

MINUTES

- OF THE -

Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists

- HELD WITH -

CLIFTON
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

July 23 and 24, 1965

Officers 1966 Session

Moderator	James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.
Assistant Moderator	Millard Ehrhardt, Alton, Mo.
Clerk	Roy Underwood, Thayer, Mo.
Assistant Clerk	J. E. Rolan, Thayer, Mo.
Treasurer	Howard Bowers, Thayer, Mo.
Statistician	Ruth Holman, Thomasville, Mo.

The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Mill Creek (Myrtle) Church located in Myrtle, Missouri.

Services will begin at nine o'clock a.m. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July 1966.

Rev. Dale Skiles and Rev. Virgil Blankenship will bring the introductory message.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD	Term Expires
Noland Johnson	1966
Paris Wheeler	1967
Grover Pingleton	1968
Virgil Blankenship	1969
Joe Sisk	1970

MISSION BOARD	
Manuel Dunkin	1966
Jesse Dunkin	1967
Howard Bowers	1968
C. R. Bryan	1969
E. E. Hollis	1970

ORDAINING COUNCIL	
S. D. Johnson	1966
Davie N. Combs	1967
J. W. King	1968

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson
Inez Martin
Mamie Crase

FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Brewer
Raymond Williams
John J. Shaw

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Roy Underwood
J. E. Rolan
Howard Bowers

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Roy Martin
Frank Brewer
Arlie Hayes



The seventy - eighth annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Clifton Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, July 23, 1965.

Song: "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love."

"When I've Gone The Last Mile of The Way."

Scripture: Ephesians ch. 5: vs. 6-17. Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the spirit is in

all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Prayer led by Bro. Claude Bryan.

The moderator, Bro. James L. Reed, was now called to take the stand. The constitution and the by-laws were read by the assistant clerk, Bro. J. E. Rolan.

The moderator then called for church letters, the following being presented and read:

WALNUT GROVE

Delegates: Daniel King present
 Ethel King present
 Kenny King absent

DILES CREEK

Delegates: Herman Campbell absent
 Mable Case present
 Goldie Dunkin present

SMYRNA

Delegates: Ralph Watson absent
 Mary Ellen Watson absent
 Ida Warren absent

MT. ZION

Delegates: Luther Frey present
 Phyllis Bowers present
 Carolyn Bowers absent

MILL CREEK

Delegates: Elba Harbison present
 Frances Harbison present
 Mamie Crase present

SHILOH

Delegates: Albert Holmes present
 Claude Huff present
 Jennie Crampton absent

NORMAN

Delegates: Luther Blankenship present
 Anna Blankenship present
 Bill Overstreet present

GARFIELD

Delegates: Jane Wetzel present
Wade Combs present
Bill Haddock present

PLEASANT HILL

Delegates: Leon Price present
Genevieve Barton present
Willard Barton present

LIBERTY

Delegates: Clarence Buckley present
Ann Buckley present
Bertha Reed present

CAVE SPRINGS

Delegates: Silas Barton present
Lillie Barton present
Jettie Norman present

COTTON CREEK

Delegates: Ada Combs present
Genevieve Caldwell present
Juanita Rhoades absent

THAYER

Delegates: Edith Cantrell present
Mae Baker present
Sam Baker present

WILDERNESS

Delegates: Lena Simpson absent
Janice Waller absent
Earl Simpson absent

WEST PLAINS

Delegates: Noah Lee Alsup absent
Hattie Simms present
Addie Adkisson present

ALTON

Delegates: Judy Bales present
Dorothy Kerr present
Everett Kerr present

PINEY

Delegates: Eva Williams absent
Christine Richardson absent

W. K. GROVE

Delegates: Julia Rhoades present
Lorene Palmer present
Sharon Mills present

CLIFTON

Delegates: Jessa Powell present
Olen Russell present
Joe Crawford present

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Delegates: Luther Frey present
Inez Martin present
Ezra Manes present

Motion to receive the letters and seat the delegates.
Carried. Delegates seated with song and handshake.



The question of granting a yearly certificate to Bro. Louis Stephens as requested by his church. Motion to refer the question to the Executive Committee. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to authorize the clerk to grant yearly certificates to Bro. Glen Murray on receipt of a letter from his association, and to Bro. Louis Stephens when his credentials meet the approval of the Executive Committee.

Motion to allow the moderator to appoint the Committee On Divine Service, carried. Bro. Olen Russell, Bro. Silas Barton, and Bro. Bill Haddock were appointed.

Are there any petitionary letters? None.

Are there any corresponding messengers? None.

Are there any visiting Brothers or Sisters? Bro. and Sis. Caskey from Cave Springs were present.

Appointment of temporary committees:

Motion carried that the moderator appoint the temporary committees.

State of Religion:

Ben Pohnert, Homer Harper, and Roscoe Mills.

Denomination:

Jesse Dunkin, A. L. McGhee, and Dale Skiles.

Lord's Day:

Jane Wetzell, Ann Buckley, and Genevieve Caldwell.

Literature:

Leon Price, Bill Overstreet, and Elba Harbison.

Motion carried to table item number 10 in the order of business until tomorrow.

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

Prayer by Bro. Glen Murray.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Conducted by Bros. Howard Bowers and Grover Pingleton.

Songs: "I Want To Be Ready To Meet Him"
and "I'll Have A New Life".

Prayer led by Bro. Jesse Dunkin.

Song: "I Will Follow Where He Leads Me."

Scripture: Jude verse 3 - Beloved when I gave all diligence to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

Let us all stand together and work for the faith in the Lord that we may be of more service to each other and move forward in the work of the Lord. That faith has a greatest meaning to the servants of God who earnestly strive to carry the message of salvation to the lost of the world. Our message of salvation is the same as that which Jesus taught. All that come to Him, He will in no wise cast out. Salvation is the same today as in the days of the apostle Paul. It cannot be bought. It is the gift of God. Jesus has already paid the cost. Those who reject the common salvation will be eternally lost. All sin can be blotted out by the common salvation which is in Christ our Lord and Savior. Have you received this great salvation?

