

Minutes  
—OF THE—  
SIXTY - SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
—OF THE—  
Cave Spring Association  
— OF —  
Freewill Baptist Churches

—HELD WITH—  
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

Route 2, Thayer, Mo.

AUGUST 25, 26, and 27, 1949



— OFFICERS —

F. D. Johnson .....	Moderator
S. D. Johnson .....	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 Walnut Grove Church, 6 miles South-east of Myrtle, Mo., beginning at 9:00 a. m., Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August 1950. Joe Sisk and J. E. Rolan will preach Introductory Sermon, Thursday, 11:00 a. m.

The Sixty-Second Annual meeting of The Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist churches convened with the Pleasant Hill church Thayer, Route 2, Thayer, Mo., on Thursday, August 25, 1949 at 9:00 a. m.

Opening Song, "It won't be very long".

Prayer by Clifton Wright.

The Associational Clerk upon determining that quorum was present, declared the session to be duly at labor.

Our Moderator being absent because of sickness and our Assistant Moderator having moved from our association, the Senior minister in years, Billie Rogers was selected as acting Moderator.

The Moderator appoints on the Devine Committee, Ward Brewer, L. A. Martin and D. J. Bowers.

The By-Laws were read by Assistant Clerk, J. W. King.

Motion carried that we omit the reading of last years minutes.

The Moderator called for Credentials and Letters were received, the following churches as listed:

NORMAN: Delegates, Wm. Low, Mary Jane Low, H. A. Moore. Two present.

PINEY: Delegates, America Wheeler, Arthur Nickless, Eva Williams. One present.

LIBERTY: Delegates, Dorcus McDonald, Geraldine Fagan, E. Baker. None present.

SMYRNA: Delegates, Roy Watson, Edith Watson, Barbara James. One present.

BAILEY CHAPEL: Delegates, Eliza Bell, Jim Bell, Fay Tinsley. None present.

CLIFTON: Delegates, Willis Fraley, Susan Fraley, Faith Lovelace. Two present.

CAVE SPRING: Delegates, Griffie Barton, Minnie Barton, Ray Archer. Three present.

GARFIELD: Delegates, J. W. Stogsdill, R. J. Sanders, Jr., G. W. Combs. Two present.

PLEASANT RIDGE: Delegates, Homer Johnson, Leslie Darr, Agnes Darr. Three present.

**BETHANY:** Delegates, Jode Crawford, Tem Crawford, Martha Crawford. Three present.

**COTTON CREEK:** Delegates, Lillian Case, Rachel Combs, Gordon Combs. Three present.

**DIAL'S CREEK:** Delegates, Medea Evans, Ina Campbell, Nevada Evans. One present.

**MT. ZION:** Delegates, Orville Bowers, Edith Bowers, Rosa Lee Atkinson. Two present.

**SHILOH:** Delegates, Thurman Holman, Mildred Holman, Albert Holmes. Three present.

Shiloh Church requests that Grover Terry be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.

**MILL CREEK:** Delegates, Jaunita Payne, Leonard Clark, J. W. Garrison. Two present.

**WILDERNESS:** Delegates, Ralph Brawley, Opal Brawley, Delphia Smith. None present.

**WALNUT GROVE:** Delegates, Ethel Upshaw, Dena Hall, Irvan Doran. Three present.

**PLEASANT VALLEY:** Delegates, Orpha Wheeler, Martha Wilkey, Velma Flynn. One present.

**ROYAL OAK:** Delegates, Claude Dotson, Howard Bell, Lois Peace. Two present.

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

Motion carried that we adjourn for the Eleven O'clock Service.

Adjournment prayer by Jesse Dunkin.

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

Opening Song, "The Eastern Gate."

Scripture Lesson, Romans, 8:28-39.

Prayer by Herman Garrison.

Text: If God be for us who can be against us.

Sermon by Grover J. Pingleton and Jesse H. Dunkin.

Adjournment prayer by J. M. Cloven.

### **THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

Opening song, "Camping in Caanan Land."

Opening prayer, L. D. Gilliam.

The Moderator invites visiting members to seats in our council as advisory members.

Moderator calls for Nominations for the various officers.

For Moderator:

S. D. Johnson

F. D. Johnson

S. D. Johnson — 17 Votes

F. D. Johnson — 20 Votes

Motion carried that nominations cease.

Motion carried that S. D. Johnson be Assistant Moderator.

For Associational Clerk:

N. H. Rhoades

Motion carried that Nominations cease and that we Elect by Acclamation.

Motion carried that the Clerk appoint Assistant Clerk.

J. W. King appointed.

For Treasurer:

D. J. Bowers

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

For Statistician:

Motion carried that we retain Leonard Clark as Statistician.

Motion carried that we suspend the rules and make all Committees temporary except, Business, Ordaining, Obituary, Printing and Finance.

Motion carried that The Moderator appoint the following committees:

**BUSINESS:**

E. E. Simpson

Billie Rogers

Jesse H. Dunkin

Earnest Harding

Joe Sisk

**ORDAINING:**

Grover J. Pingleton  
I. E. Vaughn  
L. D. Gilliam

**OBITUARY:**

A. L. McGhee  
Ella Dotson  
Elizabeth Holmes

**PRINTING:**

N. H. Rhoades  
J. W. King  
Clifton Wright  
Emory Coble  
Leonard Clark

**FINANCE:**

Jetta Bowers  
Cleo Barton  
L. A. Marvin

**DENOMINATION:**

J. W. Stogsdill  
G. C. Combs  
G. W. Combs

**LITERATURE:**

J. W. Garrison  
L. R. Wheeler  
Lillian Case

**RELIGION:**

J. L. Crawford  
Wm. Low  
Albert Holmes

**TEMPERANCE:**

E. E. Hollis  
J. M. Cloven  
Millard Ehrhardt  
Herman Garrison  
D. J. Bowers

**SABBATH:**

Rosa Lee Atkinson

Tem Crawford

Martha Crawford

The Moderator at this time called our attention to our need for an active Missionary program.

