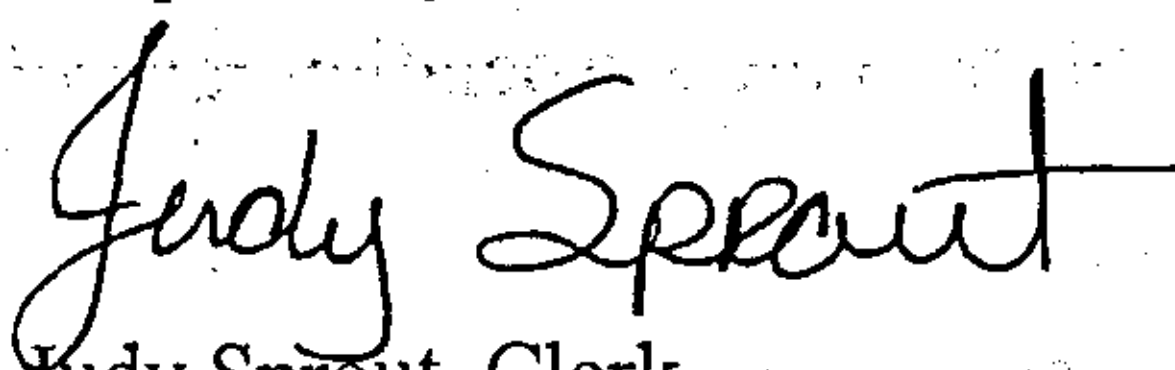
Woman's Auxiliary Banquet – June 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Camp – June 10-13, 2002, deadline for early registration is May 15.

Gospel Sing at Parsons – May 24, 2002

Benediction by Rev. Bob Franklin, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Sprout, Clerk

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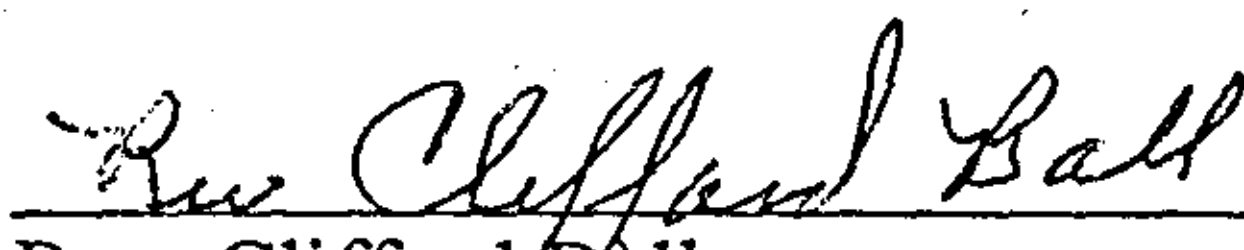
Executive Board Report


May 8, 2002

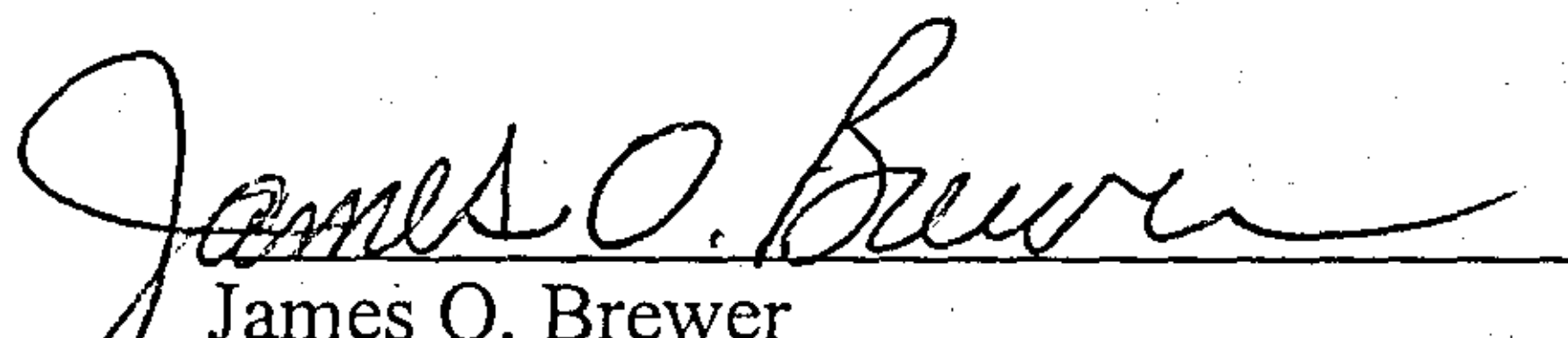
The East Kansas Quarterly Conference (EKQC) Executive Committee met with Rev. Wayne Bookout and Rev. Tim Stringer on March 16, 2002, at Prairie View Christian Camp to discuss plans for the 2002 Family Reunion.

