

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Cave Spring Yearly Meeting**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**HELD WITH**  
**B Y R L**  
**Free Will Baptist Church**

**JULY 24, 25, 1970**

**OFFICERS - 1971 SESSION**

**MORERATOR .....HOWARD BOWERS**  
**ASST. MODERATOR .....DALE SKILES**  
**CLERK .....CURTIS BUEHLER**  
**ASSISTANT CLERK .....JESSIA POWELL**  
**TREASURER .....J. W. KING**

The next session of the Cave Spring Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Koshkonong Church located at Koshkonong, Mssouri.

Services will begin at (9:) Nine o'clock Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1971.

Bro. Jerry Fields and Bro. D. Edward Williams will bring the Introductory Message in the 1971 meeting.

## COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires

Nolan Johnson .....	1971
Paris Wheeler .....	1972
Grover Pingleton .....	1973
Clark Stephens .....	1974
Virgil Blankenship .....	1975

### MISSION BOARD

Manuel Dunkin .....	1971
Jesse Dunkin .....	1972
Howard Bowers .....	1973
Meril Shaw .....	1974
Ode Hackworth .....	1975

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

E. E. Simpson .....	1971
Davie N. Combs .....	1972
Charles Gowers .....	1973

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

George Brewer  
Ned Rhoades  
Russell Johnson

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson  
Bertha Wright  
Nora Dethrow

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Dale Skiles  
Lee Dethrow  
James Lee Reed

### PRINTING COMMITTEE

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

The Eighty-Third Annual Meeting of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist when convened with the Byrd Church Friday and Saturday July 24, 25, 1970.

Friday morning session opened with singing, "My Savior First of All and I Am Thine O Lord". Scripture reading, Matthew 6: 33-34. Prayer by Bro. E. E. Simpson.

This session of conference was declared called to order by the standing clerk, Curtis Buehler. The Moderator, Virgil Blankenship was given the chair. Motion made and second to select Assistant Moderator. Bro. Dale Skiles appointed.

The assistant Clerk, Sis Jessa Powell was absent and Sis Norma Buehler was selected to take her place.

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

Sis Bertha Wright. ....	Present
Sis Irene Chronister. ....	Present
Sis Kathleen Chronister. ....	Present

#### BAILEY CHAPEL

Sis Ruth Turner. ....	Present
Sis Louis Albert. ....	Absent
Sis Helen Pitts. ....	Present

#### BYRD

Bro. Tom Garrison. ....	Absent
Sis Jessie Mae Garrison. ....	Absent
Sis Kathy Garrison. ....	Present

**CAVE SPRINGS**

Bro. Silas Barton .....	Present
Sis Lillie Barton .....	Present
Sis Jettie Norman .....	Present

**COTTON CREEK**

Sis Jesse McGhee .....	Present
Sis Flo Dunkin .....	Present
Sis Violet Caldwell .....	Absent

**CLIFTON**

Sis Norma Buehler .....	Present
Bro. Tom Powell .....	Present
Bro. Roy Crawford .....	Absent

**GARFIELD**

Sis Inez Martin .....	Present
Sis Frances Sanders .....	Present
Sis Mary Combs .....	Present

**KOSHKONONG**

Sis Claudia Combs .....	Absent
Sis Kathy Phipps .....	Absent
Bro. Elmer Russell .....	Absent

**LIBERTY**

Bro. Clarence Buckley .....	Present
Sis Ann Buckley .....	Present

Bro. Charlie Reed .....	Absent
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**MILL CREEK (MYRTLE)**

Sis Mamie Crase .....	Present
Sis Sadie Dethrow .....	Present
Bro. Randy Boggs .....	Present

## **NORMAN**

Bro. Bill Low . . . . .	Absent
Sis Jane Low . . . . .	Absent
Sis May Blankenship . . . . .	Absent

## **PLEASANT HILL**

Bro. Royce Hollis . . . . .	Present
Bro. Willard Barton . . . . .	Absent
Sis Carolee Barton . . . . .	Present

## **PLEASANT RIDGE**

Bro. Larry McClanahan . . . . .	Present
Sis Gertrude Barton . . . . .	Present
Bro. David Rackley . . . . .	Present

## **SHILOH**

Bro. Albert Holmes . . . . .	Present
Sis Grace Redburn . . . . .	Present
Sis Eva Crews . . . . .	Present

