

MINUTES
—OF THE—
FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—
CAVE SPRING
ASSOCIATION
—OF THE—
FREEWILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES

—HELD WITH—
MILL CREEK CHURCH, MYRTLE, MO.
AUGUST 26, 27, 28, 1932.

OFFICERS:

REV. E. E. WINFREE, Moderator
REV. N. COMBS, Ass't Moderator
ADRIAN JENKINS, Clerk
E. L. BREWER, Ass't Clerk
E. L. BREWER, Treasurer

PROCEEDINGS

The forty-fifth annual session of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist Churches met with Mill Creek Church at Myrtle, Mo., and was called together by singing. Scripture reading: 95th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Winfree. There being a sufficient number present to organize, business was turned over to the Moderator. The moderator took charge and business was taken up.

Rev. E. E. Winfree was elected moderator for the year. Rev. N. Combs was chosen assistant moderator.

By motion Adrian Jenkins was held as clerk for the year. E. L. Brewer was chosen assistant clerk.

Letters from the churches were called for and the following letters were presented and read:

Shiloh Church—Delegates, Bros. Albert Holmes, Com Crews and Sister Easley Crews, alternate. State of religion good, condition of Sunday school good, average attendance, 55; value of church property \$600. Delegates present.

Cotton Creek Church—Delegates: Sister Lucy Conner, Bro. Hugh Jenkins and Sister Nannie Frey, alternate. State of religion fair, no Sunday school. Value of church property \$1,000.00. Delegates present.

Smyrna Church—Delegates: Bros. John R. Holmes, Robert Breeden and J. T. Warren, alternate. State of religion fair; condition of Sunday school fair; average attendance 50; value of church property, \$600.00. Delegates and alternate present.

Mill Creek Church—Delegates: Sisters Josie Young, Ora Wisheart and Sylvia Underwood, alternate. State of religion fair; condition of Sunday school good; average attendance, 50; value of church property \$750.00. Delegates present.

Walnut Grove Church—Delegates, Bros. Marian England, Rufe Daron and Lee Farrom alternate. State of religion good; condition of Sunday school good; average attendance 56; value of church property \$1,000.00. Delegates present.

Rose Hill Church—Delegates, Sisters Beulah Young, Marie Arnold and Lois Arnold, alternate. State of religion good; conditions of Sunday school good; average attendance 27. Delegates not present.

Norman Church—Delegates, Bros. G. W. Moore, Spence Blankenship, A. W. Holman alternate. State of religion fair; condition of Sunday school fair; average attendance 40; value of church property \$1,000.00. Delegates present.

Pleasant Hill Church—Delegates, Sisters Flora Risner, Jane Hoyt, and David Hoyt, alternate. State of religion fair; condition of Sunday school good; average attendance 25; value of church property \$800.00. One delegate present.

Dials Creek Church—Delegates, Sisters Virgie Campbell and Grace Ehrhardt. State of religion fair; no Sunday school. Delegates present.

By motion the letters were received and delegates seated by extending the right hand of fellowship.

By motion conference adjourned until 2 o'clock. Conference adjourned by singing and prayer by Rev. H. C. Crase.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Rev. Harry Beatty filled the stand to preach the introductory sermon. Reading lesson, a part of the 3rd chapter of Colossians. A wonderful sermon was preached.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Called together by singing. Scripture reading I Peter, 2nd chapter, by moderator. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Simpson.

Motion carried that all ministers and deacons enroll some time during the association.

Motion carried that moderator appoint committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Divine Service—Bros. Roy Wisheart, Albert Wilkerson and E. L. Brewer.

Committee on finance—Sisters Elizabeth Holmes, Tem Crawford and Ollie Wisheart.

Committee on business—By motion old committee was retained. Committee: Bros. H. F. Young, H. C. Crase, J. P. McCullough, T. J. Dunkin and E. E. Winfree.

Committee on Temperance—Bros. E. E. Simpson, Harry Beatty and Jesse Rolen.

Committee on Obituaries—Bros. J. R. W. Harbison, R. J. Wisheart and Billie Rogers.

Letters from other churches were called for and the following letters were presented.

