

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

**Seventy-Second Annual Session**

—OF THE—

**Cave Spring Yearly Meeting**

— OF —

**Freewill Baptist Churches**

—HELD WITH—

**Bailey Chapel Freewill Baptist Church**

**JULY 23 - 24, 1959**



## —OFFICERS: 1960 SESSION —

Moderator	.....	Earnest Harding
Assistant Moderator	.....	Davie N. Combs
Clerk	.....	N. H. Rhoades
Assistant Clerk	.....	Homer Harper
Treasurer	.....	D. J. Bowers
Statistician	.....	Rosalee Reed

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The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1960. The introductory message will be brought by James Lee Reed and J. W. King.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires

Joe Sisk .....	1960
Harry H. Beatty .....	1961
Paris Wheeler .....	1962
S. D. Johnson .....	1963
E. E. Simpson .....	1964

### MISSION BOARD

Paul Caldwell .....	1960
Davie N. Combs .....	1961
Jesse H. Dunkin .....	1962
John Shaw .....	1963
C. R. Bryan .....	1964

The following are for one year terms:

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

C. A. Dodson      James Lee Reed      Earnest Harding

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Roscoe E. Mills      Elizabeth Holmes      Bertha Brewer

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Raymond Williams      John Shaw      Lee Clark

### PRINTING COMMITTEE

D. J. Bowers      Homer E. Harper      N. H. Rhoades

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

L. A. Boze      Millard Ehrhardt      N. H. Rhoades

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

S. D. Johnson      E. E. Simpson      Jesse H. Dunkin

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The seventy second annual session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist Churches convened with the Bailey Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, northeast of Alton, Mo., on Thursday, July 23, 1959.

Opening Song: Standing on the Promises.

Scripture Lesson: 46th chapter of Psalms.

Opening Prayer: Roy Wisehart.

The Associational Clerk, ascertaining that a Quorum is present declares the Seventy Second Annual Session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting to be duly in session for the transaction of such business as may come legitimately

before it and calls the Moderator to change and conduct the same.

Moderator calls for the Constitution and By-Laws to be read.

Constitution and By-laws were read by the Assistant clerk, H. E. Harper. Moderator calls for Church Letters to be presented and the following were received and read.

#### **MILL CREEK**

Delegates: Willie Wisheart, Ora Wisheart, and Ora Clark. All present. Chesley R. Hill recommended for yearly certificate and all Deacons recommended.

#### **QUARTERLY MEETING**

Delegates: Myrtle Shaw, Maggie Bolton and Clara Allen. Three present.

#### **PLEASANT HILL**

Delegates: Edna Hollis, Arlie Hays, and Bernice Janes. Three present. Elders recommended. Deacons, none.

#### **CLIFTON**

Delegates: N. L. Hollis, Nola Hollis and May Caldwell. Two present. Deacons recommended.

#### **GARFIELD**

Delegates: Walker and Mittie Stogsdill, P. E. Cockman. Two present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

#### **MT. ZION**

Delegates: Arthea Underwood, Luther Frey and Pauline Ford. Three present. Elders and Deacons were recommended.

#### **COTTON CREEK**

Delegates: Marvin and Irene Cockman, Genevieve Caldwell. One present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

#### **PINEY**

Delegates: Arthur and Pearl Nickless, Eva Williams. Three present. Deacons recommended.

#### **PLEASANT RIDGE**

Delegates: Clyde and Homer Johnson, Lester Darr. Two present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

#### **THAYER**

Delegates: Herbert Allen, Della Bryan and Sada Miller.

Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended. Motion carried that the letter be returned to the Thayer delegation for amendment.

#### **ALTON**

Delegates: Ethel Holmes, Susie Watson and George Chronister. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

#### **BETHEL**

Delegates: Lillian Brooks, Addie Adkinson and Ella James. Two present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

#### **SHILOH**

Delegates: Albert Holmes, Florence and Myrtle Johnson. Two present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

#### **NORMAN**

Delegates: Ora Blankenship, Clora Harper and Janice Roberts. Two present. Deacons recommended.

#### **ROYAL OAK**

Delegates: Clifton, Opal and Velma Campebl. Three present. Deacons recommended.

#### **WALNUT GROVE**

Delegates: Daniel and Ethel King, George Brewer. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

#### **OAK GROVE**

Delegates: Richard and Sylvia Sandridge, Mary Robinson. Three present. Deacons recommended.

Motion carried that the letters be accepted as read and amended and that the delegates be seated.

