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OF THE

101st

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING

OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

UNITED

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 13 and 14, 1988

OFFICERS: 1988 SESSION

Moderator									Garland Barton
Assistant Moderato	r,								. Glenn Murray
Clerk									. Darrell Strain
Assistant Clerk									. Esther Strain
Treasurer									Ben Pohnert
Assistant Treasurer									Leo Warren

The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the United Church, West Plains, Missouri.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1989.

Bro. Cody Freeman and Bro. Stan Gray will bring the Introductory Message in the 1989 Meeting.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD Nolen Johnson J. W. King Cody Freeman Larry Cockman Bill Burkhead	1990 1991 1992
MISSION BOARD Robert Wilson Garland Barton Darrell Strain Virgil Blankenship Doyle E. Williams	1990 1991 1992
ORDAINING COUNCIL Clark Stephens	1990
EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE Royce Hollis Glenn Murray Cody Freeman Allen Sanders Darrell Strain	1990 1991 1992
FINANCE COMMITTEE Leo Warren Curtis Beuhler Allen Sanders	
OBITUARY COMMITTEE Ruth Thompson Ester Strain Leona Blankenship	
TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE Marvin Cockman Ulus Caldwell Curtis Beuhler	
PRINTING COMMITTEE Ben Pohnert Darrell Strain Ester Strain	Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

- 1. Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer
- 2. Reading of Constitution and By-Laws
- 3. Visiting Brothers and Sisters Invited as Advisory Members
- 4. Letters From the Churches Called For
- 5. Quarterly Meeting Letters Called For
- 6. Youth Association Letters Called For
- 7. Appointment of Special Committees As Needed
- 8. Petitionary Letters
- 9. Letters From Corresponding Messengers
- 10. Appointment of Divine Service Committee
- 11. Report of Delegates That Have Attended Other Associations
- 12. Adjournment With Prayer
- 13. Eleven O'Clock Service

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 14. Opening With Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer
- 15. Miscellaneous Business
- 16. Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks
- 17. Election of Introductory Preachers
- 18. The Treasurer's Report
- 19. The Report of the Obituary Committee
- 20. Report of Divine Service Committee
- 21. Report of Other Committees
- 22. Set a Place For the Next Yearly Meeting
- 23. Adjournment With Prayer
- 24. Evening Service

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

- 25. Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer
- 26. Reading of Constitution and By-Laws
- 27. Reading of Minutes of Previous Day's Work
- 28. Call For Letters From Churches
- 29. Vacancies in Committees Filled
- 30. Election of Officers
- 31. Appointment of All Standing Committees
- 32. Reports of Other Committees That Have Not Reported, Including Divine Committee Report
- 33. Releasing of All Temporary Committees
- 34. Adjournment With Prayer
- 35. Eleven O'Clock Service

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 36. Open With Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer
- 37. Election of All Standing Committees
- 38. Election of Nominee to Missouri State General Board (even years)
- 39. Election of Delegates to Other Associations
- 40. Business Suggested by Letters
- 41. Ordaining Council Proceeds With Their Work
- 42. A Vote of Heartfelt Thanks to the Church and Community For Their Kindness to the Associational Meeting
- 43. Other Things That Come Before the Body
- 44. Adjournment With Prayer

1988 YEARLY MEETING MINUTES

101st Yearly Meeting of The Cave Springs Association

of Freewill Baptists

The 101st annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptist meet with the United Freewill Baptist Church of West Plains on Friday the 13th day of May, 1988.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk and opened in prayer by Brother Stan Gray. The Clerk read Psalms 8:1-9. Bro. David Honeycutt led the congregation as they sang "Victory in Jesus", accompanied by Sis. Wanda Watson at the piano.

The clerk turned the service to the Moderator, Bro. Garland Barton. Bro. Barton welcomed the congregation and called on the clerk to read the constitution and by laws of the association.

Visiting Bro.'s and Sis.' were invited into seats of council by the moderator. The moderator called for the reading of the church letters at this time. The clerk read the following letters with the following delegates.