Cane Hill Church—Delegates, Bro. J. E. Rolen, Sisters Imogene Canterbury and Esther Rolen, alternate. State of religion good; condition of Sunday school good; average attendance 40. Delegates present.

Royal Oak Church—Delegates: Bros. W. E. Crews, Emery Coble, L. O. Dotson, alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday school good; average attendance 55. Delegates present.

Bluff Springs Church—Delegates, Bros. J. S. Athey and Robert Tram. State of religion fair; no Sunday school. Delegates present.

Bethany Churches—Delegates, Sisters Bertha Brewer, Teni Crawford and Addie Combs, alternate. State of religion fair; no Sunday school. Delegates present.

Oak Grove Church—Delegates: Bros. Abner Rhodes, Roscoe Mills and Milo Stanley, alternate. State of religion fair; condition of Sunday school good; average attendance 30, alternate present.

Liberty Church—Delegates: Bros. T. L. McDonald, Alonzo Baker. Delegates present.

Cave Spring Church—Delegates: Bros. Willie Martin, Griffie Barton and Finis Johnson, alternate. State of religion fair; condition of Sunday school fair; average attendance 40; value of church property \$400.00. One delegate present.

By motion letters were received and delegates seated.

Letter from quarterly conference—Delegates: Bros. E. L. Brewer, Ed Arnold and B. H. Woodring. Report as follows: No new churches have been received into conference during the year; about 90 per cent of the delegates chosen have been present in conference; about 75 per cent of the churches have been represented; one church, New Home, has failed to report at any meeting; about 75 per cent of the ministers have been in attendance; about 10 per cent of deacons have attended; one minister, Eld. Harry Beatty of Rose Hill church, has been ordained; received and accepted Elder J. S. L. Pentecost ordination by the United Baptist, transferring from that body to the Cave Spring Quarterly Conference. S. C. Pierce ordained deacon for Cave Springs church; churches report better interest in Sunday schools; some B. Y. P. U. work; some Home Mission work; some obituaries turned in by committee; committee recommends annulling of ordination certificate of Ordained Minister Wess McGeehee.

J. R. W. HARBISON, Clerk.

Letter read and delegates seated by motion.

Question: Are all the churches represented?

Pleasant Valley Church represented by letter.

Piney Church is not represented. Reason not known.

Many Island Church is not represented and is reported in poor condition.

New Home Church is not represented, reason unknown.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on obituaries beg to submit the fol-

following obituaries: Elizateth Campbell; Levi Boze, W. H. Williams. J. R. W. Harbison, R. J. Wisheart and Billie Rogers, committee.

Obituaries read and received and motion carried that they be printed in minutes of association.

Question: Are there any churches without pastor?

Bluff Springs Church reports no pastor at present but one has been called.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the temperance committee, have investigated and found that all churches with Sunday schools have studied temperance lessons. Also a small per cent of the ministers have preached temperance sermons. We suggest that all ministers preach more temperance sermons. Referring to first paragraph of church covenant. E. E. Simpson, J. E. Rolan and Harry Beatty, committee.

Report of temperance committee read, and received by motion.

REPORT OF ORDINATION COMMITTEE

We your ordination committee beg to report on examination of Bro. E. H. Woodring and find him worthy of license to preach for one year. Also after due examination of Bro. C. R. Bryan of Billmore Church, we find him worthy of ordination.

J. R. W. HARBISON, Chairman.

Motion carried that report of ordination committee be received.

Motion carried that conference adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Conference closed by singing and prayer by Rev. T. J. Dunkin.

8 O'CLOCK SERVICES FRIDAY NIGHT

The stand was filled by Rev. N. Combs and Rev. Elmer Hodges. Reading lesson: St. John, 3rd chapter. Text, 8th verse. A wonderful sermon was delivered and the presence of God's Spirit was greatly felt.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Called together by singing. Scripture reading by moderator: Romans, 12th chapter. Prayer by Rev. T. J. Dunkin.

Minutes of previous days' proceedings read and approved by motion.

Motion carried that clerk of association be given power to amend minutes when transcribing.

