

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventy - Third Annual Session

—OF THE—

Cave Spring Yearly Meeting

— OF —

Freewill Baptist Churches

—HELD WITH—

Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church

JULY 21 - 22, 1960



OFFICERS - 1961 SESSION

Moderator	.....	Virgil Blankenship
Assistant Moderator	.....	James Lee Reed
Clerk	.....	N. H. Rhoades
Assistant Clerk	.....	Homer Harper
Treasurer	.....	D. J. Bowers
Statistician	.....	Rosalee Reed

The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Norman Free Will Baptist Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1961. The Introductory message will be brought by Manuel Dunkin and C. A. Dodson.

STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires

Noland Johnson	1961
Paris Wheeler	1962
S. D. Johnson	1963
E. E. Simpson	1964
Joe Sisk	1965

MISSION BOARD

Davie N. Combs	1961
Jesse H. Dunkin	1962
John J. Shaw	1963
C. R. Bryan	1964
E. E. Hollis	1965

The Following are for One Year terms:

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Manuel Dunkin, Millard Ehrhardt and Harold Wayne Parsons

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Roscoe E. Mills, Bertha Brewer and Elizabeth Holmes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Brewer, Raymond Williams and John J. Shaw.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

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

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Eulas Caldwell, Virgil Blankenship and J. E. Rolen.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

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The seventy-third annual session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, east of Alton, Mo., on July 21, 1960.

OPENING SONG: Heaven's Jubilee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Rev. 21-8; II Chr. 7-14.

The Associational Clerk ascertaining that a quorum is present declares the seventy-third 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 the stand to assume charge of the same.

After a few appropriate remarks the moderator calls for the Constitution and By-laws to be read.

The Constitution and by-laws were read by the assistant clerk, Homer E. Harper.

The moderator calls for church letters and the following were received and read by assistant clerk, Homer E. Harper.

COTTON CREEK

Delegates: Geraldine Melton, Genevive Caldwell and Ada Combs; two present. They recommend their Elders and Deacons as worthy.

THAYER:

Delegates: Elsie Worel, Clara Allen and Bertie Jewell. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

PLEASANT RIDGE:

Delegates: Agnes Darr, Leslie Darr and Pearl Johnson. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

OAK GROVE:

Delegates: Mary Harper, Mary Robinson and Abner S. Rhoades. Three present. Deacons recommended.

NORMAN:

Delegates: Paul Roberts, Clara Harper and Ruth Rhoades. One present. Deacons recommended.

WALNUT GROVE:

Delegates: Daniel King, Ethel King and Dewey Wisehart. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

MT. ZION:

Delegates: Ezra Manes, Ralph Prince and Golda Dunkin. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

PLEASANT HILL

Delegates: Edna Hollis, Bernice Janes and Willard Barton. Two present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

ALTON:

Delegates: Irene Chronister, Ted Spencer and Harve Turner. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

PINEY:

Delegates: Eva Williams, Pearl Nickless and Nora Dethrow. One present. Deacons recommended.

GARFIELD:

Delegates: Carl Sanders, Francis Sanders and Dianne Sanders. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

BETHEL:

Delegates: Hattie Sims, Lillian Brooks and Lorene Dotson. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

SHILOH:

Delegates: Albert Holmes, Ruth Thompson and Grace Redburn. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

MILL CREEK:

Delegates: Elba Harbison, Francis Harbison and Oletha Parsons. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

CAVE SPRING QUARTERLY CONFERENCE:

Delegates: Maggie Bolton, Ethel Holmes and Cecille Ehrhardt. Three present.

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

Motion carried that the moderator appoint an assistant moderator. Harry H. Beatty was appointed.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint the Divine committee. Daniel King, Ezra Manes and Leslie Darr were appointed.

The Moderator calls for petitionary letters. None received.

The Moderator calls for corresponding letters. One received from the Mission Association of Free Will Baptist. The letter was read and accepted and the delegate seated in the conference as an advisory member.

A letter was received and read from E. E. Simpson. The letter was approved and motion carried that it be noted in the minutes.

A letter from Bill Risner was read and motion carried that it be received as information.

The following temporary committees were nominated and elected to serve for the duration of this conference.

DENOMINATION:

Nora Dethrow, Clara Allen and Harry H. Beatty.

RELIGION:

Albert Holmes, Joe Sisk and Eulas Caldwell.

LORD'S DAY:

Arthur T. Warren, Leahmon Combs and James L. Reed.

LITERATURE:

H. Wayne Parsons, Lee Dethrow and E. E. Webb.

J. W. King was appointed to fill the vacancy on the credentials committee.

George Brewer was appointed to fill the vacancy on the finance committee.

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

ELEVEN O'CLOCK MORNING SERVICE

OPENING SONG: More About Jesus.

PRAYER: H. Wayne Parson.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Numbers 13:26-33.

GIANTS: Shall we be able to conquer them, such as, Selfishness, Procrastination, Ill Temper, Deceit, Intemperance, etc.

