

MINUTES
of the
Cave Spring Yearly Meeting
of Freewill Baptists
Held with
PLEASANT HILL
Freewill Baptist Church
JULY 26, 27, 1973

Officers: 1974 Session

Moderator	Howard Bowers
Assistant Moderator	J. W. King
Clerk	Curtis Buehler
Assistant Clerk	Norma Buehler
Treasurer	Howard Bell

The next session of the Cave Spring Yearly meeting of Freewill Baptist churches will be held with the Cotton Creek church located at Myrtle, Mo.

Services will begin at 9: o'clock Friday before the fourth Sunday in July 1974.

Bro. Donovan Maxwell and Bro. Charles Hollis will bring the Introductory Message in the 1974 meeting.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD		Term Expires
Clark Stephens.		1974
Virgil Blankenship.		1975
James Lee Reed.		1976
D. Edward Williams.		1977
Manuel Dunkin.		1978
MISSION BOARD		
Meril Shaw.		1974
Ode Hackworth.		1975
Stanley Elms.		1976
Oren Barton.		1977
Darrell Strain.		1978
ORDAINING COUNCIL		
Charles Hollis.		1974
Dale Skiles.		1975
Harvey Hill.		1976
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Arlie Hays		
Ralph Orr		
Royce Hollis		
OBITUARY COMMITTEE		
Addie Adkesson		
Mamie Crase		
Bertha Brewer		
TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE		
Harold Ogden		
Paul Clarke		
Roy Underwood		
PRINTING COMMITTEE		
Curtis Buehler.		Clerk
Norma Buehler.	Assistant	Clerk
Howard Bell.		Treasurer

The Eighty Sixth Annual Meeting of the Cave Springs Association of FreeWill Baptists met with the Pleasant Hill FreeWill Baptist Church Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, 1973.

Friday Morning session opened with scripture reading: Romans 12:8-11. Prayer by Bro. Harvey Hill.

This session of conference was declared called to order by the standing clerk, Curtis Buehler. The Moderator, Howard Bowers was given the Chair.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference was read by Clerk and Assistant.

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. Shirley Combs.	Present
Sis. Electa Smallwood.	Absent

BYRD

Sis. Dorris Summers.	Present
Sis. Pam Bowers.	Present
Sis. Deanna Summers.	Present

COTTON CREEK

Bro. Marvin Cockman.	Present
Sis. Irene Cockman.	Present
Sis. Geraldine Melton.	Present

CLIFTON

Bro. David Powell.	Present
Bro. Tom Powell.	Present
Sis. Jessa Powell.	Absent

GARFIELD

Sis. Flo Dunkin.	Present
Sis. Frances Sanders.	Present
Bro. Carl Sanders.	Present

KOSHKONONG

Sis. Effie Lou Moss.	Present
Sis. Elsie Linson.	Present
Sis. Juanita Willbanks.	Present

LIBERTY

Bro. Doris McDonald.	Present
Bro. Charlie Reed.	Present
Sis. Bertha Reed.	Present

MILL CREEK (MYRTLE)

Bro. Elba Harbison.	Present
Sis. Francis Harbison.	Present

Sis. Mamie Crase.	Present
PLEASANT HILL	
Sis. Malynne Gower.	Present
Sis. Alice Price.	Present
Sis. Velda Taylor.	Present
PLEASANT RIDGE	
Sis. Agnes Darr.	Present
Bro. Ralph Orr.	Present
Bro. Elgan Barton.	Absent
SMYRNA	
Bro. Charlie Breeden.	Present
Sis. Cleora Breeden.	Present
Bro. Darrell Strain.	Present
STATE LINE	
By letter, no delegates.	
THAYER	
Sis. Sylvia Hill.	Present
Sis. Carolee Barton.	Present
Sis. Elsie Worel.	Present
WALNUT GROVE	
Bro. Kenny King.	Present
Bro. Richard King.	Present
Sis. Gladys Campbell.	Present
FIRST CHURCH WEST PLAINS	
Bro. Shelby Rogers.	Present
Sis. May Rogers.	Present
Sis. Tula Johnson.	Present
WILDERNESS	
Sis. Francis Simpson.	Present
Sis. Ann Lee Smith.	Present
Bro. Vern Smith.	Present
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE	
Sis. Sue Sisk.	Present
Sis. Linda Chronister.	Present
Sis. Vida Ehrhardt.	Present

Motion made and carried to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates with a song and handshake. Congregation sang, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Moderator appointed Bros. Ralph Orr, Tom Powell and Charley Breeden on Divine Committee.

