

MINUTES
OF THE
Cave Spring Yearly Meeting
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
SHILOH
Free Will Baptist Church

JULY 25, 26, 1969

OFFICERS - 1970 - SESSION

MODERATOR	TOMMY CARLSON
ASST. MODERATOR	VIRGIL BLANKENSHIP
CLERK	CURTIS BUEHLER
ASSISTANT CLERK	JESSIA POWELL
TREASURER	J. W. KING
STATISTICIAN	CLAUDIA COMBS

The next session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Byrd Church located near Myrtle, Missouri.

Services will begin at (9:) Nine o'clock Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1970.

Rev. Joe McDonald and Rev. Howard Bowers will bring the Introductory Message in the 1970 meeting.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires

Joe Sisk	1970
Nolan Johnson	1971
Paris Wheeler	1972
Grover Pingleton	1973
Clark Stephens	1974

MISSION BOARD

E. E. Hollis	1970
Manuel Dunkin	1971
Jesse Dunkin	1972
Howard Bowers	1973
Meril Shaw	1974

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Charles Gowers	1970
E. E. Simpson	1971
Davie N. Combs	1972

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson
Bertha Wright
Nora Dethrow

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Clerk	Curtis Buehler
Assistant Clerk	Jessia Powell
Treasurer	J. W. King

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

S. D. Johnson
Lee Dethrow
James Lee Reed

The Eighty-Second Annual Meeting of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptists when convened with the Shiloh Church Friday and Saturday, July 25, 26, 1969.

Friday morning session opened with singing, "Jesus Is All the World to Me". Scripture reading, Genesis 1: 1-2. Prayer by Bro. Eliza Simpson.

This session of conference was declared called to order by the standing clerk, James Lee Reed. The assistant Moderator, Virgil Blankenship was given the chair.

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

Moderator then assumed charge of Conference.

Moderator invited visiting brothers and sisters in Christ as advisory members.

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

ALTON

Janet Hogan	Present
Lou Foster	Present
Ralph Foster	Present

CAVE SPRINGS

Silas Barton	Present
Lillie Barton	Present
Dollie Combs	Absent

COTTON CREEK

Marvin Cockman	Present
Clarence Case	Present
Loretta Case	Present

CLIFTON

Roy Crawford	Present
Joe Crawford	Present
Curtis Buehler	Present

PLEASANT HILL

Debbie Hollis	Present
Royce Hollis.....	Present
Alice Price	Absent

SHILOH

Margie Parrott	Present
Albert Holmes	Present
Claud Huff	Present

THAYER

Dorlene Fields	Present
Susie Fields	Present
Delores Bennett	Present

WALNUT GROVE

Everett Mitchell	Present
Della Mitchell	Absent
George Reed	Present

GARFIELD

Frances Sanders	Present
Mittie Stogsdill	Present
Mary Combs	Absent

LIBERTY

Dorris McDonald	Present
Ann Buckley	Present
Clarence Buckley	Present

MILL CREEK (MYRTLE)

Eual James	Present
Cora James	Present
Willie Wisehart	Present

MT. ZION

Gracie Stephens	Present
Jean Bowers	Absent
Phyllis Bowers	Present

WEST PLAINS - FIRST

Ella James	Present
Ab Sanders	Absent
Adam Gilliam	Present

WILDERNESS

Opal Brawley	Absent
Janice Simpson	Present
Earl Simpson	Present

SMYRNA

Charlie Breeden	Present
Clarence Watson	Present
Dwight Holmes	Absent

NORMAN

Paul Roberts	Present
Ora Blankenship	Present
Violet Hinman	Absent

BYRD

Alpha Garrison	Present
Joe Garrison	Absent
Jess Garrison	Absent

Motion made and second to seat the delegates. Motion carried. Delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship while congregation sang, "I'll Have a New Life" and "When They Ring the Bells of Heaven". Prayer by Grover Pingleton.

