

Minutes of First Kansas Conference Quarterly Meeting
of
Free Will Baptists
Convening At
First Free Will Church
Wichita, Kansas

October 13-14, 1989

Friday Evening, October 13, 1989

The meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Ray Hubbard. The congregational song, "My Savior's Love", was led by Bro. Brad Holdeman. The church musicians, Sis. Carolyn Holdeman and Bro. Ernest Benjamin, accompanied all congregational singing.

Rev. Jerry Myers, Pastor of the host church, extended a welcome to the meeting. Rev. Bernard Roberts responded on behalf of the conference.

Churches represented at the meeting were Faith of Salina, First of Garden City, Hutchinson, Wellington, Wichita, and Ulysses. Two visitors were present from Westside of Wichita. Fifty four people were present for the meeting.

Sis. Marlene and Bro. Jeff Myers sang "He Can Say Peace" before the evening offering was received by the church ushers. Rev. Warner Collier led the offertory prayer.

Bro. Brad Holdeman then led the congregational song, "Standing On The Promises". Sis. Linda Hollis sang "My House Is Full".

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Nick Hollis using the text, Joel 1: 1-7. Bro. Hollis reminded us of the urgency of hour. We need to "nail down" the fact that God hates sin! Pre-meditated sin is a dangerous game to play. Christians tend to play instead of getting serious about Christianity. We need to get caught up in lost souls rather than materialism. We need to call all into the house of the Lord. Prayer meetings are serious business. How we need to cry out "The day of the Lord is at hand" and get serious about serving God. It is time to stand up for God's message, time to get serious about Christian service, time to pray for the harvest and laborers to gather it in. The message was concluded by prayer by Bro. Hollis. The invitation was given by Rev. Roberts with the invitation hymn, "His Way With Thee" led by Bro. Holdeman.

Rev. Bernard Roberts appointed the Business Committee which was composed of Bro. Bill Graves, Chairman, Rev. Nick Hollis, and Bro. Ray Hubbard.

Saturday Morning, October 14, 1989

The morning session opened with an altar of prayer by all of the ordained present with Rev. Warner Collier leading the prayer.

Bro. Brad Holdeman led the congregational song, "Victory In Jesus". Bro. Ray Hubbard then sang "He Holds the Key".

Bro. Jason Collier brought the morning devotion from John 17:14-18. Jason pointed out that Jesus was praying to the Father for all all believers. While we are in the world, we are not a part of the world. There is and needs to be a separation - God has already separated. In Heaven there won't be people who try to hold on to the world with one hand and hold on to Heaven with the other. Major reason why people can't bring folks into the kingdom is because they ^{try} to hold on to the world with both hands. The devotion was closed by Jason with prayer.

The business session was called to order by the Moderator. The clerk read the names of the delegates. Motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates. Motion carried. The clerk then read the church letters. Motion was made and seconded to receive the letters as information. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to receive the minutes of the last meeting as printed. Motion carried. Bro. Bill Graves gave a partial report of the treasury.

Nominations were received to fill the vacant position on the Credentials Committee. Rev. Nick Hollis was nominated. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried and Rev. Hollis was elected for a term to expire in January, 1992.

Nominations were received for the Assistant Moderator position. Bro. Lupe Gonzales was nominated. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried and Bro. Gonzales was elected Assistant Moderator.

Nominations to fill the vacant position on the Executive Committee were received. Bro. Ray Hubbard was nominated. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried. Bro. Hubbard was elected to the Executive Committee for a term to expire on January 1991.

Item # 1 from the Credentials Committee report was read. Motion was made and seconded to receive the report. Motion carried.

Rev. Roberts reported on the status of our work in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Washington. He called for all of us to be in prayer for these works and our Home Missions Department. Rev. Roberts also reported on the status of our African work and encouraged all of us to continue to pray for our Foreign Missions Department. Rev. Collier reported on the Bible College. He urged all to consider sending their children to a Christian college.

Additional devotional thoughts were brought by Bro. Jeff Myers from Daniel 3:16-18. Bro. Jeff pointed out the necessity of taking a stand. It is easy to just drift with the crowd, but that is not the Lord's way. We should pray for boldness so that we can stand and go and witness. We are bound hand and foot like the Hebrew youth. God burns the bonds and we come out walking. The devotion was closed with prayer by Bro. Jeff.

The meeting was recessed for the morning break.

The worship service was begun by Bro. Chuck Holdeman leading the congregational song, "The Old Account Was Settled". Bro. Bill Graves then led the opening prayer. Melissa Collier, accompanied by Sis. Perlene Roberts, sang "I Don't Know About Tomorrow".

Bro. Chuck Holdeman led the offertory prayer after which the morning offering was received.

The ladies from the Wellington church sang "You'll Have To Walk Past Calvary".

The morning message was brought by Bro. Lupe Gonzales from 1 Corinthians 10:1-12, entitled "How We Limit God". He pointed out that we don't progress in the Christian life but stay at the point of conversion. Limit self and limit God by:
1. Israelites Limited God on the Exodus, 2. Get Satisfied With the Status Quo, 3. Limit God Through Laziness, Selfishness, Fear, Immaturity, 4. Limit God Through Disobedience. We can't lose sight of the power and holiness of God. He is the same God of creation who creates a new man from one who was dead in sin. Bro. Gonzales closed the message with prayer.

The report of the Business Committee was read. Motion was made and seconded to receive the report as read and act on each item individually. Motion was made and seconded to approve item 1. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to approve item 2. Motion carried,

Item #2 was read by the Credentials Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.


Nominations to fill an unexpired position on the Credentials Committee were received. Rev. Jerry Myers was nominated. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The dismissal prayer and blessing on the food was prayed by Rev. Jerry Myers.

The host church served a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted,


Warner Collier, Clerk
Bernard Roberts, Moderator

Credentials Committee Report

1. We, the Credentials Committee of the First Kansas Quarterly Conference, having met with Bro. Guadelupe Gonzales, Jr. do recommend that we license him to the Gospel ministry. We find that he is sound in faith and practice and do commend him to the conference.
2. We, the Credentials Committee of the First Kansas Quarterly Conference, having met with Rev. Jerry Myers, Pastor of First Church, Wichita, Kansas, recommend that we receive him in full fellowship pending our receiving a letter of recommendation and good standing from the Mission Association in Missouri.

Warner Collier, Chairman
Nick Hollis
Bernard Roberts

Business Committee Report

We, the Business Committee of the First Kansas Quarterly Conference, having met, do recommend the following items:

1. That each speaker for the meeting receive an honorarium of \$75.00 and mileage from his residence to Wichita.
2. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks fro their gracious hospitality.

Bill Graves, Chairman
Nick Hollis
Ray Hubbard

Treasurer's Report

General Fund		Emergency Fund		Scholarship Fund	
Balance	\$271.66	Balance	\$956.75	Balance	\$111.95
Offering and fees	221.85	Offering	120.00	Offering	60.00
Subtotal	493.51	Balance	\$ 1076.75	Balance	\$171.95
Saturday offering	49.11				
Subtotal	542.62				
Honorarium (-)	306.40				
Balance	\$236.22				

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Graves, Treasurer