Motion carried that the Moderator choose an assistant Moderator. J. W. King was chosen.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint the Divine committee. L. A. Boze, Johnny Shaw and Tommy Adkinson were appointed.

Moderator calls for letters from visiting delegates. None present.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint all temporary committees.

DENOMINATION: Pearl Nickless, Velma Campbell, and Clara Allen.

RELIGION: N. L. Hollis, Marvin Cockman, and Albert Holmes.

THE LORD'S DAY: Lester Darr, Lillian Brooks, Sylvia Sandridge.

LITERATURE: A. C. Parsons, S. D. Johnson, Cletious Campbell.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the finance committee. Lee Clark was appointed.

Motion carried that the vacancy on the credential committee be filled.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint someone to fill the vacancy. E. E. Simpson was appointed.

Rosalee Reed was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Obituary committee. Motion carried that nomination cease and that we elect by acclamation.

Moderator calls for the report of those who have attended other Associational Meetings. Motion carried that this item of business be tabled until July 24, 1959.

Motion carried that we adjourn for the Eleven O'clock service. Prayer by Elder C. A. Dodson.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song: Rock of ages "Hide thou me".

Prayer by Elder Noah S. Miller.

Song by the Bailey Chapel male quartet.

Scripture Lesson: St. John 1:1-5 and Rev. 3:19-22.

Subject: THE WORD OF GOD.

The Word is just ever present today as in the beginning. The Word was made flesh and dwelt with us, yet He was the Son of God and manifested the power of God. Today is the day of Salvation, if you hear his voice harden not your heart.

The congregation sang Power in the Blood and an invitation was extended for the unsaved to seek this Power.

Dismissal prayer by Elder Buster Wooldridge.

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Song: Great Reunion Day.

Scripture lesson read by J. W. King. Heb. 4:1-11.

Prayer by Elder Kieth Johnson

Moderator call for miscellaneous business.

Three items were presented and referred to the Credentials committee.

At this time the Ministers, Deacons and Church clerks were registered as follows:

### **CHURCH CLERKS**

ELIZABETH HOLMES

EDITH SUMMERS

JAUNITA ROBERTS

LORENE POHNERT

BEHTHA BREWER

THELMA PINGLETON

CLEORA BREEDEN

GEORGIA CROWDER

### **DEACONS**

N. H. RHOADES

CHARLES ROBINSON

LEE CLARK

M. E. WILLIAMS

RAYMOND WILLIAMS

DAN PITTS

J. W. HARDING

HORACE WATSON

L. A. BOZE

A. C. PARSONS

PARIS WHEELER

ELMER PINGLETON

LEROY CHRONISTER

BEN POHNERT

ALBERT WILKERSON

JOHNNY SHAW

D. J. BOWERS

ROY WISEHART

FRED KING

R. E. MILLS

TOMMY ADKINSON

MACK WARREN

### **MINISTERS**

DAVIE N. COMBS

C. A. DODSON

S. D. JOHNSON

HARRY H. BEATTY

EARNEST HARDING

E. E. HOLLIS

C. R. BRYAN

E. E. SIMPSON

NOAH S. MILLER

KIETH JOHNSON

JAMES LEE REED

JESSE H. DUNCAN

L. R. WHEELER

J. W. KING

ARTHUR T. WARREN

JOE SISK

ELMER HODGES

A. L. MCGHEE

### **VISITING MINISTERS**

F. D. JOHNSON

BUSTER WOOLDRIDGE

Moderator calls for the Evangelist report.

Report was read and motion carried that we accept the report and pay the Evangelist the amount due him.

Motion carried that we elect an Evangelist for the coming year.

Motion carried that this item be referred to the Mission Board.

Moderator calls for the Ministers Yearly reports.

Motion carried that F. D. Johnson make his report to the Liberty Association for the full year.

Motion carried that we omit reading the Ministers Yearly reports and print them in the minutes.

Treasurers report read and accepted.

Obituary Committee reports.

Motion carried that the report be accepted and the Obituaries be printed in our minutes.

E. E. Simpson at this time conducts a Memorial service.

Song: Shake Hands With Mother Again.

Prayer by S. D. Johnson.

Scripture Lesson: Heb. 4-9 and First Cor. 15:16.

Motion carried that we have a Memorial service next year. Elder Noah S. Miller was nominated and elected to bring the Memorial message next year.

Report of the Credential committee was read and accepted.

Report of the Ordaining committee was read, and discussed.

Motion carried that item No. eight be amended to read "Atonement by the Blood of Christ."

Motion carried that Item No. forty be omitted.