We engaged in singing and a handshake along with an invitation to the lost if there be one present.

Service was closed with prayer led by Bro. J. E. Rolan.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Songs: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
and "Kneel At The Cross"

Bro. J. W. King, the assistant moderator, took the lead in this session using as scripture Psalm 34: vs. 1-13.

Prayer led by Bro. Arlie Hayes.

Moderator then assumed charge of the conference.

Motion carried to bring item 10 from the table and hear reports from delegates that have attended other associations.

Bro. Grover Pingleton gave a report concerning the National Association. He reported good messages and a rapidly growing denomination. National headquarters are virtually complete and need for more room and money is great. College is open to all.

Bro. E. E. Simpson also gave a verbal report concerning the state association.

Bro. Louis Stephens gave a verbal report concerning the Liberty Association.

Motion carried to accept each of the foregoing reports.

Is there any miscellaneous business? None.

Enrollment of ministers, deacons, and clerks:

MINISTERS PRESENT WERE DEACONS ENROLLED WERE:

JOE SISK
MILLARD CLOVEN
E. E. SIMPSON
JAMES L. REED
GROVER PINGLETON
DALE SKILES
J. E. ROLEN
GLEN MURRAY
VIRGIL BLANKENSHIP
MANUEL DUNKIN
A. L. McGHEE
E. E. HOLLIS
WALTER SIMPSON
FINIS JOHNSON
DAVIE N. COMBS
HOWARD BOWERS
J. W. KING
L. R. WHEELER
LOUIS STEPHENS
C. R. BRYAN
JESSE DUNKIN
S. D. JOHNSON

EMERY COBLE
ROY UNDERWOOD
ROSCOE MILLS
ROBERT WOREL
NED RHOADES
HOMER HARPER
GORDON COMBS
J. P. WHEELER
JOHN SHAW
JOHN CLARK
RAYMOND WILLIAMS
GEORGE BREWER
LEE CLARK
BEN POHNERT
ARLIE HAYES

CLERKS ENROLLED WERE:

BERNIECE CANTRELL
CAROLEE BARTON
LORENE POHNERT
BERTHA BREWER
BARBARA JAMES
CLEORA BREEDEN
RUTH THOMPSON



Motion to print the ministers' reports in the form of a summary similar to page 45 in the minutes for 1963.

A SUMMARY
OF MINISTERS'
REPORTS
AS RECEIVED

	Churches pastored		Sermons elsewhere	Miles traveled	Members received	Baptized	Conversions witnessed		Recd. for labors	Churches visited	Marriages	Marriages	Funeral
Virgil Blankenship	0	21		1374	0	0	0	\$	6.50	5	all	1	2
Howard Bowers	1	5		4825	2	0	4		1211.80	9	all	0	0
Millard Cloven	0	10		275	0	0	8		-----	5	all	0	0
Jesse H. Dunkin	1	12		4000	3	0	0		775.65	..	all	0	2
Manuel Dunkin	4	4		12000	0	0	2		541.30	7	all-3	2	2
Millard Ehrhardt	1	25		8000	0	0	5		2163.62	7	all	3	6
Charles Gower	2	47		2666	3	4	9		559.07	6	108	3	0
Ode Hackworth	1	17		710	0	0	2		45.00	12	17	0	1
E. E. Hollis	1	3		1050	0	0	3		30.00	2	all	0	1
F. D. Johnson	1	86		5413	0	1	2		1237.64	.	all	1	1
Davie N. Combs	1	0		25000	10	20	21		5267.31	0	all	5	2
J. W. King	1	6		1800	0	0	2		240.50	0	24	0	0
A. L. McGhee	one - 3 mo.	29		1700	1	0	0		110.00	5	all	0	0
Donnie Morris	3	9		4680	1	0	0		584.00	8	all	1	0
Grover J. Pingleton	1	41		24000	34	23	45		3828.37	23	all	1	9
James Lee Reed	1	4		3000	1	0	6		387.53	6	all	0	4
J. E. Rolan	0	11		275	0	0	6		8.18	6	all	0	0
E. E. Simpson	1	8		?	1	1	4		518.30	4	---	5	4
Walter Simpson	0	16		220	0	0	0		10.50	6	5	0	0
Joe Sisk	1	4		?	4	3	0		530.00	10	---	0	4
Dale Skiles	1	46		2000	4	1	16		3585.00	8	96	1	15

L. R. Wheeler - Not now actively preaching.

Louis Stephens, Elder of the North Side Free Will Baptist Church of the Social Band Association submits the following report of labors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964.

pastored one church, preached eight sermons at other churches, traveled 1187 miles, received 3 into the church, received for labor \$291.58, visited 10 churches, and filled 31 appointments.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand July 23, 1964	\$ 49.46
Receipts for the fiscal year	87.50
Total	136.96
Disbursements for the fiscal year	112.70
Balance on hand July 23, 1965	\$ 24.26

This report along with the following note were sent by Sister Jettie Bowers since Brother Dave had passed away only a few days before this meeting:

Dave was looking forward so much to be with you at the association today. He has said so many times that the greatest joy of his life was when he was working in the church and association with all his good Brothers and Sisters. He has enjoyed it so much. God bless you Bro. Coble. Dave truly loved you all. His heart's desire was to see the association moving forward.

