

BEATH HAY
CHURCH

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

—OF THE—

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

—HELD WITH —

Walnut Grove Church, Elm Store, Arkansas

AUGUST 21, 22, 23, 1924

OFFICERS

N. COMBS, Moderator

MILO STANDLEY, Assistant Moderator.

H. T. FREY, Clerk

EULEN BREWER, Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist churches met August 21, 1924, at 4 p. m., with Walnut Grove Church, in Randolph County, Arkansas. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Milo Standley, after which the Association was called to order by the assistant clerk, Bro. H. T. Frey.

Enrollment of members as follows: Ordained ministers present: N. Combs, Milo Standley, W. C. Norman, Thomas Rutledge, W. P. Stogsdill, Wm. Johnson, Elmer Hodges, Billy Rogers, J. M. McGehee and H. C. Williams. Licensed ministers: Eddie Vaughan. Deacons and Delegates present: Brothers John Rhoads James Hoge, E. L. Brewer, H. T. Frey, Paris Wheeler, Percy Wheeler, R. Doran, Jeffie Hall, W. J. Brewer, Frank Bonnes. Visiting ministers present: Brothers T. J. Dunkin, D. M. Holder and Wayne Tucker.

Bro. N. Combs was chosen moderator and Bro. Milo Standley was chosen assistant moderator. H. T. Frey was chosen clerk and Bro. Elen Brewer was chosen assistant clerk.

Motion carried for moderator to appoint a committee on pulpit affiliation. The committee appointed was Brothers Jeffie Hall, R. Doran and Frank Bonnes. Motion carried for conference to adjourn to meet at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning and to spend 30 minutes in devotional service before conference. Singing by the class. Prayer by Bro. W. C. Norman.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 21.

Singing by the body. Reading of the latter part of the 6th chapter of Revelations. Singing by the body. Prayer by Bro. Wayne Tucker. Preaching by Bro. N. Combs, text the two last verses of the 6th chapter just read, followed by Bro. W. E. Tucker. Singing by the body. A general hand-shake was given. Prayer by Bro. Wm. Johnson.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22, 1924

The body was called together by singing. Devotional service was conducted for 30 minutes by Bro. Wm. Johnson.

At 9:00 o'clock a m., conference was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. M. McGehee. Corresponding brethren and sisters invited to seats in council with us as advisory members. Moderator called for the reading of the by-laws, which was done by the clerk. Moderator called for a song and the right hand of fellowship was given the delegates and visiting brethren and sisters. Motion carried

for moderator to appoint a committee on business. The committee appointed was as follows: Brothers Wm. Johnson, Percy Wheeler and J. W. Cypret, Sr. A call for letters from the different churches. The following churches were represented and messengers enrolled:

Smyrna Friendship Church—Mason Watson, W. C. Hodges.

Cave Spring Church—Will Martin, Griff Barton, Ance Bates.

Bluff Spring Church—Greeley King, Dave Johnson.

Oak Grove Church—J. H. Hoog, Osie Bonds, John Rhoads, alternate.

Mill Creek—Ott Harrison, Bert Adams and R. J. Wischart

Walnut Grove Church—William Brewer and Frank Bounds.

Rose Hill Church—R. G. Beaty, Edith Beaty and Jennie Denton, alternates.

Cotton Creek Church—Melvin Cockman, Johnnie Cypret.

Piney Creek—Percy Wheeler, Paris Wheeler, J. M. McGehee, alternate.

Bethany Church—Eclin Brewer, Ed Herrin, Clemont Williams, alternate.

Liberty Church—T. L. McDonald, B. Christian.

By motion the above letters was received.

Moderator appointed Aclin Brewer, J. P. McCullough and H. T. Frey committee on printing minutes.

Letters from Social Band Association of Peach Orchard, Ark., was read and received messengers, Brothers D. M. Holder, E. W. Tucker, Allen Huddleston and Sid Letherland.

