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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Cave Spring Yearly Meeting**  
**of Free Will Baptists**

**HELD WITH**  
**Alton**  
**Free Will Baptist Church**

**July 21, 22, 1967**

**Officers — 1968 — Session**

Moderator ..... Glen Murray, Alton, Mo.  
Assistant Moderator ..... Davie Coombs, West Plains, Mo.  
Clerk ..... James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Mo.  
Assistant Clerk ..... Faye Reed, Myrtle, Mo.  
Treasurer ..... J. W. King, Myrtle, Mo.  
Statistician ..... Ruth Holman, Thomasville, Mo.

The next session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Thayer Church located in Thayer, Mo.

Services will begin at (9) nine o'clock Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1968.

Rev. Glen Lewis and Rev. Joe Sisk will bring the introductory Message in 1968 meeting.

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## COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### Term Expires

Grover Pingleton .....	1968
Virgil Blankenship .....	1969
Joe Sisk .....	1970
Noland Johnson .....	1971
Paris Wheeler .....	1972

### MISSION BOARD

Howard Bowers .....	1968
C. R. Bryan .....	1969
E. E. Hollis .....	1970
Manuel Dunkin .....	1971
Jesse Dunkin .....	1972

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. W. King .....	1968
S. D. Johnson .....	1969
Charles Gowers .....	1970

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson  
Inez Martin  
Mamie Crase

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Brewer  
Raymond Williams  
John J. Shaw

### PRINTING COMMITTEE

J. W. King  
James Lee Reed  
Faye Reed

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Manuel Dunkin  
Arlie Hayes  
Finis Johnson

The Eightieth (80th) Annual Meeting of Cave Spring Association of Free Will Baptists met with Alton Free Will Baptist Church Friday, July 21, 1967.

Song, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus."

Scripture reading: St. Matt. 16:1-11.

Prayer by Bro. Claude Brayan.

Moderator, Bro. Glenn Murray was called to the stand.

The Assistant Clerk, Bro. J. E. Rolan was absent and Bro. J. W. King was elected to take his place.

Assistant Clerk Bro. J. W. King read the Constitution and By Laws.

Moderator called for church letters. The following were presented and read:

#### KOSHKONONG

Jim Kenter .....	Present
Edith Kenter .....	Present
Ellis Dells .....	Absent

#### SHILOH

Albert Holmes .....	Present
Clarda Huff .....	Absent
C. R. Thompson .....	Absent

#### MILL CREEK

Willie Wisehart .....	Present
Ara Wisehart .....	Present
Geneva Sorrell .....	Absent

#### THAYER

Pete Huffman .....	Present
Mary Baker .....	Present
Trissie Farr .....	Present

#### LIBERTY

Ann Buckley .....	Present
C. A. Buckley .....	Present
Alpha Patterson .....	Present

#### WEST PLAINS

Dene Robertson .....	Absent
Albert Sanders .....	Absent
Ella Janes .....	Present

#### PLEASANT HILL

Caralee Barton .....	Absent
Royce Hollis .....	Absent
Leon Price .....	Present

## GARFIELD

Francis Sanders .....	Present
Mary Combs .....	Present
Linda Dethrow .....	Present

## CLIFTON

Jessa Powell .....	Present
Reva Decker .....	Present
Alt. Curtis Buehler .....	Present

## SMYRNA

Clearance Watson .....	Present
Mrs. Clearance Watson .....	Present
Charlie Breeden .....	Present

## DILES CREEK

Ina Campbell .....	Present
Coudrey Ehrhardt .....	Present
Lucille Jenkins .....	Present

## WILDERNESS

Oather Neal .....	Present
Eulah Neal .....	Present
Jessie Simpson .....	Present

## BAILEY CHAPEL

Ruth Turner .....	Present
Judy Albert .....	Absent
Betty Simpson .....	Absent

## WALNUT GROVE

Bessie Wischart .....	Absent
Dina Hall .....	Present
Faye Reed .....	Present

## ALTON

Bertha Wright .....	Present
Elma Higginbotham .....	Present
Lee Dethrow .....	Present