Motion carried that we use these questions as an aid to the Ordaining committee in its work.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 7:30 p.m.

Prayer, by Joe Sisk.

## **THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE**

SONG: When All of God's Singers Get Home.

Prayer, by LeRoy Chronister.

Elder Wooldridge brought a wonderful message taken from the Fifth chapter of Second Kings. Explaining the five wrongs that Naaman did. Then the things he had to do in order to be cleansed from the awful disease he had,

which represents sin. This procedure applies to the sinner of today.

Elder C. A. Dodson continued with the same line of thought using for his text the 10th verse of the 5th chapter of Second Kings.

Invitation Song: Near the Cross.

Prayer by Emery Coble.

## **FRIDAY MORNING SESSION**

Song: Glad Reunion Day.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:1-12

Prayer by C. A. Bryan.

Moderator calls for the reading of the Constitution and By-laws. Read by the Assistant Clerk, H. E. Harper.

Motion carried that the assistant clerk be counted as a standing delegate.

Moderator calls for church letters that may have come in since the last reading and the following were read:

### **BAILEY CHAPEL**

Delegates: Liza Bell, Lula Smith and George Pingleton. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

### **CAVE SPRING**

Delegates: Ollie Sutton, Hallie Norman and Nerva Fanning. Two present. Deacons recommended.

### **SMYRNA**

Delegates: Mason Watson, Nora Watson and John Holmes. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

### **DILES CREEK**

Delegates: Lorene Case, Mabel Case and Cora Wilkerson. Two present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

### **WILDERNESS**

Delegates: Other Neal, Eulah Neal and Sadie McDowell. Three present. Deacons recommended.

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

Moderator appoints Daniel King to fill the vacancy on the Divine committee.

Motion carried that the Mission Board act without the



absent member being replaced.

Moderator calls for reports of committees.

Resignation of Kieth Johnson as a member of the Executive board was read and accepted.

LORD'S DAY: Report read and approved.

RELIGION: Report read and approved.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Report read and approved.

LITERATURE: Report read and approved; after thorough discussion.

TEMPERANCE: Report read and approved.

STATISTICIAN: Report read and approved.

DIVINE: Report that Harry H. Beatty and C. R. Bryan will bring the Eleven O'clock message.

Motion carried that the temporary committee be commended for their work and released.

The Credential committee makes a further report. Report accepted.

Motion carried that we adjourn for the Eleven O'clock service. Prayer by Jesse H. Dunkin.

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

SONG: I'll Fly Away.

After a number of requests for prayer for specific purposes and individuals the congregation was in prayer by C. R. Bryan.

Scripture reading: Titus 2:11-14

Subject: Grace and Salvation.

The first thing all men should do when they find Jesus is to worship him; No other name is given whereby men may be saved.

Song: Amazing Grace was sung while enjoying a fellowship handshake.

Moderator recessed the meeting for lunch.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

SONG: Send the Light.

Scripture Lesson read by J. W. King. Romans 13:10-14

Prayer, F. D. Johnson.

Moderator calls for committee reports.

Mission Board nominates Elder A. L. McGhee for Associational Evangelist.

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

Motion carried that we give the Evangelist five dollars per day worked.

Moderator calls for new business.

Harry H. Beatty gives a report on the National Association of Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, followed by a question and answer period.

Arrangement for caring for delegates to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting was taken care of at this time.

Moderator calls for the election of Standing committees.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Motion that Chesley R. Hill's place on the Executive Board be declared vacant because he has moved from the Associational boundaries.

E. E. Simpson was nominated for the five year term, Paris Wheeler for the three year term and Joe Sisk for the one year term.

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

Mission Board: C. R. Bryan was nominated for the five year term. Motion carried that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect by acclimation.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** One year term, C. A. Dodson, James Lee Reed and Earnest Harding were nominated. Motion carried that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect by acclimation.

**OBITUARY COMMITTEE:** Motion carried that we retain the present members, namely, R. E. Mills, Elizabeth Holmes, and Bertha Brewer.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Nominations for one year term were Lee Clark, Raymond Williams and Johnny Shaw.

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

Motion carried that the Printing committee be retained, namely, D. J. Bowers, N. H. Rhoades, and Homer E. Harper.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:** One year term. Nominations were, S. D. Johnson, E. E. Simpson and Jesse H. Dunkin.

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

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:** One year term. Nominations were, L. A. Boze, Millard Ehrhardt and N. H. Rhoades.

