

Minutes  
—OF THE—  
SIXTY - FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
—OF THE—  
Cave Spring Association  
— OF —  
Freewill Baptist Churches  
—HELD WITH—

SMYRNA CHURCH

Route 3, Alton, Missouri

AUGUST 19, 20, and 21, 1948



— OFFICERS —

Davie N. Combs .....	Moderator
Mark Lewis .....	Assistant Moderator
N. H. Rhoades .....	Clerk
J. W. King .....	Assistant Clerk
D. J. Bowers .....	Treasurer
Leonard Clark .....	Statistician

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The next session will be held with The Pleasant Hill Church, Route 2, Thayer, Mo., BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1949. Jesse H. Dunkin and Grover J. Pingleton will preach the Introductory Sermon, at 11:00 a. m., Friday, August 26, 1949.

Congregation assembled by singing.

Association clerk read Rev. 21-8; Heb. 4-16.

Opening prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis.

The Association clerk upon ascertaining that a quorum was present declared the Sixty First Annual Session of The Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist to be duly in session.

The Moderator took charge and asked that the By-laws be read.

They were read by Assistant Clerk, J. W. King. Moderator asked that the Minutes of the last session be read.

Motion carried that only the report of the business committee be read.

Report read and proper notation made and referred to the business committee for action.

The Moderator called for credentials and the following Letters were received.

SHILOH: Delegates, Millard Cloven, Albert Holmes, Elizabeth Holmes. All present.

OAK GROVE: Delegates, Julia Leu Rhoades, Julia Ann Rhoades, Bertha Mills. Two present.

WILDERNESS: Delegates, Other Neal, Eulah Neal, Sadie McDowell. All present.

PLEASANT HILL: Delegates, Jessie Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Edna Hollis. All present.

PLEASANT RIDGE: Delegates, Gib Parrot, Violet Johnson, Pearl Simpson. All present.

BAILEY CHAPEL: Delegates, Ellen Campbell, Elza Bell, Berlie Dotson. One present.

WALNUT GROVE: Delegates, J. W. King, Maude England, Nancy L. England. All present.

MILL CREEK: Delegates, Ella Dotson, Willie Wisheart, Ora Wisheart. All present.

Moderator asked for credentials from Corresponding Messengers and a Letter from the Union Association was received.

Delegates, W. E. George, Verl Tate, N. E. Snyder. One delegate present.

Motion carried that the letters be accepted and the delegates be seated.

The Assistant Moderator was not present and Motion carried that the Moderator appoint an assistant.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Mark Lewis.

The Moderator appointed the following list as Committee on Divine Service: Clifton Wright, Willie Wisheart, and Albert Holmes.

Motion carried that Rev. Leo Curtiss assist Rev. Joe Sisk with the Introductory Sermon.

Motion carried that we adjourn for the Eleven o'clock service.

### **ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE**

Opening song, "I'll Fly Away."

Opening prayer by Rev. George W. Scott.

Scripture Lesson, Eph. 6:10 to close of Chapter. Text Eph. 6-12.

Subject: Sin in high places.

An able message was delivered and much good derived therefrom.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Opening song, "To the Work"

Scripture lesson, 1 Cor. 13 and 1st Cor. 14-40.

Moderator calls for credentials and the following letters were received.

GARFIELD: Delegates, Gordon Combs, Claudia Combs, Ruby Baker. Two present.

MT. ZION: Delegates, Jetta Brower, Ralph Prince, John Crawford. Two present.

SMYRNA: Delegates, Tommy Warren, Harold Key, Addie Williams. One present.

Quarterly Meeting: Delegates, Ray Hollis, Grover Terry, Paris Wheeler. Two present.

Motion carried that letters be accepted and the delegates seated in our Council.

Motion carried that we suspend the rules and proceed with the Election of officers.

Nominations for Moderator:

Rev. Mark Lewis

Rev. E. E. Simpson

Rev. Davie N. Combs

Rev. Davie N. Combs received a majority vote upon the second ballot.

Nominations for Assistant Moderator:

Rev. Mark Lewis

Rev. E. E. Simpson

Rev. Lewis received a majority vote.

Nomination for Association Clerk.

N. H. Rhoades

Motion carried that Nominations cease and that we elect by acclamation.

Motion carried that Association Clerk appoint his assistant.

Clerk appoints Bro. J. W. King.

Nomination for Association Statistician:

Leonard Clark

Motion carried that nominations cease and that we elect by acclamation.

Nomination for Association Treasurer.

D. J. Bowers

Motion carried the nominations and that we elect by acclamation.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint all committees.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

E. E. Simpson

Billie Rogers

Jessie H. Dunkin

Earnest Harding

Joe Sisk

ORDAINING COMMITTEE:

F. D. Johnson

S. D. Johnson

Mark Lewis

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Nolan Johnson  
Ella Dotson  
Elizabeth Holmes

PRINTING COMMITTEE:

N. H. Rhoades  
J. W. King  
Ray Hollis  
Albert Holmes  
Leonard Clark

COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATION:

L. D. Gilliam  
Clifton Wright  
Melvin Cockman

COMMITTEE ON RELIGION:

Earnest Harding  
Millard Cloven  
H. A. Moore

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE:

Julia Leu Rhoades  
Paris Wheeler  
A. R. Campbell

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ora Wischart  
Elizabeth Holmes  
Jetta Bowers

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Elmer Hodges  
Other Neal  
Roy Wischart  
Billie Rogers  
Elza Hollis

COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH:

Claudia Combs  
Julia Ann Rhoades  
Ruth Rhoades

Motion carried that the duties of all new Committee

members would begin with the adjournment of the yearly meeting.

Moderator called for Petitionary letters. None present.

Motion carried that all Ministers, Deacons, and Clerks register at this time.