## **SMYRNA**

Bro. Charlie Breeden . . . . .	Present
Bro. John Holmes . . . . .	Present
Bro. Clarence Watson . . . . .	Present

## **THAYER**

Bro. Pete Huffman . . . . .	Present
Sis Dorlene Fields . . . . .	Present
Sis La Vaughn Crawford . . . . .	Present

## **WALNUT GROVE**

Bro. George Reed . . . . .	Absent
Sis Faye Reed . . . . .	Absent
Bro. Kenny King . . . . .	Absent

## **WEST PLAINS - FIRST**

Sis Ella James . . . . .	Present
Sis Hattie Sims . . . . .	Absent
Sis Ruth Robertson . . . . .	Absent

## WILDERNESS

Bro. Oather Neal .....	Present
Sis Eulah Neal .....	Present
Sis Jessie Simpson .....	Present

## STATE LINE

Bro. Bob Barnett .....	Present
Sis Irene Barnett .....	Present
Bro. Mike Stephens .....	Absent

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Sis Gracie Stephens .....	Present
Sis Ruth Thompson .....	Present
Sis Juanita Wilbanks .....	Absent

Letter read from Little Vine Association of General Baptist.  
Motion made and second to received letter and seat delegates.  
Motion carried.

Called for Quarterly Meeting Letter. Bro. Joe McDonald read letter. Two delegates present, Sis. Gracie Stephens and Sis. Ruth Thompson.

Motion made and second to seat the delegates. Motion carried. Delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship while the congregation sang, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Motion made and second giving the delegates the right to correct any errors occurring in their church letters. Motion carried.

Bro. Bill Bales, not being a member of this association is not eligible to receive a Yearly Certificate.

Motion made and second for Moderator to appoint Divine Committee. Motion carried. Bob Barnett, Silas Barton and Johnny Holmes were appointed.

Motion made and second to omit Friday night services to attend Revival at Pleasant Hill Church.

Motion was made and second to adjourn for the Eleven

O'Clock Service. Motion carried. Adjourned with Prayer by Bro. J. W. King.

### **ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE**

Eleven o'clock services began with singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer by Bro. Davie Combs. Congregation then stood and sang "Higher Ground." Scripture reading: Nehemiah 4:1-15. Subject was "Our Concern As Christian People." Bro. Howard Bowers followed Bro. McDonald. Subject: "Be Saved and Know It, Live Like It and Try to get Others Saved." 2 Chronicles 19:1-4. The service was closed with the congregation singing "Just As I Am." and "Power in the Blood." Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Herbert Boggs.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

Services opened by singing "Will Jesus Find Us Watching." Scripture reading by the Clerk was St. Matthew 9: 36-38. Prayer by Bro. Jerry Fields. Moderator then resumed charge of service.

Divine Committee report called for. Bro. E. E. Simpson and Bro. Dale Skiles are to Preach Saturday at Eleven O'Clock Service. Report received.

Petitionary letters called for. None present.

Appointment of **TEMPORARY COMMITTEES:**

#### **STATE OF RELIGION:**

Bro. Jerry Fields, Joe McDonald and Herman Garrison nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

#### **DENOMINATION:**

Bro. Jesse Rollen, J. W. King and Howard Bowers. nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

#### **LORD'S DAY:**

Bro. Royce Hollis, Sister Carolee Barton and Sister Inez Martin

nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

## **LITERATURE:**

Sisters Clara Allen, Nora Dethrow and Darlene Fields were nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

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

Miscellaneous business called for. Motion made and second, The Clerk is given Authority to put on the Church letters—"State of Religion."

Motion made and second to give clerk an honorarium of \$25.00 for his services each year. Motion made and second to be laid on the table. Motion carried.

Reading Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks.

### **MINISTERS ENROLLED**

J. W. Fields  
J. W. King  
Joe McDonald  
Howard Bowers  
G. J. Pingleton  
A. L. McGhee  
Joe Garrison  
Herman Garrison  
Jessie H. Dunkin  
Virgil Blankenship  
E. E. Hollis  
Davie N. Combs  
Dale Skiles  
J. E. Rolen

### **DEACONS ENROLLED**

Paris Wheeler  
N. H. Rhoades  
Roscoe Mills  
Mack Warren  
Oather Neal  
Royce Hollis  
C. L. Robinson  
C. R. Thompson  
George Brewer  
Carroll Garrison  
Robert Worel

### **CLERK ENROLLED**

Dessie Croney



Herbert Boggs  
E. E. Simpson  
James Lee Reed

Kathy Garrison  
Irene Cockman  
Juanita Rhoades  
Ruth Simpson  
Cleora Breeden  
Ruth Thompson  
Bernice Cantrell

Bro. Jerry Fields and D. Edward Williams nominated as introductory speakers next yearly meeting. These two were elected.