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

**STATISTICIAN:** One year term. Rosalee Reed nominated.

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

Delegates appointed to attend the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting when convened with the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church August 17 - 20, 1959 were as follows:

Clara Allen, Lorene Pohnert, Minnie Brewer, Luther Frey, Herbert Allen, Sada Miller, Elba Harbison, Albert Holmes, Ora Clark, Ora Wisheart, Francis Harbison, Willie Wisheart, Bertha Brewer, George Brewer, Charley Breeden, Clara Harper, Elizabeth Holmes, Ralph Prince, Homer E. Harper, Sylvia Sandridge, Mary Robinson, Susie Watson and Mary Pitts.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**MODERATOR:** One year term. Earnest Harding and Davie N. Combs, were nominated. Earnest Harding was elected by majority vote.

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR:** Motion carried that Davie N. Combs be the assistant moderator.

**ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK:** Motion carried that N. H. Rhoades be retained for another year.

ASSISTANT ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK: Motion carried that Homer E. Harper be retained for another year.

TREASURER: D. J. Bowers nominated for one year term. Motion carried that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect by acclimation.

Nominations to bring the introductory message for the 1960 session were: J. W. King, James Lee Reed and Davie N. Combs. James Lee Reed and J. W. King were elected.

Pleasant Ridge and Walnut Grove churches asked for the next session. Pleasant Ridge was chosen by a majority vote.

Motion carried that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Bailey Chapel church and the community for the hospitality extended for this session.

The Ordaining Council's report was read and approved and the moderator instructed- them to take charge of the meeting and proceed with their work. J. W. King was ordained to the ministry of the Gospel and Arlie Hays was ordained as a Deacon of the Pleasant Hill church by laying on of hands and prayer led by C. A. Dodson and concluded by James Lee Reed.

Motion carried that we adjourn until nine a.m., on Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday in July 1960 at the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church; Route Two, Alton, Mo.

Prayer by J. W. King.

DAVIE N. COMBS, Moderator,

Route One, Couch, Mo.

N. H. RHOADES, Clerk,

Route Two, Thayer, Mo.

### EVANGELIST REPORT

I wish to submit the following report of my labors as Evangelist.

I helped in a seventeen night revival at Royal Oak church, preaching nine nights. I supplied as pastor at the Pleasant Hill church, ten appointments, and received for

my labors. 9 nights \$26.30; 10 days \$22.75; total \$49.05; travelled 1194 miles.

(Signed)

J. W. King.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

We, your Ordaining Council ask you to receive our report. We have questioned J. W. King and found that he has lived as one called of God to preach the Gospel. Having served one year under license. We now pronounce him worthy to be ordained as a minister of the Gospel.

We have examined Bro. Arlie Hays and have found him worthy to be ordained as a Deacon by request of the Pleasant Hill church.

(Signed)

C. A. Dodson,

Joe Sisk,

James Lee Reed.

### **MISSION BOARD**

We, the Mission Board suggest that we elect Elder A. L. McGhee for our Evangelist for the coming year.

(Signed)

Davie N. Combs,

John Shaw,

Jesse H. Dunkin.

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

We recommend that this Cave Spring Association of Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting give Elders Kieth Johnson and Chesley R. Hill letters of commendation, in good standing, to whom it may concern.

We recommend that this Association give Elders H. C. Crase and L. R. Wheeler yearly certificates.

(Signed)

E. E. Simpson,

Earnest Harding,

S. D. Johnson.

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We submit the following report. We believe that we should abstain from the sale and use of all alcoholic beverages. We should be temperate in all things. We should teach our children the harmful effects of alcoholic drinks and should not patronize any place of business where it is sold. We should make every possible effort to discourage the sale and use of it.

(Signed)

Paris Wheeler,

N. H. Rhoades.

## **LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE**

We find that on the first day of the week Our Lord was raised from the dead. It is the day we must keep Holy. The Bible says not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. If we do fail, how can we show those in sin the way or have fellowship, one with another, as we should? John the Revelator was carried away in the Spirit on the Lord's day. We urge everyone to attend worship services on the Lord's day.

(Signed)

Sylvia Sandridge,

L. T. Darr,

Lillian Brooks.

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We submit the following report. Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from their labor to their reward since our last Yearly Meeting the following Brothers and Sisters. They are greatly missed in our Churches and Homes. We submit our will to the Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

WILLIAM HARRISON RISNER

LEE LYNCH

MAGGIE LOUISA STORMS

NANCY JANE SIFFORD

MILLARD FRANKLIN PHIPPS

CARRA ANN RISNER

JOHN HARVEY MUSE

LEE JACKSON

(Signed)

Elizabeth Holmes,

Rosalee Reed,

Roscoe Mills.