Motion made and second for moderator to appoint Divine Committee. Motion carried. George Brewer, Eliza Webb, and Earl Simpson were appointed.

Moderator ask for letter to be read from Bro. Lewis Stephens to Yearly Meeting. Letter was read by the clerk.

Called for delegates from Quarterly Meeting to Yearly Meeting. Flo Dunkin, Mamie Crase and Jo Pingleton were all present. Motion made and second to seat delegaets. Motion carried.

Corresponding messengers or letters called for. None present.

Petitionary letters called for. None present.

Appointment of TEMPORARY COMMITTEES:

STATE OF RELIGION

Bro. Shorty Thompson, Jesse Dunkin, and Leroy Chronister nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

DENOMINATION

Meril Shaw, Davie Combs, and Jess Rolen nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

LORD'S DAY

Manuel Dunkin, Royce Hollis and Dorris McDonald nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

LITERATURE

Nora Dethrow, Robert Worel, and Jo Pingleton were nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

Since other Finance committee members were absent. Motion was made and second that George Brewer continue until the vacancy is filled. Motion carried.

Moderator asked for report of Delegates that have attended other Associations. None.

Called for report from National Association. Bro. Jerry

Fields gave an oral report.

Motion made and second that we continue with business. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous business called for. Letters read from Pleasant Hill and Byrd church. Motion made and second to receive letters and seat delegates. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to bring a discussion to the floor on weekend revival. Motion carried. Question called. Motion made and second to continue discussion. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried to have week-end revival. Motion made and carried to adjourn. Dismissal in prayer by Eual James.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Eleven o'clock services began with singing, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". Prayer by Bro. Ode Hackworth. Rev. Tommy Carlson then took the stand bringing the first part of the message. Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Subject was "Remain Steadfast". Rev. Virgil Blankenship followed Bro. Carlson. Singing with the congregation "In the Sweet By and By". Subject: Fellowship Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. The service was closed with the congregation singing "The Glory Land Way". Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Howard Bowers.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Services opened by singing "Come and Dine". Scripture reading by the clerk was St. Matthew 17:14-21. Prayer by Bro. Roy Crawford. Moderator then resumed charge of service.

Divine Committee report called for. Friday night Meril Shaw and Grover Pingleton are to preach. Jerry Fields and S. D. Johnson are to preach Saturday at eleven o'clock service. Report received.

Motion was made and second to appoint a committee on Week-end Revival. George Brewer, Virgil Blankenship, E. E. Simpson were nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to amend Article 5 of the by-laws by striking out the words ministry and business and inserting Executive Board. Motion made and second to lay this motion on the table until Saturday session. Motion carried.

Motion was made and second to amend article 4 of the Constitution by dividing it at an ordaining council and making it the next article after Article 4.

Motion made and second to be laid on the table. Motion carried. Reading Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks.

MINISTERS ENROLLED

S. D. Johnson
 Jess Dunkin
 E. E. Simpson
 Manuel Dunkin
 Jessie Roland
 Joe McDonald
 Ode Hackworth
 Meril Shaw
 A. L. McGhee
 Howard Bowers
 J. W. Fields
 Joe Sisk
 E. E. Hollis
 Davie N. Combs
 Tommy D. Carlson
 Virgil Blankenship
 Grover Pingleton
 James Lee Reed

DEACONS ENROLLED

George Brewer
 J. W. Stogsdill
 C. R. Thompson
 Leroy Chronister
 Luke Boze
 R. A. Worell
 J. P. Wheeler
 Lee Clark
 Emery Coble
 Elza W. Webb
 C. L. Robinson

CLERK ENROLLED

Cleora Breedon
 Bernice Cantrell
 Nora Hollis
 Janice Simpson
 Ruth Thompson

Motion made and second that we omit reading of Ministers reports and print them in the minute. Motion carried.

Bro. Joe McDonald and Howard Bowers nominated as introductory speakers next yearly meeting. These two were elected.