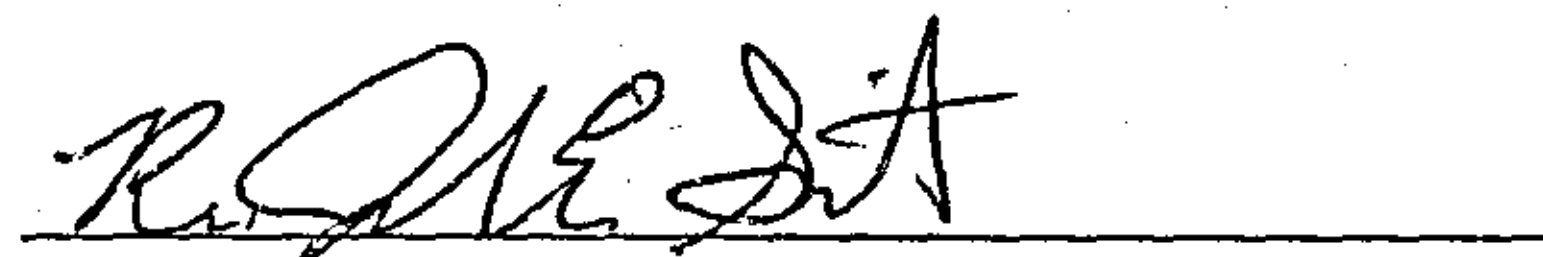
The Executive Board of the EKQC met on May 7, 2002, and recommends the following:

1. That a committee be appointed to develop an examination form for EKQC approval of deacon's credentials.
2. That the Standing Rules be amended to show that the EKQC will pay for certificate(s) and frames for licensed and ordained ministers and ordained deacons approved by the EKQC.
3. That the EKQC Constitution be changed to hold the May session on Friday night and Saturday before the third Sunday.


Rev. Clifford Ball


Rev. Brian Bird


James O. Brewer


Rev. John E. Smith, Ex-Officio

Executive Board Report

May 8, 2002

The East Kansas Quarterly Conference (EKQC) Executive Board met on May 7, 2002, to examine Bro. Anthony Dean Warden, Jr., as a licensed minister and approve Bro. James O. Brewer as an ordained deacon. Each candidate had submitted a written examination in accordance with the EKQC Constitution and By-Laws.

Based on the examination of each candidate, we recommend that Bro. Anthony Dean Warden, Jr., be approved as a licensed minister in good standing with the EKQC and that Bro. James O. Brewer be approved as an ordained deacon in the EKQC.

Rev. Clifford Ball
Rev. Clifford Ball

Brian Bird
Rev. Brian Bird

Rev. John E. Smith
Rev. John E. Smith, Ex-Officio

MINUTES of the 162nd SESSION
of the
EAST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting at the

Parsons Free Will Baptist Church
2401 Belmont
Parsons, Kansas

August 16-17, 2002

Friday Evening Worship Service – August 16, 2002, at 7:30 p.m.

Services opened by Rev. John E. Smith, Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Bob Franklin, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Congregational Song: “Just A Little Talk With Jesus”

Song Leader – Bro. Clyde Perry, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Pianist – Sis. Shirley Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Organist – Sis. Olympia Pearce, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Bass Guitar – Rhan Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Welcome given by Rev. Rhan Bowen, Pastor, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Response given by Rev. John E. Smith, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka

Prayer for Parsons Free Will Baptist Church led by Rev. Brian Bird, Pastor, Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia

Congregational Song: “He Set Me Free”

Offering Received, led in prayer by Rev. John Smith, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas (\$58.00)

Attendance Count of Churches:	Bethel FWBC.....	7
	First FWBC, Topeka.....	8
	Greater Vision FWBC.....	1
	Parsons FWBC.....	12
	Sunrise FWBC	6
	Visitors.....	2
	Total	38

Congregational Song: "I've Never Been Sorry"

Time of prayer for those with special needs, led by Rev. Rhan Bowen, Pastor, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Special Music provided by the Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons:

Bro. Rhan and Sis. Shirley Bowen and Sis. Sue Daugherty – "There's Something About That Name"

Sis. Sue Daugherty – "When I Get Up To Heaven"

Message: Rev. Wayne Bookout, Interim Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Acts 1:8, 2:21, 3:1-9 and Hebrews 11:6 "Real Faith"

- Real faith will motivate us to action
- Real faith pleases God
- Real faith obeys God
- Real faith expects to receive something
 1. Develop expectancy
 2. Such as I have give I thee

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee: Rev. Randy Harris, Ch.
Bro. Lynn Cohorn
Bro. Bob Lee

Benediction by Bro. Louis Oelke, Sunrise Free Will Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas

Saturday Morning Business Session – August 17, 2002 - 9:15 a.m.

Meeting opened by Rev. John Smith, Moderator

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

Congregational Song: "Glory to His Name"

Song Leader – Bro. Clyde Perry, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Pianist – Sis. Shirley Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Bass Guitar – Rhan Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Devotion given by Bro. A. J. Warden, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas
Matthew 28:18-20 "The Christian's Witness"

1. Go to All
2. Who are you being a witness for?

Letters to the East Kansas Quarterly Conference from the local churches were read. MM&S to accept the letters and seat the delegates, motion carried.

Rules of Order read.