Letter from Pleasant Valley Church read. Delegates: Bros. J. W. Jewell and Elmer Pres'ey. Delegates not present.

Motion carried that Rev. E. E. Winfree be allowed to cor-

rect mistakes in Pleasant Valley letter, and letter be received.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION

Paid out for postage 55c; clerk, \$5.00; printing minutes, \$17.00; other printing, \$4.45; total, \$27.00. Balance on hand, \$8.96.

E. L. BREWER, Treasurer.

Report of treasurer approved by motion.

Reports of ministers called for and read.

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 1932: Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 10 sermons; traveled 150 miles; received into the churches none; baptized none; witnessed 2 conversions; received for my labors \$9.47; churches visited 2; prayer meetings attended none; days of service 5; Sunday schools visited none; homes visited none.

N. COMBS, Minister.

I, H. C. Crase, 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 1932. Pastored 3 churches; preached at other places 15 sermons, traveled 470 miles; received into the churches 6; baptized 6; witnessed 6 conversions; received for my labors: Royal Oak, \$31.39; Walnut Grove, \$23.73; Norman, \$13.34; total, \$68.46; churches visited 3; days of service 10; Sunday schools visited 6; prayer meetings attended 2; homes visited none.

H. C. CRASE, Minister.

I, Elmer Hodges, 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 1932: Pastored 1 church part time; preached at other places 47 sermons; traveled 394 miles; received into the churches none; baptized none; witnessed 26 conversions; received for my labors \$3.00; churches visited 5; days of service, 3; Sunday schools visited 7; prayer meetings attended 2; homes visited 5.

ELMER HODGES, Minister.

I, Elzie Simpson, 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 1932: pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 45 sermons; traveled 548 miles; received into the churches 3; baptized 1; witnessed 3 conversions; received for my labors: Cave Spring, \$19.25; Cave Hill, \$24.57; local, \$7.34; total, \$51.16; churches visited, 3; days of service 20, Sunday schools

visited 3; prayer meetings attended 1; homes visited 3.

ELZIE SIMPSON, Minister.

I, C. H. Williams, 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 1932: pastored 1 church as assistant; preached at other places 21 sermons, traveled 99 miles; witnessed 3 conversions.

C. H. WILLIAMS, Minister.

I, Milo Stanley, elder of the Cave Springs Association of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1932: pastored no church; preached at other places 32 sermons; traveled 498 miles; baptized 2; witnessed 10 conversions; received for my labors \$3.19; churches visited 8; days of service, 10; Sunday schools visited 5; homes visited 6; age 73 years.

MILO STANLEY, 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 1932: pastored 1 church, preached at other places 26 sermons; traveled 340 miles; received into the churches 1; baptized 3; witnessed 4 conversions; received for my labors \$1.75; churches visited 3; Sunday schools visited 3; prayer meetings attended 2; homes visited 7.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, Minister

I, E. E. Winfree, 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 1932: pastored 1 church; preached at other places 40 sermons; traveled 1200 miles; received into the churches 32; baptized 23; witnessed 60 conversions; received for my labors \$230.00; churches visited 3; days of service 42; Sunday schools visited 10; prayer meetings attended 6; homes visited 20; preached 2 funerals; married 2 couples.

E. E. WINFREE, Minister.

I, Harry Beatty, 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 1932: pastored 1 church; preached at other places 52 sermons; traveled 830 miles; received into the churches 2; baptized 2; witnessed 8 conversions; received for my labors \$25.00; churches visited 11; days of service 32; Sunday schools visited 11; prayer meetings attended 15; homes visited 3.

HARRY BEATTY, Minister.

I, T. J. Dunkin, 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 1932: pastored 4 churches; preached at other places 20 sermons; traveled 556 miles; received into the churches 3; baptized 2; witnessed 2 conversions; received for my labors \$51.21; days of service 63.

T. J. DUNKIN, 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 1932: pastored 1 church, preached at other places 12 sermons; traveled 200 miles; received into the churches 1; baptized 1; witnessed 4 conversions; received for my labors \$1.40; churches visited 1; days of service 2; Sunday schools visited 3; prayer meetings attended 1; homes visited 2.

