

FIRST KANSAS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE - 1991

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Rev. Neal Kerans (Term Exp.1-92)
Rev. Lupe Gonzales (Term Exp.1-93)
Rev. Bernard Roberts (Term Exp.1-94)

Credentials Committee

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Bro. Ray Hubbard (Term Exp.1-93)
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PRESENT OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Jerry Myers
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lupe Gonzales
Clerk	Bro. Ray Hubbard
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Nick Hollis
Treasuror	Bro. Bill Graves
Assistant Treasuror	Sis. Pat Graves

MEETING PLACES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

April 19-20, 1991	1st FWB Church, Ulysses, Ks
October 18-19, 1991	1st FWB Church, Wellington, Ks
January 17-18, 1992	1st FWB Church, Hutchinson, Ks

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Clerk's Address- Ray Hubbard, 412 W. Broadway, Newton, Ks 67114
Treasurer's address- Bill Graves, 1309 N. Plum, Wellington, Ks 67152

FIRST KANSAS QUARTERLY MEETING
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONVENING AT
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
529 E. 8th.
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

JANUARY 18-19, 1991

Friday Evening Service, January 18, 1991

Service opened with prayer.....7:30 p.m.

Welcome by host church

Congregational singing

Offering

Special music

MESSAGE.....Rev. Jerry Rogers
Pastor of
First Free Will Baptist
Church, Wellington, KS

Appointment of Committees

Woman's Auxiliary Meeting to be Announced

Benediction

Saturday Morning, January 19, 1991

Service opened with prayer.....,9:30 a.m.

Congregational Singing

Special Music

Devotion.....To Be Announced

Business Session

Call to order by Moderator

Seating of delegates

Church letters read

Minutes of last meeting read

Unfinished business

New business.....Election of officers for 1991

Reports

WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Singing

Prayer

Special Music

Offering

MESSAGE.....Rev. Guadalupe Gonzales
Pastor of
First Free Will Baptist
Church, Ulyssess, KS

FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

Treasurers report

Announcements

Adjournment

Lunch

Minutes
Of the Annual Meeting
Of the
First Kansas Quarterly Conference
of
Free Will Baptists
Convening at
First Free Will Baptist Church
Hutchinson, Kansas
January 18-19, 1991

The meeting opened with a welcome from Brother Bernard Roberts (Moderator). After the welcome, all ordained men present met at the altar to pray for the world situation (Persian Gulf crisis). The altar prayer was led by Brother Jerry Myers. Sister Terry Luman led singing, accompanied by Sister Pearline Roberts. Hymns sung were "When we all get to Heaven" and "Victory in Jesus". The evening offering was then taken. Brother Mike Luman gave the offering prayer.

After the offering, Brother Roberts called for representatives of each church (and visitors) to stand and be counted. The results were as follows;

First Church, Hutchinson	16
Faith Church, Salina	1
First Church, Ulysses	4
First Church, Wellington	10
First Church, Wichita	13
Total Present	<u>44</u>

Brother and Sister Roberts then performed special music. The selections they chose were "If that isn't Love" and "One-way Flight". Brother Jerry Rogers then brought the evening message (notes from Bro. Rogers' message are provided on an accompanying page).

Following Brother Rogers' message, Sisters Pearline Roberts and Terry Luman led the congregation in singing "What a Friend". Everyone stood and shook hands. The Moderator then asked Brother Jerry Myers to hand out copies of the October meeting's minutes. The Business Committee was then appointed-it consisted of Brothers Nick Hollis (Chairman), Troy Dobbs, and Don Jones.


The moderator then made the following announcements;

The Business Committee and Woman's Auxiliary will meet immediately after this evening's services are dismissed

Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30 am Saturday morning, January 19

Brother Ray Hubbard led the prayer at the conclusion of the evening services.

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Clerk

Bro. Ray Hubbard

Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion seconded and carried.

Assistant Clerk

Bro. Nick Hollis

Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer

Bro. Bill Graves

Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion seconded and carried.

Assistant Treasurer

Sis. Pat Graves

Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion seconded and carried.

Executive Committee Member

Bro. Bernard Roberts

Bro. Lupe Gonzales filled in temporarily as Moderator. Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Credentials Committee Member Bro. Jerry Rogers

(Point of order was called (Bro. Rogers is currently in one-year provalship within this association, awaiting ordination). Nomination was withdrawn. Bro. Bernard Roberts' name was placed in nomination. Bro Lupe Gonzales filled in temporarily as Moderator. Motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion seconded and carried.

Brother Roberts called for reports. It was announced that the Jeff Turnbough family would be visiting the Bethel (Kansas City), Wichita, Salina, and Emporia churches on March 8-10. Brother Jerry Myers invited area churches to come and fellowship with the Turnboughs at Wichita on the 9th of March. Brother Roberts then reminded the congregation to be in constant prayer for Glenda Leatherbury and Jalayne Martens. Glenda has had to fill in as doctor for awhile, but the doctor has returned, and the pressure is now off. A videotape from them is available from the Hutchinson church.

Brother Jerry Myers gave a short report on the State Executive Board. The board has requested that each church send \$50 (or whatever they can take in as an offering) to the state to help with expenses for bringing in a speaker for the State meeting. Brother Myers also mentioned that the two students receiving the scholarship fund were now purchasing books, and the fund has helped tremendously. He went on to say that Hillsdale is again looking for an enrollment increase, even in the second semester. The college is doing an expansion survey (obtaining prices of land in the area, etc). He also stated that students do better at other colleges if they spend two years at Hillsdale.

Sister Pat Graves made an announcement in regards to the State treasury. Other than offerings, the state only receives 3% of any cooperative funds. If no money is designated by churches for this fund, the state gets nothing. Two churches in the association are designating money for the fund, and Sister Graves encouraged other churches to make a monthly commitment.

A short break was taken after announcements were given.

