

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Quarterly Conference  
OF  
Freewill Baptist Churches  
HELD WITH  
CAVE SPRINGS CHURCH  
JULY 6, 1963

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**OFFICERS ELECTED WERE:**

REV. J. W. KING ..... Moderator  
REV. HOWARD BOWERS ..... Assistant Moderator  
BRO. HOWARD BELL ..... Clerk  
MRS. FRANCES BELL ..... Assistant Clerk  
REV. MANUEL DUNKIN ..... Registrar  
REV. J. E. ROLAN ..... Assistant Registrar  
REV. JOE SISK ..... Treasurer

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**Committees Elected were:**

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:**

Rev. Arthur T. Warren ..... 1, year, 1964  
Rev. E. E. Simpson ..... 2 years, 1965  
Rev. Millard Ehrhardt ..... 3 years, 1966

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:** Bro. N. H. Rhoades, Bro. Dave Bowers, Bro. John Shaw, Bro. George Brewer, and Bro. Leamon Combs.

**PRINTING COMMITTEE:** Bro. Howard Bell, Rev. Joe Sisk, and Rev. Manuel Dunkin.

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**The next session of the Cave Springs Quarterly Conference will be held with the Clifton Freewill Baptist Church, on October 5, 1963.**

## Minutes of the Cave Springs Quarterly Conference, held with the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist Church, July 6, 1963.

OPENING SONG: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

Scripture: Romans 8:1-9

Prayer by Rev. Sam Johnson

Moderator, Rev. J. W. King, assumes charge of the conference.

Conference by-laws were read by the Clerk.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moderator calls for church letters. The following were presented and read.

Letters were accepted by conference and delegates were seated with a song and handshake.

Motion made and passed that the Moderator appoint a committee an divine service. Bro's. W. B. Combs, Marvin Williams and Willard Barton were appointed.

CHURCH	No. delegates present	CHURCH	No. delegates present
Royal Oak .....	3	Norman .....	3
Cave Springs .....	2	Piney .....	2
Bailey Chapel .....	2	Smyrna .....	2
Wilderness .....	3	Garfield .....	3
West Plains .....	3	Mt. Zion .....	1
Cotton Creek .....	2	Thayer .....	2
Diles Creek .....	2	Walnut Grove .....	2
Altton .....	3	Pleasant Ridge .....	3
Oak Grove .....	3	Clifton .....	2
Liberty .....	3	Shiloh .....	3
		Pleasant Hill .....	3

A Quartet from the Freewill Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee sang "The Old Account Was Settled." Members of the quartet were, Bro's. Ted Wilbanks, Bill McCuin, Jack Stallings and Jake Creech.

Moderator asks for Corresponding Messengers. Rev. Bus Wooldridge reports from the First Mission Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rev. Ernest Harding reports from the North Liberty Association. Rev. Harry Beatty reports from the St. Louis quarterly meeting.

Bro. Jake Creech reports from the Bible college at Nashville, Tenn. He reminds us to support our college with this idea in mind. If God has called a man to preach, he must prepare, and our Bible college helps him to prepare. We should encourage our young people to receive a good Christian education.

The Committee on Divine Service report that they chose Rev. Bus Wooldridge and Rev. W. H. Bostic to bring the message at 11:00 o'clock.

There are no vacancies to be filled or any of the committees.

Rev. W. H. Bostic brings to our attention that we must decide whether or not we want another missionary meeting to be in March, 1964. It was decided by vote of the Conference that each church must discuss it and a final decision then be made at the yearly association.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn for a brief recess before the Eleven O'clock services.

Prayer by Rev. Virgil Blankenship.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song, "Amazing Grace".

The Bible College Quartet sang several beautiful songs.

Prayer by Rev. Ernest Harding.

Rev. Bus Wooldridge read 2 Samuel 18:19-29. He spoke to us on the need of carrying the Message.

Rev. W. H. Bostic read Genesis 7:1. Every born - again Christian HAS a message. We are responsible to our family first to teach them of God and to our Church and it's work. An invitation to any unsaved to come for prayer was extended. None came.

Song, "That Glad Reunion Day".

Fellowship hand shake.

Prayer by Bro. Jake Creech.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Song, Bringing In The Sheaves".

Prayer, by Rev. Davie N. Combs.

Moderator called for Church letters. The following was presented and read.

Mill Creek: 3 delegates present.

Letter accepted by conference and delegates seated.

All Churches are represented with the exception of one - Bethany.

