

The
Cave Springs Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1942

Proceedings of the
55th Annual Session

Convened at
Norman Church
Alton, Missouri

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CAVE SPRINGS ASSOCIATION
OF
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH
Norman Church, Alton, Missouri
August 20, 21, 22, 1942

OFFICERS

Rev. Harry H. Beatty Moderator
Rev. Billie Rogers Assistant Moderator
Davie N. Combs Clerk
Ned Rhoades Assistant Clerk
Russel Muse Treasurer

The next session will be held with Shiloh Church, Alton, Missouri, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1943. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. J. E. Rolan Friday at eleven a. m.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Business:

Rev. H. C. Crase
Rev. C. A. Dodson
Rev. E. E. Simpson
Rev. Sam Bell

Ordination:

Rev. Harry H. Beatty
Rev. Billie Rogers
Rev. Sam Bell

Obituary:

Flo Dunkin
Frances Harbinson
Irene Jenkins

Printing

George Moore
E. L. Brewer
Ralph Hoyt
Davie N. Combs

P R O C E E D I N G S

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist Churches met with Norman Church.

Services conducted Thursday night by Harry H. Beatty.

Conference called together Friday morning by singing.

Scripture reading, 2 Peter 3rd chapter, by Clerk.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. C. Crase.

Rev. Harry H. Beatty was elected moderator. The moderator then took charge.

Minutes of previous meeting were read.

By-Laws of the Association were read by Moderator.

Letters from the churches present presented to Clerk:

Pleasant Ridge Church — Delegates: Bro. Ray Hollis, Sister Tula Johnson; Verble Hollis, alternate. Interest in Sunday School good. Contribution to pastor, \$90.38. Delegates present.

Bethany Church — Delegates: Bro. Eckland Brewer, Orval Crawford, Sister Martha Crawford, alternate. Contribution, \$24.23. Delegates present.

Bailey Chapel Church — Delegates: Brother Dalphus Shehorn, Carl Dodson, Sister Lorene Dodson alternate. In-

terest in Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, \$80.00. Two delegates present.

Wilderness Church — No delegates chosen. Interest in Sunday school, good. Contribution to pastor, \$46.86.

Cotton Creek Church — Delegates: Bro. Clyde Combs, Sister Loreta Case, Bro. Lewis Dodson, alternate. Contribution to pastor, \$50.00. One delegate present.

Pleasant Hill Church — Delegates: Sister Audry Beatty, Mary Crase, Bro. Ard Hoyt, alternate. Interest in Sunday School, fair. Contribution to pastor, \$41.26. Two delegates present.

Norman Church — Delegates: Bro. G. W. Duncan, Sister Savannah Duncan, Bro. H. A. Moore, alternate. Interest in Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, \$69.07. Two delegates present.

Smyrna Church — Delegates: Bro. Mason Watson, John Holmes, Russel Muse, alternate. Interest in Sunday School, fair. Contribution to pastor, \$47.10. One delegate present.

Motion carried to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Election of Clerk and Treasurer: Bro. Davie N. Combs, Clerk; Bro. Russel Muse, elected Treasurer.

Motion carried that conference adjourn until afternoon.

Conference closed by prayer by Ralph Hoyt.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Sam Johnson and Jessie Dunkin. Scripture reading, a part of the second chapter of Ephesians. Text, Jeremiah 6:16, "Old Paths." Although these ministers were young they preached a very interesting and spiritual sermon. The house was filled with the Spirit. They pointed out that we must erect an altar somewhere before we can become a child of God.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference was called together by singing.

Scripture reading, St. John 1:1-5 by the assistant moderator, Billie Rogers.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Russel Muse.

Letters from other churches having come in were presented and read:

Royal Oak Church—Delegates, Bro. Lyle Dotson, Sister Beatrice Dotson, Alice Bales, alternate. Interest in Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, \$93.50. One delegate present.

Oak Grove Church—Delegates: Bro. Lewis Robinson, Roscoe Mills, Sister Augusta Robinson, alternate. Interest in Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, \$92.54. Delegates present.