### MINISTERS

Elmer Hodges  
S. D. Johnson  
F. D. Johnson  
A. R. Campbell  
Jessie Dunkin  
L. D. Gilliam  
Mark Lewis  
Billie Rogers  
E. E. Simpson  
Joe Sisk  
Davie N. Combs  
Earnest Harding  
C. A. Dodson  
G. J. Pingleton  
L. R. Wheeler

### VISITING MINISTERS

Elmer Vaughn, East Texas Association  
Verl Tate, 2123 N. Taylor, Springfield, Mo.  
Leo Curtiss, Cabool, Mo.  
O. L. Allen, Springfield, Mo.  
G. W. Scott, Mtn. Grove, Mo.  
H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Mo.  
Russell Whittaker, Route 3, Alton, Mo..  
Ben J. Scott, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

### CHURCH CLERKS:

Elizabeth Holmes .....	Shiloh
Ella Dotson .....	Mill Creek
Ray Simpson .....	Wilderness
Edna Watson .....	Smyrna
Ruth Rhoades .....	Norman

Abner S. Rhoades .....	Oak Grove
Jetta Bowers .....	Mt. Zion
Elsie Worel .....	Pleasant Valley
Georgia Crowder .....	Piney
Lucille Jenkins .....	Dials Creek

### DEACONS

Clifton Wright .....	Smyrna
Noland Johnson .....	Pleasant Ridge
Ray Hollis .....	Pleasant Ridge
R. J. Wisehart .....	Mill Creek
D. J. Bowers .....	Mt. Zion
Other Neal .....	Wilderness
N. H. Rhoades .....	Norman
E. E. Hollis .....	Pleasant Hill
J. P. Wheeler .....	Piney
Grover Terry .....	Shiloh
A. L. McGhee .....	Cotton Creek
Mack Warren .....	Smyrna
Tommy Warren .....	Smyrna
Russell Muse .....	Smyrna
L. L. Sifford .....	Smyrna
Robert Worel .....	Pleasant Valley
Dan Petes .....	Bailey Chapel
Luke Boze .....	Bailey Chapel
R. L. Campbell .....	Dials Creek
Wilbur Jenkins .....	Dials Creek

The Ordaining Committee retires to examine candidates, Ray Simpson and Jimmie Fuller as to their qualifications as Deacons.

Moderator asks if there are any churches without pastors. None.

Moderator asks: Have all churches observed the Communion.

Liberty church has not because of Infantile paralysis epidemic.

Moderator asks for Committee reports. None ready to report.

Finance Committee is called into session by its chairman.

Moved that deceased Infants of Freewill Baptist parents have their obituaries printed in the Association Minutes.

Motion carried that the above motion be tabled until Saturday, August 21, 1948.

Discussed the organization of a Sunday School Convention.

Ordaining Committee reports that upon examination they find Bro. Roy Simpson worthy of ordination as a Deacon and that Bro. Jimmie Fuller not qualified at the present time. Motion carried that the committee proceed with the ordination of Roy Simpson and that the ordaining prayer be the adjournment prayer until the night service.

Prayer by E. E. Simpson and S. D. Johnson.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Opening song, "He Walks With Me".

Opening prayer by L. D. Gilliam.

A Testimony Service was held and The Spirit was evident among the people.

Scripture reading by Rev. Scott. St. John 1-14, 1st Cor. 8-9, Rev. 3-3. Text St. John 1-1.

Rev. Scott delivered a soul stirring message concerning the Birth of Christ.

Rev. Crase preached The Old Time Gospel Way, saying today is the day of Salvation.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Opening song, "Everybody will be Happy."

Scripture Lesson, Romans, 12.

Prayer by Benjamin Scott.

Moderator has Clerk read the Minutes of Friday's session. Motion carried to amend the Minutes and approve them as amended.

The Ordaining Committee explains that Bro. Jimmie Fuller's inability to lead prayer in public worship was why they considered him unqualified to be ordained as a Deacon.



Motion carried that the proposition tabled in Friday's session be referred to the Business Committee for their consideration and recommendation. Moderator calls for credentials and the following letters were received and read.

DIALS CREEK: Delegates, Claude Walker, Betty Walker, Ted Hackworth. Two present.

BETHANY: Delegates, Jode Crawford, Tim Crawford, Nellie Burleson. Two present.

ROYAL OAK: Delegates, Ada Campbell, Millie Coble, Claude Dotson. Three present.

NORMAN: Delegates, H. A. Moore, Ruth Rhoades, J. E. Blankenship. Three present.

COTTON CREEK: Delegates, M. W. Cockman, Lola Brewer, Gordon Combs. Three present.

PINEY: Delegates, Eva Williams, E. W. Combs, Nora Dethrow. None present.

Motion carried that the Letters be accepted and the delegates be seated in our Council.

Rev. Elbert Vaughn gave a verbal report of the East Texas Association.

Moderator calls for petitionary Letters. None received.

Motion carried that we recess for the Eleven O'clock service.

Prayer by Marvin Dalton.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opening song, "Glory Up There."

Scripture Lesson, Eph. 2nd Chapter. Text Eph. 2-19.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opening song, "Heaven Holds All to Me".

Scripture lesson, Eph. 1:1-13.

Opening prayer, E. E. Simpson.

Moderator calls for credentials and the following Letters were received and read.

CAVE SPRING: Delegates, Ray Archeh, Lois Archer, Wanda Sutton. Two present.

PLEASANT VALLEY: Delegates, Orpha Wheeler, Mattie Lunsford, Willie Wilkey. Two present.

CANE HILL: Delegates, Ora Rolen, Lorene Pohnert, Issie Pingleton. One present.

Motion carried that Letters be accepted and the delegates seated in our Council.

Moderator asks if all churches are represented by letter.

Liberty church is not. Their pastor, L. D. Gilliam gives a verbal report.

Moderator calls for General or New business.

The Business Committee recommended that all the Church Clerks be made standing delegates to the annual meeting. The recommendation is adopted by unanimous vote.

Evangelists Report read and accepted.

Nomination for Associational Evangelist:

S. D. Johnson

Motion carried that Nomination cease and that we elect by acclamation.

Motion carried that we pay the Evangelist \$5.00 per day.

Moderator calls for Committee reports.

Business Committee reads its report.

Motion carried that it be accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1, Adopted.

