

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventy - Fourth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Cave Spring Yearly Meeting

— OF —

Freewill Baptist Churches

—HELD WITH—

Norman Free Will Baptist Church

JULY 20, 21, 1961



Officers 1962 Session

Moderator	James Lee Reed
Assistant Moderatodr	Arthur T. Warren
Clerk:	Emery Coble
Assistant Clerk	Howard Bell
Treasurer	D. J. Bowers
Statistician	Ruth Holman

The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, in Alton, Mo., beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July 1962. The Introductory sermon will be brought by Virgil Blankenship and Jerry Fields.

STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires

Paris Wheeler	1962
S. D. Johnson	1963
E. E. Simpson	1964
Joe Sisk	1965
Noland Johnson	1966

MISSION BOARD

Jesse H. Dunkin	1962
John J. Shaw	1963
C. R. Bryan	1964
E. E. Hollis	1965
Manuel Dunkin	1966

ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. W. King	1962
S. D. Johnson	1963
Davie N. Combs	1964

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Roscoe E. Mills, Bertha Brewer, Elizabeth Holmes

FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Brewer, Raymond Williams, John J. Shaw.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Emery Coble, Howard Bell, D. J. Bowers

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Eulas Caldwell, H. Wayne Parsons, W. H. Bostic

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The seventy-fourth annual session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with the Norman Free Will Baptist Church, Alton, Mo., Rt. 3, on July 20, 1961.

OPENING SONG: Victory in Jesus

PRAYER: N. H. Rhoades

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Eccl. 12-1; Job 7-17

After ascertaining that a quorum was present the Clerk declares the seventy-fourth session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting to be duly in session for the transact-

ion of such business as may come legitimately before it and calls the Moderator, Arthur T. Warren to assume charge of the same.

After a few introductory remarks the Moderator asks 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 asks that all Church letters be read by the clerk.

PLEASANT HILL

Delegates: Bernice Janes, Edna Hollis, Dorris Russell.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

PINEY

Delegates: Arthur Nickless, Pearl Nickless, Eva Williams.

Deacons are recommended.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Delegates; * Henry Williams, * Georgia Williams, * Margaret Warren..

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

MT. ZION ✕

Delegates; * Ralph Prince, * Herbert Bowers, * Shirley Gatewood.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

BETHEL ✕

Delegates; * Gracie Stevens, * Louise Lewis, * Lillian Brooks.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

MILL CREEK ✕

Delegates; * Mamie Crase, * Willie Wisehart, * Ora Wisehart.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

ALTON

Delegates; * Maggie Bolton, * Martha Williams, * Hallie Cline.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

SMYRNA:

Delegates; * Lawrence Sifford, * Arthur Nivens, * Charlie

Breeden.

Deacons are recommended.

NORMAN:

Delegates; * Judy Holman, * Ora Blankenship, * Janice Roberts.

Deacons are recommended.

THAYER:

Delegates; * Darlene Fields, * Maxine Bostic, * Clara Allen.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

CLIFTON

Delegates; * Noah Hollis, * Nola Hollis, * Connie Clark.

Deacons are recommended.

WALNUT GROVE

Delegates; * Dena Hall, * Mabel June King, * Carolyn King.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

COTTON CREEK

Delegates; * Lee Hopper, * Edith Hopper, * Alice Gay Combs.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

SHILOH:

Delegates; * Albert Holmes, * Maud Holmes, * Clarise Johnson.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

OAK GROVE:

Delegates; * Abner S. Rhoades, * Julia A. Rhoades, * Mary Robinson.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

LIBERTY:

Delegates; * Charles L. Reed, * Bertha Reed, * Dorris McDonald.

Deacons are recommended.

GARFIELD:

Delegates; * Inez Martin, * Rose Cockman, * Percy Cockman.

Elders and Deacons are recommended.

QUARTERLY MEETING:

Delegates; * Ruth Holman, * Cleora Breedon, * Jaunita Roberts.

Motion carried that the letter be accepted as read and that the delegates be seated as members of this conference.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a Divine Committee. Raymond Williams, Albert Holmes and Emery Coble.

Moderator calls for petitionary letters; none received.

Moderator calls for letters from corresponding messengers; none received.

The Moderator invites visiting brothers and sisters to take part in our conference as advisory members.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

DENOMINATION:

Roy Martin, Jerry Fields and A. L. McGhee were nominated.

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

RELIGION:

H. Wayne Parsons, C. L. Robinson and E. E. Simpson were nominated.

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

LORD'S DAY:

J. W. King, Lee Hopper and S. D. Johnson were nominated.

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

LITERATURE:

Louise Lewis, Clara Allen and Edith Hopper were nominated.

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

Motion carried that W. H. Bostic's credentials be referred to the credentials committee.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint someone to

fill the temporary vacancy on the credentials committee. Joe Sisk was appointed.

Opportunity was given those who attended the last session of the State Association, at Mountain Grove, Mo.; to report. Davie N. Combs, Clara Allen and H. Wayne Parsons gave glowing reports of the session and the work that is being accomplished at the state.

The Moderator appoints Mabel June King and Lola Warren to fill the temporary vacancy on the Obituary committee.

Motion carried that we adjourn for the 11: a.m. worship service.

Adjournment prayer by S. D. Johnson.

ELEVEN A. M. SERVICE

Opening song: Heaven's Jubilee.

Special song by the W. H. Bostic family; Shelter from the storm.

