

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Cave Spring Association

—OF THE—

Freewill Baptist Churches

—HELD WITH—

Piney Church, Couch, Mo.

August 23, 24, 25, 1935.

The next Association will be held with Pleasant Ridge Church, near Lula, beginning on Thursday Night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.

OFFICERS:

REV. E. E. WINFREE, Moderator

REV. T. J. DUNKIN, Ass't Moderator

ADRAIN JENKINS, Clerk

REV. H. H. BEATTY, Ass't Clerk

E. L. BREWER, Treasurer

PROCEEDINGS

The forty-eighth annual session of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist Churches, met with Piney Church. On Thursday night services were conducted by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and Rev. Elmer Hodges. Conference met Friday morning. Scripture reading, 1st Chapter of Psalms. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Winfree, and business was turned over to the moderator.

Rev. E. E. Winfree was elected Moderator. Rev. T. J. Dunkin was chosen Assistant Moderator.

Committee on Divine Service was appointed by the Moderator. Committee, Bros. J. P. Wheeler, E. L. Frey and J. L. Crawford.

Constitution and by-laws were read to the conference.

Letters from the various churches were called for and presented to the clerk.

Cave Spring Church—Delegates, Bro. Griff Barton, Sister Minnie Barton and Dollie Combs Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School fair, average attendance 20, value of church property \$500.00. Delegates present.

Pleasant Hill Church—Delegates, Bros. John Hollis, Ben Meinders and Archel Hays Alternate. State of religion fairly good, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 37, value of church property \$600.00. Delegates present.

Shiloh Church—Delegates, Bros. Claud Huff, Albert Holmes and Sister Elizabeth Holmes Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School fair, average attendance 35, value of church property \$600.00. Delegates present.

Royal Oak Church—Delegates, Bros. S. E. Coble, W. E. Crews and Sister Mellie Coble Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 45. Delegates present.

Smyrna Church—Delegates, Bros. Mason Watson, Lewis Breeden and Russel Muse Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School fair, average attendance 35, value of church property \$600.00. Delegates present.

Pleasant Ridge Church—Delegates, Bro. Cleo Johnson, Sister Dortha Hollis and Julia Johnson Alternate. State of religion good, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 30. One delegate present.

Bethany Church—Delegates, Bro. J. L. Crawford, Sister Tem Crawford and Bertha Brewer Alternate. Delegates present.

Motion carried that letters be received and delegates seated by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Motion carried that conference adjourn for Eleven O'clock Services. Conference to be called together by singing.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICES FRIDAY

Rev. T. J. Dunkin and Rev. C. R. Bryan filled the stand to preach the introductory sermon. Text Rev. 14:13. A soul stirring message was delivered and God's presence was greatly felt.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference was called together by singing. Scripture reading a part of the 6th chapter of Isaiah, by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Letters from other churches having come in, were called for and read.

Rose Hill Church—Delegates, Bros. Ed Arnold, Henry Young and Sister Ethel Arnold Alternate. Interest in Sunday School good. Delegates not present.

Cotton Creek Church—Delegates, Sisters Velma Cockman, Ruth Rogers and Bro. Hugh Jenkins Alternate. State of religion fair, value of church property \$1000.00. Delegates present.

Piney Church—Delegates, Bro. Lee Dethrow, Sister Effie Thompson and W. P. Wheeler Alternate. Delegates present.

Dials Creek Church—Delegates, Bros. R. L. Campbell, S. P. Scott and J. A. Evans Alternate. State of religion fair condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 30. Delegates not present.

Bluff Springs Church—Delegates, Bros. Elmer Dubois, George Watson and Sister Nora Scott Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School fair, average attendance 10. One delegate present.

Oak Grove Church—Delegates, Bros. Abner Rhoades, Roscoe Mills and Sister Julia Rhoades Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 40, value of church property \$200.00. Delegates present.

Norman Church—Delegates, Bro. John Holman, Sister Maurine Holman and Bro. Luther Blankenship Alternate. State of religion poor, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 50, value of church property \$1000.00. One delegate present.

