

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Cave Spring Yearly Meeting

of Freewill Baptists

Held with

### Freewill Baptist Church

PLEASANT HILL

MAY 19, 20, 1978

#### OFFICERS: 1979 SESSION

Moderator ..... Walter Simpson  
Assistant Moderator ..... JAMES LEE REED  
Clerk ..... LARRY BASSHAM  
Assistant Clerk ..... ELDA BASSHAM  
Treasurer ..... MIKE PARROTT  
Assistant Treasurer ..... Clark Stephens

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

Services will begin at 9: o'clock Friday before the third Sunday in May 1979.

Bro. Ricky Todd and Bro. Virgil Blankenship will bring the Introductory Message in the 1979 meeting.

# COMMITTEES

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

## TERM EXPIRES

Charles Gower . . . . .	1979
Millard Ehrhardt . . . . .	1980
James Lee Reed . . . . .	1981
Doyle Williams . . . . .	1982
Bill Burkhead . . . . .	1983

## MISSION BOARD

Garland Barton . . . . .	1979
Walter Simpson . . . . .	1980
Gary Mitchener . . . . .	1981
Doyle Williams . . . . .	1982
Richard Todd . . . . .	1983

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Jess Dunkin . . . . .	1979
Virgil Blankenship . . . . .	1980
Grover Pingleton . . . . .	1981

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Archer  
Royce Hollis  
Grover Pingleton

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Nora Dethrow  
Mamie Crass  
Cecil Ehrhardt

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

F. D. Johnson  
Nolen Johnson  
Dwight Brawley

## PRINTING COMMITTEE

Larry Bassham . . . . .	Clerk
Elda Bassham . . . . .	Assistant Clerk
Mike Parrott . . . . .	Treasurer

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 91st Annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptists, met with the Pleasant Hill Church Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 1978 at 9:00 A.M.

Friday session opened with congregation singing "Power in the Blood", led by Bro. Lee Dethrow. Bro. David Honeycutt read Acts 15: 1-11. Bro. Davie Combs led congregation in prayer. Clerk then turned session over to the Moderator, Bro. Walter Simpson.

Our Constitution and By-laws were read by the Clerk.

Moderator invited all visiting Brothers and Sisters as advisory members.

Moderator called for all Church letters to be turned in and read. The church letters were read along with Quarterly meeting letter and The Youth letter. M.S.C. to receive these letters and seat the delegates that were present. They were given right hand of fellowship while singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be". The following is a list of delegates from each church.

### ALTON:

Sis. Nora Dethrow . . . . .	Present
Bro. Lee Dethrow . . . . .	Present
Bro. Thurman Smith . . . . .	Present

### BAILEY CHAPEL:

Sis. Ruth Turner . . . . .	Present
Sis. Ruth Holman . . . . .	Present
Bro. Elgan Holman . . . . .	Present

### BYRD:

Bro. Herman Garrison . . . . .	Present
Sis. Linda Garrison . . . . .	Present
Sis. Vida Earhardt . . . . .	Present

### CAVE SPRINGS:

Sis. Jettie Norman . . . . .	Present
Sis. Dollie Combs . . . . .	Present
Sis. Lillie Barton . . . . .	Present

### CLIFTON:

Bro. Russell Fry . . . . .	Present
Sis. Pauline Fry . . . . .	Present
Bro. Luther Fry . . . . .	Present

**COTTON CREEK:**

Sis. Geraldine Melton . . . . .	Present
Sis. Pam Case. . . . .	Present
Sis. Brenda Mitchener . . . . .	Present

**FAITH CHAPEL:**

Sis. Donna Cline . . . . .	Present
Sis. Hattie Sims. . . . .	Present
Sis. Bethel Richardson . . . . .	Present

**GARFIELD:**

Sis. Inez Martin . . . . .	Present
Sis. Flo Dunkin . . . . .	Present
Sis. Lorene Bennett . . . . .	Present

**KOSHKONONG:**

Bro. Clarence Sweeny . . . . .	Present
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**LIBERTY:**

Sis. Jennie McDonald . . . . .	Present
Sis. Louise Patterson . . . . .	Present
Sis. Lillian Snodgrass . . . . .	Present

**MT. ZION:**

Bro. Bob Ross . . . . .	Present
Bro. Jim Bowers . . . . .	Present
Sis. Tennie Madden . . . . .	Present