Item 2, Adopted.

Resolution 1, Adopted.

Resolution 2, Adopted.

Motion carried that the Conference select a leader for a Memorial Service.

F. D. Johnson

Motion carried that Nominations cease and that we elect by acclamation.

Resolution 3, DISCUSSED, AMENDED and ADOPTED as AMENDED.

Obituary Committee report read and accepted.

Report of printing committee accepted.

Report of Committee on Denominations was read, discussed and adopted.

Report of Committee on Religion, read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature read and adopted.

Report of Committee on The Sabbath was read and adopted.

Motion carried that the Association Treasurer absorb the printing deficit if there be one.

Statistical report read and accepted.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association. Elba Harbison, Francis Harbison, Lorene Underwood, Lucy Wisehart and Ruth Rhoades were named and attended.

Delegates appointed to attend the Annual meeting of the Union Association:

Mark Lewis  
Billie Rogers  
Elba Harbison  
Francis Harbison  
E. E. Simpson  
Davie N. Combs

Motion carried that Moderator appoint someone to preach the Introductory Sermon in 1949. He appoints Jesse Dunkin and Grover Pingleton.

The Ordaining Committee reports they find Grover Terry worthy of a license to preach, and Raymond Williams worthy to be ordained as a Deacon.

By vote of Conference Pleasant Hill is chosen as the place of our next Annual Meeting.

Motion carried that we pay the Clerk a fee of \$10.00.

Motion carried that we pay the Treasurer a fee of \$5.00

Motion carried that we extend our Thanks to the Smyrna Church and the people of the community for their hospitality during the Conference.

Ordaining Council proceeds with the ordaining of Raymond Williams.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Prayer, Grover Terry.  
Davie N. Combs, Moderator  
Route 1, Couch, Mo.

N. H. Rhoades, Clerk  
Route 2, Thayer, Mo.

### EVANGELISTIC REPORT

From August 1947 to August, 1948

Revivals held .....	2
Miles traveled .....	644
Sermons preached .....	25
Conversion witnessed .....	9
Days of Service .....	26
Members received .....	1
Total money received .....	\$54.93
Money received from Association .....	\$42.00

### COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

We, the Committee on Literature wish to submit the following report:

We believe we should clean our homes of trashy literature such as comics, true stories, and magazines with liquor advertisements in them, for this reason the young people read them and ask themselves this question, "If drinking is so bad why do the magazines and newspapers play up the quantity of drinking and if drinking is so bad why so much joking and story telling about it." By reading trashy literature they answer these questions for themselves. We also find this one of the causes for juvenile delinquency.

So in its vacancy lets encourage the reading of educational religious literature. By doing this we hope to teach the present and coming generations more of God's Word.

To place Christ above all in our homes the Bible must be made meaningful and interesting, and tied directly with our lives.

Julia Leu Rhoades  
A. R. Campbell  
Paris Wheeler

### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH

We, the Committee on Observance of the Sabbath wish to submit the following report.

We believe it is the duty of every Christian to remem-

ber the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy, but not only on the Sabbath day should we reverence our Lord and Savior, but every day so the world can see the pattern of Christian living in a way that will make them want to serve and know the Savior of man.

Claudia Combs

Ruth Rhoades

### **ORDAINING COMMITTEE**

We, your Ordaining Committee have questioned Brother Ray Simpson and Brother Jimmie Fuller to the qualifications of a Deacon, and found Bro. Simpson worthy of Ordination. We found Brother Fuller unqualified at present.

Committee:

E. E. Simpson

S. D. Johnson

Billie Rogers

### **STATE OF DENOMINATION**

We, the Committee on State of Denomination submit the following report. Judging from Observation and Statistics we are moving forward, growing in strength and progressing in the Lord.

We suggest the Ministers preach and teach the children of God the Church Covenant at least once a year.

Committee:

Clifton Wright

W. W. Cockman

Rev. L. D. Gilliam

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

August 23, 1947, Amount on hand .....	\$99.74
Deposits made .....	\$181.99
Checked out .....	\$95.00
Balance on hand .....	\$176.60

D. J. Bowers, Treas.

### **REPORT OF STATISTICIAN**

Number of churches .....	21
Number of churches reporting .....	20
State of Religion .....	Fair
Number of churches without pastors .....	None
Membership, July 1, 1947 .....	1274
New Churches organized .....	1
Number of churches disbanded .....	1

Members received .....	78
Number Baptised .....	48
Dismissed by Letter .....	15
Excluded .....	2
Deceased .....	19
Resident Members .....	1030
Non Resident Members .....	310
Membership July 1, 1948 .....	1340
Number of prayer meetings .....	8
Number of Leagues .....	3
League Membership .....	145
Number of Home Missions .....	1
Home Mission Membership .....	Not reported
Number of Sunday Schools .....	19
Sunday School Enrollment .....	811
Number of Officers .....	49
Number of Teachers .....	86
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	20
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	None
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	53
Amount paid pastors .....	\$3977.79
Amount paid Evangelist .....	\$438.22
Amount paid for building and repair .....	\$411.00
Amount paid for Incidentals .....	\$204.50
Amount paid for Foreign Missions .....	\$77.60
Amount paid for Home Missions .....	\$368.15
Amount paid for Education .....	\$129.65
Amount paid for Publication .....	\$315.70
Value of Church property .....	\$12,050.00

Leonard Clark, Myrtle, Mo.

Associational Statistician

#### PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Amount received for Local Printing .....	\$42.93
Amount received for State Minutes .....	\$11.31
Total .....	\$54.24
Amount paid for 400 Local Minutes .....	\$40.25
Amount paid for 250 Church Letter blanks and 250 Quarterly Meeting Letterheads .....	\$3.50

Amount paid State Treasurer for State Minutes .....	\$11.31
Total Expenditures .....	\$55.06

### COMMITTEE ON RELIGION

N. H. Rhoades  
Walker C. Stogsdill  
J. E. Rolen  
Albert C. Holmes  
Leonard Clark

We, the Committee of State of Religion beg to submit the following Report. We appreciate the number of churches that have gone to half time, and recommend that all churches go to half time as soon as possible.