Services were dismissed by a song and handshake.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

OPENING SONG: Heavenly Love.

Scripture Lesson: 133 Psalm.

Prayer: John J. Shaw.

Harry Beatty at this time gives a verbal report of the business transacted at the National Association. We find that all phases of the work is going forward, new fields of service being opened at home and abroad.

Bro. Franklin of Mission Association reports that they

are growing in a wonderful way and request that we send a letter and delegates to meet with them.

The following Ministers, Deacons and Clerks were registered as present.

MINISTERS

DAVIE N. COMBS
ARTHUR T. WARREN
JAMES LEE REED
HARRY H. BEATTY
E. E. HOLLIS
S. D. JOHNSON
JOE SISK
HAROLD W. PARSON

KEITH JOHNSON
C. A. DODSON
J. W. KING
NOAH S. MILLER
J. E. ROLEN
VIRGIL BLANKENSHIP
MANUEL DUNKIN

DEACONS

N. H. RHOADES
JOHN J. SHAW
ROBERT WOREL
RAY HOLLIS
NOLAND JOHNSON
DAN PITTS
B. COMBS
D. J. BOWERS
E. W. WEBB
RAYMOND WILLIAMS
GEORGE C. BREWER

LEAHMON COMBS
BIRL WRIGHT
ARLIE HAYS
EULAS CALDWELL
C. L. ROBINSON
ARTHUR PARSON
R. E. MILLS
M. E. WILLIAMS
ALBERT WILKERSON
NOBLE SNODGRASS

CHURCH CLERKS

BERTHA BREWER
LOUISE JOHNSON
NOVA COBLE
LAURA WEBB
ELIZABETH HOLMES

CLEORA BREEDEN
BERNICE CANTRELL
GEORGIA CROWDER
DOLLIE COMBS

The Moderator calls for the Evangelists report. Evangelist was not present.

The Ministers yearly reports were read and approved.

The Treasurers report was read, discussed and approved.

The Obituary committee's report was read and discussed; then everyone stood for a moment of silent prayer, then audible prayer by Joe Sisk and Bro. Noah S. Miller

held an appropriate Memorial service. A motion carried that we hold a memorial service in the 1961 session. H. Wayne Parson was chosen to bring the memorial message in 1961.

Motion carried that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist church and the surrounding community for their hospitality on this day.

Motion carried that we adjourn until Friday morning, 9: a.m., July 22, 1960.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Davie N. Combs and S. D. Johnson brought an interesting message from Romans 8-28. All things work together for good to them that love God.

FRIDAY MORNING

OPENING SONG: Just a little talk with Jesus.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: James 1:12-26

PRAYER: Virgil Blankenship

The Constitution and by-laws were read by the assistant clerk.

Motion carried that Thursdays minutes be recorded as read by the associational clerk.

The Moderator calls for church letters and the following were received and read.

ROYAL OAK:

Delegates: Lois Peace, Velma Campbell and Ronnie Campbell. One present. Deacons recommended.

DILES CREEK:

Delegates: Nevada Wilkerson, Ruby Wilkerson and Anne Williams. Elders and Deacons recommended.

CLIFTON:

Delegates: Noah Hollis, Nola Hollis and Mae Caldwell. Two present. Deacons recommended.

BAILEY CHAPEL:

Delegates: Helen Pitts, Minnie Nicholas and Jim Boze. Three present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

CAVE SPRING:

Delegates: Linnie Ralston, Esther Archer and Dollie Combs. One present. Deacons recommended.

WILDERNESS:

Delegates: Other Neal, Eulah Neal, and Opal Brawley. One present. Deacons recommended.

LIBERTY:

Delegates: Doris McDonald, Dortha Reed and Willie Reed. Two present. Deacons recommended.

SMYRNA:

Delegates: Thurman Mauldin, Wayne Wright and Mackie Warren. Two present. Elders and Deacons recommended.

BETHANY:

No letter, delegates or verbal report.

Motion carried that we receive the letters and seat the delegates including those who were not present when the letter was read.

Manuel Dunkin was elected to fill the vacancy on the Credential committee.

H. C. Crase, L. R. Wheeler and Hugh Stogsdill were referred to the credential committee.

The Executive board's report was read and approved.

The Ordaining Council's report was read and approved.

The Committee on Denomination report is read, discussed and approved.

The statistical report is read, discussed, amended and approved as amended.

Minister's yearly reports were read and approved.

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

ELEVEN O'CLOCK MORNING SERVICE

OPENING SONG: When the Roll is Called up Yonder.

PRAYER: H. Wayne Person.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Malachi 3-7; II Chron. 7-14.

SUBJECT: Opening the windows of Heaven.

A soul stirring message was delivered by Bros. Parson and Beatty, after which an altar call was made.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

OPENING SONG: I'll Fly Away.

NEW BUSINESS

Scripture Lesson: Ester 4:14; St. John 3:3.

