

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

**Seventy-first Annual Session**

—OF THE—

**Cave Spring Yearly Meeting**

— OF —

**Freewill Baptist Churches**

—HELD WITH—

**Walnut Grove Freewill Baptist Church**

**JULY 24 - 25, 1958**



## — OFFICERS — 1959 SESSION —

Moderator ..... Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.  
Assistant Moderator ..... Chesley R. Hill, Myrtle, Mo.  
Clerk ..... N. H. Rhoades  
Assistant Clerk ..... Homer Harper  
Treasurer ..... Dave Bowers, Thayer, Mo.  
Statistician ..... Barbara Johnson  
1016N Garfield, West Plains, Mo.

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The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist Churches will be held with the Bailey Chapel church beginning at 9:00 a. m. on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1959. Bros. Finis Johnson and Earnest Harding will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 a. m.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD****Term Expires**

I. E. Vaughn .....	1959
Keith Johnson .....	1960
Harry Beatty .....	1961
Chesley R. Hill .....	1962
Sam Johnson .....	1963

**MISSION BOARD**

J. E. Rolen .....	1959
Paul Caldwell .....	1960
Davie N. Combs .....	1961
Jesse H. Dunkin .....	1962
John Shaw .....	1963

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Joe Sisk	C. A. Dodson	James Lee Reed
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**OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

Roscoe Mills	Elizabeth Holmes	Bertha Brewer
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Raymond Williams	John Shaw	Cecil Ehrhardt
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**PRINTING COMMITTEE**

Dave Bowers	N. H. Rhoades	Homer Harper
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**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Paris Wheeler	Millard Ehrhardt	N. H. Rhoades
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**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Ernest Harding	Chesley R. Hill	Sam Johnson
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The Seventy-first Annual Session of the Cave Springs Yearly meeting of Freewill Baptist churches convened with the Walnut Grove church near Myrtle, Mo., on Thursday, July 24, 1958.

Opening song, "Victory in Jesus".

Scripture Reading, St. Luke 6:43-45 and Romans 12: 6-8.

Prayer, by Bro. James Lee Reed.

Conference declared in session by Clerk and in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Davie Combs, the assistant moderator, Rev. Chesley R. Hill is called to take charge.

Constitution and By-Laws read by Clerk.

Motion carried for the body to elect an assistant moderator to assist Bro. Hill.

Bro. E. E. Simpson elected by acclamation.

Church Letters called for.

GARFIELD: Delegates, Oaspy Taylor, Ida Taylor, Francis Sanders. 1 present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

PINEY: Delegates, Eva Williams, Alma Overstreet, Pearl Niickless. 2 present. Deacons recommended.

PLEASANT RIDGE: Delegates, Clyde Johnson, Less Darr, Agnes Darr. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

LEBANON FIRST: Delegates, Esther Sutton, Alpha Admire, Tula Johnson. 2 present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

MT. ZION: Delegates, Cecil Ehrhardt, Irene Clark, Ralph Prince. 2 present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

SHILOH: Delegates, Albert Holmes, Claude Huff, Francis Johnson. 1 present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

COTTON CREEK: Delegates, Juanita Roberts, Genevieve Caldwell, Noel Combs. 2 present. Minister and Deacons recommended.

ALTON: Delegates, Maxine Tinsley, Ivan Tinsley, Hayden Williams. 2 present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

BETHEL: Delegates, Addie Adkinson, Barbara Johnson, Lillian Brooks. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

THAYER: Delegates, Minnie Brewer, Sadie Miller, Clara Allen. 3 present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

**WALNUT GROVE:** Delegates, Daniel King, Genis Murry, Dena Hall. 2 present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

**MILL CREEK:** Delegates, Eual James, Cora James, Bernice Cantrell. 3 present. Ministers and Deacons recommended.

**OAK GROVE:** Delegates, Herbert Summers, Julia Rhoades, Abner S. Rhoades. Deacons recommended.

Motion carried to receive the Letters and seat the delegates, by the Right hand of Fellowship.

Motion carried Moderator appoint Divine Committee.

Bros. Eual James, Daniel King, Ivan Tinsley, appointed.

Petitionary Letters called for. None present.

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

Motion carried to accept delegates present of Quarterly meeting and churches and read the letters later.

Motion carried for Moderator to appoint temporary committees.

#### **DENOMINATION:**

Tula Johnson, Abner S. Rhoades, Cecil Ehrhardt.

#### **RELIGION:**

Albert Holmes, Noel Combs, Genevieve Caldwell.

#### **LORD'S DAY:**

Herbert Summers, Clarence Johnson, Less Darr.

#### **LITERATURE:**

Barbara Johnson, Bro. Parsons, Marvin Williams.

Reports of delegates attending other associations called for.

Bro. E. E. Simpson reported finding hearty welcome in Little Vine Association and the people were working for the Lord.

Bro. Harry Beatty reported attending National Association. Bro. Beatty reported every department moving forward. The day sessions were in Jefferson Hotel and night sessions in Kiel auditorium in St. Louis. It was passed by the floor to give National Sunday School department a budget for the publishing of our own Sunday School Literature.

Bro. Simpson reported being at National Association and meeting old acquaintances, and hearing Bro. Smith, of Canada. He saw many go to give their service for Missions. It was passed to allow each church to send one delegate to the national association. Next session will be in Ashville, North Carolina.

Sister Bernice Cantrell reports for the Woman's Auxiliaries. Sister Cantrell reported that the auxiliaries raised \$10,000 during the past year to build first Freewill Baptist Mission station in Africa and also the same amount has been set as a goal this year to build quarters for missionaries in Japan. She also wishes for more auxiliaries in our churches.

Bro. Chesley Hill reported hearing many inspiring messages at the State meeting.

Motion carried to adjourn for the eleven o'clock services.