Shiloh Church—Delegates: Bro. Claud Huff, Albert Holmes, Davie N. Combs, alternate. Interest in Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, \$38.10. Delegates present.

Mill Creek Church—Delegates: Bro. Virgil Cantrell, Sister Neta Belle Wisheart, Bro. Javan Cantrell, alternate. Interest in Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, \$139.82. Two delegates present.

Motion carried to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

All visiting brethren were invited to seats in council as advisory members.

Election of Officers and the Committees as follows:
Moderator Rev. Harry Beatty
Assistant Moderator Rev. Billie Rogers
Clerk Davie N. Combs
Assistant Clerk Ned Rhoades
Treasurer Russell Muse

Printing Committee—Geo. Moore, E. L. Brewer, Ralph Hoyt, Davie N. Combs.

Divine Service Committee—Geo. Moore, Albert Holmes and G. W. Duncan.

Committee of State of Religion—Ed. Rogers, Claud Huff and A. S. Rhoades.

Committee on State of Denomination—C. W. Bayless, George Moore and E. L. Brewer.

Committee on Temperance—Mary Crase, Ora Clark and Mamie Crase.

Committee on Literature—Sam Johnson, S. E. Coble and J. P. Wheeler.

Committee on Finance—Emily Moore, Nettie Bennett, and Ora Wisheart.

Committee on Observance of the Sabbath—Virgil Cantrell, Lawn Ary, and George Duncan.

Committee on Resolutions—W. E. Crews, Ralph T.

Hoyt, and Jessie Dunkin.

Enrolling of the ministers.

Conference adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Prayer by Sam Johnson.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing "Glory to His Name"; followed with devotional service led by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Prayer by Bro. McCullough.

Preaching by Rev. E. E. Simpson; followed by Rev. Harry Beatty. Lesson, Hebrews: 1:1-5; text, "God Speaks to Humanity." Comparing the ways in which Christ spoke to people in the beginning and how he speaks to us today and leads us in every day life. How God pleads with sinners.

Altar call made by Rev. Beatty.

Benediction by Bro. John Pauli.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder"; followed by reading 1st Psalm by moderator.

Prayer offered by Rev. E. E. Simpson.

Letters from the churches coming in Saturday morning were presented and read as follows:

Cave Springs Church — Delegates: Bro. Luther Sutton, Sister Nellie Archer, Hallie Norman, alternate. State of religion, fair. Condition of Sunday School, fair; average attendance, 30. Contribution to pastor, \$38.73. Delegates not present.

Piney Church — Delegates: Bro. M. E. Williams, E. W. Combs, Sister Edna Hammond, alternate. State of religion, fair; Sunday School, none. Contribution to pastor, \$37.50. Delegates present.

Pleasant Valley Church — Delegates: Bro. Will Wilkie, Roy Young, Frandel Risner, alternate. State of religion, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, \$32.56. Delegates present.

Liberty Church — Delegates: Bro. L. D. McDonald, Sister Darcus McDonald, R. N. McDonald, alternate. State of religion, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good. Contribution to pastor, not known. Delegates present.

Rose Hill Church — Delegates: Bro. R. G. Beatty, Sister Nellie Young, Bro. Henry Young, alternate. State of

religion, good. Contribution to pastor, \$64.50. Delegates present.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates by extending them a right hand of fellowship.

Enrollment of clerks.

Conference closed for eleven o'clock service.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Ernest Harding.

SATURDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service conducted by Rev. N. Combs and Rev. Sam Bell. Scripture reading, John 2. Text, "The Lord spoke to the whale and he spit Jonah out on dry land." A very able sermon was preached and a great outpouring of God's spirit was experienced.

An altar call was made by Bro. Combs; followed by an old time handshake and shouting.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Jim Hendrix.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing by the Smyrna Quartet.

Scripture reading by moderator from Heb. 4:9-13.

Prayer by Bro. F. D. Johnson.

Other church letters having come in were read as follows:

Garfield Church (Petitionary Letter)—Delegates: Sister Clara Hollis, Stella Rogers, Mamie Crase, alternate. State of religion, good. Condition of Sunday School, good; average attendance, 35. Delegates present.

