

Minutes of First Kansas Conference Quarterly Meeting  
of  
Free Will Baptists  
Convening At  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Wellington, Kansas  
January 19-20, 1990

Friday Evening, January 19, 1990

The meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Wayne Bookout. A cordial welcome was extended to all by Bro. Steve Robinson, the Pastor of the Wellington church. The congregational song, "Family of God" was led by Sis. Clara Hillis. Sis. Melissa Collier sang the special music, "Under His Wings".

Bro. Warner Collier acted as moderator for this conference. He recognized the churches that were represented, which included Faith of Salina, First of Garden City, Hutchinson, Wellington, and Wichita. The Bookout family visited our conference.

Sis. Clara Hillis sang "Haven of Rest", accompanied by Sis. Pat Graves on the piano. The evening offering was received by the ushers. Bro. Steve Robinson led the offertory prayer.

Sis. Clara Hillis led the congregational song, "Victory in Jesus" accompanied by Sis. Pat Graves on the organ and Sis. Carolyn Holdeman on the piano.

Prior to the evening message, attendees were given an opportunity to share a few moments of testimony.

The evening message was delivered by Bro. Jerry Myers, using Ecclesiastes 10:1, "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary so send forth a stinking savor: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor." The invitation was given by Bro. Myers with the invitational hymn "Have Thine Own Way".

Bro. Warner Collier appointed the business committee, which was composed of Bro. Bill Graves (Chairman), Bro. Nick Hollis, and Bro. Ray Hubbard. The credentials committee also met immediately after services.

Saturday Morning, January 20, 1990

The morning session opened with prayer led by Bro. Jerry Myers.

Sis. Clara Hillis led the congregational song "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Sis. Pat Graves on the organ and Sis. Carolyn Holdeman on the piano. Sis. Sheila Anderson then provided special music, singing "Consider The Lilies".

Bro. Jason Collier brought the morning devotion. Bro. Collier used Jeremiah 12:5 for his text, "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, than how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" The theme of the text was on consistency, and the Christian's need to be consistent.

The business session was called to order by the acting Moderator. Churches and visitors were recognized. The assistant Clerk read the letters from the churches in attendance, and announced the delegates. Motion was made and seconded to receive the letters as information, and to seat the delegates. Motion carried. The minutes of the October meeting were circulated for review. Motion was made and seconded to receive the minutes of the last meeting as printed. Motion carried.

The acting Moderator called for unfinished business. There was none. The following reports were then heard by the body;

1. Bro. Warner Collier gave a brief report on the Free Will Baptist Bible College
2. Sis. Margaret Collier reported on home and foreign missions, making mention of the fact that our Kansas missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Sis. Martens and Sis. Leatherbury, had lost their vehicle in a recent auto accident.
3. Sis. Wilma Ankrom gave a report on women's auxiliary

Nominations were then made to fill the expiring terms on the Credentials Committee and the Executive Committee. For the Credentials Committee vacancy, Bro. Ray Hubbard was nominated. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried and Bro. Hubbard was elected to a term to expire in January, 1993. For the Executive Committee vacancy, Bro. Steve Robinson was nominated. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried and Bro. Robinson was elected to a term to expire in January, 1993.

Nominations were then made to elect new officers for the coming year. As a result of the nominations and subsequent elections, the following officers were elected for the corresponding positions;

Moderator	Bro. Bernard Roberts
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Lupe Gonzales
Clerk	Bro. Ray Hubbard
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Nick Hollis
Treasurer	Bro. Bill Graves
Assistant Treasurer	Bro. Dan Moore

Bro. Warner Collier made a tearful announcement concerning his departure from Kansas. Bro. Collier has accepted a position as Pastor in a Huntsville, Texas Free Will Baptist Church.

The following meeting places were decided for the upcoming quarterly conferences;

April 13-14, 1990*	Faith Church, Salina, Ks
October 19-20, 1990	First Church, Wichita, Ks
January 18-19, 1991	First Church, Hutchinson, Ks

The meeting was recessed for the morning break.

The worship service was begun by Sis. Clara Hillis leading the congregational singins, accompanied by Sis. Carolyn Holdeman on the piano and Sis. Pat Graves on the organ.

Special music was provided by Sis. Marlene Myers, Bro. Jeff Myers, and Bro. Kenny Myers, singing "Carried Away". Sis. Melissa Collier also provided special music, singing "Thank You".

The morning message was provided by Bro. Warner Collier of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Garden City. Bro Collier brought an inspiring message from the word of God.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read. Items #1 and #2 were voted on individually. Both motions carried.

The report of the Business Committee was read. Motion was made and seconded to 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. Motion was made and seconded to approve item #3. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to approve item #4. Motion carried.

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

A dismissal prayer and blessing on the food was prayed.

