

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**Cave Spring Yearly Meeting**

OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

**Freewill Baptist Church**

SHILOH

MAY 18, 19, 1979

OFFICERS: 1980 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 Royal Oak Church.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1980.

Bro. Jesse Dunkin and Bro. F. D. Johnson will bring the Introductory Message in the 1980 meeting.

## COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

### TERM EXPIRES

Millard Ehrhardt . . . . .	1980
James Lee Reed . . . . .	1981
Doyle Williams . . . . .	1982
Bill Burkhead . . . . .	1983
Nolen Johnson . . . . .	1984

### MISSION BOARD

Walter Simpson . . . . .	1980
Gary Mitchener . . . . .	1981
Doyle Williams . . . . .	1982
Richard Todd . . . . .	1983
Robert Wilson . . . . .	1984

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Virgil Blankenship . . . . .	1980
Grover Pingleton . . . . .	1981
Charles Gowers . . . . .	1982

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Archer  
Royce Hollis  
Grover Pingleton

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Nora Dethrow  
Mamie Crase  
Cecil Ehrhardt

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight Brawley  
Pete Holman  
Wayne Adrian

### PRINTING COMMITTEE

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### FRIDAY

1. Singing, Scripture Reading 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. Appointment of Divine Committee
7. Petitionary Letters
8. Letters From Corresponding Messengers
9. Appointment of Temporary Committees
10. Report of Delegates That Have Attended Other Associations
11. Adjournment With Prayer
12. Eleven O'Clock Service
13. Open With Singing, Scripture Reading 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 Committee
22. Adjournment
23. Evening Service

### 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 Service
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

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 92nd Annual meeting of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptists, met with the Shiloh Freewill Baptist Church, Friday, May 18, 1979, at 9:00 A.M.

Friday session opened with congregation singing "Living by Faith," led by Bro. David Honeycutt. Clerk read Romans 12 and Bro. James Lee Reed led in prayer. Clerk then turned session over to the Moderator, Bro. Walter Simpson.

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

Moderator called for all Church letters to be turned in and read. The Church letters were read along with the Quarterly Meeting letter.

M.S.C. to receive these letters and seat the delegates that were present. They were given the right hand of fellowship while singing "Come and Dine." The following is a list of delegates from each Church.

### ALTON:

Sis. Nora Dethrow . . . . .	Present
Bro. Lee Dethrow . . . . .	Present
Sis. Bertha Williams . . . . .	Present

### BAILEY CHAPEL:

Bro. Carl Shehorn . . . . .	Present
Sis. Ruth Holman . . . . .	Present
Bro. Elgan Holman . . . . .	Present

### BYRD:

Sis. Leonard Clark . . . . .	Present
Bro. Leonard Clark . . . . .	Present
Sis. Alpha Garrison . . . . .	Present

### CAVE SPRING:

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

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**CLIFTON:**

Sis. Clestyl Clark . . . . .	Present
Sis. Reva Deckard . . . . .	Present
Sis. Ora Rolan. . . . .	Present

**COTTON CREEK:**

Bro. Winiford Case. . . . .	Present
Sis. Norma Jo Case . . . . .	Present
Sis. Pam Case . . . . .	Present

**FAITH CHAPEL:**

Bro. Henry Lee . . . . .	Present
Sis. Olen Lee . . . . .	Present
Sis. Hattie Sims. . . . .	Absent

**GARFIELD:**

Sis. Vesta Sanders . . . . .	Present
Sis. Vicki McGhee . . . . .	Present
Sis. Inez Martin. . . . .	Present

**HIGHLAND:**

None Present

**KOSHKONONG:**

Bro. Clarence Sweeny. . . . .	Present
Sis. Artha Underwood . . . . .	Present
Bro. Bob Barnett. . . . .	Absent

**MT. ZION:**

Sis. Pearlene Ford . . . . .	Present
Sis. Norene Roberts . . . . .	Present
Sis. Tennie Madden . . . . .	Present

**MYRTLE:**

Bro. Leonard Hall . . . . .	Present
Sis. Meda Evans. . . . .	Present
Sis. Mamie Crase . . . . .	Present

**NORMAN:**

Sis. May Blankenship . . . . .	Present
Bro. Theo Blankenship . . . . .	Present
Sis. Janice Williams . . . . .	Absent