Walnut Grove Church—Delegates: Bro. Fred King, Daniel King, Sister Ethel King, alternate. State of religion, fair. Condition of Sunday School, fair; average attendance, 35. Contribution to pastor, \$52.70. One delegate present.

Cane Hill Church—Delegates: Sister Issie Pingleton, Addie Combs, Ora Rolen, alternate. State of religion, fair. Condition of Sunday School, good; average attendance, 35. Contribution to pastor, \$41.38. Delegates present.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat the delegates.

Verbal reports from the following churches:

Mt. Zion—Represented by Bro. Bowers.

Billmore—Represented by Bro. Crase.

Buff Springs—Not known about.

Dials Creek—Represented by Bro. Crase.

These three churches were not represented because of neglect.

Question: "Have all churches observed Communion?" Liberty reported as not observing the Communion.

Church government read by Bro. Crase.

Appointment of delegates to State Association as follows: Ralph T. Hoyt, F. D. Johnson, Albert Holmes, Mrs. Russel Muse, Mrs. Dave Bowers and Roy Wisheart.

The place for next Association was selected. It will be at Shiloh Church.

Ordaining of Bro. Noah Hollis and Ed Rogers as deacons of Garfield Church by Ordaining Committee: Billie Rogers, H. H. Beatty and Sam Bell.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. H. C. Crase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION—We, your Committee on State of Religion, report that after a close observation find that the state of religion is more like it ought to be. But there is plenty of room for a more consecrated effort to be put forth. Seeing the lack of family prayer in the day in which we live, we feel that to make our religion pure and undefiled we need prayer daily that God will bless our nation and bring about peace, and help us keep ourselves unspotted from the world and win more souls for Christ than we have in the past.

Committee: { Abner S. Rhoades,
Edd Rogers,
Claud Huff.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF DENOMINATION—We, your Committee on Denomination, beg to report. We, the committee, find and decree the churches are in normal condition. We suggest that the preachers, by the grace of God use a greater effort in the future, and that the lay members attend Sunday School and preaching service and use every effort to be true to God and his fellow man.

Committee: { C. W. Bayless,
G. W. Moore,
E. L. Brewer.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report. Seeing the awfulness of destruction of strong drinks we realize it's an awful down fall

and the shame brought upon Christianity. So many young boys and girls are led away by its deception. Our sincere prayer is that every minister and Christian worker will fight hard to do away with the awful stuff that is ruining our boys and girls and nation.

Committee: { Mary Crase,
 { Mamie Crase,
 { Ora Clark.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE—We, the Committee on Literature, advise people to read the Bible more as it is the Book of all Books, for we find it our one and only book guide from earth to heaven. We advise also of reading other good religious books and papers, so long as they comply with the word of God.

We are opposed to the reading of novels and untrue stories which might mar our good thoughts and deeds.

We pray that God will help and save us all.

Committee: Sam Johnson,
 Paris Wheeler.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—We, the Obituary Committee, have collected ten obituaries of our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ and ask that you receive them and print them in your minutes.

Committee: { Irene Jenkins,
 { Flo Dunkin,
 { Frances Harbinson.

PRINTING COMMITTEE AND TREASURER'S REPORT—

Money received for year 1941	\$34.76
Balance on hand	10.22
Total	\$44.98
Paid for Printing:	
400 Minutes	\$21.00
300 Blank Church Letters	2.00
Paid Clerk salary	10.00
Total	\$33.00
Balance on hand	\$11.98

Committee: { E. L. Brewer,
 { George Moore,
 { Ralph Hoyt,
 { Davie N. Combs.

COMMITTEE ON OBSERVING THE SABBATH—We, the Committee on Observing the Sabbath, believe that there is too much work done on the Sabbath. We recommend that we all go to Sunday School or church on the Lord's day.

