## MINUTES

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#### OF THE

## Cave Spring Yearly Meeting

of Freewill Baptists

Held with

## Freewill Baptist Church

#### PLEASANT RIDGE

MAY 13, 14, 1977

OFFICERS: 1978 SESSION

| Moderator           | Walter Simpson  |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Assistant Moderator | Darrell Strain  |
| Clerk               | David Honeycutt |
| Assistant Clerk     | Linda Honeycutt |
| Treasurer           | Bill Burkhead   |

The next session of the Cave Spring Yearly meeting of Freewill Baptist Churches will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church.

Services will begin at 9: o'clock Friday before the third Sunday in May 1978

> Brother Finis Johnson and Bro. Mike Parrott will bring the Introductory Message in the 1978 meeting.

### COMMITTEES

| EXECUTIVE BOARD      | TERM EXPIRES     |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Manuel Dunkin        | 1978             |
| Charles Gower        | 1979             |
| Millard Ehrhardt     | 1980             |
| James Lee Reed       | 1981             |
| Darrell Strain       | 1982             |
| MISSION BOARD        | , <sup>.</sup> . |
| Clark Stephens       | 1978             |
| Garland Barton       | 1979             |
| Walter Simpson       | 1980             |
| Gary Mitchener       | 1981             |
| Doyle Williams       | 1982             |
| ORDAINING COUNCIL    |                  |
| Darrell Strain       | 1978             |
| Jess Dunkin          | 1979             |
| Virgil Blankenship   | 1980             |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE    |                  |
| Joe Archer           |                  |
| Royce Hollis         |                  |
| Harold Ogden         |                  |
|                      |                  |
| OBITUARY COMMITTEE   |                  |
| Nora Dethrow         |                  |
| Mamie Crass          |                  |
| Cecil Ehrhardt       |                  |
|                      |                  |
| TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE |                  |
| F. D. Johnson        |                  |
| Nolen Johnson        | 1                |
| Dwight Brawley       | •                |
|                      |                  |
| PRINTING COMMITTEE   |                  |
| David Honeycutt      | Clerk            |
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| Bill Burkhead        | Treasurer        |

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The 90th Annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptist, met with the Pleasant Ridge Church Friday and Saturday May 13 and 14, 1977 at 9 a.m. The session opened with congregation singing "Standing on the Promises" and 'Beautiful" led by Bro. Leonard Clark. Prayer by Bro. Virgil Blankenship. The clerk read Titus 3:1-8; then the Constitution, By Laws, and Standing Rules were read. Service was then turned over to Moderator Bro. Dale Skiles. Moderator called for the reading of Church letters and Quarterly meeting letter. M.S.C. to receive letters and to seat the delegates. Delegates were given right hand of fellowship while singing "It Won't Be Very Long". The following is a list of delegates.

#### ALTON

| ALION                                                             |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bro. Robert Stephenson                                            | Absent                       |
| Sis. Annie Stevenson (Alternate)                                  | Present                      |
| Sis. Esther Strain                                                | Present                      |
|                                                                   | Present                      |
| Sis. Bertha Willeawn                                              | Present                      |
| BAILEY CHAPELSis. Callie BellSis. Thelma PingletonBro. Bill Sisco | Present<br>Present<br>Absent |
| BYRD                                                              |                              |
| Sis. Alpha Garrison                                               | Present                      |
| Bro. Jess Garrison                                                | Absent                       |
|                                                                   | Present                      |
| Sis. Vida Erhardt                                                 |                              |
| Bro. Leonard Clark (Alternate)                                    | Present                      |
|                                                                   |                              |
| CAVE SPRINGS                                                      | _                            |
| Artie Delaney                                                     | Present                      |
| Jettie Norman                                                     | Present                      |
| Dollie Combs                                                      | Present                      |
|                                                                   |                              |
| CLIFTON                                                           | ,                            |
| Sis. Sue Strain                                                   | Present                      |
| Sis. Laura Coats                                                  | Present                      |
| Sis. Pat Beuhler                                                  | Present                      |
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| COTTON CREEK                                                      |                              |
| Bro. Noel Combs                                                   | Absent                       |
|                                                                   |                              |
| Sis. Rachel Combs                                                 | Present                      |
| Sis. Mary Ruth Combs                                              | Absent                       |