Motion made and carried we have Friday Night Services.

Moderator called for petitionary letters.

Letter from Quarterly Conference, request to accept the Cave Springs Youth Rally into the Yearly Association.

Motion made and second to accept the letter and to receive the three delegates: Sis Debbie Bowers, Bro. Steve Powell and Bro. Danny Decker. An oral report was given. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to give Youth Rally a standing vote of Conference. Motion carried.

Letters from West Plains Church and Pleasant Hill Church requesting Bros. Richard Robinson and John England be Ordained to preach the Gospel. Motion made and second these two items be referred to the Ordaining Council. Motion carried.

Corresponding Messengers or letters called for. Bro. Bus Wooldridge of Okla. gave oral report of his Association. Motion made and second to receive and commend him for his sincerity of his report. Motion carried.

Appointment of Temporary Committees: Motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint the following committees.

STATE OF RELIGION

Bros. Marvin Cockman, Gary Chronister and Everett Mitchell.
DENOMINATION

Bros. Doris McDonald, Finis Johnson and Charles Hollis.
LORD'S DAY

Sis. Francis Sanders, Francis Simpson and Carolee Barton.

LITERATURE

Sis. Laverne Hays, May Rogers and Leona Blankenship.

Motion made and second to add Article 19 to our By-Laws which reads: The Moderator shall have authority to appoint Temporary Committees.

Motion made and second to amend Motion to read: The Moderator shall have authority to appoint Temporary Committees unless objected from floor.

Motion was tabled to be voted on Saturday's session.

Bro. Davie Combs gave oral report on Passbook Saving Fund for helping build new Churches. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Motion made and second request Clerk to write letter to the Clerk of South Fremont FreeWill Baptist Church to send repayment checks of loan to Bro. Howard Bowers instead of Bank of Thayer. Bro. Bowers is to deposit the money in the Passbook Saving Fund.

Bro. Davie Combs brought to our attention that Bro. Gene Terry, of the Kingsway FreeWill Baptist Church wishes to borrow \$3,000 to finish their Church and payments need to be sent to Bro. Howard Bowers to be deposited in the Passbook Saving Fund. Motion made and second to amend Article to include anyone that request loan, payments be sent to Bro. Howard Bowers to be deposited in the Passbook Saving Fund. Motion carried.

Moderator read Divine Committee report. Bro. D. Edward Williams is to preach Friday night services. Bros. Harold Ogden and Donovan Maxwell are to preach Saturday at Eleven O'Clock Service. Motion carried.

Adjourned with Prayer by Bro. Bus Wooldridge.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Eleven O'Clock service was opened by singing "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Prayer by Bro. Charles Hollis. Special song by Sis. Francis Simpson "That Old Church."

Services conducted by Bros. Harvey Hill and F.D. Johnson.

Bro. Hill took the stand to bring first part of message. Scripture reading: Acts 2:37-47 and Acts 4:32. Subject: Unite in Unity.

Bro. Finis Johnson then followed with Scripture reading I Corinthians 12:13 and Romans 8:9. Subject: Togetherness.

Invitational Song: "Just As I Am".

Congregation sang: "I Am Bound For the Promised Land" and "Just Over In The Glory-Land" while having a handshake with Bros. Harvey Hill and Finis Johnson. Prayer by Bro. Virgil Blankenship.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Services opened by singing "The Glory-Land Way". Scripture reading by Clerk. St. Matthew 6:19-24. Prayer by Bro. Donovan Maxwell. Assistant Moderator resumed charge of service.

Assistant Moderator ask for enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks. Enrollment was read as follows:

MINISTERS ENROLLED

Harold Ogden
Jesse H. Dunkin
E.E. Simpson
D. Edward Williams
Virgil Blankenship
James Lee Reed
Charles Hollis
Harvey Hill
Charles Gower
Darrell Strain
Elza Hollis
Millard Ehrhardt
Donovan E. Maxwell
J.E. Rolan
Dale Skiles
Davie N. Combs
J.W. King
Howard Bowers
F.D. Johnson
L.A. Wooldridge
Manuel Dunkin
Gene Terry
Garland Barton
Oren Barton

John England
Clark Stephens
Walter Simpson

DEACONS ENROLLED

George Brewer
Noble Snodgrass
Archie Hayes
Roscoe Mills
Mark Seay
James O. Moss
Gary Chronister
N.H. Rhoades
Royce Hollis
R.P. Norman
Talmage Bassham

CLERKS ENROLLED

Juanita Willbanks
Bernice Cantrell
Laverne Hays
Dorris Summers
Della Mitchell
Ruth Simpson

Bros. Donovan Maxwell and Charles Hollis nominated as Introductory speakers next Yearly Meeting. These two were elected.