Motion to accept the report and place the note on record in the minutes. Motion carried.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Obituary Committee, find that since our last association our Heavenly Father has called from their labors to their rewards the following brothers and sisters:

MINNIE CAROLINE NICHOLAS
WILLARD JACKSON BLANKENSHIP
ALLIE HOLLIS
ZETTIE BAKER
DOTTIE BRAY
RAY JAMES BAKER
ROBERT GEORGE BEATTY
BERT SMITH
IDA CATHERINE CARTEE
MARY ANN MORRISON
OPAL HUDDLESTON
PERRY EMERZIRE FORD
MARION ENGLAND
JENNIE BREWER
WALTER DRIVER
RETTTER HOLLIS
DOG RAGAN
DAVE BOWERS

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Committee:

Inez Martin
Mamie Crase
Ruth Thompson.

DAVE J. BOWERS

Dave J. Bowers was born June 2, 1907 at Hardy, Ark., and passed away July 18, 1965 at his home in Thayer at the age of 58 years, one month. He was the son of the late Fred and Sara Bowers.

October 3, 1921 he was united in marriage to Jettie Gregory at Alton, Mo., and two sons were born to this couple.

Survivors are his wife, Jettie, two sons, Herbert and Howard, of Thayer; four granddaughters, Phyllis, Regina, Deborah and Pamela; three sisters, Patricia Cantrell, of Grand Blunk, Mich.; Mandy Clark and Pearlene Ford, of Thayer; six brothers, Delbert, LeRoy and Marvin, all of Peoria, Ill.; Charley, George and Orville, all of Thayer, and many relatives and friends.

He was a charter member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church of Thayer, and July 30, 1939 he was ordained a deacon of that church. He served as treasurer of the Cave Spring association for 19 years. He was a devoted christian man to his family, church and the association.

He was happy in his work for the Lord, and his favorite testimony was, when I'm resting in the presence of the Lord I'll be satisfied.

Service was July 22, at 2: p.m. at Carter Chapel with burial in Thayer cemetery. Rev. E. E. Simpson and Rev. Dale Skiles were in charge of the funeral service.

MARY ANN MORRISON

Mary Ann Morrison, daughter of the late Andrew and Ollie Smirl, was born at Liberal, Missouri September 27, 1893 and departed this life in Denver, Colorado February 3, 1965 at the age of 71 years, 4 months and six days.

She was married to Leslie Morrison who preceded her in death in 1962.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one sister Cora Timm of Denver, Colo.; two nieces, Ida Mason of San Diego, Cal., and Meda Isett of Denver, Colorado.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Huddleston church with Bro. Millard Ehrhardt officiating.

Interment was in the Huddleston cemetery under the direction of the Clary Funeral home.

IDA KATHERINE CARTEE

Ida Katherine Cartee, daughter of the late Melvina and Abner Crass, was born July 4, 1879 in Myrtle, Missouri and departed this life at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 7 days. She was a patient in the Missouri Baptist hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, at the time of her death.

In 1899 she was united in marriage to Joseph Whitehead at Myrtle, Missouri. To this union 6 children were born. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, two daughters, Pauline and Nora, and two sons, Abner and Milton.

She is survived by two sons, Silas D. Whitehead and Joseph Whitehead of St. Louis, Mo.; 3 sisters, Ora Clark, Myrtle, Mo.; Amy Clark, Thayer, Mo. and Ella Ramer, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; 1 brother, Robert Crass, Myrtle, Mo. She also leaves to mourn her passing, 10 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cartee were held Thursday, January 14, 1965 at the Myrtle Free Will Baptist church, of which she was a member. Burial was in the Myrtle cemetery under direction of McNabb Funeral Home of Pochontas, Ark., with Rev. Dale Skiles officiating.

WILLARD JACKSON BLANKENSHIP

Willard Jackson Blankenship, son of the late W. H. and Susan Kidwell Blankenship, was born April 25, 1894, near Jobe, Mo., and departed this life April 5, 1965, at his home on Route 1, Couch, Mo., at the age of 70 years, 11 months and ten days.

On November 17, 1913, he was united in marriage to Lucinda Galbreath near Walnut Ridge, Ark; to this union six children were born. Two sons preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Lucinda, of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Oleta Anderson, Fenton, Mo.; Mrs. Jaunita Rhoades, Couch, Mo.; Mrs. Helen Roberts, Couch, Mo.; one son, Eugene Blankenship, St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, James Blankenship, West Plains, Mo.; Walter Blankenship, St. Louis, Mo.; Riley Blankenship, Pochontas, Ark.; 17 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Mr. Blankenship was a member of the Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist church. He was a retired farmer.

Services were held Wednesday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. Harry Asher, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. O. D. Winfree, Walnut Ridge, Ark., and Rev. Fin-

is Johnson, Thayer, Mo., officiating. Burial was in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home, of Thayer.

ROBERT GEORGE BEATTY

Robert George Beatty, son of the late George and Sarah Beatty, was born November 22, 1873, at Morgantown, West Virginia, and departed this life at the West Plains Memorial hospital on July 22, 1964 at the age of 90 years, 8 months.

Over 65 years ago, Mr. Beatty settled at the present farm home, where he spent the most of his life as a successful farmer and livestock man.

On November 22, 1896, he was united in marriage to Dulscenia Young. To this couple six sons and two daughters were born. His companion, Dulscenia, two sons, Otis and Ed, and one daughter, Violet, preceded him in death.

On March 19, 1924, he was united in marriage to Ida Dunsmore. He is survived by his companion, Ida; four sons, Charley Beatty, West Plains, Mo.; Ralph Beatty, Napa, Calif.; Harry Beatty, St. Louis, Mo.; Herbert Beatty, Grants, New Mexico, and one step-son, Harold Dunsmore, Kansas City, Mo.; one daughter, Edith Cantrell, Thayer, Mo.; 23 grandchildren; other nephews, nieces, close relatives and a host of neighbors and friends.

