

MINUTES  
OF THE FIRST KANSAS QUARTERLY MEETING  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
CONVENING AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS  
JANUARY 17-18, 1992

Friday Evening, January 17, 1992

Bro. Chuck Holdeman opened the conference with prayer. Bro. Don Jones of the host church welcomed everyone. Sis. Terry Luman led us in singing "Sweet By and By" and "When We All Get to Heaven". The evening offering was taken. Sis. Luman sang "More Than an Heirloom to Me" and Bro. Jason Balthazor sang "Praise Him Now" for special music selections.

Bro. Lupe Gonzales brought the evening message, "Power to Prevail", taken from Genesis 32. He compared Jacob's guilt while he was wrestling with the Lord to the problem people have today of doing too much for themselves and not praising God enough. Sometimes we think we are the only ones that God saved, and we tend to forget that the harvest is plenty. Do we say "I love the Lord" with our mouths, but not necessarily mean it in our hearts? Too many people feel that good deeds and good thoughts will get them to Heaven. Jacob, when the Lord touched the hollow of his thigh, realized that his soul was touched and a spiritual filling was needed. Likewise, if our souls aren't fed, we haven't learned anything. We as Christians can still go to Hell. Therefore, we must live as God prescribes by keeping His commandments and following Him.

After the message, Sis. Terry Luman led the congregation in The hymn "I Surrender All" and Bro. Lupe concluded with prayer.

The Business Committee was selected. It consisted of Bros. Don Jones, Jerry Carnes, and Dan Mast. They were advised to consult with Sis. Pat Graves (the Assistant Treasurer) for any financial information that might be needed. It was announced that Women's Auxiliary would meet that evening also. Roll was taken. The following number of attenders were noted from each church;

First Church, Hutchinson	10
Faith Church, Salina	5
First Church, Wichita	14
First Church, Ulysses	3
First Church, Wellington	<u>3</u>
Total	35

Bro. and Sis. James Edwards from the First Church in Parsons were recognized as visitors. Bro. Lupe announced that the building would be open at 8:00 the next morning. Special prayer was remembered for Bro. Jerry Myers and for Leroy Lang. Bro. Nick Hollis led the prayer to close the evening session.

Saturday Morning, January 18, 1992

Bro. Lupe Gonzales welcomed everyone back. Bro. Cliff Smith opened the meeting with prayer. Sis. Terry Luman led the congregation in the hymns "Jesus Loves Me" and "Whosoever Meaneth Me".

Bro. Jason Balthazor gave the morning devotion, speaking from Rev. 2:1-4 (concerning God's displeasure with the Ephesians for taking their eyes off of Him and putting them on works). Bro. Jason then gave a personal testimony, relating how easy it is to place our priorities on something (or someone) else besides the Lord, and how doing this will actually draw us away from Him. If we aren't living for the Lord like we used to, we need to rededicate our lives to Him and allow Jesus to take the place of whatever is keeping us from serving Him.

After the devotion, special music was offered by a quartet- Bros. Cliff Smith, Chuck Holdeman, Brad Holdeman, and Ray Hubbard, accompanied by Sis. Carolyn Holdeman on piano, sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old".

The church letters were read. Motion made and seconded to seat the delegates and approve the reading of the minutes of the October 18-19 meeting. Motion to seat delegates carried. Corrections were made to the minutes. Motion amended to receive them as corrected. Motion carried.

Old Business- none

New Business-

Election of officers- Motion made and seconded to appoint a nominating committee. Motion carried. Committee was made up of Bros. Cliff Smith, Chuck Holdeman, and Jerry Carnes.

Motion made and seconded to receive and accept the requests for the churches volunteering to host the meetings for the coming year- Faith Church (Salina) April 17-18, First Church (Ulysses) October 16-17, and First Church (Hutchinson) January 15-16, 1993. Motion carried.

Brief time was allowed for reports. Suggestion made that the nominating committee be allowed to begin meeting before the break in order to prepare their report. They were allowed to do so. A report was given on the Home Missions.

After reports, Bro. Gene Molby led in prayer. We dismissed for a 15-minute break.

After the break, the business meeting was called back into order. The following report of the nominating committee was read.

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following recommendations;

For the Executive Committee term expiring January 1995- Bro. Nick Hollis

For the Executive Committee term expiring January 1994- Bro. Jerry Myers  
(seat vacated when Bro. Bernard Roberts left the state)

For the Credentials Committee term expiring January 1995- Bro. Neal  
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For the Credentials Committee term expiring January 1994- Bro. Nick  
Hollis (seat vacated when Bro. Bernard Roberts left the state).