Following the break, the morning worship service began. Sister Terry Luman led the congregation in singing "We've a Story to Tell" and "Bring Them In". The offering was taken, and Brother Jerry Rogers gave the offertory prayer. Sister Terry Luman then provided special music, performing "Born to Die". Brother Guadalupe Gonzales brought the morning message (notes from Bro. Gonzales' message can be found on an accompanying page). Following the message, the altar was opened for a time of prayer.

After the morning message, the final business session began. The moderator called for the Treasurer's Report. Sister Pat Graves gave the following report;

Beginning balance on hand	\$117.57
Offerings	96.38
Representation Fees	150.00
Balance	<u>\$363.95</u>
Disbursments	
Honorariums and Mileage	-275.00
Ending balance on hand	<u>\$ 88.95</u>
EMERGENCY FUND	
Beginning balance on hand	\$1,348.18
Contributions	100.00
Ending balance on hand	<u>\$1,448.18</u>
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Beginning balance on hand	\$ 76.51
Contributions	50.00
Special contribution (Ulysses church)	24.66
Ending balance on hand	<u>\$151.17</u>

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried.

The moderator announced that newly-amended copies of the Quarterly Constitution and By-Laws were available from the clerk. Brother Roberts then called for other announcements. There were none. A motion was made to adjourn. At this time, item 4 of the Business Committee's report was moved and seconded. The host church was given a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality. The motion to adjourn was seconded. Motion carried. Brother Roberts closed with statistics on "why people attend church" (a complete list of these statistics can be found on an accompanying page). The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Hubbard, Clerk

Brief outline of Bro. Jerry Rogers' evening message
Friday evening, January 18, 1991

Bro. Rogers brought his message from Luke 11:1. The title was "Teach Us To Pray". Many Christians don't get results from prayers because they don't know how to pray. In the text, the disciples needed to know something from Jesus that troubled them-they needed to know **how** to pray. The disciples probably saw something in Jesus' life that they wanted to get hold of, because He knew how to pray. John the Baptist's disciples knew how to pray, because he taught them. Our prayers should not be like having a "conversation" with God (how's the weather, etc), or a Pharisee-like prayer (eloquent, but self-righteous). As Christians, we can go before God as if it were Jesus doing the talking (Luke 21:36). We can also live above sin, if we will "die daily" and allow the Holy Spirit to work effectively in our life.

God's will for us is that we live **Holy, Righteously, and Godly** in these days. But iniquity (as mentioned in James 4) keeps us from God. When He is close to us and we know our prayer is effectual, **WATCH OUT-THINGS WILL HAPPEN! WE WILL START TO GET OUR HEARTS IN TUNE WITH GOD!**

Why don't our children know how to pray? Because we don't pray with them!

Living "day to day" is the **least** important thing we can do. The **most** important things we can do are to

1. Win the lost
2. Feed God's sheep

If we win lost souls, we will grow.

We keep close to God by effectual prayer in Christ. Victory begins in prayer. Too many times, we are "defeated Christians". We need to realize that we are not losers! Defeat is "not getting up again"-defeat is "staying down".

Who do we go to to learn how to pray? We go to Jesus! We need to pray **THROUGH!** Stay on our knees until we get results-until we are sure that God is "going to receive it". We don't like to make a phone call and get a busy signal-God is never busy. He tries to get through to us, but many times, we give Him the "busy signal". We need to stop doing this.

Whatever Jesus prayer for, He received. He got exactly what He wanted every time He prayed-even the prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. We can make a mark for Jesus-we can make a mark for Free Will Baptists (it's a disgrace that we have such a small denomination)-with prayer, something of **great importance**.

We will receive forgiveness as we give it. If we don't have it, we won't get it. The world checks external credentials (social security, outward appearance, etc), but Jesus slices through the "ceremonial robes" and gets right to the heart! We have the greatest power on Earth-a heart that is willing to serve-but it **only** comes with a **GREAT DEAL OF PRAYER!**

Brief outline of Bro. Nick Hollis' devotional message

Saturday morning, January 19, 1991

Title: Giving Account in His Ministry

Brother Hollis brought the message from 1 Corinthians 4:1-4, also reminding us to continue praying for the Mideast crisis.

He went on to say that the one thing that must back up prayer is the life we live. Many times, we say our prayers like "table grace". We do it in a hurry. We needs to take time to sacrifice time unto the Lord.

We must back up our faith with faithfulness. We need to be reminded of our accountability before God. Complacent lifestyles have permeated people- we are apathetic- we need to be happy, but we also need to be serious when we pray!

We need to know that God cares, and God understands (if He was willing to give his Son when we were sinners, He is willing to hear our prayers).

It's not what I think, nor what you think about me. It's what God thinks of me that matters.

Many times we love ourselves so much that we don't care about others. we need to think of ourselves less, but think more about the needs of the world.

We are accountable

We are in His ministry

we are responsible

because others are watching!

(Brother Hollis closed his devotion with a word of prayer)

Brief outline of Bro. Lupe Gonzales' morning message

Saturday Morning, January 19, 1991

Title: Is not My word like a fire?

Brother Gonzales brought his message from Jeremiah 23:29, stating that God's word is like a fire, and the hammer that breaks down sin. If we were physically "on fire", we would undoubtedly draw attention. In Revelation 3:16, we find that God "spues the lukewarm out of His mouth". He would rather that we be hot! Remember David running for the Ark, leaping for joy? The people thought it was shameful, but David said no-he was on "fire for the Lord".

God wants our BEST- NOT SECOND PLACE! A lukewarm Christian is a "smoulderer". A fire of this type makes an ugly mess, stinks, contains no fire, and becomes a stumbling block. A lukewarm Christian gets in the way, puts on airs, and pretends. They actually become God's enemy by saying they are "good" (a lot of "good" people are going to Hell). If their prayers stop at the ceiling, people are a hindrance to the Lord.

We have become "comfortable" and "doubtful" in prayer. God doesn't hear that- He has more important things to do, such as listening to one with a broken heart-ones who are concerned.

In Matthew 3:5-11, Jesus sets the perfect example for us. These verses mirror the life of Jesus! This was the way He lived! We need to be more like Him if we want to see the kingdom of Heaven-then God will bless, and bless, and bless! When we realize that we are weak, poor, and need more spirituality, then God will hear us!