Bro. Beatty was saved early in life and affiliated with the Free Will Baptist church at Rose Hill. and later became a charter member of the Thayer Free Will Baptist church, where he attended faithfully for the past ten years.

Services were held Sunday, July 26, at the Carter chapel, with Rev. W. H. Bostic officiating, assisted by Rev. Davie Combs. Burial was in the Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Active pallbearers were, Martin Beatty, Robert Beatty, Joe Beatty, Denton Alford, Clayton Smith and Harvey Ebling.

Honorary pallbearers were, Ben Pohnert, Johnny Lau, Dr. C. W. Cooper, Roy Dunsmore, Adolph Pauli and Paris Prinz.

BERT SMITH

Bert Smith, son of the late Lant and Mary Smith, was born May 30, 1881, at Lebanon, Missouri, and departed this life February 5, 1965, at Columbia, Missouri, at the age of 83 years, 8 months and five days.

On October 7, 1906, he was united in marriage to Lula Campbell at the Hickory Grove Presbyterian church near

Alton, Missouri. To this union four children were born. Two daughters preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Lula, of the home on Route 2, Alton, Missouri; two children, Jewel Smith of St. Louis, Missouri, and Ona Smith of Route 2, Alton, Missouri; two brothers, Howard Smith of Alton, Missouri, and Rufus Smith, of San Mateo, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Rosie Hall, of Seminole, Okla.; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Bailey Chapel Free Will Baptist church. He was a retired farmer.

Services were held Monday, February 8, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hickory Grove Presbyterian church, with Rev. Virgil Blankenship officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Grove cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were Ivan Tinsley, Clint Bridges, Dan Pitts, Jack Brown, Chester Cline and Garland Johnson.

Music was by the Bailey Chapel and Hickory Grove churches with Mary Ann Holman at the piano.

OPAL HUDDLESTON

Opal Huddleston, daughter of the late George and Nica Bentley Brandon, was born August 19, 1906, at Alton, Missouri and departed this life January 5, 1965, at her home near Alton, Missouri, Route 3, at the age of 58 years, 4 months and sixteen days.

On October 3, 1924, she was united in marriage to Ted Herrington at Alton, Missouri. Her husband and three sons preceded her in death. On September 25, 1958, she was married to D. T. Huddleston at Alton, Missouri.

She is survived by her husband of the home on Route 3, Alton, Mo.; three daughters, Mrs. James Reynolds, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Willie Hughes, Clarksville, Ark.; Mrs. James Brown, Alton, Mo.; four step children, Mrs. Joe Cheever, Mrs. Al Crites, and Mrs. Clyde Anderson, all of Alton, Missouri; Mrs. Richard Stewart, Texas City, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Nivens, Alton, Mo.; Mrs. L. B. Toland, Dallas, Tex.; 7 grandchildren and 17 step grandchildren and 4 step great grandchildren.

Mrs. Huddleston was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Services were held Friday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the Alton Free Will Baptist church with Rev. Jesse Dunkin officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park cemetery, Sikeston, Missouri, under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

PERRY EMEZIRE FORD

Perry Emezire Ford, son of the late William and Eliza Abbrigail Obbrian, was born November 6, 1885, in the state of Kansas, and departed this life May 21, 1965, at his home on Route 2, Thayer, Mo., at the age of 79 years, six months and 15 days.

In 1915, he was united in marriage to Jenny Carlisle. To this union five children were born. One son preceded him in death.

On March 26, 1941, he was united in marriage to Pearlina Bowers at Alton, Mo. To this union five children were born.

He is survived by his wife, Pearline of the home, five sons Glen Allen Ford, Oxnard, Calif., Frankie Ford, St. Louis, Mo., Eddie Ford, Thayer, Mo., Donald Ford and Billy Ford of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Dolly Beck, San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. Lucinda Buell, San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. Patty Kuratt, Bensenville, Ill.; Eva Louise Ford of the home; one brother, Joe Ford, Kiowa, Kansas; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Reffner, Osawatomie, Kansas; Mrs. Mae Forran, Chicago, Ill.; 19 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. Ford was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. He was a retired farmer.

Services were held Sunday, May 23, at 4: p.m. at the Carter Chapel with Rev. Grover Pingleton officiating. Burial was in the Thayer cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

ALLIE HOLLIS

Allie Hollis, daughter of the late Thomas and Della Russell Honeycutt, was born July 3, 1885, at Thayer, Missouri and departed this life January 26, 1965, at the Memorial hospital, West Plains, Mo., at the age of 79 years, six months and 23 days.

On January 17, 1907, she was united in marriage to Alvin Hollis in Oregon county, Missouri. To this union seven children were born. Her husband and one son preceded her in death.

She is survived by 6 sons, Floyce Hollis, Royce Hollis, Winford Hollis and Robert Hollis, all of Thayer, Missouri; Waymon Hollis, Liberty, Missouri; Junior Hollis, Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Joe Honeycutt, Thayer, Mo., thirteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Hollis was a member of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. She was converted at an early age

and lived a devoted Christian life until God called her home. She was a kind and loving mother. She was a faithful and loyal friend to all who knew her.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 1, at 2: at the Carter chapel with Rev. Davie Combs officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were, Roscoe Honeycutt, Otto Honeycutt, Eddie Honeycutt, Elza Hollis, Noah Hollis and Velmus Hollis.

DOTTIE BRAY

Dottie Bray, daughter of the late John P. and Matilda Golden Gage, was born October 5, 1894, at Davenport, Ia., and departed this life October 3, 1964, at Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 69 years, 11 months and 27 days.