For the following positions, the Nominating Committee recommends;

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

Bro. Cliff Smith  
Bro. Chuck Holdeman  
Bro. Jerry Carnes

After discussion, motion made and seconded to accept the Nominating  
Committee's recommendations. Motion carried.

The following Business Committee report was read.

#### REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

1. That an the speakers be paid as follows;  
Bro. Lupe Gonzales, \$50.00 honorarium  
  
Bro. James Edwards, \$85.00 honorarium  
38.41 motel  
56.00 mileage-for a total of \$179.41
2. That emergency funds be made available To help the Hutchinson church  
relocate their new pastor, if requested by the Hutchinson church
3. That a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for  
their hospitality

Bro. Don Jones  
Bro. Jerry Carnes  
Bro. Dan Mast

Recommendations handled item by item. Motion made and seconded to accept  
item #1 of the Business Committee report. Motion carried.



Motion made and seconded to accept item #2 of the Business Committee report. After discussion, motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to table item #3 of the Business Committee report until after the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### Worship Service

Bro. James Edwards, Pastor of the First Church in Parsons, brought the morning message. Bro. Edwards titled his message "What the Lord has done, and what He will do". He spoke about the "impossibility of man", the "possibility of God", and the "possibility of discernment of God by faith in an all-possible God". His text came from Matthew 19:24-26 (comparing the possibility of a rich man entering Heaven to a camel going through the eye of a needle) and Mark 9:24-25 (Jesus removing the deaf and dumb spirit when the disciples could not). He emphasized that with God, all things are possible-the words "I can't" are not in God's vocabulary. we can do nothing without God. If we will only trust Him, there is nothing we cannot do.

After the message, Sis. Terry Luman led congregational singing. Hymns sung were "When I see the Blood" and "Rock of Ages". Bro. Jerry Carnes led in prayer, and the morning offering was taken. Sis. Terry Luman sang "In His Presence" as special music. An altar call was given, then Sis. Clara Hillis, accompanied by Sis. Pat Graves, sang "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me".

The Financial Report was given by Sis. Pat Graves.

Balance on hand, General Fund	\$135.57
Evening Offering, 1-17-92	\$43.00
Morning Offering, 1-18-92	<u>52.50</u>
Total Offerings,	\$95.50

Balance on Hand after Offerings	\$231.07
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Representation Fees	\$150.00
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Balance on hand after Representation Fees	\$381.07
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Honorariums, Mileage and Motel Expenses	\$229.41-
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Ending Balance, General Fund	\$151.66
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Balance of Emergency Fund	\$1,542.92
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Beginning Balance, Scholarship Fund	\$ 5.06
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Representation Fees	\$150.00
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Ending Balance, Scholarship Fund	.\$155.06
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Motion made and seconded to receive the Treasurer's Report as read.  
Motion carried.

Item #3 of the Business Committee report was taken off the table.  
Motion made and seconded to give the host church a rising vote of thanks  
for their gracious hospitality. Motion carried. Motion made and  
seconded to dismiss. Motion carried. Bro. Nick Hollis led the prayer  
to dismiss the meeting.

The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Hubbard, Clerk

MINUTES  
OF THE FIRST KANSAS QUARTERLY MEETING  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
CONVENING AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
SALINA, KANSAS  
APRIL 17-18, 1992

Friday Evening, April 17, 1992

Motion made & seconded to enter into conference. Motion carried. Bro. Nick Hollis welcomed all the sister churches to the meeting. Sis. Linda Hollis led the congregational in singing two hymns - "Majesty", and "When we all get to Heaven". The evening offering was taken, and a prayer was given for the offering and for Nathan Knoff, an individual who had special needs. Bro. Jerry Myers led the prayer.

Bro. Jason Balthazor provided special music, performing "Every knee shall bow". The Salina choir then sang a recitation of Romans 5:10-11 and Rev. 5:12, followed with the selection "Precious Lamb of glory".

Bro. James Barlow brought the evening message, preaching from Matthew 5:13-16 ("Ye are the salt of the earth... light of the world... Let your light so shine before men.."). He mentioned that today, the unsaved are tired of hearing lines. We call a drunkard an "alcoholic", etc. He went on to say that we need to be witnessing and testifying to people we meet, because people have let things take the place of church in their lives today. We need to love the sinner as God does and tell them about Jesus. If we aren't educating them about Him, we are failing. An invitation was given. Bro. Tom Hollis sang "Have Thine own way", accompanied by Sis. Linda Hollis.