The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ray Hubbard, Clerk

Warner Collier, Acting Moderator



We, the Executive Committee, having met a 8:00 p.m. on March 9, 1990 at Hutchinson, Ks to discuss the items presented by the Business Committee at the First Kansas Quarterly meeting on January 20, 1990, make the following recommendations to the voting body;

1. In regards to the First Kansas Quarterly Conference Constitution, Paragraph 7F, which reads "No minister shall perform a wedding ceremony in case either party had a living companion", after reviewing the Treatise of Free Will Baptists, Chapter III, section IV, item I, page 64, we recommend that Paragraph 7F be deleted from the Constitution of the First Kansas Quarterly of Free Will Baptists
2. In regards to the recommendtaion whether or not to include language in the Quarterly Constitution in regards to policy on membership in secret organizations, we, after reviewing Article 6 of the Constitution of the First Kansas Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists, and Chapter III, section IV, item I, page 64 of the Treatise of Free Will Baptists, we recommend that said language not be added to the Constitution of the Firstquarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists, which states that the authority in issues such as this belongs to the local church, and not to the quarterly conference.

Neal R. Kerans

Steve Robinson

Ray Hubbard

## Credentials Committee Report

1. We, the Credentials Committee of the First Kansas Quarterly Conference, having met with Rev. Troy Dobbs, do recommend that he be accepted into full fellowship of the First Kansas Quarterly pending a letter of good standing from his former association.
2. We, the Credentials Committee of the First Kansas Quarterly Conference, having met with Rev. Steve Robinson, do recommend that he be accepted into full fellowship of the First Kansas Quarterly, pending a letter of good standing from his former association.

Jerry Myers

Nick Hollis

Warner Collier

## Business Committee Report

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

1. That the body review the language in the quarterly constitution contents in regards to a pastor performing weddings for people that have been married previously
2. That the body consider whether or not to include language in the quarterly constitution regarding policy on membership in secret organizations
3. That an honorarium of \$100 plus one-way mileage be given to our guest speakers, in the amounts of \$155 for Bro. Collier and the amount of \$107.50 for Bro. Myers
4. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for their hospitality.

Bill Graves, Chairman

Nick Hollis

Ray Hubbard



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1. Recommend the <sup>body</sup> church review the <sup>language</sup> in the quarterly constitution contents in regards to a pastor performing weddings for people that have been married previously.

2. Recommend the body ~~now~~ consider whether or not to include language in the quarterly constitution regarding policy on ~~belonging~~ membership in secret organizations.

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3. Honorarium of \$100 + mileage one-way be given to guest speakers:

Ans = Collin = 155.00  
Myers = 107.50  
Total 262.50

4. Standing vote of thanks to host church for their hospitality

Ray Hubbard - Bill Gearys - Nick Hollis

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Report of Ch. Committee:

We recommend that:

1. Rev. Troy Dobbs

2. Rev. Steve Robinson

be accepted into full fellowship of the First Ks. Quarterly pending a letter of good standing from their former Association.

- Advertising Ideas -



## ACTION NOTES

## PLANNING NOTES

1 The exec Committee met at 8:00 pm 3-9-90 to  
 2 discuss the items presented by the business Committee at  
 3 The 1st KS quarterly meeting on Jan 20, 1990, in regards  
 4 to the recommendations dealing with ~~the section~~ the language  
 5 in the 1st KS quarterly Constitution <sup>parag 7F</sup> dealing with a "no minutes  
 6 shall perform a wedding ceremony in case either party had a  
 7 living companion"

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 9 After reviewing the items in the Treatise ..... FWS,  
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 12 deleted from the Constitution of the 1st KS Yely of FWS.

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 14 <sup>whether or not to include language</sup>  
 15 In regards to the recommendation ~~whether or not to include language~~ be included in the  
 16 quarterly Constitution in regards to policy ~~to be added~~ on membership in secret  
 17 organizations, we, ~~not~~ after reviewing article 6 of the Const. of the  
 18 1st KS Yely const of FWS, and Chapter III, Sec IV, Item 1,  
 19 Page 64 <sup>of the treatise</sup> we recommend that said language not be added to  
 20 the Constitution of the 1st KS Yely of FWS.

21 <sup>we feel</sup> ~~which states~~ that the association authority belongs to the local church,  
 22 <sup>which states</sup> ~~which states~~ in this issue

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 24 the Yely  
 25 Conference,  
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28 Neal R. Kerans  
 29 Steve Robinson  
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Minutes  
of the First Kansas Conference Quarterly Meeting  
of  
Free Will Baptists  
Convening at  
Faith Free Will Baptist Church  
Salina, Kansas  
April 6-7, 1990

Friday Evening, April 6, 1990

The meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Jerry Myers. Bro. Gene Molby of the First Church in Ulysses led us in a congregational song, "Is your All on the Altar", accompanied by Sis. Pearline Roberts, of the First Church in Hutchinson, on the piano. A cordial welcome was extended to all by Rev. Nick Hollis, pastor of the Faith Church. The following churches were represented at the Friday evening services;

<u>Church</u>	<u>Number of Representatives</u>
Faith, Salina	13
First, Hutchinson	3
First, Wellington	8
First, Wichita	8
First, Ulysses	6

Regrettably, the First Church in Garden City has closed its doors since the last Quarterly conference in January.

After the represented churches were recognized, special music was offered by a group of all six representatives from the Ulysses church, who sang "He Hideth my Soul", again accompanied by Sis. Roberts. The evening offering was then received. Brother Nick Hollis of the host church led in the offertory prayer, and Sis. Stephanie Hollis of the host church brought the special music, "Driving Nails".