Prayer by Bro. Joe Sisk.

### **ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES**

Song, "What a Gathering that Will Be".

Bro. Harry Beatty takes lead.

Scripture reading, 9:11-26.

Subject: Atonement.

Text: God said I have given the blood to you upon the altar for atonement for your Souls. All sin atoned for my blood.

Bro. James Lee Reed speaks of Lazarus and the rich man and admonishes us to serve Christ.

Prayer by, Bro. Ernest Harding.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opening song, "Jesus Hold My Hand."

Scripture: I Peter 1:3-9.

Prayer, by Bro. Millard Ehrhardt.

Motion carried for two present on Ordaining Council to choose one to help them.

Bro. E. E. Simpson chosen.

Motion carried for Obituary committee to rewrite when necessary the obituaries and hand them to Clerk.

Motion carried to pass at present the subject of the Ministers and Deacons writing to yearly meeting.

Registration of Ministers, Deacons and Church Clerks.

### MINISTERS

HARRY BEATTY

E. E. SIMPSON

JAMES LEE REED

CHESLEY (Buddy) HILL

FINIS JOHNSON

JOE SISK

C. A. DODSON

ERNEST HARDING

L. R. WHEELER

MILLARD EHRHARDT

### DEACONS

ARTHUR PARSONS

BEN POHNERT

DAVE BOWERS

ROY UNDERWOOD

FRED KING

J. W. KING

LUKE BOZE

JOHN SHAW

M. E. WILLIAMS

R. J. WISEHART

RAYMOND WILLIAMS

N. H. RHOADES

### CHURCH CLERKS

LORENE POHNERT

BERTHA BREWER

ELIZABETH HOLMES

AGNES DARR

GEORGIA CROWDER

CLARA HARPER

Ministers reports called for.

Report of Obituary Committee given.

Motion carried to accept this report as read.

Services turned to Bro. C. A. Dodson, for Memorial Service.

Song, "Rock of Ages."

Scripture: Psalms 23; Rev. 14:13; Job 3:17.

Therefore now there remaineth a rest for those that

die in the Lord.

Services turned back to Moderator.

Motion carried that we have a memorial service next year.

Bro. E. E. Simpson elected to preach memorial sermon next year.

Committee reports called for.

Denomination committee report read.

Motion carried to accept this report.

Motion carried to elect preachers for Introductory Report of Divine Committee.

Bro. Finis Johnson to help Bro. Harding tonight. sermon next year.

Brothers Finis Johnson and Ernest Harding elected to preach Introductory message next year.

Motion carried to elect delegates to other associations.

Motion carried to nominate delegates to State meeting.

### DELEGATES NOMINATED

ELBA HARBISON

FRANCIS HARBISON

ALBERT HOLMES

ELIZABETH HOLMES

IRENE CLARK

LORA WATERMAN

ARTHA UNDERWOOD

ROSA BIGGS

DENA HALL

WILLIE KING

LORINE POHNERT

MITTIE STEPHENS

ADDIE ADKINSON

VIRGIL CANTRELL

BERNICE CANTRELL

ELLA JAMES

Motion carried these delegates have authority to place names of others going on as delegates up to our Quota.

Motion carried to send Bro. Finis Johnson to Liberty Association as delegate and send a letter and give him authority to enter names of others going.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Prayer, by Bro. E. E. Simpson.

### EVENING SERVICE

Opening song, "I Can Tell You the Time."

Prayer, by Rev. Keith Johnson.

Devotional Service, led by Bro. Finis Johnson.

Prayer by Bro. Joe Sisk.

Special songs by, Walnut Grove Quartet, and Harding children.

Bro. Harding takes charge of service to bring message.

Scripture, Jeremiah 18:1-6; Romans 9.

Be subject to God and Yield.

The potter hath power to make from the same lump of clay a vessel of Honor and a vessel of Dishonor. Mercy is a gift of God.

Invitation given to the unsaved to come to Christ.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Opening song, "I Am Thine O Lord."

Scripture reading, John 1:114.

Prayer, by Bro. F. D. Johnson.

Constitution and By-Laws read by Assistant Clerk, George Brewer.

Record of previous days work read.

Motion carried to receive the record with the corrections.

Motion carried Moderator appoint Divine committee.

Motion carried to read the letters that are present.

**LIBERTY:** Delegates, Dorothy Reed, Willie Reed, Dorris McDonald. None present.

**ROYAL OAK:** Delegates, Lyle Dotson, Pearl Dotson, John Lee Braswell. Deacons recommended.

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

Committees reports called for.

**RELIGION** Committee report read.

Motion carried to accept the report.

**LITERATURE** Committee report read.

Motion carried to accept Literature report.

**LORDS DA** Committee report read.

Motion carried to receive this report.



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

Motion carried to proceed with the appointment of all standing committees.

Report of Divine Committee.

Bro. E. E. Simpson and Keith Johnson to preach at 11:00 o'clock.

Nominations declared in order for one to fill vacancy on Executive Board.

Bro. Sam Johnson nominated.

Motion carried nominations cease and elect by acclamation.

Nominations declared in order for one to go on a Mission Board.

Bros. Keith Johnson and John Shaw nominated.

Bro. Shaw elected.

Motion carried to adjourn for Eleven o'clock service.  
Prayer by Bro. Claude Bryan.

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

Opening song, "Hide Me, Rock of Ages".

Prayer, Bro. Ernest Harding.

Services turned to Bro. Keith Johnson.

Scripture: I Chronicles 29:1-9.

Who is Willing to Consecrate his service to the Lord?

We must realize God is calling us to render our service willingly and that he will not make us. We must share our Salvation with others. We grow as we persevere for God.

Bro. Simpson takes stand.

Scripture, Romans 8:1-11.

Stressing that we must do Gods will in service and that there are none in His kingdom who are lazy.