The following number of attenders were recognized from each church;

First Church, Hutchinson	8
Faith Church, Salina	22
First Church, Wichita	8
First Church, Ulysses	2
First Church, Wellington	<u>3</u>
Total	43

The Business Committee was selected. It consisted of Bros. Don Jones, Joey Knight, and Gene Molby. They were advised to consult with Sis. Pat Graves (the Assistant Treasurer) for any financial information that might be needed. Recommendations from all of the churches represented were read. Bro. Lupe Gonzales was chosen to substitute for Bro. Neal Kerans on the Credentials Committee. It was also announced that a new member of the Executive Committee needed to be chosen at this meeting. Roll was then taken.

Bro. Nick Hollis led the prayer to close the evening session.

Saturday Morning, April 18, 1992

Bro. Jerry Myers welcomed everyone back. Bro. James Barlow opened the meeting with prayer. New attenders to the quarterly that weren't present the previous night were recognized;

First Church, Hutchinson	3
First Church, Wellington	2
First Church, Wichita	3

Sis. Linda Hollis led the congregation in singing "I am resolved". Bro. Lupe Gonzales gave the morning devotion, speaking from Luke 24:5 ("Why seek ye the living among the dead?") He explained that death is only a door for the Christian. He related a story about leading his mom to the Lord on her death bed, how he had sung hymns in the hospital room, and how God gave him the opportunity to speak at a Catholic funeral. JESUS IS ALIVE!!!

After the devotion, special music was offered by Bro. Jim Barlow, singing "Son, go bring my children home".

The church letters were read. Motion made and seconded to seat the delegates and approve the reading of the minutes of the January 17-18 meeting. A motion to seat delegates carried. Sis. Wilma Ankrom was recognized, and standing prayer and time of thanksgiving was led by Sis. Linda Hollis, the president of the Women's Auxiliary (the Lord had just brought Sis. Ankrom through a serious illness). A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Sis. Linda Hollis brought special music, singing "The only real peace I have is You, Lord".

The Report of the Credentials Committee was read by Bro. Nick Hollis. The report was as follows;

We, the Credentials Committee have met with Bro. James Barlow, being recommended by his church, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Kansas.

1. We have found this Brother in Christ sound in faith and doctrine; and having shown an evidence of divine call into the ministry.

Therefore, we recommend that Bro. James Barlow be approved for ordination as a Minister of the Gospel; at such time as he and his church sets.

2. We also recommend that Bro. Barlow be accepted into this Association.

Signed  
Bro. Nick Hollis  
Bro. Lupe Gonzales  
Bro. Ray Hubbard



A motion was made and seconded to receive the report as read. Motion carried. The clerk then read the letter of good standing sent by the East Central Illinois District Clerk, recommending Bro. Barlow to Kansas.

A time for testimonies was allowed by the moderator, before bringing up old business.

Old Business- none

New Business-

A motion was made to recommend to the State Association that some of the State Home Missions funds be provided to the smaller churches to help them boost attendance, and that the State Association encourage the State Home Mission Board to investigate the feasibility of church growth and/or motivation programs for the local churches of the state of Kansas. After discussion, motion carried.

Bro. Gene Molby brought special music, accompanied by Sis. Marlene Myers. Bro Molby sang "Because He Lives". More time for testimonies was allowed by the moderator, then Bro. Jason Balthazor sang a special, "Embrace the Cross". Again, time for individual testimonies was given, then Bros. Brad Holdeman, Cliff Smith and Ray Hubbard sang "Living By Faith". A brief break in the business session was granted. Bro. Bud Nugen led in prayer, then we dismissed for a break.

After the break, Bro. Jerry Myers brought the morning message. Bro. Myers preached from Psalm 35, and talked about the fact that when there is a problem in a church, there is an instigator. When people have too much time on their hands, problems arise. Sin drags down those around us-it doesn't just affect us privately. Whenever things start going good in the church, Satan (who got thrown out of Heaven) will try to cause problems. He will use those closest to us to try to hurt us (example- David's oldest son). If we spent as much time witnessing as we do complaining, we would fill churches. He also asked "are we here to build a church, or are we here to see souls saved"?

Sis. Linda Hollis led the invitational hymn "Is your all on the Altar", accompanied by Sis. Marlene Myers.



The following Business Committee report was read.

#### REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

1. That honorariums be paid to the speakers as follows;

Speakers within the Association, a flat fee of \$50.00.  
Speakers from outside the Association, \$85.00 + \$.15 per mile round trip (In this instance, Bros. Myers and Barlow were each to be paid \$50).

2. That Bro. Lupe Gonzales be paid a \$35 honorarium to travel to quarterly meetings, if the meetings are not held in Ulysses, and he is not receiving a speaker's fee. This would be effective immediately, to include this quarterly meeting.
3. That, as an item for consideration, the First Church in Hutchinson sponsor a quarterly picnic sometime in early Summer.
4. That a rising vote of thanks be given to the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Salina, and to Bro. Nick and Sis. Linda Hollis for their hospitality.

Bro. Joey Knight  
Bro. Gene Molby  
Bro. Don Jones

Recommendations were handled item by item. a motion was made and seconded to accept item #1 of the Business Committee report. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to accept item #2 of the Business Committee report. Motion carried.

After a recommendation by the moderator, a motion was made and seconded to accept item #3 of the Business Committee report. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to accept item #4 of the Business Committee report. Motion carried with everyone standing to their feet and applauding the host church.

An item of discussion was mentioned, concerning the examination of Bro. David Meece of the First Church in Wellington (as requested on the church letter). A motion was made and seconded that the Credentials Committee meet with Bro. Meece at the state meeting in June, then report back to the Executive Board during the October Quarterly Meeting. Motion carried. The moderator asked that he be allowed to use his authority to appoint members to the Credentials Committee, if necessary, for that meeting.

A motion was made and seconded, asking that the Quarterly Executive Committee look into the possibility of providing study aids for pastors within the state. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was given by Sis. Pat Graves.

Balance on hand, General Fund	\$151.66
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Evening Offering, 4-17-92	\$34.25
Morning Offering, 4-18-92	<u>74.66</u>
Total Offerings,	\$108.91

Balance on Hand after Offerings	\$260.57
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Representation Fees	\$150.00
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Balance on hand after Representation Fees	\$410.57
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Honorariums and Mileage	\$135.00-
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Ending Balance, General Fund	\$275.57
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*6/14 - \$100 to State assoc fees*

Balance of Emergency Fund	\$1,559.81
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Beginning Balance, Scholarship Fund	\$155.78
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Representation Fees	\$150.00
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Ending Balance, Scholarship Fund	\$305.78
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Motion made and seconded to receive the Treasurer's Report as read.  
Motion carried.

As a final item of business, a motion was made to accept nominations for the open position on the Executive Board. The moderator explained that he had been elected to serve on that board, but that he was already an ex officio member. For that reason, the conference needed to replace him. Bro. Brad Holdeman was nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried by a standing vote.

The following announcements were made;

Salina will be in revival starting Sunday morning, April 19. The evangelist is Bro. Steve Berry.

The Breshears will sing at Hutchinson on May 2 at 7pm. Wichita will be in revival April 27-May 1. Bro Russell Lowe will be the evangelist.

Bro. Troy Dobbs led the prayer to dismiss the meeting.

The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Hubbard, Clerk

MINUTES  
OF THE FIRST KANSAS QUARTERLY MEETING  
CONVENING AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
ULYSSES, KANSAS  
OCTOBER 16 - 17, 1992

Friday Evening, October 16, 1992

The moderator, Bro. Jerry Myers, welcomed everyone. Motion made and seconded to enter into conference. Motion carried. The body stood as Bro. Nick Hollis led the opening prayer. Bro. Lupe Gonzales (host pastor) welcomed everyone to Ulysses. Bro. Gene Molby led congregational singing, accompanied by Sis. Voncile Bolinger on piano and Sis. Lorraine Talbert on organ. Songs selected were "There is Power in the Blood" and "To God be the Glory". The evening offering was taken, and the congregation stood as the musicians played "Take My Hand, Precious Lord". Special music was performed by Bros. Gene Molby and Lupe Gonzales, singing "Because He Lives", accompanied by Sis. Bolinger and Talbert. Sis. Bolinger played and sang a "Faith Medley".

Bro. Jim Barlow (First Church, Hutchinson) brought the evening message, entitled "Doing", from James 1:19-24.

