

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Cave Spring Yearly Meeting

—HELD WITH—

Alton Freewill Baptist Church

JULY 19 and 20, 1962



Officers 1963 Session

Moderator	James Lee Reed
Assistant Moderator	J. E. Rolan
Clerk	Emery Coble
Assistant Clerk	Howard Bell
Treasurer	D. J. Bowers
Statistician	Ruth Holman

The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist Churches will be held with the West Plains Freewill Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri. Services will begin at nine o'clock a.m. on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July 1963. Rev. Millard Ehrhardt and Rev. Jesse Dunkin will bring the introductory message.

COMMITTIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires

S. D. Johnson	1963
E. E. Simpson	1964
Joe Sisk	1965
Noland Johnson	1966
Paris Wheeler	1967

MISSION BOARD

John J. Shaw	1963
C. R. Bryan	1964
E. E. Hollis	1965
Manuel Dunkin	1966
Jesse Dunkin	1967

ORDAINING COUNCIL

S. D. Johnson	1963
Davie N. Combs	1964
J. W. King	1965

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

Roy Martin
Frank Brewer
Ab. Sanders



The seventy-fifth annual session of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists met as scheduled with the Alton Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July 1962.

Conference was called to order by the clerk.

Songs: "Heavenly Sunlight" and "I'll Live in Glory".

Scriptures: Psalms 19:7-11, and Psalms 33:11-15.

Prayer: Bro. Davie Combs.

The clerk introduced Bro. James Lee Reed, the moderator, who then assumed charge of the meeting.

The Constitution and the By-Laws were read by the clerk.

The assistant clerk was found to be temporarily absent. A motion to allow the clerk to choose a temporary assistant to serve until such time as the regular assistant should arrive was entered and passed.

Bro. Ned Rhoades was chosen.

The moderator called for letters from the various churches. The following were presented and read by the assistant clerk:

THAYER

Delegates: Betty Jewell, present Friday; Ruby Brewer, present; Clara Allen, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

CAVE SPRINGS

Delegates: Dessie Croney, present; Lily Barton, present; Hallie Norman, absent.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Delegates: Henry Williams, present; Johnny Harriel, present; Ted Forester, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

MT. ZION

Delegates: Joyce Holloway, present; Zella Holloway, present; Ralph Prince, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

WEST PLAINS

Delegates: George McMillan, present; Adam Gilliam, present; Albert Sanders, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

NORMAN

Delegates: Janice Roberts, present; D. L. Blankenship, absent; Paul Roberts, present.

Deacons recommended.

SHILOH

Delegates: Albert Holmes, present; Lawrence Johnson, present; Joe Cloven, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

PLEASANT HILL

Delegates: Laverne Hayes, present; Geneva Barton, present; Jill Lowery, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

COTTON CREEK

Delegates: Meda Fields, present; Minnie Payne, present; Notre Hensley, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

BAILEY CHAPEL

Delegates: Thelma Pingleton, present; Jim Boze, present; Friday; Elgan Holman, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

OAK GROVE

Delegates: Abner Rhoades, present; Julia Rhoades, present; Mary Harper, present.

Deacons recommended.

GARFIELD

Delegates: Diane Sanders, present; Inez Martin, present; Walker Stogsdill, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

MILL CREEK

Delegates: Willie Wischart, present; Mamie Crase, present; Frances Harbison, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

LIBERTY

Delegates: C. A. Buckley, present; Anna Buckley, present; Ralph McDowell, present.

Deacons recommended.

WALNUT GROVE

Delegates: Carolyn King, present; Danny King, present; Kenny King, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

Motion to receive the letters and seat the delegates while, at the same time, giving the delegates the right to

correct any errors occurring in their church letters. Motion carried.

Delegates were given a hand of fellowship while the congregation sang, "Kneel At The Cross."

A letter from the Quarterly Meeting was presented and read at this time.

A motion to receive the Quarterly Meeting letter along with a letter from the Alton Church, which was just received, and to seat all delegates was entered and passed.

QUARTERLY MEETING:

Delegates: Jessa Powell, present; Glennie Gower, present; Ruth Thompson, present.

ALTON

Delegates: Judy Bales, present; Terry Forrest, present; Jimmy Spencer, present.

A motion that the moderator be allowed to appoint a committee on Divine Service carried.

Moderator appointed Danny King, Frank Brewer, and Johnny Shaw.

Moderator asked for Petitionary letters. None were presented.

Corresponding Messengers; None.

Visiting brothers and sisters were invited into seats of council with us.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint members to all temporary committees.

STATE OF RELIGION

Charley Robinson, Clarence Buckley and Elza Webb.

COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATION

Glennie Gower, Laverne Hayes, and Judy Bales.

LORD'S DAY

Ruth Thompson, Alpha Patterson, and Mamie Crase.

LITERATURE

Millard Cloven, Millard Ehrhardt, and Virgil Blankenship.

Reports of delegates to other associations:

Bro. E. E. Simpson reported that Liberty Association is doing quite well.

Bro. Davie Combs reported good services and average progress in Little Vine Association of General Baptists.

A motion to receive these reports was entered and carried.

A motion to suspend the order of business for the day and continue as far as possible allowing for only a short recess.

Report of the statistician was given by Ruth Holman. Motion to receive the report as corrected and commend Sister Holman for her good work during the year. Sister Holman also commended the church clerks for promptness of duty.

A report of the evangelistic work was given and on motion was received by the conference.

Bro. Dave Bowers gave the treasurer's report. A motion to receive the treasurer's report was entered and passed.

A motion to adjourn until the Eleven O'clock Service passed.

This session was closed with prayer led by Bro. Sam Johnson.



ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song: "I'm In The Glory Land Way."

Prayer: Bro. J. W. King.

Song: "I Love To Walk With Jesus."

Moderator called to the stand, Bro. Virgil Blankenship and Bro. Jerry Fields who conducted the worship service using for scripture, First Peter 4:1-13.

Central thought: Essentials for the advancement of the churches.

The will of God is the foundation of our salvation. Love, faith, prayer, and obedience are essential to salvation. We must secure the will of God, walk hand in hand with Him as we move forward, and ask ourselves, "Do we really love the Lord as we think we do?" Are we really in the center of God's will?

Bro. Fields called for an altar of prayer led by Bro. Davie Combs and followed by Bro. James Lee Reed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song: "Heavens Jubilee"

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1

Prayer: Bro. Dave Bowers

Divine Committee reported that Bro. Sam Johnson and Bro. Arthur Warren were to preach at Thursday night service. Bro. Harry Beatty and Bro. Davie Combs were to preach Friday at the Eleven O'clock Service.