Prayer: Jerry Fields.

Scripture Lesson: 23rd Psalm, by C. A. Dodson.

Subject: Call to decision; Duet. 30-15.

How long halt ye between two decisions? What will you do with this man called Jesus the Christ? An invitation was extended to the unsaved to make a decision for the Lord today.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song: That's why I love Him So.

Scripture Lesson: St. Luke: 9-62.

Prayer: George Brewer

The Moderator introduces visiting Deacon Bro. Walker and visiting Minister, Bro. F. D. Johnson and seats them as advisory members of this conference.

Bro. Fred King surrenders his Ordination Papers as a Deacon of the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Church, with a letter of explanation.

Motion carried that the papers be annulled. The Clerk gave the papers to the Credential committee to dispose of.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS, DEACONS AND CHURCH CLERKS

MINISTERS

DAVIE N. COMBS
E. E. SIMPSON
JOE SISK
J. W. KING
JAMES LEE REED
KEITH JOHNSON
H. WAYNE PARSONS

ARTHUR T. WARREN
S. D. JOHNSON
W. H. BOSTIC
MANUEL DUNKIN
VIRGIL BLANKENSHIP
J. M. CLOVEN
JESSE H. DUNKIN

DEACONS

D. J. BOWERS
N. H. RHOADES
GEORGE BREWER
C. L. ROBINSON
E. E. WEBB
R. E. MILLS
H. E. HARPER
J. J. SHAW
LEE CLARK
J. P. WHEELER

EMORY COBLE
LEAHMON COMBS
RAYMOND WILLIAMS
EULAS CALDWELL
HOWARD BELL
ALBERT WILKERSON
ROBERT WOREL
M. E. WILLIAMS
NOLAN JOHNSON
ROY MARTIN

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CHURCH CLERKS

CLORA HARPER
BERTHA BREWER
ELIZABETH HOLMES
GENEVIEVE CALDWELL
RUTH HOLMAN
DESSIE CRONEY

VISITING MINISTERS

H. A. HIGHBY
F. D. JOHNSON
VISITING DEACONS
MORGAN R. WALKER

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The Evangelistic report was read and approved.

Motion carried that W. H. Bostic submit Ministers yearly report only for that portion of the fiscal year that he worked in the Cave Spring Association.

Motion carried that the Minister's reports be read. They were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The Obituary committee report was read and approved.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SONG: Invisible Hands

PRAYER: E. E. Simpson

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Job 14:1-2

H. Wayne Parsons makes some appropriate remarks in memory of our members who have died within the past year, warning us that youth does not assure us of old age.

PRAYER: Arthur T. Warren

Motion that we continue having an annual Memorial Service did not carry.

The report of the committee on Religion was read and approved.

Motion carried that the money in the hands of the Week End Revival committee be turned over to the Associational Treasurer.

Motion that HOW, WHEN, WHAT and WHERE in regard to the Week End Revivals shall be left up to the committee in charge of the same.

The LITERATURE committee's report was read, adopted and the committee was commended for their work.

The EXECUTIVE BOARD'S report was read and considered item by item. Item one: Read and adopted.

Item two: Read and adopted.

Item three: Read and tabled for consideration at some future rate.

The LORD'S DAY committee report was read and adopted.

The DIVINE committee reports that Bros. Jerry Fields and James Lee Reed will bring the message for Thursday night.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 7:45 p.m.

PRAYER: John J. Shaw.

THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAYER: C. L. Robinson

SONG: Send the Light

PRAYER: C. L. Robinson

SPECIAL SONG: The Johnson Sisters

SPECIAL SONG: James Lee Reed

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isa. 60-1-2; II Thess. 1-9

Message by Jerry Fields and James Lee Reed

PRAYER: Lee Clark

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

OPENING SONG: I Would Not Be Denied

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Eph. 5:1-4; 19-21 by Arthur

T. Warren.

PRAYER: E. E. Simpson

The Moderator request that the Constitution and by-laws be read. They were read by the assistant clerk Homer E. Harper.

The minutes of the Thursday session was read by the Associational clerk.

The Moderator calls for Church Letters.

DILE'S CREEK:

Delegates: * Nova Scott, * Cora Wilkerson, * Gladys Campbell.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

BAILEY CHAPEL ✕

Delegates: * Jim Boze, * Elgan Holman, * Julia Pingleton,
Elders and Deacons recommended.

ROYAL OAK:

Delegates; * Francis Bell, * Velma Campbell, * Mae Lee.

Deacons are recommended.

CAVE SPRING:

Delegates; * Hallie Norman, * Media Archer, * Ester Archer.

WILDERNESS:

Delegates; * Walter Simpson, * Jim Branchlett, * Mac Branchlett.

Deacons are recommended.

Motion carried that the letters be accepted as read and that the delegates be seated with a fellowship handshake.

The Moderator calls for corresponding letters; One received from the Little Vine Association of General Baptist and the delegates were seated as Advisory members in our conference.

Moderator appoints Virgil Blankenship to fill temporary vacancy on the Ordaining Council.

Motion carried that those present, who are members of temporary committees, file the report for that committee.

DENOMINATION:

Report read and approved.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Report read and approved.

MINISTERS:

Reports that were not received on the first day of conference were read and approved.

Resolution presented in writing by Millard Ehrhardt and Everett Buchanan, failed to pass.

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

The Statistical report was read, corrected, discussed and adopted as amended.