DELEGATES AT THE 101st YEARLY MEETING

CHURCH	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTON Dorothy Kerr Thelma Roy Velma Campbell	. Present	Absent Absent Absent
BAILEY CHAPEL Ruth Turner	. Present	Absent

Ruth Thompson	Present Present	Absent Absent
BRYD Brenda Garrison Lucille Garrison Nancy Walker	Absent	Absent Absent
CLIFTON Curtis Beuhler Cynthia Buehler Norma Buehler		Present Present Present
COTTON CREEK Marvin Cockman Irene Cockman Beverly Crawford	Present Present Present	Present Absent Absent
FAITH CHAPEL Bethel Richardson Henry Lee Olene Lee		Absent Absent Absent
GARFIELD Linda Dethrow	Absent	Absent Absent Absent
KOSHKONONG Mary Jean Pressley Rennett Ray Denise Wotin	Absent	Absent Absent Absent
LIBERTY Becky Redus	Absent Absent Absent	Absent Absent Absent
MT. ZION Sharon Bowers		Absent Absent
MYRTLE Blanche Wisehart Dale Huddle Bille Martin	Absent	Present Absent Present
NORMAN Owen Ray Collins	Present	Absent

Nadine Collins		Absent Absent
PINEY Tricia Britt	Present	Absent Absent Absent
PLEASANT HILL Leon Price	Absent	Absent Absent Present
PLEASANT RIDGE Linda Honeycutt David Honeycutt Henry Williams		Present Present Present
ROYAL OAK Alma Orr	Present	Absent Present Present
SHILOH Darlene Johnson		Present Absent
SMYRNA Mary Campbell	Present	Absent Absent Absent
THAYER Lorene Pohnert Carolee Barton		Present Present
UNITED Ab Sanders	Present Present Present	Present Present Present
VICTORY Doyle Williams Ora Williams Terrie Honeycutt	Present	Absent Absent Present
WALNUT GROVE Diane Todd Janie King Audrey Ehrhardt	Present	Absent Absent Absent

FIRST, WEST PLAINS Kay Dickerson	Absent Absent Absent
WILDERNESS Stella Waller Present Kristy Heotis Present Opal Brawley Present	Absent Absent
QUARTERLY MEETING Linda Honeycutt Present Francis Bell Present Sherrie Cromer	Present Present Present

MSC to receive and seat the delegates. The delegates were seated as the congregation sang "I'm in the Glory Land Way".

The youth association letter was called for . . . none was forthcoming.

The moderator appointed the temporary committees for the yearly meeting and charged them to meet and bring back a report for the conference. The following were appointed.

DENOMINATION: Bethel Richardson, Henry Lee, and Olene Lee

LORDS DAY: Abe Sanders, Chloa Sanders, and Maxine Jordan

LITERATURE: Velma Campbell, Blanche Wisehart, and Irene Cockman

STATE OF RELIGION: Stan Gray, Ulus Caldwell, and C. R. Thompson

DIVINE SERVICE: Francis Bell, Blanche Burkhead, and Dorothy Kerr

The moderator called for petitionary letters. None was forth-coming.

 $Corresponding \ messengers \ were \ called \ for. \ None \ was \ for thcoming.$

The moderator called for a report from delegates attending other conferences. Bro. Nolen Johnson gave an oral report of the Little Vine Association of General Baptist.

MSC to suspend the rules and continue on with the Friday afternoon order of business.

MSC to dismiss services tonight.

At this time the moderator opened the floor for nominations for next years introductory speakers. Bro.'s Cody Freeman, Stan Gray, C. R. Thompson, and Charles Gower were nominated. MSC to close nominations. The conference elected Bro.'s Stan Gray and Cody Freeman to the bring the introductory message at next years conference.

The Obituary Committee submitted the following report. We the obituary committee have the names of our brothers and sisters that God has called home. We extend to their families and churches our heart felt sympathy and believe that God in his infinite wisdom knows best in all things. We would request that Rev. Noah Miller and Rev. E. Hollis names be added to the memory page.