Motion made and second that omit reading of ministers report and print in minute. Motion carried.

### CALLED FOR MINISTERS REPORTS

A SUMMARY OF MINISTERS REPORTS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Elsewhere	Miles Traveled	Members Recieved	Baptized	Conv. Witnessed	Received for Labor	Churches Visited	Appointments Fulfilled	Marriages	Funerals
Charles W. Gowers	1	26	23,000	13	9	15	\$1,440.00	9	all	0	1
Walter Simpson	1	—	—	—	3	3	336.55	3	all	2	2
Ode Hackworth	1	5	1,461	1	0	0	257.00	5	all	1	4
J. W. King	1	1	4,300	0	0	2	551.85	6	51	1	2
Manuel Dunkin	1	4	8,000	2	1	4	1,011.46	8	all	4	10
Davie N. Combs	1	0	—	24	18	20	3,473.00	—	all	4	25
E. E. Simpson	1	6	—	0	1	5	644.98	—	all	3	4
Dale Skiles	1	22	20,000	2	12	15	5,300.00	10	52	6	10
Herbert Boggs	2	16	25,400	21	21	19	1,850.00	11	all	2	3
J. E. Rolen	0	7	90	2	0	2	21.00	5	all	0	0
Virgil Blankenship	1	11	3,800	3	0	—	291.56	12	all	4	6
Jesse Dunkin	1	3	2,000	2	—	—	552.98	0	all	1	8
E.E. Hollis	1	3	1,000	2	4	5	\$ 200.00	3	all	1	0
Grover Pingleton	1	54	22,980	7	5	27	4,460.00	16	all	4	20
Willis C. Stephens	2	13	5,151	0	0	2	455.25	15	all	0	0
J. W. Fields	1	40	22,000	5	10	22	4,000.00	0	all	1	0
Howard Bowers	1	14	11,415	13	9	16	2,248.27	12	all	0	3

Joe McDonald  
Louis Stephens  
Meril Shaw  
A. L. McGhee  
Paul R. Clarke  
James Lee Reed  
S. D. Johnson  
Charles Combs  
Noah Miller  
Sanford Turner  
L. R. Wheeler  
C. R. Bryan  
Willie Combs  
Millard Cloven  
John Cline  
Russell Johnson  
Joe Garrison  
Oren Barton  
Herman Garrison

Moderator called for Treasurer's Report. Report to be given Saturday.

Call for report of the Obituary Committee. Motion was made and second to receive the report with a few moments of silent meditation for those gone on. Motion carried. Prayer by Bro. Virgil Blankenship.

Motion made and second to Amend Article 3 of the Constitution by striking out the words "AND STATISTICIAN". Motion made and second to lay this motion on the table. Motion carried.

Report of other committees and report of Divine Committee to be given Saturday.

Motion made and second to bring discussion to the floor on weekend revival. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to continue weekend revival. Motion carried.

Motion was made and second to appoint a committee on Week-End Revival. Bro. Grover Pingleton, Albert Holmes and Dale Skiles were nominated. Motion made and second nomination cease. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn until Saturday at 9:00 O'Clock. Motion carried. Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. James Lee Reed.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning session opened with singing: "Are You Washed in the Blood".

Scripture reading by the Clerk, Hebrews 12:1-2 Prayer by Bro. Joe Garrison.

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 as read.

Moderator called for any Church letters. The following were presented and read.

#### ROYAL OAK

Sister Francis Bell .....	Present
Sister Murl Campbell.....	Present
Sister Verdia Crites.....	Present

Motion made and seconded to receive letter, and to receive anyone here today that wasn't present yesterday. Motion carried.

Delegates were seated while congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus".