Rev. Bernard Roberts of the First Church in Hutchinson brought the evening message, using Ecclesiastes 9:18 as his main text- "Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good". Bro. Roberts mentioned the deterioration of society in this day and age, and how people today feel church is not necessary. He expounded by showing us what can be done through obedience.

Through the obedience of Jesus, all can be saved (Ph.2:8)

Through the obedience of Paul, churches were opened (1 Cor. 2:2)

Through the obedience of Philip, the Ethiopian eunuch was saved (Ac. 8:29,30,37)

Through the obedience of us, a whole church can be strengthened (He 10:25)

Through the disobedience of one, an entire church can be destroyed and souls sent to Hell (Jos. 7)



Bro. Roberts added that when one child of God yields to temptation, the whole house of God suffers. The stumbling doesn't come from the outside, it originates on the inside.

Sis. Pearline Roberts played the piano for the invitation.

After the evening message, Bro. Roberts appointed a business committee, consisting of the following members;

Bro. Bill Graves (Chairman)

Bro. Vernie Stillings

Bro. Jerry Myers

Bro. Lupe Gonzales, Pastor of the First Church in Ulysses, dismissed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, April 7, 1990

The morning meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Neil Kerans. Churches present again were recognized, and the following churches added these respective numbers to their representation at the meeting;

<u>Church</u>	<u>Additional Representatives</u>
First, Hutchinson	4
First, Wellington	2

Bro. Gene Molby led in a congregational song, "To God be the Glory" accompanied by Sis. Pearline Roberts. Rev. Troy Dobbs of the First Church, Wichita, delivered the morning devotion. Bro. Dobbs used Mt. 28: 18,19,20 as his primary text, emphasizing that Jesus has commissioned us to go forward. He will draw all men unto Him (Jn 12:32), so it is our responsibility to go out and tell them. God wills to save people-is longsuffering to us-ward (II Pet. 3:9). God does not discriminate-He is no respecter of persons.

Bro. Roberts called the business session into order, and the delegates from each church stood as their name was read. A motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates. Motion carried. The church letters were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the church letters as read. Bro. Jerry Myers added a praise item to the First Church of Wichita letter, noting that the church was now contributing to the cooperative plan. With this additional information, the motion and second were again made and the motion to accept the church letters as read carried.

The minutes from the meeting of January 19-20 were distributed and reviewed by the voting body. Upon examination of the minutes, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. A minor question was clarified, and the motion carried.

Bro. Roberts called for unfinished business. The clerk read letters received from the following sources;

The Progressive Association of Alabama wrote a letter to the First Kansas Quarterly Association, requesting that Rev. Kenneth Bozeman be granted a letter of recommendation and good standing.

Rev. Warner Collier, now residing in Huntsville, Texas, requesting that a letter of recommendation and good standing be sent directly to the clerk of the Central Texas District Association on his behalf, so that he would be accepted into their conference at their upcoming May meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to direct the clerk to send a letter of recommendation and good standing to the Progressive Association of Alabama in behalf of Rev. Bozeman. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to send a letter of recommendation and good standing to the Central Texas District Association in behalf of Rev. Collier. Bro. Jerry Myers called for an amendment to the motion, stating that the letter should only be sent to the clerk of the association, and not directly to Rev. Collier. He further stated that he had access to finding the new clerk's name, and would provide this information to the clerk prior to the mailing of the letter. The amended motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Other unfinished business included the recommendations by the Business Committee during the January meeting. Bro. Roberts called for a reading of the items in question. The clerk then read items 1 and 2 of the Business Meeting report from the previous conference. They read as follows;

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

1. That the body review the language in the Quarterly Constitution contents in regards to a pastor performing weddings for people that have been married previously
2. That the body consider whether or not to include language in the Quarterly Constitution regarding policy on membership in secret organizations

In reference to these items, it was announced that the Executive Committee had met on March 9 to discuss the items presented by the Business Committee. The clerk then read the Executive Committee report (which is attached to these minutes in its entirety). A motion was made and seconded to accept the reading of the Executive Committee report. After a discussion, the vote was taken orally, and opposition was noted. Bro. Myers then called for a show of hands, and the motion was carried by a vote of 23 ayes and 5 nays.



In reference to item 1 of the Executive Committee report, the clerk read Section IV, Item I of the "Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists" which states "The association has no authority to interfere in the internal affairs of the local church". After this reading, many different opinions were heard on the issue. Bro. Nick Hollis mentioned the authority of the quarterly association in the areas of recognizing delegates, collecting fees, etc., and discussed opinions on paragraph 7F of the First Kansas Quarterly Constitution. Point of order was called by Bro. Roberts, and Bro. Hollis was allowed ten minutes to speak on the issue at hand. After Bro. Hollis spoke, representatives of each church gave their opinions on the issue of the Quarterly controlling whether or not a local church has the authority in issues such as the pastor performing a wedding ceremony in case either partner has a living companion. After discussion, the Moderator yielded to the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Lupe Gonzales, so that the Moderator would have the opportunity to comment on the issue. Bro Roberts pointed out that we were dealing with something that is not the general practice of Free Will Baptists, and we do need to stick to general practice. He went on to say that if we divert from general practice, we make problems.