**MYRTLE:**

Bro. Woodrow Cambell . . . . .	Present
Sis. Ina Cambell . . . . .	Present
Sis. Edna Hall . . . . .	Present

**NORMAN:**

Sis. May Blankenship . . . . .	Present
Sis. Darlene Barton . . . . .	Present
Bro. Theo Blankenship . . . . .	Present

**PINEY:**

Sis. Sylvia Payne . . . . .	Present
Sis. Beverly Bagley . . . . .	Present
Bro. Michael Bagley . . . . .	Present

**PLEASANT HILL:**

Sis. Nora Hollis . . . . .	Present
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Sis. Mildred Price . . . . .	Present
Sis. Edna Hollis . . . . .	Present

PLEASANT RIDGE:

Bro. Larry Bassham . . . . .	Present
Bro. Elgan Barton . . . . .	Present
Sis. Leona Blankenship . . . . .	Present

ROYAL OAK:

Sis. Kathy Lunyou . . . . .	Present
Sis. Betty Adrain . . . . .	Present
Sis. Helen Daffren . . . . .	Present

SHILOH:

Sis. Gracie Stephens . . . . .	Present
Sis. Margie Parrott . . . . .	Present
Sis. Grace Redburn . . . . .	Present

SMYRNA:

Sis. Verbal Mauldin . . . . .	Present
Sis. Lena Watson . . . . .	Present
Sis. Betsy Carter . . . . .	Present

THAYER:

No delegates

WALNUT GROVE:

Sis. Georgia Williams . . . . .	Present
Sis. Letica Williams . . . . .	Present
Bro. George Reed . . . . .	Present

WEST PLAINS:

Sis. Genevieve Caldwell . . . . .	Present
Bro. Frank Newberry . . . . .	Present
Sis. Virgie Newberry . . . . .	Present

WILDERNESS:

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

QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES:

Mrs. Virgil Blankenship . . . . .	Present
Mrs. Millard Ehrhardt . . . . .	Present
Sis. Genevieve Caldwell . . . . .	Present

## YOUTH ASSOCIATION DELEGATES:

None Present

## LINGO:

Sis. Eileen McClintock . . . . .	Present
Bro. Sam McClintock . . . . .	Present
Sis. Betty Kerreodle . . . . .	Present

Moderator at this time appointed the Divine Service Committee. Lee Dethrow, Bob Ross and Pete Holman.

M.S.C. to have services here tonight. The Comm. was to choose preachers for tonight service and Saturday morning service.

Following the Order of Business, Petitionary letters were called for. A letter was read from the Victory Freewill Baptist Church petitioning this yearly meeting to accept them into the Association. M.S.C. to accept the letter. Discussion followed. M.S.C. for a Committee to examine the Constitution and By-laws of the Victory Church. M.S.C. to give the Executive Committee the authority to examine the said Constitution and By-laws. M.S.C. to give this Committee the time needed for the examination.

The Divine Service Committee had their report ready. Bro. E. E. Simpson and Bro. Doyle Williams are to preach tonight; Bro. Davie Combs and Bro. Darrell Strain are to preach Saturday morning.

M.S.C. that we adjourn for the 11:00 service. Bro. Finis Johnson dismissed in prayer.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Bro. Leonard Clark led in singing "Beautiful" and "Heavenly Love". Prayer was made before Bro. Mike Parrott began preaching. His text was taken from II Kings 2:1-4 (Following Jesus). Bro. Finis Johnson concluded the message reading Romans 10:1-17 (Faith Cometh by Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God). An invitation was given. Congregation then sang "Amazing Grace" and everyone shook hands.

M.S.C. that we adjourn for the noon meal. Bro. Jess Dunkin dismissed the session in prayer and asked the blessing on the meal.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened with singing "Since He Gave ME this Heart of Love" led by Bro. Clark. Scripture reading was Ephesians 4:1-6. Bro. James Reed led in Prayer.

Moderator then resumed charge of the service. Letters from corresponding messengers were called for; a letter was read from the Little Vine Association. M.S.C. to receive the letter and welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stairs into the service.

Moderator at this time appointed the following Temporary Committees:

STATE OF RELIGION: Davie Combs, Finis Johnson, and Virgil Blankenship

DENOMINATION: Oren Barton, Mike Parrott, and J. W. King

LORD'S DAY: Cecile Erhardt, Leona Blankenship and Nora Dethrow

LITERATURE: James Reed, Jesse Dunkin and Bill Burkhead

Moderator asked for reports from delegates that have attended other Associational meetings. Bro. Polly reported from the Social Band Assoc. in Arkansas.