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

#### KOSHKONONG

Sis. Claudia Combs.....	Present
Sis. Kathy Phipps .....	Present

#### LIBERTY

Bro. Charlie Reed.....	Present
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#### NORMAN

Bro. Bill Low.....	Present
Sis. Jane Low .....	Present
Sis May Blankenship .....	Present

#### PLEASANT HILL

Bro. Willard Barton .....	Present
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#### WALNUT GROVE

Bro. George Reed.....	Present
Sis Faye Reed.....	Present

Bro. Kenny King. ....	Present
<b>WEST PLAINS</b>	
Sis. Hatti Sims .....	Present
Sis. Ruth Robertson .....	Present
<b>STATE LINE</b>	
Bro. Mike Stephens .....	Present
<b>CLIFTON</b>	
Bro. Roy Crawford .....	Present
<b>BYRD</b>	
Bro. Tom Garrison .....	Present
Sis. Jessie Mae Garrison .....	Present

Motion made and second to have the full report of the Week-end Revivals printed in the minutes. Motion carried.

#### WEEKEND REVIVAL REPORT

August 8 - 9 - 69, Met with Cotton Creek Church with Bro. Joe McDonald and Bro. Tommy Carlson bringing the message. Good services and good crowd.

December 12 - 13 - 69, Met at Pleasant Ridge Church with Bro. Davy Combs and Bro. Charles Combs bringing the message.

January 9 - 10 - 70, Met at Byrd Church with Bro. Grover Pingleton bringing the message Friday night; good crowd and good services. Omitted Saturday nights service. Icy roads.

February 13 - 14 - 70, Met at Baily Chapel Church with Bro. Manuel Dunkin and Bro. E. E. Simpson bringing the message. Good services; One Conversion.

March 10 - 11 - 70, Met with the Clifton Church with Bro. Russell Johnson and Bro. LeRoy Blankenship bringing the message.

April 10 - 11 - 70, Met with the Koshkonong Church with Bro. Howard Browers and Bro. Oren Barton bringing the message with good attendance and good services.

May 8 - 9 - 70, Met at Norman Church with Bro. Herbert Boggs and Bro. Donnie Morris bringing the message. Good services.

June 12 -13 - 70, Met at Pleasant Hill Church with Bro. Clark Stephens and Bro. Jessie Dunkin bringing the message. Good Services.

July 10 - 11 - 70, Met at Wilderness Church with Bro. Ode Hackworth and Bro. Charles Gowers bringing the message. Good Services and Two Conversions.

On July 11, 1970: We brought before the whole body about the extra money on hand and voted to divide it three ways and give \$50.00 to the Yearly Meeting, give \$50.00 to the Quarterly Meeting and give \$50.00 to The Ministers and Deacons Conference. Left \$13.05 which was given the new Committee.

COMMITTEE:: George Brewer - Sec. and Treas.  
E. E. Simpson  
Virgil Blankenship

# FINANCE REPORT FOR WEEKEND REVIVAL

Received on	August 9, 1969	\$15.05
	December 13, 1969	15.60
	January 10, 1970	18.75
	March 14, 1970	22.30
	April 11, 1970	28.80
	May 9, 1970	16.40
	June 13, 1970	18.15
	July 11, 1970	<u>32.00</u>
	Total	\$167.05
	Check	<u>4.00</u>
	Total on hand July 15, '70	\$163.05
	Check to Yearly Meeting	\$ 50.00
	Check to Quarterly Meeting	50.00
	Check to Ministers and Deacons	50.00
	Check to New Committee	<u>13.05</u>
	Total	\$163.05

George Brewer Treas.

Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

## FINANCE REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Local	State
Alton	\$	\$
Baily Chapel	\$3.00	2.00
Cave Springs	2.00	1.00

Clifton	8.00	2.00
Cotton Creek	3.00	1.00
Garfield	8.00	4.00
Liberty	2.00	1.00
Myrtle	8.00	2.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	3.00
Norman	3.00	2.00
Pleasant Ridge	5.00	
Smyrna	5.00	2.00
Shiloh	8.00	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	5.00	3.00
State Line	3.00	1.00
From Weekend Revival	<u>50.00</u>	

Local \$146.00

State \$37.00

Total \$183.00

George Brewer Com.

# TREASURER REPORT

Bal. on hand	June 30, 69	\$101.57
Minute money		143.00
Norman		5.00
Royal Oak		<u>5.00</u>
		\$254.57



To Mo. State Association for minutes	\$41.00
To Mo. State Association for remainder of Entertainment Fund	10.00
Minutes	<u>123.90</u>
	174.90
	254.57
	<u>174.90</u>
Bal on Hand June 30, 1970	\$79.67

J. W. King Treas.

#### 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 twenty-seven of our brothers and sisters to their reward from their labors. Two ministers and four deacons were in the number. We feel our loss here on earth is heavens gain.

