

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

Rayal Bell
SMYRNA CHURCH
AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 1953



— OFFICERS —

Davie N. Combs	Moderator
F. D. Johnson	Assistant Moderator
J. W. King	Clerk
June King	Assistant Clerk
D. J. Bowers	Treasurer
Howard Bell	Statistician

The next session of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist Churches will be held with the Smyrna Church, beginning at 9:00 a. m. on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1954. Davie N. Combs and C. A. Dodson will preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 a. m.

The Sixty-Sixth annual session of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist churches convened with the Royal Oak church, seven miles northwest of Alton, Mo. on Thursday, August 20, 1953.

Opening song, "When We All get to Heaven".

In the absence of the clerk Rev. J. E. Rolen took charge to call the meeting to order.

Scripture reading, Romans 8th chapter.

Prayer, by Rev. George W. Scott.

Moderator Rev. F. D. Johnson called to take charge of meeting.

Nominations declared in order for Clerk protem until Bro. J. W. King arrived from St. Louis, Mo.

Bros. J. E. Rolen and Davie N. Combs nominated.

Bro. Davie N. Combs elected.

Bro. N. H. Rhoades appointed as assistant clerk.

Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint an assistant Moderator.

Rev. George W. Scott appointed.

Motion carried for the moderator to appoint a Devine Committee.

J. W. Harding, Abner S. Rhoades and J. P. Wheeler appointed.

Moderator asked for reading of By-Laws.

By-Laws read by assistant clerk.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint to fill vacancy on Credential committee.

Bro. Ernest Harding and Bro. Keith Johnson appointed.

Letters called for and read.

Garfield: Delegates, Percy Cockman, Inez Martin and Claudie Combs. 3 present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Pleasant Hill: Delegates, Thelma Hoyt, Edna Hollis, and Lourine Sandridge. 2 present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

Norman: Delegates, Fay Roy, Lucy Holman, and Catherine Roy. Two present. Deacons recommended.

Royal Oak: Delegates, Francis Bell, Gene Braswell and Jim Harding. Three present. Deacons recommended.

Pleasant Valley: Delegates, Avery Jewell, Betty Jewell, and Orpha Wheeler. Three present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

Walnut Grove: Delegates, Fay Reed, George Reed and Mary June King. Three present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

Pleasant Ridge: Delegates, Violet Johnson, Bessie Parrott, and Clara Wheeler. Three present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Shiloh: Delegates, Nora Lynch, Albert Holmes, and Claude Huff. Three present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Mt. Zion: Delegates, Ralph Prnce, Viola Crawford, and Issie Pingleton. Two present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates by the hand of fellowship.

Quarterly meeting letter called for.

None present.

Petitionary letter called for.

None present.

Letters from Corresponding Messengers called for.

None present.

Visiting Brothers and Sisters invited into our conference as advisory members.

Moderator asked if there be any vacancy in any of the standing committees.

One in Business Committee and one in Finance Committee.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint someone to fill the vacancies.

Bro. H. C. Crase appointed to fill the vacancy in Business Committee and Bro. Roscoe Mills to fill vacancy in Finance Committee.

At this time the Clerk explained the request made by the State Association, that all local Associations move the time of their sessions back before the third Sunday in August, in order that all reports might be ready before that date. This shall be acted upon during this Conference.

Motion carried to adjourn for 11:00 o'clock services.

Prayer by Bro. Joe Sisk.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opening song: The Last Mile of the Way.

Prayer by Bro. H. C. Crase.

Scripture reading: Matt. 28, 16th, to end of chapter, by Bro. Ernest Harding, followed by Bro. E. E. Hollis.

Text: The Responsibility of the church.

These Brothers stressed the fact that we need to go ye into the Harvest and fulfill the Commission that was given by the Lord.

Closed by an oldtime handshake.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opening song: "I'll Fly Away."

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:1-10, by Bro. George W. Scott.

Prayer by Bro. Keith Johnson.

Moderator takes charge and asks for corresponding letters.

None present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for Moderator. Bro. F. D. Johnson and Bro. Davie N. Combs.

Motion carried that nominations cease and we proceed to elect.

Davie N. Combs elected by majority vote.

Nominations for Assistant Moderator.

F. D. Johnson nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation.

Nominations for Association Clerk.

J. W. King nominated.

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

Nominations for assistant Clerk.

Mrs. J. W. King nominated.

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

Nominations for Associational Treasurer.

D. J. Bowers nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation.

Nominations for Association Statistician.

Howard Bell and Clifton Lee King nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and we proceed to elect.

Howard Bell elected by majority vote.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint all temporary committees.

DENOMINATION

Abner S. Rhoades, George Reed, Albert Holmes.

RELIGION

Fay Reed, Claudia Combs, Irma Jean Braswell.

LITERATURE

J. Willie Jewell, Betty Jewell, Nora Lynch.

SABBATH

Mrs. J. W. Harding, Francis Bell, Claude Huff.

Registration of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks.

MINISTERS

J. E. Rolan

L. R. Wheeler

Davie N. Combs

J. M. Cloven

E. E. Hollis

George W. Scott

Ernest Harding

F. D. Johnson

Joe Sisk

H. C. Crase

Keith Johnson

DEACONS

Howard Bell — Royal Oak J. W. Harding — Royal Oak
Lee Lynch — Shiloh J. P. Wheeler — Pleasant Ridge
J. W. Jewell — Pleasant Ridge N. H. Rhoades — Norman
D. J. Bowers — Mt. Zion Raymond Williams — Royal Oak
R. E. Mills — Oak Grove

CHURCH CLERKS

Lois Peace — Royal Oak Clifton King — Walnut Grove
Elizabeth Holmes — Shiloh Abner Rhoades — Oak Grove

Miscellaneous business called for.

None at this time.

The Divine Committee reports that J. E. Rolan and F. D. Johnson will bring the message for Thursday night.

Moderator appoints Bro. Joe Sisk to conduct a devotional service.

Many soul strring testimonies were given at this time.

Motion carried that we adjourn business until 9:00 o'clock a. m. August 21, 1953.

Prayer by Abner S. Rhoades.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened with singing.

Prayer by Bro. J. M. Cloven.

Services turned to Bros. F. D. Johnson and J. E. Rolan.

Scripture reading, Matthew 7:24.

Text—Hearing and Doing.