ENROLLMENT

Ministers enrolled:

JAMES LEE REED	E. E. SIMPSON
DAVIE N. COMBS	JESSE DUNKIN
JOE SISK	J. W. KING
MILLARD CLOVEN	A. L. MCGHEE
ARTHUR WARREN	E. E. HOLLIS
MILLARD EHRHARDT	JERRY FIELDS
S. D. JOHNSON	J. E. ROLEN
VIRGIL BLANKENSHIP	
Visiting minister: H. H. Beatty	

Deacons enrolled:

NOLAND JOHNSON	JOHN SHAW
EMERY COBLE	C. L. ROBINSON
N. H. RHOADES	ELZA WEBB
ODE HACKWORTH	GEORGE BREWER
LEROY CHRONISTER	RALPH PAYNE
CLINTON BRIDGES	ORVILLE BOWERS
DAVE BOWERS	ROSCOE MILLS
HOMER HARPER	FRANK BREWER
ELMER PINGLETON	ROBERT WOREL
LEE CLARK	ROY MARTIN
PARIS WHEELER	

Clerks enrolled:

CLEORA BREEDEN	Smyrna
BARBARA JAMES	Alton
RUTH HOLMAN	Bailey Chapel
CLORA HARPER	Norman
ELIZABETH HOLMES	Shiloh
CAROLEE BARTON	Pleasant Hill
LAURA WEBB	Oak Grove
BERTHA BREWER	Walnut Grove

A motion to omit reading of the Ministers' reports and have them printed in the minutes carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Obituary Committee was read and received.

On motion the name of Bro. Eddie Vaughn was added to the list of deceased ministers.

Report of the Lord's Day Committee was read and accepted.

Report of the Business Committee was read and accepted.

Report of the Committee on Denomination was also accepted.

Ordaining Council report was read and accepted as a whole.

Bro. Harry Beatty gave a discussion in support of the work of the Committee on Denomination. His report was gladly received.

Bro. Beatty was also given time to speak to the conference in behalf of the state work.

By vote of the conference it was decided to omit service on Thursday night to allow the people to be free to attend a revival service at Bailey Chapel.

A motion to adjourn passed.

Prayer led by Bro. Jesse Dunkin.

FRIDAY SESSION

Songs: "Bringing In The Sheaves"; "I'll Fly Away"; "I'll Have A New Life".

Matthew: 5:1-12.

Prayer led by Bro. Ernest Harding.

Moderator, Bro. James Lee Reed, assumes charge to lead the conference in its considerations.

The constitution and by-laws were read by assistant clerk, Bro. Howard Bell.

Minutes of the Thursday session were read by the clerk and were received as corrected to include a moment of silent prayer in memory of those members who have passed away since the last meeting.

Moderator called for church letters.

CLIFTON

Delegates: Charles Gower, present; Norma Kay Decker, absent; Connie Clark, absent.

Deacons recommended.

SMYRNA

Delegates: Johnny Holmes, present; Velma Holmes, present; Hettie Warren, present.

Deacons recommended.

DILES CREEK

Delegates: Herman Campbell, present; Gladys Campbell, present; Cora Wilkerson, present.

Elders and Deacons recommended.

ROYAL OAK

Delegates: Velma Campbell, present; Lois Peace, present; John Lee Braswell, present.

Deacons recommended.

WILDERNESS

Delegates: Virgil Simpson, absent; Opal Brawley, present; Jessie Simpson, present.

Deacons recommended.

PINEY

Delegates: Arthur Nickless, present; Christine Richardson, absent; Pearl Nickless, present.

Deacons recommended.

A motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates including the delegates from churches not fully represented on Thursday.

The delegates were seated with a hand of fellowship.

The moderator asked if there were any vacancies in committees. No members of the Temperance Committee were present. On sustained motion the moderator was permitted to appoint a temporary committee. Leamon Combs replaced Eulas Caldwell, Albert Wilkerson replaced Wayne Parsons, and Ode Hackworth replaced W. H. Bostic. Bro Bostic later appeared.

A motion to allow the moderator to appoint an assist-

ant was entered and passed. Bro. Davie Combs was appointed.

On motion from the floor, the committee on temperance will be required to submit a report each year.

Report of the Committee on Literature was read and received.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion was read and received.

Motion to release all temporary committees with commendation. Motion passed.

Bro. Ernest Harding reported that his association, The North Liberty Association of General Baptist, was doing well and extended to us an invitation to attend their meetings. Bro. Harding's communications were gladly received. We were happy to have him with us.

Motion to ask for volunteers to attend the State Association. No volunteers. The assistant moderator filled the stand while Bro. Reed discussed the matter of a delegation to the state meeting.

Moderator opened nominations for delegates to the State Meeting. Mrs. Herbert Allen, Bertha Brewer, Laverne Hayes, Charles Gower, and Ted Forester were nominated.

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

Millard Cloven and E. E. Simpson volunteered to attend the North Liberty Association. They were accepted and were given power to add others to accompany them.

Election of speakers for the Introductory Service next year. Millard Ehrhardt and Jesse Dunkin were nominated. Motion to close nominations and elect by acclamation passed.

Motion to adjourn for Eleven O'clock Service.

Prayer led by Bro. Ode Hackworth.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song: "Send The Light"

Scripture: Psalm 23

Prayer led by Bro. Ab Sanders.

Motion carried to register as present those delegates not seated in the morning service. Bro. Jim Boze was thus registered.

Moderator asked for new business.

Bro. Bostic gave a report for the Temperance Committee. Motion to accept the report carried.

Report from the Finance Committee read and received with corrections concerning minute money from Thayer Church.



ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

EVANGELIST

There was some discussion concerning the evangelist and his work mostly to the effect that this field of endeavor has not proved to be too profitable. A motion to discontinue the evangelist passed by a vote of 21 to 3.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Motion that the Moderator appoint members for this committee passed. Moderator appointed Roy Martin, Frank Brewer, and Ab Sanders.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Motion passed to let the clerk, the assistant clerk, and the treasurer serve on this committee. Emery Coble, Howard Bell and Dave Bowers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion carried to retain the members as of last year. George Brewer, Raymond Williams, and John J. Shaw.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Motion carried to retain the members as of last year. Roscoe E. Mills, Bertha Brewer, and Elizabeth Holmes.

Moderator asked if all churches were represented. Bethany church was not represented. Verbal reports were given stating that the church is not now functioning. Many of the members are aged and not able to carry on service. Interest seemed slack. Some of the church leaders had moved away leaving the church without effective leadership and allowing interest to deteriorate. These reports were accepted by the conference along with suggestions as to how the problem could best be solved to the best advantage to all concerned.

Motion sustained to appoint and send a committee to help them or to ask them to disband. If no action is taken they are to be excluded from the association. The Executive Committee was appointed to carry out the necessary work.

On motion the conference gave to Bro. H. C. Crase a yearly certificate.

Bro. E. E. Simpson requested the help of the conference in the matter of some ordained deacons the validity of whose ordination papers may have become in doubt.

Motion sustained to use the Ordaining Council for this body to carry out the above request.

On sustained motion we rendered heartfelt thanks to the people of this church and community for hospitality rendered to us during our meeting here.

Motion carried to adjourn until the time for the next meeting to be held at West Plains.

Meeting closed with prayer led by Bro. Ab Sanders.

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 shall 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 of the conference shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 3 — Ten members shall be required to constitute a quorum to transact any business of this conference. But any less number may adjourn from time to time.

ARTICLE 4 — This conference shall elect (or cause to be appointed) a standing committee composed of three (3) members. Their duty shall be to examine, pass upon or recommend suitable action to the Conference, on all Credentials referred to them by the Conference or by the Business Committee of the conference.