Motion carried that we appoint a standing committee on Missions and Doctrine. The following were appointed as Committee on Missions: Clifton Wright, L. R. Wheeler, Earnest Harding.

The following were appointed as a Committee on Doctrine: S. D. Johnson, Homer Johnson, J. M. Cloven.

The Devine committee reports that Billie Rogers and Millard Ehrhardt will preach the Thursday night Sermon and that the Friday Eleven O'clock Service will be conducted by Earnest Harding and Herman Garrison.

Motion carried that we proceed to Register the Ministers, Deacons and Clerks present.

#### MINISTERS

J. M. Cloven  
Herman Garrison  
L. D. Gilliam  
Millard Ehrhardt  
Earnest Harding  
Jesse H. Dunkin  
S. D. Johnson  
Billie Rogers  
Grover J. Pingleton  
L. R. Wheeler  
Joe Sisk  
F. D. Johnson  
B. H. Woodring  
J. E. Rolan  
Grover Terry  
I. E. Vaughn  
Elmer Hodges

#### VISITING MINISTERS

O. L. Allen, 2223 N. Franklin, Springfield, Mo.  
Claude Smith, Macomb, Mo.

N. E. Snyder, Huggins, Mo.

Oliver Letterman, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Mo.

### CHURCH CLERKS

Abner Rhoades ..... Oak Grove

Georgia Crowder ..... Piney

Arlie Hays ..... Pleasant Hill

Ella Dotson ..... Mill Creek

Pearl Dotson ..... Royal Oak

Velma Crawford ..... Cotton Creek

Jetta Bowers ..... Mt. Zion

Elizabeth Holmes ..... Shiloh

Durinda Dorr ..... Pleasant Ridge

Hope Combs ..... Garfield

J. W. King ..... Walnut Grove

### VISITING CHURCH CLERKS

John N. Pryor, Union Association, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

### DEACONS

Clifton Wright ..... Smyrna

D. J. Bowers ..... Mt. Zion

L. A. Martin ..... Pleasant Hill

Emery Coble ..... Clifton

E. E. Hollis ..... Pleasant Hill

A. L. McGhee ..... Cotton Creek

Cleo Barton ..... Pleasant Ridge

N. H. Rhoades ..... Norman

Ray Hollis ..... Pleasant Ridge

Roscoe Mills ..... Oak Grove

Paris Wheeler ..... Piney

R. J. Wischart ..... Mill Creek

Robert Worrell ..... Pleasant Valley

J. W. Jewell ..... Pleasant Valley

L. A. Boze ..... Bailey Chapel

Roy Martin ..... Garfield

Motion carried that we adjourn for Thursday night service.

Adjournment prayer, L. R. Wheeler.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

Opening song, "I'll Fly Away".

Opening prayer, J. L. Couch.

Scripture Lesson, 24th Chapter Matthews, by Billie Rogers.

Text, Sign of Christ's Coming, by Billie Rogers and Millard Ehrhardt.

Closing prayer, by L. D. Gilliams.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Opening song, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

Scripture Lesson by The Moderator, St. John 10:1-14.

Prayer by Earnest Harding.

The Moderator gives us a brief lecture on working in Harmony, Unity and Love, so that The Lord's work may be more readily promoted and accomplished.

The By-Laws were read by Assistant Clerk, J. W. King.

The Minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator calls for credentials and the following Letters were received:

PLEASANT HILL: Delegates, Freida Cisco, Victoria Vaughn, Thelma Hoyt. Two present.

OAK GROVE: Delegates, Mary Hooper, Laura Mills, Bertha Mills. One present.

QUARTERLY MEETING: Delegates, Cleo Barton, A. L. McGhee, Clifton Wright. Three present.

UNION Association: Delegates, Leo Curters, N. E. Snyder, O. L. Allen, H. M. Cope, Verl Tate, Claude Smith, Oliver Letterman. Four present.

Motion carried that Letters be accepted and the Delegates seated in our council.

Corresponding delegates were welcomed and seated in our Council as Advisory members.

The Moderator asks if there are any Verbal reports of other associations or Religious bodies. Billie Rogers reports that he has pastored a church in The Social Bond Association of Arkansas and that they are doing well.



Greenburg Garrison, of 324 Naida Street, Tampa, Tex., reports that he once lived near Myrtle, Mo., and was a member of The Freewill Baptist church, that he was been away for fifty-seven years but has remained a faithful member.

The Devine Committee reports that they desire N. E. Snyder of Huggins, Mo., and Claude Smith of Macomb, Mo., to preach at Eleven o'clock.

Motion carried that the Mission Board be increased to five members and that F. D. Johnson be one of them. J. E. Rolen appointed as fifth member of Mission Board.

Motion carried that The Moderator designate who should serve, one year, two year, three year, four year, and five year terms on the Mission board.