W. P. STOGSDILL, Minister.

I, Billie Rogers, 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 1932: pastored 4 churches; preached at other places 30 sermons; traveled 1000 miles; received into the churches 20; baptized 14; witnessed 20 conversions; received for my labors: Shiloh \$39.85; Mill Creek, \$12.70; Billmore, \$10.05; Liberty, \$16.75; received at other places \$10.00; total \$89.35; churches visited 2; days of service, \$40; Sunday schools visited 4; prayer meetings attended 8; homes visited 6.

BILLIE ROGERS, Minister.

I, J. R. W. Harbison, 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 1932: pastored no churches; preached at other places 15 sermons; traveled 200 miles; received into the churches none; witnessed 13 conversions; churches visited 6; days of service 12; Sunday schools visited 1; preached 3 funerals.

J. R. W. HARBISON, 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 1932: pastored no church, preached at other places 20 sermons; traveled 60 miles; baptized 6; witnessed 13 conversions; churches visited 1; days of service 11; Sunday schools visited 1; prayer meetings attended 1.

T. G. RUTLEDGE, Minister.

Motion carried that ministers' reports be received.

Motion carried that conference adjourn until 2 o'clock.
Closed by singing and prayer by Rev. H. C. Crase.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Preaching by Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. W. P. Stogsdill. Scripture reading; St. John, 17th chapter. Subject: "Prayer." A wonderful discourse was delivered.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference called together by singing. Scripture reading: 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Bros. R. G. Beatty.

Letters from churches not turned in called for and read.

Billmore Church—Delegates, Sisters Lucy Blankenship, Della Bryan and Willard Blankenship alternate. State of religion fair; condition of Sunday school none. Delegates present.

By motion letter was received and delegates seated.

Petitionary letter from Oak Hill Church sent in but sent back for reorganization of church.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, your business committee, beg to submit the following report: That W. E. McGeehee has surrendered his credentials by request of the quarterly conference held at Cave Spring July 29, 1932. Also we request that Bro. T. G. Ruedge meet this committee at the next quarterly conference, to be held at Walnut Grove, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October. Also request that the clerk notify him by letter. H. F. Young, H. C. Crase, J. P. McCullough, T. J. Dunkin and E. E. Winfree, Committee.

Report read and received by motion.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received the following for minutes: Cotton Creek, \$2.00; Smyrna \$2.00; Royal Oak, \$1.00; Pleasant Hill \$1.30; Rose Hill, \$1.50; Liberty \$1.00; Cave Spring, \$1.85; Piney, \$1.50; Shiloh, \$1.70; Dials Creek, \$1.00 Billmore, \$1.00; Walnut Grove \$4.20; Bethany, \$2.00; Norman, \$1.30; Cave Hill, 40c; Mill Creek \$1.70; Total \$25.45. Elizabeth Holmes, Tem Crawford and Ollie Wisehart, Committee.

By motion money was received and turned over to the treasurer.

Business suggested by letters: Bethany, Rose Hill and Pleasant Hill each ask for the next association.

By request and vote we hold our next association with Bethany Church north of Myrtle, Mo. The association will convene at nine o'clock, a. m., Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, A. D., 1933. Introductory sermon to be preached at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday by Rev. T. J. Dunkin and Rev. C. R. Bryan.

Rev. Elmer Hodges' time expiring as member of the ordaining committee, Rev. Harry Beatty was chosen as a member for a term of three years.

By motion delegates were chosen to attend the state association to be held at Green Top, Mo. Delegates chosen were Bros. R. G. Beatty, Adrian Jenkins and Willard Blankenship.

Motion carried that Adrian Jenkins as clerk of the association be added as a member of the printing committee.

Motion carried to keep clerkship of the quarterly conference and association separate.

Motion carried to adopt rules of order of business, as submitted to association, and that they be printed in minutes.

Motion carried that we return our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality toward us during our stay with them.

Motion carried that we adjourn until time and place set for our next association. Conference closed by singing and joining hands. Prayer by Rev. H. C. Crase.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK

Rev. E. E. Winfree and Rev. C. R. Bryan filled the stand. Scripture reading St. John, 20th chapter. Subject: "The Godhead." A very instructive message was delivered and we were greatly benefited.