ARTICLE 5 — At each session of this conference 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. G. 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; 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. Simuson. 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, 1964⁵⁻ 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.

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

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. 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

REV. EDDIE VAUGHN

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE BIBLE: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

GOD: There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator, preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe; and in Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as one God infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

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

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: The Scriptures assign the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

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

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN: Man was created innocent by his disobedience, fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

THE WORK OF CHRIST: The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a 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 of 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 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 o 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY

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 association the following brothers and sisters who are greatly missed in our churches and homes. We submit our will to that of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Ira Eddie Vaughn
Artie Mae Haus
Noel Otto Blankenship
Minnie Brewer
Bertha May Mills
Addie Williams
Clifford Cecil McHugh
Lora Etta Tinsley
Elizabeth Van Winkle
Grover Stephens
Hattie Caroline Storms
John Henry Hand
George W. Pingleton
Henry Cletus Betts
H. C. Ruth Rhoades
Nora Ivy Lynch
Alvin Matthew Hollis
Melvin W. Cockman
Joseph Marion Forester
Luther Haus
Perry Jake Storms
Carrie Cooley
Elgan Underwood
Jemima Frey Blankenship
George Sandridge
Bert Adams

Committee: Bertha Brewer
Elizabeth Holmes
Roscoe Mills

CARRIE B. TOOLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie B. Tooley, 87, 1055 West Third street, West Plains, widow of L. B. Tooley, were held Saturday afternoon at Freewill Baptist church, with the Rev. Ira Johnson and the Rev. Davie Combs officiating.

Mrs. Tooley has more than 100 living descendants.

Mrs. Tooley died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gilbert where she had made her home for 2½ years.

Mrs. Tooley was born at Vernon county, Missouri October 16, 1873, to the late George and Fannie Sweet Havens. She came to Douglas county in early womanhood and resided there until 1944 when she came to Howell county. She made her home at Pomona for a short period of time and went to West Plains six years ago.

On November 10, 69 years ago, she was married at Vanzant to L. B. Tooley. He died Sept. 2, 1956.

Surviving are two sons, Floyd Tooley, Burnham, and Chester Tooley, Twin Bridges; three daughters, Mrs. Alpha Seiber, Kanab, Utah; Mrs. Charley Gilbert, West Plains, and Mrs. Mary Gilbert, Twin Bridges; 22 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and 24 great great grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Vina Maers, Amoret, Mo.; five brothers and five sisters preceded her in death.

She was converted at the age of 16 in a log church with split log benches and has been a Freewill Baptist since that time.

Burial was beside her husband in Oak Lawn cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral home.

BURT ADAMS

Burt Adams, son of the late Charlie and Sadie Adams, was born at Granite City, Iowa April 11, 1881 and departed this life Nov. 13, 1961 at his home near Myrtle, Mo., at the age of 80 years, 7 months.

With his father, mother and sister, the late Mrs. Eckland Brewer, he moved to Oregon county when a young boy and has lived in Myrtle community since.

He was united in marriage to Amy Young of Myrtle in 1902. To this union 4 children were born; two preceded him in death. Oscar, the oldest dying in infancy, and Mrs. Agnes Haus, the youngest, 4 years ago at the age of 37.

He is survived by his wife of the home, one son Everett Adams, and a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Hall, both of Myrtle; two granddaughters, Norma Hall and Coretta Adams of Myrtle, and two grandsons Herbert and Kenneth Haus of Arnold, Mo.; three great grandchildren.

He was a member and a deacon of the Freewill Baptist church of Myrtle. He bore his illness of the past weeks with patience and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Myrtle Freewill Baptist church with Rev. Ben Meeks and Rev. Harold Parsons officiating with burial in the Myrtle cemetery under direction of the McNabb Funeral home, of Pocahontas.

Pallbearers: Richard Pinnell, Leo Hall, Orville Dethrow, Dewayne Young, Charles Young and Herbert Haus.

JEMIMA FREY BLANKENSHIP

Jemima Frey Blankenship was born near Jobe, Mo., Jan. 12, 1878 to the late John R. and Rebecca Roberts Frey, and departed this life July 21, 1961 at her home in West Plains, Mo.

Sept. 7, 1899 she was married to James P. Blankenship at Jobe and to this union three children were born.

Her son and one child, Othel of West Plains, and a daughter Sylvia Payne, of Couch, Mo., survive her. The oldest son Herschel passed away July 14 from injury received at his work for Mo. Pacific Railroads at Sikeston.

One sister, Mrs. Ina Bryan of Thayer survives as does five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Her parents, three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were, Mearl Harris, Dale Weatherford, Don Hilliard, Hanford England, Dorse Wayne Bennett, Earl Hall.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church since early in life.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 23 at the Carter Chapel in West Plains, Mo., with Rev. Davie Combs, pastor of the West Plains Freewill Baptist church officiating. Interment in Oak Lawn cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of West Plains.

HATTIE CAROLINE STORMS

Hattie Caroline Storms, daughter of the late Dee and Angeline Milton, was born at Couch, Mo., March 7, 1885, and departed this life at Alton, Missouri January 12, 1962 at the age of 76 years, 10 months.

She was united in marriage to Jake Storms at Couch, Mo., on January 1, 1904 and to this union ten children were born. Her husband, parents, and two children, and one half-sister preceded her in death.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Roxie Roy, Mrs. Dorothy Hensley, Mrs. Leona Blankenship, Mrs. Irene Williams, all of Alton, Mo., and Mrs. Lela Hackworth, of St. Louis, Mo.; three sons, Grover of Kansas City, Mo.; Don of Chandler, Arizona; Golden of the home at Alton, Mo.; two brothers, Charley Milton of Pawhatten, Ark.; Elzie Milton, of Walnut Ridge, Ark.; one sister, Lou Robinett, and one half-brother, John Bennett, both of Walnut Ridge, Ark.; 34 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 14, 1962 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. Elzie Simpson and Rev. Arthur Warren officiating, with burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Gene Hensley, Chester Hensley, Richard Hayes, Jerry Johnson, Roger Williams, Dallas Roy, Gene Ary.

GROVER STEPHENS

Grover Stephens, son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Stephens was born July 25, 1892 at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky and departed this life January 13, 1962 at the Veterans

hospital in Poplar Bluff, Mo., at the age of 69 years.

He was united in marriage to Eva Dickinson an September 29, 1917 at Topeka, Kansas; and to this union nine children were born. His parents, five sons, one daughter and one brother preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife Eva, of the home at Myrtle, Mo.; two sons, Sergeant Major Robert E. Stephens of Frankfurt, Germany; Captain Grover R. Stephens, of Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone; one daughter Mrs. James Berd, of Thief River Falls, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Will Milton, of Louisville, Ky.; one grandson Lewis G. Stephens, who lived with his grandparents, and nine other grandchildren.

He was a member of the Cotton Creek Freewill Baptist church, and was a retired Army Master Sergeant. He was formerly County Assessor in Minnesota, and was past Post Commander of the American Legion Post at Ogden, Kansas.

Services were held Monday, January 16, 1962 at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. Jess Duncan and Rev. Al McGhee officiating, with burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers: (active) Marvin Cockman, Lehman Combs, Ben Hensley, Noel Combs, Ulus Caldwell, Herman Stephens.