Miscellaneous business called for. An Item from the Executive Board report was read recommending that Article 3 of the Constitution be amended to read "assistant clerk and assistant treasurer." Motion was tabled until tomorrow.

Motion made that Ministers wives and Deacons wives be recognized as standing delegates and be tabled til tomorrow. Motion lost.

Moderator opened the floor for nominations for introductory speaker for next year. Ricky Todd and Virgil Blankenship were nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and we proceed to elect. Our Lord willing these two brethren will be next year's speakers.

Treasurer's report called for. Bro. Bill Burkhead gave the report. M.S.C. to receive the report as stated.

The Obituary report was called for. The Committee wishes to give their report Saturday.

Other reports were called for. The Ordaining report was given as follows:

### ORDAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Committee have done the following work for the year of 1977:78.

NO. 1: We met and organized on July 2, 1977 at the Royal Oak Church. Bro. Darrell Strain, Chairman; Bro. Virgil Blankenship, Clerk; and Jess Dunkin, Member.

NO. 2: First Work: We the Committee met at the Thayer Church on July 24, 1977 and ordained Bro. Randy Hood for the Ministry. All three present.

NO. 3: We the Committee met with the Quarterly meeting committee on October 1, 1977 and examined Bro. Robert Wilson for the ministry to be ordained October 9 at the Mt. Zion Church; and Bro. Danny Cline for Deacon at the Faith Chapel Church; Sherman Daffran

for Royal Oak Church October 23; and Jerry Strain and Warren Coats for the Clifton Church on November 6.

NO. 4: On October 9, Darrell Strain, Jess Dunkin and Charles Hollis met at Mt. Zion Church and Ordained Bro. Willson for the ministry.

NO. 5: On October 16, we the Committee met at Faith Chapel and ordained Bro. Danny Cline as Deacon (all three present).

NO. 6: Sunday, October 23, we met at the Royal Oak Church and ordained Bro. Sherman Daffran as Deacon (all three present).

NO. 7: November 6, we met at the Clifton Church and ordained Bro. Jerry Strain and Bro. Warren Coats as Deacons (all three present).

NO. 8: January 8, 1978 we met at Faith Chapel and ordained Bro. Richard Todd as Minister to preach the Gospel.

Signed: Virgil Blankenship and Jess Dunkin

M.S.C. to accept this report as read.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of the Cave Springs Association report the following items of business. M.S.C. to accept these item by item.

ITEM 1: Meeting was held to draft a letter to Congressmen in opposition to the Equal Rights Amendments. The letter read as follows:

"On behalf of the twenty-three churches of the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptist, we are writing to express the composite views regarding the E.R.A.

By a unanimous vote, all 23 churches urge you as our elected representatives and Senators to vote against the E.R.A. when it comes before your deliberative body. We appreciate any help you can give in defeating this legislation each time it is brought up."

M.S.C. to receive Item 1 as read.

ITEM 2: Discussion on whether Ministers and Deacons wives should be considered as standing delegates at the yearly meetings. M.S.C. to vote against making them standing delegates for two reasons:

1. The possibility of churches losing their voting power.
2. We need them as a delegate from the church.

ITEM 3: The Pleasant Ridge Church had requested by letter that one of the cabins at youth camp be donated for their use and they would repair and keep it up. Discussion called for.

M.S.C. to report to this church that these cabins are shared on an equal basis. M.S.C. for the Association to repair these cabins if they are run down due to negligence. M.S.C. to appoint a committee for cabin repair and upkeep. Larry Bassham, Richard Robinson and Garland Barton were nominated and elected by conference to inspect these cabins. M.S.C. that the Association will pay for committee's trip to the youth camp.



ITEM 4: A letter from a group of Christians at Alton, Missouri requesting that the Executive Board come and organize them as a Freewill Baptist Church on May 7, 1978. Discussion was held on this matter. M.S.C. to present this letter to the yearly meeting by those wishing to be organized as a church.

M.S.C. to receive Item 4 as read as this pertained to the petitionary letter from the Victory Freewill Baptist Church petitioning this Association to accept them into this Association.

ITEM 5: M.S.C. to amend Article 3 of Constitution to include assistant clerk and assistant treasurer.

M.S.C. to lay this business on table until tomorrow session.