Prayer by Bro. Raymond Williams.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opening song, I am Satisfied with Jesus.

Scripture reading: Romans 12:1-6 by Clerk.

Prayer by Bro. Ernest Harding.

Moderator takes charge and calls for reading of By-Laws.

By - Laws read by Assistant Clerk.

Minutes of previous day's business read.

Motion carried that the record be approved.

Moderator calls for letters.

Cotton Creek: Delegates, Marvin Cockman, Jessie Mc-

Ghee and Minnie Payne. Three present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Diles Creek: Delegates, Ethel Copus, Cecil Ehrhardt and Hanford Wilkerson. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Cave Springs: Delegates, Ester Archer, Hallie Norman, and Anna Barton. One present.

Wilderness: Delegates, A. A. Brawley, L. E. Case and Artie Case. One present. Deacons recommended.

Smyrna: Delegates, Susie Watson, Lola Warren, and Auddie Warren. Three present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Oak Grove: Delegates, Laura Mills, Mary Harper, and Abner S. Rhoades. Three present. Deacons recommended.

Dry Creek: Delegates, Johnny Shaw, Myrtle Shaw, and Lovel Roberts. Two present. Deacons recommended.

Piney: Delegates, Evert Combs, Eva Williams, and Alma Overstreet. Two present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

Clifton: Delegates, Noah Hollis, Nola Hollis and Nova Coble. Two present. Deacons recommended.

Bethany: Delegates, Noah Combs, Barbara Combs and Emmie Brewer. Two present. Ministers recommended.

Bailey Chapel: Delegates, George Chronister, Joe Harrison and Evelyn Harrison. Three present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

Motion carried to place letters of Bethany and Bailey Chapel in hands of Credential Committee.

Motion carried to receive remainder of letters and seat the delegates.

Quarterly Conference letter read.

Motion carried that letter be approved and delegates seated in council.

Petitionary letters called for.

One letter received from Thomasville church requesting to be dropped from our records.

Motion carried that we grant request and omit this church from our records as an active member.

Corresponding messengers called for.

One letter received from Mission Association with invitation to send a delegation to their Association.

Motion carried we receive this letter.

Visiting Brothers and Sisters invited into our Council as Advisory members.

The Divine Committee reports that Bros. George W. Scott and H. C. Crase will bring 11:00 o'clock message.

Reports of Delegates to other Associations.

Bro. Keith Johnson reported visiting Union Association at Mountain Grove, Mo., Social Bond Association at Walnut Ridge, Ark., and the Laclede County Association. He reported having a good time in the Lord and that these people were progressing in the work of the Master.

Bro. H. C. Crase reported going to State Association. A wonderful association where he had a wonderful time and experience with God.

Bro. Davie N. Combs reported having a happy time at State meeting and of witnessing two conversions on Thursday night.

Sister Ray Martin reported a day at State Association, a day not forgotten soon.

Motion carried to read letter from Union Association. Nine delegates present.

Motion carried to receive letter and seat delegates as advisory members.

Delegates seated with hand of fellowship.

Motion carried to adjourn for 11:00 o'clock services.

Prayer by Bro. Clifton Wright.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opening song, "I can tell you the Time".

Prayer by Bro. Emory Coble.

Services turned to Bros. George W. Scott and H. C. Crase.

Scripture reading, St. John 5:36 - 40 and 10th chapter and 25th verse.

Subject: Practical Christian Living. A wonderful Message on a Christian life as an effective record.

FRIDAY EVENING

Opening song, "What a Gathering that will be."

Scripture Reading, St. John 1:1-14 by Bro. George W. Scott.

Prayer by Bro. Virgil Bandy of Union Association.

Report of Credential Committee read.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Motion carried to receive remainder of Bethany and Bailey Chapel letters and seat their delegates with hand of fellowship.

Evangelist report read.

Motion carried to accept report.

Treasurers report read.

Motion carried to accept report.

Ministers reports called for.

Motion carried to omit reading Ministers reports.

Motion carried to have ministers report blanks fixed to report all ministers yearly work.

Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks.

MINISTERS

S. D. Johnson

Jesse H. Duncan

Grover J. Pingleton

A. L. McGhee

I. E. Vaughn

C. A. Dodson

VISITING MINISTERS

S. W. Bell, Alton, Mo.

C. H. Williams, Myrtle, Mo.

DEACONS

Clifton Wright, Smyrna

Emory Coble, Clifton

L. A. Boze, Bailey Chapel

Roy Hollis, Pleasant Ridge

Willie Combs, Bethany

Ray Simpson, Wilderness

J. W. King, Walnut Grove

Will Combs Cotton Creek

Roy Martin, Garfield

M. E. Williams, Piney

Johnnie Shaw, Dry Creek

Roy Wiisehart, Mill Creek

Ralph Payne, Cotton Creek

Wallace Strain, Piney

VISITING DEACONS

Lonnie Bailey, Union Association

Virgil Bandy, Union Association

Willie Leighty, Union Association

CLERKS

Rose Cockman, Garfield

Noah U. Combs, Bethany

Georgia Crowder, Piney

Betsy Carter, Smyrna

Dollie Combs, Cave Springs

Minnie Payne, Cotton Creek

Floy Chronister, Bailey Chapel

Ray Simpson, Wilderness

Nova Coble, Clifton

Arlie Hays, Pleasant Hill

VISITING CLERKS

John N. Pryor, Clerk of Union Association

Emma Pryor, Assistant Clerk of Union Association

Obituary Committee report read.

Motion carried to receive the report with those passing since July 1st, 1953 to go in the 1954 report. This report to be printed in Minutes.

Services turned to Bro. I. E. Vaughn for a service in memory of the passing of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Song, "Precious Memories."

House called to a moment of silent prayer.

Scripture reading, Psalms 23

Bro. Vaughn brought a message on the "Lot we owe our forefathers for erecting altars in their homes and teaching Christ to their children."

Discussion of changing the time of the setting of this Association.

Motion carried to place changing of time of meeting of Association in hands of Business Committee to bring before Conference later in this session.

Motion carried to table reports until Saturday morning August 22, 1953.

Prayer by Bro. S. D. Johnson.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Bro. F. D. Johnson,

Scripture Lesson, Christ Come to Save the Lost.