H. H. Beatty speaks for the Free Will Baptist Gem.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Joe Sisk is nominated and elected to a five year term. - H. H. Beatty submits his resignation from the Executive Board. Resignation is accepted and a vote of Thanks is given him for his services. Noland Johnson is nominated and elected for a one year term to the Executive Board.

E. E. Hollis is nominated and elected for a five year term on the Mission Board.

Manuel Dunkin, Millard Ehrhardt and H. Wayne Parson are nominated and elected to one year term on the Ordaining Council.

R. E. Mills, Bertha Brewer and Elizabeth Holmes are nominated and elected for a one year term on the Obituary Committee.

George Brewer, Raymond Williams and John J. Shaw are nominated and elected to a one year term on the Finance Committee.

Eulas Caldwell, Virgil Blankenship and J. E. Rolen are nominated and elected to a one year term on the Temperance Committee.

Motion carried that S. D. Johnson, E. E. Simpson and J. H. Dunkin be retained on the Credential Committee.

Millard Ehrhardt was nominated and elected as Associational Evangelist. Motion carried that we pay the Evangelist \$5.00 per service and five (5) cents per mile of travel.

Rosalee Reed was nominated and elected Association-
al Treasurer.

N. H. Rhoades was nominated and elected Association-
al Clerk.

Motion carried that the Clerk choose his assistant.
Homer E. Harper was chosen.

Motion carried that the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and
Treasurer compose the Printing Committee.

James Lee Reed, Virgil Blankenship and Arthur T.
Warren are nominated for one year term as Moderator.

Virgil Blankenship was elected by a majority vote.

Motion carried that James Lee Reed be assistant Mo-
derator.

H. H. Beatty and J. E. Rolen were elected delegates to
attend the Mission Association.

Elba Harbison, Francis Harbison, Grace Stevens, Gen-
evieve Caldwell, Lillian Brooks, Hattie Sims, Clark Stev-
ens, Virgil Cantrell and Bernice Cantrell were elected de-
legates to attend the Missouri State Association.

Manuel Dunkin and C. A. Dodson were nominated and
elected to bring the introductory sermon for the 1961 ses-
sion.

The Norman, Walnut Grove and Mill Creek churches
asked for the 1961 session of the Yearly Meeting. The
Norman church was chosen as the meeting place by a maj-
ority vote.

Motion carried that we extend our heartfelt thanks to
the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church and surround-
ing community for their hospitality throughout the 1960
session of the yearly meeting.

Motion carried that we adjourn until the time for the
1961 session. .

DAVIE N. COMBS, Moderator	N. H. RHOADES, Clerk
Route 1, Couch, Mo.	Route 2, Thayer, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board met on April 2, 1960 and received the resignation of Earnest Harding from the Ordaining Council. We appointed Bro. Millard Ehrhardt to serve on the Ordaining Council until the Yearly Meeting in 1960.

DENOMINATION

The Free Will Baptist are moving forward on all fronts for the Lord. We are showing increase in local, State and National work. The National Association is moving forward in all eight departments. Our National Budget for the coming year is \$549,205.00. Our Missionary work is expanding rapidly. We ask that each member encourage and support all denominational enterprises and live closer to the church covenant.

Clara Allen, Harry Beatty, Nora Dethrow.

JULY 22, 1960 — I hereby submit my resignation as a member of the Executive board.

(Signed)

Harry Beatty.

LORD'S DAY

Now when Jesus was risen from the dead early the first day of the week; He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils: Mark: 6:9. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, Jesus came and stood in their midst. John 20: 19. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow, and continued his speech until midnight. I Cor.: 16:2. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet. The Lord's day is the weekly festival of our Lord's resurrection, and identified with the first day of the week, or Sunday, in every age of the Church..

A day that we should keep HOLY.

(Signed):

James L. Reed, Arthur T. Warren, Leamon Combs.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We examined Bros. George Brewer and Clifton Lee King on August 16, 1960 and found them worthy to be ordained as Deacons, by request of the Walnut Grove church. Place of Ordination Walnut Grove Church. We examined Bros. Nobel Snodgrass and Bethel Redus, by request of the Liberty Church, on May 1, 1960 and found them worthy to be ordained as Deacons. Place of Ordination Liberty Church.

(Signed)

Millard Ehrhardt, Joe Sisk, James L. Reed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance have received the following amounts for local and state Minutes.

Church	Local	State
MT. ZION	\$2.00	\$1.00
ALTON	3.00	1.00
DILES CREEK	2.00	.....
SMYRNA	2.00	2.00
BAILEY CHAPEL .....	.75	.50
THAYER	3.00	2.00
WALNUT GROVE	3.00	2.00
NORMAN	1.80	.95
SHILOH	1.50	.....
LIBERTY	3.00	2.00
PINEY	2.00	.....
BETHEL	4.00	1.00
WILDERNESS	2.00	.....
CAVE SPRING	1.00	1.00
ROYAL OAK	2.00	1.00
PLEASANT HILL	2.00	1.00
COTTON CREEK	3.26	1.00
MILL CREEK	5.00	2.00
OAK GROVE	3.00	1.50
TOTAL	\$46.31	\$19.95

(Signed)

Raymond Williams, George T. Brewer, John J. Shaw.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance carried forward, July 23, 1959	\$243.97
Receipts for the past year	144.94
TOTAL	\$388.91
Disbursements for the past year	139.75
Balance on hand July 21, 1960	\$249.16

(Signed) D. J. Bowers.