### **ENROLLMENT OF**

#### **MINISTERS, DEACONS AND CLERKS**

##### **MINISTERS**

E. E. Simpson  
J. E. Rolan  
Millard Ehrhardt  
S. D. Johnson  
Joe Sisk  
Davie N. Combs  
W. H. Bostic  
Jess Dunkin  
Virgil Blankenship  
A. L. McGhee  
Merl Shaw  
J. W. King  
Manual Dunkin  
Arthur Warren

##### **DEACONS**

Raymon Williams  
Howard Bell  
W. B. Combs  
N. H. Rhoades  
Homer Harper  
Albert Wilkerson  
M. E. Williams  
Emery Coble  
Charley Robinson  
Elza Webb  
Lee Clark  
Cleo Barton  
Nolan Johnson  
T. J. Adkisson

Howard Bowers  
Millard Cloven  
Dale Skiles

**VISITING MINISTERS**

Harry Beatty  
Bro. Hendrix  
Ernest Harding  
Bus Wooldridge  
Jake Creech  
Ted Wilbanks  
Bill McCuin  
Jack Stallings

John Shaw  
Leamon Combs  
Paris Wheeler  
Roy Martin

**CHURCH CLERKS**

Dessie Crooney  
Irene Cockman  
Clora Harper  
Laura Webb  
Louise Johnson  
Ruth Thompson  
Georgia Crowder  
Carolee Barton

Moderator asks for unfinished business and committee reports.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:**

There was no business referred to this committee during the past fiscal year. Therefore no meetings were held.

N. H. RHOADES,, Chairman.

Report accepted by conference.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:**

We, your Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Luke Boze and find him still in the faith. Therefore, we are restoring his papers to act as Deacon for the Norman church.

We submit the following report for the year. We have licensed two ministers, Bro. Terry Forrest and Bro. Charles Gowers. We restored Bro. Luke Boze's Deacon papers to him.

E. E. SIMPSON

MILLARD EHRHARDT

ARTHUR WARREN, Committee

Report accepted by conference.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Amount on hand July 1962 .....	\$ 35.85
Amount paid for printing Minutes .....	29.25
Balance .....	6.60
Alton Church .....	2.00
.....	1.00
Clifton .....	3.00
Garfield .....	2.00
Mt. Zion .....	1.00
Shiloh .....	1.00
Norman .....	1.00
Bailey .....	.50
West Plains .....	1.00
Royal Oak .....	1.00
Total Balance .....	\$ 20.10

JOE SISK, Treasurer.

Treasurer's report accepted by conference.

Rev. Harry Beatty was allotted time to explain our cooperative plan of giving to support all phases of Free-will Baptist work. He also urged us to support our book store.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator: Rev. J. W. King was nominated. Motion carried that nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. Rev. J. W. King is Moderator for the coming year.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Howard Bowers is elected Assistant Moderator.

Clerk: Motion was made and carried that Bro. Howard Bell be retained.

Motion passed that Bro. Bell choose his Assistant. Sister Frances Bell was chosen.

Registrar: Motion passed that we retain Rev. Ma. Dunkin as registrar. He is allowed, by vote of the conference to choose his assistant. Rev. J. E. Rolen was selected.

Treasurer: Motion made and carried that Rev. Joe Sisk be retained.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL:**

Motion made to retain our present committee: Bro's. E. E. Simpson, Arthur Warren and Millard Ehrhardt. Bro. Ehrhardt asked to be replaced.

Bro's. Lee Clark and Millard Ehrhardt are nominated to fill the 3 year term. Bro. Ehrhardt is elected.

Rev. Arthur T. Warren's term expires 1964

Rev. E. E. Simpson's term expires 1965

Rev. Millard Ehrhardt's term expires 1966

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE:**

Motion passed that we retain the present committee. They are Brothers N. H. Rhoades, Dave Bowers, John Shaw, George Brewer and Leamon Combs.

### **PRINTING COMMITTEE:**

Motion passed that we use the Clerk, Bro. Howard Bell, the treasurer, Bro. Joe Sisk and the registrar, Bro. Manuel Dunkin for the Printing committee.

Motion made and passed that we retain Bro. Dale Skiles as Corresponding Secretary.

Devotion service omitted by vote of the conference.

Alton, Bailey Chapel and Clifton each asked for the next Quarterly Conference. Clifton was selected.

The Conference extends a vote of thanks to this church for the hospitality shown to us while at this place.

Delegates to attend the yearly association to be held at the Bethel Church in West Plains are as follows: Sister Juanita Rhoades, Bro. Ezra Manes, Bro. Lee Dethrow.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until time and place of next meeting.

Prayer by Rev. Bus Wooldridge.