In closing an invitation was given to the lost, and everyone was called together in an old fashioned handshake in which the Spirit of the Lord was manifest.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opening song, "I'm going that Way."

Scripture reading, Psalms 17:1-9.

Prayer by Bro. H. C. Crase.

By - Laws read by Assistant Clerk.

Minutes of previous days work read.

Motion carried to approve minutes.

Committee reports called for.

Sabbath committee report read.

Motion carried to receive report.

Temperance Committee report read.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Motion carried to release temporary committees and commend them for their good work.

Bro. Howard Bell requested conference to permit clerk to add the amount of minute money to Quarterly conference letter.

Motion carried that this request be granted.

Motion carried that moderator appoint to fill temporary vacancy in Business committee.

Bro. E. E. Simpson appointed.

Motion carried that moderator appoint someone to fill a five year term on Mission Board.

Rev. Keith Johnson appointed for a five year term.

Nominations for five to make up Business Committee called for.

Rev. George W. Scott, I. E. Vaughn, Clarence Dodson, E. E. Simpson and F. D. Johnson nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation.

Nominations for ordination council called for.

George W. Scott, Keith Johnson and Sam Johnson nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and proceed to elect.
Nominations for Obituary Committee called for.
Floy Chronister, Inez Martin and Elizabeth Holmes
nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and proceed to elect.
Nominations for Finance Committee declared in order.
Roscoe Mills, Raymond Williams, and J. W. Harding
nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and proceed to elect.
Divine Committee reports that Rev. C. A. Dodson and
Davie N. Combs will bring the message at 11:00 o'clock.
Prayer by I. E. Vaughn.

1:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opening song, "Must Jesus bear the Cross Alone."
Prayer by Bro. Lyle Dodson.
Services turned to Bro. C. A. Dodson and Bro. Davie
N. Combs.

Scripture lesson, Psalms 27:7 and Leviticus, 17-11.
A message of food to our souls, bringing out that we
must come submissive to God's will and be washed in the
atoning blood of the Lamb.
- An old fashioned handshake.

SATURDAY EVENING

Opening song.
Scripture reading, St. Matthew 4:1-11 by Bro. George
W. Scott.

Motion carried for Moderator to appoint to fill vacancy
in Ordination Council.

Bro. Keith Johnson appointed.

Statistical report read.

Motion carried to accept Statistical report with the
corrections and commend Bro. Howard Bell for his work.

Volunteers called for delegates to State Association to
be held with New Harmony church at Green Top, Mo.

Bro. and Sister Elba Harbison volunteered.

Motion carried to give those who go, permission to
place names of others from this body, on letters as dele-
gates.

Volunteers called for, for delegates to Mission Association to be held with Wolf Creek church at Mansfield, Mo.

Bro. and Sister George W. Scott, Bro. C. A. Dodson and Bro. Sam Bell volunteered.

Motion carried to give delegates from this body to any other religious body, permission to add names of others going from this body as delegates.

Volunteers called for, for delegates to go to Union Association when convened with the Oak Grove church at Norwood, Mo.

Bros. S. D. Johnson, Millard Cloven, and J. W. Harding volunteered.

Business Committee report.

ITEM I read.

Motion carried we adopt this item.

ITEM II read.

Motion carried we adopt this resolution.

ITEM III read.

Motion carried we adopt this item.

Motion carried to leave business committee as is this year and begin next year with Item III as read.

Report of Ordaining council read.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Smyrna Church chosen as meeting place of our annual association starting on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Bro. Dave Bowers reports for Bro. Rufus Atkinson also read an acknowledgement card from the Orphans home in Tennessee.

Motion carried to accept report as given.

Motion carried that Bro. Abner Rhoades read his report on Temperance.

Motion carried to elect an Evangelist for coming year.

Bro. Claude Bryant elected by majority vote as Associational Evangelist.

Motion carried we render our heartfelt thanks to this church and community for their hospitality shown to us during this meeting.

Motion carried to guarantee our evangelist five dollars per day during revival services.

Bro. George W. Scott elected to preach Memorial sermon next year.

Bro. Davie N. Combs and Bro. C. A. Dodson elected to preach introductory sermon at next meeting.

Motion carried to proceed with ordinations and to be adjourned until time and place of next meeting.

Closing prayer by Bro. George W. Scott.

PETITIONARY LETTER

To the Moderator and all delegates to the annual conference of the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptists: Greetings, and Gods richest blessings be upon all.

This is to notify you that on November 2, 1952, the Thomasville Freewill Baptist church at Thomasville, Mo., was disbanded by unanimous vote.

May your Association and all churches in it continue to prosper and grow in spiritual grace, and love of all things that belong to God, is the sincere prayer of all.

Maggie Lockhart, Clerk Thomasville, Mo.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ITEM I

We, the Business Committee submit the following report in regard to giving Bro. Sam Bell and C. H. Williams their Yearly Certificates.

We feel that we cannot give them their yearly certificate until they are restored to this body.

Davie N. Combs

E. E. Simpson

E. E. Simpson

S. D. Johnson

H. C. Crase

ITEM II

We, the Business Committee beg to submit the following resolution. That we change the time of our yearly as-

sociation to start on Tsursday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Davie N. Combs
H. C. Crase
E. E. Simpson

Ernest Harding
S. D. Johnson

ITEM III

We, your Committee wish to submit the following; That we appoint our Business Committeemen for a term of one, two, three, four and five years, with one being appointed each year for a term of five years.

Ernest Harding
E. E. Simpson
Davie N. Combs

S. D. Johnson
H. C. Crase

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council have examined Leoid Case and fohnd him worthy to be ordained as a deacon.

G. J. Pingleton
Keith Johnson

E. E. Simpson

We; the ordaining council examined Bro. Ward Brewer concerning his calling and faith and find him worthy of license to preach the gospel for one year.

E. E. Simpson
Keith Johnson

G. J. Pingleton

EVANGELISTIC REPORT

I supplied at Bonds three months for Bro. Terry and tmo months at Norman for Bro. Pingleton one-half time each place, and part time at Dry Creek for Bro. Blanken-ship most of the year.

I have visited 14 of our churches. I have been in five revivals, a total of 62 nights of services. I received \$126.31 from the revivals, I have traveled 4439 miles and preached 152 sermons. I received \$71.07 from the Association.