A motion was made to table item 1 of the Executive committee report and consider at the next meeting. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

In reference to item 2 of the Executive Committee report, the clerk read the item and discussion followed. A question was raised concerning the exact definition of a secret organization. Bro Hollis explained that a secret organization is one that does not tell the public what goes on within it. He went on to explain how he felt that the Masons fit this category, and how that any lodge would fit the description of a secret organization. Again, several comments were heard on the issue. The question was raised as to how long that the "questionnaire for Ordained Ministers" has contained the section that asks prospective pastors their feelings on secret organizations. Sis. Wilma Ankrom commented that she thought it had been in the questionnaire for about 4-5 years.

After discussion was heard, a motion was made to table item 2 of the Executive Committee report and consider it at the next meeting. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Due to the length of time required to discuss old business, no time was taken to address all the special reports. A call for new business was made by Bro. Roberts, and there was none apparent. Bro. Myers commented briefly on Hillsdale College, mentioning the upcoming campus days.

Bro. Roberts asked anyone with new business to contact the Business Committee during the break, and a short recess was called prior to the worship service.



The worship service began with congregational singing, as Bro. Gene Molby led the congregation in "Victory in Jesus", accompanied by Sis. Roberts on the piano. Bro. Jerry Myers gave the offertory prayer. Special music was given by Sis. Clara Hillis, Pat Graves, and Brenda Kerans, singing "Touch Me Again". They were accompanied by Sis. Holdeman. Bro. Steve Robinson brought the morning message, using 2 Chronicles 7:14 as his main text (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). Bro. Robinson pointed out that three things are essential; Prayer, Preaching, and Being Faithful. The title of the message was "Reaching the Generation".

We need to start with prayer. People are harder to reach than ever before, since the world is so geared to money, etc. Christians have something to be happy about! Prayer works! Our prayers need to be fervent, which means they need to be heated and involved. He went on to say that we tend to get saved, then we get satisfied. We don't pray fervently. James 5:14-16 was read. Bro. Robinson mentioned that today, when we are sick, we don't call the elders-we stay home, even though we read in verse 15 that the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. God is still the same, and He still blesses His people. Verse 16 tells us to confess our faults one to another, to pray for another, that ye may be healed. As the latter part of verse 16 states, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Luke 22:44 tells us that Jesus prayed more earnestly when in agony. We tend to believe that prayer works, but we don't work our prayers. As a result, Satan is robbing us right in our own churches-we aren't praying and helping others like we used to.

After prayer, we need to preach the word (2 T 4:2). Preachers must be the prime example. They must look to the cross, be convinced by the word of God, and, by it, be convincing. They must be consistent. Sunday Morning Christians are a "black eye" to Jesus Christ. If that is the only time we go to church, there is something wrong!

With prayer and preaching, we need to worship God. We need to literally "hit our knees". If god is in our lives, do people look at us and see a living God? We may look neat, but we may be unprepared, unprayed, and undone. Jesus is coming for a church that is ready, yet we come to church too proud to bow, bend, or budge.

Bro. Robinson continued, emphasizing that we must read God's word, and that He is worthy of our praise.

Sis. Roberts played the invitation hymn, "Have Thine Own Way".

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A motion was made to table item 1 of the Executive committee report and consider at the next meeting. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

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After discussion was heard, a motion was made to table item 2 of the Executive Committee report and consider it at the next meeting. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

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Bro. Roberts asked anyone with new business to contact the Business Committee during the break, and a short recess was called prior to the worship service.



The final business session began following the morning message. Bro. Roberts asked for a financial report. Bro. Bill Graves gave the following report;

Beginning balance on hand - -	\$213.07
Offerings Collected:	
Friday Evening	38.30
Saturday Morning	47.70
Representation Fees	150.00
Ending balance	<u>\$449.07</u>

Emergency Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$1116.17
Fees Collected	100.00
Ending balance	<u>\$1216.17</u>

Scholarship Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$169.57
Fees Collected	50.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$219.57</u>

Bro. Graves stated that the honorariums would be listed in the upcoming business report.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as read. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for the Business committee report. Bro. Bill Graves, Chairman of the Business Committee, gave the following report;

1. The Business Committee recommended that the speakers be given honorariums of \$75 each plus mileage. This amounted to a total of \$110.00 for Bro. Roberts and \$137.50 for Bro. Robinson, for a grand total of \$247.50 for honorariums and mileage.
2. The Business Committee recommended that a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for their gracious hospitality.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Business committee report and to vote on its contents item by item. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept item #1. A short discussion ensued concerning the fact that previous honorariums were for \$100 rather than \$75. The Treasurer explained that the funds are short, and the money will be needed for registration at the upcoming State meeting. After discussion, the motion carried.



A motion was made and seconded to accept item #2. Motion carried by delegates (and all present) rising to their feet.

The following announcements were made concerning upcoming church events;

First Church, Wellington- Revival, April 16-20. Evangelist Mural Killett of Lawton, Oklahoma.