Motion made and second to omit reading of Ministers reports and print in minutes. Motion carried.

Call for report of the Obituary Committee. Report to be given Saturday session. Motion made and second even though committee fails to get names on obituary list go on put. names on list following year. Motion carried.

Assistant Moderator called for Treasurer's Report. Due to absence of Treasurer, report to be given Saturday.

Moderator resumed charge of Conference.

Other Committee reports called for.

Ordaining Council report was read. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Executive Board report was given by Bro. James Lee Reed. Motion made and second to adopt "Standing Rules" to be printed in minutes. Motion made and second to delete the following articles item by item. Motion carried.

1938 Item: "Resolved that at each session of the several conferences, we spend one hour or more in prayer and song service in each setting". Motion made and second to delete this Item. Motion carried.

1941 Item: "That each Church recommend their deacons when worthy of commendation. Motion made and second to delete this Item as of this year. Motion carried.

1943 Item: "Recommendation to hold monthly conference in each church". Motion made and second to delete this Item from record. Motion carried.

1948 Item: "That all Church Letters be presented at the opening session of the first day of the conference and that no letters be accepted after the opening session of the second day. We suggest that the Church Clerks mail their letters to the Association Clerk well in advance of opening day of the conference." Motion made and second to delete this Item. Motion carried.

1950 Item: "The By-Laws and Order of Business ordered printed in the minutes. Motion made and second to delete this item. Motion carried.

1950 Item: "We recommend that our fiscal year shall be from July 1, to June 30, next inclusive, that our Pastors and Church Clerks hold office and make reports using the same dates." Motion made and second to delete this Item. Motion carried.

1951 Item: "Be it resolved that any church having deacons who do not do the work of a Deacon or does not walk uprightly as they are a member of this Association, we request that said Church report to Business Committee this grievance." Motion made and second to delete this Item for the new. Motion carried.

1951 Item: "Be it resolved that we appoint a Credential Committee to examine credentials or letters of delegates and various churches so that any errors that might be, may be corrected before

being read before the body. We do desire the letters be read from various churches." Motion made and second to delete this Item. Motion carried.

1958 Item: "That each Minister coming from another body into the Cave Springs Association, present all his credentials to the Credentials Committee for examination for membership in this Association." Motion made and second to delete this Item. Motion carried.

1966 Item: "The Order of Business be printed in the minutes." Motion made and second to delete this Item. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to omit Article 11 of the Constitution.

Motion made and second to leave Article 11 in Consitution.

Motion made and second to rescind these previous two motions and to go on to next item. Motion carried.

Bro. Gene Terry meet with Bros. Davie Combs, Howard Bowers, and the Executive Board in request for a loan of \$3,000.00 to complete their new church. Bro. Terry agreed that they would pay loan back in One Hundred dollar per month payments. Motion made and second to honor and grant Bro. Terry's request. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn. Motion carried. Prayer by Bro. Gene Terry.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opening songs: "Gethsemane" and "All Alone". Prayer by Bro. Charles Gower: Song: "Everybody will be Happy Over There." Prayer by Bro. Manuel Dunkin.

Special Songs by Sis. Malynne Gower, Bro. Millard Ehrhardt and Sis. Glennie Gower. Prayer by Bro. Harold Ogden.

Services turned over to Bro. D. Edwards Williams for message. Scripture reading: Jude 3-5. Subject: "Old Time Salvation".

Invitation given as Congregation sang: "Nothing But the Blood".

Fellowship Handshake was enjoyed as Congregation sang: "When the Saints Go Marching In." Service closed with Altar Prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday Morning session opened with singing "I'm Going That Way" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

Scripture reading by the Clerk: Psalms 133.

Prayer by Bro. Manuel Dunkin.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws were read by Clerk and Assistant.

The minutes of the previous days work was read by Clerk. Motion made and second to accept minutes as read. Motion carried.

Moderator called for Church Letters. The following were presented and read:

ROYAL OAK

Sis. Verdia Crites.	Present
Sis. Betty Adrian.	Present
Sis. Francis Bell.	Absent

CAVE SPRINGS

Sis. Artie Delaney.	Absent
Sis. Deloris Norman.	Present
Bro. R.P. Norman.	Present

SHILOH

Sis. Ruthene Thompson.	Present
Sis. Deann Thompson.	Present
Sis. Evelyn Lunyou.	Present

BAILEY CHAPEL

Sis. Jackie Swift.	Present
Bro. Chuck Swift.	Present
Bro. Jeff Holman.	Present

NORMAN

Bro. Lester Roy.	Present
Sis. Altha Roy.	Present
Sis. Inis Roberts.	Absent

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

CLIFTON

Sis. Jessa Powell

ALTON

Sis. Electa Smallwood

Motion made and second to receive letters as read and seat delegates. Delegates were seated while congregation sang, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be".

VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE FILLED

Motion made and second Moderator appoint someone to fill vacancy of Ordaining Council. Motion carried. Bro. Charles Hollis appointed.

Motion made and second Moderator appoint someone to fill vacancy of State of Religion. Motion carried. Bro. Walter Simpson appointed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Floor was opened for nomination of Moderator: Howard Bowers elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Motion made and second Moderator choose his Assistant. Motion carried. Bro. J.W. King was chosen.

Motion made and second to retain the present Clerk, Curtis Buehler. Motion carried.

Motion made and second the Clerk choose his Assistant. Motion carried. Norma Buehler chosen.

Floor was opened for nomination for Treasurer. Motion was made and second to retain Bro. Howard Bell. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Manuel Dunkin nominated for a period of 5 years. Motion made and second that nominations cease. Bro. Manuel Dunkin was elected.

MISSION BOARD

Bro. Darrell Strain was nominated for a period of five years. Motion made and second that nomination cease. Motion carried. Bro. Darrell Strain was elected.

Motion made and second to declare office of Russell Johnson vacant. Bro. Stanley Elms was elected to fill term. Motion carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Harvey Hill nominated for a period of three years. Motion made and second that nomination cease. Motion carried. Bro. Harvey Hill was elected.

FINANCE

Bros. Arlie Hays, Royce Hollis and Ralph Orr were nominated. Motion made and second that nomination cease. Motion carried. All three were elected.

OBITUARY

Sis. Bertha Brewer, Mamie Crase and Addie Adkesson were nominated. Motion made and second that nomination cease. Motion carried. All three elected.

TEMPERANCE

Bros. Harold Ogden, Paul Clarke and Roy Underwood were nominated. Motion made and second that nomination cease. Motion carried. All three elected.

Moderator called for reports of other committees that had not reported.

The Obituary Committee report was given. Motion made and second to receive report with few moments of silent meditation for those gone on. Prayer by Bro. F.D. Johnson.

The Executive Board report was given. Motion made and second to receive report and commend committee for their good work for the year. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to accept recommendation of letter form as read by committee. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adopt as a standing rule which reads: "Anyone wishing to send business to the Executive Board from any Body, It shall be submitted in writing". Motion carried.

Week-End Revival Report was read. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to continue Week-End Revival another year. Motion carried.

Motion made and second that Week-End Revival Committee hold and use money as they see fit. Bros. Harold Ogden, D. Edward Williams and Walter Simpson were nominated on the committee. All three elected. Motion made and second to commend the committee for their year's work. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to amend Article, Yearly Meeting get a safe Deposit Box at Bank of Thayer with Howard Bowers, Davie Combs, and one person (anonymous) signed. For notes and other legal papers.

Treasurers Report was given by Bro. Howard Bell. Motion made and second to receive report and direct to the Executive Board Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn for Eleven O'Clock Services. Motion carried.

Prayer by Bro. Garland Barton.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Eleven O'Clock service was opened with two congregational songs: "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "Redeemed". Prayer by Bro. Dale Skiles. Services conducted by Bros. Harold Ogden and Donovan Maxwell.

Bro. Ogden took the stand to bring first part of service. Scripture reading: St. Matthew 14: 25-31. Subject: Redeemed.

Bro. Maxwell then followed with Scripture reading: St. Matthew 18: 15-20. Subject: Unity of Spirit.

Invitational song: "Just As I Am" Prayer by Bro. Maxwell.

Congregation sang while having handshake with Bros. Ogden and Maxwell. Prayer by Bro. Royce Hollis.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Services opened by singing "Camping In Canaan's Land" and "I'm Not Ashamed". Scripture reading by Clerk: Ephesians 4:4-6.

Prayer by Bro. John England. Moderator then resumed charge. Moderator called for all reports that had not been given.

Bro. Harvey Hill gave oral report from National Association. Motion made and second to receive report and send letter of commendation to Executive Committee of the National Association for the stand taken by them on vital issues during this year's session at Macon, Georgia. Those issues namely being: Television, Pornography. Abortion, The Charismatic Movement and Capital Punishment. Motion carried.