F. D. Johnson, Evangelist

REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Printing Committee caused to be printed four hundred (400) copies of Associational minutes at a cost of

forty-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$49.98).

N. H. Rhoades

Joe Siisk

J. W. King

LITERATURE REPORT

We, your committee on literature wish to make our report. We, as your Committee think there is no literature like the Bible for all other literature is written by man, and our Bible is God's Holy Word and should be taught and read in every home, and Bible stories of Jesus should be taught to young children until they can read the Bible for themselves.

J. W. Jewell

Nora Lynch

CREDENTIAL REPORT

We, your Credential committee recommend that Rev. Sam Bell and C. H. Williams be referred to the Business Committee for restoration of credentials and rest of letter be received.

G. J. Pingleton

Ernest Harding

J. M. Cloven

We, your Credential committee wish to report favorably on Bro. Elmer Pingleton as he has joined the Bailey Chapel church and is working. We have not contacted Bro. Luther Sutton.

J. M. Cloven

G. J. Pingleton

Ernest Harding

REPORT OF DENOMINATION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on denomination present the following with what we gather from the past records and what we observe the denomination of Freewill Baptist is in normal condition. Have built some new buildings and repaired others, but could be quite a bit more spent for the glory of God and His cause. Preachers, Deacons and lay members need to watch and pray daily that we be able to let our light shine that others may see our good works and

glorify God with us. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of Temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. Wherefore the rather, brethern give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

We, your committee request our denomination as brothers and sisters in Christ to join in prayer each morning that there may be a great ingathering of souls in Gods kingdom.

Abner S. Rhoades
Albert Holmes

George F. Reed

RELIGION REPORT

We, the committee on Religion submit the following report. We think the church members of today should be more prompt and faithful in attending all religious gatherings. Be more powerful and live our daily life that our influence might reach out to some lost souls.

Claudie Combs
Fay Reed

Jean Braswell

SABBATH REPORT

We, the committee on Sabbath read in the word of God that in the beginning He worked six days and rested the seventh. The seventh day was called Sabbath. We also read in His word that while Chriist was here on earth He was always found on the Sabbath day, teaching in the synagogueson to a gathering of people. He left an example for us always to rest on the Sabbath, to teach or study His Word in that way we might help spread the Gospel.

Frances Bell

Florence Harding

Claude Huff

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We agree that Christians should abstain from the use use and sale of intoxicating beverages. We suggest that we have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

J. E. Rolan

A. L. McGhee
Keith Johnson

FINANCE REPORT

We, your committee on Finance have received the following amounts for local and state minutes.

	Local	State
Bethany	\$ 1.70	
Clifton	1.50	.50
Dials Creek	1.50	
Garfield	3.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	2.00	1.00
Mill Creek	5.00	1.00
Dry Creek	1.00	1.00
Bailey Chapel	2.00	.83
Smyrna	3.00	
Cotton Creek	2.00	
Piney	1.56	.50
Norman	2.30	1.15
Walnut Grove	3.00	2.00
Shiloh	2.50	
Pleasant Valley	1.31	.65
Royal Oak	1.50	.50
Oak Grove	3.00	.50
Pleasant Ridge	2.75	1.25
Cave Spring	2.10	
Mt. Zion	2.75	1.00
Wilderness	3.50	
	\$48.97	\$12.88

Raymond Williams

Roscoe Mills

TREASURES REPORT

Balance carried forward at end of Association.....	\$55.64
Deposits made	230.75
Checked out for Foreign Mission	42.00
Orphans Home	42.00
N. H. Rhoades	10.00
Marie Hyott, State Minutes	15.70
Thayer News, Local Minutes	49.98
Total check out	159.68
Paid Evangelist	71.07
Balance on Hand	1.07
Due Evangelist	113.69

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Obituaries submit the following report. Whereas it has pleased the Heavenly Father to call from labor to their reward since our last association the following brethern and sisters. They are greatly missed in our churches and homes. We submit our will to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

DECEASED

Darcus Wilma McDonald — Libeerty
 Cora Bell Frey — Cotton Creek
 Lila Virginia Barton — Oak Grove
 Margaret Bettis — Pleasant Ridge
 Ella Lee Nivess — Smyrna
 Lizzie Baker — Pleasant Ridge
 James McGhee — Piney
 Lem Simpson — Bailey Chapel
 John William Cypret — Cotton Creek
 James Barton — Cave Springs
 Fredrick Tusher — Smyrna
 Lewis Breeden — Smyrna

JAMES AMBROSE BARTON

James Ambrose Barton, son of the late John and Fountie Barton, was born in Oregon County July 22, 1865, and departed this life February 14, 1953 at the age of 87 years, 6 months and 23 days.

He was united in marriage to Marteely Orlean Custer July 31, 1884 and to this union ten children were born: Elmer Barton, Everett Barton, one infant son and his wife preceded him in death.

On April 24, 1941 he was married to Mrs. Mollie Barton of Alton, Mo. Besides his wife he is survived by three sons and two daughters, Lee Barton of Humbolt, Kansas,, Clarence Barton, of Mansfield, Mo., and Silas Barton, Allie Couch and Dollie Combs of Alton, Mo., and one half-sister, Mary DePriest, of Granite City, Ill. Also surviving are 4 stepsons and five stepdaughters, 25 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

He was converted and joined the Freewill Baptist Church at Cave Spring of which he remained an active member and Deacon until health prevented him from attending church.

Services were held Monday, February 16, at 2:00 o'clock at the Cave Spring Church conducted by Rev. Davie Combs, assisted by Rev. Eddie Vaughn. Burial in the Cave Spring cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were, Paul Barton, William Barton, Herbert Barton, Marvin Barton, Carl Barton, Don Barton.

Flower girls were, Mrs. Herbert Barton, Elsie V. Herbold, Norma Jean Barton, Wanda Sue Combs, Mrs. Joe L. Barton, Wanda Sue Barton and Mary Ann Barton, Mrs. Dwain Sikes and Collean Couch.

JOHN WILLIAM CYPRET

John William Cypret, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cypret of Oregon county, Mo., was born January 18, 1863, and departed this life December 14, 1952 at the age of 89 years, ten months and 26 days.

He was married to Martha A. Robinson in the year of our Lord, 1880. She departed this life April 4, 1929. To this union 3 children were born. Two preceded him in death, Maud Cypret and Ella Storms.