| FAITH CHAPELSis. Terry SilvaSis. Doyce SilvaSis. Hattie Sims                                                                        | Present<br>Present<br>Present           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| GARFIELD<br>Sis. Inez Martin                                                                                                        | Present<br>Present<br>Present           |
| KOSHKONONG         Sis. Dorothy Sheets         Sis. Irene Barnett         Bro. Bob Barnett                                          | Present<br>Present<br>Present           |
| LIBERTY<br>Bro. Charley Reed                                                                                                        | Present<br>Present<br>Present           |
| MT. ZION<br>Sis. Pearlene Ford                                                                                                      | Present<br>Present<br>Present           |
| MYRTLE         Bro. Leonard Hall         Sis. Edna Hall         Bro. Curtis Johnson                                                 | Present                                 |
| NORMAN<br>Bro. Andrew Moore                                                                                                         | Absent<br>Present<br>Present            |
| PINEY<br>Sis Sylvia Payne                                                                                                           | Present<br>Absent<br>Absent             |
| PLEASANT HILL         Bro. Bill Burkhead         Sis. Velda Taylor         Sis. Linda Elms         Sis. Linda Honeycutt (Alternate) | Present<br>Present<br>Absent<br>Present |

| PLEASANT RIDGE         Bro. Elgan Barton         Sis. Bessie Parrott         Sis. Wanda Johnson | Present<br>Present<br>Present |
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| ROYAL OAK<br>Sis. Gloria Harris                                                                 | Present<br>Present<br>Present |
| SHILOH         Sis. Margie Parrott         Sis. Darlene Johnson         Sis. Ruth Thompson      | Present<br>Present<br>Present |
| SMYRNA<br>Bro. Charlie Breeden                                                                  | Present<br>Present<br>Present |
| THAYER      Sis. Juanita Rhoades      Sis. Nell Mills      Bro. Joe Archer                      | Absent<br>Present<br>Present  |
| WALNUT GROVE<br>Sis. Ethel King                                                                 | Present<br>Present<br>Present |
| WEST PLAINS<br>Sis. Mae Rogers                                                                  | Present<br>Present<br>Present |
| WILDERNESS         Bro. Earl Simpson         Sis. Janice Simpson         Bro. Marvin Brawley    | Present<br>Present<br>Present |
| POPLAR BLUFF MISSION<br>No Letter Submitted                                                     | ,<br>I                        |

QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES

| Sis. Debbie  | Brawley | • | • | • |   |   | • |   |   |   |   |   | • | • |   |   |   | • | Present |
|--------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Bro. Hershal | Malone  |   |   | • | • | • | • | • |   | • |   |   |   |   | • |   |   | • | Present |
| Sis.         | Malone  | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |   |   | • | • | • | • | Present |

Bro. Moderator, at this time appointed the Divine Services committee, to choose a preacher for the 11 o'clock service for tomorrow. The committee is Henry Williams, Emery Coble, and Leonard Clark.

Other committees were appointed as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION: Dale Kester, Finis Johnson, Bob Barnett.

DENOMINATION: Russell Johnson, Bill Burkhead, Charlie Breeden.

LORD'S DAY: Doyle Williams, Virgil Blankenship, Ulus Caldwell.

LITERATURE: Gary Mitchener, Richard Todd, Leonard Hall. Petitionary letters were called for; none were presented.

Letters from corresponding messengers called for; none presented.

Reports from delegates that may have attended other associations were called for; none presented.

Being now time for ajournment for 11 o'clock service, it was decided we continue into the afternoon business.

Moderator called for any business of committees. The Ordaining council was to meet on request of Thayer Church to extend Randy Hoods Ministers license as he was in Bible College; and recomending Deacon Leoid Case.

The \$425 for our association to help host the National Association meeting in Kansas City in 1978 was brought up for discussion. Bro. Virgil Cantrell wished to donate the \$425 for the Lord's work. M.S C. that we accept Bro. Cantrell's offer and stand to show our appreciation.

Bro. Elsie Simpson suggested Ministers and Deacons wives should be standing delegates at our yearly Association meetings. It was decided to hold this suggestion over until afternoon. M.S.C. to ajourn for 11 o'clock service. Bro. Manuel Dunkin dismissed in prayer.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service began singing "When the Saints Go Marching In". Bro. Charles Hollis led in prayer. Bro. Gary Mitchener began reading St. John 15: 1-5. His text (Without Me, You Can Do Nothing). Bro. Davie Combs continued with the same subject (Jesus is the Vine, We are the Branches, We must abide in Him), Invitation was given "Come unto Me". We then dismissed in prayer for noon meal.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Session opened in song "Victory in Jesus". Scripture reading I Kings 3: 7-13 by Bro. J. W. King. Prayer led by Bro. Bill Burkhead.

M.S.C. Bro. Moderator appoint Finance committee as none of the members were present. Bro's. Virgil Blankenship, Joe Archer, and Roy Underwood appointed.