First Church, Wichita- Revival, April 23-27, Evangelist Loy Counts.

First Church, Emporia- Revival, April 29-May 3, Evangelist Carl Classer.

First Church, Ulysses- Revival, May 6-9, Evangelist Bernard Roberts.

State Christian Education Board Men's Retreat, April 27 & 28.

The Quarterly was reminded of the need to appoint delegates to the State meeting June 14-16. Five delegates are needed. No one was sure exactly who would be able to attend the meeting. Bro. Jerry Myers made a motion that the Executive Committee be designated to appoint delegates prior to the June meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Bro. Ray Hubbard dismissed the meeting with prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

Bro. Vernie Stillings gave directions to a Community Center, where the host church had prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Ray Hubbard, Clerk

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Wichita, Kansas  
October 19-20, 1990

Friday Evening, October 19, 1990

The conference was opened with prayer. Bro. Jerry Myers, pastor of the host church, welcomed representatives and visitors. Bro. Brad Holdeman led congregational singing, accompanied by Sis. Carolyn Holdeman on the piano. The selections "Victory in Jesus", "Lily of the Valley", and "I Am Thine, O Lord" were sung. A Men's quintet from the host church sang "Living by Faith", and "Just a Little Talk with Jesus". Sis. Marlene Myers sang "Bring My Children Home".

The evening message was preached by Bro. Mike Hutsell (Vista Free Will Baptist Church, Van Buren, Arkansas). Bro Hutsell had preached revival at the First Church during the week, and the first night of the conference was also the last night of the revival. A brief outline of Bro. Hutsell's evening message is provided on an accompanying page.

Following the evening message, a count of the representatives and guests was taken. The following churches were represented at the Friday evening services;

<u>Church</u>	<u>Number of Representatives</u>
First, Ulysses	4
Faith, Salina	4
First, Hutchinson	2
First, Wellington	8
First, Wichita	26
Westside, Wichita (visitors)	7
Liberty, Wichita (visitor)	1
Other Guests & Visitors	7

After the represented churches were recognized, an offering was taken. Bro. Chuck Holdeman gave the offertory prayer. Bro. Bernard Roberts welcomed the visitors, and announced that the Credentials Committee and Woman's Auxiliary would meet that evening. A Business Committee was appointed. members selected were Bros. Bill Graves, Gene Molby, and Troy Dobbs. Bro. Lupe Gonzales dismissed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, October 20, 1990

The morning conference was opened with prayer by Bro. Larry Collins. Everyone was welcomed, and the following additional representatives and visitors were recognized;

First Church, Ulysses

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First Church, Hutchinson

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Faith Church, Salina

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Bro. Brad Holdeman led congregational singing with "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". For special music, Sis. Hollis (Faith Church, Salina) sang "The Refiner's Fire".

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Jerry Rogers of the First Church, Wellington. A brief outline of Bro. Rogers devotion is provided on an accompanying page.

The business session was called to order by Bro. Bernard Roberts. The church letters were read, and copies of the previous meeting's minutes were distributed. After the reading of the church letters, a motion was made to accept the reading of the letters. Motion carried.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the Credentials Committee report. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion carried (a copy of the Credentials Committee report is included on an accompanying page).

A call for old business was made. A motion was made to review the tabled items from the March 9, 1990 Executive Committee report (a copy of this report is included on an accompanying page). Motion carried.

Discussion on item 1 of the Executive Committee report was exchanged. Bro. Jerry Myers stated his opinion that this item should be an issue dealt with between the local church and its pastor. Bro. Nick Hollis stated his opinion that we hold authority in an indirect/direct way with a Credentials Committee. He emphasized his feeling that we needed to retain this language in the Constitution and keep this authority for uniformity.

A motion to receive item 1 of the Executive Committee report was called for. The Moderator called for a vote by a show of hands. The vote was taken, and the results were;

In favor of recommendation

19

Opposed to recommendation

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The required 2/3 majority for passage was achieved. Motion carried.

Discussion on item 2 of the Executive Committee report was then exchanged. Bro. Jerry Myers emphasized his opinion that this issue should also be settled in the local church. Bro. Jerry Rogers of the First Church in Wellington stated that since he was a pastor, he wanted to let people know how he felt-and that he felt this item should be covered by the church covenant.

At this time, someone called for an explanation of secret organizations. Bro. Jerry Myers explained that a "secret organization" could be the Ku Klux Klan, Masons, or even Communists.

Bro. Nick Hollis then voiced his concern that exclusion of this language in the Constitution could add to liberalism. He pointed out the innocence of many local churches when people are examined for consideration as pastors. "Correct questions are not asked, because churches don't have the slightest idea what to ask". He added that we may some day allow a church to bring in someone who is strong in secret organizations. He felt the addition of language dealing with secret organizations would be a "stopgap to keep us fundamental and conservative." Bro. Hollis felt the local church probably wouldn't check it out, so "Why have a credentials committee at all?"

Bro. Neal Kerans stated that there was no one in the state of Kansas that was not capable of asking those questions. to this, Bro. Hollis replied that when he came to Salina, no one asked him those questions, and without this language in the Constitution, we could have Masons in the pulpits now.