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**PINEY:**

Sis. Sylvia Payne . . . . .	Present
Sis. Beverly Bagley . . . . .	Present
Sis. Eva Williams . . . . .	Absent

**PLEASANT HILL:**

Sis. Linda Honeycutt . . . . .	Present
Sis. Nora Hollis . . . . .	Present
Bro. Bill Burkhead . . . . .	Present

**PLEASANT RIDGE:**

Sis. Ruth Booker . . . . .	Present
Sis. Shirley Cockman . . . . .	Present
Sis. Ora Williams . . . . .	Present

**ROYAL OAK:**

Sis. Muriel Campbell . . . . .	Present
Sis. Betty Adrian . . . . .	Present
Sis. Willie Stubbs . . . . .	Present

**SHILOH:**

Sis. Darlene Johnson . . . . .	Present
Sis. Elma Wilson . . . . .	Present
Sis. Grace Redburn . . . . .	Present

**SMYRNA:**

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

**THAYER:**

Bro. Joe Archer . . . . .	Present
Bro. Loren Barton . . . . .	Present
Sis. Carolee Barton . . . . .	Present

**WALNUT GROVE:**

Sis. Georgia Lee Williams . . . . .	Present
Sis. Della Mitchell . . . . .	Present
Bro. Everett Mitchell . . . . .	Present

**WEST PLAINS:**

Bro. Bill Cantrell . . . . .	Present
Sis. Inez Cantrell . . . . .	Present
Bro. Frank Newberry . . . . .	Present

## WILDERNESS:

Sis. Frances Simpson	Present
Sis. Pat Brawley	Present
Bro. Marvin Brawley	Present

## VICTORY:

Sis. Viola Strain	Present
Sis. Ester Strain	Present
Sis. Alsie Adams	Present

## UNITED:

Bro. Albert Sanders	Present
Bro. Carroll Hickman	Present
Bro. Pete Holman	Present

## QUARTERLY MEETING:

Sis. Ruth Thompson	Present
Sis. Mammie Crase	Present
Bro. Leonard Clark	Present

## YOUTH ASSOCIATION:

Bro. Loren Barton	Present
Sis. Darlene Barton	Present
Sis. Donna Barton	Present

The Assistant Moderator appointed the Divine Service Committee. Those appointed were Roscoe Mills, Troy Sims, and Roy Underwood.

Letter read from the Youth Association. M.S.C. to seat Youth Association delegates.

M.S.C. to put into the hands of the Ordaining Committee the request made by Faith Chapel to accept into the Association Bro. Shirley Turner and Thayer's request to license Bro. Loren Barton.

M.S.C. that two members of Ordaining Committee choose a third member. Bro. James Lee Reed was chosen.

Shiloh FWB Church request the body make the decision on having church Friday night at Shiloh. M.S.C. to have church.

Petitionary letter read from United FWB Church. M.S.C. that we accept the United FWB Church as requested by letter. Discussion followed.

M.S.C. for no further discussion.

M.S.C. to seat delegates.

M.S.C. to adjourn for the 11:00 A.M. Service. Bro. David Honeycutt dismissed in prayer.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Bro. David Honeycutt led in singing, "Have a Little Talk With Jesus." Prayer was led by Bro. Robert Wilson before Bro. Richard Todd began preaching. His text was "What Time Is It?" (Romans 10:13.) Bro. Virgil Blankenship concluded with "Sound Doctrine" (Rev. 3:6, Titus 2:1-15).

The Divine Service Committee gave their report. Message to be brought Friday night by Bro. Richard Todd and Bro. Robert Wilson and Saturday, May 19, at 11:00 A.M. by Bro. John England and Bro. Wayne Adrian. Song "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus", with hand of fellowship. Prayer and blessing on the noon meal by Bro. F.D. Johnson.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened with singing, "Standing on the Promises," led by Bro. David Honeycutt. Scripture reading was Psalm 1 by clerk. Prayer by Bro. E. E. Simpson.

Moderator then resumed charge of the service. Letters from corresponding messengers were called for. A letter from the Little Vine Association was read. M.S.C. to receive the letter and welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roberts into the service with hand of fellowship, while singing "The Gloryland Way."

Verbal report given by Bro. Harry Beaty from Grace Church, Arnold, Missouri.

Verbal report given by Bro. John England, Social Band Association, First FWB Church, Mt. Home, Arkansas.