David prayed three times daily. He broke down and humbled himself. Jesus knew that He was poor in spirit, and went to the Lord- and He was our Savior!

We wouldn't be Christians if we did not feel compassion for others (an example of this is the Gulf War-do we feel compassion for those involved?).

If we hunger and thirst for righteousness (and we will until we go home to the Father), someday **we will be filled!**

Blessed are the "pure in heart". We are ALL wicked and sinners, working towards purity!

Blessed are the peacemakers...they are called the children of God. We ARE the children of God! Therefore, **WE ARE THE PEACEMAKERS!**

Blessed are the persecuted- one day, we won't be persecuted anymore. It is painful when people say things against us, and we know different. Jesus says to us, "Let Me handle it".

Brother Gonzales then referred to Daniel 3:17-18. Too many people, he said, live for Satan six days a week, then come in to Sunday services "praising God". This cannot be- we either serve one or the other. As in Exodus 2:3,4, you and I are the "burning bush". We **can** be the fire of God. We **can** be like Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego. Who is in the midst of the fire? **GOD IS!**

In Daniel 3:24, the King was astounded! The fourth figure in the fire had the form of the Son of God! God's children were not consumed by the **physical** fire, because they were full of the **spiritual** fire.

Fire will have the following effect on us-

- .it will possess you
- .it will enhance you
- .it will increase you
- .it will make you noticeable to others

We, too, can be in the "midst of the bush". to do so, we have to learn to walk by the standard that has its eyes on God. We have the God-given right to choose! we will either;

1. Go into the furnace with God
2. Walk around the furnace
3. Waive all rights, and let the Savior make all the decisions

Lot chose to keep his rights and lost everything

Abraham chose to waive his rights, and gained everything.

Brother Gonzales closed with 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you". The altar was then opened for prayer.

WHY PEOPLE ATTEND CHURCH

6-8% walk into church off of the street

2-3% come for events such as Christmas programs, etc.

8-10% come as a result of pastoral visits

3-4% come as a result of special needs (funerals, etc)

1-2% come from a church visitation program

3-4% are introduced to church through the Sunday school

.0005% come as a result of an evangelistic preaching service

70-80% are brought by a relative or a friend-
That's the power of the church!

We need to....

Get acquainted with the lost

Let them become a friend of ours

We don't listen to salesmen, but we do listen to customers. "No business survives without satisfied customers". In the church, the pastor is the "salesman, and the people are the "customers". We need to tell others what the Lord has done for us.

Business Committee Report
January 18th & 19th, 1991
First Kansas Quarterly Conference
Hutchinson, Kansas

1. We recommend that a \$75.00 honorarium be given to our two speakers; Bro. Jerry Rogers and Bro. Lupe Gonzales, plus mileage.

Bro. Rogers - \$75.00 + \$25.00 = \$100.00

Bro. Gonzales- \$75.00 + \$100.00 = \$175.00

2. Whereas the Wellington church requested to host the October 1991 Quarterly, and whereas the Ulysses church requested to host the April Quarterly, and whereas the Hutchinson church requested to host the January, 1992 Quarterly, we recommend that we accept each invitation of these churches.

3. Whereas the Emergency Fund has \$1,348.18 now on hand, and that the original goal of this fund was to be \$1,000.00, and believing that this fund would be enough to help if needed, and

Whereas the Scholarship Fund is being used up little by little, we recommend that we change the amounts apportioned from our present Quarterly fees as follows;

\$30 per Quarter to the Scholarship Fund (as long as the balance of the Emergency Fund stays above \$1,000.00)

\$20 per Quarter to the Scholarship Fund, and \$10 per Quarter to the Emergency Fund (if the balance of the Emergency Fund falls below \$1,000.00)

And leaving the Representation Fee of \$30 as is.

4. We recommend a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for their loving hospitality, as we look forward to returning next January, the Lord willing.

Signed: Bro. Nick Hollis
Bro. Donald B. Jones
Bro. Troy Dobbs

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of
Free Will Baptist
convening at
First Free Will Baptist Church
600 N. Glen
Ulysses, Ks.

April 19 - 20, 1991

Friday evening service, April 19, 1991 7:30 p.m.

Motion to enter into conference

Opening prayer

Welcome by host pastor

Congregational singing

1.

2.

3.

Offering

Special music

Message Pastor Bernard Roberts

Invitation

appointment of Committees

Motion to continue Saturday morning April 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Benediction

Saturday morning, April 20 1991 9:30 a.m.

Service opened with prayer

Congregational song

Special music

Devotion

Church letters read

Seating of Delegates

Minutes of last meeting read

Unfinished business

New business

Reports

Break

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Prayer

Congregational singing

1.

2.

Offering

Special Music

1.

2.

Message.....Pastor Jerry Myers

Invitation

Financial report

Announcements

Adjournment

Lunch

MINUTES
OF THE FIRST KANSAS QUARTERLY MEETING
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONVENING AT
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ULYSSES, KANSAS
APRIL 19 - 20, 1991

Friday evening, April 19, 1991 -

Bro. Jerry Myers opened the conference, calling on Bro. Dan Mast to lead in prayer. Motion was made and seconded to enter into conference. Motion carried. Bro. Lupe Gonzales, host pastor, welcomed all of the churches that were represented .

Bro. Gene Molby led in congregational singing, accompanied by Sisters Dortha Bagley on piano and Lorraine Talbert on organ. Selections chosen were;

"To God Be the Glory", "Sweet By and By", and "He Brought Me Out"

An offering was taken. Bro. Gene Molby and Sis. Voncile Bolinger then sang "Without Him", followed by Bro. Bernard and Sis. Pearline Roberts singing and performing the selections "He", and "Ready to Leave".

Bro. Bernard Roberts brought us the evening message, entitled "Falling out of Love" (notes from Bro. Robert's message can be found on an accompanying page).

After the evening message, Bro. Jerry Myers appointed the Business Committee, consisting of;

Bro. Dan Mast (chairman)
Bro. Chuck Holdeman
Bro. Joe Winship

Sis. Pat Graves was asked to meet with the committee to advise them on financial matters.