## CAVE SPRINGS

Dessie Croney .....	Absent
Lettie Barton .....	Present
Jettie Norman .....	Present

## DELEGATES FROM QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Clara Allen ..... Present  
Albert Holmes ..... Present  
Willard Barton ..... Absent

Motion made and carried to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates with a song and handshake and send the business to business committee. (Letter elsewhere)

Motion made for the Moderator to appoint the Divine Committee. Walker Stogdill, Johnie Shaw, John Barton.

Petitionary letter—None.

Are there any corresponding messengers?

A letter was presented by Bro. Donnie Morris from "Little Vine Association" of General Baptists. (Letter elsewhere)

The following committees elected:

STATE OF RELIGION—Frank Brewer, E. E. Simpson, Claude Brayan.

DENOMINATION—Virgil Blankenship, Emery Cable, Noah Miller.

LORD'S DAY—Finis Johnson, Francis Sanders, Leon Price.

LITERATURE—Curtis Buehler, James Lee Reed, Joe Sisk.

Willow Springs, Mo.  
July 12, 1967

The Little Vine Association of General Baptists sends Christian greetings to the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists.

We are sending as delegates our beloved brethren Rev. and Mrs. Donnie Morris, who will inform you of our condition in the Divine life.

Our statistics for the year are as follows: Number of churches 11, Number of Ministers 16, Conversions 9, Members received 25, Baptized 4, Total membership 593, Grand total expenditures \$20,111.77.

We solicit a return of letter and messenger to encourage and strengthen us. May God bless you in your work for Him.

Rev. H. A. Higby, Moderator  
Delores Williamson, Clerk

## QUARTERLY MEETING LETTER

To the CAVE SPRINGS Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Alton Church.

We, the Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists send as delegates: Sis. Clara Allen, Bro. Albert Holmes, Bro Willard Barton.

General state of religion: **Good.**

General state of the Sunday Schools in the churches of the **Quarterly Meeting: Good.**

One church disbanded because of lack of attendance which was Oak Grove.

Moderator's name and address for the coming year: Bro. Glenn Murray, Alton, Mo.

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Davie Combs, West Plains, Mo.

Clerk's name and address for the coming year: Bro. Glen Lewis, Alton, Mo.

Assistant Clerk: Sis. Frances Bell, Alton, Mo.

E. E. Simpson appointed to fill Sam Johnson's absence on Ordaining Council.

Motion to adjourn for 11 o'clock service.

Dismissed by Virgil Blankenship.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song: "Blessed Sunlight."

Services by Bro. Davie Combs as Bro. J. E. Rolan was absent.

Scripture: Col. 1:13-29. Subject: "Church."

We engaged in a song and handshake and were dismissed for noon by Bro. Johnnie Shaw.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song: "I'll Live in Glory."

Scripture 1st John 4th chapter.

Prayer by Bro. Donnie Morris.

Church letters called for:

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Del: Bessie Crawford ..... Absent

Loren Crawford ..... Absent

Bertha Jackson ..... Absent

Motion made to receive letter as read with hand shake and also included Dina Robertson.

Motion to receive reports on other Association meetings. A good report was received from the State Association meeting and also the Youth Camp meeting.

Motion made and carried to omit the printing of the obituary. Just a short prayer and a list of names of the deceased. (List of deceased elsewhere.)

Report on following committees:

Report of Ordaining Council: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion made and carried to receive Bro. John Cline into our Association and to receive report as read.

Report of Executive Committee: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion made and carried to receive this report as read.

Report of Religion: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion made and carried to receive this report as read.

Report on Denomination: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion made and carried to receive this report as read.

Election of introductory preachers for 1968 yearly conference meetings were Bro. Glen Lewis and Bro. Joe Sisk.

Divine Committee report for Saturday 11 o'clock service.