SUNDAY, 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. T. J. Dunkin filled the stand. Reading lesson, a part of the 20th chapter of Acts. A soul stirring message was delivered and the presence of God's Spirit was greatly felt.

By request of Billmore Church and ordination committee, Bro. C. R. Bryan was ordained as a minister by the council.

ENROLLMENT OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Harry Beatty	Rt. 3, Thayer, Mo.
E. E. Winfree	Hardy, Ark.
Elmer Hodges	Alton, Mo.
H. C. Crase	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
Billie Rogers	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
T. J. Dunkin	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
E. E. Simpson	Rt. 2, Alton, Mo.
Wm. Johnson	Alton, Mo.
Milo Stanley	Rt. 2, Alton, Mo.
N. Combs	Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.
J. R. W. Harbison	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
C. R. Bryan	Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.

LICENSED MINISTER

B. H. Woodring Gatewood, Mo.

ENROLLMENT OF DEACONS

S. P. Scott, Dials Creek Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
 J. W. Brewer, Walnut Grove Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
 J. E. Rolen, Cave Hill Thayer, Mo.

J. T. Warren, Smyrna	Alton, Mo.
T. L. McDonald, Liberty	Gatewood, Mo.
G. W. Moore, Norman	Thayer, Mo.
Lee Clark, Shiloh	Alton, Mo.
W. E. Crews, Royal Oak	Alton, Mo.
S. C. Pierce, Cave Spring	Couch, Mo.
J. S. Athey, Bluff Spring	Ravenden, Ark.
R. L. Tram, Bluff Spring	Ravenden, Ark.
R. J. Wisheart, Mill Creek,	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
E. L. Brewer, Bethany	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
Com Crews, Shiloh	Thayer, Mo.
C. H. Carroll, Walnut Grove	Myrtle, Mo.
J. P. McCullough, Smyrna,	Alton, Mo.
E. L. Frey, Cotton Creek	Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Smith was born in the state of Georgia, April 3, 1850. She was converted at the age of sixteen and was married to William H. Campbell at the age of eighteen. To this union thirteen children were born, seven sons and six daughters, three boys dying in infancy.

Sister Campbell was one of the charter members of the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church. She lived a devoted Christian life. She was a dutiful wife, a loving mother, a kind hearted and loyal neighbor. To know her was to love her.

Her funeral service was conducted by Rev. T. J. Dunkin, assisted by Rev. Billie Rogers. She was laid to rest in the Myrtle cemetery beside her husband, who preceded her a few years ago. She leaves three sons, six daughters, one brother, three sisters, several grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death, but we feel that our loss is but her and heaven's gain. She departed this life at the age of eighty-one years, nine months and 28 days. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

There is a world above

Where parting is unknown

A whole eternity of love,

Formed for the good alone.

Brother Levi Boze was born in Oregon county, Mo., June 18, 1850, and died July 16, 1932. He was married to Miss Louisa Baker, who preceded him in death eighteen years ago. To this union were born twelve children, some dying in infancy, five living to be of age, and only three survive him: Kinnie Boze, of Miller, Mo., Luke Boze of Couch, Mo., and Mrs. E. L. Strewsnyder, of Alton, Mo., also one sister, Mrs. Martha Couch of Alton, Mo. He united with the Freewill Baptist church eighteen years ago. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill, and he was laid to rest in the New Salem cemetery. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his death, but our loss is his and heaven's gain.

Brother W. H. Williams was born in the state of Alabama, August 4, 1861, and departed this life September 27, 1931. Words can not express the loss of Brother Williams, who lived a devoted Christian life, and was ever ready to help in time of need. He would always encourage the younger Christians as he wanted to see the Lord's work grow and prosper. He was a kind and loving husband and a loving father. He departed this life and fell asleep in Jesus. Our loss is his eternal gain. We bow in humble submission to the One that doeth all things well. We extend to his wife and children our sympathy and pray that God will comfort in this trying hours, as it is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment.