STATISTICIANS REPORT

Motion was made and second to receive statisticians report. Motion carried.

Number of churches reporting	20
Total Membership	1,556
Ordained Ministers	27
Licensed Ministers	6
Deacons	47
Sunday School Enrollment	834
Sunday School Average Attendance	41 plus
Church Training Service Enrollment	91
Church Training Service Average Attendance	16
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	54
Woman's Auxiliary Average Attendance	

A Summary of Ministers Reports

	Churches Pastored	Sermons Elsewhere	Miles Traveled.....	Members Received	Baptized	Conversions Witnessed	Received for Labor	Churches Visited	Appointments Fulfilled	Marriages	Funerals
Virgil Blankenship	0	26	3,100	0	0	12	\$ 108.00	....	all	2	6
Dale Skiles	1	20	20,000	20	18	22	5,340.00	10	all	6	4
Louis Stephens	1	2	1,500	0	0	1	297.29	7	18	0	0
Joe McDonald	0	16	300	0	0	0	55.00	5	all	0	0
Walter Simpson	1	1	.....	4	2	4	370.59	1	all	0	0
Odie Hackworth	2	5	2,628	2	5	7	362.76	5	all	4	0
Meril Shaw	1	12	2,000	0	0	..	500.00	8	all	0	1
A. L. McGhee	1	2	3,000	9	0	3	609.00	4	all	0	0
J. E. Rolen	1	24	1,646	2	0	15	161.55	8	all	0	0
Paul R. Clarke	0	9	236	0	0	0	13.59	9	31	0	0
E. E. Hollis	1	12	600	00	00	0	55.00	3	all	0	0
Howard Bowers	1	22	10,392	5	7	9	1,509.37	11	all	0	0
Jesse H. Dunkin	1	....	2,000	3	1	1	635.46	2	all	2	6
Tommy Carlson	1	13	21,200	1	0	18	3,860.00	12	all	1	1
James Lee Reed	1	6	7,500	8	5	5	548.00	10	all	3	0
S. D. Johnson	2	2	.....	0	0	0	581.36	2			
Davie N. Combs	1	25	.....	6	16	17	2,750.69	3	all	7	20
E. E. Simpson	1	4	700	5	....	....	566.80	3		2	4
Grover Pingleton	1	26	31,250	30	23	38	4,895.40	18	all	8	22
Manuel Dunkin	1	4	12,000	2	0	3	957.70	8	all	2	3
Charles Gower	1	3	23,000	10	9	16	1,452.14	4	all	0	0
J. W. King	0	15	2,220	0	0	1	.....	6	all	0	0
Clark Stephens	1	5	8,370	6	8	9	670.00	10	all	0	0
J. W. Fields	1		Report for 2 wks.				170.00				
Joe Sisk	1	6	.....	0	0	0	180.50	3	all	0	0

Charles Combs
Noah Miller
Sanford Turner
L. R. Wheeler
C. R. Bryan
Clarence Dodson
Willie Combs
Millard Cloven
Tommy Baxter
John Cline
Russell Johnson

Masters Men Enrollment	21
Master's Men Average Attendance	12
Spent for Local Causes	\$ 35,933.88
Total spent for Outside Causes	533.14
Co-operative Plan	2,483.36
Foreign Missions	1,202.62
National Home Missions	
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State Home Missions	333.95
Bible Colleges	155.35
Youth Camp	327.00
Superannuation	
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Others	10.00
Number of Parsonages	
Value of Church Property	\$157,200.00
Value of Parsonages	

Ruth Holman, Statistician

DENOMINATION

Motion made and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

We, your State of Denomination Committee, feel that our Free Will Baptist are depending more on man's wisdom rather than the wisdom of God we feel the scriptures are being fulfilled because Paul told Timothy that in the last day people would be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth. We feel that formality is crowding out the Holy Spirit out of our churches.