Bro. Moderator chose Bro. Darrell Strain to fill in as Moderator for Saturday session as he could not be here nor the Assistant Bro. Charles Hollis be here either.

Bro. Simpson's suggestion from earlier was brought before the body for discussion. M.S.C. to place this in the hands of the Executive Board for discussion.

Miscellaneous business called for. It was brought to our attention that our cabin at the youth camp needed new doors. Myrtle Church said they had already planned to put a new front door on. M.S.C. that our association put on a new back door. M.S.C. for Bro. Malone to get the door and put it on.

Moderator asked that all Ministers Deacons and Clerks be sure to sign enrollment before leaving.

Moderator asked for nominations for introductory speakers for next year. Bro. Finis Johnson and Mike Parrott were nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and we proceed to elect. The Lord willing these two Brethern will be next year's speakers.

Minister's reports were to be read next. M.S.C. reading of these reports be omitted as they would be printed in the minutes.

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| MINISTERS          | d es                 | ns<br>ere            | s p                 | p        | Conversions<br>Witnessed | ed                    | des                 | Appointment<br>Fulfilled | es        | s        | q                 |
| REPORT             | Churches<br>Pastored | Sermons<br>Elsewhere | Members<br>Received | Baptized | itne                     | Received<br>For Labor | Churches<br>Visited | pointme<br>Fulfilled     | Marriages | Funerals | Miles<br>Fraveled |
|                    | Chu<br>Pas           | Else                 | Red                 | Bap      | <sup>Con</sup>           | For                   | Chi<br>Vi           | IdA                      | Mai       | Fui      | Mi<br>Tra         |
| Wayne Adrian       | 1                    | 2                    | 5                   | 1        | 7                        | \$2,307               | 7                   | 50                       | 1         | 1        | ?                 |
| Garland Barton     | 2                    | 88                   | • 1                 | 0        | 3                        | 600                   | 12                  | all                      | 0         | 5        | 3,000             |
| Oren Barton        | 1                    | 3                    | 5                   | 7        | 12                       | 870                   | 7                   | all                      | 1         | 1        | 2,500             |
| Virgil Blankenshij | p 0                  | 19                   | 0                   | 1        | ?                        | 40                    | 12                  | all                      | 1         | 2        | ?                 |
| Paul Clark         | 1                    | 2                    | 1                   | 0        | ?                        | 183.                  | 9                   | all                      | 0         | 0        | 1,500             |
| Davie Combs        | 0                    | ?                    | 0                   | 10       | ?                        | 265                   | ?                   | all                      | 1         | 11       | ?                 |
| Charles Crenshaw   | WA                   | AS IN T              | THE A               | RMY      |                          |                       |                     |                          | _         |          |                   |
| Jesse Dunkin       | 1                    | 4                    | 8                   | 0        | 4                        | 1,180                 | -3                  | all                      | 1         | 1        | 1,000             |
| Manuel Dunkin      | 1                    | 6                    | 6                   | 6        | 10                       | 1,044                 | 10                  | all                      | 3         | 5        | 12,000            |
| Millard Ehrhardt   | 1                    | ?                    | 2                   | 0        | ?                        | 1,000                 | 10                  | ?                        | 3         | 5        | ?                 |
| Herman Garrison    | 0                    | 3                    | 0                   | 0        | 3                        | 30                    | 4                   | all                      | 0         | 0        | ?                 |
| Joe Garrison       | 0                    | 6                    | 0                   | 0        | ?                        | 55                    | 5                   | 6                        | 0         | 0        | 305               |
| Charles Gower      | 1                    | 12                   | 9                   | 2        | 3                        | 2,576                 | 5                   | but 3                    | 6         | 5        | 3,000             |
| E. E. Hollis       | 0                    | ?                    | 0                   | 0        | ?                        | 0                     | ?                   | all                      | 0         | 0        | ?                 |
| Charles Hollis     | 1                    | 12                   | 7                   | 1        | 3                        | 2,366                 | 16                  | 121                      | 0         | 0        | 8,868             |
| David Honeycutt    | 1                    | 78                   | 2                   | 0        | 1                        | 867                   | 28                  | all                      | 0         | 0        | 5,000             |
| Glen Hood          | 1                    | 130                  | 15                  | 3        | 6                        | 9,000                 | 25                  | all                      | 2         | 6        | 20,000            |
| F. D. Johnson      | 0                    | 51                   | 0                   | 3        | ?                        | 563                   | ?                   | all                      | 0         | 0        | 847               |
| Russell Johnson    | 1                    | 10                   | 9                   | 9        | 30                       | 6,750                 | 42                  | all                      | 2         | 2        | 19,260            |
| Dale Kester        | 1                    | 3                    | 14                  | 11       | 14                       | 5,605                 | 5                   | all                      | 1         | 2        | ?                 |
| J. W. King         | 1                    | 2                    | 1                   | 0        | 5                        | 456                   | 8                   | 30                       | 0         | 2        | 4,000             |
| Gary Mitchener     | 1                    | 11                   | ?                   | 0        | ?                        | 1,810                 | ?                   | but 1                    | 1         | 0        | ?                 |
| Harold Ogden       | 0                    | 14                   | 0                   | 0        | 6                        | 100                   | 12                  | 14                       | 0         | 0        | 815               |
| Mike Parrott       | 0                    | 35                   | 0                   | 1        | 15                       | 200                   | 11                  | all                      | 1         | 0        | 1,500             |
| James Lee Reed     | EV                   | ANGE                 | LISTI               | cwo      | RK                       |                       |                     |                          |           |          |                   |
| J. E. Rolen        | 0                    | 4                    | 0                   | 0        | 8                        | 0                     | 5                   | all                      | 0         | 0        | 200               |
| Meril Shaw         | 0                    | 46                   | 0                   | 0        | ?                        | 467                   | 5                   | but 2                    | 0         | 0        | 1,410             |
| E. E. Simpson      | 0                    | 8                    | 0                   | 0        | ?                        | 50                    | ?                   | all                      | 2         | 2        | ?                 |
| Walter Simpson     | 1                    | 21                   | 0                   | 0        | ?                        | 2,000                 | 40                  | all                      | 0         | 0        | ?                 |
| Dale Skiles        | 1                    | 35                   | 10                  | 12       | 56                       | 8,950                 | 10                  | all                      | 6         | 12       | 35,000            |
| Clark Stephens     | 1                    | 4                    | 3                   | 3        | 10                       | 1,645                 | 12                  | 45                       | 5         | 3        | 5,200             |
| J. Darrell Strain  | 1                    | 44                   | 12                  | 7        | 22                       | 4,080                 | 10                  | all                      | 2         | 3        | 13,000            |
| Richard Todd       | 1                    | 8                    | 1                   | 0        | 0                        | 241                   | 5                   | 25                       | 0         | 0        | 820               |
| Doyle Williams     | 1                    | 8                    | 0                   | 2        | 4                        | ?                     | 8                   | all                      | 1         | 3        | ?                 |
| Robert Wilson      | 1                    | 4                    | 22                  | 0        | 0                        | 436                   | 6                   | all                      | 0         | 0        | ?                 |
|                    |                      |                      |                     |          |                          |                       |                     |                          |           |          | _                 |