ITEM 6: At the request of Darvell Strain, as pastor of the church in question above he excused from taking part in the examination of the Victory Church Constitution and By-laws.

M.S.C. to accept Item 6 as read. M.S.C. that we adjourn. Meeting was adjourned in prayer.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The evening service began at 7:30 P.M. with prayer and congregation singing. Some special singing was rendered and then Bro. E. E. Simpson took the stand reading James 4:1-17. His text was from Cor. 6:1&2 (The Tool of Time). Bro. Doyle Williams then took the stand reading from St. John 16:1-13. His text was (The "I Will's" of Jesus). An invitation was given. Prayer was made for Bro. Price, who requested we pray for healing for him. Service was dismissed with song and a handshake.

### FRIDAY ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS, DEACONS & CLERKS

#### MINISTERS

Oren Barton  
Dale Kester  
Garland Barton  
Walter Simpson  
Larry Cockman  
D. Edward Williams  
Virgil Blankenship  
Clark Stephen  
Mike Parrott  
F. D. Johnson  
J. Darrell Strain  
Richard Todd  
Davie Combs  
Charles Crenshaw  
Elza Hollis

#### DEACONS

Wallace Strain  
John Barton  
Troy Sims  
Warren Coats  
Royce Hollis  
Roscoe Mills  
W. B. Combs  
Glen Wisehart  
Paris Wheeler  
Bill Burkhead  
Ulus Caldwell  
Oather Neal

#### CLERKS

Jennie McDonald  
Kay Shaw  
Bernice Cantrell

# FRIDAY ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS, DEACONS & CLERKS

## MINISTERS

Leon Price  
Meril Shaw  
J. W. King  
Richard Robinson  
David Honeycutt  
Herman Garrison  
Gary Mitchener

## DEACONS

## CLERKS

## 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' report
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 ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS, DEACONS & CLERKS

##### MINISTERS

Walter Simpson  
 Harold Ogden  
 Oren Barton  
 Clarence Burton  
 Virgil Blankenship  
 Clark Stephens  
 Charles Gower  
 Richard Robinson  
 Mike Parrott  
 Darrell Strain  
 Grover Pingleton  
 Charles Crenshaw  
 Gary Mitchener  
 Jesse Dunkin  
 James Reed  
 Davie Combs  
 Bill McClintock  
 Wayne Adrian  
 Doyle Williams  
 Larry Cockman  
 Harry Beatty  
 Millard Ehrhardt  
 David Honeycutt

##### DEACONS

Bill Burkhead  
 Robert Worel  
 Nolen Johnson  
 Rosco Mills

##### CLERKS

Bernice Cantrell  
 Violet Johnson  
 Velma Cambell

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened with Congregation singing "I Must Tell Jesus" and "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

Scripture reading by Clerk, St. John:1:1-17. Service was then turned over to Moderator.

M.S.C. to omit the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws as they were read Friday morning.

Minutes from previous day were called for and read by Clerk. M.S.C. to accept as read.

Moderator asked for church letters that had not been turned in yesterday. Norman letter was read. M.S.C. to receive the letter and to seat the delegates. They were seated with handshake and song.

A Petitionary letter from the Lingo Church was read. M.S.C. to receive the letter and have the Executive Board to examine this church and report to the Association.

Next item of business was to fill all vacancies in committees. Temperance Committee had one vacancy. M.S.C. to let the two present take care of the business. Finance Committee likewise had one absent. M.S.C. that those present could take care of business at hand.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### MODERATOR:

Floor was open for nominations. There was only one nomination, Bro. Walter Simpson. M.S.C. that nominations cease and we proceed to elect. M.S.C. that Bro. Simpson choose his assistant.

#### CLERK:

Bro. Bassham nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect. M.S.C. he choose his assistant.

#### TREASURER:

Bill Burkhead nominated, David Honeycutt nominated. They both declined. Mike Parrott nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect. M.S.C. to commend Clerks for their past service.

### ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Royce Hollis, Joe Archer, Grover Pingleton nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Nora Dethrow, Mamie Crass, Cecil Ehrhardt nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Nolen Johnson, Finis Johnson, Dwight Brawley nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect.

Moderator called for committee reports. They were read as follows:

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Obituary Committee with sad hearts, beg to submit this report. We find that we have lost a goodly number from our midst since our last yearly meeting.

They are sadly missed in our homes and churches. But we submit our will to the will of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Our loss, is Heaven's gain.