The State of Religion is good and is going forward.

Committee: H. A. Moore  
Ernest Harding  
Millard Cloven

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Local	State
Smyrna .....	\$3.05	.75
Mill Creek .....	5.00	2.00
Pleasant Hill .....	2.60	
Bailey Chapel .....	2.00	1.00
Oak Grove .....	1.00	1.00
Walnut Grove .....	3.50	1.50
Garfield .....	3.00	.45
Shiloh .....	2.30	1.00
Mt. Zion .....	2.90	1.40
Wilderness .....	2.00	
Diles Creek .....	.75	
Royal Oak .....	1.50	.50
Pleasant Ridge .....	2.37	
Pleasant Valley .....	1.35	
Norman .....	2.25	1.75
Cotton Creek .....	2.00	1.00
Bethany .....	1.00	
Cave Springs .....	1.25	.75
Piney .....	2.15	
Total .....	41.97	13.10

We, the Committee received \$41.97 for Local Minutes and \$13.10 for the State Minutes.

Orie Wischart  
Elizabeth Holmes  
Jettie Bowers

### **REPORT OF BUSINESS**

#### **Item No. 1**

We, your Business Committee met at Alton, Mo., with Bro. J. E. Rolan and Bro. Ben Meeks for the purpose of finding whether or not the law would permit the County Court to refuse to grant a Liquor License in this county, and finding it our satisfaction we delegated Bro. E. E. Simpson and Bro. Billie Rogers to Jefferson City with Bro. Ben Meeks to see the Attorney General and they found that if the Court should refuse it would lay them subject to prosecution.

#### **Committee:**

Rev. F. D. Johnson  
Rev. E. E. Simpson  
Rev. S. D. Johnson  
Rev. Elmer Hodge  
Rev. Billie Rogers

#### **Report Item No. 2**

We, your Business Committee submit the following report concerning the Obituaries of Infants. We believe it is advisable to omit them for the present.

#### **Committee:**

Rev. F. D. Johnson  
Rev. E. E. Simpson  
Rev. S. D. Johnson  
Rev. Elmer Hodge  
Rev. Billie Rogers

### **RESOLUTION**

We, your Business Committee recommend that we add one day to our Association, which will begin Thursday morning.

We also recommend that if our first Resolution is adopted, that we have a Memorial Service in our Association near the Obituary report.

**We Recommend that all Church Letters be Presented**



at the Opening Session of the First Day of our Conference and that no Letters be accepted after the Opening Session of the Second Day.

We suggest that the Church Clerks mail their Letters to The Association Clerk well in advance of opening day of the Conference.

Rev. F. D. Johnson

Rev. E. E. Simpson

Rev. S. D. Johnson

Rev. Elmer Hodge

Rev. Billie Rogers

### OBITUARY REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee find that God in His Great Wisdom has seen fit to remove from our earthly walks of life twenty-two of our members:

Bro. G. L. Young, Mill Creek Church

Sister Nellie Rosalee Case, Wilderness Church

Bro. Raymond Lee Rodgers, Mill Creek Church

Sister Martha Ann Farrow, Walnut Grove Church

Bor. Geo. W. Watson, Smyrna Church

Bro. A. S. Stephens, Mill Creek Church

Sister Mellie Dotson, Royal Oak Church

Bro. E. L. Brewer, Bethany Church

Bro. J. T. Chandler, Smyrna Church

Sister Addie Combs, Cane Hill Church

Bro. Jack Holman, Norman Church

Sister Mary McGhee, Piney Church

Bro. G. W. Dunkin, Norman Church

Sister Catherine Garrison, Byrd Church

Bro. Elihu Combs, Bethany Church

Bro. W. R. Barton, Cave Springs Church

Bro. Marion Pierce, Cave Springs Church

Bro. Cleveland Pierce, Cave Springs Church

Bro. Lee A. Warren, Smyrna Church

Sister Teresa J. Walls, Cane Hill

Sister Mary Ellen Longley, Cane Hill Church

Bro. M. F. Rolen, Cave Springs Church

Ella Dotson

### MRS. A. M. WALES

Teresa Jane Wales, daughter of Marion and Martha Rolan, was born in Oregon County, Mo., June 7, 1889, and passed away at the home east of Thayer, on the evening of July 10, 1948, at the age of 59 years, 1 month.

On June 18, 1911, she was united in marriage to Albert M. Wales. To this union five children were born, three of them preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Leota and Pearl, both of Thayer and two grand-children. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ada Marshall of Thayer, and Mrs. Clarence Payne, of Dalhart, Texas and two brothers, Jess Rolan of Thayer and Wade Rolan, of San Francisco, Calif., and many other friends and relatives.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Cane Hill. Services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Rose Hill by Rev. James Zimmerman. She was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery.

### LEE ALEXANDER WARREN

Our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His All Wise Providential dealing to call from our midst our beloved brother, Lee Alexander Warren.

Lee was converted early in life and joined the church at Smyrna of which he remained a member until death. He was a loving husband, father and brother, and had a smile for everyone, making friends wherever he went.

Lee was born July 14, 1917 and departed this life Oct. 17, 1947 at the age of 30 years, 3 months and 3 days.

As we think of his going so early in life and though our hearts are in the deepest of sorrow, we would not dare to question God as to why, for we know that God knows and doeth all things well and it was once appointed unto man to die and after this the judgment. May we have a stronger determination to work for the cause of Christ and to see the end of a Christian life.

Funeral services were held at Bailey Chapel Sunday afternoon, October 19, 1947 with Rev. Ben Meeks officiating.

### MARY ELLEN WALES LONGLEY

Mary Ellen Wales Longley was born March 10, 1920 in the Rose Hill community near Thayer and departed this life Sept. 13, 1947, at the age of 27 years, 6 months and 3 days.

She received her education in the Rose Hill and Cane Hill schools graduating also from Thayer High school with the class of 1938.

On October 24, 1942 Mary Ellen Wales was united in marriage to James M. Longley and one son, Marion Lonzo, was born to this union.