Clifton Wright, one year; L. R. Wheeler, 2 year; Earnest Harding, 3 year; F. D. Johnson, 4 year; J. E. Rolen, 5 year.

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

Adjournment prayer by Billie Rogers.

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

Opening song, "I'll Live in Glory."

Prayer, by Oliver Letterman. Text Acts 16:4-5.

Adjournment prayer by O. L. Allen.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Opening song, " 'Tis so sweet to Trust in Jesus."

"The Love of God" was sung by Lucy Ellen Wisheart.

Prayer by Abner S. Rhoades.

Motion carried that The Moderator appoint a substitute for Homer Johnson on the Doctrine Committee. B. H. Woodring appointed.

Delegates chosen to attend Union Association at Mtn. Grove.

B. H. Woodring  
F. D. Johnson  
Billie Rogers  
Grover Terry

Earnest Harding  
Tula Johnson  
Etta Rogers  
J. M. Cloven

Delegates chosen to attend Missouri State Association  
of Free Will Baptist:

N. H. Rhoades

Albert Holmes

Ella Dotson

Gordon W. Combs

Elba Harbison

Leonard Clark

Joe Sisk

Billie Rogers

Elizabeth Holmes

A. L. McGhee

R. A. Worel

Francis Harbison

E. E. Hollis

Report of Obituary Committee was read.

Motion carried that we proceed with The Memorial Service.

Song, "Precious Memories."

Scripture Lesson, John, 19:38-42. John 20:1-10.

Memorial Service conducted by F. D. Johnson.

The Treasurer gives his report. Accepted and filed with the Clerk.

Statistical report given by Leonard Clark. Accepted and filed with the Clerk.

S. D. Johnson read his report as Evangelist. Accepted and filed with the Clerk.

S. D. Johnson was elected Evangelist and guaranteed a minimum of \$5.00 a day.

The Devine Committee reports that Joe Sisk, and Herman Garrison will preach Friday night.

Motion carried that we adjourn for the Friday night Service.

Prayer by H. C. Crase.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Opening song, "Anywhere is Home."

Prayer by Grover J. Pingleton.

Scripture lesson, Romans, 12. Subject, Brotherly Love by Joe Sisk and Herman Garrison.

Adjournment prayer by G. B. Garrison.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Opening song, "Camping on Caanan's Land".

Prayer by Grover J. Pingleton.

Scripture Lesson, Matt. 6:5-18.

By Laws were read by Assistant Clerk, J. W. King.

Today's Minutes were read, amended and approved as amended.

Delegates appointed to attend United Association of Missouri and Kentucky, of General Baptist.

L. D. Gilliam

Earnest Harding

Lucille Garrison

Herman Garrison

Delegates appointed to attend Social Bond Association at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Billie Rogers

Elba Harbison

Motion carried that Joe Sisk and J. E. Rolan preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1950 Association.

Finance Committee report read and accepted.

Printing Committee report read and accepted.

Correction made in the Minutes in regard to the organization at Pleasant Valley church.

Divine Committee reports that Earnest Harding and S. D. Johnson will preach Eleven O'clock service.

Motion carried that we adjourn for the Eleven O'Clock Service.

Prayer by Joe Sisk.

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

Opening song, "Just a Little While".

Scripture Lesson, St. Luke 22:21-33.

Prayer S. D. Johnson. Text St. Luke, 22:31-32.

Adjournment prayer by F. D. Johnson.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Opening song, "Sweeping through the Gates."

Prayer by Grover Terry.

Report of Committee on Doctrine, read and adopted. Committee released.

Report of Committee on Denomination read, adopted and Committee released.

Report of Committee on Literature read and approved and Committee released.

Report of Ordaining Committee read and approved.

Report of Committee on Temperance read, approved and Committee released.

Report of Committee on Missions read and adopted.

Report of Business Committee read and taken up for action, Item by Item.

Item 1, Adopted.

Item 2, Adopted and referred to the Business Committee for Action.

The Ordaining Committee retires to examine candidates for Ordination.

Have all Churches observed the Communion Service? Yes.

Walnut Grove Church was granted the next annual meeting.

An offering was taken to help entertain the State Association, (\$13.86.)

Ministers yearly reports were accepted.

The Ordaining Committee report that they have examined Grover Terry and find him worthy of being ordained as a Minister.

Motion carried to use Ordination prayer as closing prayer.

Motion carried that we pay the Clerk an honorarium of \$10.00.

Motion carried that we pay Treasurer an honorarium of \$5.00.

Devine Committee reports that I. E. Vaughn and S. D. Johnson will conduct Saturday night service.

Motion carried that the Association Treasurer absorb printing deficit.

Motion carried that we adjourn until the time and place set for our next annual meeting.

Grover Terry was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister.

F. D. JOHNSON, Moderator  
Route 2, Alton, Mo.

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

### **GREETINGS IN JESUS NAME**

**DEAR BRETHERN:**

Sorry I am unable to be with you on account of sickness.

I have looked forward to this Association as I have to all the other time. Don't remember missing the Association until now, but the good Lord knows all things. We only understand in part. There is coming a time we will understand it better.

I love my Brethern dearly and pray you will have one of the best Associations on record, and accomplish many good things for the Lord.

Remember my family and I in your prayers.

As ever, Your Brother in Christ,

E. E. Simpson

### **DOCTRINE COMMITTEE**

We recommend that we, as Free Will Baptist members practice our Doctrine, such as the Communion Service, and feet washing and the Covenant, that we made a vow to keep. Also, that our preachers preach our Doctrine more.