Ordaining Council report was read. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Denomination report was read. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Lord's Day Committee report was read. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

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

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

Myrtle Auxiliary report was read. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Bro. Clark Stephens gave oral report on Mission Church that was started at West Plains. Motion made and second to receive report. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to release all Temporary Committees and to commend them for their good reports.

Setting of place for next Yearly Meeting: Pleasant Ridge, Koshkonong, Cotton Creek, Thayer, Bailey Chapel and Walnut Grove requested the next Yearly Meeting. Cotton Creek was selected by the majority vote of conference.

Motion made and second to send delegates to the State Association. Motion made and second that Sis's. Sylvia Hill and Laverne Hays names to be on letter with Bro. Harvey Hill given power to add other names as delegates. Motion carried.

Motion made and second that Clerk notify each Church of the Association due to the high costs of printing more money is needed for minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to take all business which lay on the table from the table. Motion carried.

Motion which lay on the table was: Add Article 19 to By-Laws which reads: "The Moderator shall have authority to appoint Temporary Committees unless objected from floor. Motion carried.

Meeting was turned to the Ordaining Council to proceed with their work. Pleasant Hill Church had requested Bro. John England be Ordained to preach the Gospel.

Bro. Charles Hollis began the Ordination Service: He read scriptures from Job, I Timothy and II Timothy and gave the charge to Bro. England.

Ordination prayer was offered in the altar by Bro. Charles Gower.

Right hand of fellowship was extended while congregation sang: "Love Lifted Me".

Motion made and second to give our heartfelt thanks to the Pleasant Hill Church for their kindness shown to us while in our services with them. Motion carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn until the convening of the next Yearly Meeting. Motion carried. Prayer by Bro. Leamon Combs.

MINISTERS REPORT

A SUMMARY OF MINISTERS REPORTS

	Churches Pastored	Sermons Elsewhere	Miles Traveled	Members Received	Baptized	Conv. Witnessed	Received for Labor	Churches Visited	Appointments Fulfilled	Marriages
Paul R. Clarke	1	4	2,777	0	0	0	\$ 321.00	8	ALL	0
Ernie Hale	1	9	18,000	0	0	2	\$4,420.00	3	ALL	1
Meril Shaw	0	?	?	0	0	4	?	5	ALL	0
Russell Johnson	1	20	10,000	3	0	7	565.00	30	ALL	0
D. Edward Williams	1	30	?	10	47	47	?	17	ALL	0
Wayne Adrian	2	3	2,000	0	0	3	?	5	48	1
J. W. King	0	19	3,150	0	0	1	206.35	13	ALL	1
F. D. Johnson	0	30	946	0	0	3	330.00	0	ALL	0
Dale Skiles	1	30	25,000	15	6	36	7,500.00	10	ALL	5
Richard Robinson	1	32	4,371	1	0	7	956.00	19	ALL	0
Charles W. Gower	1	15	?	24	16	?	?	9	ALL	2
Elza Hollis	1	5	1,000	?	?	3	50.00	4	ALL	1
Walter Simmons	1	8	?	2	3	?	386.76	10	?	1
Charles Hollis	1	28	10,550	16	8	29	4,300.00	16	91	1
Darrell Strain	0	46	684	0	0	49	430.00	?	?	0
Virgil F. Blankenship	0	12	?	0	0	?	39.00	8	ALL	3
E. E. Simpson	1	7	?	4	2	5	1,528.17	2	?	9
J. E. Rolon	0	28	140	0	0	5	5.00	5	ALL	0
Manuel Dunkin	0	36	4,000	0	0	3	60.00	8	ALL	3
Clark Stevens	1	5	1,000	?	3	2	80.00	10	50	2
Donovan F. Maxwell	1	3	4,000	2	0	0	3,900.00	5	ALL	0
Millard Ehrhardt	0	?	?	0	0	8	?	27	ALL	3
Herman Garrison	0	3	0	0	0	6	?	0	0	0
Howard Bowers	1	21	13,955	8	8	16	2,277.93	14	ALL	2
Davie N. Combs	1	?	?	12	7	10	5,980.13	?	3	ALL
James Lee Reed	1	6	5,000	0	0	0	908.38	10	50	0
Orde Hackworth	1	5	2,689	1	1	4	564.50	4	ALL	0
Jesse H. Dunkin	1	3	1,000	0	0	3	1,293.05	0	ALL	0
Harvey E. Hill	1	33	19,600	13	12	44	5,512.00	26	ALL	1
Oren H. Barton	0	21	1,200	0	0	5	?	10	ALL	2
Garland G. Barton	1	29	6,975	0	0	1	426.75	14	ALL	1
Harold Ogden	0	27	14,130	0	0	38	77.00	20	27	0
John England	1	40	10,000	0	0	1	300.00	?	?	0
Joe Garrison	Attending College									