Prayer, by Bro. James Reed.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opening song, "I want to be a Worker"

Scripture, Philippians 2:1-18.

Prayer by, Bro. C. A. Dodson.

Temperance Committee report read.

Motion carried to accept the report.

Printing committee report given.

Motion carried to receive this report.

Evangelist report given.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Report of Credential Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Report of Executive committee.

Motion carried we receive the report and adopt or reject item by item.

Item One read.

Motion carried to adopt this item.

Item II read.

Motion carried to adopt this item.

Motion carried to amend Item II and add Ordaining Council.

Item II as amended.

We recommend that the credential committee and Ordaining Council draft a set of questions for Ministers and Deacons.

Motion carried to adopt this Item as amended.

Motion carried that Credential committee and Ordaining Council present these questions next year.

Item III read.

Motion carried to adopt this item.

Finance report read.

Motion carried to receive this report.

Report of Treasurer read.

Motion carried to receive this report.

Ordaining Council report.

Motion carried to receive this report.

Motion carried that we place an Evangelist on the field next year.

Motion carried we nominate an Evangelist.

Nominations declared in order.

C. A. Dodson and J. W. King nominated.

J. W. King elected.

Motion carried we guarantee the evangelist five dollars per day of service.

## **APPOINTMENT OF ALL STANDING COMMITTEES**

Motion carried the body elect committees.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Joe Sisk, C. A. Dodson, James Reed

Motion carried nominations cease and elect these by acclimation.

### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

Roscoe Mills, Elizabeth Holmes, Bertha Brewer

Motion carried nominations cease and elect these three.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Raymond Williams, John Shaw, Cecil Ehrhardt.

Motion carried nominations cease and elect these for Finance Committee.

### **PRINTING COMMITTEE**

Motion carried that names of the Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk be entered as Printing Committee.

Nave Bowers, N. H. Rhoades, Homer Harper.

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Paris Wheeler, Millard Ehrhardt, N. H. Rhoades.

Motion carried nominations cease and elect these three.

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Ernest Harding, Chesley Hill, Sam Johnson.

Motion carried nominations cease, and elect these by acclamation.

Statistical report read.

Motion carried to receive this report as read.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Prayer by Bro. Roy Wischart.

Nominations declared in order for Moderator.

Motion carried we retain Bro. Davie Combs as Moderator.

### **Assistant Moderator**

Chesley Hill

Motion carried nominations cease and elect by acclamation.

### **Clerk**

N. H. Rhoades

Motion carried nominations cease and elect by acclamation.

### **Assistant Clerk**

Motion carried clerk appoint assistant clerk

Homer Harper appointed as assistant Clerk.

### **Treasurer**

Motion carried we retain Bro. Dave Bowers as Treasurer.

### **Statistician**

Barbara Johnson, Daniel King nominated.

Barbara Johnson elected.

Services turned to Ordaining Council for their work.

Ordination prayer led by Rev. E. E. Simpson followed by Rev. C. A. Dodson.

Song and handshake.

Bro. Grover Dunkin made a talk about the goodness of the Lord and his enjoyment in being with us, both in the Lord and with some of his old friends. He also invited us to correspond with their association both by delegates and letter.

Motion carried to send messengers and letter to Social Bond Association.

Motion carried to send Bro. Elba Harbison and Sister Francis Harbison to Social Bond and give them authority to enter names of others going as delegates.

# **ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS DEACONS AND CLERKS MINISTERS**

CLAUD BRYAN  
ERNEST HARDING  
HARRY BEATTY  
C. A. DODSON  
E. E. SIMPSON  
JOE SISK  
FINIS JOHNSON  
VIRGIL BLANKENSHIP

CHESLEY R. HILL  
JAMES L. REED  
SAM JOHNSON  
KEITH JOHNSON  
E. E. SIMPSON  
JESSE H. DUNKIN  
A. L. MCGHEE

## **DEACONS**

JOHN SHAW  
DAVE BOWERS  
ROSCOE MILLS  
J. W. KING  
ARTHUR PARSONS  
ALBERT WILKERSON  
R. J. WISEHART  
RAYMOND WILLIAMS  
ULUS CALDWELL

N. H. RHOADES  
HOWARD BELL  
FRED KING  
ROBERT WOREL  
MAX WARREN  
PARIS WHEELER  
LUKE BOZE  
OTHER NEAL

## **CLERKS**

CLORA HARPER  
ELIZABETH HOLMES  
JEAN BRASWELL

ULAH NEAL  
BERTHA BREWER

Motion carried we turn our heartfelt thanks to this church and community for the hospitality shown us.

Bailey Chapel chosen as meeting place for next session.

Motion carried to adjourn until time and place set for next session.

Closed by prayer.

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The majority of the Executive Board met July 5, 1958 and discussed, and recommended that the associational treasurer pay the balance of approximately \$22.00 on our \$150.00 notional association quota, by the approval of the Quarterly Meeting.

The majority of the Executive Board met and recommended the following:

## **ARTICLE I**

We recommend that each Minister coming from another body into the Cave Springs Association, present all his credentials to the Credential Committee for examination for membership in this association.

## **ARTICLE II**

We recommend that the Credential Committee draft a set of questions for Ministers and Deacons. For use by the Ordaining Council and Credential Committee.

## **ARTICLE III**

We recommend that we postpone action on the nominating committee for the association.

### **REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

We your committee on Credentials think under the conditions we found, that it is not necessary to hold Bro. Wess McGhee and Bro. Russell Muse papers any longer.

E. E. Simpson

Ernest Harding

Virgil Blankenship

### **REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL**

We, your committee on Ordaining, have questioned Bro. James Reed, and found him worthy to be ordained.

We questioned Bro. J. W. King and found him worthy to be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

E. E. Simpson

C. A. Dodson

Joe Sisk, Chairman.