Motion carried that letters be received and delegates seated.

Committees as follows were appointed by the Moderator.
 Temperance Committee—Bros. Harry Beatty, Abner Rhoades and W. P. Wheeler.

Committee on Literature—Bros. Ralph T. Hoyt, Finis Johnson and Hugh Jenkins.

Committee on Condition of Denomination and Religion Bros. Billie Rogers, E. E. Simpson and S. E. Coble.

Committee on Printing—Bros. N. Combs, J. P. McCullough and J. R. Thompson.

Committee on Finance—Sisters Tem Crawford, Mandy Wheeler and Elizabeth Holmes.

Committee on State of Denomination—Bros. Melvin Cockman, Clarence Dodson and T. J. Dunkin.

Motion carried to pass the subject of reprinting ministers report blanks.

Motion carried that conference adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Conference closed by prayer by Bro. J. P. McCullough.

8 O'CLOCK SERVICE FRIDAY NIGHT

Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Billie Rogers preached to a large audience. Text Psalm 1:3. A sermon was brought to us which was food for our Souls.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference met Saturday morning, scripture reading 24th chapter of Psalms by Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Simpson.

Other church letters having come in, were presented to the clerk and read.

Mill Creek Church—Delegates, Bros. R. J. Wisehart, Will Cartee and Albert Wilkerson Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 65, value of church property \$1000.00. Delegates present.

Billmore Church—Delegates, Bro. Willard Blankenship, Sister Della Bryan and W. H. Blankenship (Mabel Caldwell sub.) Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School not so good, average attendance 25. Delegates present.

Walnut Grove Church—Delegates, Bros. Fred King, A. J. Hall and C. H. Carroll Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 50, value of church property \$1000.00. Delegates present.

Cane Hill Church—Delegates, Bro. George Thompson, Sister Eliza Thompson and Lewis Pingleton Alternate. State of religion fair, condition of Sunday School good, average attendance 35. One delegate present.

Motion carried that letters be received and delegates seated.

Letter from Social Band Association—Delegates, Bros. Lee Letherland, Raymond Riggs, Ralph Staten and Sister Lee Letherland. Received by conversion 120, restoration 18, excluded 5, departed by death 9, total membership 956, number of ministers 20, churches 22, contribution to church pastors \$480.60.

Moderator, Eld. D. C. Jones, Biggers, Ark.

Clerk, Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.

Bro. Harrison Monday a member of the Missionary Baptist Church was with this delegation.

Motion carried that letter be received and the delegates seated in our council.

Reports of committees.

Committee on State of Denomination.

We, your committee on state of denomination of Cave Spring Association, beg to report, that we find the churches are not what they might be. And some of our churches seem to neglect what they might do, in the way of building up the Cause. We hope and pray that we will get better.

Clarence Dodson

T. J. Dunkin

Melvin Cockman, Committee

Motion carried to receive report and retain committee.

Committee on Printing.

We, your committee on printing submit the following report. We have a printing press at Purdy, Mo., that is printing the Freewill Baptist Gem, which is a good religious paper. And we suggest that all of our members that can subscribe for it, as there is lots of good religious information to be had by reading it. And we think we should give them our printing of minutes and blanks if they will do the work reasonable, and as cheap as others so we can help support our own printing establishment and keep it going. We also suggest that all who can contribute to the items and tell what we are doing in Cave Spring Association.

Rev. Naith Combs

J. R. Thompson, Committee.

J. P. McClullough

Motion carried to receive report and retain the committee.

Committee on Temperance.

We, your Temperance Committee, beg to submit the following report. We members of the Freewill Baptist Church, should do everything we can against the sale of in-

toxicating liquor as a beverage. Realizing, he that used intoxicants as a beverage is not wise. Rather giving all diligence to things pertaining to life and Godliness. Be temperate in all things.

Abner S. Rhoades,

W. P. Wheeler

Eld. Harry Beatty, Committee.