The Treasurer's report called for. It is to be given tomorrow. Obituary report called for. It too is to be given tomorrow. Other committee reports called for and are as follows:

#### DENOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Denomination committee submit the following report: We feel that our denomination is growing, so let us continue to unite our efforts for the advancement of our churches and for the salvation of the lost. (Charlie Breeden, Russell Johnson, Bill Burkhead) M.S.C. to receive this report and to release the committee.

#### LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

We feel that the Lord's Day should have priority over all other work. We feel we should respect it as the Israelites respected the Sabbath day. (Ulus Caldwell, Virgil Cantrell, D. Edward Williams) M.S.C. to receive this report and release the committee.

#### LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Literature committee recommend as our guide, the daily reading of the Bible, faithful reading of our denominational papers, and all other good religious materials. Be watchful of what we read. We especially recommend each church establish a library and also each home a library; thus giving good Christian material at hands reach of all. The next gift you give, let it be a Bible. Thus all can study to show thyself approved unto God. (Gary Mitchener, Ricky Todd, Leonard Hall) M.S. C. to receive the report and to release the committee.

#### ORDAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Ordaining Council submit the following report of our work from April 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977. On July 25, 1976 we met with the Shiloh Church and examined Bro. Mike Parrott as to his qualifications as a minister of the gospel. Finding him well qualified we then proceeded with the Ordination. Bro. Charles Hollis moderated the service. The charge was preached by Bro. Darrell Strain. Bro. Jesse Dunkin led the prayer. God blessed in the service and gave evidence of his approval. On October 10, we met at the Koshkonong Church to examine Bro. Dale Kester. Finding him qualified to preach the gospel we held the ordination services. Bro. Howard Bowers delivered the charge with Bro. Charles Hollis in charge of the service. God blessed the service with a sweet spirit.