G. W. Dunkin.

Committee: Virgil Cantrell,

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following report of money received from the churches:

Royal Oak	\$2.00	
Cotton Creek	2.00	
Norman	3.17	
Bethany	1.05	
Pleasant Ridge	1.50	
Bailey Chapel	3.00	.80
Mill Creek	3.45	
Pleasant Hill	2.10	
Pleasant Valley	1.30	
Rose Hill	1.50	
Piney	1.30	
Garfield	1.90	
Liberty .....	.75	.50
Shiloh	1.15	.50
Smyrna	1.10	
Walnut Grove	2.60	.50
Cane Hill	1.00	.25
Cave Springs	1.50	.50
Oak Grove .....	.75	.25
Grand Total, \$36.42.		

Committee: Ora Wisehart,
Emily Moore.

ENROLLMENT

Ministers

C. A. Dodson,	Alton, Mo.	Dale Williams,	Alton, Mo.
H. C. Crase,	Myrtle, Mo.	Ernest Harding,	Alton,
Sam Johnson,	Alton, Mo	L. R. Wheeler,	
Elmer Hodges,	Alton, Mo.	Mammoth Springs,	Ark.
W. P. Stogsdill,	Alton,	E. E. Simpson,	Alton, Mo.
Jessie Dunkin,	Myrtle, Mo.	H. H. Beatty,	Thayer, Mo.
J. E. Rolen,	Thayer, Mo.	N. Combs,	Couch, Mo.
Billie Rogers,	Myrtle, Mo.	Sam Bell,	Thomasville, Mo.

Visiting Ministers

J. P. Hendrix,

Couch, Mo.

Deacons

Ralph T. Hoyt
F. D. Johnson
Russell Muse
E. L. Brewer
G. W. Moore
S. E. Coble
J. P. Wheeler
W. E. Crews
Lee Clark
Ezra Johnson
J. P. McCullopph

T. L. McDonald
Robert Worrel
H. H. Hackworth
M. E. Williams
E. L. Frey
H. F. Young
C. H. Crews
Elgan Williams
Noah Hollis
Ed Rogers

Church Clerks

Velma Cockman — Cotton Creek.
Elsie Worrel — Pleasant Valley
Georgia Crowder — Piney
Elizabeth Holmes — Shiloh
R. G. Beatty — Rose Hill
A. S. Rhodes — Oak Grove
Ralph T. Hoyt — Pleasant Hill
Ned Rhoades — Norman
Issie Pingleton — Cane Hill

OBITUARIES

Damie Virginia Blankenship was born in Oregon County, Missouri, November 27, 1878 and departed this life March 1, 1942; age 63 years, 3 months and 1 day.

She was married to Arthur W. Holman March 17, 1898. They were the parents of ten children. Three daughters and one son preceded her in death. Those living are Addie Grooms, Johnnie, Emmet, Elgan, Thurman and Edgar.

She was converted at early age and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Norman and rejoiced in the hope of a life beyond. She was a loving companion and mother, always caring for her home and family. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, six children, 15 grandchildren, and one great grandchild; also five brothers and two sisters, and

a host of friends and relatives. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Harry H. Beatty.

Rebecca Caroline Brewer Taylor was born in Oregon County, Missouri, October 10, 1859, and departed this life July 29, 1942. She was 82 years, 9 months and 19 days of age.

On September 12, 1878 she was united in marriage to Thomas Levi Taylor, who preceded her in death about 30 years ago. To this union was born 13 children; four passing away, two in infancy, one daughter, Ethel, age 7 and one son, Arthur, age 5. The children surviving are as follows: Roszilla Hall, Lee Taylor, Elzada Douglas, Sylvia Underwood, Etta Crass, Roy Taylor, Alfred Taylor, Dora McGurn and Elza Taylor.

When she was quite young her parents passed away. At this time she went to live with her grandparents, Joseph and Betsy Brewer, living there until her marriage.

She lived in Oregon County, Missouri, until September, 1922 at which time she, with her children, moved to Downey, Calif., living there until about two and a half months ago. She returned here to visit with her children and passed away at her farm home at Myrtle, Missouri.

She was converted in early life and later joined the Free Will Baptist Church and lived a devoted Christian life until death. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. Harry H. Beatty.