Various other discussion was heard, then Bro. Roberts called for a vote. A "yes" vote meant that the authority to question a prospective pastor on secret organizations would be left to the local church, and the language should not be placed in the constitution. A "no" vote meant that the authority to questions a prospective pastor should be placed in the quarterly constitution and should not be left in the hands of the local church. The Moderator called for a show of hands and the Clerk counted the votes. the results were;

Yes	22
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No	5
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Bro. Jerry Myers made a motion that the quarterly send a letter encouraging each church to bring these two items to the local church's attention for settling. Motion carried.

After old business, a call was made for special reports. Bro. Larry Collins of the Kansas State Home Missions Board gave a

report. Bro. Collins told the body that the board was hoping to locate a new church in the Johnson County area (located in metropolitan Kansas City, which has a population of 750,000). He said that the board was looking for a man that was from outside of Kansas, and would be able to raise support from elsewhere-the work would be difficult, so the board would not consider any "fly by nights". He asked that the quarterly make this a matter of prayer, and that co-op support is appreciated-Kansas City is a needy area.

The Moderator then called for a report on Foreign Missions. It was then reported that Jalayne Martens and Glenda Leatherbury request prayers for stability of the Ivory Coast. They were having their first election since 1960, and there was a lot of unrest. It was an unstable situation, and there was much fear. In the village where Jalayne and Glenda live, the chief died and his son (a Christian) had taken his place. The son was under a lot of pressure from the witch doctor and others, but the missionaries feel that the village is stable.

Bro. Jerry Myers then gave a brief report on Hillsdale. He told the body that the college was at its highest enrollment (170), and that they may run out of student housing. He also stated that new business courses have been implemented, and that two Hillsdale students were from Kansas (1 from Salina, 1 from Wichita).

The Moderator then called for new business. Bro. Neal Kerans brought up the fact that the Executive Committee was short a member with the departure of Bro. Steve Robinson. Bro. Lupe Gonzales was nominated from the floor, and a motion was made that the nominations cease. Motion carried, and Bro. Gonzales was nominated to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Bill Graves asked Bro. Jerry Myers to provide him the names of our Hillsdale students so he could write them their checks from the Scholarship Fund (the Kansas students are Andrea Baltazar and Jeff Myers). When asked about the contents of the fund, Bro. Graves announced that it contained \$226.51 and that \$50 would be added at this meeting. There would be enough for this year, but donations or an increase in quarterly fees would be needed for next year.

Having no other new business to bring before the body, the Moderator called for a Woman's Auxiliary report. Sis. Hollis gave a report on the ladies' retreat. She said that twenty ladies attended, and that Sis. Susan Turnbow (Missionary to Spain) gave a very moving plea for funds to send her back to the mission field. Sis. Hollis encouraged others to attend next years retreat.

Bro. Roberts called a ten minute break before morning worship services, and Bro. Neal Kerans dismissed with prayer.

The morning worship service was opened by Bro. Roberts. Bro. Brad Holdeman led congregational singing with the song "Seeking the Lost". The morning offering was taken, and Bro. Brad Holdeman gave the offertory prayer. A group of men from the First Church in Wichita sang "Where the Soul Never Dies" for special music.

After the singing, Bro. Nick Hollis brought the morning message to precede the ordination ceremony for Bro. Lupe Gonzales. A brief outline of Bro. Hollis' message is provided on an accompanying page.

After the ordination message, Bro. Jerry Myers led the charge for Bro. Lupe. He was then ordained as a minister. A beautiful time ensued, in which the presence of the Holy Spirit was deeply felt. The right hand of fellowship was then extended to Bro. Lupe.

After the ordination service, the Business Committee report was read. A motion was made to accept the Business Committee report and vote on it item by item. Motion carried.

A motion was made to give the guest speakers the honorariums and mileage as directed by the Business Committee. Motion carried.

The motion for a rising vote of thanks to the host church was temporarily postponed.

(The Business Committee report can be found on an accompanying page).

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's report. Bro. Bill Graves gave the following report;

Beginning balance on hand	\$449.07
(less prev. honorariums)	-247.50
	<u>\$201.57</u>
(less State Meeting rep. fee)	-100.00
	<u>\$101.57</u>
Offerings	\$ 66.00
Representation Fees	\$150.00
	<u>\$317.57</u>
(less honorariums)	-200.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$117.57</u>
EMERGENCY FUND	
Beginning balance	\$1216.17
Interest	32.01
Fees	100.00
Ending balance	\$1348.18



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 219.57
Interest	6.94
Fees	50.00
(less student payments)	-200.00
Ending balance	<u>\$ 76.51</u>

Bro. Graves added that his work might begin to conflict with his Saturday attendance at the quarterlies. He announced he would keep office at least until the next election, and understood if the conference wished to replace him if his work did conflict.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

A time of announcements was allowed. Bro. Hollis announced that the transition period from two churches in Salina to the new combined "Faith Church" had been a good one. He further added that the "Rededication Day" would be on October 28, 1990. It would begin at 2:00 pm with singing and testimony, and Bro. Larry Collins would speak at 3:00 pm.

The Business Committee's recommendation for a rising vote of thanks to the host church was presented in the form of a motion. Motion carried.