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The Cave Springs Ordaining Council met at the Wilderness Church on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1972, at 2:30 P.M. for the purpose of examining and ordaining Bro. Harold Ogden to preach the gospel. Due to the absence of Bro. Charles Gower, Bro. E.E. Simpson sat in on the Ordaining Council Meeting. Bro. Ogden was questioned at length as to his Scriptural qualifications to preach and his agreement with the faith and practices of the Free-Will Baptist denomination. Finding him firm in his convictions and faith we proceeded with the Ordination Service. Bro. Russell Johnson gave the Charge and Bro. Dale Skiles brought the Ordination Message. Bro. Ogden and his wife were invited into the Altar along with all ordained authority present. Dedicatory prayer was offered by Bro. E.E. Simpson with the laying on of hands.

Dale Skiles
Charles Gower
Russell Johnson

The Ordaining Council met during the Yearly Associational Meeting at the Pleasant Hill Church. Bro. John England was examined as to his qualifications to be Ordained as a Minister. Bro. John was questioned at length by each member of the Ordaining Council. We found him to be in harmony with the faith and practices of the Free-Will Baptist and the Scriptures and recommend him to this body for Ordination.

Dale Skiles
Charles Gower
Charles Hollis

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board met at Alton Church, July 27, 1972 to organize our Board for a new year. Opened in prayer. Bro. Virgil Blankenship was elected Chairman. A motion was made to buy a Record Book. The meeting was made to correct an error in last year's work. A motion was made to bring our Rules and By-Laws up to date at next regular meeting, Sept. 28, 1972.

The Executive Board met at Alton Church Sept. 28, 1972. Opened in prayer. We received a letter from Estalene Winfry, Clerk of Social Band Association concerning Bro. Jerry Fields uniting with the Social Band Association. We the Executive Board voted to recommend Bro. Jerry Fields in Good Standing in the Cave Springs Association. We the Executive Board issued Bro. Richard Robinson a Yearly Certificate bearing the date July 1, 1972. Closed in Prayer.

The Executive Board met at Alton Church Nov. 30, 1972. Opened in prayer. We discussed a Set of Standing Rules for our

Yearly Association and was to bring them to the Yearly Meeting. Closed in prayer.

The Executive Board met at Alton Church Jan. 4, 1973. Opened in prayer. First order of business was taken up concerning Letter from Yearly Association to another Association. We recommend that a letter of Dismissal be printed.

Bro. Donovan Maxwell was recommended in good Standing from Central Western Association. We the Executive Board accepted the letter and granted him a Yearly Certificate.

We recommend that Bro. Charles Hollis Be granted a Yearly Certificate.

We, The Exective Board request that any business brought to us from any body be in written letter. Closed in prayer.

The Executive Board met at Alton Church March 22, 1973. We received a letter from Cave Springs Church, Being recommended by the Church, we recommend that the clerk issue Bro. Oren Barton a Yearly Certificate.

We received a letter from the Social Band Association recommending Bro. Ernie Hale as a regular member of Good Standing. We recommend him to receive a Yearly Certificate.

We gladly accepted the money in our Association from the Week-End Revival and commend the committee for a job well done. Closed in prayer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

	Local	State
Alton	\$ 3.00	\$2.00
Bailey Chapel	3.00	2.00
Cave Springs	5.00	3.00
Clifton	10.00	2.00
Cotton Creek	4.00	
Garfield	8.00	4.00
Liberty	7.00	
Myrtle	8.00	2.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	3.00
Pleasant Ridge	5.00	3.00
Norman	3.00	2.00
Smyrna	4.00	
Shiloh	8.00	2.00
Thayer	6.00	4.00
West Plains	5.00	2.00
Wilderness	3.00	
Koshkonong	7.00	
Walnut Grove	7.00	3.00
Royal Oak		
Byrd	5.00	3.00
State Line	3.00	3.00
Total	\$109.00	\$40.00

Local.....	\$109.00
State.....	40.00
Total.....	\$149.00
Committee:	George Brewer Ralph Orr Bob Dotson

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee with sad hearts due to the loss of our loved ones, beg to submit the following report.

Since our last Yearly Meeting the Lord has called from our midst 30 of our dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters to their Heavenly home to forever be with him.