S. D. Johnson

Ben H. Woodring

J. M. Cloven

### **DENOMINATION**

We, the Committee on State of Denomination submit the following report.

Judging from observation and statistics we are moving forward and growing in strength, progressing good in the Lord.

We urge each church member to stand by the Church Covenant and to help with the Mission work.

G. W. COMBS

J. W. STOGSDILL

### **LITERATURE**

We, the Committee of Literature wish to submit the following report.

We believe the best book is the Bible and all Literature to the uplifting of God should be based on the Bible. Such as Bible story books, which are very inexpensive, and have

proven enjoyable to children.

In many cases we feel that children have been led the wrong way by trashy literature, such as True stories, Western novels, or any such Literature that have drinking advertisements or degrading ideas.

Year beginning August 1948 — Year ending August 1949

L. R. WHEELER

JESSIE GARRISON

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Amount on hand .....	\$167.60
Deposits made .....	93.49
Checked out .....	247.23
Balance on hand .....	13.86
Paid to Sam Johnson .....	177.41

D. J. BOWERS

### **ORDAINING**

We, your Ordaining Committee beg to submit the following report. We have licensed three ministers of the Gospel, and have Ordained five Deacons. Committee:

Rev. S. D. Johnson

Rev. F. D. Johnson

Rev. I. E. Vaughn

### **EVANGELIST REPORT for 1948-1949**

Held six Revivals. Witnessed eleven conversions.

Received as offering .....	\$197.77
Received from Treasurer .....	177.23
Received from other places .....	35.44
Total .....	\$310.44

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, your Committee on Temperance agree that, or believe that Christian people should be Temperate in all things. That they should especially abstain from all alcoholic beverages. We also believe that we should not patronize such places, that we might remain unspotted from worldly things.

HERMAN GARRISON

DAVE BOWERS

E. E. HOLLIS

MILLARD CLOVEN

MILLARD EHRHARDT

### PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance brought forward .....	.00
Amount received for Local Minutes .....	\$ 41.97
Amount paid for Local Minutes .....	57.00
Deficit .....	\$15.03
Amount Received for State Minutes .....	\$13.10
Amount paid for State Minutes .....	13.10
Balance on hand .....	zero
Deficit paid from Treasurer of Cave Springs Association,	

J. W. KING	N. H. RHOADES
RAY HOLLIS	LEONARD CLARK
	ALBERT HOLMES

### FINANCE

We, your Committee received \$46.51 for Local Minutes and \$14.24 for State Minutes.

Received \$10.00 from Norman and \$6.00 from Royal Oak Churches to go to the State entertainment fund.

JETTIE BOWERS

ELIZABETH HOLMES , ORA WISEHART

### FINANCIAL REPORT

	Local	State
Mill Church .....	\$5.00	\$2.00
Garfield Church .....	1.50	.75
Norman Church .....	3.00	1.49
Clifton .....	2.00	1.00
Royal Oak .....	1.50	1.00
Wilderness .....	3.00	
Dials Creek .....	1.25	1.00
Walnut Grove .....	5.00	2.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	2.00	
Cotton Creek .....	2.30	
Smyrna Church .....	2.40	
Mt. Zion .....	1.51	.60
Bethany .....	1.00	
Bailey Chapel .....	3.00	
Cave Springs .....	1.50	
Shiloh .....	3.50	1.00

Pleasant Valley .....	1.30	.20
Pleasant Hill .....	2.30	1.50
Oak Grove .....	2.00	1.00
Piney .....	1.45	

TOTAL ..... 46.51 14.24

TOTAL — 60.75 JETTIE BOWERS

ELIZABETH HOLMES ORA WISEHART

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions beg to submit the following report. We suggest that we, your Committee get in the field to visit our various churches of Cave Springs Association to try to explain the need and support of our Mission work in the churches as soon as possible. Whereas this is a newly organized Committee just starting to try to do something for this cause. We covet the prayers of this associational body that we may be able to help the cause of God and His name may be glorified.

Signed: CLIFTON WRIGHT, Chairman

L. R. WHEELER ERNEST HARDING

F. D. JOHNSON J. E. ROLEN, Clerk

### COMMITTEE ON RELIGION

We, the Committee on State of Religion beg to submit the following report. We appreciate the cooperation and fellowship among the churches and the brotherly and sisterly love but feel that churches are not pressing forward as they should because of not going forward in half or full time services.

We recommend that the churches will go forward and pray that they will.

ALBERT HOLMES JOE SISK, Assistant

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Business Committee beg to submit our report.

We, the Committee have received from Noah Hollis, his credentials as Deacon, after he had studied the standing, as he stands now is no longer worthy of being a Deacon.

### REPORT NO. 2

We request that Conference appoint a committee and



place in their hands authority to make out a program of business for our association.

Committee,

JESSIE H. DUNKIN      ERNEST HARDING

JOE SISK      BILLIE ROGERS, Chairman

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee find God has seen fit to call from our Association twelve members. They are:

Martha Hollis Vaughn

Lucy E. Combs

Delia Pauline Evans

Effie Hammon

Joe Hall

Mary Ann Gaither

Nath Combs

Francis Emogene Thompson

Effie Virginia Barton

Nannie Bell Sutton

Arra A. Rhoades

George Calvin England

Signed: ELLA DOTSON      ELIZABETH HOLMES

### MRS. APR A RHOADES

Arra Adna Wiser, daughter of Martin Morre and Julia Ann Wiser, was born August 2, 1877 in Tipton, Tenn., and departed this life August 15, 1949 in St. Johns hospital, Springfield, Mo., at the age of 72 years, 13 days.