Letter from the Eastern Division read and received. Delegates: Brothers T. L. McDonald, H. Brewer and J. Wm. Cypret Sr.

Letter from the Western District read and received. Delegates: Brothers Milo Standley, Wm Johnson and J. P. McCullough.

Moderator called for a song and the right hand of fellowship was given the Messengers.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:30 p. m. Singing by the class and prayer by Brother Thomas Rutledge.

At 11 o'clock a. m., singing by the body. Reading of the 22nd chapter of Revelations by Bro. Billie Rogers. Prayer by Bro. T. J. Dunkin. Preaching by Bro. J. M. McGhee, text,

12th verse of the chapter just read, followed by Billie Rogers, with a general revival prayer by Bro. T. J. Dunkin.

At 2:30 p. m., Friday afternoon, devotional services were conducted by Bro. Cemont Williams. At 3 p. m., conference called together by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. Wayne Tucker.

Report for printing minutes of last year called for. Printing 400 minutes \$17.00. Clerk hire \$5.00. Postage 50c. Total \$22 50.

J. P. McCullough, J. T. Warren, H. T. Frey, Committee.

Money for printing minutes and list, August, 1923: Cotton Creek church, \$3 20; Piney church, \$2.10; Mill Creek church, \$1.80; Oak Grove church, \$1.20; Rose Hill church, 79 cents; Bethany church, \$2.05; Walnut Grove church, \$2.70; Bluff Spring church, \$1.50; Smyrna church, \$3.20; Norman church, \$2.80; Pleasant Hill church, \$1.80; total, \$23.05. Balance left over, 55 cents. H. T. Frey, Treasurer.

Moderator called for reports from delegates and corresponding messengers from other bodies. Talks by Brothers N. Combs, T. J. Dunkin, and W. P. Stogsdill, and Bro. D. M. Holder, of Social Band Association of Peach Orchard, Ark., on how to control your family.

Motion carried for Bro. Eddie Vaughn to go into the hands of our ordination committee.

Motion carried for all committees to report at 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday.

Motion carried for our moderator to appoint a committee to draft resolutions of respect in honor of our beloved brother, John Combs, deceased. The committee consisted of Brothers Wm. Johnson, W. C. Norman and W. P. Stogsdill.

Motion carried to receive the report of the committee on foot washing. Report was received. Motion carried to put it before the body and a vote was taken and it carried unanimously to put it in our Articles of Faith.

The ordination committee reports that they find Brother Eddie Vaughn worthy of ordination.

W. C. Norman, W. P. Stogsdill, Wm. Johnson, Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:30 a. m., Saturday, August 23. Singing by the body, prayer by Bro. Elmer Hodges.

FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 22, 1924.

Singing by the body. Reading of part of the 25th chapter

of St. Matthew. Prayer by Bro. W. C. Norman. Preaching by Bro. Wm. Johnson, followed by Bro. W. C. Norman. Prayer by Bro. T. L. McDonald.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1924.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. Wm. Johnson. Conference called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. T. J. Dunkin. The following committees make reports:

We your committee on church polity beg leave to report: We find the Freewill Baptist churches of Cave Spring Association are on the increase in membership and for Christ and his cause, and we find almost every church has a Sabbath School in this association and almost everywhere people have become interested in the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls.

Geo. Moore, J. P. McCullough, H. T. Frey, Committee.

Request from Pleasant Hill Church to your honorable body, the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist churches when convened with Walnut Grove Church, sends greetings. We the Pleasant Hill church, request that you ordain Bro. Eddie Vaughan to the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-----Moderator. R. T. Hoyt, Clerk.

We your committee on foot washing, believe that Christ washed his disciples' feet and we believe he gave it as an example to his followers, as he said, "I your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet" And ask that it be put in our Articles of Faith.