She is survived by three sons, William Bray, Pompa, Texas; Marvin Bray, Elkins Park, Penn.; Lawrence C. Bray, Oklahoma City, Okla.; three daughters, Mrs. Chalma Tuggle, Mrs. Christine Hanover, and Mrs. LaVona Rogers, all of Tulsa, Okla.; a stepson and stepdaughter, George B. Bray, Couch, Mo.; and Mrs. Marie Corley, Brownsville, Texas; two brothers, Basil A. Gage, Tulsa, Okla. and John Gage, Dove Creek, Colo.; 21 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bray was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Garfield. She was a former resident of the Garfield community, but made her home in Tulsa, Okla., for the past 18 years.

Services were held Tuesday, October 6, at 11: a.m. at the Cotton Creek church with Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Davie Combs officiating. Burial was in the Cotton Creek cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

RAY JAMES BAKER

Ray James Baker, son of Dena Wolfe Baker and the late Joe Albert Baker was, born in Oregon county, Missouri March 6, 1914 and departed this life on September 16, 1964 at St. John's hospital, Springfield, Mo., at the age of 50 years, six months and ten days.

On November 20, 1935, he was united in marriage to Hazel Mills at Alton, Missouri. To this union three children were born.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, of the home, two sons, Joe Walter Baker and James Wesley Baker, both of Springfield, Mo., one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Kirkman, St.

Louis, Mo.; his mother, Mrs. Dena Baker, Alton, Mo.; one brother, John Baker, Alton, Mo.; four sisters, Mrs. Robert Sanders, Mrs. Price Frey, and Mrs. Ida Taylor, all of Couch, Mo.; Mrs. Porter Vanskike, Alton, Mo.; four grandchildren.

Mr. Baker was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. He resided in the Garfield community prior to moving to Springfield about two years ago.

Services were held Saturday morning, Sept. 19, at 11: a.m. at the Carter Chapel with Rev. Millard Ehrhardt officiating. Burial was in the Cave Spring cemetery under the direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were Andrew Moore, Ralph Mills, Frank Mills, George Baker, Carl Sanders, and Junior Sanders.

MINNIE CAROLINE NICHOLAS

Minnie Caroline Nicholas, daughter of the late W. D. and Susan (Ledgerwood) Weaver, was born Sept. 27, 1884, near Birch Tree, Mo., and departed this life Dec. 2, 1964 at 6:30 a.m. in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Turner, in St. Louis, Mo. at the age of 20 years, two months and 5 days.

She was united in marriage to Johnnie Nicholas on Oct. 19, 1902. To this union six children were born. She was preceded in death by her husband on May 6, 1940, and one son, Johnnie Lee, who was killed in action in Germany during World War II on March 22, 1945. Also one sister, Mary Sullins preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sons, Clarence O. Nicholas, of Granite City, Ill., William S. Nicholas and Chas. L. Nicholas, both of Alton, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Warren, of Koshkonong, Mo., and Mrs. Ruth Turner of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, Ed L. Weaver of Birch Tree, Mo., Otto Weaver of California, and Tom Weaver, of Springfield, Mo.; two sisters, Nova and Ida Ledbetter of Springfield, Mo.; 27 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and remained a devoted Christian until God called her home. She was a charter member of the Bailey Chapel Free Will Baptist church.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 5, at Bailey Chapel with Elders Lester Wiggs and Terry Forrest officiating. Burial was in Bailey cemetery under direction of the Carter Funeral home of Thayer.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Frank, Paul and Vernon Warren, Clifford and Kenneth Turner, Don, Ben and Roy Nicholas.

MRS. ZETTIE BAKER

Mrs. Zettie Baker, daughter of the late James and Margaret Tarlton Anderson, was born August 20, 1882, in Oregon county, Mo., and departed this life January 27, 1965 at her home in the Calm community near Gatewood, at the age of 82 years, five months and 7 days.

On September 13, 1903, she was united in marriage to John A. Baker. To this union five children were born; an infant son preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, John A. Baker, two sons, Loyd Baker of Gatewood, Mo., and Clarence E. Baker of St. Louis, Mo.; two daughters, Grace Baker, of Gatewood, Mo., and Mrs. May Roberts of Bardley, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Williams, of Alton, Mo., and Mrs. Mellie Robinett, of Seligman, Mo.; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Baker was a member of the Liberty Free Will Baptist church. She was converted at an early age and lived a consistent Christian life until God called her home. She was a kind, loving, devoted mother and wife. She was a faithful and loyal friend to all who knew her.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 29, 1965 at 11: a.m. at Liberty Free Will Baptist church, with the Rev. Davie Combs of West Plains, Mo., officiating. Burial was in the Liberty cemetery under direction of the Edwards Funeral Home, of Doniphan, Mo.

Pallbearers were, Frank Gazaway, James McDowell, Paul Stevens, Theo. Williams, Jimmie Wilkerson, and Forrest Wilkerson.

Executive Committee report was read.

Motion carried to itemize the report.

Item number 1: We, the Business Committee, ask for three months on Bro. Louis Stephens. Date beginning July 23, 1965, pending investigation of proper recommendation.

Motion granted to grant the request.

Item number 2: We wish to issue a certificate to Bro. Glen Murray when the proper recommendation from his association arrives. Motion carried to grant this request.

Item number 3: Amend our constitution to read: The Ordaining Council shall act as a credentials committee. Motion to accept this item and place it on the table until tomorrow.

Item number 4: All ministers coming from another body, shall come before the Ordaining Committee to be questioned as to sound doctrine and to bring a recommendation from the body of which he is a member. Motion to accept this item and place it on the table until tomorrow.

Item number 5: All ministers shall bring or send a report or be recommended by their church before receiving a yearly certificate. Motion to accept this item and place it on the table until tomorrow.

Committee members are: J. P. Wheeler, Virgil Blankenship, Joe Sisk, G. J. Pingleton.