Resolution of Respect of Sister Elizabeth Custer — Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from our midst Sister Elizabeth Custer who was a member of the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist Church and whereas Sister Custer was a beloved and devoted member of our church.

She departed this life June 24, 1942. Be it resolved that we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends and the church has lost a valuable member but our loss is Heaven's gain. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. E. Simpson.

James Riley Thompson was born January 18, 1863, in the state of Illinois. He came to this country at an early age.

He was converted in 1930 and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Piney.

In 1881 he was married to Mary Jane Wheeler. To them were born five children. His wife and one child preceded him in death December, 1921. The surviving are: Iva Wolf, Verner Thompson, Laura Bennett, John Thompson. He leaves to mourn his death besides the children 16 grandchildren, 17 great grand-

children, many friends and relatives.

Funeral service was conducted at Garfield cemetery August 26 by Rev. W. E. Grady and Rev. H. C. Crase. Uncle Rile lived a true Christian life and will be sadly missed.

Mary Parthenia Risner was born about July 15, 1868 and died February 28, 1942 at the age of 74 years. She was united in marriage to Willie Bennett December 3, 1890. To this union nine children were born; six boys and three girls: Alma, Luther, Emma, Bertie, Lula, Rufas, Nora, Artie and Hubert. Alma and Luther preceded her in death. She was converted at an early age and joined the Free Will Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, 6 children, 42 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Ed Graddy at the Garfield Church where the body was laid to rest.

Mary Susan Jones was born July 22, 1857, in the state of Illinois and departed this life March 19, 1942 at the age of 84 years, 7 months, and 21 days.

When eleven years old she, with her parents, moved to Oregon County, Missouri. She was united in marriage to Ransom Hollis, March 3, 1885. To this union two children were born: Mrs. J. E. Rolan; one boy, Revel Lee. Her husband preceded her in death.

She was converted in 1882 later united with the Free Will Baptists. She lived a true Christian life from conversion until the Lord called her home.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one niece and a host of friends.

Funeral service was conducted at New Salem Church by Rev H. C. Crase.

Chas. H. Carroll was born August 28, 1866 in Randolph County Arkansas and spent his life time in North Arkansas and south Missouri. He departed this life at Billmore, Mo., July 28, 1942 at the age of 75 years and 11 months.

He was married to Laura Young September 15, 1883. She preceded him in death January 23, 1939.

To this union were born 7 children, three of whom have preceded him in death. The surviving ones being Vessie Bratton, Asa Carroll, Earl Carroll and Anna Haynes. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted and united with the Free Will Baptist Church in the year of 1906 and kept the faith unto the end.

He was a good Christian worker, a devoted husband, a loving father and neighbor.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. T. J. Dunkin.

Missouri Britanna Smith was born January 9, 1867 and departed this life January 20, 1942 at the age of 75 years and 11 days.

She was united in marriage to Thomas Cockman December 8, 1884. To this union was born 7 children: Melvin, Fred, Luner Frey, Lois Swanzy; three preceded her in death. She was converted at the age of 12 and later united with the Free Will Baptist Church. She lived a devoted life until the Lord called her home. She leaves to mourn her going: 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, 1 brother, and a host of other relatives and friends. She was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Thomas Martin Pitts was born in Trigg County, Kentucky, December 21, 1861, and departed this life June 3, 1942 at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 14 days.

He was married to Effie Tinsley September 18, 1890. To this union three children were born: Carlos, Goldia and Don.

He was converted and joined the Bailey Chapel Free Will Baptist Church October 23, 1938 and lived a true Christian until death.

He leaves to mourn five grandchildren, one great grandchild, and relatives and friends. He will be missed by the entire community as he always had a kind word for every one.

Funeral service was conducted at Hickory Grove June 5 by Rev. Clarence Dodson.

Mary Catherine England was born near Dalton, Ark., May 14, 1863; departed this life April 25, 1942, at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 11 days.

In 1886 she was married to David D. Thompson. He died in 1890. To this union three children were born: twins dying in infancy. October 29, 1896 she was married to W. C. King who preceded her in death. To this union four children were born. The surviving children are Sular Thompson, Mrs. Lucy Mock, Henry King, Daniel King and Roxie King; one sister and 8 grand children.