STATE OF RELIGION

We your committee feel that our churches need a spiritual awakening. They are slack in attending public worship and in carrying out the ordinances of the Gospel, such as the Communion service and foot washing.

(Signed) Eulas Caldwell, Albert Holmes, Joe Sisk.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the committee on obituaries submit the following report, whereas it pleases the Heavenly Father to call from 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 that of the Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

DALE ARCHER
JAMES M. REYNOLDS
PEARL SIMPSON
ANNA BARTON
JAMES WOODS
ESSIE VIOLA WILMARTH
JOSIE BAILEY
CLIDE JOHNSON
VIRGINIA COMBS
GEORGE SCHUSTER
TED HACKWORTH
PAUL ROBERTS
FLORENCE ROGERS
ELGAN CALDWELL
CHARLENE BOWERS
LORA CYPRET
MEDA LOONEY

(Signed)

Berthia Brewer, Elizabeth Holmes, Roscoe Mills.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We suggest that the Holy Bible have first place in our homes also that other Christian literature be considered, especially our Denominational papers, the Gem and Contact. We suggest that our Sunday Schools make sure that their literature agrees with the Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

(Signed).

Lee Dethrow, E. W. Webb, H. Wayne Parsons.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Cleo Johnson surrendered his Certificate of Ordination as a Deacon to the Pleasant Ridge Church and was dismissed from the church, at his request.

Luke E. Boze, no longer being able to attend services at Bailey Chapel, surrendered his Certificate of Ordination as a Deacon to the Church and joined a church closer to his home after requesting dismissal from the Bailey Chapel Church. Lawrence Sifford surrendered his Certificate of Ordination as a Deacon of the Smyrna Church at the request of the Credential committee, because that he had more than one living wife. He remains a member of the Smyrna church. The committee talked to Millard Cloven, who had requested dismissal from the Shiloh Church and still holds his Ordination Certificate as a minister. He is undecided at the present time, but is considering going back into the Church. Time was granted for consideration.

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting grant a Yearly Certificate to H. C. Crase.

We recommend that The Yearly Meeting grant L. R. Wheeler a yearly Certificate, upon condition that he place his membership in one of our affiliated churches.

We find that Hugh Stogsdill has transferred his membership to a church near his new home and is no longer under our jurisdiction.

(Signed) E. E. Simpson,

S. D. Johnson, Jesse Dunkin, J. W. King, Manuel Dunkin

ELGIN LAFAYETTE CALDWELL

Elgin Lafayette Caldwell, son of the late Andy J. and Alice Caldwell, was born near Billmore in Oregon county, Missouri on August 7, 1891, and passed away at St. Bernards Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on November 6, 1959, at the age of 68 years, 2 months and 29 days.

He was united in marriage to Lola Sorrell on February 5, 1911 and to this union two children were born.

He is survived by his wife, Lola Caldwell, of the home, two daughters, Anna Jean Meyer, Florissant, Mo., Mable June King, Myrtle, Mo.; one brother, Tom Caldwell, Thayer, Mo.; two sisters, Hettie Wheeler and May Wheeler, of Couch, Mo.; five grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. One brother, George Caldwell preceded him in death.

He was converted and united with the Myrtle Freewill Baptist Church in 1943 and remained a faithful member until his passing.

The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 8, 1959 at the Freewill Baptist Church at Myrtle, with Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Wayne Parsons officiating, with burial in the Myrtle cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Harry Wheeler, Hugh Wheeler, Buster Caldwell, Ulas Caldwell, Willard Caldwell, Waymon Caldwell.

JAMES M. REYNOLDS

James M. Reynolds, son of the late Irvin and Dora Reynolds, was born June 13, 1899 at Dalton, Arkansas and departed this life November 3, 1959 near Myrtle, Missouri at the age of 60 years, 4 months and 20 days.

He was united in marriage to Lola Brewer in September, 1925 at Elm Store, Arkansas and to this union two sons were born.

He is survived by his wife of the home, two sons, Dwane of the home, Harold, of Dexter, Mo.; one grandson, and one daughter-inlaw; four brothers, Tom Reynolds, his twin brother, of Pocahontas, Arkansas; Jake Reynolds, of Granite City, Ill., Rufe Reynolds, of Pocahontas, Arkansas, Lehman Reynolds of Myrtle, Mo.; four sisters, Versie Hall, Stroud, Okla.; Bessie Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo.; Clara Westfall, Perkins, Okla., and Leta Sorrell of Myrtle, Mo., and a host of relatives and friends.