At the age of 3 years she came to Oregon county with her parents where she resided the remainder of her life.

On December 21, 1899 she was married to Samuel A. Rhoades who preceeded her in death in October 1943. To this union nine children were born. One son, Arthur, preceeded her in death in 1943. Those surviving are three sons Theodore, of Charleston, Mo.; Noel of Kansas City, Kans.; and Larwood, of Thayer, and five daughters, Velma Harper and Lourine James, both of Springfield; Alpha, Davie and Gertrude Harper, both of Los Angeles, Calif., and Vesta Prinz of Thayer, Mo.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and became a member of the Freewill Baptist church. She lived a devoted Christian life until God called her home.

Other survivors include one sister, Mrs. Eliza Floyd of Stanton, Tenn., one brother Arthur Wiser of Cottage Grove, Oregon, ten grand children and two great grand children, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Carter Funeral home August 17, at 2:00 p. m., by Rev. L. R. Lynch with burial in the Thayer cemetery. Graveside services were held by the Rebekah lodge.

Pallbearers were Frank Young, Elgin Custer, Oliver Jenkins, Hershel Crass, Everett Crass, Joe Barton and John Barton.

#### NATH COMBS

Nath Combs, son of Barm and Tennia Combs was born in Oregon county January 1, 1896 and departed this life at his home near Myrtle, Mo., October 12, 1948 at the age of 52 years, 10 months. In the year of 1913 he was united in marriage to Ella Rogers and to this union five children were born, Noel Combs, and Lorene Brewer of Couch, Mo.; Fred Combs and Irene Harris of Myrtle, Mo., and Dessalee Robinson of Doniphan, Mo. He is also survived by twelve grand children and one brother, Edd Combs of Egypt, Ark., one sister Pearl Studdard of Donia, Fla.; three half brothers, Will Combs, Rob Combs and Clyde Combs, of Couch, Mo.; three half sisters, Velia Thompson and Loretta Case of Couch and Doll Watkins, of Alabama. He was converted June 29, 1947 and joined the Freewill Baptist church at Bethany, he lived a faithful Christian life, was a kind and loving husband and father and was loved by all who knew him. Our loss is Heavens gain. Funeral services were held at Cotton Creek Freewill Baptist church Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 2:30 in the afternoon by Rev. Jesse H. Dunkin, assisted by Rev. Davie N. Combs under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

#### MARY ANN MELTON

Mary Ann Gaither was born August 10, 1865 and passed away Nov. 18, 1948. She was 83 years, 3 months old. She was married to James Melton October 16, 1883. To this union five children were born, Permeally Ann Boozer, of O'Kean, Ark., Isabelle Gazaway who preceeded her in death; Mary Jane Thornsburry, of St. Charles, Ark.; Demps Melton, of Gatewood, Mo., and Rosetta Thornsburry, of Pocahontas, Ark. She was grandmother of 18 children and great grand mother of 40 children.

Aunt Mary was born in Illinois and came when a child and was converted at an early age and joined the Freewill Baptist church. She was faithful through her long suffering and enjoyed going to church so well. She is leaving many friends and will be missed by all who knew her.

May God bless her as she is resting now.

#### FRANCIS EMAGENE SMITH

Francis Emagene Thompson, daughter of H. V. and Effie Thompson was born Sept. 9, 1927 and died July 6, 1949

at the age of 21 years, 9 months. She was married to James Smith and to this union two children were born, James Irving and Larry Jene. The bereaved are the husband and two children, her father, four brothers, Waymon Edward, Luther and Riley Stone of Abingdon, Ill., five sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Merrell, Fresno, Calif; Mrs. Waymon Barton, Alton, Mo. Mrs. Laura Helen Olsen, San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Blanche West, Abington, Ill., Mrs. Delia John Crossland, Mtn. View, Mo. Funeral service was held Friday afternoon at New Salem with Rev. A. H. Daniel in charge, with burial in New Salem cemetery under direction of Carter funeral home of Thayer. Francis was a member of the Piney Freewill Baptist church.

#### EFFIE VIRGINIA BARTON GAGE

Effie Virginia Barton, daughter of Robert and Mary Barton was born April 24, 1881 in Dallas county, Mo.

She was married to John F. Gage Dec. 6, 1902; to this couple seven children were born, Basil, the first having passed away quite young. Those left to mourn her departure are the husband and father, residing on the family farm, 4½ miles west of Dove Creek, Colo., Bryan Gage of Oklahoma City; Edith Cook, of Durham, Calif.; Bernice Keown, of Cortez, Colo.; Albia Gage of Fontana, Calif.; Lura Houck of Oakdale, Calif., and Fay Gage of Monticello, Utah; two brothers John and Arthur Barton of Couch; three sisters, Georgia Crowder and Nancy Combs of Couch, and Laura Bartley of Clarksville, Texas. She also leaves nineteen grand children and many friends and neighbors.

The children were all present for the funeral; also present were Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gage of Tulsa, Okla.; brother and sister-in-law of the bereaved father.

The deceased was converted to God at the age of 21, later joining the Freewill Baptist church at Piney, and has been a devout christian since her conversion.