H. T. Frey, Elen Brewer, Committee.

We your committee beg to report as follows: Words can scarcely express the loss to Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptists by the death of Bro. John Combs, who departed this life December 6, 1923, at the age of 58 years, 8 months and 3 days. He joined the Association about 20 years ago and had worked in the cause of the Lord and his Christ as all Christian men should. Bro. Combs was a high type of Christian gentleman. He was ever ready to help and to encourage as a Christian worker, for his brethren and lost men and women and always had a warm place in his heart for his neighbors. Never was one more ready to help as a husband or a father. He was kind and true and thoughtful and happiness reigned in his family and as a citizen none excelled him.

As a minister of the Gospel he loved his calling. He was deeply conscious that the Lord had called him to a great work and had conferred on him the highest commission ever given to man and he put forward the great effort of his life to magnify and to honor the sacred truths and shun not to declare the whole council of God. Brother John did his work well and has gone to his reward where he will rest from his labor in the eternal home and his workers will follow him. We would say to his companion and children to weep not as one that has no hope for his daily walk is safe for you to follow. Your loss is his eternal gains.

Wm. Johnson, W. P. Stogsdill, W. C. Norman, Committee.

Committee on doctrine makes following report: We your committee on doctrine beg to report that we find our ministers have been faithfully preaching the doctrine shown in our Articles of Faith.

E. L. Brewer, J. N. Rroads, Committee.

Report of the committee on observance of the Sabbath: We the committee on the above, beg to report that we believe the churches of the Cave Spring Association keep the Sabbath day as the Lord commanded in the scriptures, for most of them meet on their regular meeting days and worship God as commanded.

N. Combs, W. P. Stogsdill, Committee.

Committee on ordination reports. We your committee on ordination beg to report that we had no one this year to ordain

W. C. Norman, Wm. Johnson, W. P. Stogsdill, Com.

Committee on missions reports. We your committee on missions beg to report that we have no missions.

W. P. Stogsdill, John Rhoades, Wm. Johnson, Com.

Committee on examining our ministers' credentials reported. We your committee on the above beg to report that we find the following ministers of our association worthy of their certificates: Rev. U. G. Colvin, Rev. W. W. Pierce, Rev. Naith Combs, Rev. H. C. Crase, Rev. Milo Standley, Rev. J. M. McGehee, Rev. W. P. Stogsdill, Rev. Wm. Johnson, Rev. W. C. Norman, Rev. Billie Rogers, Rev. Elmer Hodges, Rev. E. J. Vaughn, Rev. Eddie Vaughn, Rev. T. J. Rutledge and Rev. C. H. Williams.

T. L. McDonald, R. T. Hoyt, J. L. Crawford, Committee.

Motion carried that moderator appoint an ordination committee. Billie Rogers was appointed for three years as committee.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on the Sabbath: Bros. R. T. Hoyt, J. P. McCullough and Jeffie Hall

Committee on ministry: Bros. John Rhoads, J. W. Cypret, Jr., H. T. Frey.

Committee on church polity: Bros. Perry Wheeler, Eelen Brewer, Clement Williams.

Committee on doctrine: Ralph Hoyt, Melvin Cockman, T. L. McDonald.

MINISTERS YEARLY REPORTS

I Milo Standley, elder of the Cave Spring Association of the Freewill Church, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1924. Pastored one church; preached at other places 69 sermons; traveled 628 miles; received into the church 9 members; baptized 12; witnessed 57 conversions; received for my labor \$24.85; visited 11 churches; Sabbath schools visited 4; prayer meetings attended 4.

Milo Standley, Minister.

I. Wm. Johnson, elder of the Cave Spring Association, of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1924: Pastored one church; preached at other churches 38 sermons; traveled 678 miles; received into the church 3; baptized none; witnessed 14 conversions; received for my labors \$13.32; churches visited 8; days of service 27; Sabbath schools visited 10; prayer meetings visited 1; homes visited 60.

Wm. Johnson, minister.