His father, mother, one brother, Clyde, and two infant sisters preceded him in death.

He was converted and joined the Freewill Baptist church at Myrtle, in 1944.

Funeral services were held November 7, 1959 at the Carter Chapel in Thayer, with Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Wayne Parsons officiating. Burial was in Thayer cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Rubel Crase, Link Hall, George Brewer, Andrew Hall, L. L. Crawford and Rathy Brewer.

JAMES OSCAR WOOD

Funeral services for James Oscar Wood, 71, of West Plains who died Saturday morning at his home following a long illness were held at 10 o'clock this morning in the Free will Baptist church of West Plains with the Rev. Keith Johnson officiating, assisted by Rev. Noah Miller.

He was born in Vidette, Ark., March 3, 1888 to the late L. O. and Susie Wood.

Mr. Wood was a retired farmer; he came to West Plains about ten years ago.

He was married to Susie Huett at Elizabeth, Ark. June 22, 1919.

Mr. Wood served in the U.S. Army during WW I and saw service overseas. He was a past member of the American Legion and of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church of West Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Susie Wood, of the home;

two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Carroll, Viola, Ark.; and Mrs. Georgia Watson, Scranton, Kans., and one son, Harold B. Wood, Burlingame, Kans.; a sister, Mrs. Rosie Terrell, of Wasco, Calif.; two brothers, Fred Wood, Salém, Ark., and Forrest Wood, Crescent City, Calif.; several grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Active pallbearers were, Ray Faulkenberry, Bennie Forister, Homer Jennings, Roy Bell, Fred Crider and Curtiss Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were, John Ghrist, George Langley, John Brown, Frank Wagner, Homer Green, Tommy Adkisson and Ray Hall..

The music was by Eugene James and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Good, who sang, "Precious Memories," "In the Sweet By and By", and "Rock of Ages."

Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral home of West Plains.

Out-of-town persons attending the funeral were, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Faulkenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Pickren and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Castleberry.

CLYDE MATHER JOHNSON

Clyde Mather Johnson, son of Rev. Wm. and Nannie Johnson; was born November 6, 1894, and departed this life May 19, 1960 at the age of 65 years, six months and 13 days, at his home near Alton, Mo.

He was united in marriage to Lottie Parrott September 22, 1915, and to this union seven children were born. One daughter, Ruby, preceded him in death October 20, 1945.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Lottie, and six children, Leonard and Nolen Johnson, Opal Sanders and Pearl Johnson, all of Alton, Missouri; Eugene Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., and Donald Johnson, of Monterey, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, three brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.

He professed a hope in Christ early in life and united with the Freewill Baptist church and was faithful to his Lord and church until God called him home. He was a kind and loving husband, father, a true brother and friend. He hoped his suffering would glorify God. His friends were numbered by all who knew him. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m., at the Cave Spring church, with the Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. Manuel Dunkin officiating, with burial in the Cave Spring cemetery, under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were, William Parrott, Sherman Dunham, Truman Albright, Chas. Jr. Hollis, Clifford Brawley, and Jerry Johnson.

LULA FLORENCE ROGERS

Lula Florence Rogers, daughter of Thomas and Elmedia Proctor, was born in Dallas county, Mo., June 10, 1883, and departed this life November 3, 1959 at the age of 76 years, four months and 23 days.

She was united in marriage to Henry Rogers on December 6, 1903; to this union two children were born. Her husband and son, Raymond, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Lula Williams, of Myrtle, one grandson, Keith Rogers, of Myrtle, Mo.; a nephew, Rev. Jesse Dunkin, whom she reared from a small boy; one sister, Susie Harmon of Norwalk, Iowa and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church in July, 1928. She lived a devoted christian life to the end.

She was loved by all who knew her; we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Freewill Baptist church at Myrtle, Mo., with Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Wayne Parsons officiating. Burial was in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of the Carter Fun-

eral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers, Hershel Dunkin, Herbert E. Harmon, Rev. Jesse Dunkin, L. L. Crawford, and A. W. Brewer.

PARKS DALE ARCHER

Parks Dale Archer, son of the late Thomas and Nancy Archer, was born at Wright City, Missouri on July 13, 1876 and departed this life at Alton, Mo., January 12, 1960 at the age of 83 years, five months and 29 days.

He was united in marriage to Mary R. Sanders, at Alton, Mo., and to this union three children were born, T. J., Media and Ray. His wife, one son, Ray, his father and mother preceded him in death.

On December 26, 1920, he was united in marriage to Mary Esther Boze at Alton, Mo., and to this union one son was born, Joe Archer.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, of the home, two sons, T. J. Archer, of Belton, Mo., Joe Archer, of Thayer, Mo., and one daughter, Media Archer of Alton, Mo.; eight grandchildren, one great granddaughter and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Cave Springs.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 14, 1960 at 2:00 p.m., at the Cave Spring church with Rev. Kenneth Brown officiating, with burial in the Cave Spring cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Sol Simpson, Lewis Simpson, Ray Holmes, Ivan Chronnister, John Blankenship, Silas Barton.