Grover Pingleton, James Lee Reed.

Motion made and carried for adjournment till Saturday service.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. John Cline.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

We your Ordaining Council questioned Bro. John Cline as to his faith and practices according to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptists. We recommend he be accepted as a minister of the Gospel and accept his ordination by the General Baptist Church.

Committee:

Davie N. Combs

E. E. Simpson

J. W. King

### EXECUTIVE REPORT

We, the Executive Board, by request of 1966 conference reorganized the order of business. We also recommend Bro. Millard Ehrhardt to another Association.

We recommend that Article 9-10 be reinstated in the By-Laws.

Rev. G. J. Pingleton

Paris Wheeler

Joe Sisk

Nolen Johnson

Virgil Blankenship

### COMMITTEE ON RELIGION

We your Committee on Religion feel that lots of our people are too slack on so many things concerning producing the good religion that salvation produces.

We recommend that our churches and pastors rededicate their lives and do as Christ has asked us in His word and read the Bible and practice the ordinances of the Gospel.

Committee:

E. E. Simpson

Frank Brewer

C. R. Bryant

## COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATION

We your Committee on Denomination, are thankful for reports that we are expanding and are even reaching out into other states that show vast potential for growth and power in service for the Lord.

Where the Lord leads there is power, but, where there is no vision, the people perish. Pray that we may be able to reach the unsaved wherever they may be found.

We feel that we should be faithful in obedience to the ordinances of the gospel in service such as communion and the washing of feet, as is taught in the gospel of St. John—chapter 13, verses 14 and 15.

### Committee:

Vergil Blankenship  
Noah Miller  
Emery Cable

## SATURDAY SESSION

Song: "I Will Live In Glory."

Scripture—James chapter 5.

Prayer by Bro. Finis Johnson.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws by Assistant Clerk  
Bro. J. W. King.

Call for church letters:

### ROYAL OAK

Vilma Campbell .....	Present
Francis Bell .....	Present
Worth Campbell .....	Present

### NORMAN

Inis Roberts .....	Present
Paul Roberts .....	Present
Ora Blankenship .....	Present

### PLEASANT RIDGE

Bessie Parrott .....	Present
Charlotte Williams .....	Present
Sislie Dair .....	Present

### COTTON CREEK

Marvin Cockman .....	Present
Jerelene Melton .....	Present
Dianne Melton .....	Present

Motion made and carried to receive letters as read and seat delegates with hand shake also the ones who were not present Friday. They were Albert Sanders, Willard Barton, Coralee Barton, C. R. Thompson, Geneva Sorrell, Claude Huff, Royce Hollis.



### Election of Officers:

Moderator: Bro. Glen Murray nominated, no apponent, was elected.

Assistant Moderator Bro. Davie Combs.

Clerk—Bro. James Lee Reed no opponent elected.

Assistant Clerk—Sister Faye Reed.

Treasurer: Bro. Howard Bower, Bro. J. W. King. J. W. King was elected.

Statistician—Sister Ruth Holman.

Executive Board—Bro. Paris Wheeler.

Mission Board—Bro. Jesse Dunkin.

Ordaining Council—Bro. Charles Gowers.

Obituary Committee—To retain same committee.

Finance Committee—To retain same committee.

Printing Committee—J. W. King, James Lee Reed, Faye Reed.

Temperance Committee—Finis Johnson, Manuel Dunkin, Arlie Hayes.

### Report on Committees:

Literature: (Report elsewhere).

Motion made to receive this report as read.

Motion made and carried to adjourn for 11 o'clock service.

Dismissal prayer, Bro. Willard Barton.

### 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song: "That is Why I Love Him So."

Prayer: Bro. Frank Johnson.

Bro. Grover Pingleton opened service followed by Bro. James Lee Reed: Scripture, Mark 4:21: Subject—"Take Heed What Ye Hear."

Dismissed for noon by Bro. Charles Gowers.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Song: "It Won't Be Very Long."