Scotty Reed

Grace Cambell

Jane Huddle

Nora Fortune

Dorris McDonald

Daniel Huddleston

Ettie Rogers

Amy Stubblefield

Frank Robinson

Lyal Bates

Fred Cockman

Ella Crase

Warth Campbell

Clara Cantrell

Victoria Blankenship

Lavern Hays

Mason Watson

Artis Field

Arlie Hays

Sanford Turner

Nick Ross

Robert Huffman

signed: Mamie Crase, Nora Dethrow, Cecil Ehrhardt

M.S.C. to receive report and stand in silent remembrance of the deceased.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Temperance Committee report: Since Temperance has a lot to do with our Christian life, we feel that there is no time or place in our life for liquor or beer. Temperance is a part of our Spiritual fruit according to Gal. 5:23 and Titus 2:2 and II Peter 1:6, that we add to our faith, temperance. And also Titus 1:8 that a Bishop must be temperate, to live clean lives, and we recommend that we do not trade with those who sell liquor or beer or any immoral business.

Signed: Nolen Johnson and F. D. Johnson. M.S.C. to receive this report.

### DENOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Denomination Committee submit the following report. We feel that the denomination is still growing, but we feel we need to earnestly strive for spiritual advancement. Also that we as Freewill Baptist need to have more love and compassion for fellow men, also to stay closer to the treatise and church ordinances.

Signed: Oren Barton, Mike Parrott, J. W. King. M.S.C. to receive this report.

## STATE OF RELIGION REPORT

We your committee feel that our churches are not as high spiritually as they should be; as much as we are not hearing of as many conversions as there should be. We feel there is room for improvement.  
Signed: Davie Combs, F.D. Johnson and Virgil Blankenship. M.S.C. to receive report.

## LORD'S DAY REPORT

We the Lord's Day Committee believe that the New Testament teaches that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day.

We feel that every Christian should do everything possible through the week to be at the Lord's house on His day. Hebrews 10:25 says "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the day approaching." Signed: Nora Dethrow, Leona Blankenship, Cecil Ehrhardt. M. S. C. to receive this report.

## LITERATURE 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 hand's reach of all. The next gift you give, let it be a Bible. Thus all can study to show thyself approved unto God. Signed: Bill Burkhead, Jesse Dunkin, and James Reed. M.S.C. to receive this report.

## WEEK-END REVIVAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Week-end Revival Committee submit the following report:  
We had 8 services this past year. The weather was a deterrent the first 3 months of this year. All preachers met their appointments and we had good services with the Holy Spirit present at each one. We pray our effort was not void. Although we had no conversions, we feel lives were blessed in this effort. We thank everyone for their cooperation and the privilege to work for our Lord.  
Signed: Lee Dethrow, Gary Mitchener and Harold Ogden. M.S.C. to receive report as read.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

In reply to the business placed in our hands today, that we examine the Lingo Church, James Reed abstained from the investigation due to

being involved in helping organize the Church.

The Executive Board examined the Minister and the 3 delegates from the church. All answers were satisfactory according to our doctrine.

If the Association wants more examination they may request such. We recommend Bro. Bill McClintock to be referred to the Ordaining Council for examination.

Signed: Manuel Dunkin, Charles Gower, Millard Ehrhardt, J. D. Strain. M.S.C. to receive this report. M.S.C. to accept the Lingo Church into our Association.

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

The floor was opened for nominations to the following committees.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Bro. Manuel Dunkin's term expired this year. Meril Shaw and Bill Burkhead were nominated. Bill Burkhead was elected to a five year term to expire in 1983.

**MISSION BOARD:** Bro. Clark Stevens term has expired. Richard Todd and Dale Kester were nominated. Richard Todd was elected to a five year term to expire in 1983.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Bro. Darrell Strain's term expired. Grover Pingleton and Meril Shaw were nominated. Grover Pingleton was elected to a three year term to expire in 1981.

**WEEK-END REVIVAL COMMITTEE:** Nolen Johnson, Wayne Adrain, and Meril Shaw were nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and proceed to elect. The above three were elected.

Moderator called body's attention to the business tabled from yesterday. This was to amend Article 3 of the Constitution to include assistant clerk and assistant treasurer.

M.S.C. to adopt this suggestion.

M.S.C. that the right for each to appoint his own assistant also be added to the article.

Other reports were called for:

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council find Bill McClintock sound in Freewill Baptist doctrine. We recommend him for a yearly certificate.