TED HACKWORTH

Ted Hackworth, son of James M. and Sarah Elizabeth Hackworth, was born at Gatewood, Mo., on December 15, 1910 and departed this life Myrtle, Mo., March 21, 1959 at the age of 48 years, three months and six days.

On September 27, 1936 he was united in marriage to Lena King at Salem, Ark., and to this union ten children were born.

He is survived by his wife of the home, his ten children, Peggy Hackworth of Kirkwood, Missouri, Mary Lou Wicker and Joe Hackworth, both of Myrtle, Mo., Doris Lee Engle, of Marvel, Arkansas, Lucy Marie, Don, Jim, Larry, Richard and Teddy Glen, all of the home; four brothers, Arnett and Odie, both of Thayer, Mo.; David, of Brawley, Calif.; Junior, of Jonesboro, Ark.; four sisters, Mrs. Virgil Russell and Mrs. Grace Honeycutt, both of Thayer, Mo., Mrs. Josephine Taylor, of Miller Mo., Mrs. Mardel Lewallen of St. Louis, Mo. two grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

Services were March 24, 1959 at the Diles Creek Freewill Baptist church with Bro. Millard Ehrhardt and Bro. Davie Combs officiating. Burial was in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home.

Pallbearers, Jack Combs, Eddie Honeycutt, Lester Hackworth, Roosevelt Koontz, Avon Upton, Ernest King.

VIRGINIA STORMS COMBS

Virginia Storms Combs, daughter of Jim and Mary Storms, was born at Couch, Mo., August 15, 1885, and departed this life March 8, 1960 at the age of 74 years, six months and 21 days.

She was married to William Arthur Combs on September 16, 1906, and to this union seven children were born. Her husband and one son preceded her in death. Those left to mourn her death are, Mrs. Everett Gall of Thayer, Mo., Mrs. Ralph Doran, of Indio, Calif., Mrs. Edd Case, of Myrtle, Mo., Mrs. Homer Crass of St. Louis, Mo., Noah Combs, of Indio, Calif., and Mrs. Gilbert Deckard, of Myrtle, Mo., nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren and also two sisters and four brothers, Pearl Lewallen and Mrs. Henry Betts, of Thayer, Mo., and Will, Jake, Ed and Fred Storms.

She was converted at an early age and joined the Free will Baptist church, at Cotton Creek and lived a faithful life until God called her home.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:00 p.m., March 11, 1960 at the Freewill Baptist church in Thayer with the Rev. Claude Bryan and Rev. Harry Beatty officiating, with burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were, Roy Underwood, Bill Underwood, Virgil Blankenship, Royce Hollis, Orbie Williams and Ted Doran.

ANNA MARIA BARTON

Anna Maria Barton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jehrling, was born in Illinois, May 29, 1889, and departed this life at Alton, Mo., August 31, 1959 at the age of 70 years, three months and one day.

In August, 1907 she was united in marriage to Elmer Barton at Alton, Missouri. To this union five children were born.

Her husband, father, mother and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Verda Herbold, Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. Ruby McHalfey, Alton, Mo., three sons, Marvin Barton, Hickory Ridge, Ark., William Barton, Hickory Ridge, Ark., William Barton, East St. Louis, Ill., Carl M. Barton, Soap Lake, Washington; six grandchildren, one great grandchild; one sister, Mary Black, of Denver, Colo., and a host of relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Cave Spring, and had been a member for 52 years.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 3, 1959, at Cave Spring with Bros. Harry Beatty and Joe Sisk officiating. Burial was in the Cave Spring cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home.

Pallbearers, W. B. Combs, Silas Barton, Clarence Barton, Paul Barton, Duane Sikes and T. B. Couch.

GEORGE SCHUSTER

George Schuster, son of the late Paul and Rosey Schuster, was born in Brooks county, Kansas on June 26, 1891

and departed this life at West Plains Memorial Hospital on February 18, 1960 at the age of 68 years, 7 months and 22 days.

He was united in marriage to Artie Weaver, at Hardy, Arkansas on December 3, 1911 and to this union four children were born. His father, mother, one daughter, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Artie, of the home, one daughter, Georgie Cosby, of West Plains, Mo.; two sons, Paul and Bonnie Schuster, both of Thayer, Missouri, and a granddaughter he raised, Pat Lancaster; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Rose, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas and Mrs. Lena Brewer, Anderson, Ind., and four grandsons, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church, and a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 21, 1960 at 2:00 p.m., at the Carter Chapel with Rev. Harry Beatty officiating. Burial was in the Thayer cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers, Frank Wirth, Herschel McClure, Clovis Crockett, Golie Trimble, Jess Trimble and J. L. McKinney.

PAUL MARION ROBERTS

Paul Marion Roberts, son of Perry A. and Ella Roberts, was born April 12, 1914 at Alton, Mo., and departed this life April 14, 1960 at Jonesboro, Arkansas at the age of 46 years and two days.