She was converted and she later united with the Free Will

Baptist Church of Christ.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Harry H. Beatty at Walnut Grove Church burial was made in King cemetery.

Rena Campbell was born in Oregon County October 10, 1867; died December 8, 1941 at the age of 74 years.

She was united in marriage to J. R. W. Harbinson January 13, 1887. To this union was born six children: Otto Harbinson, Elmer Harbinson, Elba Harbinson, Mrs. Ora Wischart, Mrs. Vernie Smith, Frank Harbinson.

Sister Harbinson was converted when she was 16 years old and joined the Free Will Baptist Church, and has been a devoted Christian, a kind and loving wife and mother, and a kind friend and neighbor to all. She is survived by her children and 24 grandchildren. Her husband and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Funeral service was conducted at Mill Creek Church by Rev. Clarence Dodson and Rev. Sam Bell. Burial was made in the Myrtle cemetery.

Margaret E. Carter was born near Vienna, Illinois, May 25, 1862 and departed this life May 24, 1942 at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 30 days.

She was married to John N. Rhoades August 19, 1882. To this union 12 children were born, seven dying in infancy; one daughter also departed this life. Surviving are Abner S. Rhoades, Rosa Ford, Ned H. Rhoades and Martha Sandridge. Her husband departed this life April 27, 1931. She leaves 19 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was converted at the age of 16; later united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Cave Springs.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Nath Cambs and Rev. H. C. Crase.

IN MEMORY

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

Rev. J. A. Jones
Rev. E. R. Whitman
Rev. E. R. Whitman
Rev. C. E. Whitman
Rev. W. W. Pierce
Rev. Thomas Bennett
Rev. Daniel R. Johnson

Rev. G. W. Putman
Rev. S. O. Buckley
Rev. David Johnson
Rev. W. C. Norman
Rev. John Combs
Rev. Milo Stanley
Rev. W. M. Johnson
Rev. J. E. Pentecost
Rev. J. R. W. Harbinson

CHURCH DIRECTORY

SHILOH CHURCH—Organized October 19, 1930, by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and Rev. Billy Rogers. It was organized with 14 members. C. H. Crews and Lee Clark as deacons. Elizabeth Holmes, church clerk.

UNION CHURCH (Cane Hill)—Organized November 23, 1930, by Rev. N. Combs, Elzie Simpson and Rev. Jess Rolan, with 23 members.

PINEY CREEK—Organized in 1885 by Rev. J. A. Jones; members unknown.

LIBERTY CHURCH—Organized September 25, 1921, with 9 members, by Rev. J. R. W. Harbison, Rev. John Combs, Rev. James McGeehee, and Rev. G. H. Miller.

BETHANY CHURCH—Organized January 20, 1902, by Rev. H. C. Crase, Rev. T. J. Dunkin and Rev. N. Combs. Organized with 7 members, T. U. Cockman and Will Williams as deacons.

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH—Organized in 1889 by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. E. R. Evans with 7 members.

DIALS CREEK CHURCH—Organized August 14, 1927, by Rev. James McGeehee and Billy Rogers, with 7 members. J. A. Evans and S. P. Scott were elected as deacons.

COTTON CREEK CHURCH—Organized August 6, 1893, by Rev. J. H. Herlson and Rev. N. Combs, with 13 members. T. J. Dunkin and G. W. Robertson were elected as deacons.

ROYAL OAK CHURCH—Organized on the first Sunday in October, 1930, by Rev. H. C. Crase and Elmer Hodges, assisted by Deacon J. P. McCullough, with 23 members.

NORMAN CHURCH—Organized October 3, 1914, by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and supposedly Rev. W. C. Norman with 18 members. D. M. Crews and G. W. Moore as deacons.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH—Organized October 6, 1918, by Rev. E. J. Vaughn and Rev. H. C. Crase, with 17 members.

ROSE HILL CHURCH—Organized July 16, 1916, by Rev. Milo Stanley and Rev. W. C. Norman, with 7 members. H. F. Young and G. W. Denton as deacons and R. G. Beatty, church clerk.