M.S.C. to receive report and issue him the certificate.

M.S.C. to release all temporary committees and commend them for their work.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

	STATE	LOCAL	GENERAL
Alton	\$ 3.00	\$10.00	
Bailey Chapel		5.00	
Byrd	15.00	10.00	
Cave Springs	5.00	10.00	
Clifton	2.00	15.00	\$10.00
Cotton Creek		5.00	
Faith Chapel	5.00	5.00	
Garfield	4.00	8.00	
Koshkonong	3.00	7.00	
Liberty		6.00	
Mt. Zion		15.00	
Myrtle	3.00	15.00	
Norman	2.00	5.00	
Piney	3.00	6.00	
Pleasant Hill	10.00	5.00	
Pleasant Ridge	5.00	10.00	
Royal Oak	2.00	4.00	
Shiloh		5.00	
Smyrna		10.00	
Thayer	4.00	6.00	
Walnut Grove	3.00	7.00	
West Plains	4.00	8.00	
Wilderness	5.00	10.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$78.00</b>	<b>\$187.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

M.S.C. that we receive report.

M.S.C. that we go into the afternoon business.

Moderator opened floor for volunteers as delegates to other Associations. Bro. Finis Johnson said he would be a delegate to the Little Vine Association, M.S.C. to give Bro. Johnson authority to make anyone who wishes to go a delegate.

M.S.C. to send Bernice Cantrell, Jo and Grover Pingleton to the State Association as delegates.

Bro. Virgil would be a delegate to the Central Western Association.

The National Association is in July in Kansas City. The following people plan to attend this Association meeting: Dale and Jeanie Kester, Virgil Cantrell and Gary and Brenda Mitchener.

M.S.C. that the delegate carrying letter to the State Association have the authority to write in names of anyone wishing to be a delegate.

M.S.C. that we receive Bro. Russell Johnson's recommendation that



Bro. Virgil Wisehart fill his position on the General Board at the State Association.

M.S.C. that we adjourn. Services were dismissed in prayer.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service started with singing "Leave it There" and "Glory to His Name." David Honeycutt sang a special song "I've Got More to Go To Heaven For." Bro. Darrell Strain then took the stand reading from the book of Jude, verses 1-15. His text was (Contending for the Faith). Bro. Davie Combs concluded the message. His text: Jeremiah 6-16, (Stand Ye in the Ways and ask for the Old Paths Wherein Lieth the Good Way.) The invitation was given and a young woman came and gave her heart to the Lord. We all enjoyed the blessings of God. We dismissed with prayer. and asked blessing on the noon meal.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Evening session opened with thanksgiving unto our Lord and singing "I'm in the Glory Land Way." Scripture reading by the clerk was first chapter of I Thes. Clark Stephens led in prayer.

Moderator asked if there were any further reports. Executive Board had remaining business to report.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We the Executive Board wish to submit the following report, in reply to the business placed in our hands, that we examine the Victory Church By-laws and Constitution.

We have examined the Constitution and By-laws which are not complete and have not been adopted by the church.

With the material we have examined we think majority should be used in Article VII A-1 — A-2 instead unanimous.

These Articles read: An individual may be received into the church upon:

A-1: Profession of faith in Jesus Christ and Baptism by emersion plus unanimous vote of members present.

A-2: Upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from a church recognized as Christian, and the applicant having been baptized by emersion plus unanimous vote of members present.

Signed: Charles Gower, James Lee Reed, Millard Ehrhardt, Manuel Duncan. M.S.C. to receive the report as read.

Motion made and seconded that we accept the Victory Church into our Association.

Second motion made that we ammend the above motion to receive the Victory Church into our Association upon examination by the Ex-

ecutive Board of this Church according to our treatise. Amendment carried.

Moderator asked for those churches requesting next yearly meeting. There were five churches: Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Shiloh, Walnut Grove and Mt. Zion. Vote was taken. Majority of vote fell to Shiloh.

M.S.C. that when all debts are paid the Association funds may be moved from Thayer Bank to Alton Bank being more convenient for Mike Parrott our new treasurer.

It was brought to the body's attention that on July 12, 1979 the Cave Springs Church will be 100 years old, and maybe we could celebrate this someday. M.S.C. that churches think on this matter and bring it back to next yearly meeting.

A resignation was read from Bro. Darrell Strain, resigning from his office on Executive Board.

M.S.C. to receive his resignation.