Motion carried that we send corresponding letters and delegates to other Association.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST:

August 1, 1961

Delegates; Arthur T. Warren, E. E. Simpson, S. D. Johnson.

LITTLE VINE ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL BAPTIST:

Delegates; E. E. Simpson, Davie N. Combs.

Both groups of delegates were authorized to add other names to their letters if anyone should like to attend these meetings.

The nomination of delegates to attend the Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist was placed in the hands of the Executive Board.

Virgil Blankenship and Jerry Fields were elected to bring the Introductory message for the 1962 session of the Cave Spring Association.

Motion carried to adjourn for the Eleven O'clock Worship Service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK MORNING SERVICE

OPENING SONG: That's why I love Him So.

PRAYER: J. W. King.

The service was opened by Rev. H. A. Higby of the Little Vine Association of General Baptist.

TEXT: The wicked shall be turned into Hell.

A good message pointing out the deterioration in our National life, the Reasons and the Results; The Cure: Prayer and service to the Lord. Bro. Bostic exhorted us as an individual to be an example to the world, that we must possess something that they desire in their lives.

SONG: I want to Know More About My Lord.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

OPENING SONG: Heaven's Jubilee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2nd King 5-14.

PRAYER: D. J. Bowers.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Report read and accepted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Report read and accepted.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Report read and accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Report read and accepted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Item three was read, discussed and approved.

Motion carried that Keith Johnson be allowed time to speak to the conference about The Free Will Baptist College.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR:

Arthur T. Warren and James Lee Reed were nominated. Motion carried that nominations cease. James Lee Reed were elected by a majority vote.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:

Arthur T. Warren was nominated and elected by un-

animous vote.

CLERK:

Emory Coble was nominated and elected.

Motion carried that the clerk be allowed to choose his assistant; Howard Bell was chosen.

Motion carried that the Association Treasurer pay the Clerk's expenses. Motion carried that D. J. Bowers be re-elected as Treasurer.

STATISTICIAN:

Ruth Holman was nominated and elected.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Davie N. Combs was nominated and elected for a three year term.

S. D. Johnson was nominated and elected for a two year term.

J. W. King was nominated and elected for a one year term.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Motion carried that we retain the same committee:
(R. E. Mills, Bertha Brewer and Elizabeth Holmes.)

PRINTING COMMITTEE:

Motion carried that the Clerk, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer constitute the printing committee. (Emery Coble, Howard Bell, and D. J. Bowers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Motion carried that we retain the same committee.
(George Brewer, Raymond Williams and John J. Shaw.)

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Eulas Caldwell, H. Wayne Parsons and W. H. Bostic were nominated and elected.

Motion carried that the Credential Committee be dropped and that the Ordaining Council assume the duties performed by it.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Nolan Johnson was nominated and elected for a five year term.

MISSION BOARD:

Nolan Johnson was nominated and elected for a five year term.

EVANGELIST:

James Lee Reed and Everett Buchanan were nominated and James Lee Reed was elected by a majority vote.

PLACE OF MEETING IN 1962:

Bailey Chapel: 7; Cotton Creek: 11; Walnut Grove: 10
Alton: 13; Bethel: 12; Pleasant Ridge: 3.

Motion carried that we choose between the two churches receiving the highest number of votes.

ALTON: 38. BETHEL: 19.

The Ordaining Council proceeds to ordain Clint Bridges as a Deacon of the Bailey Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. H. Wayne Parsons read some scripture and gave the candidate the charge.

Motion carried that we pay the Evangelist \$5.00 per Diem and 5 cents per mile .

The Conference extends its thanks to the Norman Church and community for their hospitality during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT PRAYER: Howard Bell.

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 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.

Amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution:

An Ordaining Council composed of three members shall be elected in the following manner: one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year and thereafter one member shall be elected each year, whose term of office shall be for three years. If any vacancy shall occur between sessions of the Yearly Meeting, the Council shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next session of the Yearly Meeting. Two regular members must be present at any Ordination service conducted.

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 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. 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 thirteen 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 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

Rev. Elmer Hodges

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 supremeely 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 maintainnng 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 WARK 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 grave, 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 thee 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 benovelent 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.

GEORGE WESLEY MOORE

George Wesley Moore, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore was born in Indiana on Sept. 12, 1877, and departed this life at his home on January 24, 1961 at the age of 83 years.

In the year of our Lord on Dec. 4, 1898 he was united in marriage to Anna Brown and to this union one daughter, Bessie, was born. His wife, father, mother and three sisters preceded him in death.

On Feb. 4, 1905 he was united in marriage to Emma Phipps and to this union six children were born. Bill Moore of Aquilar, Colo.; Mary McFann of Malaga, Washington; Andrew Moore, of Alton, Mo.; Myrtle Ann Harper, of Thayer, Mo.; Lucy Holman, Alton, Mo., and Flora Mae Moore, age one year, preceded him in death.

When a young man he was converted, baptized and joined the Freewill Baptist church at Norman, being a very active member and worker for the church, the community and his friends. He was a Deacon of the Norman church, and was faithful to the church as long as he was able.

He leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife, children, fourteen grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren, and one sister, Anna Parsons of Seminole, Okla. Also a host of other-relatives and friends. Our loss is heavens gain. Sleep on dear Father and take thy rest; God

called you home. He knows best. Thy will be done.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 28, 1961, at 2:00 p.m., at the Norman church with Rev. Elzie Simpson officiating with burial in the Norman cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: George Land, Howard Moore, Eulen Miller, Robert Moore, Charles Harper and Charles Miller.