Moderator at this time appointed the following Temporary Committees:

STATE OF RELIGION: Pete Holman, Leonard Clark and Lee Dethrow.

DENOMINATION: Richard Robinson, David Honeycutt and F. D. Johnson.

LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE: Reva Deckard, Francis Bell and Elma Wilson.

LITERATURE: Cecil Ehrhardt, Francis Simpson and Edna Hall. Miscellaneous business called for:

ITEM 1. Cave Springs Church 100th Anniversary, July 12. M.S.C. to nominate committee to contact Cave Springs Church and find out their feelings about having a service. Committee nominations were Manual Dunkin, Virgil Blankenship and Roy Underwood. M.S.C. that nominations cease and proceed to elect.

M.S.C. to elect committee to bring recommendation to body con-



cerning lifetime recommendation from association for older ministers and deacons. M.S.C. for monderator to nominate committee members. Bro. Bill Burkhead, Bro. Virgil Blankenship and Bro. Charles Hollis were chosen.

Moderator opened the floor for nominations for introductory speaker for next year. Bro. Jesse Dunkin and F. D. Johnson were nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and we proceed to elect. Our Lord's willing these two brethren will be next year's speakers.

Treasurer's report called for. Bro. Mike Parrott gave the report. M.S.C. to accept report as stated. Request made that delegates return to their churches and express financial needs of association.

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

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee beg to submit the following report. Since our last yearly association we have lost a goodly number of members from our churches and homes and we miss them very much, but we must submit our will to that of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well. But our loss is Heaven's gain. The following members - 29.

Mary Isophine Blankenship . . . . .	Norman Church
Ezra Manes, Sr. . . . .	Thayer Church
Ellen Bell Campbell . . . . .	Bailey Chapel
Anna Catherine Flood . . . . .	Koshkonong
Emma Matilda Jackson . . . . .	Mt. Zion
Creasy M. Decker . . . . .	Thayer Church
Sally Ella Reed . . . . .	Mt. Zion
Milburn C. Strain . . . . .	Clifton
Gladys Campbell . . . . .	Walnut Grove
Archel Hays . . . . .	Pleasant Hill
Lucille Crase . . . . .	West Plains
Lee E. Newberry . . . . .	Thayer Church
James Dalton . . . . .	Bailey Chapel
Ryle Bennett . . . . .	Walnut Grove
Orville Brawley . . . . .	Pleasant Ridge
Rufus Evans . . . . .	Myrtle
Leo Baker . . . . .	Garfield
Ila Maude Frey . . . . .	Piney
Daniel Max Simpson . . . . .	Bailey Chapel
Eleanor Francis Breeden . . . . .	Smyrna
Ralph Raymond Watson . . . . .	Smyrna
Mabel Stephens . . . . .	Walnut Grove

Dora England . . . . .	Walnut Grove
Robert P. Norman . . . . .	Cave Spring
Ervin "Doc" Ingram . . . . .	Norman
George Fraley . . . . .	Thayer
Leatrice Gertrude Dotson . . . . .	Royal Oak
G. E. Richardson . . . . .	Faith Chapel
Opal Bennett . . . . .	Cotton Creek

Signed: Mamie Crase, Cecile Ehrhardt, Nora Dethrow

M.S.C. to receive report and if any names are missed, they are to be added to list. Moderator called on Bro. Millard Ehrhardt to lead in prayer in remembrance of deceased members.

### STATE OF RELIGION COMMITTEE REPORT

We your State of Religion Committee believe that we should make the Church first above everything. We must support the Church both spiritually and financially. Keep the Sabbath Day holy. Be ready to be a soul winner at every opportunity and to make our every day life a living testimony for Christ.

Signed: Pete Holman, Lee Dethrow and Leonard Clark.

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

### DENOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Denomination Committee submit the following report. We can be proud of our denomination because of its fundamental stand in a day of liberalism. We thank God for the older ministers and laymen who have fought the good fight of faith and for the young preachers and laity who are standing firm for the Lord and his work. Let us pray one for another and strive to hold true to the truths of God's Word until Christ comes.

Signed: F.D. Johnson, Richard Robinson and David Honeycutt.

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

### LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Lord's Day Committee believe that the Bible teaches us that we are to work six days and keep the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship. This law was given to Moses, Exodus 20, verse 9 & 10. Christ observed this law and we are to follow his example.