Effie was a loving mother; her entire life was spent for her family and friends. After ten years of constant suffering she departed life at the south-west Memorial hospital in Cortez, August 1, 1949, at the age of 68 years, 3 months.

#### GEORGE CALVIN ENGLAND

George Calvin England was born July 7, 1874, and died at Grays Hospital, Newport, Ark, being 75 years, 1 month old. He was born in Oregon county, Mo., and spent most of his life near Myrtle. At the age of 30 he was married to

Ola Miller, who preceeded him in death.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Blackshur, of Walnut Rdge, Ark., and three grand daughters, Mrs. Clifford Jackson, Eleven Point; Mrs. Charles Tribble, Walnut Ridge, and Miss Christine Blackshur of Pocahontas, Ark., one sister, Mrs. Elba Harbison of Myrtle; one brother Billy England of Myrtle, Mo. Calvin was a member of the Free will Baptist church of Myrtle. .

He leaves many friends who will remember him for his many deeds of kindness.

#### NANNIE BELL SUTTON

Nannie Bell Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sutton was born in Tennessee, Nov. 15, 1875 and God called her home Sept. 15, 1948, being 72 years and months of age.

She came to Missouri with her parents at the age of 15. She was united in marriage to William Johnson, Jan. 14, 1894. To this union nine children were born; one son and one daughter preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her departure seven children, Clyde Johnson, Alton, Mrs. Bessie Prescott, Alton; Clarence Johnson, of Hayti, Mo.; Mrs. Bertha Nivens, Alton; Finis Johnson, Alton; Cleo Johnson, Myrtle; Zora Brawley, Alton; two brothers, A. C. Sutton, Dansville, Ill.; Luther Sutton, Alton; 38 grand children, 23 great grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

She professed hope in Christ a good many years ago and united with the Freewill Baptist church at Cave Spring and later moved her membership to the Pleasant Ridge church. She lived a true devoted Christian life until God called her home. She was a loving companion and a very kind mother and friendly neighbor. She was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

She was laid to rest in the Cave Spring cemetery under directiin of Leland Carter funeral home.

The funeral was preached by Rev. Leo Curtis and Rev. Billie Rogers.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and the flower girls being her grand daughters.

#### EFFIE HAMMON THOMPSON

Effie Hammon, daughter of Woodson and Ida Bell Hammon, was born April 24, 1889. She died at her home in the Piney community May 23, 1949, at the age of 60 years and 29 days. She came with her parents to Oregon county when a very small child, and lived the remaindere of her life in

this county.

She united with the Freewill Baptist church at Piney when a small girl, and remained a member of that church until God called her away.

She was united in marriage to H. V. Thompson Sept. 10, 1905, and to this union twelve children were born, two of whom preceeded her in death.

Besides her husband, H. V. Thompson, she leaves ten children to mourn her passing, Waymon Thompson, Evelyn Murreil, Laura Helen Olsen, Mary Ida Barton, Edward Thompson, Blanche West, Delia J. Crossland, Frances Smith, Luther Thompson and Riley Stone Thompson. She also leaves one brother, Stone Hammon, of Couch.

Funeral services were conducted at New Salem Friday, May 27, with Rev. H. C. Crase officiating. Bural was in the New Salem cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Clary Funeral home of Alton.

#### LUCY COMBS WETZEL

Lucy E. Combs was born September 20, 1890, near Myrtle, Mo. She was married to Herman W. Wetzel February 22, 1911. To this couple three children were born, Ralph Wetzel, Couch; Ruth, who preceed her in death at the age of 16; and Dona Groves of Couch.

Besides her two children and companion she leaves to mourn her passing, five grandchildren, one sister, Alta Crase, Couch; four brothers, Oba Combs, Myrtle; Wellie Combs, Thayer; Gordon Combs, Couch, and John Combs, St. Louis, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age and joined the Free will Baptist church at Bethany, where she was a faithful member. In the year 1942 she moved her membership to the Garfield Freewill Baptist church in which she remained a faithful member and worker until God called her home Feb. 21, 1949, at the age of 58 years, 5 months.

She has been a faithful companion, a loving mother, a devoted Christian and a real friend to all who knew her. We realize our loss is Heavens gain.

Funeral services were held at the Cotton Creek church by Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Davie Combs on Feb. 23, 1949 at 2:00 p. m. Interment in Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer. Pallbearers were, Oba Combs, Wellie Combs, Gordon Combs, John Combs, Loren Wetzel, and Wayland Wetzel.

#### DELIA PAULINE EVANS

Mrs. Delia Pauline Evans Bryan departed this life Nov.

3, 1948 at the Mt. Vernon, Mo., hospital at the age of 32 years, five months.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Evans. Her father preceded her in death in April 1939. She was converted at the age of 14 and joined the Diles Creek Freewill Baptist church and lived a devoted Christ the remainder of her life. She was united in marriage April 9, 1939, to Don Bryan, to which union three children were born.

She leaves to mourn her death, two daughters, Wanda Lee and Shirley Ann Bryan; one son, Norman Lee, all of Myrtle; her mother, Annie Evans of Myrtle; six sisters, Mrs. Orba Campbell and Mrs. Cecil Ehrhardt of Myrtle; Mrs. Ruby Wilkerson and Mrs. Bertha Tanner of Biggers, Ark.; Miss Zada Evans and Miss Janice Evans of Pocahontas, Ark. One half-sister, Mrs. Mabel Combs of Myrtle; three brothers, Rufus and Hosea Evans of Myrtle, and Clarence Evans of Pocahontas, Ark.; six nieces and nine nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Walnut Grove Freewill Baptist church Friday, November 5, with Rev. Davie Combs officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Grove cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer, Mo. Pallbearers were Albert Wilkerson, Daniel Morgan, Clever Smith, Leon Clark, Wilbur Jenkins and Donald Lee Wilkerson.