Upon her profession of faith in Christ Jesus as her Saviour she was baptised into the fellowship of the Freewill Baptist Church at Cane Hill.

Survivors include her husband, James Longley; one son, Marion Lonzo; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wales; two sisters, Pearl and Leota Wales of Thayer, and a host of other relatives and friends.

### MARION FRANCIS ROLAN

Marion Francis Rolan was born in Oregon county Sept. 21, 1867 and passed away May 1, 1948 at the age of 80 years.

He was united with the Cave Springs Freewill Baptist Church at the age of 15. He was married to Martha Gregory of this county, who proceeded him in death.

In 1919 he was married to Delores Morris of Thayer. He is survived by his wife and eight children, Jesse Rolan, Teresa Wales, and Ada Marshall, all of Thayer; Nora Payne of Cannon City, Colo.; Wade Rolan of San Francisco, Calif.; Thomas Rolan and Alma Jo Sell of Kansas City, Kans.; and Roy of the home; one sister, Mrs. J. N. Taylor, of Arcadia, Kans., a number of grand children, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. Jas. E. Anderson, with burial in the Davis cemetery at Cane Hill.

### JAMES TOLIVER CHANDLER

James Toliver Chandler, son of James and Bell Chand-

ler, was born July 16, 1879, near Mountain Home, Arkansas and passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Maggie Bolton, near Myrtle, on October 8, 1947, at the age of 68 years.

He moved to Oregon county with his parents in early childhood, and on December 27, 1909, he was united in marriage to Cora Watson at Alton, Mo. Two children were born to this couple, both dying in infancy. His wife also preceded him in death about twelve years ago.

He was converted at an early age and united with the Freewill Baptist church at Smyrna. He lived a true christian life and was diligent in attending services at his home church at every opportunity.

Besides Mrs. Bolton, he is survived by another sister, Mrs. Verna Gall, of Madison, Ill.; four half-brothers, Arthur, Tom, and Jess Nivens of Alton, Mo., and Walter Nivens of Harlem, Mont., and two adopted children, addresses unknown.

Funeral services were conducted at Smyrna church Friday, October 11, by Rev. Davie Combs and Rev. Billie Rogers. Interment under direction of Carter Funeral home.

Pallbearers were Robert Clark, Glee Arnold, Ray Grable, Joe Sisk, Newt Risner and Everett Crass.

#### ELIHU COMBS

Elihu Combs, one of the older residents of this county, died Sunday evening about 7:30 at the home of his son, Floyd Combs, three miles east of Alton. Mr. Combs was 80 years old, and had been in very poor health for some time.

Mr. Combs who previously resided in the south part of the county, had been a member of the Freewill Baptist church for many years.

Survivors in the immediate family are three sons, Floyd of Alton and Leonard and Willie of Myrtle. His wife preceded him in death a good many years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock at Cotton Creek by Rev. Billie Rogers, and interment was in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of

Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON DUNKIN

George Washington Dunkin, son of Jane and Lewis McCorbin Dunkin, was born in Oregon county, Missouri, January 20, 1870. He departed this life at his home March 24, 1948 at 8:00 a. m., being 78 years, 2 months and 4 days old.

He was married to Savannah Risenhoover September 20, 1894. To this union nine children were born. Two preceded him in death; Jimmy on May 9, 1921 and Laura on July 4, 1931.

He is survived by his loving wife and 7 children. The children are, Bill and Charley Dunkin of St. Louis; Pate of Lone Wolf, Okla.; Mrs. Mary Boze, of Alton; Mrs. Martha Plumlee, of Thayer; Mrs. Nancy Holmes of Elroy, Ariz., and Clara of the home. Also 24 grandchildren, 10 great grand-children, a number of nieces and nephews, and a host of friends, as all who knew him loved him. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

He was converted at an early age and joined the Methodist church; later moving his membership to the Freewill Baptist church at Norman, where he remained a faithful member.

He was a kind husband and a loving father.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Davie Combs and Bro. Billie Rogers, Thursday, March 25, at 3:00 p. m. Burial was in the Norman cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral home.

### CATHERINE PEARLIE JOHNSON

Catherine Pearlle Johnson was born on March 7, 1873 in Shannon county, Mo., and died Friday, March 19, at home in Myrtle. She was a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. David Johnson, and had five brothers and six sisters who have all preceded her in death except Mrs. Laura Hines of Larned, Kansas and Mrs. Samantha Harrison of Danville, Illinois.

She was married January 10, 1893 to Van Garrison. To this union eight children were born, of which two, Osie and Sherman, and also her husband, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her death Asa, Jesse, Ruby and Herman Garrison, all of Myrtle; Mrs. May Wrenfro, Thayer; and Obie Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.; twenty grandchildren and two great grand-children.

She was married to Samuel Smith in 1937. He also preceded her in death.

She was converted and united with the Freewill Baptist church at the age of fifteen. She lived a devoted christian life, and although she suffered bodily afflictions, she bore it with patience, always concerned about the souls of others and trying to win them to Christ.

She will be sadly missed by her many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Billie Rogers at the Bird school house near Myrtle Sunday afternoon, and burial was in the cemetery there.

#### **ADDIE HALL**

Addie Hall was born in Oregon county, Mo., in 1871 and died on April 11, 1948 at Alton, Mo., at the age of 77 years.

She was united in marriage to John Combs in 1887. Twelve children were born to this union; her husband and three children preceded her in death.

Those left to mourn her departure are, Arthur Combs of Thayer, Mo.; Henry Combs, Alton, Mo.; Mrs. Ed Storms Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. John Pingleton, Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. Will Crase, Thayer, Mo.; J. W. Combs, Cushing, Okla.; Mrs. Ward Brewer, Myrtle, Mo.; Ernest Combs, Ripley, Okla., and Mrs. Jack Barnett of Alton. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Tom Lingo, Bakersfield, Calif.; one brother, Johnnie Hall of Alicia, Ark.; fifty grand children, thirty-seven great grand children, and a host of relatives and friends.