On October 24, the council met with the Clifton Church to ordain Bro. Gary Mitchener. Bro. Mitchener was examined by the council at the quarterly meeting and was found qualified to preach the gospel. Bro. Charles Hollis was in charge of the service and Bro. Charles Gower preached the charge. God again blessed and gave evidence of his approval.

On February 27, the council met with the Garfield Church to examine Bro. Carl Sanders as worthy Deacon. Finding him qualified, we ordained him, with Bro. Charles Hollis in charge of the service and Bro. Davie Combs brought the charge. The service was closed by the laying on of hands in prayer. God poured out his blessing on the service.

On April 17, the Council met with the Pleasant Hill Church to examine Bro. David Honeycutt for the Ministry and Bro. Bill Burkhead as Deacon. Finding both qualified upon questioning; the Council proceded with the ordination. Bro. Charles Hollis moderated. Bro. Charles Gower gave the charge to Bro. Burkhead as to the work of a Deacon. And Bro. Doyle Williams preached the charge to Bro. David Honeycutt as to the duties of a Minister. God again blessed the services.

We thank God for the privilege of doing this work for the Lord Jesus Christ and the Association. (Charles Hollis, Jesse Dunkin, Darrell Strain) M.S.C. to receive the report.

#### WEEK-END REVIVAL REPORT

The Week-End Revival committee wishes to report on another year of services. We had 18 services. One week-end was cancelled because of bad weather, another because 3 revivals were going on, and the Yearly meeting fell on this month's services. May the Lord bless the churches that hosted the week-end revivals, the preachers who preached and each one who attended. We have enjoyed serving on this committee the past year. We have a balance of \$23.50 in the Week-end Revival fund. (Bros. Dale Kester, Russel Johnson, David Honeycutt) M.S.C. to receive the report.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Board of the Cave Springs Association had two items of business as follows:

ITEM 1. On September 24, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. we met with

the Mt. Zion Church to discuss their organizing as a Freewill Baptist Church. The meeting opened with prayer and song. Bro. Dunkin took charge of the service. Letter was read from Mt. Zion Church requesting to be organized as a Freewill Baptist Church. Procedures of organization, the church covenant and Articles of Faith were read. There was some questioning and discussion. The Holy Bible was presented to the congregation. The Church then organized as Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church with enrollment of fifteen members.

ITEM 2. Motion made to destroy Burl Wright's and Dene Robertson's Deacons papers and to commend them for turning them in. (Charles Gower, D. Edward Williams, James Lee Reed, Manual Dunkin) M.S.C. to receive the report and commend the committee.

Bro. Skiles turned the moderator over to his assistant Bro. Charles Hollis. Bro. Skiles then made motion that our Association as a whole go on record that we are against the E.R.A. (Equal Rights Amendment) and to voice this opposition by letter to our state representatives. M.S.C. by full house. M.S.C. then to give the executive Board the authority to write and send the letters to state representatives.

There will be no service tonight.

The Divine Service Committee chose Virgil Blankenship and Darrell Strain to preach at the 11:00 a.m. service Sat. morning.

M.S.C. to adjourn until Saturday morning. All stood to be dismissed in prayer.

#### FRIDAY SESSION ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS D. Edward Williams J. Darrell Strain Richard Todd Mike Parrott **Russell Johnson** Garv Mitchener Dale Kester E. E. Simpson Jesse Dunkin James Lee Reed Davie Combs Charles Gower Manuel Dunkin J. W. King David Honeycutt Dale Skiles Charles Hollis Virgil Blankenship

DEACONS Ulus Caldwell Roy Underwood Bill Burkhead Orville Bowers Roscoe Mills Emery Coble Henry Williams CLERKS Janice Simpson Doyce Silva Ruth Simpson Deborah Brawley Bernice Cantrell Ruth Thompson Nova Coble

#### SATURDAY SESSION ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS Oren Barton Walter Simpson Glen Hood Randy Hood Millard Ehrhardt F. D. Johnson Harold Ogden Wesley Hood DEACONS Nolen Johnson Andrew Moore

#### 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. Election 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

Saturday, May 14 Session opened with singing led by Bro. Nolen Johnson "The Old Gospel Ship" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Scripture reading by clerk Matt. 5:1-12. Prayer led by Bro. Charles Gower. Session was then turned over to Bro. Darrell Strain as Moderator. M.S.C. to omit the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws as they are read at opening of yesterday's session. Reading of previous day's minutes were called for. They stood approved as read.

Letters were called for. The Youth Association Letter was read. Delegates were Malynne Gower, Mike Parrott, Dan Caldwell, M.S.C. to accept the letter and to seat the delegates.