He was united in marriage to Mary L. Dunham June 29, 1932, who witnessed his passing. He has been a faithful companion and a loving father and was loved by all who knew him.

He was converted in early life, became a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and was faithful until death.

He leaves to mourn his passing a companion, son, Johnnie Cypret; two half-brothers, Pierce Cypret of Myrtle, and A. F. Cypret of Alton; two half-sisters Lou Lance and Lura Hollis both of Alton and three step-daughters, Mrs. Nettie Wilkerson of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Della Brewer of Thayer, Mo. and Mrs. Ozella Combs of Myrtle, Mo.

He is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 78 great grandchildren, 37 great great grandchildren and 7 step-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. We feel sure that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Services were held Tuesday, December 16th at 11:00 a. m. at Cotton Creek conducted by Rev. H. C. Crase. Burial in Cotton Creek Cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Carl Deckard, Glen Wheeled, Paul Bears, Alonzo Wilkerson, Herbert Cypret and Sherman Dunham.

LEM SIMPSON DIES

Lemuel Wright Simpson, son of Wright and Samantha (Cates) Simpson, was born October 7, 1881, in the Bailey Chapel community and departed this life at his farm home March 14, 1953 at 7:10 a. m. being at this time 71 years, 5 months and seven days of age.

He was married to Meekie Hooper January 18, 1903 and to this union twelve children were born; two children, a daughter, Eva, and a son Tommie, preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Meekie Simpson, and ten children Mrs. Mae Huddleston, St. Louis; Cecil W. Simpson, La Junta, Colo.; Mrs. Verna Crews, St. Louis; Mrs. Marylee Sisco, Alton; Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald, Overland, Mo.; Ralph Simpson, St. Louis; Mrs. Louise Barton, St. Louis; Loyd E. Simpson, St. Louis; Mrs. Lorene Dodson, Alton; Mrs. Dorothy Boze, Eureka, Mo. Two sisters, Mrs. Betty Turner and Mrs. Virgie Butler, Alton; two half-brothers, Sol and Lewis, of Alton; two half-sisters, Mrs. Ruth Florea, Alton; Mrs. Austn Hopper, West Plains, Mo.; 22 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

His father and mother, five sisters, and three brothers preceded him in death. They were, Rosa Simpson, Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Mrs. R. D. Ollar, Mrs. Esther Burkhead, Mrs. Sally Brawley, S. M. (Bud) Simpson, Tom Simpson; and one half brother, William Isaac Simpson.*

As a boy he grew to manhood in the Bailey Chapel community where he married and engaged in farming.

In 1903, the family moved to Alton, Mo., where he became a US mail carrier (for several years) between Alton and Thayer. Later he operated a Livery barn and Blacksmith shop in Alton.

In 1915, the family moved to La Junta, Colo., where Lem, as he was known to his many friends, obtained a position as A. T. and S. F. Store Department Crane operator. He continued in this work for fifteen years.

In 1930, the family moved back to Oregon county, and it was at his farm home, two miles north of Bailey Chapel, that he suffered a stroke about noon Thursday, March 12, as he sat reading his Bible. As his condition was critical the children were summoned and all were at his bedside when the end came. All was done for him that medical science and loving hands could do.

He made his confession to Christ, in early manhood, and affiliated himself with the Freewill Baptist church at Bailey Chapel, when it was organized in 1938, remaining a

faithful member until God called him home.

The world is brighter for his having been a part of it for so many years, and we who knew him look forward to meeting him again in that place where all tears shall be wiped away and there will be no heartache, pain, or death.

Rev. Elmer Hodges, a life long friend of the deceased, conducted the funeral services (by previous request of the deceased) assisted by Rev. C. A. Dodson at Bailey Church.

He was laid to rest in the Bailey Cemetery, Monday, March 16, at 2:00 p. m., in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends.

Burial was made under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased, Robert Key, James Wiggs, Oglesby Simpson, Warren Simpson, Daniel Max Simpson and Charley Nicholas.

JAMES MARION MCGHEE

Rev. James Marion, son of Elige and Nancy McGhee, was born in Oregon county near Jobe, June 1, 1872 and departed this life February 9, 1953 at the age of 80 years, 8 months and 8 days at his home near Myrtle.

He was united in marriage to Mary Combs November 22, 1889 and to this union six children were born. His wife preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his departure one daughter, Etta Rodgers of Pocahontas, Ark., two sons, Wess and Allie McGhee of Myrtle, Mo., and one brother, Bill McGhee of Myrtle, Mo. He leaves 22 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren and one great grandchild and a host of relatives and friends.

He was converted and baptised at the age of 18 years and united with the Freewill Baptist church at Piney, where he was a member at the time of his death. Some 19 or 20 years later, he began preaching the Gospel of his Lord and Savior. About this time he lost his eyesight, yet it did not weaken his faith in the Lord. His wife took him many miles in a buggy over Oregon County and the north

ern part of Arkansas to preach the Gospel. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Services were held Thursday, February 10, at 2:00 p. m. at Cotton Creek conducted by Rev. Jesse Dunkin and Rev. Davie Combs. Burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were, Ralph McGhee, Carl McGhee, Gene McGhee, Rathell McGhee, Jim McGhee and Noah Rogers.

ELLA LEE NIVENS

Ella Lee Nivens was born September 4, 1880 near Alton, Mo., and died November 11, 1952 at her home at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 7 days.

She was converted and joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church at a very early age. Later she joined the Symrna Freewill Baptist church, where she lived a consistent Christian life until her departure.

She was united in marriage to Arthur Nivens February 10, 1904, and to this union were born three children. Bessie Helen Nivens preceded her in death. Mrs. Clarence Watson of St. Louis, and Mrs. Alfred Harding of Alton both survive. Also surviving are her husband, two grandchildren, one great grandchild, one brother, Elmer Hodges of Alton, Mo., three sisters, Mrs. J. H. McKinney, Royalty, Texas; Mrs. Irvin McKinney, Liberty, Mo., and Mrs. Etta Jackson, Alton, Mo.

Two sisters, Effie Hodges and Mrs. Lee Jackson preceded her in death, and also one brother who died in infancy.

She lived near Alton her entire life and will be sadly missed by all those who knew her.

Funeral services were held at the Hickory Grove Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon, November 13, with Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. C. A. Dodson officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Grove Cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were, J. E. Anderson, Loyd Millsap, Clarence Huddleston, Robert Carter, Mason Watson and Harold Key.