GEORGE M. WATSON

George Miles Watson, age 71, a retired farmer of Myrtle, Mo., died Dec. 3. He was born in Webster county, Ky., Sept. 20, 1898, a son of the late George W. and Mary Lamb Watson, and had been a member of the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church for thirty years, where funeral services were held.

He leaves two brothers, Frank of Springfield, Ill., and Carl Watson, of Portageville, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Seaton of Blytheville, and Mrs. Fannie Evans, of Myrtle, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Nathan Wilkerson, Ammon Upton, Buster Seaton, William Darrell Upton, James Luther Evans and Mack H. Evans. Nieces served as flower girls.

JAMES WILLIAM JEWELL

James William Jewell, son of the late Samuel and Martha Jewell was born at Summersville, Missouri on June 26, 1871 and departed this life at Thayer, Missouri on October 25, 1960, at the age of 89 years, three months and 29 days.

He was united in marriage to Rhonda Williams at Summersville, Missouri on June 16, 1897, and to this union seven children were born. His father, mother, one daughter, two brothers, and three sisters preceded him in death.

Surviving are the wife, Rhonda of the home in Thayer, Mo.; four daughters, Mrs. John Fuller, of Koshkonong, Missouri, Mrs. Fred Phillips, of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, Mrs. Ruth Edgengton of Pueblo, Colorado, and Mrs. Ralph Hilton of Kansas City, Missouri; two sons, Cecil Jewell of San Diego, California and Willie Jewell of Pueh-

lo, Colorado; two brothers, Avery Jewell of Thayer, Missouri and Ed Jewell of Silver City, Iowa; three sisters, Mrs. Adline Grooms, of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, Mrs. Zella Jones of Koshkonong, Missouri, Mrs. Vizey Toul, of the state of California; 24 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church and had been a member for 45 years. He was a Deacon of the Thayer Freewill Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 30, 1960 at 2:00 p.m. at the Carter Chapel in Thayer with Rev. Everett Buchanan officiating, with burial in the Thayer cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers were: Paul Clark, Ben Pohnert, Elmer Howell, Robert Worel, John Leu and Harrold Burkhead.

JAMES ELIHUE JOHNSON

James Elihue Johnson, son of the late Jim and Mary Johnson was born November 17, 1888 at Myrtle, Missouri and departed this life at West Plains Memorial Hospital, at West Plains, Missouri on January 17, 1961 at the age of 73 years and two months.

He was united in marriage to Myrtle Vanzant, at Myrtle, Missouri on May 18, 1911, and to this union 13 children were born. His father, mother, two sons and two sisters preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle; three sons, Ernest and Herbert Johnson, both of Kansas City, Missouri, and Irvin Johnson of the state of California; eight daughters, Mrs. Mae Rogers, of Myrtle, Mo.; Mrs. Ruth Owens, Mrs. Marie Proctor and Mrs. Mary Sorrell, all of Climax Springs, Mo.; Mrs. Bernice Glenn of Lee Summit, Mo.; Mrs. Wilma Heatherly and Mrs. Rosalee Rue, both of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Barbara Tallant of Germany; the in-laws, Shelby Rogers, Charles Owens, Ralph Procter, Glen Sorrell, Glen Glenn, Gerald Heatherly, John Rue, Wayne Tallant, Carrie Johnson, Maymie Johnson, and Mildred Johnson, two sisters, Mrs. Lola Cook, of Alton, Mo.; and Mrs. Lizza Cloves,

address unknown; one brother, Willie Johnson of Couch, Mo.; 32 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist Church and was a deacon of the Community Church, of Myrtle, Missouri.

He was a very faithful father and will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 1961, at the Cotton Creek Church with Rev. Jessie Duncan and Rev. Elza Hollis officiating, with burial in the Cotton Creek Cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Al McGhee, Lee Hopper, Cot Crawford, Jimmy Mills, Noel Combs and Manuel Dunkin.

ELMER HODGES

Elmer Hodges, son of William and Sarah Hodges, was born May 7, 1883 in Oregon county and departed this life at his home at Greer, Missouri on September 19, 1960, at the age of 77 years, four months and twelve days.

He was united in marriage to Mucie Jackson, on August 25, 1907 and to this union two children were born. They are J. C. Hodges of the home and Mrs. Christine Tillman of Alton, Missouri and one granddaughter.

He also raised three foster children. They are: Mrs. Arlie Campbell of Alton, Missouri, Johnny Mullins of Snyder, Oklahoma, and Pearl preceded him in death. There are also fourteen foster grandchildren and one foster great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three sisters. He has three sisters living. They are: Mrs. Etta Jackson of Alton, Missouri, Mrs. Elfie McKinney, of Liberty, Missouri and Mrs. Elcie McKinney of Duncan, Oklahoma.

At an early age he was ordained as a minister of the Freewill Baptist church. He lived a faithful christian life. He was a loving father and grandfather and he will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., September 21, 1960 at the Smyrna Church with the Rev. Elzie Simpson and Rev. Leamon Wiggs officiating with burial in the Smyrna Cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Howard Shehorn, Joe Bill Little, Fred Deckard, Ray Eaves, J. C. Keck and Paul Watson.