A representative from the Little Vine Association was present Bro. Jimmy Stairs. Song was sung and the right hand of fellowship was given to these.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The floor was opened for nominations to the following offices and committees at this time. MODERATOR:

Bro. Walter Simpson was the only nomination. M.S.C. nominations ceased and we proceed to elect.

#### ASSISTANT MODERATOR:

M.S.C that the Moderator choose his assistant. He chose Bro. Darrell Strain.

#### CLERK:

Bro. David Honeycutt was the only nomination. M.S.C. nominations cease and we proceed to elect. M.S.C. that Clerk could choose his assistant. Sis. Linda Honeycutt was chosen. TREASURER:

Bro. Hays asked not to be reelected. Bro. Bill Burkhead was nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and we proceed to elect.

Vacancies in committees filled. M.S.C. that Moderator fill the vacancies in the Ordaining Council. Bro. Charles Gower and Bro. Russell Johnson were appointed. Bro. Randy Hood had requested to be examined by the Ordaining Council.

M.S.C. that moderator appoint two to fill the vacancies in the Temperance committee. Bro. Dwight Brawley and Bro. Nolen Johnson were appointed.

Any remaining committee reports were called for.

We your committee wish to submit our report. Our State of Religion is good in our Association. Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord. I Cor 15:58. Be considerate of each others opinion and to be careful of one another's reputation. (Dale Kester, F. D. Johnson, Bob Barnett) M.S.C. we receive the report and dismiss the committee.

#### MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Cave Springs Freewill Baptist Mission Board assembled together February 24, 1977 at Bro. Charles Hollis' home. Meeting began with opening of word of prayer. Bro. Hollis gave a discussion on his leading on establishing a mission in his area. He feels the Lord's will in starting a Bible teaching Freewill Baptist Church with its main goal in reaching souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. His desire before the Mission Board is to have full approval of the Board. Bro. Charles has given sufficient evidence of the need in the community to establish a mission. The Mission Board fully questioned and discussed the work.. To the best of our understanding of the Highland F.W.B. Mission, it has our approval and support at this time. (Sec. Gary Mitchener, Clark Stevens, Garland Barton, and Oren Barton) M.S.C. to receive the report as read.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Temperance Committee do submit our report. Because temperance is a part of the Christian life, and a part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23); we should abstain from any use of liquor of beer and not support it in any way. In II Peter the Lord said "Add to your Faith, Temperance." (Nolen Johnson, Dwight Brawley, F. D. Johnson)

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committee on Obituaries, beg to submit the following report: Whereas it pleases our Heavenly Father to call from labor to their Heavenly reward since our last yearly meeting, the following Brothers and Sisters. They are greatly missed in our homes and Churches, but we must submit our will to that of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well; our loss is Heaven's gain.

Zella Hackworth Mary Harper Oma Dunkin Ray Risner Herman Wetzel Ethel Harris Frank Taylor Dale Williams Arvil E. Oliver Rosie Ellen Andrews Ray Woodroe Bell Sara Alice Johnson Paul Edgar Watson Goldie Dunkin Clarence Benjamin Sudie Ramsey

M.S.C. to receive the report as read. The congregation stood in silent prayer in remembrance of those gone on.

#### ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

The Floor was opened for nominations for standing committees. The following committee members were elected.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Finis Johnson, Nolen Johnson and Dwight Brawley were nominated and elected by vote of conference.

#### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

Mamie Crase, Nora Dethrow and Cecil Ehrhardt were nominated and elected by vote of conference.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Archer, Harold Ogden and Royce Hollis were nominated and elected.

#### WEEK-END REVIVAL COMMITTEE

Bros. Harold Ogden, Gary Mitchener and Lee Dethrow were nominated and elected by vote of conference.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Charles Hollis term was to expire this year. Bro. Virgil Blankenship was nominated and elected for 3 years until 1980.