### **REPORT OF RELIGION COMMITTEE**

We, the committee on Religion submit the following report. We think the christian people are too slack concerning the Lords work. Such as Sunday School and young peoples meeting. We feel that people are putting other things before their Religion. Therefore the denomination is suffering as a whole. We, as christian people must be more prayerful and work together to help carry

on the Lords work if our churches grow and prosper for the Lord.

Genevieve Caldwell

Noel Combs

Albert Holmes

### **REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

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

#### **ARTICLE I**

We suggest that parents closely inspect the literature that comes into the home, that it be up to Biblical standards.

#### **ARTICLE II**

We suggest that each church adopt the family plan of subscription to the Free Will Baptist Gem and Contact.

Barbara Johnson

Arthur Parsons

### **REPORT OF LORDS DAY COMMITTEE**

We, your Lords Day committee find that on the first day of the week our Lord was raised from the dead and that it is a day to be kept Holy. The Lord said, "Remember my day to keep it Holy." It is a day we should go to the Lords House of Worship and try to help others to learn of our greatness toward mankind; especially those that are in sin.

Clarence Johnson

L. T. Darr

Herbert Summers.

### **REPORT OF DENOMINATION COMMITTEE**

We, your committee on denomination present the following report.

We notice that the Freewill Baptist are interested in the Lords work, but we could still go forward and advance in the work more at home and also in Foreign fields.

We, as a denomination as a whole should be anxious to study and be more able to help carry the Gospel of

Christ and study our church covenant to see our duty and privileges that we have to work for the Lord, and help build the denomination of Freewill Baptist.

Tula Johnson  
Abner S. Rhoades  
Cecil Ehrhardt

### **PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, your Printing Committee caused to be printed 450 copies, of the Minutes of the last Conference, at a cost of \$56.10.

J. W. King  
N. H. Rhoades  
George T. Brewer

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Balance carried forward July 25, 1957 .....	\$ 120.51
Deposits made .....	329.80
Checked out .....	271.50
Balance on hand July 25, 1958 .....	178.81

Dave Bowers.

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, your Temperance committee submit the following report:

We believe in being temperate in all things. We should teach our children the harmful effects of strong drink. We should abstain from all use and sale of intoxicating beverages and not patronize any one, or any place of business where it is sold.

N. H. Rhoades  
Paris Wheeler.

### **REPORT OF EVANGELIST**

Filled in as pastor at three churches. I was not in any revivals. Traveled 210 miles and received for my labors, \$21.00. Received from Treasury - none.



Virgil Blankenship.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

No. of churches reporting .....	22
No. of Churches, July 1, 1957 .....	25
Churches recd. July 1, 1957	
to June 30, 1958 .....	1
Churches disbanded .....	0
Total No. Churches .....	26
State of Religion .....	Good
Membership July 1, 1957 .....	1497
Members received July 1, 1957	
to June 30, 1958 .....	58
Number baptized .....	38
No. dismissed by letter .....	21
No. Excluded .....	2
No. Deceased .....	15
Resident Members .....	1023
Non-Resident Members .....	494
Total membership June 30, 1958 .....	1517
Number Tithers .....	13
No. Prayer meetings .....	8
Condition of Prayer meetings .....	Fair
No. of Leagues .....	4
Condition of Leagues .....	Good
League Membership .....	143
No. of Auxiliaries .....	3
Condition of Auxiliaries .....	Good
Membership of Auxiliaries .....	55
No. of Sunday Schools .....	20
Condition of Sunday Schools .....	Good
Enrollment in Sunday Schools .....	Good
Number of Officers .....	56
Number of Teachers .....	92
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	25
Number Licensed Ministers .....	1
Number Ordained Deacons .....	62

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Value of Church Property .....	\$ 48,000.00
Amount paid pastors .....	10,165.56
Amt. for Evangelistic work .....	1,226.77
Amt. for Building and repair .....	4,832.24
Amount for Incidentals .....	1,591.71

Amount for Missions .....	424.34
Home .....	329.50
Foreign .....	94.84
Amount for Education .....	513.25
Amount for Orphanage .....	64.40
Amount for Youth Camp .....	20.00
Amount for Cooperative fund .....	569.62
Amount for Unified Fund .....	10.00
Amount for Headquarters fund .....	32.30
Amount for Minutes .....	74.48
No. Churches without pastor .....	0
No. Churches not reporting .....	4
Howard Bell, Statistician.	

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance have received the following amount for Local and State Minutes.

Churches	Local	State
Royal Oak .....	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00
Mill Creek .....	5.00	2.00
Shiloh .....	2.00	.....
Smyrna .....	2.00	.50
Pleasant Valley .....	1.00	.50
Diles Creek .....	2.00	.....
Walnut Grove .....	3.00	2.00
Oak Grove .....	2.00	1.50
Norman .....	1.60	.75
Garfield .....	3.00	1.00
Wilderness .....	2.00	.....
Piney .....	1.00	.....
Cave Springs .....	.80	.50
Clifton .....	2.60	2.00
Mt. Zion .....	3.00	2.00
Cotton Creek .....	3.00	1.35
Bailey Chapel .....	1.75	1.10
Thayer .....	3.00	2.00
Alton .....	3.00	1.45
Bethel .....	3.00	1.00
Lebanon First .....	3.00	1.00
Liberty .....	2.00	2.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	2.00	1.00

Raymond Williams  
John Shaw  
Roscoe Mills

## 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 brothers 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.

RICHARD MILO STANLEY  
ARENA JOSEPHINE PARROTT CHRONISTER  
SAMUEL LUTHER SUTTON  
WILLIAM HARRISON FRIEND  
GRACY MAE HIGGINS EHRHARDT  
CARTEL THOMAS MELTON  
HANFORD DOW WILKERSON  
SARAH VIRGINIA CAMPBELL  
ROBERT LEE CAMPBELL  
BEN LYNCH  
CORDELIA McCULLOUGH  
JOHN WILLIAM HELLY  
NANCY ELLEN RISNER CLARK  
LUCY WILMA GAGE MAULDIN  
NICEA CORDELIA (Sandridge) SENSENEY  
MARY LENA JACKSON LITTLE  
REV. BILLY ROGERS

### REV. BILLIE ROGERS

Rev. Billie Rogers, son of S. P. and Tennie Rogers, was born in Oregon County, Missouri, on December 17, 1891, and departed this life at the St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas on October 19, 1957 at the age of 65 years, 10 months and two days.