Bro. Steve Hendrix gave the prayer to dismiss the quarterly conference and to ask a blessing on the food.

The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted

Ray Hubbard, Clerk

Brief Outline of Bro. Mike Hutsell's Evening Message  
Friday Evening, October 19, 1990

Bro. Hutsell preached on discouragement, and how Satan attempts to get us to the point that we don't enjoy serving God anymore. He began by reading Galatians 6:9-"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not". He emphasized that there is a victory day for saints, and if we draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us. He quoted Job 17:9-"The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger", John 15:9-"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; Continue in My love", and Romans 2:7-"To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life". We were reminded that it is "right to do right". We need to get serious about serving God! He then used portions of 1 Samuel dealing with David's life. Like David, weariness has beset us. There is much jealousy, envy and strife discouraging preachers. Our denomination will never save anyone, but Jesus will!

Saul was afraid of David after the Spirit of God departed from him, but we need not be afraid of each other if we have the Spirit of God. When we do right and walk right, God will bring our enemies to to our feet.

David, respecting the Lord's anointed, refused to touch Saul-but today, we don't give a second thought about backbiting and hurting each other.

David, at the point in his life when everyone was against him, endured and became the King of Israel- today, what would we do if everyone turned against us? Who would we serve?

Bro. Hutsell then used Elijah as an example for perseverance, referring to 1 Kings 17. Elijah was subject to like passions as we are. When he told Ahab there would be no rain, He then put his trust in God and God provided for him. He provided the ravens to feed Elijah at the Brook Cherith, and then provided the widow woman to feed him when the brook dried up. Like Elijah, we might be just one individual, but we need to remember that there is one God-If we will pray earnestly as Elijah did, we will get results. We need to "get a hold of the throne of God" when we pray.

In 1 Kings 18:21, Elijah called all of Israel to Mt. Carmel. There he "mocked" the prophets of Baal openly. If it is not of God, it is all right to "put it down"! After this took place, Jezebel threatened Elijah, taking him immediately from the "hill" to the "valley" (God takes us from peaks to valleys in our Christian lives, but He is always with us). Elijah got so discouraged, he told God that he could go no further. He felt that he was alone in serving God. At that time, the Lord was not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but was in the "still, small voice".

As Christians, we need to be reminded of 1 Corinthians 10:13-  
"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man:  
but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above  
that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to  
escape, that ye may be able to bear it".

Elijah may have been weary, but his perseverance paid off. When  
we get weary, we need to look at the men in the Bible who got  
weary, turned to God, and were lifted up. We need to pray  
fervently daily- if we will do so, our pastor will be "fired up"!



Brief Outline of Bro. Jerry Rogers' Devotional Message

Saturday Morning, October 20, 1990

Title: Finishing the Course

Bro. Rogers used scripture from 2 Timothy 4:7-"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". In his devotion, he quoted Eugene Peterson, saying we need to have long obedience in the same direction. Many people make decisions for Christ, but the follow-through is not there.

The apostle Paul was not like that- He fought a good fight.

God fights a fight within. If we are not careful, Satan will defeat us inwardly. Paul, when almost beaten to death, got back up and continued preaching the Gospel.

We need to be careful not to plant our goals so deep that we fail to see God's goals. The only way we can persevere is to have the same goals that Christ had. Paul's goal was to tell everyone that Jesus was Lord- Especially the lost!

Society has six steps to achieve goals;

1. Enthusiasm
2. Disillusionment
3. Panic
4. Search for Guilty
5. Punishment of the Innocent
6. Praising Those who Didn't Start at All.

If we take Jesus Christ as our goal, we won't go through the steps that society takes.

Our steps for goal achievement need to be;

1. Getting in to What we Believe
2. Accepting it as doctrine
3. Sticking with it.

Bro. Rogers related the story of Paderewski as a young man from the audience came on stage before a concert and sat at the piano. Paderewski sat down behind him and began playing the piano with the boy. He whispered in the boy's ear, "keep playing-don't quit". Like that young man, we need to "keep playing, and never quit".

Bro Rogers closed by using three more scriptures-

Galatians 6:9-"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not"

1 Corinthians 15:58-"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"

1 Peter 5:8, 10-"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"- "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you"

Brief Outline of  
Bro. Nick Hollis' Ordination Message

Bro. Hollis preached a challenging message at Bro. Lupe Gonzales' ordination ceremony. He began by reminding Bro. Lupe (and the congregation) that we need to know who we belong to. He went on to say that God's help should be sought in order to be more dedicated to Him. Temper (or some other thorn in the side) should not rule the person who belongs to God.

Bro. Hollis continued his message by giving Bro. Gonzales the following advice;

1. Know who you belong to
2. Never make decisions when you're angry  
(Be angry, and sin not)

All of us have a place in the ministry. Our place is not to please people, but to serve God- and we serve a living God, not a dead one!

The position of pastor is the highest (and lowest) there is. A pastor needs to be a leader, but also must humble himself to people's needs. He must earn the respect of the people in the congregation. He will be accountable to God for the well being of the people, and how he feeds the sheep. If the pastor doesn't do it, it won't get done.