#### MARTHA HOLLIS VAUGHN

Martha Hollis Vaughn was born May 18, 1862 near Alton, Mo., and departed this life on Nov. 8, 1948 at Thayer, Mo., at the age of 86 years, 7 months. She accepted Christ in early life and joined the Freewill Baptist church, where she remained faithful until God called her home.

In the year 1880 she was married to Ira Vaughn and to this union seven children were born. One daughter, Nova Vaughn, preceded her in death. Surviving are, Esther Bennett, of Thayer; Eddie Vaughn of Couch; Elbert Vaughn of Beckville, Texas; Cora Wilkerson, of Myrtle; Nora Cockman of Alton; Haston Vaughn of Beaumont, Texas; and a foster daughter, Minnie Thompson of Thayer; 22 grand children and one great grand child.

She was a kind and loving mother, and we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted at New Salem, Nov. 9, by Rev. Billie Rogers and Rev. Davie Combs, under direct-

ion of Carter Funeral home. Pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased.

### JOSEPH AMOS HALL

Joseph Amos Hall, son of Jeff and Betty Hall, was born in Randolph county, near Elm Store, Ark., April 30, 1891 and departed this life October 14, 1948 at the age of 57 years, 5 months at St. John's hospital in Springfield, Mo.

He was married to Dena Dale March 5, 1913. To this union three children were born. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and one infant daughter.

He is survived by his companion and two daughters, Alma Crass of Conway, Mo., and Sadie Grisham of Elm Store; four grandchildren, Marilou and Joy Sue Crass of Conway, Mo., and Betty Jean and Donnie Joe Grisham of Elm Store, three brothers, Johnnie, George, and Andrew Hall of Myrtle, Mo., two sisters, Dora England of Couch, Mo., and Amy Stubblefield of St. Louis, seven half sisters, Mary and Oma Risner of Ravenden Springs, Ark., Martha Crawford, Rutha Davis, Lucy Morgan, and Nettie Bennett all of Myrtle and Ruby Stubblefield of St. Louis; one half brother, Wesley Hall of St. Louis; step mother, Mrs. Mattie Hall and three step brothers, Alfred Brewer of Carney, Okla., Albert and Ratha Brewer of Myrtle, two step sisters, Amy England and Cora Reynolds of Elm Store, also a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted and joined the Freewill Baptist church at Walnut Grove August 24, 1913 where he remained a faithful member.

He was a kind and loving husband and a father, a consecrated Christian and a true friend.

Flower girls were, Una Mae Sisk, Evalena Cox, Billy Sue Hall, Velma Doran and Lorene Crawford. Pallbearers were, J. W. King, Paul Doran, Porter Farrow, Gordon England, Clifton Doran and Leo Hall.

The quartet singers were Leonard Clark, Glenn Harpole, and Fred Wisehart of Myrtle and Lillian Crass of West Plains.

Funeral services were conducted at Walnut Grove church on Saturday morning under direction of Rev. Harry Beatty assisted by pastor, Rev. Davie Combs.

Interment at Walnut Grove cemetery with McNabb Funeral home in charge.

### 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

### 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 unknown.

### 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.

Organized August 6, 1893, by Rev. J. H. Herlson and

### **COTTON CREEK CHURCH**

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. Rolan, 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, J. E. Rolan and E. E. Simpson. 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. Singing, Scripture reading and prayer.
2. The appointment of a Divine Committee.
3. The By-Laws to be read.
4. Letters from the churches called for.
5. Quarterly meeting letter called for. .
7. Petitionary Letters.
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8. Visiting Brothers and Sisters invited as Advisory members.
9. Adjournment with prayer.
10. Eleven O'clock hour.
11. Open with Singing, Scripture and prayer.
12. Corresponding messengers.
13. Election of Officers.
14. The appointment of Temporary Committee.
15. Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Report of Divine Committee.
18. A Devotional Service and adjournment with prayer.

### FRIDAY MORNING, 9:00 a. m.

19. Singing, Scripture, Reading and prayer.
20. Reading on By-Laws.
21. Reading of the Minutes of previous day's work.
22. Call for letters from churches, read and received.
23. Petitionary Letters asked for.
24. Corresponding Messengers.
25. Visiting Brothers invited to seats as advisory members.
26. Report of Divine Committee for Eleven O'clock service.
27. Reports of delegates that have attended other Associations.

28. Vacancies in Committee filled.
29. Adjournment with prayer.
30. Eleven O'clock service.
31. Open with singing, scripture, reading and prayer.
32. The report of the Evangelist.
33. The Ministers Reports.
34. The Treasurer Report.
35. The Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks.
36. The report of the Obituary Committee.
37. Memorial Service.
38. New Business.
39. Reports of other committees.
40. Adjournment with prayer.
41. Evening Service.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

42. Opened with Singing, Scripture reading and prayer.
43. Reading of the By-Laws.
44. Reading of the previous minutes.
45. Reports of other Committees that have not reported.
46. Releasing of all Temporary Committees.
47. The appointment of all standing committees.
48. Report of Statistician.
49. Election of Delegates to other Associations.
50. Adjournment with prayer.
51. Eleven O'clock service.
52. Opening with Singing, Scripture, and prayer.
53. Business suggested by Letters.
54. Ordaining Counsel proceeds with their work.
55. The setting of place for the next meeting.
56. Other things that may come before the body.
57. A vote of heartfelt thanks to the church and community for their kindness to the Association meeting.
58. Adjournment.