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: Bro. Barlow pointed out that this verse is talking to the saved. We need to be swift to hear God's word. People (including some Christians) find excuses to stay away from services. All Christians are obligated to serve - not just the pastor. Our duty is to "feed My sheep". If we are "swift to hear, slow to speak", we will not be quick-tongued, or in such a hurry. We should give a little over 16 hours a week to God. Are we doing this? We need to be "slow to wrath", and not quick-tempered. We shouldn't let the sun set on our anger, and we should be willing to listen to young and old alike without fighting with them.

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Getting angry does no good. It just gives Satan an opportunity to get in the door. It also can cause church splits, etc. We need to turn to God first.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. We need to put aside all worldly things, "fight the good fight", and not play "patty-cake". We should take the world and be bold with God's Word. If we get an image of someone burning in Hell when they reject God, it makes us work harder to get them saved.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. We need to be "where the action is", and not sit on the bench. If we don't play, we don't get a trophy - rewards come with our efforts for the Lord. Unfortunately, we get satisfied when things go well, and we quit working.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway



forgetteth what manner of man he was.

This attitude won't satisfy God. We only see ourselves, and neglect the problems of the world. We can't get "comfortable" when we work for God. The Bible doesn't say we are to ever retire. Instead, He tells us to love Him and to be "doers".

The congregation prayed as the musicians came forward for the altar call, performing "Just as I am".

After the worship service, the moderator (Bro. Jerry Myers) asked the assistant moderator (Bro. Lupe Gonzales) to help take roll call. the churches were represented as follows;

First Church, Hutchinson	5
Faith Church, Salina	2
First Church, Ulysses	18
First Church, Wellington	3
First Church, Wichita	11
Visitors	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	40

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Bill Graves (Chairman), Carl Metcalf and Gene Molby. An announcement was made that the Women's Auxiliary would meet immediately after services.

Motion made and seconded to dismiss until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17. Motion carried. Meeting was dismissed with prayer. Special requests were made to remember two individuals in prayer. Bro. Cliff Smith led the dismissal prayer.

#### Saturday, October 17, 1992

The Moderator opened the meeting. Bro. Bill Graves led us in prayer. Another roll call was taken, and the following additional attenders were recognized;

First Church, Hutchinson	7
Faith Church, Salina	0
First Church, Ulysses	3
First Church, Wellington	0
First Church, Wichita	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	10

Bro. Gene Molby let singing, accompanied by Sis. Lorraine Talbert on organ and Sis. Irene E. Blackmore on piano. Selections sung were "He Lives" and "When We All Get to Heaven".

A ten-minute devotion was given by Bro. Jerry Myers, using the following text;

1 Tim 4:1-6 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;  
2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. (KJV)

All through the ages, people have departed from the faith. Satan deceives people, and we look for others to blame. We are the best the Lord has. Are we doing the best we can for Him? Few respond to the call. Those that do have talents to win others to Christ. We have good news to share, but fear being labelled "fanatic", so we don't proclaim the Lord out loud (or even ask blessing on food in public). We need to set examples - younger for older, older for younger. Children watch their elders for a pattern - if we are negative, they will be negative. God has called a "melting pot" to work together, and we have His Spirit to bond us together. We need to be cheerful. Uplifting messages must be preached along with condemnation messages. We should greet the brethren by saying things like "how are you", "we missed you", "I love you", and "It is good to be in God's house with you".

Bro. Myers closed his devotion with prayer.

Special music was offered, as Bro. Jason Balthazor sang "Mercy Called Me by Name".

The clerk stood and read the church letters. Bro. Jim Barlow appointed three of his church delegates from the floor - Bros. Gene Bybee, Jack Morgan and Jerry Carnes. All other delegates were correct as noted on the church letters. All delegates stood and were then seated in the business session.

Five additional visitors were recognized, as Bro. Steve Robinson and his family (of the Guymon, Ok Free Will Baptist Church) were in attendance.

Copies of the April meeting minutes were distributed and read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed. The moderator called for corrections and additions. A minor correction was noted as to the name of one of the churches. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business -

Motion made and seconded to accept the resignation of Brad Holdeman from the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Comments were heard from the floor in reference to Page 3, Question 4 of the "Questionnaire for Ministers" used by the association for incoming pastors (his particular section calls for three credit references). It was recommended that this section be stricken,



since it is hard for the Credentials Committee to run references, and they probably have no authority to do so anyway. Motion was made and seconded to receive this recommendation for consideration. After a brief discussion, motion carried. More discussion ensued, and a recommendation was made that the wording be changed to require candidates for licensing and ordination (ministers, not deacons) to provide at least two letters of credit from financial institutions in which they have conducted business (these would include banks, savings and loans, utilities, or other businesses in which a payment schedule is established), or a written explanation of why the letters cannot be presented. Motion was made and seconded to discuss and consider these changes. After brief discussion, motion carried. It was noted to the clerk that both questionnaires for ordained and licensed ministers needed to be changed.