(Honorary): Ralph Payne, John Shaw, Ray Deckard, Edd Case, George Brown, Everett Adams.

ELIZABETH VAN WINKLE

Elizabeth Neal, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Neal, was born December 27, 1883, and passed away at her home near Alton, Mo., April 18, 1962, at the age of 78 years. In June 1910, she was united in marriage to George W. Van Winkle. To this couple seven children were born.

Her husband, two sons and one daughter, two stepsons, and two step-daughters preceded her in death. Two daughters and two sons survive her. They are: Mrs. Rol Cook, Mrs. Robert Sisco and George A. Van Winkle, all of

near Alton, Mo., and Hiram Van Winkle of Thayer, Mo.; two sisters Jennie and Jane Ball, both of Winona, Mo.; 13 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, one step grandchild, two step grandchildren, 3 step great, great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 20, at the Christian church of Winona, Mo., with Bro. Leaman Wiggs officiating. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery at Winona under direction of the Clary Funeral home, of Alton.

Pallbearers: Tib Sisco, Herman Sisco, Waif Robinson, Gene Wagoner, Ed Woods, Edward Suretz.

LORA ETTA TINSLEY

Lora Etta Williams Tinsley, daughter of the late P. C. and Margaret M. Williams was born Feb. 14, 1890 at Greer, Mo., and passed away at Columbia, Mo., April 21, 1962 at the age of 72 years, 2 months.

She was united in marriage to Fay Tinsley, at Greer, Mo., April 5, 1913 and to this union four children were born. Her husband and one son, Van Tinsley, one half-brother, Sampson Williams and one half-sister, Janie Haigwood, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Geneva Tinsley of the home; two sons, Ivan Tinsley of Alton, Mo., and Calvin Tinsley of St. Charles, one half-sister, Harriett Cates, and one brother, Hayden Williams, of Alton, Mo.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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

Services were held Tuesday, April 24, 1962 at the Bailey Chapel church with Rev. Clarence Dodson officiating with burial in the Bailey Chapel cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Dan Pitts, Elgin Williams, Dale Williams, Corwin Cates, Elza Neal, Lloyd Wilburn.

CLIFFORD CECIL McHUGH

Clifford Cecil McHugh, son of the late Arthur David

and Ollie Katherine McHugh, was born at Mammoth Spring, Ark., July 15, 1912, and passed away near Thayer, Mo. May 4, 1962, at the age of 69 years, 9 months.

He was united in marriage to Florence Lee Denton at Thayer, Mo., Sept. 5, 1930 and to this couple four children were born. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Florence, of the home at Mammoth Spring; two sons, Gerald Dean McHugh of Kansas City, Mo.; and Gary Clifford McHugh of the home in Mammoth Spring, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Iolene Haney of Morganfield, Ky., and Mrs. Mary Louise Rogers, of Bethel, Kansas; two brothers, Olis McHugh of East St. Louis, Ill., and Arblean McHugh of Wardell, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Goldie Lassiter of Mammoth Spring, Ark.; five grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Thayer Freewill Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Monday May 7, 1962 at the Carter Chapel in Thayer with Rev. Raymond Lassiter officiating. Burial in the Field Creek cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Fred Busch, Earl Garrison, Bobby Was- ham, Luke Haney, Owen Williams, Hoover Parnell.

ADDIE WILLIAMS

Addie Miller Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Miller, was born at Houston, Mo., Sept. 18, 1883, and passed away in West Plains Memorial hospital, May 8, 1962, at the age of 78 years, 7 months.

She was united in marriage to Marion Williams March 29, 1908. Her husband preceded her in death. To this couple five children were born.

Surviving are two daughters and one son, Mrs. Nova Gamblin, Naylor, Mo.; Mrs. Nora Bell of Alton, one son of the home, Raymond Williams; 8 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Also one sister, Mrs. Ruth Thompson, of Pryor, Okla., and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church, of

Royal Oak.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 11, at the Royal Oak church with Bro. Sam Johnson and Bro. Jessie Dunkin officiating. Interment was in the Huddleston cemetery under direction of Clary Funeral home of Alton.

Pallbearers: Thurman Maulding, Mason Watson, Clarence Huddleston, Worth Campbell, Cletus Campbell, and Rolla Peace.

BERTHA MAY MILLS

Bertha May Mills, daughter of the late Jeff and Eva Strain, was born at Couch, Mo., Dec. 19, 1894 and departed this life at her home near Thayer, Mo., May 4, 1962 at the age of 67 years, four months.

She was united in marriage to Walter Mills at Couch, Mo., April 7, 1914, and to this couple six children were born. Her parents, one daughter, and three brothers preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Walter of the home near Thayer; two daughters, Mrs. Nola Dunlap, Carrollton, Texas; Mrs. Hazel Baker, Couch, Mo.; three sons, Ralph Mills and Glen Mills both of St. Louis, Mo.; Frank Mills, of Tulsa, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Dora Martin, Mrs. Minnie Mills, and Mrs. Grant Tidwell, all of Thayer, Mo.; two brothers, Posey Strain, Springfield, Mo., and Otis Strain, of Tulsa, Okla.; 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Bonds Freewill Baptist church and had been for 25 years or more.

Services were held Sunday, May 6, 1962 at the Carter Chapel in Thayer with Rev. Ben Meeks and Rev. Manuel Dunkin officiating. Burial in the New Salem cemetery at Couch under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Lewis Martin, James Baker, Wallace Strain, Robert Strain, Milburn Strain and Herman Mills.

MINNIE BREWER

Minnie Brewer, daughter of the late George and Mary Going, was born at Elm Store, Ark., Dec. 13, 1883, and de-

parted this life at Myrtle, Mo., Feb. 16, 1962 at the age of 78 years, 2 months.

She was united in marriage to William Brewer May 18, 1905 at Myrtle, Mo., and to this union two sons were born. Her husband William, parents and one brother preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, George Brewer of Myrtle, Mo., and Floyd Brewer of Charleston, South Carolina; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Hall, of Myrtle, Mo., and Mrs. Oma Duncan of Hematite, Mo.; three grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

She had been a member of the Freewill Baptist church for over 50 years and at her death she was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Thayer. She was a loving mother and sister, and a friend to all who knew her.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 18, 1962 at the Carter Chapel in Thayer with Rev. W. H. Bostic officiating with burial in the Thayer cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Ben Pohnert, Don Goins, Paul Hackworth, George Reed, Ratha Brewer, Amos James.

GEORGE W. PINGLETON

George Washington Pingleton, son of the late Jeff and Paralee Pingleton, was born Feb. 15, 1882 and passed away July 12, 1961 at his home near Alton, Mo., at the age of 79 years, four months.

He was united in marriage to Eva Boze May 16, 1906; she preceded him in death Jan. 17, 1929. To this union six children were born, Herbert of Thayer, Leland and Edith Deckard of Alton, Alfred of DeSoto, Kans., Robert and James of St. Louis.