BILLMOORE CHURCH—Organized November 25, 1928, by Rev. E. E. Winfree and Rev. T. J. Dunkin, with 9 members. C. R. Bryan and W. H. Blankenship as deacons.

BLUFF SPRINGS CHURCH—Organized in August, 1912, by Rev. J. R. W. Harbison and Rev. S. O. Buckley, with 9 members.

PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH—Organized May 28, 1933, with 13 members.

CAVE SPRING CHURCH—Organized July 12, 1879, with 24 members, by Rev. David Johnson, Rev. J. A. Jones and Rev. S. J. Thornberg.

SMYRNA CHURCH—Organized in November 1882, by Rev. David Johnson and Rev. J. A. Jones, with 13 members.

OAK GROVE CHURCH—No information available.

MILL CREEK CHURCH—Organized in October 1903. Levi Taylor and Henry Wisheart were elected deacons.

BAILEY CHAPEL CHURCH—Organized August 28, 1938, by Rev. E. E. Simpson, Rev. C. A. Dodson and Rev. Elmer Hodges, with 55 members. John Nichols, W. M. Huddleston and Elgin Williams as deacons.

MT ZION CHURCH—Organized July 30, 1939, by Rev. J. E. Rolan, B. H. Woodring and Rev. J. E. S. Pentecost. Organized with 14 members, Dave Bowers and A. C. Harrison as deacons.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH—Organized in June 1940, by Rev. J. E. Rolan, Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. B. H. Woodring.

Organized with 8 members, and Robert Worrel and Walter Barnett as deacons.

WILDERNESS CHURCH—Organized August 2, 1940, by Rev. Clarence Dodson, S. W. Bell and Deacon Elgin Williams. Organized with 22 members and Mack Simpson, Hosea Simpson and Other Neal as deacons.

GARFIELD CHURCH—Organized August 17, 1942, by Rev. Harry H. Beatty, Billie Rogers and Fred Dodson. Organized with 22 members and Edd Rogers and Noah Hollis as deacons.

PETITIONARY LETTER FORM

We, the council of Ordained Ministers,
organized church, county of
state of; number of members,;
by choice of the body
were selected as deacons; church clerk;
on the day of 19....

We therefore petition the Conference to accept our church into your body as a member of
Conference or Association.

Council:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of Conference by clerk, scripture reading, singing and prayer.
2. Moderator takes charge of the business; appointment of committee on Divine Service.
3. Reading of constitution and by-laws and minutes of previous meetings.
4. Letters from various churches called for, read and received; verbal reports of pastors of churches.
5. Petitionary letters called for read and received.
6. Visiting brethren and sisters invited to seats as advisory members.
7. Corresponding messengers called to seats as advisory members.
8. Eleven o'clock devotional service.
9. Appointment of all committees.
10. Election of officers.
11. Moderator inquires: Are all churches represented?
12. Enrollment of deacons and ministers present.
13. Are there any churches without a pastor, and can they be supplied.
14. Have all churches observed the Communion?
15. Business suggested by letters or delegates.

16. Reports of committees.
17. Reports of ministers.
18. General and new business.
19. Setting of place for next conference.
20. Ordaining council proceeds with work.
21. League reports.
22. Home Mission reports.

BY-LAWS

Art. 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 in years.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 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 a moderator and to the transaction of other business.

Art. 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.

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

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

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

Art. 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.

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

Art. 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.

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

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

Art. 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.

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

Art. 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.

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

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

Art. 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 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 all the 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 by-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, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability of sin, and become guilty before God.

THE WORK OF CHRIST—The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for 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: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty

renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self 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 dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. 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 WILL—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, 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 of the water of Life freely.

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

GOSPEL ORDINANCES

BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the *Lord's Supper* are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; *Feet Washing*, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be 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.

WAR—war destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore we are opposed to war.

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 evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but righteous eternal life."