Signed: Reva Decker, Frances Bell, and Elma Wilson

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

## LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Literature Committee believe that the Bible should be our guidepost and daily roadmap. Other religious material is good but we recommend that they be Biblically based and not used as a substitute for God's Word. The Bible says to study to show thyself approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Signed: Frances Simpson, Cecile Ehrhardt and Edna Hall  
M.S.C. to accept report as read.

## ORDAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that you license Bro. Loren Barton to preach for one year.

Signed: Virgil Blankenship, Jesse H. Dunkin and James Lee Reed. M.S.C. to accept report as read.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

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

ITEM 1: The Executive Board met with the Victory FWB Church for the purpose of examining body. The Committee found the Church sound and following the FWB Treatise. M.S.C. to receive Item 1 as read.

ITEM 2: The Executive Board met December 17, 1978, at Alton FWB Church. Letter read from Quarterly Meeting requesting yearly certificate for Bro. Keith Combs, Victory FWB Church and Bro. Glen Campbell of Myrtle FWB Church. M.S.C. to issue certificate to Bro. Glen Campbell. M.S.C. to grant Bro. Keith Combs a yearly certificate on basis of recommendation of Quarterly Meeting. M.S.C. to accept Item 2 as read.

ITEM 3: M.S.C. to recommend the Poplar Bluff Mission be dismissed from our Association upon basis of information furnished by Bro. Reed. (Mission now belongs to another association). M.S.C. to accept Item 3 as read.

ITEM 4: Executive Board met April 24, 1978, at Clifton FWB Church. Letter read from United FWB Church requesting body be examined by committee from Yearly Association. M.S.C. that letter be sent to United FWB Church recommending they petition by letter the Yearly Association. M.S.C. to accept Item 4 as read.

M.S.C. that temporary committees be released.

M.S.C. that tonight's service begin at 7:30 P.M.

An oral report was given by Bro. Mike Parrott concerning plans for the Youth Association Revival.

Request made that moderator interpret the Executive Board's powers and duties. Request fulfilled.

Special committee report called for. Special committee recommends that we amend Article 10 of the Standing Rules by adding . . . "Any inactive minister or deacon, due to health or age, recommended by their church, shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association without a verbal or written report, because of their self-sacrifice for the Lord in His cause." Motion made and seconded to accept recommendation. M.S.C. to table amendment until Saturday.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Charles Hollis.

### FRIDAY ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS, DEACONS & CLERKS

#### MINISTERS

F. D. Johnson  
Walter Simpson  
Leon Price  
J. E. Rolen  
Harry Beatty  
Leon Hull  
John Holesapple  
Richard Todd  
David Honeycutt  
Allen Sanders  
James Lee Reed  
Wayne Adrian  
Robert Wilson  
Virgil Blankenship  
Manuel Dunkin  
D. Edward Williams  
Larry Cockman  
Millard Ehrhardt  
Gary Mitchener  
Charles Hollis  
Richard Robinson  
Dale Kester  
Mike Parrott  
Jesse H. Dunkin  
E. E. Simpson

#### DEACONS

Bill Burkhead  
Royce Hollis  
Ulus Caldwell  
Troy Sims  
T. J. Adkisson  
Roy Underwood  
Roscoe Mills

#### CLERKS

Della Mitchell  
Edna Hull  
Margie Parrott

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The evening service began at 7:30 p.m. with Bro. Mike Parrott in charge. Service opened with prayer by Bro. Grover Pingleton. Song service was led by Bro. David Honeycutt. Prayer by Bro. Larry Cockman. Testimony service led by Bro. Mike Parrott, along with song and handshake. Special songs were rendered before Bro. Robert Wilson took

the stand reading from James 4:1-17, I John 2:16-18. Text: "Sin For The Last Time." Bro. Richard Todd took the stand reading from Isaiah 40:31 and Deut. 32:11. Invitations were given. Service closed with alter of prayer.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened with congregation singing "I Can Tell You The Time" and "Victory In Jesus." Scripture reading by the Clerk, I Thes. 5:1-18. Prayer by Bro. Charles Gowers. Service was then turned over to the Moderator.

M.S.C. to omit reading of the Constitution and By-Laws, as they were read yesterday. Minutes from previous day were called for and read by Clerk. M.S.C. to accept minutes as amended. M.S.C. to commend Clerk.