Scripture: St. John 13:17.

Prayer: Bro. James Lee Reed.

Special quartet from West Plains sang "I Will Meet You In The Morning."

Setting place for next year meeting nominated: Thayer, Pleasant Ridge, Norman. Thayer received high vote.

### REPORT ON LITERATURE

We, the Literature Committee, believe that the Bible is the best literature for all to read. We recommend too that

all literature of filth be excluded from our homes and that we take a voice against all publication.

Joe Sisk  
James Lee Reed  
Curtis Buehler

**Report of Committees:**

Report of Finance Committee: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion and carried to receive report as read.

Report of Lord's Day Committee: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion and carried to receive report as read.

Report of Temperance Committee: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion and carried to receive report as read.

Report of Obituary Committee: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion and carried to receive report as read.

Report of Ordaining Report: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion made and carried to receive this report.

Report of Statistician: (No report to print).

Motion made and carried to receive report as read.

Report of Treasurer: (Report elsewhere.)

Motion made too receive this report.

Motion made and carried to give all committees a vote of thanks for their good work.

A motion made and carried to release all temporary committees.

Motion made and carried to send delegates to State Association in Kansas City, Mo.

They were Bro. and Sis. S. M. Baker, Thayer Church and Clerk could receive five other names to go to State Association.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

	Local	State:
Alton .....	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00
Bailey Chapel .....	3.25	2.00
Cave Spring .....	2.00	2.00
Clifton .....	8.00	2.00
Cotton Creek .....	3.00	1.00
Diles Creek .....	5.00	1.00
Garfield .....	8.00	4.00
Liberty .....	2.00	1.00
Mill Creek .....	5.00	2.00
Mt. Zion .....	1.50	.50
Norman .....	3.00	2.00
Pleasant Hill .....	5.00	3.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	3.00	2.00
Shiloh .....	2.25	1.00

Smyrna .....	4.00	
Thayer .....	8.00	2.00
West Plains .....	7.00	2.00
Wilderness .....	4.00	
Koshkonong .....	9.00	1.00
Walnut Grove .....	5.00	2.00
Royal Oak .....	2.00	1.00
Total .....	\$ 93.00	\$ 33.50
Grand Total .....	\$126.50	

George Brewer  
Raymond Williams  
John Shaw

### LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE

We the Lord's Day Committee feel that this day that has been designated as our day of rest and worship is falling farther and farther away from its due place in America today. We believe that if all Christians would assemble each Lord's Day with their families in God's House for True Worship, thanking God for the things he has provided them with through the week we would see a great spiritual awakening. We recommend all our pastors and teachers to urge the people to be more concerned in observing the Sabbath Day. Romans 14:6 reads: He that regardeth the day regardeth it unto the Lord.

F. D. Johnson  
Claude Bryan  
Frances Sanders

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee submit the following report. We believe that we should separate ourselves from the world, worldly things that would appear to be evil, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Committee:

F. D. Johnson  
Frank Breker  
Archie Hays

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, with sad humble hearts, beg to submit the following report.

We must submit our will to that of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well, and our loss is Heaven's gain. Since our last Association our Heavenly Father has called from their labour to their reward the following Sisters and Brothers whom we miss in the homes and in our churches.

REV. HENRY CLAY CRASE  
LOU AVERY JEWELL  
BETHEL REDUS  
LILLIE HUDDLESTON  
TALITHA ELIZABETH HOLMES  
MARY ALICE WISEHART  
LULA MAE NORMAN  
WILLIAM SIMEON NICHOLAS  
WILLIS GILBERT PARROTT  
CLIFTON DALE WRIGHT  
MARY NANCY TAYLOR  
JOSEPH LEE DODSON  
NOLA FLOY CHRONISTER  
HALLIE NORMAN  
GALA CARROLL  
LAURA FREY  
DANIEL RUBEN WILSON  
JAMES DUANE REYNOLDS  
HOMER LEE WAGONER  
BEVELYN SIMS  
RUBY NANCY GARRISON  
EVA MARIE HALL  
DAVID HENRY HOYT  
ISSAC HOMER SANDRIDGE  
GEORGE RUFUS CARTER

We, the Obituary Committee, recommend that the name of Bro. H. C. Crase be added to the list of our deceased ministers.