The names are as follows:

Jerry Easter United	Ralph Roy Alton
Ralph Combs Garfield	Flossie Newberry Thayer
George Hopper Cotton Creek	Harold (Pete) Skelly Pleasant
Helen Pitts Bailey Chapel	Hill
Hettie Warren Smyrna	Nola Hollis Clifton
Odell Forester Koshkonong	Aline Dobbins Koshkonong
Johnny Bennett Thayer	Jim Hoglen West Plains First
Jettie Bowers Thayer	Beatrice French Koshkonong
Flora Simpson Myrtle	Rev. E. E. Hollis Pleasant Hill
Talmadge Bassham Stateline	Vernie Harriell Johnson . Pleasant
Willard Barton Thayer	Ridge
Rev. Noah Miller United	Harry Obry Combs . Cotton Creek
Effie Johnson Thayer	Mark Seay Liberty
Lois Peace Royal Oak	Mandy Mafield United
Nettie Combs Cotton Creek	Ann Phelps United
	Rhoda Tweedy United

Signed: Esther Strain, Ruth Thompson, Leona Blankenship

MSC to receive the report and add other names if any were missed and to commend the committee for the good work.

The Divine Service Committee reports that they have chosen Bro.'s Charles Gower and Glenn Murray to preach at the Saturday morning session.

MSC to accept the invitation of the Bailey Chapel Church to host the next yearly meeting.

The following committee reports were read by the clerk.

LORDS DAY REPORT

We, the Lord's day committee believe that the Bible teaches us to keep the first day of the week as the Holy Day of Worship. To refrain from all unnecessary labor or recreation and devote the time for worship and prayer.

Signed: Albert Sanders, Chloe Sanders, Maxine Jordan

MSC to accept the report and release the committee.

DENOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the denomination committee recommend that we stand against anything that's contrary to Gods teaching, and never compromise with sin. Romans 12:21 "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good".

Signed: Olene Lee and Bethel Richardson

MSC to accept the report and release the committee.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The ordaining council met June 7, 1987 at 2:15 p.m. at the Alton FWB Church. Bro. Wayne Cloven and Bro. Clark Stephens met with Bro. Dwight Chronister to examine him for the office of deacon. We found him sound in doctrine. We chose Bro. Garland Barton to act in behalf of Bro. Charles Gower.

Services started at the Alton FWB Church with congregational singing. Bro. Clark Stephens took charge of the service. Bro. Leroy Chronister led in opening prayer. Bro. Garland Barton brought the message taken from Acts 6:1 - 6 and II Tim 3:7 - 13. The thought of the message 1. Dying to self 2. Committment 3. Communion.

After the message Bro. Dwight and loved one that wanted to come to the altar were invited to do so. The ordained were asked to come into the altar and we laid hands on Bro. Dwight Chronister. Bro. Wayne Cloven led in prayer and Bro. Nolen Johnson closed out the altar of prayer.

The service was closed with a song and a handshake. The service was enjoyed by all and some testified to the Lord. Bro. Dwight Chronister dismissed the service in prayer.

Signed: Charles Gower, Clark Stephens

MSC to receive the report.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the temperance committee feel that God's people should stand firm against the use of liquor, drugs and anything contrary to the church, such as the lottery in the State of Missouri and anything that is not right in the church services.

Signed: Curtis Buehler, Marvin Cockman, Ulus Caldwell

MSC to accept the report.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

We as Christians and members of the Cave Springs Association, firmly believe that the Bible is the most important source of Christian literature to have in our home, churches and elsewhere.

We recommend other Christian literature as good reading material to have in our homes; also we recommend our Sunday School Literature be read.

Signed: Velma Campbell, Blanche Wisehart, Irene Cockman

MSC to receive the report and release the committee.

TREASURERS REPORT

Date covered May 15, 1987 - May 14, 1988

Balance May 15, 1987															
Deposited May 15, 1987		•	٠	٠		•	•	•	•	 	•	٠	٠	 \$	720.00

Expenses

Missouri State Association	30.00
Clerk's Honorarium & Stamps	47.00
Williams Printing Minutes	98.00

Balance\$278.65

National Convention Money Received	\$	790.00
Money Received May 13, 1988	\$1	,135.00

MSC to receive the report.

MSC to stand in recess until called back for the 11 o'clock service. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charles Gower.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The assistant moderator called the conference into session for the morning worship service. The congregation sang "Come and Dine". Prayer was led by Bro. Dave Uhlman. The congregation sang "There is Power in the Blood". Bro. Murray, the assistant moderator then turned the service to Bro. Leroy Blankenship who brought the 1st part of the message from II Tim. 1:6-7. His subject was: "Heavenly Fire and Holy Excitement". Bro. Leroy brought a good message on the need for Revival.