Motion carried to receive report and retain the committee.

Committee on Obituaries.

Committee on Obituaries turned in a number of obituaries to the conference.

Motion carried that report be received and obituaries be spread upon our minutes.

Committee on Literature.

We, your committee on literature beg to submit the following report. We suggest that our people read more Bible stories and sacred literature as well as the Bible. Much of our reading is of such that we miss the better thoughts of life, that the Lord intends us to have. So let us be careful as to what literature we read, that we may be able to obtain strength and spiritual thoughts that will be upbuilding to ourselves and to those we may come in contact with.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Jenkins

Finis Johnson

Ralph T. Hoyt, Committee.

Motion carried to receive report and retain the committee.

Committee on Condition of Denomination and Religion.

We, your committee, submit the following report. We find by investigating the condition of the association, it is about normal in a spiritual way, with some increase in membership. Also it is improved in a financial way. We, as your committee, suggest that we as a denomination do more as opening our pocket books for the success of our denomination, which we dearly love.

E. E. Simpson

Billy Rogers

L. Coble, Committee.

Motion carried to receive report and retain the committee.

Motion carried to receive Rev. J. P. Hendrix and Rev. Ralph Staten as visiting ministers.

Moderator inquiries: Are all churches represented?

Liberty Church is reported not represented. Reason not known.

Moderator inquiries: Are any churches without pastors?

Liberty Church has no pastor and Rev. C. R. Bryan agrees to go visit them.

Motion carried that conference adjourn for 11 o'clock service. Prayer was offered by Bro. Lee Letherland.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE SATURDAY

The stand was filled by Rev. Ralph Staten and Rev. E. E. Simpson. Text Acts 2:1. A wonderful message was brought to us, we were greatly blessed.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference was called together by singing. Prayer was offered by Bro. Raymond Riggs.

Moderator inquiries: Have all churches observed Communion?

The following churches did not observe the Communion this year. Oak Grove, Norman, Rose Hill, Shiloh and Bethany. This was neglected for many minor reasons.

Business suggested by letters or delegates.

Walnut Grove Church asked for Bro. Fred King to be ordained as Deacon of that church. The Ordaining Council performed the duties of ordination.

Mill Creek, Pleasant Ridge, and Cane Hill Churches asked for the next Association.

The next Association will be held with Pleasant Ridge Church, near Lula, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936. Conference will convene on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The introductory sermon will be preached Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. Clarence Dodson.

Ministers reports.

I, J. E. Rolen, 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 1934-'35. Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 37 sermons; traveled 409 miles; received into the churches 5; baptised 0; witnessed 12 conversions; received for my labors \$40.26; churches visited 3; days of service 24; Sunday Schools visited 4; prayer meetings attended 1; homes visited 25.

J. E. Rolen, Minister.

I, Claud Bryan, 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 1934-'35. Pastored 3 churches; preached at other places 5 sermons; traveled 700 miles; received into the churches 8;

baptised 24; witnessed 38 conversions; received for my labors \$31.30.
 Claud Bryan, 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 1934-'35. Pastored no churches; preached at other places 65 sermons; traveled 369 miles; received into the churches 2; baptised 0; witnessed 17 conversions; received for my labors \$15.40; churches visited 5; days of service 4; Sunday Schools visited 5; prayer meetings attended 4; homes visited 5; preached 3 funerals.

Elmer Hodges, Minister.

To the Cave Spring Association when convened—Dear Brethern: I am still in the land of the living and still in the fight for the Master, fighting sin and the devil. Therefore I most earnestly ask you to pray for me. We have a Freewill Baptist Association on Big Sandy River at Painterville, Ky. As it will be impossible for me to be with you at this time, will ask you to consider my report and if you deem me worthy of a certificate would be pleased to receive same. With much love for you all I will ever pray, may the good Lord be with you all and grant you a glorious gathering. Your humble brother in Christ.