## **COMMITTEE ON RELIGION**

We submit the following report. We think that Christian People, as a whole, are too slack concerning the Lord's work. We feel that we are letting our Ministers down, in not doing our duty by them and keeping the vow that we promised the Lord. We remind you to watch and pray.

(Signed)

Marvin Cockman,

Noah Hollis,

Albert Holmes.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

We met on April 4, 1959 and accepted the resignation of Barbara Johnson as Statistician and nominated Rosalee Reed as her successor. Said action was approved by the quarterly meeting.

(Signed)

Harry H. Beatty,

S. D. Johnson,

Kieth Johnson.

## DENOMINATION COMMITTEE

We present the following report. The Free Will Baptist have moved forward on all fronts for the Lord. Our financial standing is better and all missionary work is going forward. We agree that Free Will Baptist are interested in the Lord's work, but we should study the Scriptures more and attend all Church services more regularly, work harder for the saving of souls and building our denomination of Free Will Baptist.

(Signed)

Velma Campbell,

Pearl Nickless,

Clara Allen.

## LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We submit the following report. We as parents should read and study the Bible with our children and teach them the harmful effects of reading unwholesome literature.

(Signed )

Arthur Parsons,

S. D. Johnson,

Cletious Campbell.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance carried forward July 25, 1959 .....	\$ 178.81
Deposits made .....	159.81
Total .....	\$338.62
Checked out .....	\$94.65
Balance on hand July 23, 1959 .....	\$ 243.97

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on finance have received the following amount for local and state minutes.

Church	Local	State
ALTON .....	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00
MT. ZION .....	3.00	2.00
PLEASANT RIDGE .....	2.00	1.00
THAYER .....	3.00	2.00
WILDERNESS .....	3.00	
PLEASANT HILL .....	3.80	2.00
WALNUT GROVE .....	3.00	2.00
COTTON CREEK .....	2.50	1.00
NORMAN .....	1.75	1.00
PINEY .....	1.50	
BETHEL .....	4.00	2.00
MILL CREEK .....	5.00	2.00
ROYAL OAK .....	2.00	1.00
CAVE SPRING .....	1.40	
BAILEY CHAPEL .....	1.00	.50
SHILOH .....	1.50	
DILES CREEK .....	2.00	
GARFIELD .....	3.00	1.00
OAK GROVE .....	2.60	1.30
TOTAL .....	\$ 49.05	\$19.80

(Signed)

Raymond Williams,

John Shaw,

Lee Clark.

### LEE FRANCIS JACKSON

Lee Francis Jackson, son of the late James and Jane Jackson, was born Sept. 24, 1886 and died Dec. 6, 1958 at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 12 days.

He was married to Ethel Hodge, on June 20, 1907; to this union three children were born, Elbie C. Jackson, of Alton, Mo., and Mrs. Ernest Harding of Thomasville, Mo. One infant preceded him in death Dec. 2, 1934.

He is survived by his two children and seven grandchildren; one sister, Alta Sifford, of Alton, Mo., and several nieces and nephews. Those preceding him in death



were his wife, father, mother and three brothers, William, John and Clyde; five sisters, Florence Mullins, Violet Copenhagen, Mucie Hodge, Mary Little and Dona, who died in infancy. He was converted in 1952, and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Smyrna and remained a member until death. He was very patient through his long illness and suffering and was a loving father. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 8, 1958 at 2:00 o'clock at the Macedonia church, with Rev. E. E. Simpson officiating. The body was laid to rest in the Macedonia cemetery, under direction of Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers were, Waymon Tillman, J. C. Keck, Ray Evans, Fred Deckard, Joe Bill Little and Jackie Little.

### **WILLIAM HARRISON RISNER**

William Harrison Risner, son of Jonathan W., and Phoebe Risner, was born at Garfield, Mo., on November 12, 1888, and departed this life at the Veteran's hospital in Poplar Bluff, Mo., December 18, 1958, at the age of 70 yrs., one month and six days.