She professed faith in Christ and was united with the Freewill Baptist church at Cane Hill at an early age, and lived a faithful christian life until her death. We know she now awaits our coming with the angels, robed in spotless white.

Funeral services were conducted April 13, 1948 at Cotton Creek, by Rev. Cecil Cypret and Rev. Davie N. Combs, under direction of Carter Funeral home.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON WATSON

George Washington Watson was born April 16, 1861 in Butler county, Mo., where he spent his early boyhood. He later moved with his parents to Oregon county and spent the rest of his life there. He died at his home near Smyrna, January 26, 1948 at the age of 86 years, 9 months and ten days. He professed a hope in Christ a number of years ago, and united with the Freewill Baptist Church at Smyrna where he remained faithful until God called him home.

He was married to Martha Barrett in 1885 and to this union 12 children were born. His wife and five girls preceded him in death, Mrs. Cora Chandler and Mrs. Carrie Sifford and three infants, Tommie, Clessie and Clara.

He leaves to mourn his departure, six sons, and one daughter, Grant, Clarence, Mason, Arch, Ralph, Corwin, and Mrs. Pearl Simpson, all of Alton, Mo., who were all at his bedside at the time of his departure. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren.

He was a loving father and grandfather and neighbor, who bore his long illness with patience and often mentioned going home to be with his Lord. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and that he set an example for all who knew him to follow.

Funeral services were conducted at the Smyrna church January 28, at 2:00 p. m., with Rev. Billie Rogers officiating. Interment was in the Smyrna cemetery. The pall bearers were Emery Watson, Horace Watson, Earl Warren, Burl Wright, Geo. Martin and Thurman Mauldin.

#### ALBERT SIDNEY STEPHENS

Albert Sidney Stephens was born January 23, 1874, in Owen County, Kentucky, and passed from this life on Saturday, March 20, 1948 at his home in Myrtle, Mo., being 74 years, one month and 26 days of age.

He was united in marriage to Theoda Dunn on October

6, 1895, and to this union three children were born: Namely Mrs. Mable Evans of Fort Worth, Texas and Herbert D. Stephens of Arcadia, Kansas. One daughter and his companion preceded him in death.

He was united in marriage to Mary A. Ross on Sept. 25, 1928. Thus, surviving are his beloved companion, two children, six grand children, one great grandchild, with other relatives and a multitude of friends.

On October 8, 1944, he confessed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and united with the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church, being baptized the 15th of the same month. Ever, during the remaining years of his life, he was a true christian and faithful follower of the Lord. The membership of the church shall always remember him as a fellow member and co-worker in the great cause of the Master.

In humble submission to the will and all-wise wisdom of the Lord, we bow our heads and say with the one of old, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Funeral services were conducted at the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church last Monday at 2:00 p. m., with the pastor, Rev. Mark Lewis, officiating. Interment was in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of the Leland Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

#### ECKLAND L. BREWER

Eckland L. Brewer, 61, lifelong resident of the Myrtle community died Saturday, September 27, at the home of his daughter in Myrtle.

Mr. Brewer was born April 18, 1886 at Myrtle and spent his entire life in that part of the county where he took an active part in affairs and of the Freewill Baptist church of which he was a member.

He was united in marriage to Bertha Adams who preceded him in death a few years ago, her death was the result of an auto accident, which seemed to bear heavily on her husbands mind.

Surviving are four children, three daughters, Mrs. Orville Dethrow of Myrtle; Mrs. Boyce Cox of Glahan, Tex.;



Mrs. G. P. Dethrow, of Hoisington, Kans.; one son, Bobby, also of Kansas. Also surviving are two brothers, Dr. Brewer of Hoxie, and Felix Brewer of Alton; two sisters, Mrs. Tim Crawford of Myrtle and Mrs. Vergil Scott of Scotland, Arkansas.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Sept. 30 at Myrtle, with the Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Joe Sisk officiating.

Pallbearers were, Golie Trimble, Orville Crawford, Tots Brewer, Creel Thomasson, Floyd Brewer and Leonard Hall.

Funeral arrangements were under direction of the Carter Funeral home.

#### MELLIE MULLINS DOTSON

Mellie Mullins Dotson was born in Tennessee, May 25, 1868, and departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Nicholas near Alton, Mon., March 30, 1948, being 79 years, 10 months and 5 days of age. She moved to Missouri with her parents when a very small child, and all her life was spent near Alton, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to John Dotson July 8, 1888. To this union ten children were born, five boys and five girls. She also reared two grandsons. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death.

She is survived by nine children, Mrs. Jess James, Mrs. Frank Campbell, Mrs. Clarence Nicholas, Claud and Lyle Dotson, all of Alton, Mo.; George Dotson of Bristow, Okla.; Frank Dotson of Ada, Okla.; Shelby Dotson of Myrtle, Mo.; and Mrs. Carlos Prince of Salem, Ill. She is also survived by 42 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren, many other relatives and a multitude of friends.

At 13 years of age she gave her heart to the Lord, and if ever a life was wholly dedicated to the Lord, hers was. She united with the Methodist church at Royal Oak, and remained a member for several years. Later she united with the Freewill Baptist church at Royal Oak, where she remained a faithful consecrated servant until the Lord called her home. Her life was spent in helping others in every way possible. Always, she talked of the Savior and tried

to win souls to him.

The entire community will miss "Aunt Mellie," but our loss is Heaven's gain. We humbly submit ourselves to the will of the Heavenly Father.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 1, 1948, at Royal Oak church, conducted by Rev. Mark Lewis. Burial in Huddleston cemetery with Carter Funeral Home in charge.

#### MARY V. COMBS

Mary V. Combs was born in Oregon county, Mo., on March 3, 1860, and departed this life May 22, 1948, at the age of 88 years, 2 months and 19 days, at the home of her son, Wess McGhee of Myrtle.

She was united in marriage to Rev. Jim McGhee, November 22, 1889, and to this union six children were born. Three preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Wess McGhee and Allie McGhee of Myrtle; one daughter, Mrs. Ettie Rogers, also of Myrtle.