On November 28, 1910 he was united in marriage to Ettie McGhee at Myrtle, Mo.

He is survived by his wife of the home; one son, Noah Rogers of Tulsa, Oklahoma; four daughters, Media Evans, of Myrtle, Missouri; Eulah Case and Edith Pierce, both of St. Louis, Missouri; Verda Mills, of Couch, Missouri; one brother, Shelby Rogers of Myrtle, Missouri; four sisters, Clara Caldwell of East Prairie, Missouri; Ellie Brewer and Jessie McGhee both of Myrtle, Missouri, Julia Sanders, of Thayer, Missouri; 14 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

At the time of his death he was pastor of the Cotton Creek and Walnut Grove churches. He had been a minister of the Freewill Baptist church for many years, and had pastored several different churches.

Services were October 21, 1957 at the Cotton Creek Church with Bro. Harry Beatty officiating. Burial was in the Cotton Creek cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral home.

#### **RICHARD MILO STANLEY**

Richard Milo Stanley, son of Rev. Milo and Caroline Stanley, was born January 11, 1901 near Couch, Mo., and departed this life December 11, 1957 at St. Louis, Mo.

In the year of 1921 he was married to Linnie Hays, and to this union four children were born. Surviving are his wife and four children; Bristol Stanley, Emmett Stanley, Oliver Stanley, Ella Montgomery; also five brothers and one sister. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Bonds.

Funeral services were held December 14, at New Salem church, with Rev. Davie Combs conducting services. Burial in New Salem cemetery.

#### **ARENA JOSEPHINE PARROTT CHRONISTER**

Arena Josephine Parrott Chronister was born February 17, 1894 at Greer, Mo., and departed this life December 9, 1957.

She was united in marriage to Ora Edward Chronister, May 4, 1913 at Alton, Mo. To this union six children

were born; Clessie Shehorn, Dollis Chronister, Gene Chronister, and Louise Johnson. She leaves her husband, six children, four grandchildren, and five brothers.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Alton.

Services were December 13, 1957 at the Alton Freewill Baptist church with Brother Clarence Dodson and Bro. Davie Combs officiating. Burial was in Hickory Grove cemetery.

### **SAMUEL LUTHER SUTTON**

Samuel Luther Sutton, son of Richard Maze and Margaret Ellen Sutton, was born at Rector, Ark., March 24, 1884, and departed this life January 14, 1958.

On April 15, 1904 he was married to Ollie Barton and to this union two children were born; two children preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife and seven children; Elva Johnson, Ruth Danziger, Minnie Glidewell, Betty Sutton, Wanda Chronister, Wallace Sutton, Ralph Sutton, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Cave Springs Freewill Baptist church.

Services were January 16, 1958 at Cave Springs church with Bro. Claudie Johnson and Virgil Blankenship officiating.

### **WILLIAM HARRISON FRIEND**

William Harrison Friend, son of John Swain and Mary Jones Friend, was born December 17, 1878, and passed away at his home near Alton, Mo., on February 10, 1958.

He was married to Rosa Siisco in 1905, and she preceded him in death on April 28, 1955.

He is survived by nine daughters, Mary Brown, Ellen Earls, Francis Brawley, Mollie Johnson, Vivian Medley, Amy Gagon, Nellie Wommack, Dicie Nevins, Carolina Mayme Patterson; one son, John Henry Friend; 28 grandchildren, one sister, two brothers.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Bailey Chapel.

Funeral was at Bailey Chapel with Rev. C. A. Dodson officiating.

### **GRACY MAE HIGGINS EHRHARDT**

Gracy Mae Higgins Ehrhardt was born in Missouri on May 31, 1898 and departed this life September 5, 1957.

She was married to Henry Ehrhardt July 2, 1914 and to this union ten children were born; three children preceeded her in death.

She is survived by her husband and seven children; Gladys Campbell, Louise Young, Lorene Gouge, Bessie Bonner, Mary Cavitt,\*William Ehrhardt, Nevada Walker; three sisters and two brothers; 27 grandchildren.

She was a member of Diles Creek Freewill Baptist church. Services were June 3, 1957.

### **CARTHEL THOMAS MELTON**

Carthel Thomas Melton, son of Elzia and Maude Melton, was born near Couch, Mo., on August 31, 1918 and departed this life at home at Couch, Mo.

On October 10, 1939 he was married to Geraldine Sisik and to this union four children were born; one son Philip preceded him in death, in infancy. He is survived by his wife; three children of the home; Charles, David, Leon, Dianne; five brothers, Carl, Clifford, Kenneth and Donalee; two sisters, Freecy Gammon, and Freda Bowling.

Carthel was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

Services were held May 16, 1958 at Cotton Creek church, with Bro. Virgil Blankenship and J. I. Willard officiating.

### **HANFORD DOW WILKERSON**

Hanford Dow Wilkerson, son of Albert and Cora Wilkerson was born May 28, 1921 at Myrtle, Mo., and passed away Dec. 22, 1957.

He was married June 30, 1939 to Ruby Evans; four children were born, Dow, Sherman, Arnold and Sandra.

Hanford is survived by his wife of the home; parents and one brother, Donalee Wilkerson.