We miss them here from our midst, but feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Rev. L.R. Wheeler

L.R. Hinkle

Altie (Crase) James

Claudia Crass

Asa Garrison

Rev. Allie McGhee

Willis Bruce Stephens 9 years perfect attendance Sun. School and Church attendance

Elmer Johnson

Amy Lora Clark

Wilburn Jenkins

Cora Wilkerson

Martha Wallace

Newman Wallace

Luther Blankenship

Bill Low

Nettie Whiteside

Ora Val Blankenship

Helen Mae Wright

Claude Huff

Kyle Tuner

Barbara Martin

Irvin McKinney

Ted Spencer

Riley Blankenship

John Harrell

Stone Wiggs

Laura Mills

Nora Blankenship

Albert Holmes

We request that Rev. L.R. Wheeler and Rev. Allie McGhee's names be placed on the list of other departed Ministers.

Committee:

Bertha Brewer

Mamie Crase

Addie Adkesson

STATE OF RELIGION

Matthew 6: 20-21

20: But lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

21: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also..

If God is for you, who can be against you.

Committee:

Gary Chronister

Marvin Cockman

Everett Mitchell

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Literature Committee recommend: The reading of the Bible as our guide.

Reading of our denominational papers and other good religious reading material.

Promote good Christian libraries for the home.

We know the children will read something so we recommend to put more Bibles and Bible Literature in the homes.

Committee:

Laverne Hays

Mae Rogers

Leona Blankenship

LORDS DAY REPORT

We feel that in this fast moving world and so many temptations to lure away from the Lords Day we need to remember that the Lord only blesses under certain conditions. As the Lord told Solomon in II Chronicles 7: 14; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. We pray that we live closer to the Lord. That we be worthy to be called his people and humble ourselves and seek his face that he will hear our prayers and heal our land.

Committee:

Frances Simpson

Frances Sanders

Carolee Barton

DENOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are proud of our Denomination and we feel we need to strive to maintain the high standards set by the old Saints of the Church in times past. We need also to teach and to preach its faith and especially to practice its Ordinances.

Believing and preaching that sin will separate us from God as; Ezekiel 18 20 and 26 states:

20: The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

26: When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

2 Peter 2: 20-22

20: For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world

through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21: For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22: But is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Committee F.D. Johnson
Walter Simpson
Charles Hollis

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 Committees.
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 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.

PERSERVERANCE : All believers of Christ who through grace, preserve in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ORDINANCE

BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the **LORD'S SUPPER**, are 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 Savior, 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 and treasurer. Each shall hold office until their successor is elected. The clerk shall receive an honorarium of twenty-five (\$25) 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.

ARTICLE 13: Each Minister shall make a Verbal or Written report in order to receive a Yearly Certificate.

ARTICLE 14. All ministers coming into the Association whose credentials have not been examined and approved by the Quarter-Meeting must go before the Yearly Associational Ordaining Council for approval before being accepted by this Association.

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: 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.

ARTICLE 18. The Moderator shall have authority to appoint the Divine Committee.

ARTICLE 19. The Moderator shall have authority to appoint temporary committees unless objected from the floor.

STANDING RULES

ARTICLE 1. The Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules and Order of Business are to be printed in the minutes.

ARTICLE 2. Our fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30, and all reports are to be made using the same dates.

ARTICLE 3. That we adhere quite strictly to the principles of our Church Covenant as Pastors, Deacons and Lay Members.

ARTICLE 4. All Church Letters are to be presented at the opening session of the first day of the conference and that no letters be accepted after the opening session of the second day.

ARTICLE 5. All Standing Committees appointed or elected by the Yearly Meeting shall hold office until released or replaced.

ARTICLE 6. No person shall serve in the same office more than five consecutive years.

ARTICLE 7. The Ordaining Council is to assume the duties performed by a Credential Committee.

ARTICLE 8. The Ordaining Council is to use the drafted set of questions in aid to their Committee work.

ARTICLE 9. Each Minister coming from another body, shall present a letter of recommendation from the body of which he is a member.

ARTICLE 10. Ministers shall be given a Yearly Certificate on a recommendation by the Church of which he is a member.

ARTICLE 11. Each Church is to recommend its worthy Deacons to the Yearly Meeting and also list their non-recommended Deacons.

ARTICLE 12. Any Church having Deacons or Ministers who do not do the work of a Deacon or Minister or does not walk uprightly as they are a member of this Association; That such Church report to the Executive Board their grievance.

ARTICLE 13. How, When, What and Where in regard to the Week-End Revivals shall be left up to the Committee in charge of the same.

ARTICLE 14. Anyone wishing to send business to the Executive Board from any Body be in Written Letter.

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. Herson 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 - 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. 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.

