

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**102nd**  
**CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING**  
**OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS**  
**HELD WITH**  
**BAILEY CHAPEL**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MAY 19 and 20, 1989**

**OFFICERS: 1989 SESSION**

Moderator	Darrell Strain
Assistant Moderator	Garland Barton
Clerk	Sherman Baker
Assistant Clerk	Reva Baker
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 First FWB Church, West Plains, Missouri.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1990.

Bro. Glenn Murray and Bro. Darrell Strain will bring the Introductory Message in the 1990 Meeting.

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## COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD		TERM EXPIRES
J. W. King . . . . .		1990
Cody Freeman . . . . .		1991
Larry Cockman . . . . .		1992
Bill Burkhead . . . . .		1993
Nolen Johnson . . . . .		1994
MISSION BOARD		
Garland Barton . . . . .		1990
Darrell Strain . . . . .		1991
Virgil Blankenship . . . . .		1992
Doyle E. Williams . . . . .		1993
Robert Wilson . . . . .		1994
ORDAINING COUNCIL		
Wayne Cloven . . . . .		1990
Walter Simpson . . . . .		1991
Grover Pingleton . . . . .		1992
EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE		
Glenn Murray . . . . .		1990
Cody Freeman . . . . .		1991
Allen Sanders . . . . .		1992
Darrell Strain . . . . .		1993
Howard Bell . . . . .		1994
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Leo Warren		
Curtis Beuhler		
Allen Sanders		
OBITUARY COMMITTEE		
Ruth Thompson		
Ester Strain		
Leona Blankenship		
TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE		
Marvin Cockman		
Gary McClanahan		
David Honeycutt		
PRINTING COMMITTEE		
Ben Pohnert . . . . .	Treasurer	
Sherman Baker . . . . .	Clerk	
Reva Baker . . . . .	Assistant 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

## **1989 YEARLY MEETING MINUTES**

### **102nd Yearly Meeting of The Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptists**

The 102nd annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptist meet with the Bailey Chapel Freewill Baptist Church of Alton on Friday the 19th day of May, 1989.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk and opened in prayer by Brother C. R. Thompson. The Clerk read St. John 1:1-6. Bro. Stan Gray led the congregation as they sang "My Last Move", accompanied by Sis. Linda Gray at the piano.

The clerk turned the service to the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Glenn Murray. Bro. Barton was unable to attend the Friday Session of the Yearly Meeting. The moderator asked the clerk to read the constitution and by-laws. They were read.

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 102nd YEARLY MEETING**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>ALTON</b>		
Juanita Rhoades . . . . .	Present	Absent
Bea Fry . . . . .	Present	Absent
Betsy Cartee . . . . .	Absent	Absent

**BAILEY**

Ruth Turner . . . . .	Present	
Ruth Thompson . . . . .	Present	Present
Gary McClanahan . . . . .	Present	Present

**BYRD**

No Delegates

**CLIFTON**

Curtis Buehler . . . . .	Present	Present
Cynthia Buehler . . . . .	Present	Present
Norma Buehler . . . . .	Present	Present

**COTTON CREEK**

Marvin Cockman . . . . .	Present	Absent
Irene Cockman . . . . .	Absent	Absent
Geraldine Melton . . . . .	Present	Absent

**FAITH CHAPEL**

No Delegates

**GARFIELD**

Junior Sanders . . . . .	Present	Absent
Vesta Sanders . . . . .	Present	Absent
Linda Dethrow . . . . .	Present	Present

**KOSHKONONG**

Irene Madden . . . . .	Present	Absent
Juanita Willbanks . . . . .	Present	Absent
Denise Wotin . . . . .	Present	Absent

**LIBERTY**

No Delegates

**MT. ZION**

Sharon Bowers . . . . .	Present	Absent
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**MYRTLE**

Blanche Wisheart . . . . .	Present	Present
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**NORMAN**

Owen Ray Collins . . . . .	Present	Absent
Nadine Collins . . . . .	Present	Absent
Inis Roberts . . . . .	Present	Absent

**PINEY**

Tricia Britt. . . . .	Absent	Absent
Shirley Cockman. . . . .	Absent	Present
Sandy Lawrence . . . . .	Absent	Absent

**PLEASANT HILL**

Francis Simpson . . . . .	Present	Absent
Nora Hollis. . . . .	Present	Absent
Maxine Warren . . . . .	Absent	Present

**PLEASANT RIDGE**

Linda Honeycutt. . . . .	Absent	Present
Violet Johnson . . . . .	Present	Absent

**ROYAL OAK**

Alma Orr . . . . .	Present	Absent
Howard Bell . . . . .	Present	Present
Hazel Barton . . . . .	Present	Absent