H. C. Crase, 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 1934-'35. Pastored 0 churches; preached at other places 20 sermons; traveled 200 miles; witnessed 4 conversions; churches visited 6; days of service 16; Sunday Schools visited 3; homes visited 2.

W. P. Stogsdill, Minister.

I, J. E. S. Pentecost, 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 1934-'35. Pastored 0 churches; preached at other places 22 sermons; traveled 180 miles; received into the churches 0; baptised 0; witnessed 0 conversions; received for my labors \$1.30; churches visited 2; days of service 22; Sunday Schools visited 2; prayer meetings attended 1; homes visited 9; preached 1 funeral; married 2 couples.

J. E. S. Pentecost, Minister.

I, Clarence Dodson, elder of the Cave Spring Association of the Freewill Baptist Churches, beg to submit the fol-

lowing yearly report of my labors in said association for the year 1934-'35. Pastored 4 churches; preached at other places 10 sermons; traveled 1000 miles; received into the churches 2; baptised 2; witnessed 15 conversions; received for my labors \$57.50; Cotton Creek \$22.00; Norman \$15.00; Bethany \$10.50; Cane Hill \$10.00; outside of churches \$6.00
 Clarence Dodson, 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 1934-'35. Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 31 sermons; traveled 165 miles; received into the churches 0; baptised 0; witnessed 1 conversion; received for my labors 0; Sunday Schools visited 10; prayer meetings attended 8; homes visited 1; married 1 couple.

C. H. Williams, 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 1934-'35. Pastored 2 churches 8 months; preached at other places 52 sermons; traveled 700 miles; received into the churches 31; witnessed 47 conversions; received for my labor as pastor of Billmore Church \$43.00; Smyrna Church \$24.00; for holding revival at Lulu Church \$20.30; at Sharrum \$9.00; total \$96.30; 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 1934-'35. Pastored Rose Hill and Myrtle Churches; preached at other places 118 sermons; traveled 1600 miles; received into the churches 4; baptised 4; witnessed 25 conversions; received for my labors \$100.23; churches visited 14; days of service 10; Sunday Schools visited 10; prayer meetings attended 2; homes visited 2; officiated at 2 marriages; conducted 7 funerals.

Harry Beatty, 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 1934-'35. Pastored Oak Grove, Pleasant Ridge and Cave Springs Churches; preached at other places 25 sermons; traveled 794 miles; received into the churches 7; baptised 9; witnessed 10 conversions; received for labors

\$108.24; churches visited 3; days of service 12; Sunday Schools visited 4; prayer meetings attended 1; homes visited 3; married 5 couples; preached 6 funerals.

Eelzie Simpson, 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 1934-'35: Pastored 2 churches also 1 church in Social Band Association; preached at other places 10 sermons; traveled 1850 miles; received into the churches 10; baptised 10; witnessed 25 conversions; received for my labors \$127.48; Royal Oak Church \$35.00; Walnut Grove \$20.00; White Oak \$72.48; churches visited not known; days of service not known; Sunday Schools visited 4; prayer meetings attended 25; homes visited 10.

Billie Rogers, Minister.

Motion carried to receive reports of ministers.

Report of Finance Committee.

Received from the following churches:

Royal Oak	\$2.00
Cave Springs.....	2.10
Pleasant Ridge	\$1.40
Cane Hill50
Smyrna	1.50
Walnut Grove	2.00
Cotton Creek	2.00
Pleasant Hill	1.10
Rose Hill40
Norman80
Piney	\$1.25
Mill Creek	1.70
Shiloh	1.30
Bethany	1.10
Billmore	1.00
Oak Grove75
Bluff Springs50
Total	\$21.40

I, E. L. Brewer, beg to make the following report as treasure of the Cave Spring Association of the Freewill Baptist Churches:

Paid out for printing minutes	\$18.00
Clerk	5.00
Total expenses for 1934-'35	\$23.00
Balance on hand	\$5.52

Motion carried to receive report of treasurer.

General and New Business.