#### MISSION BOARD

Bro. Oren Barton term was up. Bro. Doyle Williams was nominated and elected to a 5 year term to expire in 1982.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

|                | State   | Local    | General |
|----------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Alton          | \$3.00  | \$10.00  |         |
| Bailey Chapel  | 3.00    | 6.00     |         |
| Byrd           | 5.00    | 10.00    |         |
| Cave Springs   | 4.00    | 8.00     |         |
| Clifton        | 2.00    | 15.00    | \$10.00 |
| Cotton Creek   |         |          | 5.00    |
| Faith Chapel   | 2.00    | 5.00     |         |
| Garfield       | 4.00    | 8.00     |         |
| Koshkonong     | 5.00    | 5.00     | •       |
| Liberty        |         | 6.00     |         |
| Mt. Zion       | 10.00   | 5.00     |         |
| Myrtle         | 3.00    | 15.00    |         |
| Norman         | 3.00    | 5.00     |         |
| Piney          | 3.00    | 5.00     |         |
| Pleasant Hill  | 10.00   | 5.00     | ,       |
| Pleasant Ridge | 5.00    | 10.00    |         |
| Royal Oak      | 2.00    | 4.00     | 10.00   |
| Shiloh         | 2.00    | 8.00     |         |
| Smyrna         | 10.00   | 10.00    | i -     |
| Thayer         | 4.00    | 6.00     |         |
| Walnut Grove   | 2.00    | 8.00     |         |
| West Plains    |         | 12.00    | ·       |
| Wilderness     | 3.00    | 7.00     | . •     |
| TOTALS         | \$85.00 | \$173.00 | \$25.00 |

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro, Doyle Williams term expired this year. Bros. Darrell Strain and Russell Johnson were nominated. Bro. Darrell Strain was elected; his term to expire in 1982.

Election of Delegates to the State Association Meeting in Springfield, June 6. Bro. and Sis. Virgil Cantrell volunteered. M.S.C. to give Bro. Russell Johnson authority to submit names on the letter of those who may be going from our Association.

Setting a place for the next yearly meeting was brought to a vote. Three churches asked for next year's meeting. Pleasant Hill, Royal Oak and Walnut Grove. Pleasant Hill received the majority of votes.

M.S.C. to extend our Heartfelt Thanks to Pleasant Ridge Church for hosting this yearly meeting.

It was brought up that we need an assistant Treasurer. M.S.C. to put this suggestion in the hands of the Executive committee to consider.

Bro. E.E. Simpson gave an expiring talk and the conference gave him the right hand of fellowship in appreciation for all he has done for our association. Conference was then adjourned in prayer.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE SATURDAY

Service opened with singing "Keep on the Firing Line" and "My God Is Real". Bro. Darrell Strain took the stand first reading Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish". Bro. Strain brought an inspiring message under the annointing of the Lord. An alter of prayer was made before Bro. Virgil Blankenship began reading from St. John 4:35 "The fields are white already to harvest". We then had a song and handshake. The Spirit of God was present. Bro Elsie Simpson dismissed in prayer.

#### 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. 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, ds 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 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.

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 *i* 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, may refer to it. To make rules and by-laws necessary and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall the body have power to reverse a decision of one of its churches or quarterly meetings, nor in any way interfere with its internal regulations nor hold any ecclesiastical authority over the churches or quarterly meetings composing this yearly meeting.

ARTICLE 7. 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 ARTICLE 8. Each session of this yearly meeting shall convene annually beginning on Friday at nine in the morning before the 3rd Sunday in May 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 reregular 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 of 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. There shall be no discussion on any issue unless first there be a motion and second made from the floor.

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 April 1 to March 31, 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; but if a minister is not recommended by his church, the church and the minister is to be investigated to length by the executive board and if the minister be worthy of certificate the executive board has power to grant a yearly certificate.

ARTICLE 11. Each Church is to recommend its worthy Deacons to the Yearly Meeting and also to 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 members 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.

ARTICLE 15. Any Minister or Deacon who has two living wives or any Minister or Deacon's wife who has two living companions shall not be Ordained or recommended worthy to the Association.

ARTICLE 16. Any licensed Minister must preach for one year before being eligible to be Ordained.

ARTICLE 17. Any person who would give false answers to obtain licenses or Ordination papers, after investigation and proven guilty, their papers be annulled immediately. ARTICLE 18. To be elected to an office or a standing committee a person must have been a member in good standing in the association for one year.

ARTICLE 19. Before a deacon can be ordained in our yearly meeting a church must place him on trial, proving him worthy as a deacon in the church, for one year.

#### 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.
- PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Organized October 6, 1918, by Rev. E.J. Vaughn and Rev. H.C. Crase, with 17 members.

PINEY CHURCH: Organized in 1885 by Rev. G.A. Jones; members unknown.

- 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 Wisehart 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. 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 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.

FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH: Organized on September 9, 1973 by, Rev. Clark Stephens, Howard Bowers, Davie Combs, Charles Hollis, Noah Miller, Darrell Strain, Donnie Morris, Meril Shaw and Deacons, Bro. Bob Dotson, Troy Sims, Cecil Campbell, Dave Uhlmann and N.H. Rhoads, Rev. Clark Stephens was selected as pastor and Troy Sims selected as Deacon, with 15 members.