Moderator then opened floor for nominations to fill his vacancy on the Executive Board whose term was to expire 1982. Doyle Williams and Meril Shaw were nominated. Doyle Williams was elected to take Bro. Strain's place.

M.S.C. that the Executive Board examine the Poplar Bluff Mission.

As there was no further business, M.S.C. that we adjourn meeting. This 1978 Association meeting voice their heartfelt thanks to the Pleasant Hill Church and community for their hosting of this meeting. And PRAISE THE LORD, OUR GOD, for the many blessings in that he has made us a part of his blessed kingdom, for by Grace we are saved through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

# A SUMMARY OF MINISTERS REPORT

	Churches Pastored	Sermons Elsewhere	Members Received	Baptized	Conversions Witnessed	Received for Labor	Appointments Fulfilled	Marriages Solemnized	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Churches Visited
Wayne Adrian	1	10	5	3	5	\$2,170	all	1	1	?	10
Garland Barton	1	18	0	0	4	0	all	0	6	?	12
Oren Barton	1	12	0	0	10	280	all	2	0	4,500	6
Virgil Blankenship	0	26	0	0	?	57	all less 1	0	2	?	12
Paul Clarke	1	7	5	4	7	406	74	0	0	3,887	5
Larry Cockman	0	11	0	0	3	94	11	0	0	?	3
Davie Combs	0	20	0	0	3	663	all	4	5	?	8
Charles Crenshaw	2	30	5	0	8	1,000	36	1	1	5,000	15
Jesse Dunkin	1	0	0	0	0	1,629	all	1	1	830	?
Maunel Dunkin	1	6	5	5	7	640	all	5	5	12,000	5
Millard Ehrhardt	1	12	5	2	2	?	?	4	1	?	10
Herman Garrison	0	1	0	0	5	0	all	0	1	?	4
Joe Garrison	0	29	0	0	?	835	all	0	0	900	4
Charles Gower	1	14	9	3	17	2,500	?	9	6	600	8
Charles Hollis	1	9	0	5	9	1,822	104	1	1	3,300	8
E.E. Hollis	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	0	?
David Honeycutt	1	15	0	0	1	60	all	1	1	3,000	12
Finis Johnson	0	36	0	0	?	430	all	0	1	724	?
Russell Johnson	1	12	10	5	15	4,880	all	2	5	19,420	37
Dale Kester	1	8	7	3	10	?	?	2	2	20,000	7
J. W. King	1	1	0	0	5	2,130	144	0	0	2,130	4
Gary Mitchener	1	?	0	0	4	3,345	all	2	1	5,000	?
Harold Ogden	0	18	0	0	0	20	all	0	0	360	8
Mike Parrott	0	31	0	0	12	312	all	0	0	600	15
Richard Robinson	2	3	7	10	6	7,625	all	0	0	16,000	5
J. E. Rolan	0	0	0	0	3	0	all	0	0	100	3
E. E. Simpson	0	12	5	5	6	110	12	0	0	500	4
Walter Simpson	0	30	0	0	?	4,179	?	1	2	?	64
Meril Shaw	0	25	0	0	0	200	all	0	0	?	10
Dale Skiles	1	60	26	21	47	9,990	all	7	14	32,000	15
Clark Stephens	1	6	0	0	5	1,298	all	4	5	6,500	10
Richard Todd	1	14	4	0	?	1,904	14	0	0	4,000	?
Doyle Williams	1	5	20	6	10	2,888	all	3	2	?	8
Robert Wilson	1	4	0	0	2	1,508	all	0	1	1,812	5

## 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 Savior and Lord.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT:** 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 Savior and Lord, with purpose to 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 persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

## **GOSPEL ORDINANCE**

**BAPTISM**, or the immersion of believers in water, and the **LORD'S SUPPER** are ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel. **FEET WASHING**, an ordinance teaching humility, or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.

**THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH:** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set aside from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities and for personal 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 live 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 conference, 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, en-

courage 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 Freewill 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 assistant clerk, and a treasurer and assistant treasurer. The clerk and treasurer shall have authority to choose their assistants. Each shall hold office until their successor is elected. The Clerk shall receive an honorarium of twenty-five dollars (\$25.) for his service 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, 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 Freewill 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 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 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 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 Quarterly 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. 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, by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and Rev. Billie Rogers. 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, 1936, 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 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, Hosea Simpson and Othel Neal as deacons.