Motion carried to receive report made by Bro. Abner Rhoades as delegate to Little Vine Association of General Baptist.

Delegates were chosen to attend the Social Band Association, which will meet with Prewit Chapel Church in August, 1936. Delegates, C. R. Bryan, Della Bryan, Elzie Simpson, Billie Rogers, Harry Beatty, Ralph T. Hoyt, Lucile Beatty and E. E. Winfree.

Delegates were chosen to attend the State Association, which will convene with the Flat River Church in October, 1935. Delegates, Joe Hall, Adrian Jenkins, John Hollis, Dena Hall, Fred King, Mrs. Fred King and Abner Rhoades.

Motion carried that the association sent out an Evangelist and help support him.

Motion carried that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Piney Church and community, for their kindness and hospitality towards us during our stay with them.

Motion carried that conference adjourn until time for next association. Conference closed by prayer by Rev. Clarence Dodson.

8 O'CLOCK SERVICE SATURDAY NIGHT

Rev. Wayne Tucker filled the stand Saturday night. Scripture reading St. John 3:1-16. Text Proverbs 22:28. The Holy Spirit was with him and a very interesting message was brought to us.

SUNDAY 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Rev. Clarence Dodson and Rev. E. E. Winfree preached to us Sunday. Scripture reading 3rd chapter of Samuel. Text Samuel 3:8, "And God called Samuel." The calls which Samuel heard were applied to our own lives and were interesting and beneficial to us.

Sunday afternoon Rev. Wayne Tucker conducted a testimonial service, which proved to be a blessing to all. Afterwards Rev. Ralph Staten preached an interesting sermon. God's presence was plainly seen and felt. Conviction was plain to be seen and two souls accepted Him as their Savior.

ENROLLMENT OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

E. E. Simpson	R. 2, Alton, Mo.
E. E. Winfree	Hardy, Ark.
Elmer Hodges	Rt. 3, Alton, Mo.

J. E. Rolen	Rt. 2, Thayer, Mo.
C. H. Williams	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
C. A. Dodson	Rt. 3, Alton, Mo.
T. J. Dunkin	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
W. P. Stogsdill	Rt. 1, Alton, Mo.
J. E. S. Pentecost	Rt. 1, Koshkonong, Mo.
C. R. Bryan	Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.
Billie Rogers	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.
N. Combs	Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.
James McGeehee	Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.

VISITING MINISTERS

C. A. Harrell, Missionary Baptist	Rt. 1, Alton, Mo.
J. P. Hendrix, Methodist	Rt. 1, Couch, Mo.
Ralph Staten, Freewill Baptist	Pocahontas, Ark.
Wayne Tucker, Freewill Baptist	Peach Orchard, Ark.

ENROLLMENT OF DEACONS

J. P. McCullough	C. H. Carroll
J. R. Thompson	E. L. Frey
Lee Clark	F. D. Johnson
A. A. Barton	E. L. Brewer
M. E. Williams	R. T. Hoyt
S. E. Coble	Fraley Jenkins
W. E. Crews	

IN MEMORY

Of the Ministers of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist, who have given their lives for His Cause, and have gone on to receive their reward.

Rev. J. A. Jones
 Rev. A. H. Peace
 Rev. E. R. Whitman
 Rev. C. E. Whitman
 Rev. W. W. Pierce
 Rev. Thomas Bennett
 Rev. Daniel R. Johnson
 Rev. David Johnson
 Rev. G. W. Putnam
 Rev. S. O. Buckley
 Rev. W. C. Norman
 Rev. John Combs

OBITUARY

Mary Jane Sisk, Brewer was born October 26, 1852, in Jackson County, Alabama. She came to Wayne County,