In 1932 he was married to Thelma Whitten, and five children were born, Georgia Mae Wynn of East St. Louis, Ill., Don of St. Charles, Mo., Carl of Fort, Sill, Okla., Max of St. Louis and Freda Phillips, of Kirkwood, Mo.

He is survived by his wife of the home and all his children; also several grandchildren and great grandchildren. His parents, four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Phoebe

Deckard of Myrtle, Mo., one brother, Elmer of Alton, Mo., and many nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Bailey Chapel church for many years and remained a faithful member until death.

Services were held July 15, at Hickory Grove church, with Rev. Virgil Blankenship and Rev. Grover Pingleton officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Grove cemetery under direction of Clary Funeral home.

Pallbearers were his nephews: Otis Pingleton, Ray Pingleton, Hubert Cypret, Walter Johnston, Grover Pingleton and Ray Deckard.

HENRY CLETUS BETTS

Henry Cletus Betts, son of the late Vander Van and Sarah Ann Betts was born April 3, 1883 at Myrtle, Mo., and passed away at Thayer, Mo., July 26, 1961 at the age of 78 years; 3 months.

He was united in marriage to Parlie Rice at Myrtle, Mo., Oct. 5, 1924, and to this couple two children were born. His parents, one brother and seven sisters preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Parlie of the home; one son Clifford Betts of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Joyce Hand, of East St. Louis, Ill., one step-son, James Rice, of Thayer, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Martha Buckley, of Perkins, Okla.; six grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church, of Thayer, Mo.

Services were held Friday, July 28, 1961 at the Carter Funeral home of Thayer, Mo.

Pallbearers: Johnny Bennett, Johnny Lau, Jerry Fields, Paul Clark, Ralph McGhee, Golden Brewer.

JOHN HENRY HAND

John Henry Hand, son of the late Ross and Jane Hand was born June 29, 1884, near Myrtle, Mo., in Oregon county. He passed away January 23, 1962 at the age of 78 years, six months.

He was converted in 1928 and united with the Cotton Creek Freewill Baptist church.

Preceding him in death was his wife Elizabeth Vanzant Hand, and two sons. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Lueller Combs of Myrtle, Mo.; one son, Mr. Jewel O. Hand of East St. Louis, Ill.; one foster daughter, Mrs. Della Ford of Corning, Ark.; ten grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Thompson, of Depew, Okla., several nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

He was known and loved by all and was ready to answer God's call.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1962 at Cotton Creek church with Rev. Jesse Dunkin officiating. Burial in Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of McNabb Funeral home of Pocahton, Arkansas.

Flower girls: Vercie Combs, Lucille Combs, Sandra Hand, Margaret Ford, Carolyn and Shirley Deaton.

Pallbearers: Alick Combs, Charlie Combs, Kenneth Hopper, Roy Smith, Harlin and Thomas Hand.

IRA EDDIE VAUGHN

Ira Eddie Vaughn, son of the late Ira and Martha Vaughn, was born March 24, 1884 at Myrtle, Mo., and passed away Nov. 13, 1961 at the West Plains Memorial hospital, at the age of 78 years, 6 months.

He was united in marriage to Josie Forrest Jan. 30, 1908 at Jobe, Mo. She preceded him in death at the age of 62. To this union five children were born: three daughters Mrs. Alma Phillips of Waco, Texas; Mrs. Rissie George, of Athens, Texas; Mrs. Dorothy Rancher of San Antonio, Texas; and two preceded him in death in infancy.

He is survived by two brothers, Elbert Vaughn of Bryant, Texas; and Haston Vaughn of Houston, Texas; 3 sisters, Mrs. Esther Bennett and Mrs. Nora Cockman, both of Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. Cora Wilkerson, of Myrtle, Mo.; also 2 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

On May 27, 1945 he was married to Clara Smith; she

passed away in December 1946.

August 27, 1947 he was united in marriage to Victoria Harriell, who survives. He is also survived by two step-daughters, three stepsons, 14 step grandchildren and fifteen step great grandchildren.

He was converted at an nearly age and joined the Free will Baptist church. In 1920 he was called into the ministry. This work covered a large portion of Texas and his own home state of Missouri. He was a faithful servant to his master and will be missed by all who knew him. He was a member of the Alton Freewill Baptist church at the time of his death.

ARTIE MAE HAUS

Artie Mae Haus, daughter of the late Will and Elizabeth Brewer was born at Couch, Mo., March 12, 1896, and passed away at Couch September 30, 1961 at the age of 65 years, 6 months.

She was united in marriage to Luther Haus at Billmore, Mo., Jan. 21, 1916. Her parents, one half-sister, and one half-brother preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband of the home near Couch, Mo., three sisters, Mrs. Jocie Cypret, Mrs. Mary Cypret, and Mrs. Clara Worley all of Couch, Mo., and many other relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Cotton Creek Freewill Baptist church.

Services were held Sunday, Oct. 1, 1961 at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. Cecil Cypret officiating with burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral Home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: H. D. Worley, C. O. Cypret, L. N. Norton, Floyd Cook, Ralph Cypret and Bob Cypret.

NOEL OTTO BLANKENSHIP

Noel Otto Blankenship, son of the late W. H. and Susan Blankenship, was born in Oregon county, Mo., Feb. 20, 1900, and passed away at his home near Billmore, Mo., Feb. 8, 1962 at the age of 61 years, 11 months.

He was united in marriage to Faye Easley February 13, 1942 at Alton, Mo. His parents, two sisters, Ellen and Viola, two brothers, Gentry and Edward preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Faye of the home at Billmore, one stepson Robert Easley of Kirkwood, Mo.; five brothers, James of West Plains, Mo.; Will of Thayer, Mo.; Walter of St. Louis, Mo.; Riley of Warm Springs, Ark.; Willard of Couch, Mo.; two granddaughters, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted and baptized at the Cotton Creek Freewill Baptist church. He was a member of the Alton Masonic Lodge AF & AM number 255. He was former Associate Judge of the 1st district of the County Court.

Services were held Sunday, February 11, 1962 at the Cotton Creek church, with Rev. Fletcher Dodson and Rev. Davie Combs officiating, with graveside Masonic services and burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral Home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: (active) J. W. King, Herbert Koontz, Hubert Brewer, Hugh Wheeler, Roy Crowder and Virgil Cantrell.

(Honorary): Loyd Norton, Shelby Dotson, Don Goins, B. B. Morgan, Eulas Caldwell, Clifford Combs.

H. C. RUTH RHOADES

H. C. Ruth Rhoades, daughter of the late Julius and Amilia Leu Fraley, was born at Thayer, Mo., May 2, 1910 and departed this life July 11, 1961 at St. Bernard hospital in Jonesboro, Ark., at the age of 61 years, 2 months.

She was united in marriage to Ned H. Rhoades April 3, 1929 at Thayer, Mo., and four children were born. Her parents preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Margaret Lavern of the home; 3 sons, Ned, Jr., of Kansas City, Kans., Daniel M. Rhoades, of Sumner, Wash., and John J. Rhoades, of Hanau, Germany; 3 brothers, Frank, George and Rolla Fraley, all of Couch, Mo.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Norman. Her desire in life was to so live that it would reflect the Honor and Glory of Jesus Christ.