Moderator asked for church letters that were not turned in Friday. West Plains letter was read. M.S.C. to accept letter and seat delegates. They were seated with song "I'll Live in Glory" and handshake.

Moderator called for filling vacancies in committees. Temperance committee had two vacancies. M.S.C. that Moderator appoint members to fill vacancies. Bro. Harold Ogden and Bro. Dale Skiles were appointed.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Floor was opened for nominations. Bros. Walter Simpson and David Honeycutt were nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Bro. Walter Simpson was elected. M.S.C. that Moderator choose his assistant. Bro. James Lee Reed was chosen.

CLERK: Bro. Bassham nominated for Clerk. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect.

TREASURER: Bro. Mike Parrott nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect.

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

The floor was opened for nominations to the following committees:  
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Bro. Charles Gower's term expired this year. Bro. Nolen Johnson was nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and elect by acclamation. His term will expire in 1984.

MISSION BOARD: Bro. Garland Barton's term has expired. Bros.

Robert Wilson and Larry Cockman were nominated. M.S.C. to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Bro. Robert Wilson was elected to a five year term to expire in 1984.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Bro. Jesse Dunkin's term has expired. Bros. Charles Gowers and Garland Barton were nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease. Bro. Charles Gowers elected to a term of three years to expire in 1982.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Bros. Royce Hollis, Joe Archer, and Grover Pingleton nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect.

**OBITUARY COMMITTEE:** Nora Dethrow, Mamie Crass, and Cecile Ehrhardt nominated. M.S.C. nominations cease and proceed to elect.

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:** Dwight Brawley, Pete Holman, F. D. Johnson and Wayne Adrian were nominated. Bros. Dwight Brawley, Pete Holman and Wayne Adrian were elected.

Clerk chooses Mrs. Elda Bassham as assistant. Treasurer chooses Bro. Clark Stephens as assistant.

### WEEKEND REVIVAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Weekend Revival Committee give the following report: We had 11 services this past year. Two of the meetings were with other revivals in progress. All ministers met their appointments. We feel like the services were worth while by seeing many souls blessed by having them at various churches. We would like to thank the Lord first and all ministers and others for their support and effort put forth to make this a successful year. We hope we have done the Lord's Will and hope the Lord continues to bless this part of his work.

Your committee: Nolen Johnson, Meril Shaw and Wayne Adrian. M.S.C. that Weekend Revival report be accepted. M.S.C. to give a vote of thanks to the Weekend Revival Committee. Oral report concerning weekend revivals was given by Bro. Wayne Adrian.

M.S.C. to continue weekend revivals. Floor opened for nominations to weekend revival committee. Allen Sanders, Ulen McGary and Roy Underwood were nominated. M.S.C. that nominations cease and proceed to elect these three men of God.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council, met at the Shiloh Church, May 19, 1979, to examine Bro. Shirley Turner as a minister of the Gospel. Bro. Turner comes to our Association from the Little Vine General Baptist Association. We recommend that Bro. Turner bring a letter of recommendation from the Little Vine Association, and, if recommended to us, we ask the Moderator and Clerk give him a yearly certificate of recommendation to pastor his church and preach the Word. M.S.C. to accept report as read.

Report called for from Special Committee concerning celebration service at Cave Spring Church. An oral report was given by Bro. Manuel Dunkin. M.S.C. to accept report.

M.S.C. that same committee and Cave Springs Church work out details concerning service.

M.S.C. to take motion from table concerning the amendement to Article 10 of the Standing Rules, which reads: "Any inactive minister or deacon, due to health or age, recognized by their church, shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association without a verbal or written report, because of their self-sacrifice to the Lord in His Cause." M.S.C. to accept amendment as read.

M.S.C. to send delegates to Little Vine Association. Bro. F. D. Johnson volunteered. M.S.C. to give Bro. F. D. Johnson permission to add two names as delegates.

Assistant Moderator took charge of meeting by request of the Moderator. The floor was opened for nominations for delegates to the State Convention. Sis. Blanche Wisheart was nominated. M.S.C. to allow Sis. Blanche Wisheart to add six names as delegates to the State Convention.