On August 27, 1934 he was united in marriage to Juanita Blankenship and to this union five children were born.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons, Betty Ruth Pingleton, of Alaska, Paul James, Sherman Ray, Sharon Kay and Kelly Gene Roberts of the home and one grandson, Randell Scott Pingleton; his mother, Ella Roberts, of Alton, Mo., and one sister, Mary Ann Lawrence, of Wynne, Ark.; five brothers, Willard, of Bardley, Mo., Phillip of Alton, Mo., Alexander of the U.S. Air

Force, Lloyd of St. Louis, Mo., and Luie, of Thomasville, Mo., and a host of relatives and friends.

He was converted in December of 1959 and affiliated with the Cotton Creek Freewill Baptist church.

He was a kind husband and loving father. Everything was done that could be to keep him here and to restore his health, but God said come up higher, to a place I have prepared for you where there will be no more pain and where you can rest in peace for ever more. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held Monday, at 2:00 p.m. April 18, 1960 at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. Millard Ehrhardt and Rev. Graddy officiating, with burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were, Jack Jackson, Floyd Cook, Ray Dethrow, Jr., Wayne Neal, Kenneth Melton, Thomas H. Lance, Jr.

ESSIE VIOLA WILMARTH

Mrs. Essie Viola Wilmarth, daughter of William Richard and Mary Magdaline Standley, was born Sept. 6, 1867 in the state of Ohio, and departed this life August 25, 1959 at her home in Cortez, Colorado, at the age of 91 years, 11 months and nineteen days.

At an early age she came with her parents to Mammoth Spring, Ark., where her father operated a Grist Mill. Later she moved to the Bonds community and was married to Andrew G. Bonds, (known to all as Drew) who passed away January 11, 1921. To this union was born ten children; her husband, one daughter, five sons, eight brothers and six sisters preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church. She was converted at the age of 16 and lived a devoted life, faithful to her Lord's work as long as her health permitted. Her trust in the Lord and to do God's will was the aim of her life and her desire for her loved ones. She was a loving mother and friend to all.

She left Missouri in 1925 and on June 9, 1933 she was married to William Nelson Wilmarth who passed away April 24, 1953.

She leaves to mourn her passing, three daughters, Mrs. Laura Mills, Mrs. Addie Powell and Mrs. Mary Harper all of Thayer, Mo., one son Everett Bonds, of Merritt Island, Florida; one step-son, Sidney Wilmarth, of Cortez, Colo.; 23 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and a host of nephews and nieces. She will be sadly missed by all. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held August 30, 1959 at the Carter Chapel in Thayer, Mo., with Bro. Harry Beatty officiating. Burial was in the Bonds cemetery, under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer, Mo.

Pallbearers Earl Grooms, Clyde Grooms, John Pauli, John Lee Pauli, Bob Strain and Herman Mills.

MEDA ANN TRIMBLE LOONEY

Meda Ann Trimble Looney, daughter of George and Mary Trimble, was born near Myrtle, Mo., on May 26, 1885 and departed this life in Thayer, Mo., July 18, 1959; at the age of 76 years, one month and 22 days.

On January 16, 1907 she was united in marriage to Manuel D. Looney at her fathers home near Myrtle, Mo. To this union four children were born. One daughter preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband of the home; one son, Corwin, of Agnes, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Eva Sandridge, of McFarland, Wisc.; Georgia Baskin, of Corpus Christi, Texas; five grandsons and five granddaughters. Eight brothers, John Trimble, of Alton, Mo., Henry Trimble, of Alton, Mo.; Henry Trimble of Magnolia, Ark.; Amos Trimble, of Hayes, Kansas, Elmer Trimble of Thayer, Mo., Homer Trimble, of Tulsa, Okla., Leahmon Trimble, of Pueblo, Colo., Coy Trimble, of Great Bend, Kansas; four sisters, Mrs. Margie Honeycutt, of Mansfield, Mo., Mrs. Marvie Simpson, of Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Nova Ledbetter, of Thayer, Mrs. Lola Manes, of Thayer, Mo. Also surviving

are a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Looney was converted at the age of 17 and was a faithful and loyal member of the Freewill Baptist church at the time of her passing.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister and friend. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Services were held at the Carter Chapel with Rev. Harry Beatty officiating. Burial was in the Thayer cemetery, under the direction of the Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers, Golie Trimble, Creel Thomasson, Jarh Honeycutt, Junior Manes, Robert Trimble and Kenneth Trimble.

CHARLENE BOWERS

Charlene Bowers, daughter of Orville and Edith Bowers, was born at Thayer, Mo., on February 19, 1943 and departed this life March 6, 1960 at Jonesboro, Ark., at the age of 17 years, and 17 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing her father and mother, five brothers, Johnny, Jimmie and Robert of the home; Sherman and Herman of Rockford, Ill.; two sisters, Alma Stuart, of Quincy, Illinois, and Lena Mae Wince, of Rockford, Ill.; one sister, Rose Marie, preceded her in death.