Services were held at Norman church Tuesday, July 18, with Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. S. D. Johnson officiating. Burial was in Thayer cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer..

Pallbearers were her three sons, Ned Jr., Daniel and John J. Rhoades, and her three brothers, Frank, George and Rolla Fraley.

NORA IVY LYNCH

Nora Ivy Lynch, daughter of the late John W. and Martha Jane Naney, was born at Alton, Mo., June 23, 1882 and passed away June 22, 1962 at the age of 79 years.

She was united in marriage to Lee Lynch at Alton, Mo., July 19, 1903 and to this union 7 children were born. Her husband, parents, 2 sons and two brothers preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son Cecil Lynch, of Harrison, Ark.; four daughters, Mrs. Murl Campbell and Mrs. Lelia Campbell, both of Alton, Mo.; Mrs. Willie Taber, of Grandview, Mo.; Mrs. Gladys Milnes, of Canton, Mo.; two brothers, Felix Naney of Levetta, Colo., and John Marvin Naney, of Oklahoma; one sister, Mrs. John Wright, of Thomasville, Mo., 21 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

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

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 24, 1962 at the Royal Oak Freewill Baptist church with Rev. Davie Combs officiating. Burial in the Huddleston cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Jimmy Lynch, Carl Lynch, Jack Campbell, Cecil Campbell, Dale Campbell, Lee Taber.

ALVIN MATTHEW HOLLIS

Alvin Matthew Hollis, son of the late John and Lucinda Hollis was born Feb. 6, 1883 in Oregon county, Mo., and passed away July 31, 1961 in West Plains Memorial hospi-

al, at West Plains, Mo., at the age of 78 years, 5 months.

He was united in marriage to Allie Honeycutt Jan. 17, 1907 and to this couple seven children were born. His parents and one son Floyd preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Allie, of the home near Thayer; 6 sons, Floyce, Royce, Winford and Robert, all of Thayer, Mo.; Waymon and Alvin Jr., of Kansas City, Mo.; 3 brothers, Harry of Beloit, Wisc., John of Belleville, Wisc., and Grover, of Thayer, Mo. 11 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Hollis was converted at an early age and lived a devoted Christian life for over 50 years. He was an ordained Deacon and a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Arytown. We feel our loss is heavens gain.

He was a kind and loving husband, father and friend to the end..

Services were held Thursday, Aug. 3, 1961 at the Arytown church with Rev. Millard Ehrhardt and Rev. Eddie Vaughn officiating. Burial was in the Arytown cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: Noah Hollis, Elzie Hollis, Duck Hollis, Glen Hollis, Otto Honeycutt, and Roscoe Honeycutt.

MELVIN W. COCKMAN

Melvin W. Cockman, son of the late Tom and Missouri Cockman, was born February 13, 1886 at Myrtle, in Oregon county, Missouri, and passed away at his home October 10, 1961 at the age of 75 years, 7 months, and 27 days.

He was united in marriage to Edith Wisehart Dec. 8, 1909, and to this couple four children were born; one child preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife; three children, Mrs. Flo Dunkin and Marvin Cockman, both of Myrtle, Mo., and Mrs. Velma Campbell, of Alton, Mo.; four grandchildren; two step grandchildren and eight step great grandchildren; one brother, Fred Cockman, of Thayer, Mo.; two sisters, Lunar Hollis of Thayer, Mo., and Lois Swanzy of Olney, Texas, several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and a host of friends.

He was converted in early manhood, and was a member of the Cotton Creek church where he was an active member as long as his health permitted.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Services were held Thursday, Oct. 12, 1961, at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. Eddie Vaughn and Rev. Clarence Dodson officiating, with burial in Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: (active) Ode Hackworth, Waymon Strain, Noel Combs, Ralph Decker, Ulas Caldwell, and Ben Hensley. (Honorary): Barm Brewer, Jimmy Mills, Ratha Lee McGhee, Grover Taylor, Fred Combs, Joe Cockman.

LUTHER HAUS

Luther Haus, son of the late Henry and Rose Haus, was born at Couch, Mo., October 11, 1890 and passed away at the West Plains Memorial hospital in West Plains, Mo., March 31, 1962 at the age of 71 years, 5 months, 20 days.

He was united in marriage to Artie Mae Caldwell at Billmore, Mo., January 21, 1915. His wife preceded him in death.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Cora Hunt, of Orlando, Florida; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Cotton Creek.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, 1962, at the Cotton Creek Freewill Baptist church with Rev. Cecil Cypret, officiating with burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: C. O. Cypret, H. D. Worley, Lloyd Norton, Ulas Caldwell, Floyd Cook and Bob Cypret.

JOSEPH MARION FORESTER

Joseph Marion Forester, son of the late John and Elizabeth Jones Forester, was born February 22, 1885 in Oregon county, Mo., and passed away Nov. 20, 1961 in the Norman District of Oregon county, Mo., at the age of 76 years, 8 months.

On September 1, 1907 he was united in marriage to

Martha Parlee Clark in Oregon county, Mo. Six children were born to this couple. His parents, an infant son, one daughter Mamie, 2 sons, Johnny and Elgin, one sister and five brothers preceded him in death.

He is survived by Martha Forester of the home; one son Elmer Forester of Alton, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Itha Johnson of West Plains, Mo.; 2 brothers, Hasten Forester, of Lanton, Mo.; Manuel Forester of West Plains, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Alice Bean of Kansas City, Mo.; 7 grandchildren, five half brothers and sisters, and a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews and friends.

He professed faith in Christ thirty years ago, and was a member of the Norman Frewill Baptist church.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1961, at Norman church with Rev. J. W. King officiating, with burial in the Norman cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers: John T. Clark, Frank Newberry, Herschel H. Redburn, Thurman Holman, Willis Forester, Eugene Forester.

GREELY KING

William Greely King, age 91, well known retired farmer of the Bluff Springs community near Myrtle, Mo., passed away at his home Tuesday..

We was born in Indiana, Sept. 16, 1870, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry King.

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

Funeral services were in the McNabb Funeral chapel in Pocahontas, Ark., Friday, by Bro. Millard Ehrhardt and Bro. David Combs. Interment in Bellah cemetery under direction of McNabb's.

He leaves his wife of the home, Mrs. Beckie King, two sons, Sant King of the home; Ernest King of Ravenden, Rt. 2; three daughters, Mrs. Lena Hackworth, Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.; Mrs. Cletis Gregory, Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Ark. and Mrs. Hattie Walker of Ann Arbor, Mich. 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

PERRY JAKE STORMS

Perry Jake Storms, son of the late Jim and Mary Storms, was born at Couch, Mo., March 24, 1883 and passed away at his home near Alton, Mo., Nov. 7, 1961 at the age of 78 years, seven months, 13 days.

January 1, 1904 he was married to Hattie Melton, at Couch, Mo. Ten children were born, eight of whom survive him. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Mrs. Virgie Combs, two daughters, Lou Ella and Beatrice.