**GARFIELD CHURCH:** Organized August 17, 1942, by Rev. Harry H. Beatty, Billy 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 September 61, 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 FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Organized on Dec. 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 FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Organized 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

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.

### CHURCHES AND PASTORS

#### ALTON:

No Pastor

#### BAILEY CHAPEL:

Manuel Dunkin

Rt. 2

Alton, Missouri

#### BYRD:

Charles Gower

Route 2

Thayer, Missouri

#### CAVE SPRINGS:

Garland Barton

Rt. 1, Box 68B

Alton, Missouri

### CHURCH CLERKS

Jo Ella Rackley  
Alton, Missouri

Ruth Simpson  
Rt. 2  
Alton, Missouri

Glennie Gower  
Rt. 2  
Thayer, Missouri

Deloris Norman  
Rt. 1, Box 78  
Alton, Missouri

**COTTON CREEK:**

Gary Mitchener  
Couch, Missouri

Wanda Melton  
Rt. 1, Box 38A  
Couch, Missouri

**CLIFTON:**

Millard Ehrhardt  
Alton, Missouri

Nova Coble  
Thayer, Missouri

**FAITH CHAPEL:**

Richard Todd  
Rt. 2, Box 349A  
Alton, Missouri

Kay Shaw  
1002 N. Howell  
West Plains, Missouri

**GARFIELD:**

Jesse Dunkin  
Myrtle, Missouri

Jane Wetzel  
Couch, Missouri

**KOSHKONONG:**

Dale Kester  
Koshkonong, Missouri

Juanita Wilbanks  
Koshkonong, Missouri

**LIBERTY:**

No Pastor

Jennie McDonald  
Gatewood, Mo. Rt. 1

**MT. ZION:**

Charles Crenshaw  
Rt. 2  
Thayer, Missouri

Sharon Bowers  
Star Route  
Thayer, Missouri

**MYRTLE:**

Glenn Campbell  
Myrtle, Missouri

Bernice Cantrell  
Myrtle, Missouri

**NORMAN:**

Oren Barton  
Rt. 2, Box 117  
West Plains, Missouri

Clara Jo Barton  
West Plains, Missouri

**PINEY**

Mike Parrott  
Star Route  
Alton, Missouri

Debbie Brawley  
Rt. 3, Box 5  
Alton, Missouri

**PLEASANT HILL:**

David Honeycutt  
Rt. 2, Box 78  
Thayer, Missouri

Sue Burkhead  
Rt. 2, Box 79  
Thayer, Missouri

**PLEASANT RIDGE:**

D. Edward Williams  
  
Alton, Missouri

Violet Johnson  
Rt. 2, Box 20  
Alton, Missouri

**ROYAL OAK:**

Wayne Adrian  
Rt. 3  
Alton, Missouri

Velma Cambell  
Rt. 3, Box 3E  
Alton, Missouri

**SHILOH:**

Clark Stephens  
Lanton Rt.  
West Plains, Missouri

Ruth Simpson  
Star Rt.  
Alton, Missouri

**SMYRNA:**

Bill Bales  
Alton, Missouri

Mary Cambell  
Thomasville, Mo.

**THAYER:**

Richard Robinson  
308 Oak Street  
Thayer, Missouri

Lavern Clark  
Rt. 1, Box CA 4  
Thayer, Missouri

**WALNUT GROVE**

No Pastor

Della Mitchell  
Rt. 1  
Myrtle, Missouri

**WEST PLAINS:**

Dale Skiles  
902 Howell Street  
West Plains, Missouri

Bill Haddock  
1613 9th  
West Plains, Missouri

**WILDERNESS:**

J. W. King  
Couch, Missouri

Janice Simpson  
Star Route  
Fremont, Missouri



**LINGO:**

Bill McClintock  
Doniphan, Missouri

Beth McClintock  
Doniphan, Missouri

**OTHER LICENSED OR ORDAINED MINISTERS**

C. R. Bryan  
Thayer, Missouri

James Lee Reed  
Myrtle, Missouri

E. E. Simpson  
Alton, Missouri

Darrell Strain  
Alton, Missouri

J. E. Rolan  
Thayer, Missouri

Herman Garrison  
Myrtle, Missouri

E. E. Hollis  
Thayer, Missouri

Harold Ogden  
Alton, Missouri

Davie Combs  
West Plains, Missouri

Paul Clarke  
Thayer, Missouri

F. D. Johnson  
West Plains, Missouri

Meril Shaw  
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