WILLIAM WAYNE CLARK

William Wayne Clark, was born in Howell county, Missouri on June 3, 1895 and died at his home near Myrtle, Missouri February 17, 1961 at the age of 65 years.

He was united in marriage to Ellen C. Kester at Myrtle, on November 22, 1914 and four children were born.

Surviving are his wife Ellen, and one son Harold Clark, both of the home at Myrtle; two brothers, Waif Clark of Thayer; Herbert Clark of Taylorville, Ill.; two sisters, Iva, of Myrtle; Goldie, of California; one half-brother, Tillman Clark, of Thayer; a niece he raised, Mrs. Geraldine Farris, of Winona, Mo.; two granddaughters, and one great granddaughter, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 19, 1961 at 2:00 p.m., in the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church with Rev. Davie Combs and Rev. Parsons officiating with burial in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers: James Kilburn, Carroll Kilburn, Glenn Kilburn, Lehman Cypret, Don Clark and Bob Clark.

EMMA TUSHER

Emma Tusher, daughter of the late John and Lucy Shipman Hollis, was born in Oregon County, Missouri, on March 4, 1883, and departed this life at the West Plains Memorial Hospital, West Plains, Missouri, December 12, 1960, at the age of 77 years, 9 months and 8 days.

In 1903 she was united in marriage to Cleve Warren in Oregon County, Missouri. To this union seven children were born. One daughter, Vergie, passed away at the age of 10 years, and one son, Lee Alexander, at the age of 27

years. Her husband preceded her in death in 1922.

She was later married to Fred Tusher in Oregon County, Missouri in 1928; he preceded her in death in 1953.

She is survived by four sons, Harley Warren, of Denver, Colorado; Raymond Warren, of Rover, Missouri; Cecil Warren, of Charleston, Missouri; Loyd Warren, of St. Louis, Missouri; one daughter, Madge Purkypile, of Portland, Oregon; three step-daughters, Beulah Deckard, of Ferguson, Missouri; Goldie Chestnut, of Granite City, Illinois; Pearl Sifford, of Independence, Missouri; four step-sons, Howard Tusher and Wayne Tusher, both of Granite City, Illinois; Clyde Tusher of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Frank Tusher, of Kansas City, Missouri; 25 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Alton Freewill Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 15, 1960 at 2:00 p.m., at the Freewill Baptist church in Alton, with Rev. C. A. Dodson officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert L. Wiggs, with burial in the Huddleston cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home, of West Plains.

Pallbearers: Warren Simpson, Charley Nicholas, Shelby Bennett, Silas Barton, Clifton Wright and Max Simpson.

CHARLES JAMES HAJEK

Charles James Hajek, 66 years old, of Myrtle, Mo., died at 9:15 a.m. Friday, February 24, 1961, in his home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born November 12, 1894, in Chicago, Ill., a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hajek. He spent most of his life in Illinois until his retirement in 1959, when he moved to the Myrtle community.

He was married to Cassie Irene Crosier, April 30, 1956, in Oregon, Illinois.

He was employed with the Burlington Railroad company for 17 years. He was a veteran of World War I, and served in foreign countries. He was a member of the

American Legion.

He was a member of the Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist Church, having professed faith in God at an early age.

Survivors include his widow, four children by a previous marriage: Mrs. Bob LaVerne Richardson, of Aurora, Ill.; Charlette Hajek, U. S. Marines; Charles and Thomas Hajek, Typton, Iowa; five sisters: Mrs. Belle Harin, Mrs. Helen Molinair, Miss Edna Hajek, Josephine Liston, and Libby James.

Services were held February 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist church, with Rev. Jessie Dunkin, pastor, officiating, assisted by Millard Ehrhardt.

Pallbearers: Ed Case, Miles Hill, Ulus Caldwell, Louis Stephens and Johnnie Shaw.

Burial was in the Cotton Creek cemetery, with arrangements under direction of the Clary Funeral Home of Alton. Military rites were conducted by the George Taber Post of American Legion at Alton. .

MOLLIE LOUISE BARTON

Mollie Louise Barton, daughter of the late Jack and Martha Staires, was born in Dunklin County, Missouri, on August 29, 1871, and departed this life at Alton, Missouri on February 10, 1961 at the age of 89 years, 5 months and 11 days.

She was united in marriage to Rhode Barton at Alton, Missouri and to this union 12 children were born. Later she was married to Jim Barton. Her father, mother, both husbands and three sons preceded her in death.

Surviving are 5 daughters: Mrs. Ola Strain, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Della Johnson, Mrs. Zelma Martin, all of Alton, Missouri; Mrs. Esther Strain of Larned, Kansas; four sons, Elgan Barton, Elbert Barton, Willie Barton, Cleo Barton, all of Alton, Missouri; also a nephew, Rev. L. A. Wooldridge; two brothers, Ode Staires, of Alton, Missouri; Othel Staires, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two sisters, Mrs. Beulah Neal of Miami, Oklahoma; Mrs. Jane Edwards, of Jasper, Missouri; three half-brothers: Sigler

Staires, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. Harry Staires, of Drumright, Oklahoma; Herbert Staires, of the state of Mississippi; 47 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren, and eleven great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends; also three stepsons and two stepdaughters.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Cave Springs.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 12, 1961 at the New Salem church, at Couch, Mo., with Rev. Virgil Blankenship, Elzie Simpson and Claudie Johnson officiating. Burial was in the New Salem cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer, Mo.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren: Willard Barton, W. T. Barton, Donald Barton, Wallace Strain, Willis Strain and Paul Martin.