Missouri at an early age. She was married to J. C. M. Brewer February 29, 1872, who preceded her in death, having died in 1892. To this union was born nine children, four having died. They were Virgie Trimble of Thayer, Cletus Brewer of Myrtle, Otto and Hemm as infants. The living are Felix Brewer of Bardley, Mo., Eklund and Safe of Myrtle, Mo., Virgle Scott of Damascus, Ark., and Tem Crawford of Myrtle, Mo. She was converted when young and joined the United Baptist Church. In 1902 she joined the Freewill Baptist Church at Bethany, and remained till death, living a good devoted christian life. She was a kind wife and a loving mother, and all who knew her loved her. She departed this life January 11, 1935, leaving 3 sons, 2 daughters, 49 grand-children, 42 great grand-children, 2 great-great grand-children, 1 sister, 1 brother, and a host of friends to mourn her death. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

OBITUARY

Our allwise Father has seen fit to call from our midst one of our beloved sisters.

Mary Elizabeth Sisk was born May 24, 1869, and the death Angel took her away at the age of 65 years, 8 months and 15 days. In April 1888 she was married to Will Caldwell, and five children were born to this union.

Then in 1900 she married T. B. Sisk, to this union two children were born. She was converted at the age of about sixteen, and joined the United Baptist Church, and later joined the Freewill Baptist Church. She was a devoted Christian true to her family and her God.

OBITUARY

Leona Combs was born September 9, 1914, and died June 12, 1935. Sister Leona was converted in September 1930, and joined the Piney Freewill Baptist Church. She remained there the remainder of her life. She was faithful to her church and her Lord.

OBITUARY

David Wilson Johnson was born January 31, 1863, and departed this life September 13, 1934, at the age of 71 years 4 months and 18 days. He leaves to mourn his death, a beloved wife, 5 boys and 2 girls, 4 step-children, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, 12 grand-children, 1 great grand-child and a host of friends. He professed his hope in Christ at the age of 20 at the Cave Springs Church. He lived a devoted christian life from then until death. Our loss is Heaven's great gain.

OBITUARY

Lillie Roberts was born January 28, 1885, and died June 10, 1935. She was married to James Roberts and to this union was born nine children all of whom are living. She leaves her husband, James Roberts, and her children who are, Mrs. Goldie Williams, Mrs. Ollie Thompson, Mrs. Alma Williams, Mrs. Adah Combs, Floyd, Loval, Paul, Charlie and Arlie Roberts all of Couch, Mo.

Sister Roberts had been a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Piney for a number of years. She was a patient, kind and loving wife and mother, and a good neighbor. She will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

MEMORIAL

Whereas our Heavenly Father has been pleased in his allwise providential dealings, and saw fit in his wisdom, to remove by death our beloved sister, Madaline Canterbury, from our midst. We acknowledge the unerring justice of our Father; we feel in deep mourning of our great loss. Although we know this removal and our loss is her and Heaven's great gain.

Sister Madeline died at the age of 20 years, 9 months, and 17 days. She died July 8, 1935, having been a member of the Cane Hill Church since November 23, 1930. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Our Sisters removal makes us bear more deeply in mind the greatness of our Father, and also our duty in the service of our Master. But we should rest in the hope of being reunited with her in a land of rest and peace with our Savior. Through the death of our beloved Sister the church has lost a devoted member.

MEMORIAL

Again has our Heavenly Father taken a faithful servant, Susan E. Blankenship, from our Billmore Church to join the redeemed around His throne.

Sister Blankenship was faithful to her family, church and her Lord. She is greatly missed. She left us November 28, 1934, at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 25 days. Her friends were numbered by her acquaintances. We mourn her departure and hope to join her in the Glory Land

MEMORIAL

Whereas our Heavenly Father has been pleased in His all wise providential dealings, and saw fit in His wisdom, to remove by death our beloved Sister Cora Watson Chandler, from our midst. While we acknowledge the unerring just-

ice of our Heavenly Father, we feel in deep mourning of our great loss. Although we know this removal is her great gain. The removal of our Sister makes us bear more deeply in mind the greatness of our Heavenly Father, and also our duty in His service. But we should rest in hope of being reunited with her in a land of rest and peace.

In the death of our beloved Sister the church has lost a devoted christian member.