The pastor needs to help get the people involved. God owns everything, yet still teaches tithing. Why? Because tithing involves the people!

A pastor should never put himself in the place of trying to bargain with God. A pastor should always obey God.

A pastor should never try to "write a book on how to be humble". Being a pastor is not always a "high" experience. Most people will reject the word of God- but if a pastor will continue to "love the unlovely", this will keep him "in the saddle".

When our denomination hurts, the local church hurts. Kansas had 14 churches not long ago- now there are only 8. We need preachers with roots and stability- preachers that will stand upright and hold to God's teaching.

A preacher is called upon to "heal"- heal the liberalism in the local church. When a situation arises that can be answered through scripture, always ask "What says the Word of God?".

A preacher is called upon to heal humanism in the local church. Who cares what we think? we need to ask "What does God's word say?"

A preacher will run into situations where people are placed in jobs that they aren't qualified for. It is better to leave an

office open than to fill the position with an ungodly person.

Our generation has grown up thinking "someone else will do it"- but it's our turn to do it!

A preacher should never try to explain away what God has written in his word. We have no right to move the "old landmarks".

A preacher needs to do his part to heal the moral decline in the world. They get tired of people not listening to their messages.

The pastor is the "standard-bearer" of the church, whether he likes it or not.

A preacher needs to do his part to heal church attendance. We need to "love the one that loves us". People need to learn to be "on the team" in church membership. Instead of bouncing church to church, people need to be reliable.

A preacher must practice tithing. If a preacher doesn't practice it, the church won't practice it. Set the pattern.

Understand that the "battle will rage on"- some within, some without- but victory is assured for the faithful!

People are people, no matter where we go. Preachers need to "get rooted".

1 Corinthians 16:13 tells us "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. God needs watchmen-for Jesus, and to tell others if it is safe or if the enemy is coming (if a trumpeter sleeps at his post, he is worthy of death).

1 Corinthians 16:15 tells us "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,). We need to get addicted to the ministry of the saints!

Practice "sticktoitiveness". If it is worth hanging, "hang on". Jesus is worth hanging on!

Pastors need to have a glow! Too many have lost the faith. If the pastor does, it will hurt the church more than if another member falls. But if we look to Jesus, we can "walk on the water".

A pastor needs to be a man. The pulpit is no place for someone with no backbone. If we don't have one, we can't lift up others. 1 Corinthians 16:13 reminds us to quit (conduct, not give up) ourselves like men, be strong!

We need to preach morals before the people "try them out". If we are living near sin, we are not loving the Savior.



A pastor needs to obey God in his;

Feelings- Do God's will

Intellect- Follow 2 Timothy 2:15

Will- Be known as a "Child of God"

When Jesus was speaking to Peter in John 21:15-17, He asked Peter three times "Lovest thou Me?". A pastor needs to live by those three words;

Lovest (The substance of Christian life on earth)

Thou (The personal and individual characteristic of Christianity-They must accept Jesus)

Me (the very object of Christianity-Not the doctrine, not an individual in church, but Jesus)

(As delivered to the first Kansas Quarterly Conference, at the occasion of Brother Guadalupe Gonzales ordination service, Saturday, October 20, 1990)

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas Bro. Jerry Rogers has agreed with the Credentials Committee, we recommend he be placed on a one year provalship- in a Licensed Minister status in the eyes of this Association (But, in the eyes of his local Church, he will carry Ordained Minister's privileges).

2. Whereas the Credentials Committee has met and examined Bro. Lupe Gonzales and have found him to be of sound doctrine and faith do hereby recommend that he be approved by the Association and granted the request to be ordained this day of October 20, 1990.

Bro. Nick Hollis  
Bro. Ray Hubbard  
Bro. Jerry Myers

## REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, recommend a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for their gracious hospitality, and recommend honorariums to be paid to the speakers in the following amounts-

Bro. Nick Hollis                      \$100.00 + \$50.00 mileage

Bro. Mike Hutsell                    \$50.00

Bro. Troy Dobbs  
Bro. Bill Graves  
Bro. Gene Molby

We, the Executive Committee, having met a 8:00 p.m. on March 9, 1990 at Hutchinson, Ks to discuss the items presented by the Business Committee at the First Kansas Quarterly meeting on January 20, 1990, make the following recommendations to the voting body;

1. In regards to the First Kansas Quarterly Conference Constitution, Paragraph 7F, which reads "No minister shall perform a wedding ceremony in case either party had a living companion", after reviewing the Treatise of Free Will Baptists, Chapter III, section IV, item I, page 64, we recommend that Paragraph 7F be deleted from the Constitution of the First Kansas Quarterly of Free Will Baptists
2. In regards to the recommendaion whether or not to include language in the Quarterly Constitution in regards to policy on membership in secret organizations, we, after reviewing Article 6 of the Constitution of the First Kansas Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists, and Chapter III, section IV, item I, page 64 of the Treatise of Free Will Baptists, we recommend that said language not be added to the Constitution of the Firstquarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists, which states that the authority in issues such as this belongs to the local church, and not to the quarterly conference.

Neal R. Kerans

Steve Robinson

Ray Hubbard