On February 24, 1924 he was united in marriage to Carra Millsap, at Alton, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of the home; one son, Walter Bill Risner, of San Francisco, Calif.; four brothers, Willard Risner of West Plains, Mo.; Grover Risner, of Tulsa, Okla.; Clyde Risner, of Olathe, Kans.; Newt Risner, of Myrtle, Mo.; eight sisters, Annie Scott, of Elsabrante, Calif.; Lottie Robinson, of St. Louis, Mo.; Addie Wilmoth, of Thayer, Mo.; Ethel Crase, of Alton, Mo.; Eva Warren, of Charleston, Mo.; Meda Warren, of Thomasville, Mo.; Ruth Taylor, of Downey, Calif.; Ruby Wyatt, of Burbank, Calif.; one step-sister, Gertrude Davis, of Mtn. Home, Ark.; two step-brothers, Lloyd Carlock, of Galion, Ohio; Frank Carlock, of Sapulpa, Okla.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Mr. Risner has lived in Oregon county all his life. He

was a retired farmer. From 1920 to 1928 he served two terms as County Assessor.

His father, mother, oldest sister, Mrs. Lula Denton, and youngest brother, Noel Risner, preceded him in death.

Bro. Risner was converted and professed his hope in Christ, then on September 7, 1958 he was baptized and united with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church and served as a faithful member until God called him home. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Services were Sunday, Dec. 21, 1958 at the Carter chapel with Bro. Millard Ehrhardt officiating, assisted by Bro. Harry Beatty. Burial was in the Thayer cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Amos Trimble, Elmer Trimble, Golie Trimble, Arden Risner, Roy Crawford, Louis Bozman.

Honorary Bearers: Norman Risner, Harry Warren, Jr., Bob Warren, Jake Warren, Cornelius Risner, Orvis Risner, Paul Risner, Wayne Brooks.

### **CARRA ANN RISNER**

Carra Ann Risner, daughter of Alonza and Brittana McGuire, was born in Kentucky October 15, 1888 and departed this life at the St. Johns hospital in Springfield, Mo., on May 23, 1959, at the age of 70 years, seven months and eight days.

She was united in marriage to J. Posey Millsap and to this union one daughter was born. Her husband and daughter preceded her in death.

On February 24, 1924 she was united in marriage to William Harrison Risner at Alton, Mo., who preceded her in death December 18, 1958.

She is survived by one son, Walter Bill Risner, of San Francisco, Calif.; two brothers, Burnett McGuire, of Myrtle Creek, Oregon; Ammon McGuire, of Portland, Oregon; three sisters, Clessie Baggett of Springfield, Mo.; Candace Brooks, of Alton, Mo.; Chloe Vesey, of Phoenix, Arizona; one half-sister, Lonnie Sawyer, of Thayer, Mo.; and a host of other relatives and many, many friends.

She was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist

church.

Services were May 26, 1959 at the Carter Chapel with Bro. Millard Ehrhardt, officiating. Burial was in the Thayer cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home.

Pallbearers: Newt Risner, Norman Risner, Golie Trimble, E. D. McGuire, Milton McFry, Robert Key.

### **MILLARD FRANKLIN PHIPPS**

Millard Franklin Phipps, son of James E. and Sibby Adeline Phipps, was born at Summersville, Mo., on September 22, 1885 and departed this life at Thayer, Mo., at the age of 73 years, 5 months and 24 days.

He was united in marriage to Ella Childers at Kingspoint, Mo., and to this union five children were born. One daughter preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of the home; four sons, Lloyd and Richard of Koshkonong, Mo.; Edward and James, of Thayer, Mo.; two brothers, Lewis of Koshkonong, Mo., and Jim, of Thayer; six sisters, Rosella Sloan, of Mtn. View, Mo.; Lucia Childers, and Rhoda Jewell, and Magdalene Madden all of Thayer, Mo.; Emma Moore, of Thayer, Mo.; Jessie Barzeal of Kansas City, Mo.; fourteen grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Services were March 19, 1959 in the Norman church with Rev. Davie Combs officiating. Burial was in the Norman cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home:

Pallbearers: Raymond Childers, Leo Grooms, Frank Holmes, Orville Bowers, Andrew Moore, Harding Grooms.

### **JOHN HARVEY MUSE**

John Harvey Muse, son of the late Phillip Malcolm and Mary Jane Muse, was born October 2, 1875 and departed this life June 18, 1959 at the age of 83 years, eight months and sixteen days.

He was united in marriage to Mary Frances McCamey

January 12, 1896. To this union six children were born.

He accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Free Will Baptist Church of Smyrna. He was very active in church work and singing. He was a song leader and taught singing for a number of years. He and Mrs. Muse lived on a farm in the Smyrna community for some 59 years and later moved to Alton where he was living at the time of his death.

Besides farming, he was an auctioneer, serving Oregon and surrounding counties until his health failed him.