I, W. P. Stogsdill, elder of the Cave Spring Association of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1924. Pastored no church; preached at other places 10 sermons; traveled 100 miles; received into the churches, none; baptized, none; witnessed 19 conversions; received for my labor \$6.00; churches visited 4; days of service 20; Sabbath schools visited 3; prayer meetings attended 2; homes visited 2.

W. P. Stogsdill, Minister.

I. E. Vaughn, elder of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist church, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors of said association for the year 1924: Pastored 3 churches; preached at other places 3 sermons; traveled 692 miles; received into the church 19; baptized none; witnessed 40 conversions; received for my labor \$25.17; churches visited 3; days of service 71; Sabbath schools visited 4; prayer meetings visited 4; homes visited 9.

I. E. Vaughn, Minister.

I, W. C. Norman, elder of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association of the year 1924: Pastored one church; received 2 members; preached at other places 24 sermons; traveled 180 miles; received into the church, none; witnessed 8 conversions; received for my labor nothing; churches visited 7; days of service, none; Sabbath schools visited 4; prayer meetings visited 3; homes visited, 0.

W. C. Norman, Minister.

I, Clement Williams, elder of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1924: Pastored no churches; preached at other places 12 sermons; traveled 58 miles; received into the churches, none, baptized, none; witnessed 22 conversions; received for my labor, nothing; churches visited; days of service 48; Sunday schools visited 8; prayer meetings visited 7; homes visitor, none.

Clement Williams, Minister.

I, Billie Rogers, elder of the Cave Spring Association of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg leave to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1924: Pastored 4 churches; preached at other places 10 sermons; traveled 400 miles; received into the church 29; baptized 27; witnessed 53 conversions; received for my labor \$96.00; churches visited 10; days of service, not sure; Sunday schools visited 10; prayer meetings 10; married 2 couples.

Billie Rogers, Minister.

I, J. M. McGehee, elder of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labor in said association for the year 1924: Pastored one church; preached at other places 85 sermons; traveled 500 miles; received into the church 17; baptized 17; wit-

nessed 73 conversions; received for my labors \$40.00; churches visited 7; days of service 20; Sunday schools visited 5; prayer meetings visited; homes visited

J. M. McGehee, Minister.

I, T. G. Rutledge, elder of the Cave Spring Association of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1924: Pastored 3 churches; preached at other places 60 sermons; traveled 500 miles; received into the church; baptized none; witnessed 13 conversions; received for my labor \$11.00; churches visited 9; days of service; Sunday schools visited 5; prayer meetings visited 4; homes visited, not known. preached one funeral.

T. J. Rutledge, Minister.

I, N. Combs, elder of the Cave Spring Association of the Freewill Baptist churches beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1924: Pastored 3 churches; preached at other places 10 sermons; traveled 300 miles; received into the church 4; baptized 5; witnessed 12 conversions; received for my labor \$40.73; churches visited 3; days of service 5; Sunday schools visited, none; prayer meetings attended 2; homes visited, none.

N. Combs, Minister.

I, E. J. Vaughn, elder of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labor of said association for the year 1924: I have pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 60 sermons; traveled 4565 miles; witnessed 185 conversions; received into the churches 158 members; baptized 85 persons; received \$386.75 for my labor.

E. J. Vaughn, Minister.

Elder H. C. Crase makes the following report from Lester, Kentucky: I am yet preaching the Gospel of Christ almost alone and need the prayers of the Cave Spring Association and all Christians.

H. C. Crase, Minister.

I, Elmer Hodges, elder of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labor in said association for the year 1924: Pastored no church; preached at other places 50 sermons;

traveled 200 miles; received into the church, none; baptized, none; witnessed no conversions; received for my labor, nothing; churches visited 5; days of service 25; Sunday schools visited 2; prayer meetings visited, none; homes visited 25;

Elmer Hodges, Minister.

MONEY FOR PRINTING MINUTES.