Bro. Darrell Strain then took the stand to bring the second part of the introductory message. He took his text from Habakkuk 3:2. The subject of the message was "So You Want God to Send a Revival?" The Holy Spirit met with us and annointed the preaching service. At the conclusion of the preaching several of the brethren and sisters met at the altar to beg God to begin a Revival in our own hearts and in the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptist. It was a glorious service because God met with his people.

The assistant moderator resumed charge of the service and exhorted the congregation to continue in the spirit of the service. Bro. C. R. Thompson closed the service in prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal. The assistant moderator called Bro.'s Blankenship and Strain with their respective companions to the front for an old fashioned handshake.

The Conference is to resume Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. the Lord willing.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The conference was called to order by the clerk at 9 a.m. Prayer was led by Bro, Wayne Cloven. The clerk read Romans 8:16-31.

Bro. David Honeycutt led the congregation as they sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" accompanied by Sis. Esther Strain at the piano.

The Moderator, Bro. Garland Barton took charge of the service and invited everyone to participate.

MSC to omit the reading of the constitution and by-laws at the Saturday morning session.

Minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

Delegates who were not seated in Friday's session were seated while the congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven".

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR

The moderator opened the floor for nominations for the office of moderator. Bro. Garland Barton was nominated. MSC to close nominations and elect. Bro. Barton was elected by a vote of the conference.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Bro. Glen Murray was nominated. MSC to close nominations and elect. Bro. Murray was elected by a vote of the conference.

CLERK

Bro. Darrell Strain was nominated. MSC to close nominations and elect. Bro. Strain was elected by a vote of the conference.

ASSISTANT CLERK

The clerk was allowed to choose his assistant. Sis, Esther Strain was chosen.

TREASURER

Bro. Ben Pohnert was nominated. MSC to close nominations. Bro. Pohnert was elected by a vote of the conference.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

MSC to allow the treasurer to choose his assistant. Bro. Leo Warren was chosen.

GENERAL BOARD

Bro. Ronnie Blanks was nominated. MSC to close nominations. Bro. Blanks was elected by a vote of the conference.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Bill Burkhead was nominated and elected.

MISSION BOARD

Bro. Doyle E. Williams was elected.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Walter Simpson was nominated and elected.

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Bro. Darrell Strain was elected.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro.'s Leo Warren, Allen Sanders, and Curtis Buehler were nominated and elected by the conference.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis.' Ruth Thompson, Esther Strain and Leona Blankenship were nominated and elected by the conference.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro.'s Marvin Cockman, Ulus Caldwell, and Curtis Buehler were nominated and elected by the conference.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

MSC to accept the following volunteers and allow Bro. Cody Freeman to add other names as needed and available.

Sis. Blanche Wisehart, Sis. Lorene Pohnert, Sis. Linda Blanks, Sis. Addie Adkesson, Sis. Chloa Sanders.

At this time the moderator called for committee reports that had not been given and the following were read.

STATE OF RELIGION

We the State of Religion Committee give this report. That we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. That we may be found in the center of his will. In our activities to support our local church with all sincerity; in prayer, attendance, tithes, and offerings. Willing to work cooperatively in all phases of God's work. Urging each church to support state and national associations through a cooperative plan.

Signed: Bro.'s Stan Gray, Ulus Caldwell, C. R. Thompson

MSC to receive the report and release committee.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1987 evangelism conference was held with the Thayer FWB Church. Bro.'s Connie Carriker and Wade Jernagin brought spirit filled messages that stirred the hearts of the congregation.

The committee expresses sincere and heart felt thanks to the churches of the Cave Springs Association for their prayers, attendance, and financial support of the conference.

A love offering was given to the two messengers and the remainder of the money was sent to the National Home Missions Department.

Signed: Darrell Strain, Glenn E. Murray

MSC to receive the report.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

TOTAL AUXILIARIES	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	55
Faith Chapel Auxiliary First West Plains Auxiliary 11 Myrtle Auxiliary 9 Thayer Auxiliary 15 United Auxiliary 20	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES	.25
W.N.A.C. \$82.50 Missouri State F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary 13.73	
HOME MISSIONS	
	.50
Missouri State Home Missions, Direct	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00
Eunice Edwards Loan Fund	
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	
WNAC, Emphasis 207 Co Laborers 144 WNAC Project/National Convention, Kansas City, MO 200 Free Will Baptist Home For Children, TN 108 Missouri State Youth Camp 30	.26 .00 .00 .00 .46
TOTAL DISRURSEMENTS \$3.917	10

NON CASH GIFTS (evaluate)

Children's Homes	
TOTAL NON CASH GIFTS	\$160.00
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	\$ 4,077.10

Signed: Blanche Wisehart

At this time the moderator recognized Bro. Glen Murray who presented information on the State Retirement Village Board Activities. He announced a Senior Adult Retreat to be held at Branson, MO.