She was converted and baptized into the Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist church when very young. Then on July 14, 1958, she rededicated her life and professed a greater hope and faith in Christ.

Charlene bore her trials and disappointments of this life with patience and often time would speak of Heaven and of the joys awaiting when life here was over. She was a kind, loving daughter and sister and loved her many friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 9, 1960 at 2:00 p.m. at the Carter Chapel in Thayer, with Rev. Milard Ehrhardt and Rev. Manuel Dunkin officiating, with burial in the Thayer cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were, Bill Crawford, Jordan Kolz, Buddy Taylor, Lester Riley, Dean Sandridge, and Raymond Atkinson. .

PEARL HESTER WATSON

Pearl Hester Watson, daughter of the late George and Martha Watson, was born January 25, 1903, and departed this life March 12, 1960 at the age of 57 years, one month and 17 days, at her home east of Alton, Missouri.

She was married to Elzie E. Simpson October 6, 1918 and to this union five daughters were born. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, five daughters, as follows, Mrs. George (Mabel) Martin of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Nolan (Violet) Johnson of Alton, Mo., Mrs. Gene (Eula) Bowerman, of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Hugh (Eunice) Stogsdill, of St. Louis, Mo., and Daisy Simpson of the home; ten grandchildren, four brothers, Mason, Ralph, and Corwin E., of Alton, Mo., and Clarence, of St. Louis, Mo., and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother and five sisters, Mrs. Jim (Cora Chandley, Mrs. Lawrence (Carie) Sifford, three infant sisters, two brothers, Grant and Arch Watson, and two infant grandchildren.

Sister Pearl professed faith in Christ at an early age and later united with the Pleasant Ridge Freewill Baptist church.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and neighbor. Her great faithfulness to her Lord and her every day life will be a great example for all who knew her.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 14, 1960 at the Smyrna church with Rev. Finis Johnson and Rev. Harry Beatty officiating. Burial was in the Smyrna cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers, Cleo Johnson, Rev. Virgil Blanknship, Paris Wheeler, Russell Whiteker, Claudie Johnson and Cleo Barton.

JOSIE BAILEY

Josie Bailey, daughter of the late William H. and Elizabeth Campbell, was born in Randolph county, Arkansas on September 10, 1883, and departed this life October 9, 1959 at the home of her daughter in Hardy, Arkansas at the age of 76 years and 29 days.

On July 26, 1908, she was united in marriage to John Young, at Myrtle, Missouri and to this union six children were born.. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death. On January 10, 1946 she was united in marriage to George Bailey at Alton, Mo., and he also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Thedis Young, of Newton, Kansas, Lewis Young, of Ravenden, Ark., Clifton Young, of St. Louis, Mo., two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Brewer, of Thayer, Mo., and Mrs. Thelma Weaver, of Hardy, Ark.; eighteen grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Harrison, of Thayer, Mo.; three step-daughters, Mrs. Dow Norman, Mrs. Ora Barton and Mrs. Samantha Whitten, all of Alton, Mo.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church, of Alton, Mo.

Funeral services were held at the Freewill Baptist church at Myrtle, Mo. Saturday, October 10, 1959 with Bro. Leamon Wiggs officiating. . Burial was in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home, of Thayer, Mo.

Pallbearers, Henry Weaver, Tommy Weaver, Ralph Brewer, W. A. Barton, Ray Hightower, Paul Brewer.

ANNA LAURA BARTON CYPRET

Anna Laura Barton Cypret, daughter of Tom and Ollie Barton, was born January 22, 1893 in Oregon county, Mo., and departed this life at her home at Couch, Mo., July 12, 1959.

In September of 1910 she was united in marriage to Pierce Cypret and to this union three children were born. One infant and one son, Herschel, preceded her in death.

Also her father, mother and brother, and two sisters preceded her.

Surviving her are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Ollie Richardson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age and was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

She was a kind and loving wife, mother and neighbor; she was always ready to help in any way that was needed.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 14, 1959 at 2:00 p.m. at Cotton Creek church with W. E. Graddy officiating. Burial was in the Cotton Creek cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers, Golden Cypret, Ralph Cypret, Clyde Cypret, Cecil Cypret, Loyd Richardson and Lawrence Crawford.

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 cooperate 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 honorium 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 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 this 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. Eliza-

beth 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 Bro. J. E. Rolen, B. H. Woodring and Rev. J. E. S. Pentecost. Organized with fourteen members Dave Bowers and C. A. Harrison 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.

CLIFTON CHURCH

Organized June 23, 1949 by Billie Rogers, F. D. Johnson and E. E. Simpson. There were 15 members and Clerk; Billie Joe Lovelace, Treasurer; Emery Coble, Billie Rogers was elected pastor; Noble Coble, Church 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.

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 condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen na-

ture 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 redemptive 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 comital 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 RETRIBUTION: The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They 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.

Statistical Table of Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist Churches

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