Smyrna Church	\$ 3.00
Mill Creek Church	2.00
Oak Grove Church	1.40
Piney Church	2.00
Pleasant Hill Church.....	1.80
Cotton Creek Church	5.00
Liberty Church50
Bluff Spring Church.....	.75
Bethany Church	3.80
Rose Hill Church	1.10
Walnut Grove Church	4.00
Cave Spring Church	1.50
Shilo Church90
Norman Church	1.00

Total.....	\$28.75
Left over from last year.....	.55

\$29.30

Moderator asks if there are any churches not represented. Bro. W. C. Norman makes a verbal report as to Shilo church not being represented, that he was preaching for them, but they failed to elect delegates to the association. They had a membership of 18 for conference.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:30. Singing by the class, prayer by John Rhoads.

At 11:00 o'clock a .m., reading of the 3rd chapter of 1st Cor. Prayer by Bro. D. M. Holder. Preaching by Bro. D. M. Holder, text, 13th verse of 8th chapter of Romans. Benediction by Bro. T. J. Dunkin

At 2:30 p. m., conference called to order by the moderator. Singing by the body. Prayer by Bro. W. P. Stogsdill.

Delegates or messengers chosen to represent us in the

Social Band Association of Freewill Baptist Churches to be held with Lone Oak Church near Manson, Arkansas, which will convene on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1925, at 4 o'clock p. m.; Bros. J. M. McGehee, Thomas Rutledge Billie Rogers and Wm. Johnson.

At 3:00 p. m., Bro. Eddie Vaughn was ordained as elder by the committee previously appointed.

Cotton Creek was chosen as the next place to hold our next association, which will convene on Thursday at 4 o'clock before the fourth Sunday in August, 1925.

Bro. Billie Rogers was chosen to preach the annual introductory sermon. Bro. Eddie Vaughn was chosen as his assistant.

Motion carried to give the clerk \$5.00 for superintending the minutes.

It was then moved that the Association extend its heartfelt thanks to the good people of Walnut Grove and vicinity for their benevolence and hospitality while among them.

Our statistical table shows our number enrolled.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until the time and place above mentioned.

A song was sung, the parting hand was taken, closing prayer by Bro. Wayne Tucker. Peace and harmony prevailing.

ELDER N. COMBS, Moderator.

ELDER MILO STANDLEY, Asst. Moderator.

H. T. FREY, Clerk.

ELEN BREWER, Assistant Clerk.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1—Each session of this conference shall be called to order by the standing clerk when present and in his absence by the member having seniority of years.

ARTICLE 2—Each session and adjourned sitting of the conference shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 3.—TEN members shall be required to constitute a quorum to transact any business of this conference. But any less number may adjourn from time to time.

ARTICLE 4—After the opening of each session of this conference a chairman shall be appointed and a committee of not less than three persons shall be chosen to examine credentials for membership in this conference. After the report of this committee and enrollment of members the conference shall proceed to the election of a moderator and to the transaction of other business.

ARTICLE 5—At each session of this conference standing committees shall be appointed on such subjects as the following: "Printing establishments," "Ministry," "Slavery," "Missions" "Moral Reform," "Popery," "Peace," "Church Polity," "Petitions and Requests," "State of Religion," "Observance of the Sabbath," "Doctrine" and "State of Denomination." All petitions and committees on particular subjects shall be referred to appropriate committees. Special committees may be appointed at the pleasure of the conference.

ARTICLE 6—This conference may hold correspondence by message or otherwise with other religious bodies, as it may deem advisable.

ARTICLE 7—This conference shall sit with open doors except when it may go into a committee of the whole.

ARTICLE 8—Any person not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the conference.

ARTICLE 9—It shall be the duty of the standing clerk to furnish each session of the conference with a book of records containing the doings of its previous session.

ARTICLE 10—The conference may determine the time when its daily sessions shall commence and close.

ARTICLE 11—It shall be the duty of the members of this conference to be present at the time appointed for each daily session and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

ARTICLE 12—No member shall absent himself from conference during the sessions without first obtaining permission from the conference.

ARTICLE 13—Every member wishing to speak in conference shall first address the moderator.