MSC to express our heart felt thanks to the United FWB Church for hosting this conference and that we stand in recess until called to order for the 11 o'clock service. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ronnie Blanks.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The moderator called the conference to order. Bro. Honeycutt led the congregation as they sang "Heaven's Jubilee" and "At the Cross".

Sis. Francis Simpson sang a special entitled "These Eyes".

The moderator turned the services to Bro. Glenn Murray who brought the first part of the message from I Cor. 1:4 entitled "Praise and Thanking God". Bro. Murray brought a good message.

Bro. Charles Gower then took the stand and read from Romans 12:1-12 and brought the second part of the message on "Our Responsibility to God". Bro. Gower brought a good message. The Invitation was extended as the congregation sang "I Surrender All".

The moderator then took charge of the service and the congregation shook hands with Bro. Gower and Bro. Murray as the congregation sang "This World is Not My Home".

The conference was adjourned and the blessing ask on the noon meal as Bro. Bill Burkhead led in prayer.

The 102nd conference will convene with the Bailey Chapel Church on May 18, 1989 at 9 a.m. The Lord Willing.

ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE 101ST CONFERENCE

MINISTERS

DEACONS

CLERKS

FRIDAY

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Glenn E. Murray Virgil Blankenship David Honeycutt Stan Gray Cody Freeman J. W. King G. J. Pingleton Leroy Blankenship Garland Barton Darrell Strain James Lee Reed Charles Gower Harry Beaty

Ben Pohnert
Ernest Adkisson
Bill Burkhead
Ulus Caldwell
Troy Sims
Sherman Baker
David Uhlmann
Nolen Johnson
Roscoe Mills
Howard Dethrow
Carl Sisco
Howard Bell

Velma Campbell Violet Johnson Margie Parrott Mary Campbell Reva Baker

SATURDAY

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David Honevcutt Wayne Cloven Stan Grav Richard Todd Glenn E. Murray Ronnie Blanks J. W. King John Holesapple George Naumann Charles Gower G. J. Pingleton Darrell Strain Harry Beaty Clark Stephens Walter Simpson Garland Barton

Bill Burkhead Ben Pohnert Ulus Caldwell Ernest Adkisson Howard Bell Sue Burkhead

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:

- Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
- 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, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION: The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the final 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 Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such well regulated quarterly meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

- ARTICLE 1. It shall be the purpose of this organization to cooperate with the state and national associations in their efforts to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church for the promotion of Home and Foreign missions, Christian education, Sunday Schools, Church Training Service, and Women's Auxiliary and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.
- ARTICLE 2. The acting members of this yearly meeting shall be three (3) delegates from each church chosen by the church, three (3) delegates from each quarterly meeting together with all ministers, deacons, church clerks, quarterly meeting clerks, and associational 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 (\$25.00) 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 Free Will Baptist Church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine, in favor of benevolent enterprises such as Sunday School, missions, temperance, and education may be received into this yearly meeting by presenting a petition asking for membership, by a majority vote of all members voting.

ARTICLE 7. This yearly meeting shall have power to discipline its churches and exclude them for disorderly conduct if labor proves unsuccessful, to ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church of which he belongs, to settle questions of discipline and doctrine as the church or quarterly meeting may refer to it. To make rules and by-laws necessary and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall 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 third 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 recommended by the church of which he is a member is 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 of 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 discussion 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 (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 of any issue unless first their 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 year 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 prior to yearly meeting. (Whole committees can be appointed from any church delegation.)

ARTICLE 20. Any committee doing business for the Yearly Meeting must be a committee formed by the Yearly Meeting.

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, requesting the next yearly meeting, are to be turned in prior to the Eleven O'clock Service on Friday and all other letters are to be accepted no later than the opening session on 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. 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 a 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. All business referred to the Executive Board shall be in written form.