Hanford was a member and deacon of the Diles Creek Freewill Baptist church.

Services were Dec. 24, at the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church with Bro. Harry Beatty, Bro. Davie Combs officiating. Burial in Myrtle cemetery.

### **SARAH VIRGINIA CAMPBELL**

Sarah Virginia Campbell, daughter of Albert and Elizabet Brewer, was born in Oregon county, Missouri on August 6, 1879 and departed this life on August 30, 1957, at Myrtle, Mo.

She was married to R. L. Campbell and to this union ten children were born; three children preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband and seven children; Mable Case, Herman Campbell, Vida Ehrhardt, Amos Campbell, Woodroe Campbell, Edgar Campbell, Espen Campbell; one sister Ethel Taylor; 27 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

She had been a member of the Freewill Baptist church since a girl.

Services were Sept. 1, 1957 at Myrtle Freewill church, with Rev. Billie Rogers and Bud Hill officiating.

### **ROBERT LEE CAMPBELL**

Robert Lee Campbell, son of William Henry and Elisabet Campbell was born in Randolph county, Arkansas, on November 10, 1874 and departed this life September 26, 1957.

He was united in marriage to Sarah Virginia Brewer and to this union ten children were born. His wife and three children preceded him in death.

He is survived by seven children, Mable Case, Herman Campbell, Woodroe Campbell, Vida Ehrhardt, Amos Campbell, Edgar Campbell, Espen Campbell; three sisters, Josie Bailey, Laura Cypret, Gertrude Harrison; twenty-

seven grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren.

He was a member and Deacon of the Diles Creek Freewill Baptist church.

Services were September 28, 1957 at Myrtle Freewill Baptist church with Bro. Davie Combs officiating.

### **BEN LYNCH**

Ben Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lynch, of Alton, Mo., was born near Thomasville, Mo., October 27, 1905 and departed this life December 18, 1957.

He was married to Edna Dawson November 14, 1942; to this union two sons were born. He leaves his wife, two sons, Jimmy and Carl, his father and mother; one brother and four sisters. One brother preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Royal Oak Freewill Baptist church.

Services were Dec. 22, 1957 at Royal Oak church with Bro. Davie Combs and Doyle Williams officiating.

### **CORDELIA McCULLOUGH**

Cordelia McCullough, daughter of James and Lucinda Denny, was born in Oregon county, Mo., on January 28, 1868, and departed this life May 77, 1958.

On August 19, 1883 she was married to John P. McCullough and to this union eight children were born.

Her husband and two children preceded her in death. She is survived by five sons, Elmer, Herbert, Ralph, Clarence, Ernest; one daughter Mamie Ward; two brothers, John Denny, Tobe Denny.

Mrs. McCullough was a charter member of the Smyrna Freewill Baptist church. Services were May 9, 1958 at the Smyrna church with Bro. Elzia Simpson officiating.

### **JOHN WILLIAM KELLY**

John William Kelly, son of Jess and Irma Kelly, was born at Hardy, Ark., on March 30, 1933 and departed this life January 3, 1958.

On July 5, 1952 she was married to Anna Lee Manus. To this union four children were born. He is survived by his wife, four children, Johnny Mack, Bruce Michael, Larry



Wayne and Kathy Ann; four brothers, two sisters.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

Services were January 5, 1958 with Bro. Millard Ehrhardt, and Glen Rice officiating.

### **NANCY ELLEN RISNER CLARK**

Nancy Ellen Risner Clark, daughter of William and Margret Risner, was born August 10, 1875, at Couch, Mo., and departed this life May 19, 1957.

In 1893 she was married to James Matterson Clark, and to this union six children were born.

Her father, mother, husband and one daughter, Ava Collins preceded her in death. She leaves five children, Wayne Clark, Waif Clark, Ivy Sorrell, Goldie Durant, Hubert Clark; one step-son Tillman Clark; also seven brothers and sisters, Tennie Justice, Tommy Risner, Ray Risner, Maude Fletcher, Laura Stubblefield, Tony Risner, Lura Price; also 24 grandchildren, and thirty great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church. Services were May 21, 1957 at the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church with Rev. Davie Combs and Rev. Spurgeon officiating.

### **LUCY WILMA GAGE MAULDIN**

Lucy Wilma Gage Mauldin, daughter of James and Prudence Gage, was born Dec. 16, 1877 near Walnut Ridge, Ark., in Randolph county and departed this life November 21, 1957.

She was united in marriage to Pink C. Mauldin on November 24, 1895, at Alton, Mo. To this union thirteen children were born; five children preceded her in death.

She leaves eight children, 23 grandchildren, nineteen great grand-children. She was a member of the Smyrna Freewill Baptist church.

Services were November 24, 1957, at the Alton Freewill Baptist church with Bro. Davie Combs and Bro. Clarence Dodson officiating.

## **NICEA CORDELIA SANDRIDGE SENSENEY**

Nicea Cordelia Sandridge Senseney, daughter of Penn and Sarah Sandridge was born Dec. 7, 1869 in Tennessee, and departed this life Sept. 16, 1957.

She was married to Isaac Senseney at Garfield, Mo., on October 22, 1887. She was a member of the Thayer Freewill Baptist church.

She leaves one daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Storms; 8 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were September 18, 1957 at Pleasant Hill church with Rev. Virgil Blankenship officiating.

## **MARY LENA JACKSON**

Mary Lena Jackson, little daughter of James and Jane Jackson, was born in Oregon county on January 6, 1892 and departed this life June 21, 1958 at the Christa Hogan hospital in West Plains.

On August 25, 1912 she was united in marriage to Joe Little. To this union eight children were born; two sons and one daughter having died in infancy. Surviving are Opal Deckard, Clyde Little, Edith Watson, Rosa Mae Cool-ey and Anna Dixon.