It was announced that the Women's Auxiliary would meet after services.

The petition from the Wichita First Church to have Bro. Brad Holdeman examined by the Credentials Committee (for qualification as a deacon) was mentioned by the moderator. Bro. Lupe Gonzales was appointed to assist the Credentials Committee in examining Bro. Holdeman (the Credentials Committee would meet immediately after the evening services).

The moderator then recognized each church, and the representatives present from each one. They were as follows;

First Church, Ulysses	15
First Church, Wellington	3
First Church, Wichita	7
Faith Church, Salina	6
First Church, Hutchinson	2

Other announcements made included the availability of 1991 yearbooks, and that coffee and donuts would be served in the morning (doors open at 6:30 am).

Saturday morning, April 20, 1991 -

Bro. Bernard Roberts opened with prayer. Bro. Gene Molby led in the congregational selection, "Heaven's Jubilee". Special music was offered by Sisters Pat Graves, Clara Hillis, and Dollye Moore (accompanied by Sis. Marlene Myers on piano), singing "God Leads us Along".

Bro. Lupe Gonzales brought the morning devotion (notes from Bro. Gonzales' devotion can be found on an accompanying page).

After the devotion, the business session began with the clerk reading the church letters. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letters as read and to seat the delegates. The delegates stood, and the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 18-19, 1991 Annual Meeting were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

Old Business- As a point of information only, a Letter of Good Standing from the Clerk of the Arbuckle Association of Free Will Baptists (Oklahoma) was read, recommending Bro. Troy Dobbs acceptance into full fellowship of the First Kansas Quarterly.

New Business- The recommendations of the Credentials Committee, which met the previous evening, were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the committee. Motion carried. The Credentials Committee Report follows;

Report of the Credentials Committee

Having examined Bro. Brad Holdeman for the office of deacon, we find him sound in knowledge and practices of Free Will Baptist doctrine and hereby recommend him for the office of deacon, pending the one-year period that he is to be set aside, which will expire August 15, 1991.

Rev. Bernard Roberts
Ray Hubbard
Bro. Lupe Gonzales

Brief reports by the Women's Auxiliary, the State Home Missions, the State Executive Board, and the Christian Education Board were given. It was announced that the state co-op funds were low, and each church was asked to give a voluntary \$50 offering to help defer the costs of the speaker at the State meeting, and for State youth Camp to help with camping fees.

Bro. Donnie Childers provided special music, "When He was on the Cross, I was on His Mind", accompanied by Sis. Dortha Bagley on the piano.

Bro. Gene Molby also provided a special selection, "The King is Coming", accompanied by Sis. Dortha Bagley on the piano.

Bro. Steve Robinson, a visitor from the Guymon, Ok. Free Will Baptist Church, was recognized.

time for testimonies was then given, then new visitors who were not present the previous evening were recognized (2 from the first Church, Hutchinson).

A fifteen-minute recess was called. Bro. Ray Hubbard led in prayer.

Upon reconvening, Bro. Gene Molby opened with prayer. Bro. Molby then led in congregational singing. The hymns selected were "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "When we all get to Heaven". The morning offering was taken. After the offering, a number of special music selections were presented. They included;

Bro. Gene Molby performing "He Looked Beyond my Fault", accompanied by Sis. Dortha Bagley on piano and Sis. Lorraine Talbert on the organ

Bros. Dan Mast and Lupe Gonzales performing "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Sis. Dortha Bagley on piano and Sis. Lorraine Talbert on the organ

Bros. Steve Robinson, Brad Holdeman, and Ray Hubbard, Sis. Carolyn Holdeman and Marlene Myers performing "On the Jericho Road"

Sis. Marlene Myers singing and playing "Every Need Supplied".

Bro. Lupe Gonzales introduced Bro. Jerry Myers for the morning message. Bro. Myers preached on "lost opportunities by the saved and the lost" (notes from Bro. Myers' message can be found on an accompanying page).

After the morning message, the concluding business session was held. The report of the Business Committee was read. A motion was made to accept the report as read, and the report be voted on item by item. Motion carried. The Business Committee Report is entered below;

Business Committee Report

1. We, the Business Committee do hereby submit that since the Women's Auxiliary meets on Friday night, we suggest the Saturday morning meeting start at 9:00 a.m.
2. We recommend that Jeff Myers be sent to the National C.T.S. Competition (singing).
3. We recommend that the Honorarium be set at \$75.00 plus mileage (Bro. Roberts, \$75 plus 100 miles and Bro. Myers, \$75 plus 110 miles).
4. We also recommend that we give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks.

Signed: W.D. Holdeman
Joe Winship
Dan Mast

A motion was made and seconded to accept item #1. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept item #2. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made on item #3 to cut or eliminate mileage altogether for local speakers. After discussion, an amendment was proposed to cut mileage for local speakers to 15¢/mile. A motion was made and seconded to accept item #3 as amended. Motion carried.

Item #4 was tabled until after announcements were read.

The moderator then called for a Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report follows;

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, General Fund	\$138.95
Evening Offering, 4-19-91	\$ 48.00
Morning Offering, 4-20-91	<u>88.86</u>
Total Offerings,	\$136.86
Balance on hand after offerings	\$275.81
Representation fees	\$150.00
Balance on hand after representation fees	\$425.81
Honorariums and Mileage	-\$282.00
Ending Balance on hand	<u>\$143.81</u>
Beginning balance, Emergency Fund	\$1,434.83
Deposits	0
Disbursements	0
Ending balance, Emergency Fund	<u>\$1,434.83</u>
Beginning balance, Scholarship Fund	\$155.95
Representation fees	\$150.00
Ending balance, Scholarship Fund	<u>\$305.95</u> (including interest)

After the Treasurer's Report was given, the moderator called for announcements. The following were made;

First Free Will Baptist Church, Guymon, Ok. will hold a revival, June 10-14.
Evangelist Merle Kelley

First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita will hold a revival May 2-4.
Evangelist Grover Terry

After announcements, a motion was made and seconded to accept item #4 of the Business Committee Report. Motion carried with a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

Motion was made and seconded to dismiss. Motion carried.