ARTICLE 14—No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at any one time nor more than twice on any one subject without leave of conference.

ARTICLE 15—No debate shall be allowed on any motion except the same be submitted in writing and seconded by a member of the conference.

ARTICLE 16—No whispering shall be allowed in conference without leave of the moderator, but all members shall pay strict attention to the business of the conference.

ARTICLE 17—No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the brother nominated be elected.

ARTICLE 18—The yeas and nays may be taken on any question before the conference by request of one-fifth of the members present.

ARTICLE 19—The constitution and by-laws of this conference shall be read at each session, near its commencement.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice

GOD—There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the universe and in scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

CHRIST—Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in his divine nature truly God in his human nature, truly man. The mediator between God and Man, once crucified, he is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Scriptures assign the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs

special acts of grace not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN—Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

THE WORK OF CHRIST—The Son of God by his incarnation, life suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

THE TERMS OF SALVATION—The conditions of salvation are: 1st, Repentance or sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2nd, Faith of the unreserved committal of one's soul to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3rd, Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

ELECTION—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become his elect.

FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self control having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish.

SALVATION FREE—God desires the salvation of all, the gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

PERSEVERANCE—All believers in Christ, who through Grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of salvation.

GOSPEL ORDINANCES

We believe that Baptism or the emersion of believers in water, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints feet are ordinances to be perpetuated in the church and administered to all true believers.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities; and for personal communion with God.

RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the

last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of judgment; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity, to the world from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion and social worship, and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, or its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace," to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise supreme, continuing it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for promotion on the educational and demonstrational enterprise, the support of the missions, the success of Sabbath schools, the evangelistic effort of the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION of Free- will Baptist Churches.

H. T. FREY, Clerk

EULEN BREWER, Assistant Clerk

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS			Total Membership	Contribution	Sabbath of Meeting
Rose Hill -----	Milo Stanley---Rt. 4 Alton, Mo	R. G. Beaty-----Thayer, Mo.	3	1	11	\$15 57	2
Piney -----	Wm Johnson---Alton, Mo	Percy Wheeler---Alton, Mo	1	2	0	2 43	3
Cotton Creek -----	Billie Rogers---Myrtle, Mo.	E. L. Frey---Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.	24	0	0	55 50	00
Norman -----		G W Moore-----Alton, Mo.	1	0	0	29	
Bluff Spring -----	J M. McGehee---Myrtle, Mo.	S. P. Scott-----Myrtle, Mo.	13	2	0	28	27 00
Smyrna -----	Eddie Vaughn---Myrtle, Mo	J. P. McCullough---Alton, Mo.	0	0	0	32	
Cave Spring -----	N Combs---Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.	Mrs. Minnie Barton---Alton, Mo.	4	0	1	44	24 05
Bethany -----	Eddie Vaughn---Myrtle, Mo.	Henry Rogers---Myrtle, Mo.	0	0	0	137	
Walnut Grove -----	Billie Rogers---Myrtle, Mo.	A. J. Hall---Elm Store, Ark	1	0	0	140	
Mill Creek -----	Billie Rogers---Myrtle, Mo.	J. S. Whitehead---Myrtle, Mo.	1	0	0	20	
Oak Grove -----	Billie Rogers---Myrtle, Mo.	Mrs. Essie Bonds---Thayer, Mo.	0	0	1	14	7 25
Liberty -----	Eddie Vaughn---Myrtle, Mo.	J. A. Baker---Gatewood, Mo.	0	0	0	15	8 05
Pleasant Hill -----	Eddie Vaughn---Myrtle, Mo.	Ralph Hoyt---Rt. 2, Thayer, Mo.	17	3	0	40	
Shiloh -----	W C. Norman---Alton, Mo.	Bernice Crews---Alton, Mo.	0	0	0	18	
		Total Membership -----				426	

Total Membership
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 Dismissed by Letter
 Recommendations
 Experience and Baptism