COMMITTEE: Davie N. Combs

J. E. Rolan

Meril Shaw

STATE OF RELIGION

State of Religion report was read. Motion made and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

We, the State of Religion Committee, recommend that we as individuals, and fellow churches as well, have a closer fellowship one with the other, and a closer walk with the Lord, praying that this might be accomplished and the Lord finding us

worthy to be called his children.

COMMITTEE: Leroy Chronister

Jesse H. Dunkin

C. R. Thompson

LITERATURE

Literature committee report was read. Motion made and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

We, the committee on Literature, wish to submit the following report:

First of all we suggest the study of God's Word, the Holy Bible, above everything else. Also we prefer the reading of Christian literature and Bible helps written by Godly men and women.

We also need to know civic laws of our land and need law and order as far as right and according to God's Word. Everyone needs to study to show themselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

UCOMMITTEE: Nora Dethrow

Jo Pingleton

Robert Worel

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board report was read. Motion was made and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

We, the Executive Committee, met March 27, 1969 and voted to grant Bro. Dale Skiles a Yearly Certificate.

We also gave Bro. James Lee Reed the right to give information and a list of Cave Springs Ministers in regard to Ministers Insurance.

COMMITTEE: Virgil Blankenship

Joe Sisk

Paris Wheeler

Grover Pingleton

Nolan Johnson, Clerk

Motion made and second to appoint a committee to revise the church letters. Motion carried.

Motion made and second for moderator to appoint committee. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to leave tomorrow business until tomorrow. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn until Saturday at 9:00 o'clock. Motion carried. Dismissed in prayer by Davie Combs.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Friday night service opened by singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There". Introductory prayer by Bro. Jerry Fields. Two special songs by Leroy Chronister: "Time Has Made a Change in Me" and "Remind Me, Dear Lord". Prayer by Bro. Gary Terrell of Oklahoma.

Bro. Meril Shaw began the evening message. Scripture Reading: Jude 1:3 Subject: The Faith Delivered Unto the Saints.

Bro. Grover Pingleton concluded the message with the same text: Jude 1:3. Subject: Plan of Salvation through Faith. Service was concluded with an altar prayer led by Bro. E. E. Simpson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning session opened with singing "The Glory Land Way".

Scripture reading by the clerk, Matthew 7:13-14. Prayer by Bro. Russell Johnson.

Moderator then resumed charge of conference. Congregation sang "I am Thine, Oh Lord". Reading of Constitution and By-Laws were by the clerk and assistant clerk.

The minutes of the previous days work were read by the clerk. Motion was made and second to approve the minutes that were read. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to receive Louis Stephens letter as letter of correspondent. Motion carried.

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

PLEASANT RIDGE

Charlotte Williams	Present
Bonnie Barton	Present
Elgan Barton	Present

KOSHKONONG

Claudia Combs	Present
Juanita Willbanks	Present

ROYAL OAK

Velma Campbell	Present
Worth Campbell	Present
Lois Peace	Present

BAILEY CHAPEL

Louise Albert	Present
Ruth Holman	Present
Mary Holman	Present

Moderator asked if other delegates were present today of churches which letters were read yesterday. Those present are as follows:

BYRD

Jesse Garrison	Present
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Motion made and second to receive letters with any correction needed to be made. Motion carried.

Delegates were seated while congregation sang, "I'll Be Satisfied".

Moderator called for delegates to give reports on visits to other associations or quarterly meetings. Charles Gowers and Grover Pingleton gave reports.

Moderator called for report from other organizations. Ernest Roberts and wife gave report on Hart General Baptist church of the Little Vine Association. Virgil Blankenship gave report on O'Fallon church.

Motion made and second to receive the reports. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Floor was opened for nomination of Moderator. Tommy Carlson was nominated for moderator. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Tommy Carlson was elected.

Floor was opened for nomination of an Assistant Moderator. Virgil Blankenship was nominated for assistant moderator. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Virgil Blankenship was elected.