Bro. Steve Robinson dismissed the meeting with prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Hubbard, Clerk

Brief outline of Bro. Bernard Roberts' message, 4-19-91
"Falling out of Love"

Bro. Roberts used Rev. 2:1-5 as his opening text, then prayed. He brought out that we need to give heed to a convicting Spirit. We are in a time when love means very little-the words of this passage are for us TODAY!

The #1 problem in fundamental churches today is that we will defend truths, but the love is gone or going.

We need to know three things;

1. Our works are not hidden from Christ
2. What the lost love really is
3. That failure to correct a church near death will result in souls dying, lost in sin

1. Bro. Roberts reread verse 2, "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars". Many times church members say "I don't know what they are going to to" (referring to other church members). We need to remember that the church is we, not they.

Sometimes, churches live in a "fantasy world". We pretend so much, we tend to think things are real. Even STRONG Christians have a problem with this. It is time to stop pretending! No matter how hard we try to convince ourselves of what a good job we are doing, God knows exactly what we are doing. Our churches are not producing like we should.

We are seeing today that Jesus' words are true. Matt. 24:12 tells us "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (if we aren't motivated by love, we will get cold and quit). The reason so many people "church-hop" is that they are looking for something different. We should be looking for Christ!

2. What is "lost love" (Rev. 2:4)? What substance is missing? What causes people not to attend church? The "first love" is evangelism, motivated out of a love for Christ (Acts 2:41-42, 46,47). The early church's desire was to carry the message that "Jesus loves us".

In Matt. 9:12 (as Jesus ate with publicans), he answered the Pharisees who saw Him "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick". No preacher can please all of the people. Are we going to church to "please the pastor"? Jesus came for "those that were sick" (the lost). He died for sinners! we must hate sin and love sinners if we are to grow.

Mark 16:15 states "and He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". If we are to go, we must have a burden for the lost. If we lose our burden for the lost, our zeal for evangelism dies. No matter how hard our pastor tries, he cannot bring people in as fast as they will leave- UNLESS WE HELP HIM! If we are to win the lost, we must win them where they are.

We are challenged to;

Go to one lost person per week
Go with a burden for the lost
Pray for some individual daily.

Psalms 126:6 tells us "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him". We may have to evangelize differently now, but we still have to do it!

3. Rev. 2:5 indicates that there will be a church when Jesus returns ("Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent"). Just because the Church is built on the Rock (Matt. 16: 17-18), doesn't mean that the individual church cannot die. Several fundamental churches close every hour. If we don't repent of our coldness, God will remove US!

Do we still get thrilled at the thought of a soul being saved? We need to remember that there is someone we can reach, with our personalities, for Christ!

(After Bro. Robert's message, and altar call was given)

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Brief Outline of Bro. Lupe Gonzales' devotion, Saturday, April 20, 1991

Bro. Lupe used Psalms 130 as his text, saying that forgiveness from God is the best news we can have-it means something great, it is appreciated, and it is ours. Only God can bring true forgiveness, because He understands what we need.

When a person is starving or dying, even a piece of moldy bread becomes precious. With God, it doesn't matter who we are-the forgiveness of God is the same, whether we are president or beggar.

The "whosoever" in John 3:16 means us. God delights in giving us mercy-He understands, and He wants to forgive.

The purpose of forgiveness is that we may fear Him. People don't fear God anymore. we need to come to Him now and ask for forgiveness.

II Corinthians 6:2- "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the say of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)". **TODAY IS THE DAY!**

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Brief Outline of Bro. Jerry Myers' message-Saturday, April 20, 1991
"Revival, and Lost Opportunities (by the saved and the lost)"

Jeremiah 8:20-"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved", and Jeremiah 7:1-3-"The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the god of Israel, amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place".

God is Lord over all of us. Winter will come, and there will be no opportunity for growth (corn can't grow in Winter). We are at the end of Summer in time-people coming to the Lord will be by the "skin of their teeth".

Christians have an incorruptible treasure in Heaven (Bro. Myers referred to the parable of the laborers coming in late and receiving the same wages as those who had worked all day). Those who "come to God's family" late still get blessings like others who served Him for years, but they will admit that they are sorry they waited.

Jeremiah 7:16-"Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee". The "door had shut" on man's opportunity, If God isn't drawing us to an altar of repentance, nothing will happen. Godly sorrow only comes with convicting power.

John 5:28-"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice"- all dead will hear Christ's voice, and many will be left unsaved.

God is an optimist-we need to be, too. We should never say "that person will never get saved". With that attitude, they never will! Never give up! It isn't easy, but "He that endureth will be saved". He that endureth in his church will see results!

What is the world holding on to, that is worth going to Hell over?

Noah preached for 120 years, and only 8 souls were saved. Even a small congregation still needs to hear God's word preached. Like the parable of the ten virgins-when the door is closed, God won't reopen it.

There will be a lot of "almost" saved people in Hell. The devil himself trembles, but he won't be in Heaven.

Our churches should strive for revival every single service!

No burden = no one saved. No prayers for the pastor = no power. If we will encourage the preacher, we'll "preach him to death" (Bro. Myers related a story about starting a 2-ton truck by building a fire under it to soften the oil). Sometimes preachers get "thick oil". They need encouragement!

We are in a spiritual battle with Satan, but we serve a Savior that has already won the victory. Revelation tells us that we have already won (Christians can "cheat" by reading the ending). We will win the prize if we will stick in the ring with Satan, and not give up!

The Lord is good-He has provided a way for us. When we do what God wants us to do, and we feel his "stamp of approval", He has been good to us and has blessed us.

(The message ended with an altar call-the hymn "Pass Me Not" was played)

First Kansas Quarterly Meeting
of
Free Will Baptist
convening at
First Free Will Baptist Church
600 N. Glen
Ulysses, Ks.

April 19 - 20, 1991

Friday evening service, April 19, 1991 7:30 p.m.