Committee on Denominations:

We, the Committee on Denomination, are thankful for the report from local, state, and national association of the progress made in our Free Will Baptist denomination this past year. However, with the combined efforts of Free Will Baptists everywhere, we feel that we can and should accomplish even more in the year that lies ahead. Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit that Free Will Baptists may accomplish God's purpose during the years that are ahead.

Dale Skiles, A. L. McGhee, Jesse Dunkin.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Committee on Literature:

We, the Literature Committee, believe that the Bible is the best literature for all to read. Our church papers and other tracts that are in accordance with Christ's teachings are recommended. We urge all Free Will Baptist families to subscribe to our church papers, the Gem, and Contact. All literature that would hinder our influence as a Christian should not be read.

Bill Overstreet, Leon Price, Elba Harbison.

Motion to receive the report carried.

Temperance Committee:

We, the Temperance Committee, believe that, as Free Will Baptists, we should take an uncompromised stand for righteous, holy, and separated living. We believe our daily habits and mode of dress should distinguish us from the world. Second Corinthians 6, verse 17 says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." First Thessalonians 5, verse 22 says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

We again recommend that our ministers preach more, if led by God, on the common sins of our land that the

Bible so plainly condemns and which many times creep in among our church members.

Committee: Roy Martin, Ab Sanders, Frank Brewer.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Committee on Religion:

We, your Religion Committee submit the following report: We, your Committee submit the following report: We think the Christian people are too slack concerning the Lord's work, such as prayer meeting, Sunday School, Bible study, and young people's meeting. We, as your board, feel that people are putting other things before their religion. We feel that the denomination is suffering as a whole. We, as your board, urge the Christian people to be more prayerful and work together to help carry out the Lord's work.

Ben Pohnert, Roscoe Mills, Homer Harper.

Motion to receive the report. Carried.

Committee on Divine Service:

The Committee chose Bro. Charles Gower and Bro. Glen Murray to preach on Friday night.

They chose Bro. Davie Combs and Bro. Finis Johnson to preach on Saturday at eleven o'clock.

Motion carried to receive the report.

Committee on the Lord's Day:

Finance Committee:

We feel that the Lord's Day is Sunday and should be set aside for worship of the Lord and doing His will; trying in some way to lead others to Christ.

Committee: Genevieve Caldwell, Ann Buckley, Jane Wetzel. Motion carried to accept the report.

Finance Committee:

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

CHURCHES	LOCAL	STATE
Alton	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00
Cave Springs	1.00	1.00
Clifton	2.00	1.00
Garfield	3.00	1.00
Liberty	2.00	1.00
Mill Creek	5.00	2.00
Mt Zion	1.50	1.00
Norman	2.00	1.00
Smyrna	4.00
Walnut Grove	3.00	2.00
Cotton Creek	3.00	1.00
Diles Creek	2.00

Oak Grove	3.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	3.00	2.00
Shiloh	1.00
West Plains	7.00	2.00
Royal Oak	2.00	1.00
Bailey Chapel	2.00	1.65
Thayer	8.00	2.00
Pleasant Ridge	3.00	2.00
TOTALS	\$60.50	\$24.65
Grand Total		\$85.15

Motion to accept the report. Carried.

Motion to elect a treasurer for the coming year to fill the vacancy left by the death of Bro. Dave Bowers.

Nominations were Ned Rhoades and Howard Bowers.

Bro. Bowers was elected. A vote of confidence was given to Bro. Bowers.

Motion to release all temporary committees, carried.

Motion to hear the statistical report, carried.

Motion carried to receive the statistical report as read carried. Motion carried to adjourn our first day of session.

Adjourned with prayer led by Bro. Manuel Dunkin.

SATURDAY SESSION

Song: "Down On My Knees," and

"Land Where Living Waters Flow"

Scripture: Psalm 27, verses 1-6.

Prayer led by Bro. Davie Combs.

Constitution and By-Laws were read by the assistant clerk, Bro. J. E. Rolan.

Minutes of the previous day were read and amended to include a motion to table item number 10 in the order of business until the afternoon session. Motion carried to accept the minutes as read.

The moderator called for church letters. The following were presented and read before the conference:

BAILEY CHAPEL

Delegates: Thelma Pingleton present
Helen Pitts present
Keith Pitts present

ROYAL OAK

Delegates: Velma Campbell present
Opal Campbell present
John Lee Braswell present

PLEASANT RIDGE

Delegates: Gib Parrott present
Elgan Barton present

Bonnie Barton present

On motion from the floor, the letters were received and the delegates were seated along with those who are here today but were not present yesterday.

Are there any vacancies in standing committees? None
Motion to continue into the afternoon order of business.

Setting of the place for the next conference:

Mill Creek, Liberty, and Bailey Chapel each requested the next Yearly Meeting. Mill Creek was chosen by highest vote.

Mill Creek Church requested that the Ordaining Council meet at Mill Creek church on August 7 to ordain Bro. Hubert Brewer as a deacon. Motion carried to place this request in the hands of the Ordaining Council.

To preach the introductory sermons for the 1966 Yearly Meeting: Bro. Dale Skiles and Bro. Virgil Blankenship were nominated. Motion that the nominations cease and that we proceed to elect by acclamation: Carried.

Motion to take from the table the items that were placed there yesterday. Motion carried.

Item number 3: Motion carried that we accept the recommendation of the Executive Board on item number 3 by inserting into article 4 of the By-Laws the Words: "Which is the Ordaining Council."

Item number 4: Motion to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Item number 5: Motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Motion to allow Bro. Rolan a chance to speak for a third time.

Motion to grant Bro. Grover Pingleton the privilege to speak for a third time.

Question called to bring the previous motion to a vote. Original motion passed by vote.

Motion passed to grant to those people who wish to attend a funeral the permission to leave this conference.

Delegates to the State Association:

Sisters Berniece Cantrell and Addie Atkisson were nominated. Motion passed that the nominations cease, we elect, and give to these delegates the right to add the names of any other delegates whom they may be able to find.