Floor was opened for nomination for Clerk. Russell Johnson and Curtis Buehler were nominated for clerk. Motion was made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Curtis Buehler was elected.

Motion was made and second to commend James Lee Reed for his work as clerk.

Motion was made and second for clerk to choose his assistant clerk. Motion carried. Jessie Powell was chosen for assistant clerk.

Floor was opened for nomination for Treasurer. J. W. King was nominated for treasurer. Motion was made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. J. W. King elected.

Claudia Combs was nominated for Statistician. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Claudia Combs elected.

Virgil Blankenship and Clark Stephens were nominated on Executive Board. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Clark Stephens elected.

Meril Shaw and C. R. Thompson were nominated for Mission Board. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Meril Shaw elected.

Davie Combs was nominated for Ordaining Council. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Davie Combs elected.

Ruth Thompson, Nora Dethrow and Bertha Wright were nominated for Obituary Committee. Motion was made and second for nomination to cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

George Brewer, Dorris McDonald and C. R. Thompson were nominated for Finance Committee. Motion made and second for nomination to cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Lee Dethrow, Sam Johnson and James Lee Reed were nominated on Temperance Committee. Motion made and second for nomination to cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Moderator called for committee reports:

LORD'S DAY

We, the Lord's Day Committee would like to encourage all Christians to enjoy the special day which God set apart for sacred rest and Holy service.

We would like for every Christian to examine their lives and see if they are following the example the Lord Jesus gave to keep the law of the Sabbath, and to do the works of kindness and mercy as he would have us do. We believe if all Christians would go to church each Lord's Day and worship him in the true and living spirit. Thanking him for the many blessings we receive from him from day to day that there would be a great spiritual awakening and the Lord would be pleased and bless us for our works.

He said unto them "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27, "Ye shall keep my Sabbath and reverence my sanctuary, I am the Lord.. If ye walk in my give you rain in due season and the land shall yield her increase statutes and keep my commandments and do them: Then I will and the trees of the field shall give their fruit". Leviticus 26: 2-4.

COMMITTEE: J. D. McDonald

Manuel Dunkin

Royce Hollis

Motion made and second to receive the report. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to strike out of report reference to scripture in Genesis. Motion carried.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary committee, beg to submit the following report: We submit our will to that of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well. Since our last association our Heavenly

Father has called seventeen of our brothers and sisters to their reward from their labors. We feel our loss here on earth is heavens gain. With this in mind we submit the following names:

Mary Esther Bennett	Eva Stephens
Pearl Mae Reimers	Johnnie Shaw
Dolly Jenkins	Hazel Bales
Ralph Prince	Clarence Maze Johnson
James Fortune	Georgia Cunningham
Nancy Jane Goins	Joe Littles
J. Dan Cline	Lawrence Dale Gowers
Maggie Bolton	Robert Hight
Arthur Lee Nivens	

COMMITTEE: Mamie Crase
Ruth Thompson

Motion was made and second to receive the report with few moments of silent meditation for those gone on. Motion carried. Prayer by Tommy Carlson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Local	State
Alton	3.00	2.00
Bailey Chapel	5.00	2.00
Cave Springs	2.00	1.00
Clifton	8.00	5.00
Cotton Creek	3.00	1.00
Garfield	8.00	4.00
Liberty	3.00	1.00
Mill Creek	8.00	2.00
Mt. Zion	4.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	3.00
Norman	3.00	2.00
Pleasant Ridge	5.00	2.00
Smyrna	4.00	
Shiloh	10.00	2.00
Thayer	7.00	3.00
West Plains	5.00	2.00
Wilderness	3.00	
Koshkonong	5.00	2.00
Walnut Grove	6.00	3.00