She was converted at an early age and joined the Smyrna church where she remained a faithful member as long as her health would permit.

Those preceding her in death were the father and mother, three infant children, three brothers, William, John and Clyde, four sisters; Dona having died in infancy, Florence Mullins, Mucie Hodge, and Violet Copenhagen.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, five children, one brother, Lee Jackson; one sister, Alta Sif-ford; 15 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 23, 1958 at the Smyrna church by Rev. Davie Combs. Music by the Smyrna choir.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### THURSDAY

1. Singing, Scripture reading and Prayer.
2. Reading of By-Laws and constitution.
3. Letters from the churches called for.
4. Quarterly meeting letter called for.
5. The appointment of Divine Committee.
6. Petitionary letters.
7. Letters from corresponding messengers.
8. Visiting brothers and sisters invited as advisory members.
9. The appointment of Temporary committees.
10. Report of delegates that have attended other associations.
11. Adjournment with prayer.
12. Eleven o'clock services.
13. Open with singing, scripture and prayer.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Enrolment of ministers, deacons and clerks.
16. Report of evangelist.
17. The ministers reports.
18. The treasurers reports.
19. The report of the obituary committee.
20. Memorial service.
21. Reports of other committee's.
22. Report of Divine committee.
23. Adjournment.
24. Evening service.

### FRIDAY

25. Singing, scripture reading and prayer.
26. Reading of constitution and by-laws.
27. Reading of minutes of previous day's work.
28. Call of letters from churches.
29. Vacancies in committee filled.
30. Reports of other committees that have not reported including Divine committee report.

31. Releasing of all temporary committees.
32. Adjournment with prayer.
33. Eleven o'clock services.
34. Open with singing, scripture reading and prayer.
35. New business.
36. Appointment of all standing committees
37. Report of statistician.
38. Election of delegates to other associations.
39. Election of officers.
40. Election of Introductory preachers.
41. Ordaining council proceeds with their work.
42. Business suggested by letters.
43. A vote of heartfelt thanks to the church and community for their kindness to the association meeting.
44. Setting of place for the next meeting.
45. Other things that come before the body.
46. Adjournment.

## CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Cave Springs yearly meeting of Freewill Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated quarterly meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

1. It shall be the purpose of this organization to co-operate with the State and national associations in their efforts to combine and direct the energies of the Freewill Baptist church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign missions, Christian education, Sunday schools, Freewill Baptist Leagues, and Womans Auxilliary and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.

2. The acting members of this yearly meeting shall be three (3) delegates from each church chosen by the church, three (3) delegates from each quarterly meeting, together with all ministers, deacons, church clerks, quarterly meeting clerks, and associational clerk belonging to this body.

3. The officers of this yearly meeting shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, treasurer, and statistician. Each shall hold their office until their successor is elected. The clerk shall receive an honorarium of ten dollars (\$10.00) for his services each year.

4. An executive board composed of five members shall be elected. It shall be the duty of this board to transact the business of this body between the regular sessions. The members of the board shall be elected in the following manner: one for one year; one for two years; one for three years; and one for four years; and one for five years, thereafter, one board member shall be elected each year, whose term of office shall be five years. If any vacancies should occur between sessions of the Yearly Meeting, the board shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next session of the yearly meeting.

5. Any regularly organized Freewill Baptist church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine, in favor of benevolent enterprises such as Sunday schools, missions, temperance, and education may be received into this yearly meeting by presenting a petition asking for membership, by a majority vote of all members voting.

6. This yearly meeting shall have power to discipline its churches and exclude them for disorderly conduct if labor proves unsuccessful; to ordain deacons; to license and ordain ministers such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church of which he belongs; to settle questions of discipline and doctrine as the church of quarterly meeting may refer to it. To make rules and by-laws necessary and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall this body have power to reverse a decision of one of its churches or quarterly meetings, nor in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical authority over the churches or quarterly meetings composing this yearly meeting.

7. Each session of this yearly meeting shall convene annually beginning on Thursday at nine in the morning before the fourth Sunday in July and shall adjourn at the close of the Friday afternoon session.

8. This yearly meeting shall decide at each session where the next session shall convene. It shall consider each invitation from its churches and shall decide by a majority vote of all members voting.

9. This constitution may be amended at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote providing notice of the contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to the time of voting.

#### 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 — 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 5 — At each session of this conference standing committee 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 being 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.

### **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. K. A. Jones; members unknown.

### **LIBERTY CHURCH**

Organized September 25, 1921, with members by Rev. J. R. W. Harbison, Rev. John Combs, Rev. James McGhee and Rev. G. H. Miller.

### **BETHANY CHURCH**

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

### **WALNUT GROVE CHURCH**

Organized in 1889 by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. E. R. Evans, with 7 members.

### **COTTON CREEK CHURCH**

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

### **ROYAL OAK CHURCH**

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

### **NORMAN CHURCH**

Organized October 3, 1914, by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and supposedly Rev. W. C. Nocman, 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, Nathan Combs, W. M. Johnson and Elmer Hodges with 13 members.

### **CAVE SPRING CHURCH**

Organized July 12, 1879, with 24 members, by Rev. 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 and John Nicholas, W. M. Huddleston and Elgin Williams as deacons.

### **MILL CREEK CHURCH**

Organized in October, 1903, Levi Taylor and Henry Wiseman 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 fourteen members. Dave Bowers and C. A. Harrison as deacons.

### **PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH**

Organized in June 1940, by Rev. B. H. Woodring, J. E. Rolen, E. E. Simpson and L. R. Wheeler. 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. McGhee 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. Johnson 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.

### **THAYER CHURCH**

Organized July 31, 1954 with 33 Charter members, by Rev. Davie Combs; Joe Sisk, J. E. Rolan and Harry Beatty. Ordained deacons elected as deacons, J. W. Jewell, Otto Harrison and Fred King.