Committee:

Signed,

Mamie Crase

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council met with Bro. Turner and questioned him concerning his Faith and Practices Concerning the Doctrine of Free Will Baptists and we recommend that we accept him and give him a yearly certificate.

Davie N. Combs  
E. E. Simpson  
J. W. King

### Item 1

We the Ordaining Council met on Sunday Jan. 22, 1967 with the Alton Church and examined and ordained Bros. Larry Wallace and John Barton deacons for the Alton Church.

Committee:

Davie Combs  
S. D. Johnson  
J. W. King

Correction in 1965-1966 treasurer's report. Misprint in minutes.

Balance on hand July 23, 1965 .....	\$ 24.46
Receipts for the fiscal year .....	414.80
Total for year .....	439.26
Disbursements for the fiscal year .....	374.30
Balance on hand July 23, 1966 .....	64.96

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1966-1967

Balance on hand July 23, 1966 .....	\$ 64.96
Receipts for fiscal year .....	155.50
Total .....	220.46
Disbursements for fiscal year .....	205.45
Balance on hand July 21, 1967 .....	15.01

Statistician of Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

### From July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967

To Miss Leona Thompson, Greentop, Mo. 63546

Number of Churches Reporting .....	22
Number of Churches July 1, 1965 .....	22
Churches received July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966 .....	1
Number of Churches Disbanded .....	0
Total number of Churches June 30, 1966 .....	23
State of Religion .....	10 fair—11 good—1 poor
Membership July 1, 1965 .....	1524
Members Received July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966 .....	97
Number Baptized .....	40
Number Dismissed by Letter .....	40
Number Excluded .....	0
Number Deceased .....	22

Resident Members .....	1116
Non-Resident Members .....	518
Total Membership June 30, 19 .....	1634
Number Tithers .....	25
Number Prayer Meetings .....	11
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	6 fair—5 good
Number of Leagues .....	3
Condition of Leagues .....	1 fair—2 good
League Membership .....	107
Number Auxiliaries or Home Missions .....	3
Condition of Auxiliary or Home Mission .....	3 fair—1 good
Membership of Auxiliary or Home Mission .....	50
Number of Sunday Schools .....	21
Condition of Sunday School .....	15 good—6 fair
Enrollment in Sunday School .....	1153
Number of Officers .....	56
Number of Teachers .....	112
Number Ordained Ministers .....	34
Number Licensed Ministers .....	1
Number Ordained Deacons .....	57
Number Churches without Pastors .....	1
Value of Church Property .....	\$115,550.00
Amount Paid Pastor .....	23,284.07
Amount for Evangelistic Work .....	1,835.33
Amount for Building and Repairs .....	6,965.15
Amount for Incidentals .....	2,543.01
Amount for Missions: .....	1,789.96
Home .....	227.02
Foreign .....	1,562.94
Amount for Sunday School and League Literature ....	2,504.84
Amount of Superannuation .....	90.29
Amount for Orphanage .....	35.42
Amount for Youth Camp .....	122.64
Amount for Co-Operative Fund .....	1,984.23
Amount of Unified Fund .....	15.00
Amount for Headquarters Fund .....	
Amount for Budget .....	
Amount for Minutes .....	138.50
Amount for Bible College .....	70.00
Radio Program .....	220.00

### ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Glen Murray, Alton, Mo.

Clerk—Roy Underwood, Thayer, Mo.

Statistician—Ruth Holman, Thomasville, Mo.

Motion made and carried to give our heart felt thanks to the Alton Church for their kindness shown to us while in our services with them.

Motion made and carried to adjourn till next year's Association meeting at the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Howard Bowers.

### ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

#### Ministers enrolled were:

Virgil Blankenship  
C. R. Bragan  
E. E. Simpson  
A. L. McGhee  
Jim Kenten  
Noah Miller  
James Reed  
Glen Murray  
J. W. King  
F. D. Johnson  
Davie N. Combs  
Joe Sisk  
Glen Lewis  
John P. Cline  
G. J. Pingleton  
Charles Gower  
Howard Bowers  
Manuel Dunkin

#### Enrollment of Deacons:

Henry Williams  
Howard Bell  
Mack Warren  
Dan Pitts  
Ulus Cardwell  
Robert Ward  
Luke Borze  
Arlie Hays  
Roy Underwood  
T. J. Adkinson

#### Visiting Ministers:

Frank Johnson  
J. P. Hendrix  
Donnie Morris

### ENROLLMENT OF CLERKS

Barbara James  
Cleara Breeden  
Bertha Brewer  
Ruth Simpson  
Juanita Willbanks  
Lucille Jenkins  
Bernice Cantrell  
Eulah Neal  
Dene Robertson  
Murlene Holman

**A SUMMARY  
OF MINISTERS'  
REPORTS AS  
RECEIVED**

	Churches Pastored	Sermons Elsewhere	Miles Traveled	Members Received	Baptized	Conversions Witnessed	Received for Labor	Churches Visited	Appointments Fulfilled	Marriages	Funerals
Virgil Blankenship	1	24	1900	1	2	13	\$ 187.98	?	All	1	2
Howard Bell .....	1	2	7500	0	0	1	1708.45	5	All	1	0
Davie N. Combs	1	0		7	6	8	2194.00	0	All	4	15
Charles W. Gower	1	5	15320	9	7	13	800.00	9	All	1	2
Owen Harvell .....	0	40	1000	0	0	6	250.00	6	100	1	5
F. D. Johnson .....	1	31	12481	11	4	22	4031.00		All	2	9
J. W. King .....	2	3	4800	0	0	2	297.25	5	46	0	0
Glen Lewis .....	0	82	3000	0	7	12	813.25	38			1
Glen E. Murray ....	1	100	25000	8	6	34	4330.00	19	All	5	10
A. L. McGhee .....	0	10	500	0	0	5		4	All	0	0
Grover J. Pingleton	1	36	26300	14	0	29	4765.75	18	All	5	18
Bernard Roberts ....	1		3350	12	6	8	910.81		All		
James Lee Reed ....	1	0									
J. E. Rolen .....	0	25	305	0	0	9	25.00	6	All	0	1
Joe Sisk .....	0	6		0	0	1	12.00	0			3
E. E. Simpson .....	0	38	400	0	0	3	182.40	5	38	1	3
Lewis Stephens ....	2	15	14394	5	1	3	323.58	10	60	1	0

**CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS**

**PASTOR:**

**CLERK:**

**ALTON**

Glenn Murray  
Alton, Mo.

Barbara James  
Alton, Mo.

**BAILEY CHAPEL**

Virgil Blankenship  
Alton, Mo., Rt. 2

Ruth Simpson  
Alton, Mo. Rt. 2

**CAVE SPRING**

Manuel Dunkin  
Myrtle, Mo.

Dessie Croney  
Alton, Mo. Rt. 1

**COTTON CREEK**

Charles Gowers  
Thayer, Mo.

Irene Cockman  
Myrtle, Mo.



**CLIFTON**

Bernard Roberts  
Koshkonong, Mo.

Nova Cable  
Thayer, Mo.

**DILES CREEK**

Jessie Dunkin  
Myrtle, Mo., Rt. 1

Lucille Jinkens  
Myrtle, Mo., Rt. 1

**GARFIELD**

Howard Bowers  
Thayer, Mo.

Jane Witzel  
Couch, Mo.

**LIBERTY**

Ode Hackworth  
Thayer, Mo.

Jimmie McDonald  
Gatewood, Mo.