Survivors are his six children, Mrs. Velma Holmes, and Howard Muse of Alton; Mrs. Rochel Mauldin and Mrs. Jo Uzzell of Springfield, Mo.; Russell of Alton, and Mrs. Edith Wallace, of St. Louis, Mo.; eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, one brother, Chas. E. Muse of Alton, Mo., and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Smyrna church June 20, at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. Davie Combs and Rev. Russell Whiteker, officiating. Song service was by Emery, Ray and Russell Watson and Mrs. Lester Wiggs. .

Pallbearers: Floyd Fisher, Dwight Holmes, C. H. Mauldin,, Joe D. Muse, Clifford Cargill and Lawrence Combs.

Uncle John as he was known by all his acquaintances, will be sadly missed. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

## **NANCY JANE SIFFORD**

Nancy Jane Sifford, daughter of Z. T., and Pauline Bolton was born Dec. 18, 1872 near Alton, Mo., and departed this life Dec. 24, 1958 at the home of her daughter, in Alton, at the age of 86 years, and six days.

She was united in marriage Sept. 30, 1890 to Isaac Sifford and to this union eight children were born, Lawrence Sifford, Ora Nivens, Amy Bennett and Verble Harrison survive.

Her husband and four children, Albert, Liissie, Clesie and an infant preceded her in death.

Besides her children she is survived by five grandchildren, a brother, Clyde Bolton of Kansas City, Kansas;

one sister-in-law, Maggie Bolton, of Alton, and a daughter-in-law, Alta Sifford of Alton, besides other relatives and many friends.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Smyrna Free Will Baptist church of which she was a member until Jesus called her home. She bore her suffering with patience and many times in her last hours she told of Heaven and the joys awaiting her.

Services were Dec. 26, 1958 at the Hickory Grove Presbyterian church with Bro. Russell Whiteker and Bro. Elzie Simpson officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Grove cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home.

Pallbearers: Meril Shaw, John Bolton, Wayne Nivens, Don Wiggs, Ronald Harrison, Nelson Sifford.

### **MAGGIE LOUISA STORMS**

Maggie Louisa Storms, daughter of John and Addie Combs, was born in Oregon county, Mo., on July 11, 1891 and departed this life at Thayer, Mo., December 27, 1958 at the age of 67 years, five months and sixteen days.

On November 28, 1909 she was united in marriage to Edd Storms, at Myrtle, Mo., and to this union eight children were born. One infant, Hallie, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband of the home; seven children, Willi Storms, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Roy Underwood of Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. Ralph Davis, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Ernest Johnson, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Robert Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Royce Hollis, of Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. Lee Dennis, of Independence, Mo.; three brothers, Henry Combs, of Alton, Mo.; Jack Combs and Ernest Combs, both of Stillwater, Okla.; three sisters, Bertie Crass, of Alton, Mo.; Emma Brewer, of Billmore, Mo.; Ollie Barnett of Stillwater, Okla.; fifteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many other relatives and a host of friends.

Her church affiliation was with the Free Will Baptist.

Services were December 30, 1958 at the Cotton Creek church with Bro. Millard Ehrhardt and Bro. Claude Bryan

officiating. Burial was in the Cotton Creek cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home.

Pallbearers: Roy Underwood, Ernest Johnson, LeRoy Dennis, Ralph Davis, Royce Hollis, Robert Anderson.

## LEE LYNCH

Lee Lynch, son of Henry and Mary Lynch, was born at Tyrone, Missouri on May 28, 1881 and departed this life December 14, 1958 at his home at Alton, Mo., at the age of 77 years, six months and 17 days.

He was united in marriage to Nora Naney July 19, 1903 near Thomasville, Mo. To this union seven children were born.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, four daughters, Willie Taber, of Warrensburg, Mo., Gladys Milines, of Canton, Mo.; Murl Campbell, and Leila Campbell, both of Alton, Mo.; one son, Cecil Lynch, of Hollister, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Ola Nichols, of Thomasville, Mo.; Mrs. Etta Haney, of Levetta, Colo.; 21 grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Two sons preceded him in death, Glen Richard, who died in infancy, and Ben, who died in December of last year.

He was converted and baptized into the church Sept. 14, 1947. He served as deacon of the Royal Oak church until the time of his death. He has lived for his Savior since and was ready to meet him. He was a devoted husband and father and a friend to all who knew him. He has never complained through his trials and illness of the past several years. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Services were December 16, 1958 at the Royal Oak Church with Bro. Davie Combs and Bro. Jesse Duncan officiating. Russell Muse, Emery Watson, Ray Watson, and Lena Watson sang, "Going Down the Valley," "I'll Not Be a Stranger", and "If We Never Meet Again." Burial was in the Huddleston cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home.