DORCUS WILMA McDONALD

Dorcus Wilma McDonald, daughter of Pruda and the late Marion Wilson Patterson was born May 30, in the year of our Lord 1910, in Oregon County, Mo., and departed this life August 22, 1952 at the age of 42 years 2 months and 23 days. She was converted and joined the Freewill Baptist Church in 1926 at the age of 17 years. She has been a regular attendant and faithful worker for our Lord.

She was united in marriage November 19, 1941 to J. D. McDonald. Surviving her are her husband, J. D. McDonald one son and two daughters, Melba Pender of the home, Sue Fagan of Gatewood, Missouri and Joe McDonald of the home, her mother, Pruda Patterson of Gatewood, Mo., four brothers, Roy Patterson and Lois Patterson of Gatewood, Mo., Marie Patterson of Hornerville, Missouri and Lawrence Patterson of Doniphan, Missouri, and a host of friends and relatives.

Preceding her in death is an infant daughter, Sammy Lane Pender, her father, M. W. Patterson.

She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. Our loss is heavens gain.

Brother Hovey William officiated and funeral arrangement were under the direction of the McNabb Funeral Home of Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Pallbearers: Carter Patterson, Hulan Patterson, Bud Miller, Howard Crook, G. C. Ferniman and Page Hackworth.

LIZZIE COUNSINS BAKER

Lizzie Cousins Baker, daughter of William and Catherine Cousins, was born December 2, 1866, near Thayer, Mo., and departed this life January 12, 1953, in a Memphis, Tenn. hospital at the age of 86 years, 1 month and 10 days.

She was married to Earnest Baker and lived in Oregon County most of her life, going to Memphis about six years ago.

She is survived by one foster son, James A. Baker of

Memphis, Tenn., two brothers, George Cousins of Alton and Charles Cousins of Thayer; one sister Martha Ann Hollis of Alton, and several nephews and nieces. Her husband preceded her in death August 14, 1945; also one sister, Sarah Hollis and two brothers, Daniel and Hiram Cousins preceded her in death.

She was converted and united with the Freewill Baptist Church of Pleasant Ridge where she remained a member until her death.

Funeral services were held at Cave Spring Wednesday, January 14, by Rev. Elza Simpson and Finis Johnson under the direction of Carter Funeral Home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were her nephews, Ray and Don Hollis, Edgar and Osro Hooper, Woodrow Hooper and Atril Cousins.

FREDRICK R. TUSHER

Fredrick R. Tusher was born in Piedmont, Mo., April 20, 1878 and died at his home in Alton, Mo., Thursday, at 11:00 a. m., June 18, 1953, at the age of 75 years, 1 month and 28 days.

He was married to Hattie Kenworthy. To this union nine children were born. She preceded him in death April 16, 1926 and on December 27, 1928 he was married to Mrs. Emma Warren. Two sons preceded him in death. Claud G., died Seeptember 8, 1911 and Uel died on January 26, 1931.

He was converted and baptized in 1938 and joined the Smyrna Freewill Baptist Church. He lived a devoted christian until death.

He lived his entire life in Oregon county and for many years lived on a farm on Spring Creek and also on a farm in the Smyrna community before moving to Alton, Mo., in 1943.

He had been in poor health for the past year with a heart ailment. He bore his suffering with patience, never complaining.

Besides his wife he is survived by four sons, Clyde of

Klamath Falls, Oregon; Howard and Wayne of Granite, Ill.; Frank of Kansas City, Mo. Three daughters, Mrs. Beulah Deckard of Ferguson, Mo.; Mrs. Golda Chestnut of Granite City, Ill.; Mrs. Pearl Sifford of Kansas City, Mo. Four step sons, Harley Warren of Denver, Colo.; Raymond Warren of Rover, Mo.; Cecil Warren of Charleston, Mo.; Loyd Warren of St. Louis, Mo. One step-daughter, Mrs. Madge Purkepile, of Portland, Oregon. Two brothers, Ed of Portland, Oregon; Frank of Klamath Falls, Oregon; five grand children, Joseph Floyd Deckard, Gulfport, Miss.; Mrs. Bertha Mae Barton and Sherman Tusher of St. Louis; Earl Chesnut of Granite City, Ill. and Barbara Ann Sifford of Kansas City, Mo. Also three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, 2:30 p. m. at the Hickory Grove Church with Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. R. C. Pickney both of Alton. Pallbearers were three grandsons, Joseph Floyd Deckard, Earl Chesnut and Sherman Tusher and three step-sons: Raymond Warren and Loyd Warren.

Burial in Hickory Grove cemetery under the direction of Clary Funeral Home of Alton. All relatives attended the funeral except his two brothers, three great grandchildren and the step-daughter.

CORA BELL FREY

Cora Bell Frey, daughter of Tom and Mary Ann Reed, was born at Myrtle, Mo., Sept. 22, 1890 and passed away at her home in Myrtle, Mo. April 23, 1953. Age 62 years, 7 months and one day.

In 1910 she was united in marriage to Cheesley Brewer who preceded her in death about 1920. To this union five children were born.

In December, 1921, she was married to Wiley Frey who survives her besides her husband she is survived by three son, Ralph Brewer, Myrtle, Mo.; Kenneth Brewer, Pocahontas, Ark.; Raymond Brewer, somewhere in Michigan. Two daughter, Mrs. Vida Fletcher, Gatewood, Mo.; Mrs. Vala

Dunkin, Hematite, Mo. One brother, Wm. Reed, Fontana, California. Five half brothers, Everett Reed, Thayer, Mo.; Wade Reed, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. Reed, Pocahontas, Ark.; Homer Reed, St. Louis, Mo. One half sister, Mrs. Nola Vaughn, Terryville, Calif. One uncle, Andrew Looney, Okla. City, Okla. One aunt, Mrs. Leah McDonald, Albion, Mich. Several cousins and a host of friends.

In young womanhood she was converted and joined the Cotton Creek Free-Will Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful member until death.

Her illness was long and painful, but she bore it with such patience and sweetness she won the hearts of all who attended her.