ARTICLE 14. 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 15. Any licensed Minister must preach for one year before being eligible to be ordained.

ARTICLE 16. Any person who would give false answers to obtain licenses or Ordination papers, after investigation and proven guilty, their papers be annulled immediately.

ARTICLE 17. 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 18. 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

- ALTON CHURCH: Organized September 16, 1955, by Revs. 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 were selected as deacons.
- 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.
- BYRD CHURCH: Organized November 18, 1968 by Rev. Meril Shaw, Carroll and Ross Tharp. Clerk, Mary Tharp.
- CAVE SPRINGS CHURCH: Organized July 12, 1879 with 24 members by Rev. David Johnson, Rev. A. J. Jones and Rev. S. J. Thornberg.
- CLIFTON CHURCH: Organzed 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.

- 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.
- 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 Cambess, Dave Uhlmann and N. H. Rhoads. Rev. Clark Stephens was selected as pastor and Troy Sims selected as deacon with 15 members.
- GARFIELD CHURCH: Organized August 17, 1942 by Rev. Harry H. Beatty, Billie Rogers and Fred Dodson. Organized with 22 members. Edd Rogers and Noah Hollis as deacons.
- 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.
- LINGO CHURCH: The church was officially organized on November 18, 1977 with 27 members. Rev. Dale Skiles and Rev. James Lee Reed assisted in the service. Rev. Bill McClintock was the pastor.
- KOSHKONONG CHURCH: Organized 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, Noah Miller, O. T. Allred, Ezra Butts, Clyde Montgomery, W. S. Turner, A. L. McGhee, Ode Hackworth, Howard Bowers, Charles W. Gower, 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 Caldwell, Luke Boze, Hubert Bowers and Jim Kentner. Rev. Davie Combs selected pastor and Jim Kenter as deacon with 21 members.
- 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.
- MYRTLE CHURCH: Organized in October, 1903. Levi Taylor and Henry Wisehart as deacons.
- NORMAN CHURCH: Organized October 3, 1914 by Rev. W. P. Stogs dill and Rev. W. C. Norman with 18 members. D. M. Crews and G. W. Moore as deacons.

- PINEY CHURCH: Organized in 1885 by Rev. G. A. Jones. Members unknown.
- PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Organized October 6, 1918 by Rev. E. J. Vaughn and Rev. H. C. Crase with 17 members.
- PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH: Organized May 28, 1933 by Rev. E. E. Simpson, Nathan Combs, W. M. Johnson and Elmer Hodges with 13 members.
- 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.
- 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 as church clerk.
- SMYRNA CHURCH: Organized November 1882 by Rev. David Johnson and Rev. A. J. Jones with 13 members.
- 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.
- UNITED CHURCH: Organized March 28, 1979 by Rev. Finis Johnson, James Lee Reed, Clark Stephens, Jesse Dunkin, Harry Beatty and Manuel Dunkin. Rev. Finis Johnson was chosen as Interim Pastor. Catherine Judd chosen as clerk, Geneva Easter chosen as treasurer. Bros. Tommie Adkisson, Ulus Caldwell and David Uhlmann were chosen as deacons. Bros. Jim Walker, Carroll Hickman, Jack Judd, Hubert Holman and Randall Tate elected as trustees.
- VICTORY CHURCH: Organized May 17, 1978 with 36 charter members by Deacons Wallace Strain and John Barton, Rev. J. Darrell Strain and Keith Combs. Pastor elected: J. Darrell Strain, clerk, Helena Barton.
- WALNUT GROVE CHURCH: Organized in 1889 by Rev. H. C. Crase and Rev. E. R. Evans with seven members.
- WEST PLAINS CHURCH: Organized on December 20, 1955 under the leadership of the State Home Mission team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones and members of the State Home Mission Board. N. S. Miller,

- T. J. Adkisson and Eugene James were elected trustees and Howard Campbell, James Dotson, Ralph Fletchall, J. R. Walker and Eugene James were elected as advisory committee.
- 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.

PETITIONARY LETTER FORM

We, the Coun	cil of Ordained Ministers	
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Church, county of		
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-	we	ere selected as deacons,
church clerk		
on the	day of	19
We, therefore	e, petition the conference to a	accept our church into
your body as a me	ember	
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