Singing was by the Alton Quartet.

JENNIS MURRAY

Jennis Murray, a daughter of the late William Smith, was born in Johnson County, Illinois on September 21, 1897 and departed this life on February 18, 1961 at the age of 63 years, four months and 17 days.

She was a devoted member of the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband W. L. Murray of Route 1, Myrtle, Mo.; three daughters: Mrs. Leta Taylor of Cabot, Arkansas; Mrs. Lois Armstrong of Dalton, Ark.; Mrs. Mary June King of Myrtle, Mo.

She also leaves eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, other relatives and many friends to mourn her passing.

She was a loving mother, and was faithful to her church and community.

Funeral services were held at Walnut Grove church, with Rev. Davie Combs and Rev. Joe Sisk officiating. Burial was in the King cemetery under the direction of the McNabb Funeral home, of Pocaahontas, Arkansas.

Pallbearers were: Cleve Underwood, Jess Wiggs, Commit Wiggs, Cleave Wiggs, Harvey Pringle, and Jimmie

Murray.

JESSE E. DUNKIN

Jesse E. Dunkin, son of the late Tom J. and Betty Elizabeth (Heifner) Dunkin, was born on August 5, 1886 near Myrtle, Mo., and departed this life May 10, 1961, at the age of 74 years, 9 months and five days.

He was united in marriage to Naomi Goins on March 20, 1906, at Myrtle, Mo., and to this union eight children were born. Three of them preceded him in death, two of whom passed away in infancy. One son, Charley Dunkin, passed away July 7, 1960.

Mr. Dunkin was converted at an early age and was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Walnut Grove. He often spoke of his heavenly home and his loved ones who are waiting up there.

Surviving are the wife of the home; four daughters, Violet Caldwell, Couch, Mo.; Sadie Boyer, Hematite, Mo.; Eula Blankenship, Springfield, Mo., and Lena Pullen, Festus, Mo.; one son, Dave Dunkin, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; six sisters, Mrs. Essie Crass, Mrs. Ruby Brewer, and Mrs. Lillie Lane, all of Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. Bessie Peace, of Myrtle, Mo.; Mrs. Ethel Risner, of West Plains, Mo., and Mrs. Roxie Peace of Russell, Ark.; three brothers: Grover Dunkin of Walnut Ridge, Ark., Clinton Dunkin, of Macomb, Mo., and Manuel Dunkin, of Myrtle, Mo.; fifteen grandchildren.

JESSIE C. BLANKENSHIP

Jessie C. Blankenship, son of the late Manuel Scott and Mary Caroline Blankenship, was born in Oregon County, Missouri on April 19, 1890, and departed this life at Batesville, Arkansas on February 22, 1961 at the age of 70 years, 10 months, and three days.

He was united in marriage to Ora Cartee on January 13, 1913 at Alton, Missouri and to this union three children were born. His father, mother, three brothers, and two sisters preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Ora, of the home; one son,

Theodore Blankenship of Thayer, Missouri; two daughters, Mrs. Altha Roy of Batesville, Arkansas, and Mrs. Inis Roberts of Thayer, Missouri; two brothers, Luther Blankenship, of Couch, Missouri, and Elbert Blankenship, of Portland, Oregon; his twin sister, Mrs. Bessie Rogers, of Kansas City, Missouri; eight grandchildren, and two grand daughters by marriage, Reba Roy and Francis Roberts, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted at an early age and united with the Free Will Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 26, 2:00 p.m., at the Norman church with Rev. Davie Combs and Rev. J. W. King officiating, with burial in the Norman cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers: J. V. Holman, George Blankenship, S. T. Holman, T. E. Blankenship, David Blankenship, William Blankenship.

OLLIE M. WISEHART

Ollie M. Crass, daughter of Jonathan and Barbara Crass, was born January 18, 1886 at Myrtle, Missouri and departed this life November 14, 1960, at the age of 74 years, 9 months and 27 days, at her home at Myrtle.

She was united in marriage to Roy J. Wisheart on December 23, 1906; to this union seven children were born. One died in infancy, and a son John Clifford preceded her in death six years ago. Surviving her are, her husband, Roy three sons, Glen and Virgil, both of Myrtle, and Fred, of West Plains; two daughters, Mrs. Lena Harpole, of St. Charles and Mrs. Vivian Burton of Fredericktown, Mo.; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; other relatives and a host of friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Wisheart surrendered her life to Christ at an early age and served Him faithfully and untiringly for over 60 years. As a member of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist church she was the first Sunday school teacher of

scores of youngsters whose own children were also taught in the Beginners Class by her. The influence of her Christian life has reached many and has drawn many to Christ and will continue to be felt in the Myrtle church and community. Her desire to put God first was fulfilled as she witnessed and prayed for others to the very end of her life. She expressed an urgency in wanting to go on to be with the Lord. She spent her life in preparation for this event and would urge us not to mourn but to prepare to join her.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1960, at the Free Will Baptist church, with Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Wayne Parsons officiating. Burial was in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers were: David Sorrell, Bob Sorrell, George Brown, Leo Hall, Daniel Morgan and Shelby Dotson.

ROY JAMES WISEHART

Roy James Wischart, son of the late Henry and Katie Wischart, was born on April 17, 1882 at Sheldon in Vernon county, Mo.; and departed this life in the West Plains Memorial Hospital on March 12, 1961 at the age of 78 years, ten months and 23 days.