With this in mind we submit the following names:

Mae Ruth Bramlett  
Lee Taylor  
Ada Campbell  
Linda Diane Johnson  
Allie Frey  
Lockie Wonsettler  
Lulu Smith

Dena Hall  
Javan Cantrell  
Eliza Webb  
Roscoe McDowell  
George Chronister  
Berlie Pearl Dotson  
Rev. Clarence Dotson  
Luke Edwin Boze  
Raymond Williams  
Rev. Joe Sisk  
John Thomas Blankenship  
Ida Harrison Warren  
Rosa Ellen Combs  
Helen Irene Combs  
Albert Wilkerson  
Temm Crawford  
Lunar Frye Hollis  
Viola Pearl Nickless  
Henry Combs  
Felix Johnson

**COMMITTEE:** Ruth Thompson, Nora Dethrow and Bertha Wright

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

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Floor was opened for nomination of Moderator. Bro. Howard Bowers and Bro. Virgil Blankenship were nominated. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Motion carried. Bro. Howard Bowers was elected.

Floor was opened for nomination of an Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Dale Skiles was nominated. Motion made and second for nomination to cease. Bro. Dale Skiles elected.

Floor was opened for nomination for Clerk. Motion made and second to retain the present clerk, Curtis Buehler. Motion carried.

Motion made and second that the Clerk could choose his assistant. Motion carried. Jessa Powell was chosen.

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

## **ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Virgil Blankenship was nominated for a period of five years. Motion made and second that nominations cease. Virgil Blankenship was elected.

### **MISSION BOARD**

Ode Hackworth was nominated for a period of five years. Motion made and second that nomination cease. Ode Hackworth was elected.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Motion made and second to retain Charles Gowers for a period of three years. Motion carried.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

George Brewer, Russell Johnson and Ned Rhoades were nominated. Motion made and second that nominations cease and proceed to elect. All three were elected as a whole.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Motion made and second to retain Ruth Thompson, Nora Dethrow and Bertha Wright for another term. Motion carried.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

James Lee Reed, Lee Dethrow and Dale Siles nominated. Motion made and second that nominations cease. Motion carried. All three were elected as a whole.

Setting of place of next Yearly Meeting. Alton, Bailey Chapel, Koshkonong, Royal Oak, West Plains, Norman, and Pleasant Ridge requested the next Yearly Meeting. Vote was taken and Koshkonong received the majority.

Motion made and second for Clark Stephens to give a verbal report on the Executive Committee. Bro. Jerry Fields was given a yearly certificate. Motion carried.

Verbal report from Little Vine Association was given by Bro. Ernest Roberts.

Bro. J.W. King asked for the older people remember to give responsible jobs to the younger men.

Motion made and second to give our heartfelt thanks to the Byrd church for their kindness shown to us while in our services with them. Standing approval was given.

Motion made and second to use our Minute Books for records. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn for Eleven O'Clock service. Motion carried. Prayer by Bro. Walter Simpson.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Eleven O'Clock service was opened by singing: "Send the Light". Prayer by Bro. Russell Johnson. Congregation sang: "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Bro. Dale Skiles took the stand to bring the first part of the Eleven O'Clock message. Scripture reading: Jeremiah 28: 15. Prayer by Bro. Dale Skiles. Subject: The importance in this day of reading Gods Word. Bro. E. E. Simpson. then followed with Scripture reading : 11 Timothy 3:16. Subject "The Book of all Books." The book that no man could write.

The congregation sang: "Prepare to Meet Thy God," and "Victory in Jesus." while having a handshake with Bro. Skiles, Bro. Simpson and Bro. Blankenship.

Motion made and second to adjourn until the convening of the next Yearly Meeting. Blessing was ask on the noon meal. Prayer by Bro. Arlie Hayes.

## 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 other Committees.
21. Report of Divine Committee.
22. Adjournment.
23. Evening services.

#### SATURDAY:

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

36. Appointing of all Standing Committees.
37. Election of delegates to other Associations.
38. Business suggested by letters.
39. Setting a place for the next meeting.
40. Ordaining Council proceeds with their work.
41. A vote of heartfelt thanks to the church and community for their kindness to the Association meeting.
42. Other things that come before the body.
43. 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 re-

newed 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.



**PERSERVERANCE:** 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**, and 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 communications 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 co-

operate 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 and treasurer. 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 session. 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 regular 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 persons 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. 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 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 - 1969.
- 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.