Surviving are three sons, 5 daughters: Mrs. Roxie Ray, and Mrs. Dorothy Hensley, both of Alton, Mo.; Grover Storms, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Leona Blankenship, of Alton, Mo.; Don Storms, of Chandler, Ariz.; Mrs. Irene Williams, of Alton; Mrs. Lena Hackworth, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Golden Storms of the home. Three brothers and 3 sisters, Will, of Couch, Mo.; Eddie of Kansas City, Mo.; Fred of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Parlee Betts, of Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. Pearly Louallen of California; 34 grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Also many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was converted in 1950, baptized and joined the Pleasant Ridge Freewill Baptist church, and remained a member there until God called him home. He always testified of the great hope he had in his Lord. He said only a few minutes before his passing that he was ready to go. The home has been made sad by his passing, but we feel Heaven has gained another jewel..

Services were Thursday, Nov. 9, 1961 at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. Arthur Warren officiating, with burial in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

Pallbearers: (grandsons) Glen Dale Roy, Roger Williams, Gene Hensley, Chester Hensley, Ted Storms, and Joe L. Bates.

Honorary: John Shaw, Claude Johnson, Cleo Barton, Manuel Dunkin, Paris Wheeler, and Elgan Barton.

Flower girls: (granddaughters) Darlene Johnson, Marlene Bates, Janice Williams, Barbara Williams, Edith

Davis, Audrey Hensley, Betty Roy, Jo Ann Roy, Vicki Hackworth, Marcia Blankenship.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

To the clerk of Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist: We, The Executive Board, have before us recommendation from the Ordaining Council dated Oct. 22, 1962 that they have examined Bro. Dale Skile's credentials concerning faith as a Freewill Baptist. They recommend him as worthy of a yearly minister's certificate of good standing. We, the Executive Board, request the clerk to issue and send Bro. Skiles a yearly certificate.

Committee: J. P. Wheeler

Joe Sisk

E. E. Simpson

Nolen Johnson

S. D. Johnson

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, your Business Committee, submit our report. Bro. J. P. Wheeler, chairman of the committee, called a meeting at his place at Alton on April 21, 1962 to answer a request of Bro. Everett Buchanan asking for a recommendation from this association as he had joined a church in Oklahoma. We answered his request and recommended him as preaching the Freewill Baptist doctrine and practicing the ordinances of the gospel.

Committee: J. P. Wheeler, Chairman

Joe Sisk, Sec.

S. D. Johnson

Nolen Johnson

E. E. Simpson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Church	local	state
Liberty	\$ 3.00	\$2.00
Cave Spring	2.00	

Bailey Chapel	2.00	1.00
Smyrna	3.00	1.00
Walnut Grove	3.00	2.00
Mt. Zion	2.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	3.00	2.00
Alton	3.00	2.00
Mill Creek	5.00	2.00
Cotton Creek	4.00	1.00
Pleasant Ridge	3.00	2.00
Oak Grove	3.00	1.50
Norman	2.70	1.80
Garfield	3.00	2.00
Shiloh	1.85	1.00
Clifton	2.00	1.00
Wilderness	2.60	1.25
West Plains	5.00	2.00
Piney	1.00	.50
Diles Creek	1.50	
Royal Oak	2.00	1.00
Thayer	3.00	2.00
TOTALS	\$60.65	30.05

Committee: George Brewer, John Shaw
Raymond Williams.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

ITEM 1: Two of your committee along with Bro. Millard Cloven met with the Thayer Church on Sunday night, December 31, 1961. We questioned and ordained Bro. Jerry Fields as a minister of the gospel.

Committee: S. D. Johnson,
J. W. King
J. M. Cloven

ITEM 2: We, your Ordaining Council, met with the West Plains Church on Sunday night, April 1, 1962. We examined Bro. Glen Murray and ordained him as a minister of the Gospel.

Committee: J. W. King

Davie N. Combs

S. D. Johnson

ITEM 3: We, your Ordaining Council, met on October 22, 1962 and questioned Bro. Dale Skiles and examined his credentials concerning faith as a Freewill Baptist. We recommend Bro. Dale to receive a yearly certificate of good standing.

Committee: Davie N. Combs

J. W. King

S. D. Johnson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand July 19, 1961	\$ 151.08
Deposits made	585.35
Grand Total	736.43
Checked out	302.96
Balance on hand July 20, 1962	\$433.47

Dave Bowers, Treasurer.

STATE OF RELIGION

We feel that our churches as a whole are in better shape than last year, but past blessings are not sufficient for the future. We feel that more prayer and Bible reading would strengthen us greatly.

Committee: E. W. Webb

C. L. Robinson

C. A. Buckley

COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATION

It seems to this committee that the ministers and congregations need to come closer to God, to put our minds and hearts to God's work, and stress our mission work. Just ask God what He would have us do and then do our best to obey Him.

Committee: Glennie Gower

Laverne Hays

Judy Bales

LORD'S DAY

We feel the Lord's Day is a day set aside for the worship of the Lord and to do the Lord's work. We feel that worldly things take up too much time not only during the week days but on our Lord's Day as well. Also too much labor goes on as well as worldly pleasures. Let's all join in prayer that the ones that are so unconcerned about at-

tending church services will take an interest and try to do more for the Lord so they may receive the blessings of a Christian life.

Committee: Mamie Crass
Ruth Thompson
Alpha Patterson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

I Cor. 9:25

We, as the Temperance Committee, agree with this verse of scripture that we should abstain from all appearance of evil, restrain ourselves from those things which hurt or hinder our testimony, and restrain ourselves from those things that are not pleasing in God's sight if we are to have power with God and man according to John 3:22.

Committee: W. H. Bostic
Leamon Combs
Albert Wilkerson

LITERATURE

We, your committee on literature, wish to make the following report:

We recommend the Bible as the chief book of all books and that it should be read and studied first. We believe that all literature should be wholesome and in accordance with the Holy Bible. We recommend use of our Free Will Baptist literature in all of our churches.

Committee: J. M. Cloven
Virgil Blankenship
Millard Ehrhardt

EVANGELIST

I, James Lee Reed, give the following report of my work during the year: I preached 42 sermons, traveled 1751 miles to the place I preached, visited 18 churches, traveled a total of 2396 miles to places visited and preached. I received \$149.13 from the churches and \$150.46 from the association. I held one revival, witnessed one conversion of which I did not bank the association, which wasn't in our local association. I also pastored two churches.

James Lee Reed

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

I, Harold Wayne Parsons, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 5 sermons; traveled miles; received into the churches 2; baptized 2; witnessed 12 conversions; received for my labors \$2,220.; appointments fulfilled, all; funeral preached 6.

HAROLD W. PARSONS, Minister.

I, C. A. Dodson, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 13 months church; preached at other places 4 sermons; traveled 150 miles; received into the churches 2; baptized 3; witnessed no conversions; received for my labors \$250.00; churches visited 1; appointments fulfilled 12; marriages solemnized 3; funeral preached 2.

C. A. DODSON, Minister

I, J. W. King, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 6 sermons; traveled 3612 miles; received into the churches 5; baptized 5; witnessed 4 conversions; received for my labors \$291.00; churches visited 7; appointments fulfilled 50; marriages solemnized 1; funeral preached 2.

J. W. KING, Minister

I, W. H. Bostic, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962

Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 20 sermons; traveled 14,000 miles; received into the churches 5; baptized 6; witnessed 5 conversions; received for my labors \$3,796.00; churches visited 10; appointments fulfilled, all but one weekend service; marriages solemnized 2; funeral preached 3.