He was united in marriage to Ollie Crass Dec. 23, 1906 and to this union seven children were born. Two children preceded him in death, one in infancy and John Clifford, in June, 1954. His wife, Ollie preceded him in death in Nov. 1960. He is survived by three sons, Fred of West Plains, Mo., Glen and Virgil, both of Myrtle, Mo., and two daughters, Mrs. Lena Harpole, of St. Charles, Mo, and Mrs. Vivian Burton of Fredericktown, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; one brother, Willie Wischart, of Myrtle, Mo., and one sister, Mrs. Edith Cockman, of Myrtle, Mo.; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

He was converted at an early age and was a member of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist church. He had served

the church as a deacon for many years. His consistent faith and service has been an inspiration to the entire community.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 14, 1961 at the Free Will Baptist church at Myrtle, with Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Wayne Parsons officiating. Burial was in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers were, George Brown, Daniel Morgan, George Brewer, Joe Sisk, J. W. King and Clifton King.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

CHURCH	Local	State
Thayer	\$ 2.00	\$3.00
Piney	1.00	
Norman	2.00	1.50
Oak Grove	3.00	1.50
Pleasant Ridge	3.00	2.00
Royal Oak	2.00	1.00
Smyrna	3.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	2.00	1.00
Liberty	2.00	1.00
Diles Creek	1.50	
Mill Creek	5.00	2.00
Mt. Zion	2.00	1.00
Walnut Grove	3.00	2.00
Bethel	5.00	2.00
Garfield	3.00	1.00
Wilderness	3.15	1.00
Alton	4.60	2.00
Shiloh	2.00	
Cotton Creek	3.15	1.00
Cave Spring	2.00	1.00
Bailey Chapel	1.50	.50

George Brewer, John D. Shaw, Raymond Williams.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

ITEM 1

The Ordaining Council of the Cave Spring Yearly meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches meet on July 21, 1961 and examined Clint Bridges. We recommend that he be ordained as a Deacon of the Bailey Chapel Free Will Baptist church.

H. Wayne Parsons, Virgil Blankenship, Manuel Dunkin.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

ITEM 1:

After ascertaining from the Credential Committee that his papers are in order and upon the request of the Thayer Church. We instruct the Yearly Meeting Clerk to give Everett Buchanan a yearly certificate.

ITEM 2:

October 1, 1960 we met at the Norman Free Will Baptist Church on the above date and instructed the Yearly Meeting clerk to restore Cleo Johnson's Ordination papers, as a deacon of the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist church to him.

ITEM 3:

We recommend that article (4) four of our constitution be amended to read; An Ordaining Council composed of three members shall be elected in the following manner; One for three years; One for two years and One for one year and thereafter one member shall be elected each year whose term of office shall be for three years. If any vacancy shall occur between sessions of the Yearly Meeting the Council shall have power to fill such vacancy until the session of the Yearly Meeting. Two regular members of Council must be present at any Ordination service conducted.

ITEM 4:

We nominate the following as delegates to the Missouri State Association: Willie Wisheart, Ora Wisheart, Ruth Holman, Louise Lewis, Geneva Caldwell.

(Signed)

Joe Sisk, Nolan Johnson,

J. P. Wheeler, E. E. Simpson, S. D. Johnson.

DENOMINATION:

The Free Will Baptist' are moving forward in the Lord's work. Our National Budget for this year is: \$571,877.51; an increase \$22,672.51 over last Year's budget. Missionary work, both Home and Foreign, is expanding. We plead that each member live closer to Christ and encourage and support all of Our denominational enterprises.

Jerry Fields, Chairman.

STATE OF RELIGION:

We feel that our Churches as a whole are in better shape than they were last year, but past blessings are not sufficient for the future. Let us all work harder, that our reports for next year may be better.

Harold W. Parsons, E. E. Simpson, C. L. Robinson.

WEEK END REVIVAL:

On December 31, 1960 when Our Quarterly Meeting was convened with the Cave Spring Free Will Baptist Church a resolution was passed that we begin a series of weekend revivals, to be held each Friday and Saturday night. A committee of three were elected to organize and conduct the services. They were, Everett Buchanan E. E. Simpson, Arthur T. Warren.

At the first service held with the Alton Free Will Baptist Church on January 21, and 22, 1961 the people of that service nominated and elected Mrs. Arthur T. Warren, as secretary and treasurer for the committee. A visit has been made to every church in the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist and a Free Will offering has been taken at each service to defray the expenses of the committee, any surplus to be used as directed by the Cave Spring Yearly meeting. During the busy summer season of revivals and other church activities the committee decided to hold the meetings only on the first and third week-ends of each month.

Total offerings to date	\$447.35
Postage and advertising	129.80
Balance in treasury	\$3177.55
Everett Buchanan, Chairman	Mrs. Arthur Warren,
	Secretary-Treasurer.

LORD'S DAY:

We feel that it is a day set aside for meditation and worship of our Lord and Savior. We feel that if all those called by the name of God (those that claim to be his) will turn to his service and forget not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is that we would be more effective in influencing the lost to come to God. We feel that worldly attractions are claiming entirely too many of our people on the Lord's day. We urge each individual to be at church services on the Lord's day, so that they may have a greater influence for our Lord and receive the blessings that he has in store for all of us.