**MILL CREEK**

Bernice Cantrell  
Myrtle, Mo.

**MT. ZION**

Meril Shaw  
Alton, Mo.

Jettie Bowers  
Thayer, Mo., 623 S. 6th St.

**NORMAN**

Louis Stephens  
Myrtle, Mo.

Violet Hineman  
Thayer, Mo., Star Rt.

**PLEASANT HILL**

James Lee Reed  
Myrtle, Mo.

Nora Hollis  
Thayer, Mo.

**PLEASANT RIDGE**

Manuel Dunkin  
Myrtle, Mo.

Agnes Darr  
Alton, Mo.

**ROYAL OAK**

Jessie Dunkin  
Myrtle, Mo.

Jean Broswell  
Alton, Mo.

**SHILOH**

E. E. Simpson  
Alton, Mo.

Assistant Clerk, Ruth Thompson  
Alton, Mo.

**SMYRNA**

Glen Lewis  
Alton, Mo.

Clara Breeden  
Alton, Mo.

**THAYER**

Grover Pingleton  
Thayer, Mo.

Laverna Hays  
Thayer, Mo.

**WALNUT GROVE**

J. W. King  
Couch, Mo.

Bertha Brewer  
Myrtle, Mo.

**WEST PLAINS**

Finis Johnson  
1024 N. College St.  
West Plains, Mo.

Dene Robertson  
226 Johnson St.  
West Plains, Mo.

**WILDERNESS**

Walter Simpson  
Fremont, Mo., Star Rt.

Eulah Neal  
Freemont, Mo., Star Rt.

**KOSHKONONG**

Davie Combs  
319 E. 3rd St.  
West Plains, Mo.

Juanita Willbanks  
Koshkonong, Mo.

**STATISTICS CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING**

Churches:	Resident Members	Non-resident Members	Total Membership	Received This Year	Number Baptized	Dismissed by Letter	Dismissed by Request	Deceased	Sabbath of Meeting
Alton .....	75	27	102	8	4	6	0	4	Full
Bailey Chapel .....	46	40	86	1	1	3	0	1	3
Cave Spring .....	15	14	29	0	0	0	0	2	2
Cotton Creek .....	86	14	100	10	7	6	0	0	Full
Clifton .....	54	1	55	15	6	3	0	0	Full
Dills Creek .....	24	41	65	0	0	0	0	0	1 - 3
Garfield .....	41	43	84	0	0	2		2	Full
Liberty .....	35	15	50	5	0	0	0	0	2 - 4
Mill Creek .....	57	14	71	2	3	0	0	4	Full
Mt. Zion .....	49	18	67	2	0	2	0	1	Full
Norman .....	32	49	81	5	0	0	0	0	1 - 3
Pleasant Hill .....	27	29	56	8	1	0	0	1	Full
Pleasant Ridge .....	52	73	125	2	1	4	0	2	1,3,4
Royal Oak .....	40	41	81	0	0	0	0	0	
Shiloh .....	19	16	35	0	0	0	0	1	1
Smyrna .....	49	22	71	1	0	0	0	0	Full
Thayer .....	128	33	161	14	0	1	0	2	Full
Walnut Grove .....	48	36	84	1	0	0	0	0	
West Plains .....	142	17	159	11	5	1	0	0	Full
Wilderness .....	30	20	50	3	3	0	0	0	2,3,4
Koshkonong .....	28	0	28	7	5	0	0	1	Full

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### FRIDAY:

1. Singing, Scripture and Prayer.
2. Reading of By-Laws and Constitution.
3. Visiting brothers and sisters invited as advisory members.
4. Letters from the churches called for.
5. Quarterly Meeting letters called for.
6. The appointment of Divine Committee.
7. Petitionary Letters.
8. Letters from corresponding messengers.
9. The appointment of Temporary Committee.
10. Report of Delegates that have attended other Associations.
11. Adjournment with prayer.
12. Eleven o'clock services.
13. Open with singing, Scripture and prayer.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Enrollment of ministers, deacons and clerks.
16. Election of Introductory preachers.
17. The minister's reports.
18. The Treasurer's report.
19. The report of the Obituary Committee.
20. Report of Statistician.
21. Report of other Committees.
22. Report of Divine Committee.
23. Adjournment.
24. Evening services.