Royal Oak	2.00	1.00
Byrd	3.00	1.00
	\$102.00	\$41.00

TOTAL \$143.00

COMMITTEE: George Brewer

Report of Finance Committee was read. Motion was made and second to accept report. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand June 30, 1968	\$ 30.99
Error corrected in Balance given in minute.....	10.00
Minute money and Radio funds Dep.	151.50
Mt. Zion	2.00
Wilderness	5.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Royal Oak	5.00
Mt. Zion	3.00
Smyrna	5.00
Wilderness (For Radio)	5.00
Cotton Creek	5.00
Bailey Chapel	5.00
Myrtle	5.00
Shiloh	5.00
Liberty	5.00
Walnut Grove	5.00
Koshkonong	5.00
Garfield	5.00
Bethel	15.00
Thayer	5.00
Alton	5.00
Cave Spring	5.00
Wallace Strain	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	3.00
Norman	5.00
Walnut Grove	10.00
Garfield	10.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Wilderness	10.00

Liberty	10.00
Bailey Chapel	10.00
First Freewill Baptist Church	20.00
Norman	10.00
Myrtle	10.00
Royal Oak	10.00
Koshkonong	10.00
Byrd	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
TOTAL	\$475.49

PAID OUT

August 2-68 State Minutes (1967)	\$ 33.50
August 13-68 Clerk Honorarium	10.00
September 25-68 State minutes	35.00
October 5-68 Money for Radio program	18.00
January 15-69 Roy Underwood Honorarium	10.00
October 22-68 Minutes	112.42
October 28-68 Radio Program	5.00
July 6-69 National association	132.00
TOTAL	\$355.92

RECEIPTS \$457.49

PAID OUT 344.92

BALANCE ON HAND \$101.57

J. W. King, Treasurer

Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn for eleven o'clock service. Motion carried. Dismissed in prayer by Howard Bowers.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service was opened by singing "Just A Little Talk with Jesus"; and "Hide Me Rock of Ages." Request for prayer for Sister Clarence Dodson. Prayer by Clark Stephens. Congregation sang "Since Jesus came into my Heart".

Rev. Jerry Fields took the stand to bring the first part of eleven o'clock message. Scripture reading: Philippians 3:13-21. Prayer by Bro. Jerry Fields. The subject was "Reaching". Rev. Sam Johnson then followed. Subject was "Pressing on". The congregation sang "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" while having a handshake. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. J. W. King.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Services were opened by singing "After The Sunrise".
Scripture reading by clerk Philippians 4:13. Prayer by C. R. Thompson.

Moderator released all temporary committees.

Albert Holmes, Laverne Hays and Leroy Chronister were nominated as delegates to go to the State Association. Motion made and second to elect. Motion carried.

Motion made and second for moderator and clerk to add names of other delegates for state association. Motion made and second to elect. Motion carried.

Motion made and second for moderator and clerk to add names of other delegates for state association. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to send Elza Simpson, Grover Pingleton and Jo Pingleton as delegates to Little Vine Association. Motion carried.

Alton, Bailey Chapel, Byrd and Garfield requested the next yearly meeting. Byrd was selected by majority vote.

Moderator called for reports.

We have ordained three men. Bro. David Holman, from Bailey Chapel, Bro. Ross Tharp from Byrd and Bro. Carroll Garrison from Byrd.

REPORT ON ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Simpson was in the hospital when David Holman was ordained. We elected Glen Lewis to fill his position. At Byrd two were ordained. Bro. Simpson wasn't there and Glen Lewis filled his position.

We have talked to Bro. Jerry Fields and have decided that as soon as a report is received from his association which is on its way, we will recommend him to the executive board for yearly certificate.

COMMITTEE: E. E. Simpson

Charles Gower

Sam Johnson

Motion made and second that we receive this report as read. Motion carried.

Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks which weren't present to register Friday.

MINISTERS

Clerk Stephens

J. W. King

Russell Johnson

Charles Gowers

DEACONS

Roscoe Mills

Jim Kentner

CLERKS

Juanita Willbanks

Curtis Buehler, J. W. King and Claudia Combs were appointed on committee to get church letters made.