#### BYRD CHURCH:

#### PETITIONARY LETTER FORM

|              | ouncil of Ordained Ministersorganized         |             |
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| State of     | number of members                             | *********** |
|              | by choice of the body                         |             |
|              | were selected as deacons,                     | church      |
| clerk        | , on the                                      |             |
| day of       |                                               |             |
| We, th       | nerefore, petition the conference to accept o | ur church   |
| into your bo | ody as a member of                            |             |

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.....Conference or Association.

#### CHURCHES AND PASTORS

ALTON Darrell Strain Alton, Missouri

BAILEY CHAPEL Manuel Dunkin Alton, Missouri

BYRD Gene Cullun Okean, Arkansas

CAVE SPRINGS Garland Barton Alton, Missouri

COTTON CREEK Gary Mitchener Myrtle, Missouri

CLIFTON Millard Ehrhardt Alton, Missouri

FAITH CHAPEL Richard Todd Alton, Missouri

GARFIELD Jesse Dunkin Myrtle, Missouri

KOSHKONONG Dale Kester Koshkonong, Missouri

LIBERTY

MYRTLE Russell Johnson Myrtle, Missouri

#### CHURCH CLERKS

Barbara James Alton, Missouri

Ruth Simpson Rt. 2, Alton, Missouri

Geraldine Brewer Myrtle, Missouri

Deloris Norman Alton, Missouri

Wanda Melton Couch, Missouri

Nova Coble Thayer, Missouri

Neta Hall Rt. 1, Box 255 West Plains, Missouri

Jane Wetzel Couch, Missouri

Juanita Willbanks Koshkonong, Mo.

Jennie McDonald Gatewood, Missouri

Bernice Cantrell Myrtle, Missouri

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MT. ZION Robert Wilson Koshkonong, Missouri

NORMAN Oren Barton West Plains, Missouri

PINEY Paul Clark Thayer, Missouri

PLEASANT HILL David Honeycutt Thayer, Missouri

PLEASANT RIDGE Doyle Williams Alton, Missouri

POPLAR BLUFF

ROYAL OAK Wayne Adrian Alton, Missouri

SHILOH Clark Stephens Lebo Route West Plains, Missouri

SMYRNA Bill Bales Alton, Missouri

THAYER Glen Hood Thayer, MIssouri

WALNUT GROVE Charles Gower Rt.,2, Thayer, Missouri Elma Wilson Koshkonong, Missouri

Janice Williams Rt. 1, Alton, Missouri

Debbie Brawley Rt. 1, Couch, Missouri

Sue Burkhead Rt. 2, Thayer, Missouri

Violet Johnson Rt. 2, Alton, Missouri

Velma Cambell Rt. 2, Alton, Missouri

Ruth Thompson Star Route Alton, Missouri

Mary Campbell Thomasville, Missouri

Laverne Clark Rt. 2, Thayer, Missouri

Della Mitchell Myrtle, Missouri WILDERNESS Walter Simpson Star Rt., Fremont, Missouri

Janice Simpson Star Rt., Fremont, Missouri

WEST PLAINS FIRST Dale Skiles 902 Howell West Plains, Missouri

Terry Reid 103 Twin Oaks West Plains, Missouri

#### OTHER LICENSED OR ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. R. Bryan Thayer, Missouri

Herman Garrison Myrtle, Missouri

F. D. Johnson West Plains, Missouri

James Lee Reed Myrtle, Missouri

Harold Ogden Alton, Missouri

E. E. Hollis Thayer, Missouri

J. E. Rolen Thayer, Missouri

Dennis Dotson

Murl Shaw Alton, Missouri

Joe Garrison Myrtle, Missouri

E. E. Simpson Alton, Missouri

Mike Parrott Alton, Missouri

Virgil Blankenship Alton, Missouri

Davie Combs West Plains, Missouri

J. W. King

**Charles** Crenshaw

# 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 Standlev Rev. J. E. Pentecost Rev. T. J. Dunkin Rev. J. R. W. Harbison Rev. Ode Hackworth

Rev. Nathan Combs Rev. W. P. Stogsdill Rev. James McGhee Rev. C. H. Williams Rev. Billie Rogers Rev. Elmer Hodges Rev. Eddie Vaughn Rev. Arthur T. Warren Rev. A. R. Campbell Rev. H. C. Crase Rev. Joe Sisk Rev. Clarence Dodson Rev. S. D. Johnson Rev. Bill Combs Rev. L. R. Wheeler Rev. Allie McGhee Rev. John Cline