Appointment of Standing Committees:

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Motion passed to retain Bro. Joe Sisk for another 5 year term.

MISSION BOARD: Motion passed to retain Bro. E. E. Hollis for a 5 year term.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Motion passed to retain Bro. J. W. King for a three year term.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Motion to retain the committee as a whole. Motion withdrawn. Sisters Ruth Thompson, Inez Martin, and Mamie Crase were nominated and elected by a vote of the conference.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Motion passed to retain this committee as a whole.

PRINTING COMMITTEE: Motion passed to use the clerk, assistant clerk, and the treasurer for this committee.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Bros. Roy Martin, Frank Brewer, and Arlie Hayes were nominated and elected. Motion to adjourn for the eleven o'clock service. Prayer led by Bro. Millard Ehrhardt.



ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song: "He Set Me Free"

Prayer led by Bro. Ode Hackworth.

Song: "When The Saints Go Marching In."

Service led by Bro. Davie Combs and Bro. Finis Johnson.

Scripture: James 2, verses 14-20.

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works: Shew me thy faith without works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son was an example of faith proven by works. The conversion of the jailor and the visions of John on the island are other good examples. Also the life of the apostle Paul as he finished his course after having fought a good fight.

God is light and truth. We must live and preach the truth. A song invitation was given. Also a song and an old fashion handshake was engaged in. The power of the Spirit of the Lord was greatly felt.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Songs: "Old Rugged Cross" and "Heaven's Jubilee."

Scripture: Psalms 133 and 134 read by the assistant clerk,

Bro. J. E. Rolen. Prayer led by Bro. Howard Muse.

Moderator assumed charge of the meeting.

Election of officers for the coming year:

Moderator: Nominations were Bro. Millard Ehrhardt and

Bro. James Lee Reed.

Motion that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect. Bro. James Lee Reed was elected.

Motion to allow the moderator to appoint his assistant.

Bro. Millard Ehrhardt was appointed.

Clerk: Nominations were Bro. J. E. Rolan and Bro. Roy Underwood. Motion that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect. Bro. Roy Underwood was elected.

Motion to allow the clerk to appoint his assistant. Bro. J. E. Rolan was appointed.



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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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, hereafter, 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 Year-

ly 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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 or 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.

ARTICLE 7: Each session of this yearly meeting shall convene annually beginning on Friday at nine in the morning before the fourth Sunday in July and shall adjourn at the close of the Saturday afternoon session.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

Amendment

ARTICLE 10: The Ordaining Council may license a minister but only while this body is in session.

ARTICLE 11: This Yearly Meeting shall have power to grant a yearly certificate at the same time a license is granted, both to expire at the same time.

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE 1: Each session of this conference shall be called to order by the standing clerk when present, and in his absence by the member having seniority in years..

ARTICLE 2: Each session and adjourned session the conference shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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

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

ARTICLE 5: At each session of this conference standing committees shall be appointed on such subjects as the following: Printing, Ministry, Missions, Business, Obituary, Ordaining and Finance. All petitions and committees on particular subjects shall be referred to appropriate committees. Special committees may be appointed at the pleasure of the conference.

ARTICLE 6: This conference may hold correspondence by messenger or otherwise with religious bodies as it may deem advisable.

ARTICLE 7: This conference may sit with open doors except when it may go into committee of the whole.

ARTICLE 8: Any person not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission of the conference.

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, 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 Sept. 25, 1921, with members by Rev. J. R. W. Harbison, Rev. John Combs, Rev. James McGhee and Rev. G. H. Miller.

BETHANY CHURCH: Organized Jan. 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 Oct. 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 Oct. 6, 1918, by

Rev. E. J. Vaughn and Rev. H. C. Crase, with 17 members.

PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH: Organized May 28, 1933, by Rev. E. E. Simpson, Nathan Combs, W. M. Johnson and Elmer Hodges with 13 members.

CAVE SPRING CHURCH: Organized July 12, 1879, with 24 members, by Rev. Johnson, Rev. A. J. Jones and Rev. S. J. Thornberg.

SMYRNA CHURCH: Organized Nov. 1882, by Rev. David Johnson and Rev. A. J. Jones, with 13 members.

OAK GROVE CHURCH: No information available.

BAILEY CHAPEL CHURCH: Organized Aug. 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 Oct. 1903, Levi Taylor and Henry Wiseman were elected deacons.

MT. ZION CHURCH: Organized July 30, 1939, by Bro. J. E. Rolen, B. H. Woodrignig and Rev. J. E. S. Pentecost. Organized with 14 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 Aug. 14, by J. H. McGhee and Billie Rogers, with 7 members, J. A. Evans and S. P. Scott were elected as deacons. This church later dropped out of the Conference and was reinstated August 9, 1947, by Harry H. Beatty and Davie N. Combs assisted by deacons R. L. Campbell and Rufus Evans. Wilbur Jenkins and Millard Ehrhardt were elected deacons at this time.

CLIFTON CHURCH: Organized June 23, 1949 by Billie Rogers, F. D. Johnson, and E. E. Simpson with 15 members. Billie Rogers was elected pastor. Nova Coble elected clerk; Billie Joe Lovelace elected treasurer. John Clark, Paul Caldwell, and Emery Coble were selected as deacons.

THAYER CHURCH: Organized July 31, 1954, with 33

Charter members, by Rev. Davie Combs; Joe Sisk, J. E. Rolen and Harry Beatty. Ordained deacons elected as deacons, J. W. Jewell, Otto Harrison and Fred King.