S. D. Johnson, G. L. Hopper, J. W. King.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

We suggest that the Holy Bible be studied daily in every christian home. We believe that Free Will Baptist people read more missionary tracts and papers, in fact any reading material that would please the Lord.

Clara Allen, Louise Lewis, Edith Hopper.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We 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 church and homes. We submit our will to that of the Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

EMMA TUSHER	JAMES ELIHUE JOHNSON
JESSE C. BLANKENSHIP	GEORGE WESLEY MOORE
JESSE E. DUNKIN	GEORGE WATSON
ROY JAMES WISEHART	JENES MURRAY
CHARLIE DUNKIN	OLLIE M. WISEHART
CHARLES JAMES HAJEK	MOLLIE LOUISE BARTON
JAMES WILLIAM JEWEL	ELMER HODGES

Roscoe E. Mills, Elizabeth Holmes, Lola Warren.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand July 21, 1960	\$ 249.16
Receipt for the fiscal year	127.50
Grand Total	\$376.66
Disbursements for the fiscal year	225.53
Balance on hand July 19, 1961	\$151.08

D. J. Bowers, Treasurer

EVANGELIST REPORT:

I, Millard Ehrhardt, submit the following yearly report of my labors in this field. I have conducted four revivals, a total of forty services, traveled 1631 miles, witnessed nine conversions, the churches paid me \$143.73 for my labors and the Yearly Meeting treasurer paid me \$129.96.

Millard Ehrhardt, Evangelist.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

ITEM 2:

We have examined the papers of W. H. Bostic and find him to be a true Free Will Baptist and recommend that he be elected to membership in the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

ITEM 2:

We meet with the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church on April 5, 1961 and examined Virgil Wisheart, approved and Ordained him as a Deacon in that Church.

H. Wayne Parsons, Millard Ehrhardt, Manuel Dunkin.

Statistical Table of Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist Churches

	Pastors and Address FOR THE YEAR 1961-62	Clerks Names and Address FOR THE YEAR 1961-62	SABBATH OF MEETING
CHURCHES			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
			DECEASED
			EXCLUDED
			DISMISSED BY LETTER
			NUMBER BAPTIZED
			NUMBER RECEIVED THIS YEAR
			NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS
			RESIDENT MEMBERS
LIBERTY	James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.	Alpha Patterson, Gatewood, Mo.	34 17 0 0 0 0 1 50 1 3
CAVE SPRING	Arthur T. Warren, Alton, Mo.	Dessie Croney, Alton, Mo. R 1	13 17 2 0 2 0 0 30 2 2
WILDERNESS	None	Eulah Neal, Star R. Fremont, Mo	45 24 0 0 0 0 0 69 1 3
CLIFTON	Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Nova Coble, Thayer, Mo.	11 3 1 1 0 0 0 14 1 3
BAILEY CHAPEL	Virgil Blankenship, Alton, Mo.	Ruth Holman, Alton, Mo.	64 32 4 2 0 1 0 96 3 3
DILES CREEK	Manuel Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Ina Campbell, Myrtle, Mo.	37 32 2 2 2 2 0 69 1 3
ROYAL OAK	S. D. Johnson, R.3, Alton, Mo.	Jean Braswell, Alton, Mo.	44 43 0 0 2 2 0 83 2 4
SMYRNA	Meryl Shaw, Alton, Mo.	Cleora Breedon, Alton, Mo.	53 23 0 0 6 0 0 1 76 1 3
THAYER	W. H. Bostic, Thayer, Mo.	Lorene Pohnert, Thayer, Mo.	102 30 26 9 0 0 2 132 All
WALNUT GROVE	Joe Sisk, Myrtle, Mo.	Bertha Brewer, Myrtle, Mo.	50 39 0 0 0 0 2 89 1 3
MT. ZION	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Jettie Bowers, Thayer, Mo.	93 27 16 14 2 0 0 120 All
PLEASANT HILL	J. W. King, Couch, Mo.	Carolee Barton, Thayer, Mo.	19 2 4 0 0 0 0 24 4
ALTON	C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Barbara James, Alton, Mo.	64 20 5 4 6 0 2 84 All
PINEY	J. W. King, Couch, Mo.	Georgia Crowder, Couch, Mo.	23 10 0 0 1 0 0 33 1 3
BETHEL	Davie N. Combs, West Plains	Eugene Adkisson, West Plains	93 2 35 16 2 0 0 95 All
MILL CREEK	H. Wayne Parsons, Myrtle, Mo.	Bernice Cantrell, Myrtle, Mo.	72 52 1 2 0 0 4 124 All
COTTON CREEK	Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Geneverie Caldwell, Couch, Mo.	90 24 8 3 0 0 1 114 2 4
PLEASANT RIDGE..	Arthur T. Warren, Alton, Mo.	Louise Johnson, Alton, Mo.	81 56 29 10 1 0 0 137 1 2
OAK GROVE	Manuel Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Edit Sumners, Thayer, Mo.	31 7 5 5 2 0 0 38 2 4
NORMAN	S. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Clara Harper, Thayer, Mo.	28 59 0 0 2 0 2 87 1 3
GARFIELD	Millard Ehrhardt, Thayer, Mo.	H. W. Wetzel, Couch, Mo.	62 21 3 0 3 0 0 83 2 4
SHILOH	J. M. Cloven, R. 3, Alton, Mo.	Elizabeth Holmes, Alton, Mo.	26 14 3 1 0 0 0 40 1 3
BETHANY	NO REPORT		