#### 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", "Ministry", "Missions", "Business", "Obituary", "Ordaining", and "Finance". 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 proceedings 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 per-

mission 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 person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the brother nominated be elected.

ARTICLE 17—The yeas and nays may be taken on any question before the conference by request of one-fifth of the members present.

ARTICLE 18—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, Preservor 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 reunciation 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. 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 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 whomsoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

**PERSERVANCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grave 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 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

	No. churches pastored	Sermons at other places	Miles traveled	Received into church	Number baptized	Conversions witnessed	Churches visited	Appointments filled	Marriages Solemnized	Funerals preached	Received for my services
C. R. Bryan .....	0	52	200		2	23	7			1	\$137.00
Joe Sisk .....		48				14		all		1	229.00
Earnest Harding .....	3	16	4234	11		7	10	58			379.02
Grover J. Pingleton .....	1	25	2260			7	6	all			145.07
Grover Terry .....		49	1443			4	12	49			59.52
Jesse H. Dunkin .....		30	500	1	1	8	4	30		1	55.23
L. D. Gilliam .....	2	20	2716	2	1	23	6	49		5	218.59
Millard Ehrhardt .....		48	612			3	12	42		1	37.75
Billie Rogers .....	4			30	14	30		51	3	8	1047.06
Herman Garrison .....		48	720			3		42		1	83.00
Ben H. Woodring .....		42				3	6	42			46.00
Millard Cloven .....		31	497			6	10	19			4.25
L. R. Wheeler .....		18	182				1	7			6.00
I. E. Vaughn .....	3	25	1000	3		10	6	96		2	230.68
Davie N. Combs .....	2	47	4000	10	10	25	5	all		22	809.32
Elmer Hodges .....		10	150			10	25	3		1	0
Finis D. Johnson .....	2	34	2974	3	10	2	8	110	1	1	443.23
E. E. Simpson .....	1	32	1000	11	4		5	all			528.48
J. E. Rolan .....		26	1348			4	8	all			4.51
Clarence Dodson .....	3	20	1500	20	15	18	1		2	3	487.46

# 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	
PLEASANT VALLEY	G. J. Pingleton, Thayer, Mo	Elsie Worel, Mam. Spg. Ark.	12	13	.....	2	.....	23	1	3		
DIALS CREEK .....	J. H. Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Lucille Jenkins, Myrtle, Mo.	29	1	2	.....	1	30	1	3		
ROYAL OAK .....	Earnest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Pearl Dotson, Alton, Mo.	30	50	.....	2	.....	78	2			
WALNUT GROVE ...	Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	J. W. King, Myrtle, Mo.	60	17	7	3	.....	1	77	2	4	
SMYRNA .....	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Edna Watson, Alton, Mo.	90	14	4	4	7	.....	104	1	4	
OAK GROVE .....	I. E. Vaughn, Couch, Mo.	Abner S. Rhoades, Thayer, Mo.	22	2	.....	.....	.....	24	2			
NORMAN .....	Billie Rogers, Thayer, Mo.	Ruth Rhoades, Thayer, Mo.	80	33	8	8	2	.....	119	1	3	
GARFIELD .....	Grover Pingleton, Thayer,	Hope Combs, Couch, Mo.	55	5	.....	.....	1	60	1	3		
WILDERNESS .....	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Ray Simpson, Wilderness, Mo.	30	32	8	8	.....	62	2	4		
MILL CREEK .....	O. J. Allred, Monett, Mo.	Ella Dotson, Myrtle, Mo.	109	48	10	9	7	.....	157	1	3	
PINEY .....	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Georgia Crowder, Couch, Mo.	39	12	1	1	.....	3	51	3		
PLEASANT RIDGE.	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Durinda Dorr, Alton, Mo.	54	45	8	6	1	.....	2	4		
CLIFTON .....	Billie Rogers, Thayer, Mo.	Nova Coble, Thayer, Mo.	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	4	SN		
LIBERTY .....	L. D. Gilliam, Warm Spring,	Lilly Huddleston, Gatewood, Mo.	30	8	.....	1	.....	38	2			
CAVE SPRING .....	Earnest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Ollie Sutton, Alton, Mo.	39	10	2	.....	2	.....	49	1		
SHILOH .....	F. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Elizabeth Holmes, Thayer, Mo.	50	6	.....	6	.....	56	1	3		
BETHANY .....	I. E. Vaughn, Couch, Mo.	Ozella Combs, Myrtle, Mo.	28	.....	.....	.....	1	27	3			
MT. ZION .....	F. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Jettie Bowers, Thayer, Mo.	67	2	11	7	4	1	.....	69	2	4
COTTON CREEK .....	Millard Ehrhardt, Myrtle,	Velma Crawford, Myrtle, Mo.	40	40	.....	.....	.....	80	2	4		
PLEASANT HILL .....	I. E. Vaughn, Couch, Mo.	Arlie Hays, Thayer, Mo.	42	2	.....	.....	.....	42	1			
BAILEY CHAPEL .....	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Hallie Cline, Alton, Mo.	73	34	8	3	1	.....	107	3		