Pallbearers: Ray Holmes, Claud Huff, Albert Holmes, Burl Wright, Fred Orr, Millard Cloven.

## 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 Auxiliary 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 Sun-

day 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 confer-



ence. 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 seven members.

### **COTTON CREEK CHURCH**

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

### **ROYAL OAK CHURCH**

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

### **NORMAN CHURCH**

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

### **PLEASANT HILL CHURCH**

Organized October 6, 1918, by Rev. E. J. Vaughn and Rev. H. C. Crase, with seventeen 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 thirteen 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. Rolan, 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 Othel 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; Noble Coble, Church Clerk; Billie Joe Lovelace, Treasurer; Emery 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; Le eClark, 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 wele elected as advisory committee.

### **FIRST LEBANON CHURCH**

The Lebanon Church was first 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.

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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

## 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 .....

## 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 con-

demnation. 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 em-



playments 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 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; 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 Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCHES	Pastors and Address FOR THE YEAR 1959-60	Clerks Names and Address FOR THE YEAR 1959-60	SABBATH OF MEETING
			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
			DECEASED
			EXCLUDED
			DISMISSED BY LETTER
			NUMBER BAPTISED
			NUMBER RECEIVED THIS YEAR
			NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS
			RESIDENT MEMBERS
WALNUT GROVE ....	Ernest Harding, Thomasville, Mo.	Bertha Brewer, Myrtle, Mo.	51 41 2 2 1 ..... 93 1 3
DILES CREEK .....	Jessie Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Lucille Jenkins, Myrtle, Mo.	61 11 1 1 2 ..... 1 72 1 3
WILDERNESS .....	Mauri Shaw, Salem, Ark.	Eulah Neal, Star R. Fremont, Mo.	25 23 ..... 1 ..... 48 2 4
SMYRNA .....	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Cleora Breeden, R. 3, Alton, Mo.	69 24 ..... 1 2 93 2 4
CAVE SPRING .....	Joe Sisk, Myrtle, Mo.	Lillie Barton, Alton, Mo.	13 18 ..... 31 2
BAILEY CHAPEL ....	E. E. Hollis, Rt. 2, Thayer	Thelma Pingleton, Alton, Mo.	63 35 ..... 98 3
MT. ZION .....	Manuel Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Jettie Bowers, Thayer, Mo.	82 27 6 4 2 ..... 2 109 all
GARFIELD .....	Millard Ehrhardt, Thayer, Mo.	H. W. Wetzel, Couch, Mo.	65 21 4 4 1 ..... 86 2 4
PLEASANT HILL ....	J. W. King, Myrtle, Mo.	Carolee Barton, Thayer, Mo.	19 ..... 4 ..... 19 2 4
CLIFTON .....	Ernest Harding, Thomasville, Mo.	Nova Coble, Thayer, Mo.	11 2 ..... 13 2 4
MILL CREEK .....	Wayne Parsons, Myrtle, Mo.	Mrs Geo. Brown, Myrtle, Mo.	81 56 2 ..... 2 ..... 137 all
PLEASANT RIDGE..	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Zella Barton, Rt. 1, Alton, Mo.	70 47 1 1 ..... 117 2 4
PINEY .....	Joe Sisk, Myrtle, Mo.	Georgia Crowder, Couch, Mo.	26 11 ..... 37 4
COTTON CREEK ....	Millard Ehrhardt, Thayer, Mo.	Juanita Roberts, Couch, Mo.	74 22 7 2 ..... 96 1 3
OAK GROVE .....	James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.	Edith Summers, Thayer, Mo.	28 7 1 ..... 35 2 4
THAYER .....	Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.	Lorene Pohmert, Thayer, Mo.	79 13 3 ..... 92 all
ALTON .....	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Barbara James, Alton, Mo.	76 15 14 8 ..... 91 all
BETHEL .....	Davie N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	Betty Walker, South Fork, Mo.	39 ..... 7 4 2 ..... 39 all
SHILOH .....	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Elizabeth Holmes, Alton, Mo.	30 7 ..... 37 1
NORMAN .....	J. W. King, Myrtle, Mo.	Inez Roberts, Thayer, Mo.	48 42 1 1 ..... 1 90 1 3
ROYAL OAK .....	Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Jean Braswell, Alton, Mo.	47 44 2 2 1 ..... 1 89 2 4
LIBERTY .....	NO REPORT		
BETHANY .....	NO REPORT		
DRY CREEK .....	NO REPORT		
PLEASANT VALLEY	NO REPORT		

## Ministers' Yearly Report

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