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 there any churches without a 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 for 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 his 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 subject 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 the 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 subject without leave of the 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 during 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 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 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 accountabil-

ity sin, and become guilty before God.

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

THE TERMS OF SALAVATION—The conditions of salvation are: 1st Repentance or sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2nd, faith of the unreserved commital of one's soul to Christ as Savior 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 set free and self controlled having power to yield to the influence to the truth and 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, JUDGEMENT, 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 judgement; 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 words, 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, 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 enterprises 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 the 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

ADRAIN JENKINS, Clerk. H. H. BEATTY, Ass't Clerk

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY RECOMMEN- ATION OR LETTER.....	RECEIVED BY EXPERIENCE OR BAPTISM.....	DISMISSED BY LETTER...	EXCLUDED	DIED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.....	CONTRIBUTION TO PASTOR.	SABBOTH OF MEETING....
CAVE SPRINGS...	E. E. SIMPSON,.....ALTON, MO.	BERTHA HOLLIS,.....ALTON, MO.	1				60	\$20.79	2	
MILL CREEK....	H. H. BEATTY,.....THAYER, MO.	W. H. WISEHART,.....MYRTLE, MO.			1		36	36.63	4	
ROYAL OAK....	BILLIE ROGERS,.....MYRTLE, MO.	LEONA CREWS,.....THAYER, MO.					37	35.00	4	
BLUFF SPRINGS...	J. E. ROLEN,.....THAYER, MO.	NORA SCOTT,.....MYRTLE, MO.				1	23	1.85	3	
BETHANY.....	T. J. DUNKIN,.....MYRTLE, MO.	TEM CRAWFORD,.....MYRTLE, MO.			1	1	21	10.50	3	
WALNUT GROVE...	H. H. BEATTY,.....THAYER, MO.	SADIE HALL,.....MYRTLE, MO.					65	24.00	2	
COTTON CREEK...	BILLIE ROGERS,.....MYRTLE, MO.	VELMA COCKMAN,.....MYRTLE, MO.	1				43	22.00	1	
BILLMORE.....	H. H. BEATTY,.....THAYER, MO.	DELLA BRYAN,.....COUCH, MO.		21			1	38	51.60	2
DIALS CREEK....	C. R. BRYAN,.....COUCH, MO.	S. P. SCOTT,.....MYRTLE, MO.		1			16	18.00	1	
CANE HILL.....	ELMER HODGES,.....ALTON, MO.	LORENE PINGLETON,.....THAYER, MO.	1	1		1	26	9.28	3	
PLEASANT HILL...	J. E. ROLEN,.....THAYER, MO.	R. T. HOYT,.....THAYER, MO.	4	1			29	36.31	1	
SHILOH.....	BILLIE ROGERS,.....MYRTLE, MO.	ELIZABETH HOLMES,.....ALTON, MO.					26	20.60	3	
ROSE HILL.....	H. H. BEATTY,.....THAYER, MO.	R. G. BEATTY,.....THAYER, MO.		4	2		21	25.25	3	
PLEASANT RIDGE...	C. A. DODSON,.....ALTON, MO.	CLEO JOHNSON,.....ALTON, MO.	1				40	47.95	3	
PINEY.....	E. E. SIMPSON,.....ALTON, MO.	W. P. WHEELER,.....ALTON, MO.				2	55	11.05	4	
OAK GROVE.....	E. E. SIMPSON,.....ALTON, MO.	LAURA MILLS,.....THAYER, MO.					21	25.60	1	
SMYRNA.....	C. A. DODSON,.....ALTON, MO.	RUSSEL MUSE,.....ALTON, MO.				1	49	24.00	1	
NORMAN.....	BILLIE ROGERS,.....MYRTLE, MO.	MAURINE HOLMAN,.....ALTON, MO.					1	38	15.00	4
LIBERTY.....		ALMA PATTERSON,.....GATEWOOD, MO.								
OAK HILL.....		MILDRED WOODCOCK,.....RAVENDEN, ARK.								