M.S.C. to send to the State Association the amount equal to our registration fee for our churches.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Dismissal prayer led by Bro. John England.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service started with singing, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and "I'll Fly Away," led by Bro. Charles Hollis. Bro. Wayne Adrian then took the stand reading from Joshua 3:13-17. Text: "Obtaining Our Positions." Bro. John England then took the stand reading from Rev. 3:1. Text: "When is a Church Dead or Dying?" Song of invitation: "Pass Me Not." Song, "There is Power in the Blood", with handshake. Announcements were made. Dismissal prayer and blessing of the noon meal by Bro. David Honeycutt.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Open session by singing "My Lord Keeps a Record," led by Bro. Ulan McGary. Scripture reading by the Clerk was St. John 4:34:38. Prayer by Bro. Troy Sims.

Service was turned over to the Moderator. Temperance report was called for and read.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

ITEM 1: We recommend that we as Freewill Baptist re-affirm our stand as to the total abstinence from the sale and use of all intoxicating beverages.

ITEM 2: We also recommend that in accordance with I Cor. 9:25, we, as Christians should strive to be temperate in all things, so far as those things pertain to the desires of the flesh and the pleasures of the world.

ITEM 3: We, the Temperance Committee report that temperance has a lot to do with our Christian influence. We feel it is our duty to life a clean Christian life in order that we may lead others to Christ. Temperance is a part of the fruits of the spirit, Gal. 5:23. In Titus 1:8, a Bishop must be temperate and we believe that Christians should not trade with those who sell liquor or beer. We feel that when we do, we are helping support it.

Signed: F. D. Johnson, Dale Skiles and Harold Ogden  
M.S.C. to accept report as read.  
Financial report called for and read.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance from 5-19-78. . . . .	\$ 502.30
Donation 9-21-78. . . . .	60.00
Collections 5-18-78. . . . .	306.00
Total Cash Accountable . . . . .	\$ 868.30
Less Disbursements . . . . .	551.85
Balance on Hand. . . . .	\$ 316.45

### DISBURSEMENTS

State Minutes . . . . .	\$ 78.00
Minute Books. . . . .	215.50
Minute Books. . . . .	233.35
Clerk, Expenses. . . . .	25.00
Total Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 551.85
5-19-79, Audited by: Joe H. Archer, Royce Hollis, Grover Pingleton	



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M.S.C. to receive report as read. Request of Treasurer is that churches send fees by check.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council, wish to submit the following report of our labors for the year of 1978 and 1979.

On July 16, 1978, we met at the Mt. Zion Church at 2:30 p.m. to examine Brother Charlie Crenshaw to preach the Word of God. Having found him sound in the faith of our denomination and in the Word of God, we ordained him by the laying on of the hands and prayer. A very wonderful service was enjoyed by all and the church was greatly blessed. All three members were present.

On February 11, 1979, we met at the Koshkonong Church to examine Bro. Johnny Holesapple to preach the Gospel of our dear Lord. Having found him worthy and sound in the faith, at 2:30 p.m. we ordained him to preach the Word by prayer and the laying on of the hands. There was a large crowd of the Saints of God present and we had a wonderful time in the Lord together. All three members were present.

On April 8, 1979, we met at the Pleasant Ridge Church to examine Bro. Larry Cockman to preach the Gospel. Having found Brother Larry sound in the faith and well qualified for the ministry, we ordained him by the laying on of the hands and prayer at 2:30 P.M.

A real large crowd was present and a very wonderful service was enjoyed by everyone. Due to the absence of Bro. Jesse Dunkin, we chose Bro. Oren Barton to take his place. The other two were present.

On April 22, 1979, we met at the Royal Oak Church to examine Bro. Roy Danils to preach the Word. Having found him worthy to preach the Gospel and sound in faith we ordained him by prayer and the laying on of the hands. Again, we experienced a very wonderful service and received a great blessing from the wonderful Lord. All three members were present. Chairman: Rev. Virgil Blankenship, Secretary:

Rev. Grover Pingleton, Member: Rev. Jesse Dunkin

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

Bro. Robert Crawford, Public Relations Officer, from Nashville FWB College, brings report concerning information about college.

M.S.C. that report be accepted with appreciation and that information be taken back to our churches.

Assistant Moderator listed churches requesting next Yearly Meeting. There were three churches: Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and Walnut Grove. Vote was taken. Royal Oak received the majority vote.