### SATURDAY:

25. Singing, Scripture reading and prayer.
26. Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.
27. Reading of minutes of previous day's work.
28. Call for letters from churches.
29. Vacancies in committees filled.
30. Election of officers.
31. Appointment of all Standing Committees.
32. Reports of other Committees that have not reported, including Divine Committee report.
33. Releasing of all temporary committees.
34. Adjournment with prayer.
35. Eleven o'clock services.
36. Open with singing, Scripture reading and prayer.
37. Appointing of all Standing Committees.
38. Election of delegates to other Associations.
39. Business suggested by letters.

40. Setting a place for the next meeting.
41. Ordaining Council proceeds with their work.
42. A vote of heartfelt thanks to the church and community for their kindness to the Association meeting .
43. Other things that come before the body.
44. Adjournment.

## CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists 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 Free Will Baptist Church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign missions, Christian education, Sunday Schools, Free Will Baptist Leagues, and Women's Auxilliary 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 office until their successor is elected. The clerk shall receive an honorarium of ten dollars (\$10) 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; 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 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.

ARTICLE 5. Any regularly organized Free Will 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 discussions by obtaining permission of the conference.

ARTICLE 9. 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 10. No member shall absent himself from conference during the sessions without first obtaining permission from the conference.

ARTICLE 11. Every member wishing to speak in conference shall address the moderator.

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. No debates shall be allowed on any motion except the same being submitted in writing and seconded by a member of the conference.

ARTICLE 14. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the brother nominated be elected.

ARTICLE 15. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question before the conference by request of one-fifth of the members present.

ARTICLE 16. The constitution and by-laws of this conference shall be read at each session near its commencement.

### CHURCHES

SHILOH CHURCH: Organized October 19, 1930, Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and Rev. Billie Rodgers. 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. J. T. 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 Deacons 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 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 November 1882, by Rev. David Johnson and Rev. A. J. Jones, with 13 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 14 members; Dave Bowers and C. A. Harrison as deacons.
- WILDERNESS CHURCH:** Organized August 2, 1940, by Rev. Clarence Dodson, S. W. Bell and Deacons Elgin Williams; Organized with 22 members and Mack Simpson and 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 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 December 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.

**KOSHKONONG CHURCH:** Organized on October 31, 1965 by Rev. Davie Combs, E. E. Simpson, Dale Skiles, C. R. Bryan, James Lee Reed, S. D. Johnson, F. D. Johnson, J. W. King, Glenn Murray, Jesse Dunkin, Noah Miller, O. T. Allred, Ezra Butts, Clyde Montgomery, W. S. Turner, A. L. McGhee, Ode Hackworth, Howard Bowers, Charles W. Gower, Louis Steph-ens, Meril Shaw, G. J. Pingleton, Bernard Roberts and deacons Elza Webb, C. L. Robinson, Lee Clark, Paris Wheeler, Mack Warren, Homer Harper, Roy Underwood, T. J. Adkisson, David Uhlmann, Leamon Combs, Ben Pohnert, Ulus Card-well, Luke Boze, John Shaw, Herbert Bowers, Jin Kenter.

Rev. Davie N. Combs was selected as pastor and Jim Kenter selected as deacon, with 21 members.

### 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 .....

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## IN MEMORY

Of the Ministers of the Cave Spring Association of Free Will Baptists, 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

REV. ARTHUR T. WARREN

REV. A. R. CAMPBELL

REV. H. C. CRASE

## 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 redemption 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 comital of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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.

**PERSEVERANCE:** All believers of Christ who through grace, persevere 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 that 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, its ill, and 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 bond 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 our Lord Jesus Christ.