She was a good wife, mother and friend. Earth has lost a precious one, but Earth's loss is Heavens gain.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, April 26, 1953 at Cotton Creek Church, with the Rev. Eddie Vaughn and Rev. Wm. Hill, officiating. She was laid to rest in the Cotton Creek Cemetery, under the direction of the McNabb Funeral Home of Pocahontas, Ark.

The Pallbearers were Al McGhee, Ralph Payne, Marvin Cockman, Charley Williams, Albert Wilkerson and Manuel Dunkin.

MRS. W. C. BARTON

Mary Lila Virginia Standley Barton, daughter of the late Milo and Carline Standley, was born June 28, 1898, near Couch, Mo. and passed away after a lingering illness in a Springfield, Mo. hospital September 19, 1952.

She was married to W. C. Barton August 18, 1916. To this union 7 children were born. One daughter died in infancy.

She was converted at the age of 16 in the Freewill Baptist Church in Oregon County.

She was a very devoted wife and mother and will be missed by her family and friends.

Mrs. Barton with her husband moved to Mansfield in 1932 and have operated a cafe for the past 20 years. Her

friendly disposition made her many friends.

Mrs. Barton is survived by her husband, W. C. Barton; 3 sons, Eucla and Shelby Barton of St. Louis, Mo.; Hubert of Mtn. Grove, Mo.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Curtis Manis of the home, Mrs. Dwain Sikes of Seymor, Mo.; Mrs. Verness Shull of Detroit, Mich.; 4 brothers, Richard and Howard Standley of Gray, Ind.; Robert Standley of Des Moines, Ia.; 1 sister, Bertha Gertrude Jones of Des Moines, Ia.; 1 half sister, Mrs. Fatie Grooms of Couch, Mo.; 2 half brothers, George Standley of California and John Standley of West Plains, Mo.; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at First Baptist Church in Mansfield at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, September 21 by the Rev. Jordon Bogart. Burial in Greenlawn cemetery under the direction of Kelly-Ferrel-Bergman Funeral Home of Mansfield, Missouri.

JAMES LEWIS BREEDEN

James Lewis Breeden, born July 25, 1881, and departed this life June 19, 1953 at 3:30 p. m. at his home 3½ miles north of Alton in the Smyrna Community, at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 25 days.

He has been in failing health for several years but had been critically ill since May 7, 1953.

He was converted at the age of 56 years and united with the Freewill Baptist Church of Smrna near Alton, Mo. He lived a faithful Christian life and always enjoyed his neighbors and friends.. He loved his family and was always wanting his children around him.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, 6 children: Robert and Charlie of St. Louis, Mo.; Lewis of near Rover, Mo.; Lois of Alton and Hettie and Zettie who live near his home. Two girls, Nettie at the age of 19 years, and Ruby at the age of 38 yeears preceded him in death. He also leaves 23 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held Monday, June 22nd, at 2:00 at Smyrna, conducted by Rev. Finis Johnson and Rev. Elza

Simpson. Burial in Smyrna Cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home.

Grandsons served as pallbearers: Calvin Breeden, Charles Breeden, Charles, Genther, Charles Quick, Kenneth Turnbough, Earl Miller.

MARGARET NANCE

Margaret Nance, daughter of Jo Ann and William Nance, was born in Oregon County near Alton, Mo., April 8, 1896 and departed this life August 27, 1952 at the age of 56 years. She was married to Joe Bettis in May 1913. To this union 10 children were born, one having preceded her in death several years ago.

Those surviving are her husband, Joe Bettis, six sons, Clarence and Don of Madison, Illinois, Howard of Pasco, Washington, Arthur and Ted of Alton, Missouri, and Clifford of the home, three daughters, Pauline Johnson, Ida Turner and Opal Johnson all of Alton, Missouri. Twenty-six grandchildren. She is also survived by 2 brothers, Will and Charlie Nance of Tulsa, Okla., 2 half brothers, Perry Nance of Washington and Epter Nance of Leper, Mo.; one half sister, Emma Hufstедler of Alton, Mo. and many other relatives and friends who will sadly miss her presence.

She was converted several years ago and united with the Freewill Baptist Church at Antioh. She was a loving, kind and patient wife, mother and sister, a kind helpful neighbor and friend to all those who knew her.

Services were held Sunday, August 31st, at 2:00 p. m. at Bailey Chapel with Rev. C. N. Johnson officiating.

Interment in Baily Cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Lloyd Wilburn, Floyd Wilburn, Bill Vance, Jess Hopper, Dorrs Dunigan and Doyle Hollis.

STANDING COMMITTEES

MISSION BOARD Term Expires

J. E. Rolan	1954
Clifton Wright	1955
Rufus Atkinson	1956
Ernest Harding	1957
Keith Johnson	1958

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

George W. Scott	E. E. Simpson	Clarence Dodson
I. E. Vaughn		F. D. Johnson

ORDAINING COUNCIL

George W. Scott	Keith Johnson	Sam Johnson
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OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Floy Chronister	Inez Martin	Elizabeth Holmes
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Roscoe Mills	Raymond Williams	J. W. Harding
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PRINTING COMMITTEE

J. W. King	N. H. Rhoades	June King
D. J. Bowers	J. M. Cloven	

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Grover Pingleton	Roy Martin	I. E. Vaughn
Nolan Johnson		Howard Bell

VCREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sam Johnson	Millard Cloven	Ernest Harding
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DOCTRINE COMMITTEE

S. D. Johnson	Homer Johnson	J. M. Cloven
	Elected in 1949	

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. 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
Rev. James McGhee

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.

PINEY CHURCH

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

LIBERTY CHURCH

Organized September 21, 1921, with 9 members, by
Organized September 25, 1921, with 9 members, by
Rev. J. R. W. Harbison, Rev. John Combs, Rev. James Mc-
Ghee 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 23, 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.

PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH

Organized May 28, 1933 by Rev. E. E. Simpson, Nath Combs, W. M. Johnson and Elmer Hodges 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.

BAILEY CHAPEL CHURCH

Organized August 28, 1938, by Rev. E. E. Simpson, Rev. C. A. Dodson and Rev. Elmer Hodges, with 55 members.

bers and John Nicholas, W. M. Hudleston and Elgin Williams as deacons.

MILL CREEK CHURCH

Organized in October, 1903; Levi Taylor and Henry Wisehart were elected 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 membris. Dave Bowers and C. A. Harrison as deacons.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

Organized in June 1940, by Rev. B. H. Woodring, J. E. Rolen 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, Billie Rogers, and Fred Dodson; organized with 22 members and Edd Rogers and Noah Hollis as deacons.