M.S.C. to give heartfelt thanks to Shiloh FWB Church for their hosting this meeting. M.S.C. to adjourn. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Robert Crawford.

## SATURDAY ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS, DEACONS & CLERKS

### MINISTERS

Glen Campbell  
Garland Barton  
Darrell Strain  
Larry Cockman  
Ulen McGary  
David Honeycutt  
Walter Simpson  
Clark Stephens  
James Lee Reed  
Virgil Blankenship  
D. Edward Williams  
Charles Gower  
Robert Wilson  
Charles Hollis  
Wayne Adrian  
Mike Parrott  
Richard Robinson  
Bro. Beatty  
Robert B. Crawford  
Allen Sanders  
Gary Mitchener  
Millard Ehrhardt  
Oren Barton  
Grover J. Pingleton  
C. R. Thompson

### DEACONS

Bill Burkhead  
Roy Underwood  
Andrew Moore  
Royce Hollis

### CLERKS

Margie Parrott

**A SUMMARY OF  
MINISTERS  
REPORTS**

A SUMMARY OF MINISTERS REPORTS	CHURCHES PASTORED	SERMONS ELSEWHERE	MILES TRAVELED	RECEIVED INTO CHURCH	BAPTIZED	CONVERSIONS WITNESSED	RECEIVED FOR LABORS	CHURCHES VISITED	APPOINTMENTS FULFILLED	MARRIAGES SOLEMIZED	FUNERALS
Wayne Adrian	1	10	5,000	1	2	5	\$ 3,000.00	10	all	2	2
Garland Barton	2	18	10,800	6	3	6	2,045.00	15	all	1	5
Oren Barton	1	6	2,880	0	0	12	320.00	5	all	1	0
Virgil Blankenship	0	32	?	0	0	?	443.00	12	all	0	5
Paul Clark	1	3	5,847	1	0	0	1,800.00	10	all	0	1
Larry Cockman	1	32	?	0	0	5	674.85	21	32	0	1
Davie Combs	1	10	?	0	10	10	2,200.00	none	all	3	13
Charles Crenshaw	1	15	20,000	?	3	12	2,200.00	10	all	1	0
Jesse Dunkin	0	15	1,000	0	0	4	193.00	16	all	0	5
Manuel Dunkin	1	10	8,000	7	6	14	614.38	10	all	4	6
Millard Ehrhardt	1	10	3,000	0	0	2	35.00	?	50	0	1
Charles Gower	1	11	13,500		7				all	8	9
F. D. Johnson	0	26	758	6	0	3	318.00	?	all	0	0
John Holesapple	0	30	1,200	0	0	1	200.00	15	all	0	0
Charles Hollis	1	6	2,125	30	3	3	2,728.50	9	88	1	3
David Honeycutt	1	7	1,000	0	3	3	200.00	7	all	3	1
J. W. King	1	2	9,000	0	0	3		6	100	0	0
Wayne Lunyou	0	30	500	0	0	3	100.00	12	30	0	0
Harold Ogden	0	14	400	0	0	0	80.00	6	all	0	0
Mike Parrott	1	9	2,500	0	3	2	468.75	12	all	2	0
James Lee Reed	(Evangelistic Work)										
Richard Robinson	1	10	16,500	9	3	5	10,000.00	15	all	6	5
J. E. Rolan	0	6	150	0	0	6		6	all	0	0
Allen Sanders	1	49	?	0	0	2	?	?	all	0	0
Meril Shaw	0	10				4		15			
Walter Simpson	1	(Evangelistic Work)									
Dale Skiles	1	25	25,000	20	16	34	9,800.00	18	all	2	15
Clark Stephens	1	10	8,300			5	1,200.00	10	51	4	2
Darrell Strain	1	30	22,600		5	23	2,700.00	10	all	1	0
Richard Todd	1	14	6,000	?	0	?	3,000.00	3	all	1	2
Doyle Williams	1	10	?	6	0	10	2,888.07	9	all	1	2

## 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 perservere 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,

encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists and shall be composed of such well regulated quarterly meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE 1. It shall be the purpose of this organization to cooperate with the state and national associations in their efforts to combine and direct the energies of the 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 clerks 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 10 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 person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the brother nominated be elected.

ARTICLE 15. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question before the conference by request of one-fifth of the members present.

ARTICLE 16. The constitution and by-laws of this conference shall be read at each session near its commencement.