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

Treasurer's Report was handed out by Sis. Robin Smith, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer. We have a balance of \$969.55. MM&S to approve the report, motion carried.

Recess

Committee Reports:

Business Committee Report

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

1. The February Quarterly Meeting be moved from February 14-15 to February 7-8 due to Valentine's Day. Meeting will be held in Emporia.
2. The speaker for the next Quarterly meeting would be Bro. Clifford Ball with Bro. Rhan Bowen being the alternate speaker.
3. Give the host church a standing vote of thanks.
4. Give Bro. Wayne Bookout an honorarium of \$150.00.

Signed: Lynn Cohorn
R. E. Lee
Randy Harris

MM&S to approve the approve the report and proceed item-by-item. All items carried

Public Morals Committee Report

Who is Harry Potter? He is the main character of a best-selling children's fantasy book series (with a movie and sequel in the works). An orphaned boy who discovers he's a wizard with magic powers. The story centers on "good" magic (Harry, parents, friends represent) versus "evil" magic.

Why are these stories so popular? They give kids a sense of a supernatural world that is bigger than themselves—one that allows them to access power that will change their lives. Why should we as Christians be concerned? The major concern is that the books trivialize the biblical admonitions against witchcraft and sorcery. Even though the spells and magic are not actual incantations, may feel that the stories legitimize the idea of practicing witchcraft. They make it seem like the only way to combat evil is through “good” magic rather than the power of God.

What does the Bible actually say about witchcraft and the occult? The clearest admonition is found in Deuteronomy 18:10-12, Isaiah 47:9-16, and also in II Chronicles 33.

Why are kids fascinated by the occult these days...because they have a deep spiritual hunger that is longing to be satisfied.

How can the church reach out to our children? We need to show them that while the fellowship and empowerment that Harry Potter found in a school of witchcraft is counterfeit, that there is real power and true fellowship to be found in God. Genesis 1:1 tells of the power of the one true living God.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed: Shirley Bowen

Linda Lee

MM&S to accept the report, motion carried.

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

MM&S to dismissed the Business meeting, motion carried. Prayer led by Bro. Lynn Cohorn, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Sang Happy Birthday to Sis. Wanda Bookout.

Prayer led by Rev. Randy Harris, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita

Congregational Song: “My Savior First of Wall”

Song Leader – Bro. Clyde Perry, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Pianist – Sis. Shirley Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Organist – Sis. Olympia Pearce, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Bass Guitar – Rhan Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons

Offering received, led in prayer by Bro. Dan Hilburn, Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Congregational Song: "At Calvary"

Special Music provided by the Parsons Free Will Baptist Church, Parsons:

Bro. Rhan and Sis. Shirley Bowen and Bro. Garland Sapp – "Who Am I" & "Journey to the Sky"

Time of Testimonies

Message: Rev. Wayne Bookout, Interim Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita
Acts 3:1-12 "God's Ambassadors"

- The church needs to lift people up so they can see Jesus
- The church needs to help others so they can know Jesus

Announcements:

Gospel Sing @ Parsons – August 23

Revival Services September 20-22 at Wichita First – Rev. Clifford Ball

Revival Services September 15-18 at Wellington – Rev. Derek Stinnet

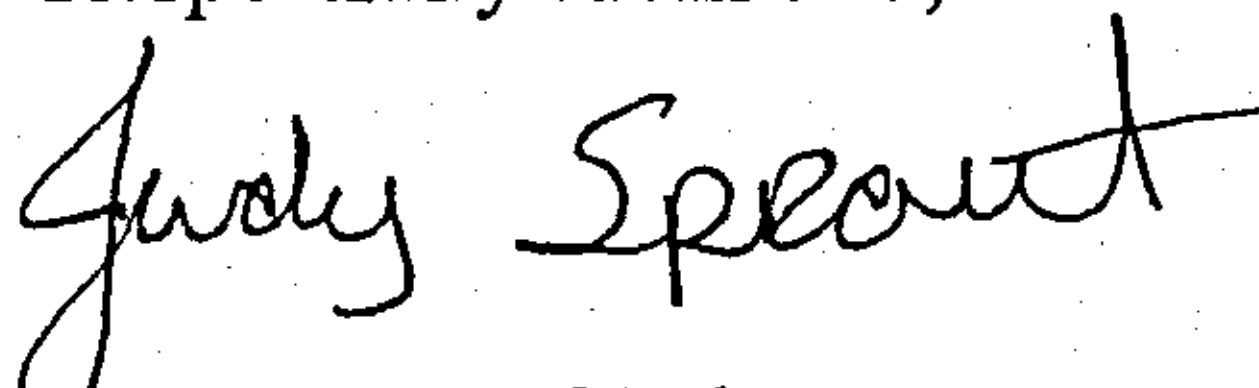
Revival Services August 25-28 at Westside – Rev. Jack Lassiter

Revival Services November 3-9 at Topeka – Rev. John Meade

State Women's Retreat – October 4-5 at Lindsborg

Benediction by Rev. Rhan Bowen, Parsons Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Sprout, Clerk

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