W. H. BOSTIC, Minister

I, S. D. Johnson, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

Pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 8 ser-

mons; received for my labors \$475.85; churches visited 6; funeral preached 1..

S. D. JOHNSON, Minister

I, Davie N. Combs, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 20 sermons; traveled 15,000 miles; received into the churches 21; baptized 9; witnessed 17 conversions; received for my labors \$3,823.91; appointments fulfilled, all; marriages solemnized 5; funeral preached, 19.

DAVIE N. COMBS, Minister

I, Virgil Blankenship, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 1 church; traveled 2500 miles; received into the churches 8; baptized 7; witnessed 30 conversions; received for my labors \$164.20; churches visited 6; appointments fulfilled 43; funeral preached 2.

VIRGIL BLANKENSHIP, Minister

I, Rev. Jesse H. Dunkin, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 8 sermons; traveled 1500 miles; received into the churches 24; baptized 9; witnessed 25 conversions; received for my labors \$526.50; churches visited 8; appointments fulfilled, all; marriages solemnized 4; funeral preached 7.

REV. JESSE H. DUNKIN, Minister

I, the undersigned, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962

Pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 15 sermons; traveled 1500 miles; received into the churches 5; baptized, none; witnessed 7 conversions; received for my labors \$334.96; churches visited 10; appointments fulfilled, all except 2; marriages solemnized 2; funeral preached 3.

MANUEL DUNKIN, Minister.

I, J. M. Cloven, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 3 sermons; traveled 500 miles; received into the churches 3; baptized 2; witnessed 10 conversions; received for my labors \$116.76; churches visited 39; appointments fulfilled 20; marriages solemnized, none; funerals preached, none.

J. M. CLOVEN, Minister

I, Arthur T. Warren, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 19.....

Pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 4 sermons; traveled 3000 miles; received into the churches 6; baptized 4; witnessed 13 conversions; received for my labors \$640.00; churches visited 5; appointments fulfilled, all; marriages solemnized 1; funeral preached, 2.

ARTHUR T. WARREN, Minister

I, Joe Sisk, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 9 sermons; received into the churches 1; baptized 1; witnessed 1 conversion; received for my labors \$128.90; churches visited 11; appointments fulfilled, all; marriages solemnized, none; funeral preached 1.

JOE SISK, Minister

I, James Lee Reed, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 2 churches; preached at other places 42 sermons; traveled 7629 miles; received into the churches 6; baptized 4; witnessed 8 conversions; received for my labors \$863.09; churches visited 18; appointments fulfilled, all; marriages solemnized 4; funeral preached 2.

JAMES LEE REED, Minister

I, E. E. Simpson, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the fol-

lowing yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 15 sermons; traveled 3000 miles; received into the churches 9; baptized 6; witnessed 6 conversions; received for my labors \$668.10; churches visited 3; appointments fulfilled, all; marriages solemnized 2; funerals preached, 4.

E. E. SIMPSON, Minister

I, Howard Bowers, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored no churches; preached at other places, 51 sermons; traveled 2690 miles; witnessed 24 conversions; received for my labors \$147.79; churches visited other than home church 19; appointments fulfilled, all.

HOWARD BOWERS, Minister

I, Jerry Fields, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored, no churches; preached at other places, 16 sermons; traveled 1,810 miles; witnessed 12 conversions; received for my labors \$20.00; churches visited 10; appointments fulfilled, all.

J. W. FIELDS, Minister

I, Rev. Elza Hollis, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored no churches; preached at other places 12 sermons; traveled 400 miles; baptized 1; witnessed 1 conversion; received for my labors \$15.00; churches visited 4; appointments fulfilled, all; funeral preached, 2.

REV. E. E. HOLLIS, Minister

I, A. L. McGhee, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored no churches; preached at other places, 24 sermons; traveled 1200 miles; witnessed 20 conver-

sions; received for my labors \$76.; churches visited 5; appointments fulfilled, all; funeral preached, 1.

A. L. McGHEE, Minister

I, Millard Ehrhardt, Elder of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist churches, beg to submit the following yearly report of all my labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Pastored 1 church; preached at other places 30 sermons; traveled 3500 miles; received into the churches 10; baptized 3; witnessed 7 conversions; received for my labors \$1514.40; churches visited 10; appointments, all; marriages solemnized 2; funeral preached, 4.

MILLARD EHRHARDT, Minister

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS FOR THE YEAR 1962 - 1963

CHURCH	Pastor	Clerk
ALTON		
	Millard Ehrhardt, Alton, Mo.	Barbara James, Alton, Mo.
BAILEY CHAPEL		
	Virgil Blankenship, Alton, Mo.	Ruth Holman, Alton, Mo.
CAVE SPRING		
	Arthur Warren, Alton, Mo.	Dessie Croney, R. 1, Alton, Mo.
CLIFTON		
	Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Nova Coble, Thayer, Mo.
COTTON CREEK		
	O. D. Winfree, Hoxie Ark.	Irene Cockman, Myrtle, Mo.
DILES CREEK		
	Manuel Dunkin, R. 1, Myrtle, Mo.	Audrey Ehrhardt, R. 1 Myrtle, Mo.
GARFIELD		
	James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.	H. W. Wetzel, Couch, Mo.
LIBERTY		
	James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.	Bertha Reed, R. 1, Gatewood, Mo.
MT. ZION		
	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Jettie Bowers, Thayer, Mo.

MILL CREEK (Myrtle)

Dale Skiles,
Myrtle, Mo.

Hubert Brewer,
Couch, Mo.

NORMAN

S. D. Johnson,
Alton, Mo.

Clora Harper,
Thayer, Mo.

OAK GROVE

Manuel Dunkin,
Myrtle, Mo.

Laura Webb,
315 S. 2nd, Thayer, Mo.

PINEY

J. W. King,
Couch, Mo.

Georgia Crowder,
Couch, Mo.

PLEASANT HILL

J. W. King,
Couch, Mo.

Carolee Barton,
Thayer, Mo.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Arthur T. Warren,
Alton, Mo.

Louise Johnson,
R. 1, Alton, Mo.

ROYAL OAK

S. D. Johnson,
Alton, Mo.

Jean Braswell,
Alton, Mo.

SHILOH

Millard Cloven,
R. 3, Alton Mo.

Elizabeth Holmes,
Alton, Mo.

SMYRNA

C. A. Dodson,
R. 3, Alton, Mo.

Cleora Breeden
Alton, Mo.

THAYER

W. H. Bostic,
Thayer, Mo.

Lorene Pohnert,
R. 2, Thayer, Mo.

WALNUT GROVE

Howard Bowers,
Thayer, Mo.

Bertha Brewer,
Myrtle, Mo.

WEST PLAINS

Davie N. Combs,
319 E. Third Street,
West Plains, Mo.

Eudene Adkisson,
Lebo Route, Box 47
West Plains, Mo.

WILDERNESS

Manuel Dunkin,
Myrtle, Mo.

Eulah Neal,
Star Rt., Fremont, Mo.

BETHANY

No Report

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