MINISTERS REPORTS

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	Received for Labor	Funerals Preached	Marriages Solemnized	Appointment Fulfilled	Churches Visited	Conversions Witnessed	Baptized	Received into Church	Miles Traveled	Sermons at other places	Number Churches Pastored ..
Jesse Dunkin	2 5	1,000	..	5 30	3 20	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harry H. Beatty	4 5	2,500	30	23 30	..	..	1 13	460.60	..	..	..
E. E. Simpson	2 13	1,067	..	.. 10	5 13	2 3	94.61	..	..	..	..
Elmer Hodges	1 8	540	3 1	..	..	..	43.88	..	..	..	..
Ben Woodring .....	.. 64	..	..	..	..	..	38.00	..	..	..	..
Dale Williams	1 21	2,000	9 2	30 8	.. 2	..	66.50	..	..	..	..
Clarence Dodson	4 10	3,500	8 7	7 1	.. 5	8 8	279.28	..	..	..	..
Ernest Harding	1 9	890	10 7	8 3	10 ..	..	32.86	..	..	..	..
Billie Rogers	4 ..	..	12 7	26 ..	.. 3	6 6	281.22	..	..	..	..
L. R. Wheeler 29	210 7	5 2	..	4.80
J. E. Rolen 37	640 13	6 37	..	13.24
H. C. Crase	2 12	250	2 5	6 ..	6 10	46.10
S. W. Bell 8	4
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STATISTICAL TABLE OF CAVE SPRINGS ASS'N.

Churches	Pastors and Address	Clerks and Address	Received by Letter	Received by experience	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Sabbath of Meeting
Pleasant Ridge	Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo. ..	Nolen Johnson, Alton, Mo. ..	5	7	..	..	..	72	3rd
Piney	Dale Williams, Alton, Mo. ..	Georgia Crowder, Cuch, Mo. ..	9	1	..	..	3	60	2nd
Mill Creek	Harry H. Beatty, Thayer, Mo. ..	Ora Clark, Myrtle, Mo. ....	..	..	..	..	3	80	4th
Cane Hill	Elmer Hodges, Alton, Mo. ..	Issie Pingleton, Thayer, Mo. ..	2	..	..	..	..	38	1st
Cotton Creek	Clarence Dodson, Alton, Mo. ..	Velma Cockman, Myrtle, Mo. ..	10	..	..	..	..	42	1st
Pleasant Hill	H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Mo. ..	Ralph T. Hoyt, Thayer, Mo. ..	..	..	..	..	..	39	1st&3rd
Norman	Harry H. Beatty, Thayer, Mo. ..	N. H. Rhoades, Alton, Mo. ..	..	..	..	..	1	86	3rd
Royal Oak	Harry H. Beatty, Thayer, Mo. ..	Leona Crews, Alton, Mo. ..	..	..	1	..	..	49	1st
Cave Springs	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo. ..	Nellie Archer, Alton, Mo. ..	..	..	..	..	1	47	2nd
Pleasant Valley	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo. ..	Elsie Worel, M. Sp'gs., Ark. ..	10	..	..	..	..	22	3rd
Liberty	H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Mo. ..	Lillie Huddleston, Gatewood ..	..	..	..	..	..	25	2nd
Bethany	Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo. ..	Martha Crawford, Myrtle ..	6	2	..	..	..	..	3rd
Bailey Chapel	Clarence Dodson, Alton, Mo. ..	Hallie Cline, Alton, Mo. ..	1	5	..	..	1	104	3rd
Wilderness	Clarence Dodson, Alton, Mo. ..	Lucille Littles, Wilderness ..	23	..	..	..	..	..	2nd
Walnut Grove	Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo. ..	Dena Hall, Myrtle, Mo. ....	..	1	..	..	2	67	2nd
Smyrna	Clarence Dodson, Alton, Mo. ..	Emery Watson, Alton, Mo.	1	..	..	..	..	87	1st
Oak Grove	Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo. ..	Elizabeth Holems, Alton, Mo. ..	..	..	..	..	..	46	2nd
Shiloh	Harry H. Beatty, Thayer, Mo. ..	Abner Rhoades, Couch, Mo. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2nd

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the appearance 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 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 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 enterprises supreme; counting 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.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, 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 of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for 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.