Motion made and second to give heartfelt thanks to this church and community and hospitality shown us during the yearly meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made and second that we discuss the week-end revival. Motion carried.

Motion made and second that we discuss the week-end revival. Motion carried.

Motion made and second that the week-end revival be on Friday and Saturday nights before 2nd Sunday of each month. Motion carried. George Brewer, Virgil Blankenship and Elza Simpson and the weekend revival committee.

Motion was made and second that we take the two items of business off the table which was tabled in Friday session. Motion carried.

Item one was to amend Article 5 of the By-Laws by striking out the words ministry and Business and insert Executive Board. Item carried. Item Two was to amend Article 4 of the Constitution by dividing it at an ordaining council and making it the next article after Article 4. Item carried.

Motion made and second to discuss need of cabin at Youth Camp. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to limit debate on youth camp and give Executive board permission to make a bid on cabin if they felt they should. Motion carried.

Motion made and second that clerk buy ledgerbook to keep record in and try to get record of back meetings. Motion carried.

Motion made and second for delegates vote the feeling of our association. That we don't want the date of the State Association changed. Question. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn until the convening of the next Yearly Meeting. Dismissed by Sister Jo Pingleton.

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 ministers' 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.

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 committal 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 would 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.

CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of FreeWill 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, Church Training Service, and Women's 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, and 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.

ARTICLE 5. 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 Executive Board 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 6. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine, in favor of benevolent enterprises such as Sunday School, 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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.

ARTICLE 11. The Ordaining Council may license a minister but only while this body is in session.

ARTICLE 12. 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, Missions, Obituary, Executive Board, 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.

ARTICLE 17. The Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer as elected each year are to serve as the printing committee.

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.

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.

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH: Organized in 1889 by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. E. R. Evans, with seven members.

COTTON CREEK CHURCH: Organized August 6, 1893, by Rev. J. H. Herlson and Rev. N. Combs with 13 members. T. J. Dunkin and G. W. Robertson were elected as deacons.

ROYAL OAK CHURCH: Organized on the first Sunday in October 1930, by Rev. H. C. Crase and Elmer Hodges, assisted by Deacon J. P. McCullough, with 23 members.

NORMAN CHURCH: Organized October 3, 1914, by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and supposedly Rev. W. C. Norman, with 18 members. D. M. Crews and G. W. Moore as deacons.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Organized October 6, 1918, by Rev. E. J. Vaughn and Rev. H. C. Crase, with 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.

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 as deacons.

MT. ZION CHURCH: Organized July 30, 1939, by Bro. J. E. Rolan, 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 Deacon 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: Disbanded - 1 969.

CLIFTON CHURCH: Organized July 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. Rolan 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.

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WEST PLAINS F.W.B. 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, Noth Miller, O. T. Allred, Ezra Butts, Clyde Montgomery, W. S. Turner, A. L. McGhee, Ode Hackworth, Howard Bowers, Charles W. Gower, Louis Stephens, Meril Shaw, G. L. 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 Cardwell, Luke Boze, Herbert Bowers, Jim Kentner. Rev. Davie N. Combs was selected as pastor and Jim Kentner 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.
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CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS WITH ADDRESSES

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CHURCH CLERKS

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Grover Pingleton
Alton, Mo.

Barbara James
Alton, Mo.

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Alton, Mo.

Ruth Simpson
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BYRD CHURCH

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Thayer, Mo.

Mary Tharp
Thayer, Mo.

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Louis Stephens
Myrtle, Mo.
Charles Combs
Myrtle, Mo.
Tommie Baxter
Salem, Ark.

Meril Shaw
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John Cline
Koshkonong, Mo.
Noah Miller
West Plains, Mo.
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Mammoth Spring, Ark.
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Alton, Mo.
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Thayer, Mo.
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Thayer, Mo.

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.

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