Motion to enter into conference

Opening prayer

Welcome by host pastor

Congregational singing

1.

2.

3.

Offering

Special music

Message Pastor Bernard Roberts

Invitation

appointment of Committees

Motion to continue Saturday morning April 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Benediction

Saturday morning, April 20 1991 9:30 a.m.

Service opened with prayer

Congregational song

Special music

Devotion

Church letters read

Seating of Delegates

Minutes of last meeting read

Unfinished business

New business

Reports

Break

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Prayer

Congregational singing

1.

2.

Offering

Special Music

1.

2.

Message.....Pastor Jerry Myers

Invitation

Financial report

Announcements

Adjournment

Lunch

March 20, 1991

First Kansas Quarterly
Clerk Ray Hubbard
412 West Broadway
Newton, Kansas 67114

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Arbuckle Association met on Feb. 2
at the New Hope Church. In this session
we voted to send a letter of recommendation
for Bro. Troy Dobbs and recommend him
into your fellowship as a member in good
standing with our Association.

Sincerely,

Joyce Mullins

Clerk, Arbuckle Association

October 16, 1990

Clerk Joyce Mullins
Rt 1, Box 213
Ratliff, Ok 73081

Dear Joyce:

The First Kansas Quarterly recently voted to accept Brother Troy Dobbs as an ordained minister into the association, as soon as a letter of good standing was received by the Arbuckle Association. I am writing this letter to respectfully request the association, at its next quarterly, to take up this matter as an item of business.

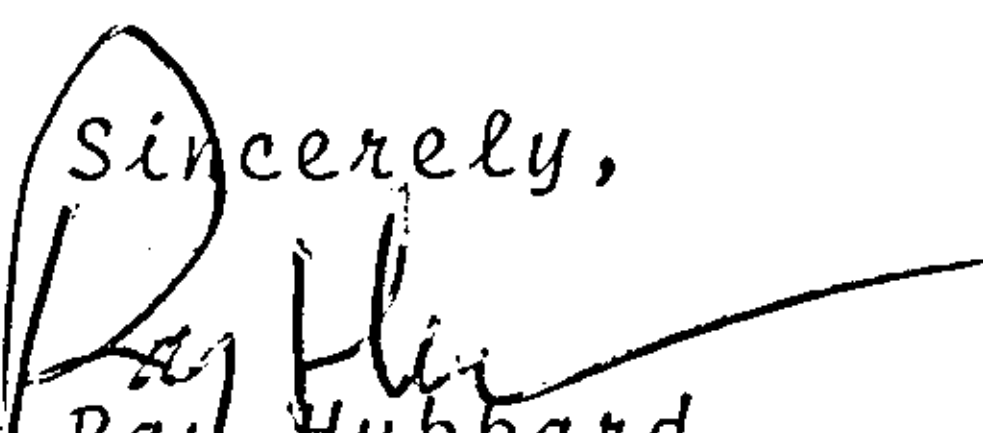
Once the letter is approved, please send it to;

Clerk Ray Hubbard
412 West Broadway
Newton, Ks 67114

If you have any questions regarding this request, you can reach me in the evenings at 316-283-3841.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Ray Hubbard

Clerk, 1st Kansas Quarterly

MINUTES
OF THE FIRST KANSAS QUARTERLY MEETING
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONVENING AT
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WELLINGTON, KANSAS
OCTOBER 18-19, 1991

(Corrections made)
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Friday evening, October 18, 1991 -

Bro. Nick Hollis opened the conference, calling on Bro. Brad Holdeman to lead in prayer. Motion was made and seconded to enter into conference. Motion carried. Bro. Jerry Rogers, host pastor, welcomed all of the churches that were represented.

Bro. Jim Sanders led in congregational singing, accompanied by Sisters Carolyn Holdeman on piano and Pat Graves on organ. Selections chosen were "The Lily of the Valley" and "It is Well with thy Soul"

Bro. Jerry Myers led in prayer. The evening offering was taken. The offertory selection was "What a Friend".

Bro. Myers called for a motion to enter into conference. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Jim Sanders (music director at the host church) brought the special music on guitar. The first selection was "At the Cross (which was written by Bro. Sanders). He was accompanied by sisters Natasha Sanders and Theresa Rogers on vocals. The second selection, entitled "Going Back", was sang by Sis. Rogers. Bro. and Sis. Sanders accompanied on vocals.

Bro. Troy Dobbs brought us the evening message from I Samuel 21:8 (notes from Bro. Dobbs' message can be found on an accompanying page).

After the evening message, Bro. Jerry Myers appointed the Business Committee, consisting of Bro. Brad Holdeman, Bro. Bud Nugen, and Bro. Gene Molby. Bro. & Sis. Graves was asked to meet with the committee to advise them on financial matters.

It was announced that the Credentials Committee would meet with Bro. Jerry Rogers immediately after services. The Women's Auxiliary would also meet.

The moderator then recognized each church, and the representatives present from each one. They were as follows;

First Church, Ulysses	3
First Church, Wellington	28
First Church, Wichita	16
Faith Church, Salina	3
First Church, Hutchinson	6

It was announced that continental breakfast would be served in the morning (at 8:15 am), and that some overnight sleeping accommodations were available by contacting the host pastor.

Saturday morning, October 19, 1991 -

Bro. Jerry Rogers opened with prayer. Bro. Brad Holdeman led in the congregational selection, "My Savior's Love", accompanied by Sisters Carolyn Holdeman on piano and Pat Graves on organ.

Brothers Jason Balthazor and Tom Hollis brought the morning devotions (notes from Bros. Balthazor and Hollis' devotions can be found on an accompanying page). Between devotions, Bros. Gene Molby and Dan Mast sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Sis. Carolyn Holdeman.

After the devotions, the business session began with the clerk reading the church letters. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letters as read and to seat the delegates. Due to the absence of one of the appointed delegate for the First Church in Wichita, Sister Ann Smith, an alternate delegate, was appointed and seated. The delegates stood, and the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 19-20, 1991 Quarterly Meeting were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as recorded. After time was given to review the minutes for errors, the motion carried.