A brief time was allowed for reports. The Women's Auxiliary reported that they had a good meeting, and Bro. Steve Robinson gave a short testimony regarding the work at Guymon. He said they were growing some, and he was very thankful.

After reports, the moderator called for an early break so that we could reconvene at 10:30 for the worship service. Bro. Lupe Gonzales dismissed us with prayer.

We reconvened at 10:40. Bro. Gene Molby led us in congregational singing. Selections chosen were "Sweet By and By" and "He Brought Me Out". We stood for the morning offering. Bro. Jerry Myers led the offertory prayer. Bro. Molby presented a "special" special selection, as all of the other men joined him in singing "The Old Rugged Cross".

The moderator introduced Bro. Nick Hollis for the morning message. Bro. Hollis spoke of the attenders as the "cream of the crop", and asked us "What are we here for?" He went on to say that we are to be "change experts." As the "cream", we carry responsibilities others (like Sunday morning Christians, for example) don't feel a need to carry. Those who don't understand their roles will never carry responsibility. We are to be experts, taking all the experiences we have as Christians and making them a positive stepping stone to help lead others to Christ - even accepting the "hard to swallow" things in God's word. We should never lay down the cross and let someone else do it.

Bro. Hollis cited individuals in the Bible that persevered under hard circumstances, such as Noah (who kept preaching righteousness although no one responded except his family) and of those who rebuilt the Jerusalem wall (even with all of the hecklers). We should never let anything stop us from serving God. We must get our feet on the ground, stand strong, and not be pulled by squabbles (word about a fight in church spreads faster than 100 soul-winning messages). We need to overcome problems of being yoked together with other Christians, and have unity of Spirit and mind.



2 Tim 2:3- Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (KJV) With God's help, we can serve Him and endure hardness. We need to be angry at what Satan has done, always defend the faith and show our faith by our works.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. When Christian soldiers are wounded, they have the "Great Physician" to heal them. We also need to please the Godhead instead of always pleasing others, spend more time on our knees, and call out to Jesus (as Peter did when he was sinking).

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. (KJV) There is a way of doing things, and a way of not doing things. The correct way is the Biblical, Godly way. If we follow this, we will see God's honor when the job is done. Paul didn't worry about the crown waiting for him in Heaven - instead, he said "I am a debtor". Let's be ambassadors and ministers.

Bro. Hollis led in prayer as the musicians came forward for the altar call. The invitation song was "Pass Me Not".

After the message, the business session resumed. The following treasurer's report was given;

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand, General Fund	\$175.57
Evening Offering, 10-16-92	\$42.84
Morning Offering, 10-17-92	<u>\$43.76</u>
Total Offerings	\$86.60
Balance on Hand After Offerings	\$262.17
Representation Fees	\$150.00
Balance on Hand After Representation Fees	\$412.17
Honorariums and Mileage	-\$100.00
Ending Balance, General Fund	\$312.17
Balance of Emergency Fund	\$1.590.17
Beginning Balance, Scholarship Fund	\$310.89
Representation Fees	\$150.00
Ending Balance, Scholarship Fund	\$460.89

Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

The Business Committee gave the following report;

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, make the following recommendations;

1. That the clerk be instructed to write a letter of good standing for Bro. Troy Dobbs, when requested by his new association in Oklahoma.
2. That the host church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Bro. Bill Graves  
Bro. Carl Metcalf  
Bro. Gene Molby

Motion made and seconded to receive the report and deal with it item by item. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to approve item #1. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to approve item #2. Motion carried by the congregation standing to their feet.

In other new business, Bro. Jerry Myers yielded the moderator podium to Bro. Nick Hollis, so that he (Bro. Myers) could comment on the scholarship fund. The question was asked as to how many students from our association were attending Free Will Baptist colleges. The answer was "two."

After discussion, the podium was returned to Bro. Myers.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried by a standing vote.

The following announcements were made;

1. Revival at First Church, Wichita on October 25-29. Loy Counts, evangelist.
2. Several spoken and unspoken prayer requests were made.

Bro. Steve Robinson dismissed the session with prayer, and asked a blessing on the food.

The host church prepared a delicious meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Hubbard, Clerk