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

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. Any inactive minister or deacon, due to health or age, recommended by their church, shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association without a verbal or written report, because of their self-sacrifice for the Lord in His cause.

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.

Herslson 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, 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. Rolan and Harry Beatty. Ordained deacons elected as deacons, J. W. Jewell, Otto Harrison and Fred King.

**ALTON CHURCH:** Organized September 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 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 Missions 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 \_\_\_\_\_ one 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:

Garland Barton  
Rt. 2 Box 35A  
Alton, MO 65606

### BAILEY CHAPEL:

Shorty Thompson  
Star Route  
Thayer, MO 65791

### BYRD:

Charles Gower  
Route 2  
Thayer, MO 65791

### CAVE SPRINGS:

Larry Cockman  
Route 1  
Alton, MO 65606

### CLIFTON:

Clark Stephens  
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West Plains, MO 65775

### COTTON CREEK:

Gary Mitchener  
Myrtle, MO 65778

### FAITH CHAPEL:

Shirley Turner  
1028 Lincoln  
West Plains, MO 65775

### GARFIELD:

Grover Pingleton  
Star Route  
Thayer, MO 65791

### HIGHLAND:

Charles Hollis  
Route 1, Box 65  
Koshkonong, MO 65692

## CHURCH CLERKS

Jo Ella Rackley  
Rt. 1 Box 295  
Alton, MO 65606

Ruth Simpson  
Rt. 2 Box 122  
Alton, MO 65606

Glennie Gower  
Route 2  
Thayer, MO 65791

Deloris Norman  
Route 1 Box 78  
Alton, MO 65606

Nova Coble  
Thayer, MO 65791

Wanda Melton  
Couch, MO 65690

Kay Shaw  
1002 N. Howell  
West Plains, MO 65775

Jane Wetzel  
Route 1  
Couch, MO 65690

Eula Price  
Pottersville Rt. Box 101  
West Plains, MO 65775

**LIBERTY:**

No Pastor

Jennie McDonald  
Rt. 1  
Gatewood, MO

**LINGO:**

Bill McClintock  
Doniphan, MO

Beth McClintock  
Doniphan, MO

**KOSHKONONG:**

No Pastor

Juanita Wilbanks  
Koshkonong, MO 65692

**MT. ZION:**

Johnny Holesapple  
Route 1  
Koshkonong, MO 65692

Pamela Bower  
Route 2, Box 200  
Thayer, MO 65791

**MYRTLE:**

Glenn Campbell  
Myrtle, MO 65778

Edna Hall  
Myrtle, MO 65778

**NORMAN:**

Leon Price  
Route 2  
Thayer, MO 65791

Phillis Blankenship  
Star Route, Box 72  
Thayer, MO 65791

**PINEY:**

Mike Parrott  
Alton, MO 65606

Debbie Brawley  
Route 3, Box 5  
Alton, MO 65606

**PLEASANT HILL:**

David Honeycutt  
Route 2  
Thayer, MO 65791

Sue Burkhead  
Route 2  
Thayer, MO 65791

**PLEASANT RIDGE:**

E. Doyle Williams  
Alton, MO 65606

Wanda M. Johnson  
Rt. 1 Box 262B  
Alton, MO 65606



**ROYAL OAK:**

Wayne Adrian  
Route 3  
Alton, MO 65606

Helen Daffron  
Route 1  
Koshkonong, MO 65692

**SHILOH:**

Robert Wilson  
Koshkonong, MO 65692

Margie Parrott  
Star Route  
Alton, MO 65606

**SMYRNA:**

Allen Sanders  
Couch, MO 65690

Mary Cambell  
Thomasville, MO 65578

**THAYER:**

Richard Robinson  
308 Oak Street  
Thayer, MO 65791

Lavern Clark  
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Thayer, MO 65791

**UNITED:**

Finis Johnson, Assistant  
1025 College  
West Plains, MO 65775

Catherine Judd  
131 Jefferson  
West Plains, MO 65775

**VICTORY:**

Darrell Strain  
Alton, MO 65606

Helena Barton  
Alton, MO 65606

**WALNUT GROVE:**

Paul Clark  
Thayer, MO 65791

Della Mitchell  
Route 1  
Myrtle, MO 65778

**WILDERNESS:**

Wayne Lunyou  
Alton, MO 65606

Janice Simpson  
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