Nannie Lou Darr-Thompson was born June 27, 1872, and departed this life June 24, 1932, age fifty-nine years, eleven months and twenty-three days. She united with the Freewill Baptist Church at Cotton Creek, about forty-three years ago, and lived a faithful member until death. She leaves to mourn her death five children, two sons and three daughters, also a host of friends.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of conference by clerk, scripture reading, singing and prayer.
2. Moderator takes charge of the business, then comes the appointment of committee on pulpit affiliations.
3. Reading of constitution and by-laws and minutes of previous meetings.
4. Letters from various churches called for and read and received. Then comes verbal reports of pastors of churches.
5. Visiting brothers and sisters are invited to seats as advisory members; petitionary letters called for, read and received, then delegates seated.
6. Corresponding messengers called to seats.
7. Eleven o'clock devotional service.
8. Appointment of all committees.
9. Election of officers.
10. Moderator inquires: Are all churches represented? If not, why not?
11. Enrollment of deacons, ministers and all members present and all churches represented.
12. Are any churches without pastor, and how can they be supplied?
13. Have all churches observed the communion?
14. Business suggested by letters or delegates.
15. Reports of various committees.
16. Reports of ministers.
17. General and new business.
18. Setting of place of next conference.
19. Ordaining council proceeds with their work, if any to be done.
20. Call for league reports.
21. Is there any home mission report?

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 session 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 each 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 may 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 or 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 Scripture of the Old and the 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 Scripture 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 Savior and Lord.

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

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercised 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 of 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, Continuances 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 became his elect.

FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self controlled having power to yield to the influence to the truth and the spirit or 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 preserve 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 CHURCH SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven to be set apart from secular employment and amusement for rest, worship, holy works and activities; and for personal communion with God.

RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of 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 conformities 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 Saviour 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 of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and so 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 to 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 school, 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 blamelessly unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Statistical Table of Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist Churches

ADRIAN JENKINS, Clerk.

E. L. BREWER, Ass't Clerk

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	Received by Recom- mendation or Letter	Received by Experience and Baptism	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Contribution to Pastor	Sabbath of Meeting
Oak Grove	Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.	1	5				125	\$25.00	1
Liberty	Billie Rogers	Myrtle, Mo.		2				26	16.75	3
Royal Oak	H. C. Crase	Myrtle, Mo.	1	2				38	31.39	3
Bluff Spring	C. R. Bryan	Couch, Mo.						22		3
Bethany	T. J. Dunkin	Myrtle, Mo.	1	2	2	1	1	123		3
Cane Hill	Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.	5	4	1	2		26	24.57	4
Dial's Creek	T. J. Dunkin	Myrtle, Mo.						11	11.68	2
Pleasant Hill	Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.						19		1
Norman	H. C. Crase	Myrtle, Mo.						25	13.34	4
Rose Hill	E. E. Winfree	Hardy, Ark.						15	110.00	2
Walnut Grove	H. C. Crase	Myrtle, Mo.						154	23.73	2
Mill Creek	Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.	1					139	12.90	1
Smyrna	E. E. Simpson	Alton, Mo.						39	9.47	1
Cotton Creek	T. J. Dunkin	Myrtle, Mo.						146	15.15	1
Shiloh	Billie Rogers	Myrtle, Mo.						127	39.85	4
Billmore	Billie Rogers	Myrtle, Mo.			1			13	10.05	2
Cave Spring	E. E. Simpson	Alton, Mo.						62	19.25	2
Piney	T. J. Dunkin	Myrtle, Mo.								
Pleasant Valley	J. S. L. Pentacost	Koshkonong, Mo.								4
		Laura Mills								
		Birtha Arnold								
		Leona Crews								
		Maggie Traw								
		Tem Crawford								
		J. E. Rolan								
		S. P. Scott								
		Ralph T. Hoyt								
		Mary Moore								
		R. G. Beatty								
		Daniel King								
		R. J. Wisehart								
		J. P. McCullough								
		Adrian Jenkins								
		Elizabeth Holmes								
		C. R. Bryan								
		Finis Johnson								
		W. P. Wheeler								
		J. W. Jewell								