Moderator: Rev. J. W. King

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Howard Bowers

Clerk: Howard Bell

Asst. Clerk: Frances Bell

### DELEGATES SENT FROM CHURCHES

#### MILL CREEK

W. H. Wishart  
Ora Wishart  
Eleanor Wishart

#### ROYAL OAK

Velma Campbell  
Lois Peace  
Verda Crites

#### ALTON

Maggie Bolton  
John Barton  
Helena Barton

#### PINEY

Christine Richardson  
Eva Williams  
Pearl Nickless

#### DILES CREEK

Nora Scott  
Cora Wilkerson  
Ina Campbell

#### LIBERTY

Dorothy Reed  
Clarence Buckley  
Alpha Patterson

#### SHILOH

C. R. Thompson  
Ruth Thompson  
Pearl Cloven

#### PLEASANT HILL

Willard Barton  
Mable June King  
Melvin Lowery

#### GARFIELD

Minnie Sanders  
Stella Rogers  
Walker Stogsdill

#### WILDERNESS

Jessie Simpson  
Connie Case  
Ilene Brawly

#### THAYER

Nora Jewell  
Elsie Worel  
Roy Jewell

#### WALNUT GROVE

Dena Hall  
George Reed  
Fay Reed

**CAVE SPRINGS**

Hallie Norman  
 Esther Archer  
 Allie Sutton

**COTTON CREEK**

Jesse McGhee  
 Juanita Rhoades  
 Genevieve Caldwell

**SMYRNA**

Betsy Carter  
 Helen Wright  
 Hettie Warren

**MT. ZION**

Marie Williams  
 Albert Williams  
 Ezra Manes

**CLIFTON**

Flo Dunkin  
 Glennie Gowers  
 Tom Powell

**PLEASANT RIDGE**

June Williams  
 Gertrude Barton  
 Mozella Barton

**BETHEL (West Plains)**

Albert Sanders  
 Clark Stephens  
 Addie Adkisson

**OAK GROVE**

Abner Rhoades  
 Julia Rhoades  
 Mary Harper

**BAILEY CHAPEL**

Elgan Holman  
 Judy Albert  
 Becky Simpson

**NORMAN**

Luke Boze  
 Ora Blankenship  
 Myrtle Harper

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
**MORNING SESSION**

1. Opens with scripture and prayer.
2. Moderator takes charge.
3. Reading of By-Laws.
4. Reading of Minutes of last meeting.
5. Church letters received and delegates seated.
6. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.
7. Moderator asks for corresponding messengers.
8. We invite visiting brothers and sisters into seats of council with us.
9. Report of Committee on Divine Service.
10. Vacancies in standing committees filed and new committees appointed as needed.
11. Eleven O'clock Service and Examination for Ordaining and License.

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

12. Opens with singing and prayer.
13. Church letters received and delegates seated.
14. Moderator asks for corresponding messengers.
15. We invite visiting brothers and sisters into seats of council with us.
16. Petitionary letters called for.
17. Are all churches represented.
18. Enrollment of ministers, deacons, and clerks.
19. Unfinished business and committee reports.
20. General and new business.
21. Business suggested by letter.
22. Devotional service, if time allows.
23. Setting of place for next meeting.
24. Ordaining council proceeds..
25. Adjournment.

## **BY - LAWS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

**ARTICLE 1:** This conference shall be called to order by the standing clerk if present; or in his absence, by the person having seniority of membership.

**ARTICLE 2:** This conference shall be opened and closed with prayer.

**ARTICLE 3:** Ten standing members shall be required for a quorum to transact any business for the body.

**ARTICLE 4:** Any person wishing to speak shall first address the moderator; and then wait until recognized by the moderator.

ARTICLE 5: No person may speak for longer than five minutes nor more than twice on any one subject without permission from the conference.

ARTICLE 6: All business shall be done in the spirit of meekness. Otherwise it may be called to order by the moderator.

ARTICLE 7: All business suggested by churches should be in writing.

ARTICLE 8: This conference shall convene at nine o'clock a.m.

ARTICLE 9: All committees doing business for this conference shall be appointed by this body.

ARTICLE 10: This conference may sit with open doors except when otherwise provided by the body.

ARTICLE 11: This conference may correspond with any other religious body as it deems advisable.

ARTICLE 12: Any motion shall be properly seconded before being voted on; and carried by more than half the votes being cast.

ARTICLE 13: These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular conference, as the body see necessary.

ARTICLE 14: This conference shall elect its officers annually, at the last quarterly meeting before the regular annual association.