DILES CREEK CHURCH

Organized August 14, 1927, by J. H. McGehee and Billie Rogers, with seven members. J. A. Evans and S. P. Scott were elected as Deacons. This Church later dropped out of the Conference and was reinstated August 9, 1947 by Harry H. Beatty and Davie N. Combs assisted by Deacons R. L. Campbell and Rufus Evans. Wilbur Jenkins and Millard Ehrhardt were elected Deacons at this time.

DRY CREEK CHURCH

Organized Sept. 10, 1950, by Virgil Blankenship, F. D. Johnson, J. M. Cloven, E. E. Simpson, S. D. Johnson and Cleo Barton. There were thirteen members and L. A. Roberts elected as Deacon, and Roxie Sisk as church clerk.

CLIFTON CHURCH

Organized June 23, 1949, by Billie Rogers, F. D. John-

son and E. E. Simpson. There were 15 members and Billie Rogers was elected Pastor, Nova Coble, Church clerk, Billie Joe Lovelace, Treasurer; Elmer Coble, deacon. One month later Paul Caldwell was elected and ordained as a Deacon.

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.
6. Petitionary Letters.
7. Letters from Corresponding Messengers.
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 of 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 Minister's Reports.
34. The Treasurer's 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.
52. Ordaining Counsel proceeds with their work.
55. The setting of place for the next meeting.
56. Other things that may come before the body.
54. 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 2—This Conference shall elect or (cause to be appointed) a standing committee composed of three (3) members. Their duty shall be to examine, pass upon or recommend suitable action to the Conference, on all Credentials referred to them by the Conference or by the Business committee of the conference.

ARTICLE 1—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 messenger 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 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 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 Scriptures 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 intelli-

gent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

CHRIST—Christ in God manifest in the flesh, in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Scriptures assign the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the Constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN — Man was created innocent but by his 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 all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation.

THE TERMS OF SALVATION—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty reunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved comital 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 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 grace, preserve in holiness to the end of life, have 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 communication 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 grace to love and obey Him in all things to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge

of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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.

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 and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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 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	Conversions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Rec'd. for my labor	Churches Visited	Appointments Fulfilled	Marriages Solemnized	Funerals preached
Finis D. Johnson	125	3,760	2	4	\$234.92	14	all	2	4		
I. E. Vaughn	2	20	1,500	3	194.57	10	all		4		
S. D. Johnson	2	8		4	417.83	2	44				
Earnest Harding	2	18	4,217	2	3	8	384.06	15	all		
A. L. McGhee		36	300	2	15		33.40	10	36		
Jesse H. Dunkin	1		1,000	10	4	5	115.96	2	20		1
Clarence Dodson	1	25	950	15	11	11	396.69	2	12	2	4
H. C. Crase		20	100				5.00		10		5
William J. Hill	1		7,000	7	21		2270.00		all		2
Elmer Hodges		8	130		3		16.00	5	5		3
Joseph N. Cloven	2	8	2,474	1	7		63.60	22	30	1	
E. E. Hollis	2	12			2		117.15	5	all		
Grover Terry	2	18	3,320	1	14	15	110.42	9			1
Joe Sisk	1	55			6		95.00				
Davie N. Combs	1	30	6,160	6	12	11	534.50	3			14
L. R. Wheeler		22	252				13.00	2	22		
Keith Johnson	2	47	2,400				249.80	5	98		
J. E. Rolan		26	174		3		18.45	4	all		
W. E. McGhee		10			12		5.25		3		
Millard Ehrhardt	1	35	710	4	6	7	76.45	7			
E. E. Simpson	3	2	2,050	4	2	7	601.20		all		5
Grover J. Pingleton	1	25	11,740	6	6	7	202.97	11		1	
Virgil Blankenship			No report								
Roy Crook			No report								
Bill Brewer			No report								
Herman Garrison			No report								

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.	16	13	1	1				29	1 4
DIALS CREEK	E. E. Hollis, Thayer, Mo.	C. R. Romberger, Myrtle Mo	38	10	2					48	1 3
ROYAL OAK	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Lois Peace, R 3, Alton, Mo	42	50	4	2				94	124
WALNUT GROVE	Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	Clifton King, Myrtle Mo	64	17	6	4	4			83	full
SMYRNA	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Betty Cartee, Alton, Mo	72	30	4	4		3	3	102	1 3
OAK GROVE	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Abner S. Rhoades, Couch, Mo.	26	4	1	1				30	2 4
NORMAN	Keith Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Inis Roberts, Alton, Mo.	62	28						91	1 2
GARFIELD	Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	Rose Cockman, R 1, Couch Mo	55	12	1	1				67	1 3
WILDERNESS	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Ray Simpson, Wilderness, Mo	34	34	4	4				68	4
MILL CREEK	George W. Scott, Myrtle, Mo.	Geneva Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo.	96	58	3	1	4			154	full
PINEY	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Georgia Crowder, Couch, Mo.	33	11			1		1	44	3
PLEASANT RIDGE	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Agnes Dow, Alton, Mo.	62	45			7			107	2 4
CLIFTON	Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	Nova Coble, Thayer, Mo.	17		2					17	1 3
LIBERTY	Keith Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Sina Higgs, Gatewood, Mo.									
CAVE SPRING	I. E. Vaughn, Alton, Mo.	Dollie Combs, Alton, Mo.	19	19	3	2		1	1	38	2
SHILOH	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Elizabeth Holmes, Thayer, Mo	43	5			1			48	1 3
BETHANY	E. E. Hollis, Thayer, Mo.	Martha Crawford, Myrtle Mo	36		13	4				36	3
MT. ZION	J. E. Rolen, Thayer, Mo.	Jettie Bowers, Thayer, Mo.	75	15	5	2				90	2 4
COTTON CREEK	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Minnie Payne, R 1, Couch Mo	33	52				1		85	4
PLEASANT HILL	Joe Sisk, Myrtle, Mo.	Arlie Hays, Thayer, Mo.	26	15		2				42	1 3
BAILEY CHAPEL	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Floy Chromister, Alton, Mo.	98	37	15	11		1	1	135	3
DRY CREEK	Finis Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Hattie Roberts, Couch, Mo.	21	1	7	7				22	3