She was converted at an early age and joined the Methodist church, then later joined the Freewill Baptist Church at Piney.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, Nath, John, Elihue, Jim and Alick Combs, and one sister, Betty Shipton, she being the last of her family.

She leaves 22 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She had been bedfast for the past ten years.

Mother has gone to be at rest with Jesus. She will be sadly missed by everyone.

Funeral services were held at Cotton Creek Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 a. m., by Bro. Cecil Cypret and Bro. Davie Combs. Burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

#### JACK HOLMAN

Jack Holman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holman, was born January 22, 1928, and passed to his eternal reward May 21, 1948, at the age of 20 years, 3 months and 29 days,

after an illness of fourteen months which he bore in a Christ-like spirit.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Kenneth, Billy Dean and Tommy Glen; five sisters, Wanda Lou, Glenda Sue, Barbara Ann, Brenda Sharon and Janice Helen, all of the home, and many other relatives and friends.

He was converted in early life and was a faithful member of the Norman Freewill Baptist church, until the time of his going.

His last testimony was one of victory and peace, with a longing to go home, and assured his parents that Jesus would take care of him.

He was highly esteemed and loved by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held May 24, 1948 at the Norman church by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Pallbearers were Donald Holman, Eugene Thompson, Van Johnson, Howard Moore, Raymond Blankenship, and William Blankenship.

Flower girls were Louella Moore, Winona Blankenship, Flossie Blankenship, Jerlean Blankenship, Dona Rhea Holman, Shirley Holman, Phyllis Blankenship and Alice Leu.

His body was laid to rest in the Norman cemetery, under direction of Carter Funeral Home.

#### WILLIAM RILEY BARTON

William Riley Barton, son of James and Sarah Barton, was born in Oregon county, Mo., near Cave Springs, June 19, 1859, and departed this life October 4, 1947 at Eureka, Calif. Age 78 years. Mr. Barton lived in Oregon county nearly all his life, only a few months before his death he went to California to live with his son, Edgar Barton.

He was married to Miss Florence Sanders in 1888. To this union two children were born. A girl born in 1889 died in infancy. One son, Edgar Barton was born May 19, 1890 with whom he was living at the time of death.

He professed a hope in Christ and united with the Free will Baptist church of Cave Springs and was a member of same at time of death.

He leaves one son, Edgar; three brothers, Griffith, Mart and Levi Barton all of Alton, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Sutton of Alton, Mo., and Mrs. Arie Oliver of West Plains, Mo.; two grandsons and one granddaughter, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Cave Springs on Sunday, October 12, with Rev. J. W. Shields officiating. Singing was furnished by the Alton quartet. Burial in the Cave Springs cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral home.

#### CLEVELAND PIERCE

Cleveland Pierce, son of Francis and Rowene Pierce, was born April 14, 1885 and passed away at his home on May 23, 1948 at the age of 63 years, 1 month and 9 days.

On October 10, 1909, he was married to Nettie Sanders and to this union six children were born, five of whom survive, as follows, Carlton Pierce, Couch, Mo.; Wilbur Pierce, Kansas City, Mo.; Rowena Stanley, Gary, Ind.; James Rolla Peirce, of Bourbon, Mo., and Thelma Ford of Koshkonong, Mo.

After the death of his first wife, he was again married on March 20, 1928, to Marie Jewell, and to this union two children were born, Dorothy Lou Frank, living in Kansas City, Kans., and Junior Lee Pierce, of Chicago, Ill.

After her death he was married to Dessie Scott at Myrtle, Mo., who survives him as do three children, Samuel Boyce Pierce, Gordon D. Pierce and Nora Pauline Pierce all of Couch, Mo.

#### MARTHANN FARROW

Marthann Farrow was born September 10, 1876, and departed this life June 26, 1948 at the age of 71 years, 9 months and 16 days. She was married to William Lee Farrow February 17, 1895.

Surviving are four children, Wm. Farrow, Flint, Mich.; Tillman Farrow of Ash Grove, Mo.; Porter Farrow, of Elm Store, Ark., and Larona Combs, of Thayer, Mo.; 18 grandchildren and one great grandchild, 4 brothers, 4 sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Freewill Baptist church and lived a devoted Christian life.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Billie Rogers of Myrtle, and burial was in Walnut Grove cemetery.

#### NELLIE ROSALEE CASE

Nellie Rosalee Case was born February 17, 1932 at Wilderness, Mo., and departed this life Oct. 16, 1947 at the age of 15 years and 8 months.

She is mourned by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Case of Wilderness, Mo., twelve brothers and four sisters, several uncles, aunts, and cousins and a host of friends.

She gave her heart to God at the age of twelve, was baptized and united with the Freewill Baptist church of Wilderness, Mo. Her death is our loss, but Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, Oct. 20, by Rev. Clarence Dodson. Burial was in the Wilderness cemetery under direction of the Pewitt Funeral home of Van Buren, Mo.

#### RAYMOND LEE ROGERS

Raymond Lee Rogers, son of Henry and Florence Rogers, was born October 26, 1910, and passed away at his home at Myrtle, Mo., April 12, 1948, being 37 years, 5 months and 11 days of age.

He was united in marriage to Vada Bennett Sept. 18, 1940. To this union one son was born, who is four years old.

He was converted and joined the Freewill Baptist church at Myrtle at an early age. His last words were, "I'm going home." He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Vada, one son, Kethi, his mother, Mrs. Florence Rogers, one sister, Mrs. Lulu Williams, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, April 14, 1948 at the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Mark Lewis. Burial in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home.

#### MARION PIERCE

Marion Pierce, long time resident of this county, passed away May 12, 1948, at the age of 89 years and 20 days. He was first married to Roena Cox and to this union three sons were born, Cleveland, Will and Leafston.

After the death of his first wife, he was married to Rosy Helt, and to this union was born one daughter, May Pierce. His second wife also preceded him in death, and he was later married to Sarah Hensley, who also preceded him in death. All of the children survive.