### **ALTON CHURCH**

Organized September 16, 1955 by Rev's. C. A. Dodson, Harry Beatty, Davie Combs, H. C. Crase, Billy Rogers, Keith Johnson, Ernest Harding, and Meril Shaw, as

deacons; Lee Clark, W. B. Combs, Luke Boze, Andrew Moore, Lee Lynch, Roy Martin, Wallace Strain, Raymond Williams, Mack Warren and Dale Archer, with 43 members. Clifton Wright, Jim Harding and Elgin Williams selected as deacons.

## BETHEL CHURCH

Organized on December 20, 1956 under the leadership of the State Home Mission Team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones and members of the State Home Mission Board. N. S. Miller, T. J. Adkinson, and Eugene James were elected Trustees and Howard Campbell, James Dotson, Ralph Fletchall, J. R. Walker and Eugene James were elected as advisory committee.

## FIRST LEBANON CHURCH

The Lebanon First Church was organized July 25, 1947 with nineteen charter members. They chose Rev. Charley McAllister as pastor; Gladys Montgomery as clerk and Rozella McAllister, treasurer. Woodroe Montgomery and John McAllister as Deacons. The Ministers Council was composed of Rev. J. E. Burney, Rev. Clarence Ussery and Rev. Leo Curtiss.

## 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 .....

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## IN MEMORY

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

Rev. J. A. Jones

Rev. A. H. Peace

Rev. E. R. Whitman

Rev. C. E. Whitman

Rev. W. W. Pierce

Rev. Thomas Bennett

Rev. Daniel R. Johnson

Rev. G. W. Putman

Rev. S. O. Buckley

Rev. David Johnson

Rev. W. C. Norman

Rev. John Combs

Rev. W. M. Johnson

Rev. Milo Standley

Rev. J. E. Pentecost

Rev. T. J. Dunkin

Rev. J. R. W. Harbison

Rev. Nathan Combs

Rev. W. P. Stogsdill

Rev. James McGhee

Rev. C. H. Williams

Rev. Billy Rogers

## 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, 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 our ever present Saviour and Lord.

**THE HOLY SCRIPTURES** — 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 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 of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

**ELECTION** — God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

**FREEDOM OF WILL** — The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit 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 of Christ, who through grace, preserve in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

### **GOSPEL ORDINANCE**

**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, or 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 RE-TRIBUTION** — The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall, "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous to 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; count-

ing 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.



# Statistical Table of Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist Churches

CHURCHES	Pastors and Address for Coming Year	Clerks Names and Address for Coming Year	RESIDENT MEMBERS	NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	NUMBER RECEIVED THIS YEAR	NUMBER BAPTISED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	SABBATH OF MEETING
ALTON .....	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Barbara James, Alton, Mo.	62	15	15	5			1	77	all
BAILEY CHAPEL .....	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Thelma Pingleton, Alton, Mo.	63	32			4		2	95	3
BETHANY .....											
BETHEL .....	Keith Johnson, West Plains, Mo.	Betty Walker, R. 1, West Plains	34		9	10				34	all
CAVE SPRING .....	Joe Sisk, Myrtle, Mo.	Dollie Combs, Alton, Mo.	14	17					2	31	2
CLIFTON .....	Ernest Harding, Thomasville, Mo.	Nova Coble, Thayer, Mo.	11	2						13	2
COTTON CREEK .....	Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	Juanita Combs, Couch, Mo.	68	23	14	4			2	91	1 3
DIALS CREEK .....	Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Lucille Jenkins, Myrtle, Mo.	61	11	4	3			4	72	1 3
DRY CREEK .....											
GARFIELD .....	Davie Combs, Couch, Mo.	H. W. Wetzel, Couch, Mo.	63	21	1	1	5			84	2 4
LIBERTY .....	James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.	Bonnie Gazaway, Newell, Mo.	23	17						40	2
LEBANON FIRST .....	F. D. Johnson, Lebanon, Mo.	Gladys Montgomery, Lebanon	49	32	1	1				81	all
Mt. ZION .....	Millard Ehrhardt, Thayer, Mo.	Jettie Bowers, Thayer	79	27	1			2		106	all
MILL CREEK .....	Chesley R. Hill, Myrtle, Mo.	Mrs Geo. Brown, Myrtle, Mo.	80	56	3	3	4			136	all
NORMAN .....	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Clara Harper, Thayer, Mo.	49	42	4	1				91	1 3
OAK GROVE .....	James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.	Freda Sisco, Thayer, Mo.	27	7	5					34	2 4
PLEASANT HILL .....		Carlie Barton, Thayer, Mo.	15								3
PLEASANT RIDGE .....	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Violet Johnson, R. 2, Alton, Mo.	78	50	2	2	1			128	2 4
PLEASANT VALLEY .....	C. R. Bryan, Thayer, Mo.	Ollie Todd, Mam. Spring, Ark.	15	20						35	1 3
ROYAL OAK .....	Jessie Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Gene Braswell, Alton, Mo.	46	43	9	12			1	89	2 4
SHILOH .....	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Elizabeth Holmes, Thayer, Mo.	30	7						37	1 3
PINEY .....	Ernest Harding Thomasville, Mo	Georgia Crowder, Couch, Mo.	27	11			2			38	4
SMYRNA .....	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Mrs. Thurman Mauldin, Alton	60	25	5	5	4		3	85	2 4
THAYER .....	Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.	Lorene Pohnert, Thayer, Mo.	80	9	1		1			89	all
WALNUT GROVE .....	Ernest Harding, Thomasville, Mo	Bertha Brewer, Myrtle, Mo.	50	42						92	1 3
WILDERNESS .....		Eulah Neal, Star R. Fremont, Mo	30	25						55	4

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