New visitors to the morning session were then recognized. They included Bro. Jim & Sis. Karen Mize (Pastor, Bethel FWB Church, Kansas City), Sis. Jalayne Martens and Glennda Leatherbury (missionaries to the Ivory Coast), Bro. Larry & Sis. Rose Haggard and family (Missionary to Overland Park, Kansas).

There was no old business. In the way of new business- the recommendations of the Credentials Committee, which met the previous evening, were read by Bro. Nick Hollis. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the committee. The moderator called for questions or concerns. Being none, the motion carried. The Credentials Committee Report follows;

Report of the Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, Have met with Bro. Jerry Rogers and the trustees of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wellington, and do hereby recommend that an extension of three months be approved for them in order that the Wellington church may comply with the by-laws; whereas the Church must recommend to the Quarterly for Bro. Rogers to be accepted into full fellowship of this Association.

Signed; Bro. Nick Hollis
Bro. Ray Hubbard
Bro. Troy L. Dobbs

(The new State guidelines on setting aside prospective pastors for recognition were also read).

A brief report of the Women's Auxiliary meeting on October 18 was given by Sis. Marlene Myers. There had been 17 present for the meeting. Sis. Martens & Leatherbury spoke at the meeting, concerning the work in Africa. A goal of \$500 was set to be raised for support of the work. Sis. Myers encouraged other auxiliaries to come up with fund-raising projects to help out the missionaries.

Special music was offered. Sis. Pat Graves, Clara Hillis, Dollye Moore, and Theresa Rogers sang "My House is Full" (acapella).

Bro. Nick Hollis read a letter from National Home Missions. They were looking for helpers to promote "Home Missions Sunday" on November 24. The deficit stood at -\$132,201.81, the largest ever. In past years, less than 10% of the churches had participated in previous "Home Mission Sundays", and they are hoping for a good offering on Nov. 24 (It was asked that this report be entered as a point of information only).

Sisters Martens and Leatherbury gave a brief report on the work in the Ivory Coast. Due to the serious illness of Sis. Leatherbury's father, they had to come home from the field earlier than expected. They shared that they had started a young singles ministry in the Doropo church before leaving, and had been working with 100 children. A Sunday school class has been started in a neighboring village, due to the request of 60 people (30-35 children). Unfortunately, no one will take this class in the absence of Sisters Martens and Leatherbury, so their desire to return to the field is strong. They also shared that the Doropo church has mothered one new church each year. Sis. Martens read Phillipians I (the greeting), and thanked the body for their support. She said that finances are important, but prayers are much needed.

The moderator called for a break at 10:27 a.m. Bro Jim Mize led us in prayer.

Upon reconvening, Bro. Ray Hubbard led congregational singing. The hymns selected were "Faith is the Victory" and "Heavenly Sunlight". Bro. Bud Nugen led in the offering prayer, and the morning offering was taken. After the offering, a number of special music selections were presented by Bro. Brad Holdeman. They included Bros. Ray Hubbard, Dan Mast, Gene Molby, and Clifford Smith, accompanied by Sis. Marlene Myers on piano, singing "The Old Rugged Cross", and Sis. Marlene Myers singing "An Unfinished Task".

Bro. Jerry Myers introduced Bro. Larry Haggard for the morning message. Bro. Haggard preached from Isaiah 6 on "Prime examples of true worship" (notes from Bro. Haggard's message can be found on an accompanying page).

After the morning message, the concluding business session was held. The moderator called for a Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report follows;

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, General Fund	\$ 43.81
Evening Offering, 10-18-91	\$ 40.75
Morning Offering, 10-19-91	60.00
Total Offerings,	<u>\$100.75</u>
Balance on hand after offerings	\$144.56
Representation fees	\$150.00
Balance on hand after Representation Fees	<u>\$294.56</u>
Balance + Interest, Emergency Fund	<u>\$1,523.98</u>
Beginning balance, Scholarship Fund	\$312.87
Representation fees	\$150.00
Ending balance, Scholarship Fund	<u>\$462.87</u> (including interest)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

After the Treasurer's Report was given, the moderator called for reading of the Business Committee Report. The report follows;

We, the Business Committee, make the following recommendations to the First Kansas Quarterly;

1. We recommend that the three students eligible for the scholarship fund (Jeff Myers, Kenny Myers, and Andrea Balthazor) be given \$100 each for this ~~semester~~ (Year) (Springer) (Quarterly)
2. We recommend that honorariums for in-state speakers be set at \$50.00 with no mileage reimbursment, and out-of-state ~~speakers~~ ^{speakers} be set at \$85.00 plus mileage (15¢/mile) and lodging, if necessary
3. We recommend that the host church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The moderator called for a motion to accept the report as read and vote on them item by item. Motion carried. A motion was made to accept item 1. A question was called on item 1, as it was understood that the amount given to students was an annual amount, not an amount per semester. An motion was made to amend item #1 to allow \$460.00 of the total amount in the scholarship fund to be split three ways between the eligible students. Motion carried as amended.

Item 2 was discussed. It was asked whether or not the business committee has determined an amount of honorariums for the speakers to this meeting. After discussion, it was determined that Bro, Haggard should be paid \$109.00 (\$85.00 honorarium plus \$24.00 mileage).

Item 3 was read and tabled until announcements could be read. The following announcements were made;

Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Salina will hold a revival October 20-26, evangelist Steve Robinson

First Free Will Baptist Church, Wichita, will hold a revival October 21-26, evangelist Dennis Cariker.

The moderator reminded us to be in prayer for the Hutchinson church, as they are without a pastor. We also need to pray for them individually. It was also announced that the Emporia church has called Brother Robby Rutledge (from Oklahoma)

After announcements, a motion was made and seconded to accept item #3 of the Business Committee Report. Motion carried with a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

Motion was made and seconded to dismiss. Motion carried.