ALTON CHURCH: Organized Sept. 16, 1955 by Rev's. C. A. Dodson, Harry Beatty, Davie Combs, H. C. Crase, Billie Rogers, Keith Johnson, Ernest Harding, and Meril Shaw, and 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 Dec. 20, 1955 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. BILLIE ROGERS
REV. ELMER HODGES
REV. EDDIE VAUGHN
RE. ARTHUR. T. WARREN
REV. A. R. CAMPBELL



ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

CHRIST: Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in His

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

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

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

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN: Man was created innocent; by his disobedience, fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen 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 or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved commitment 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 ordinance to be perpetuated under the Gospel. **FEET WASHING**, an ordinance teach-

ing humility, or universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH: The divine law requires that one day in seven be set aside from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communication with God.

WAR: War destroys the lives of the innocent and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, and FINAL RETRIBUTION: The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall, "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observances of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love endeavoring to "KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred

and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless upto the coming of Lord Jesus Christ.

Statistician: Sister Ruth Holman was nominated.

Sister Ruth Holman was nominated. Motion that the nominations cease and that we elect by acclamation. Motion passed.

Motion passed that the clerk act as our corresponding messenger.

Motion passed that we give our outgoing officers a standing vote of appreciation.

Motion carried to render our heartfelt thanks to the Clifton Church and community for hospitality and service rendered to us while we were in their midst.

Motion passed to adjourn till the time and place set for next year's meeting..

Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Bro. Ned Rhoades.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS

ALTON

PASTOR

Rev. Glen Murray,
Alton, Mo.

CLERK

Barbara James,
Alton, Mo.

BAILEY CHAPEL

Rev. Terry Forrest,
Alton, Mo.

Ruth Simpson
Alton, Mo.

CAVE SPRINGS

Rev. Manuel Dunkin,
Myrtle, Mo.

Dessie Croney,
Alton, Mo.

CLIFTON

Rev. Jesse Dunkin,
Myrtle, Mo.

Nova Coble,
Thayer, Mo.

COTTON CREEK

Rev. Sam Johnson
Alton, Mo.

Irene Cockman,
Myrtle, Mo.

DILES CREEK

Rev. J. W. King,
Myrtle, Mo.

Audrey Ehrhardt,
Myrtle, Mo.

GARFIELD

Rev. Howard Bowers,
Thayer, Mo.

H. W. Wetzel,
Couch, Mo.

LIBERTY

Rev. Ode Hackworth,
Couch, Mo.

Jennie McDonald,
Gatewood, Mo.

MILL CREEK

Rev. Dale Skiles,
Myrtle, Mo.

Berniece Cantrell,
Myrtle, Mo.

MT. ZION

Rev. Merle Shaw,
Alton, Mo.

Jettie Bowers,
Thayer, Mo.

NORMAN

Rev. Charles Gower,
Thayer, Mo.

Inis Roberts,
Thayer, Mo.

OAK GROVE

Rev. Charles Gower,
Thayer, Mo.

Laura Webb,
Thayer, Mo.

PINEY

No pastor elected.

Georgia Crowder,
Couch, Mo.

PLEASANT HILL

Rev. James Lee Reed,
Myrtle, Mo.

Carolee Barton,
Thayer, Mo.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Rev. Manuel Dunkin,
Myrtle, Mo.

Agnes Darr,
Alton, Mo.

ROYAL OAK

Rev. Walter Simpson,
Fremont, Mo.

Jean Braswell,
Alton, Mo.

SHILOH

Rev. Walter Simpson,
Fremont, Mo.

Elizabeth Holmes,
Alton, Mo.

SMYRNA

Rev. Terry Forrest,
Alton, Mo.

Cleora Breeden,
Alton, Mo.

THAYER

Rev. Grover Pingleton,
Thayer, Mo.

Lorene Pohnert,
Thayer, Mo.

WALNUT GROVE

Rev. J. W. King,
Couch, Mo.

Bertha Brewer,
Myrtle, Mo.

WEST PLAINS

Rev. Finis Johnson,
West Plains, Mo.

Betty Walker,
South Fork, Mo.

WILDERNESS

No pastor

Eulah Neal,
Fremont, Mo.

Statistics Cave Springs Yearly Meeting

	Resident members	Non-resident members	Total membership	Recd. this year	Number baptized	Dismissed by letter	Dismissed by request	Deceased	Sabbath of meeting
ALTON	81	22	103	0	0	1	2	1	Full
BAILEY CHAPEL	52	40	92	0	0	0	0	2	3rd
CAVE SPRINGS	14	15	29	0	0	0	0	0	2nd
CLIFTON	39	1	40	3	0	0	0	0	Full
COTTON CREEK	82	14	96	2	0	3	29	1	Full
DILES CREEK	36	30	66	0	0	2	0	0	1st and 3rd
GARFIELD	65	21	86	4	0	1	0	2	Full
LIBERTY	34	15	49	0	0	0	0	2	2nd and 4th
MILL CREEK	56	12	68	3	1	23	8	1	Full
MT. ZION	56	20	76	4	2	0	0	2	Full
NORMAN	35	45	80	2	1	0	0	0	1st and 3rd
OAK GROVE	28	7	35	0	0	1	0	0	2nd and 4th
PINEY	20	9	29	0	0	0	0	0	4th
PLEASANT HILL	9	32	41	1	0	7	0	1	Full
PLEASANT RIDGE	71	59	130	1	1	7	0	0	2nd and 4th
ROYAL OAK	41	42	83	0	0	0	0	1	2nd and 4th
SHILOH	20	16	36	1	1	0	0	0	1st and 3rd
SMYRNA	46	21	67	0	0	2	0	0	1st and 3rd
THAYER	130	16	146	35	11	6	0	1	Full
WALNUT GROVE	42	38	80	0	0	1	0	2	2nd and 4th
WEST PLAINS	140	14	154	13	6	4	3	0	Full
WILDERNESS	33	15	48	0	0	0	0	0	2nd and 4th