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 select-

ed 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

Donovan Maxwell
Alton, Mo.

BAILEY CHAPEL

Manuel Dunkin
Myrtle, Mo.

BYRD CHURCH

Howard Bowers
Thayer, Mo.

CHURCH CLERKS

Barbara James
Alton, Mo. 65606

Ruth Simpson
Rt. 2, Alton, Mo. 65606

Dorris Summers
Rt. 1, Thayer, Mo.

CAVE SPRINGS

Garland Barton
Alton, Mo.

Dessie Croney
Rt. 1, Alton, Mo. 65606

COTTON CREEK

John England
Jonesboro, Ark.

Wanda Milton
Myrtle, Mo.

CLIFTON

James Lee Reed
Myrtle, Mo.

Nova Coble
Thayer, Mo.

GARFIELD

Millard Ehrhardt
Alton, Mo.

Jane Wetzel
Couch, Mo.

KOSHKONONG

Davie N. Combs
319 E. 3rd St. Rt. 2
West Plains, Mo.

Juanita Willbanks
Koshkonong, Mo.

LIBERTY

Ode Hackworth
Thayer, Mo.

Louise Patterson
Gatewood, Mo.

MILL CREEK

Ernie Hale
Myrtle, Mo.

Bernice Cantrell
Myrtle, Mo.

NORMAN

J.W. King
Couch, Mo.

Janice Williams
Rt. 1, Alton, Mo.

PLEASANT HILL

Charles Gower
Rt. 2
Thayer, Mo.

Frieda Sisco
Rt. 2, Box 108
Thayer, Mo.

PLEASANT RIDGE
Virgil Blankenship
Alton, Mo.

Louise Orr
Alton, Mo.

ROYAL OAK
Wayne Adrian
Alton, Mo.

Velma Campbell
Rt. 2, Alton, Mo.

SHILOH
Harold Ogden
Alton, Mo.

Ruth Thompson
Star Rt., Alton, Mo.

STATE LINE
NONE

Jay Bassham
Moko, Ark.

SYMRNA
Charles Hollis
Rover Route
Alton, Mo. 65606

Mary Campbell
Alton, Mo. 65606

THAYER
Harvey Hill
Thayer, Mo. 65791

Laverne Hays
Wyandotte St
Thayer, Mo. 65791

WALNUT GROVE
Paul Clark
Thayer, Mo.

Della Mitchell
Myrtle, Mo.

WILDERNESS

Walter Simpson
Star Rt. Fremont, Mo.

Janice Simpson
Star Rt.
Fremont, Mo.

WEST PLAINS FIRST

Dale Skiles
Lebo Rt.
West Plains, Mo.

Leland Stephens
Hill St.
West Plains, Mo.

OTHER LICENSED OR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Sanford Turner
West Plains, Mo.
C.R. Bryan
Thayer, Mo.
Oren Barton
Alton, Mo.
Charles Combs
Myrtle, Mo.
Jerry Johnson
Alton, Mo.
Herman Garrison
Myrtle, Mo.
Morris Tucker
West Plains, Mo.
F.D. Johnson
West Plains, Mo.
Richard Robinson
West Plains, Mo.
Jesse Dunkin
Myrtle, Mo.

E.E. Hollis
Thayer, Mo.
John Cline
Koshkonong, Mo.
Noah Miller
West Plains, Mo.
J.E. Rolan
Thayer, Mo.
Murl Shaw
Alton, Mo.
Joe Garrison
Myrtle, Mo.
Clark Stephens
Lebo Rt. West Plains, Mo.
Joe McDonald
Myrtle, Mo.
D. Edward Williams
Alton, Mo.
E.E. Simpson
Alton, Mo.

In Memory

of the Ministers of the Cave Spring Association of
Freewill Baptists, who have given their lives for
His Cause, and gone on to their reward.

Rev. A. H. Peace

Rev. J. A. Jones

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

Rev. John Combs

Rev. W. M. Johnson

Rev. Milo Standley

Rev. J. E. Pentecost

Rev. T. J. Dunkin

Rev. J. R. W. Harrison

Rev. Nathan Combs

Rev. W. P. Stogdill

Rev. James McGhee

Rev. C. H. Williams

Rev. Billie Rogers

Rev. Elmer Hodges

Rev. Eddie Vaughn

Rev. Arthur T. Warren

Rev. A. E. Campbell

Rev. H. C. Crase

Rev. Joe Siak

Rev. Clarence Dodson

Rev. S. D. Johnson

Rev. Bill Combs

Rev. L. R. Wheeler

Rev. Allie McGhee