Mr. Pierce was a member of the Freewill Baptist church. Funeral services were conducted and the body was laid to rest in the Cave Spring cemetery May 14, under direction of the Carter Funeral Home of Thayer.

#### GEORGE L. YOUNG

George Lafayette Young, son of Thomas and Lucinda Young, was born near Thayer July 17, 1861 and departed this life at the home of a daughter, November 5, 1947, at the age of 86 years, 3 months.

He was united in marriage to Judy E. Taylor October 8, 1882, and to this couple five children were born; his wife and three children preceded him in death. He is survived by one daughter, Amy Adams of Myrtle; one son, Willie M. Young of Kansas City, Kans.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Langley, Thayer; Mrs. Belle Arnold, Del Rose, N. M.; one brother, Henry Young, of Gallion, Ohio, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church.

Services were conducted by Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Mark Lewis. Pallbearers were, Henry Weaver, Everett Adams, Millard Haus, Leonard Hall, Hoy Langley and Charles Young.

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**IN MEMORY**

Of the Ministers of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill  
Baptist, who have given their lives for His cause,  
and 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. 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. Harbison  
Rev. T. J. Dunkin  
Rev. W. P. Stogsdill  
Rev. Nathan Combs

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**SHILOH CHURCH**

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

**UNION HILL (Cane Hill)**

Organized November 23, 1930, by Rev. N. Combs,  
Elbie Simpson and Rev. Jesse Rolen, with 23 members.

**PINEY CHURCH**

Organized in 1885, by Rev. J. A. Jones, members un-  
known.

### **LIBERTY CHURCH**

Organized September 25, 1921, with 9 members, by Rev. J. R. W. Harbison, Rev. John Combs, Rev. James McGehee 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.

### **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.

### **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 Wischart 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 and John Nicholas, W. M. Huddleston and Elgin Williams as deacons.

### **MT. ZION CHURCH**

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

### **PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH**

Organized in June, 1940, by Rev. B. H. Woodring. Organized with 8 members and Robert Worel 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, Billy 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 and corresponding messengers called for, read and received; verbal reports of pastors of churches.
5. League reports.
6. Home Mission reports.
7. Petitionary letters called for, read and received.
8. Visiting Brethern and Sisters invited to seats as advisory members.
9. Corresponding messengers called to seats as advisory members.
10. Eleven o'clock devotional service.
11. Appointment of all committees.
12. Election of officers.
13. Moderator inquiries: Are all churches represented?
14. General and new business.
15. Enrollment of deacons and ministers present.
16. Are there any churches without a pastor, and can they be supplied?
17. Have all churches observed the Communion?
18. Business suggested by letters or delegates.
19. Reports of committees.
20. Reports of ministers.
21. Setting of place for next conference.
22. Ordaining council proceedings with work.

### 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 in 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 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 religious bodies as it may deem advisable.

ARTICLE 7—This conference may sit with open doors except when it may go into 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 debates 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 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 ever present Savior and Lord.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—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 also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He 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 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: Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. Faith, or the unreserved committal to 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 truthh and the Spirit to 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.

**PERSERVANCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grave perserve 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 aside 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 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."

## **FREEWILL 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 grave 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, 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 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 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 observances 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.

## Ministers' Yearly Report

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# Statistical Table of Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist Churches

CHURCHES	Pastors and Address	Clerks and Address	RESIDENT MEMBERS	NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	NUMBER RECEIVED THIS YEAR	NUMBER BAPTISED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DIED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	SABBATH OF MEETING
GARFIELD .....	Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	Vesta Sanders, Couch, Mo.	54	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	1
NORMAN .....	Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.	Ruth Rhoades, Thayer, Mo. ....	90	26	5	5	1	.....	3	117	1
CAVE SPRING .....	Earnest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Allie Sutton, Alton, Mo. ....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	.....
CANE HILL .....	Joe Sisk, Myrtle, Mo. ....	Issie Pingleton, Thayer, Mo.	12	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	29	1
COTTON CREEK .....	Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.	Della Jenkins, Myrtle, Mo.	61	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	4
PLEASANT VALLEY .....	Earnest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Elsie Worrel, Mam. Spg. Ark.	20	8	.....	.....	1	1	.....	28	1
WILDERNESS .....	I. E. Vaughn, Couch, Mo. ..	Roy Simpson, wilderness, Mo.	28	26	6	8	.....	.....	1	54	2
ROYAL OAK .....	F. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Pearl Dotson, Alton, Mo.	39	30	1	1	.....	.....	.....	70	2
DIALS CREEK .....	L. D. Gilliam, Warm Spring,	Ina Campbell, Myrtle, Mo. ....	30	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	31	4
WALNUT GROVE .....	Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	J. A. Hall, Myrtle, Mo.	59	17	5	5	.....	.....	1	76	2
BAILEY CHAPEL .....	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Hallie Cline, Alton, Mo.	63	32	.....	.....	1	2	.....	95	3
BETHANY .....	L. D. Gilliam, Warm Spring,	Martha Crawford, Myrtle, Mo.	27	.....	3	2	1	.....	.....	27	3
MT. ZION .....	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Jettie Bowers, Thayer, Mo.	61	2	22	15	.....	.....	1	63	2
OAK GROVE .....	I. E. Vaughn, Couch, Mo. ..	Abner S. Rhoades, Thayer, Mo.	22	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	24	2
PINEY .....	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Georgia Crowder, Couch, Mo.	39	14	.....	.....	3	1	1	53	2
MILL CREEK .....	Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo. ....	Ella Dodson, Myrtle, Mo. ....	114	41	17	9	2	.....	2	155	all
PLEASANT RIDGE .....	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Durinda Dorr, Alton, Mo. ....	58	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	3
SHILOH .....	F. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Elizabeth Holmes, Alton, Mo.	51	6	14	7	.....	.....	.....	57	1
PLEASANT HILL .....	G. J. Pingleton, Thayer, Mo.	Archie Hays, Thayer, Mo.	40	2	3	.....	1	.....	.....	44	4
SMYRNA .....	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Edna Watson, Alton, Mo.	92	15	6	6	2	.....	3	108	.....