**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. Gowers, Louis Stephens, Meril Shaw, G.L. Pingleton, Barnard 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.

STATE LINE F. W. B. CHURCH: Organized on November 15, 1931 by Rev. Delbert Davis. L.D.Cannon, Henry Yarbrough as Deacons, with 11 charter 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 AND PASTORS

### ALTON

Millard Ehrhardt

Alton, Mo.

### BAILEY CHAPEL

D. Edward Williams

Alton, Mo.

### BYRD CHURCH

Howard Bowers

Thayer, Mo.

### CAVE SPRINGS

Oren Barton

Alton, Mo.

### COTTON CREEK

Murl Shaw

Alton, Mo.

### CLIFTON

Manuel Dunkin

Myrtle, Mo.

### GARFIELD

Jesse Dunkin

Myrtle, Mo.

### KOSHKONONG

Davie N. Combs

319 E. 3rd St. Rt. 2

West Plains, Mo.

### LIBERTY

Paul Clarke

Thayer, Mo.

### MILL CREEK

Herbert Boggs

Myrtle, Mo.

### NORMAN

Virgil Blankenship

Alton, Mo.

### PLEASANT HILL

J.W. King

Couch, Mo.

### PLEASANT RIDGE

Charles Gowers

Rt. 2, Thayer, Mo.

## CHURCH CLERKS

Barbara James

Alton, Mo.

Ruth Simpson

Rt. 2, Alton, Mo.

Mary Tharp

Thayer, Mo.

Dessie Croney

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Irene Cockman

Myrtle, Mo.

Nova Coble

Thayer, Mo.

Jane Wetzel

Couch, Mo.

Juanita Willbanks

Koshkonong, Mo.

Delsia Crawford

Gatewood, Mo.

Bernice Cantrell

Myrtle, Mo.

Jaunita Rhoades

Thayer, Mo.

Nora Hollis

Rt. 1, Box 155, Thayer, Mo.

Agnes Darr

Rt. 2, Alton, Mo.

**ROYAL OAK**

Sam Johnson  
Rt. 3, Alton, Mo.

**SHILOH**

Russell Johnson  
Alton, Mo.

**STATE LINE**

Clark Stephens  
Lebo Rt. West Plains, Mo.

**SMYRNA**

Bill Bales  
Alton, Mo. 65606

**THAYER**

J. W. Fields  
Thayer, Mo. 65791

**WALNUT GROVE**

Ode Hackworth  
Thayer, Mo.

**WILDERNESS**

Walter Simpson  
Star Rt. Fremont, Mo.

**WEST PLAINS, FIRST**

Dale Skiles  
1131 N. Garfield  
West Plains, Mo.

Murl Campbell  
Rt. 3, Alton, Mo.

Ruth Thompson  
Star Rt. Alton, Mo.

Jay Bassham  
Moko, Ark.

Cleora Breeden  
Alton, Mo. 65606

Laverne Hays  
Wyandotte St.  
Thayer, Mo. 65791

Danny King  
Myrtle, Mo.

Janice Simpson  
Star Rt. Fremont, Mo.

Dane Robertson  
Rt. 3  
West Plains, Mo.

## OTHER LICENSED OR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Willie Combs  
21 N. Sarah St.  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Sanford Turner  
West Plains, Mo.  
C. R. Bryan  
Thayer, Mo.  
Oren Barton  
Alton, Mo.  
Louis Stephens  
Myrtle, Mo.  
Charles Combs  
Myrtle, Mo.  
Tommie Baxter  
Salem, Ark.  
Paul Clark  
Thayer, Mo.

Meril Shaw  
Alton, Mo.  
E.E. Hollis  
Thayer, Mo.  
John Cline  
Koshkonong, Mo.  
Noah Miller  
West Plains, Mo.  
A.L. McGhee  
Myrtle, Mo.  
L.R. Wheeler  
Mammoth Spring, Ark.  
Millard Cloven  
Alton, Mo.  
J. E. Rolan  
Thayer, Mo.

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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. DANIEL R. JOHNSON  
REV. G. W. PUTMAN  
REV. S. O. BUCKLEY  
REV. THOMAS BENNETT  
REV. DAVID JOHNSON  
REV. W. C. NORMAN  
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REV. BILLIE ROGERS  
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REV. EDDIE VAUGHN  
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REV. H. C. CRASE  
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