Bro. Nick Hollis dismissed the meeting with prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Hubbard, Clerk

Bro. Dobbs brought his message from 1 Samuel 21:8, emphasizing "the King's business required haste". As David spoke to Abimelech, he mentioned the king so the priest would know that the message was important. The "King's business must be #1 in our lives, today. We need to "live and talk like we've been to Calvary". We need to stay ready to go to Heaven, or we won't be going.

This urgent message from David was received while he was doing his business. sometimes we need to get involved with other things to do the Lord's business.

We can all be subjects in God's kingdom. The word of God tells us that He doesn't want any of us to perish (2 Pe 3:9), that grace appeared to all men (Titus 2:11), and that all souls are God's. He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 18:4).

Our King is Jesus! (King of Kings, Lord of Lords-Rev. 19:16). Luke 2:49 tells us that Jesus was "about My Father's business".

What is the King's business? To seek and to save that which is lost (Luke 19:10)

Jesus doesn't save us in our sins, he saves us from our sins. 2 Cor. 5:17 tells us we are a "new creature" (or else we're not saved).

There are 2 phases to the King's business- Provision and Proclaiming.

Provision was made by Jesus (born of a virgin, died a cruel death, did all for us).

Gal 3:13- He redeemed us, by being made a curse for us (just for unjust)

Colossians 1:13- He delivered us from the power of darkness (if we bypass Jesus, we bypass Heaven)

Proclaiming is made by the King's subjects (us)- Acts 1:8 ("Ye shall receive power"). We get one baptism, but many fillings. People need to be told that they are going to Hell without Jesus.

The hour is late- Jesus is coming. We will give an account for what we didn't do. We need to glorify God in all we do (1 Cor 10:31) and not do it for show. Either glorify God, or correct it!

We need to "get with the program". John 15:8 tells us to "bear much fruit". If we don't, we aren't known as a disciple.

Jesus did the work of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:19), we need to do the proclamation. "CAN'T NEVER DID ANYTHING!" We need to proclaim it "with haste" (Ps 119:6) and "to every creature" (Mark 16:25), because of the cries of Hell. Luke 16 is an example to follow. NO man diest to himself (Ro 14:7). The rich was a missionary in Hell. The Bible says more about Hell than Heaven, and it is a real place. The night is coming (John 9:4). When Jesus comes, it will be too late to work. The cults are at work now. there is no better time than the present to win people!

Brief outline of Jason Balthazor's devotion
October 19, 1991

Bro. Balthazor used Genesis 22:1-19 as his text, talking about submitting to the Lord's will.

Abraham's answer in verse 1 was immediate. Sometimes today, we quench the Spirit when we ignore His call or fail to respond immediately. How can we grow in God if we ignore His voice?

In verse 3, Abraham didn't hesitate to act on God's command - he immediately responded by giving back his son.

In verse 8, Abraham told Isaac that God would provide a sacrifice. This demonstrated a leap of faith for him to do this.

In verses 9 and 10, Abraham was ready to obey to the end. He utterly submitted to God's command, ready to pay the price.

In verse 17, Abraham was blessed by faithfulness. So will we if we are obedient to Him and submit to His will. To grow, we must submit. If we shun Him, we are in effect saying "leave me alone - you're not important in my life". He needs to be the most important thing in our lives! If we truly want strength and courage, God will give it to us.

Brief outline of Tom Hollis' devotion
October 19, 1991

Bro. Hollis brought his devotion from 1 Cor. 6:20, rejoicing and glorifying unto God. The Spirit and body are God's and we are to use it to glorify the Lord. Many people forget this today.

Ps 113:3 tells us that God's name is to be praised. Sometimes, circumstances might not make us feel like praising the Lord, but if we don't glorify Him, we give Satan the victory.

Matt 5:16 tells us to let our light shine among men. Hiding our light will eventually be our downfall. We need to have a prayerful attitude all day long. Faith has to be in our witness, or no one will believe us.

Even in bad circumstances, there are always things that can be worse. We need to get rid of the continuous "little" sins (that we think are hidden), before they condemn us and we have to account for them.

God's word tells us we are "bought with a price". Jesus paid the price by dying for us on the cross.

We are to "praise God openly" (Bro Hollis related a story of an evil spirit in their house in Arkansas. The family prayed throughout the house and got rid of the demon. God received the glory. On another occasion, the family needed a specific amount to pay a bill. The next day, the exact amount needed to pay the bill was given to them).

Brief outline of Larry Haggard's Message
October 19, 1991

Bro. Haggard brought his text from Isaiah 6, "a prime example of worship". With no congregation, no preaching, and little singing, Isaiah still got his prayers answered.

Situation; Isaiah, a prophet, sees a vision of God in His temple. He recalls it as real, life-like, and vivid. Isaiah talks about the "year King Uzziah died" (probably a lament for a righteous man). The king was dead, but the King of Kings is alive!

1. True worship always talks of the Savior (verse 1 = "I saw the Lord"). We need to exalt the Lord in all parts of worship-lift him up for who he IS! His "train filled the temple" (talking of the totality of God). today, the filled temple is our lives.

The distance between us and God is not the problem - the difference between us is the problem (God is only a prayer away). We are unholy. We need to ask the "holiest of holies" to bring us back.

Verse 5, an example of true worship, humbled Isaiah's heart. God is holy, and we need to live holy lives before Him.

2. True worship always points out our sinfulness. Isaiah was the "best of the blessed", but was still a sinner before God. He "dwelled in the midst of a people of unclean lips". He was casual in his heart concerning God.

We treat God loosely when we get "comfortable, complacent, and condoning". A view of our innermost (and "sinnermost") self makes us realize our sin before God. Sometimes we need a "new touch from the master" (v 6,7)

3. True worship always brings revival
4. True worship propels us to service (verse 8) We have to serve, or worship will end, people will quit being saved, excitement will wane. We need to "enter to worship, depart to serve". We are in a good place to serve God today (little persecution). The rest of the world doesn't have that opportunity.

Isaiah volunteered to go (v 8). Verse 9 (according to Bro Haggard) is interpreted "You're a bunch of blind, dumb people". There are a lot of lost people in the world. we need to go and tell them before it's too late.