**SHILOH**

Darlene Johnson . . . . .	Present	Absent
Marjie Parrott . . . . .	Present	Absent

**SMYRNA**

Mary Campbell . . . . .	Absent	Present
Lean Watson. . . . .	Present	Absent
Artie Case . . . . .	Present	Absent

**THAYER**

Lorene Pohnert. . . . .	Present	Present
Carolee Barton . . . . .	Absent	Present
Vona Freeman . . . . .	Present	Present

**UNITED**

Sherri Cromer. . . . .	Present	Absent
Chloa Sanders. . . . .	Absent	Absent
Maxine Jordan . . . . .	Absent	Absent

**VICTORY**

Electa Smallwood . . . . .	Present	Absent
Jeff Honeycutt . . . . .	Absent	Present
Terrie Honeycutt. . . . .	Absent	Present

**WALNUT GROVE**

Audrey Ehrhardt. . . . .	Absent	Absent
Mary Jane King. . . . .	Present	Absent

## FIRST WEST PLAINS

Marvin Lewis . . . . .	Absent	Absent
Linda Blanks . . . . .	Present	Absent
Eulah Payne . . . . .	Present	Absent

## WILDERNESS

James Dotson . . . . .	Present	Absent
Millie Dotson . . . . .	Present	Absent
Dorothy Waller . . . . .	Present	Absent

## QUARTERLY MEETING

Linda Honeycutt . . . . .	Absent	Present
Cecile Ehrahardt . . . . .	Absent	Absent
Lorene Pohnert . . . . .	Present	Present

MSC to receive and seat the delegates. The delegates were seated as the congregation sang "I'll Not Be A Stranger".

The Youth Association letter was called for, Sister Francis Simpson came to give an oral report. She said there was a need to fix the girls cabin by putting down carpet and putting up paneling and mirrors. The boys cabin needs a back door and a cover over the attic fan. There will be a work day on June 3rd for those who want to help. Each church was encouraged to send a donation. MSC to accept the report. MSC to appoint a camp committee as a special committee to look after the needs of the Cave Spring Cabins at Youth Camp. The adult advisors of the Youth Association were appointed.

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: The delegates from the Bailey Chapel Church.

LORDS DAY: The delegates from the Clifton Church

LITERATURE: The delegates from the Garfield Church

STATE OF RELIGION: The delegates from the Koshkonong Church

DIVINE SERVICE: Sherman Baker, Howard Dethrow, Bea Fry

The Bailey Chapel Church requested that services be held tonight at 7:30.

The moderator called for petitionary letters. None was forthcoming.

Corresponding messengers were called for. None was forthcoming.

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.

At this time the moderator opened the floor for nominations for next years introductory speakers. Bro's Darrell Strain and Glenn Murray were nominated. MSC to close nominations and to elect. The conference elected Bro's Darrell Strain and Glenn Murray to bring the introductory message at next years conference.

### TREASURERS REPORT

BALANCE 5-19-88 . . . . . \$1,553.65

#### EXPENSES

Darrell Strain . . . . .	25.00
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88 FWB Nat. Convention . . . . .	790.00
88 Nat. Minutes . . . . .	345.00
Williams Printing . . . . .	365.50

TOTAL EXPENSES . . . . .	\$1,550.50
Money Received 5-19-89 . . . . .	680.00

BALANCE ON HAND . . . . . \$683.15

MSC to receive the report.

MSC to recess until 10:45 to allow committees to work. Prayer by Bro. Ernest Adkisson.

Meeting was called to order by the moderator. Congregation sang "Victory in Jesus."

Clerk read a request from the Mt. Zion Church letter requesting that the Ordaining Council ordain Bro. Stan Gray. The Ordaining Council will meet with Bro. Gray on Saturday to work out the details.

Next years meeting was requested by The First Church of West Plains, the Clifton Church and the Koshkonong Church. The conference voted to accept the invitation of the First Church of West Plains.

The Divine Service Committee reports that they have chosen Bro's Doyle Williams and Ronnie Blanks to preach tonight and Bro's Walter Simpson and J. W. King to preach Saturday Morning. Bro. Blanks informs the conference that he won't be able to attend tonight. The conference voted to give the time to Bro. Williams.

## DENOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Denomination Committee recommend that we stand for that which is right according to the Word of God and we take a stand against and condemn the sin which the word of God calls sin, and we press toward that perfection which is called out in the Word of God. We need to help that one who has been overtaken in a fault and restore such a one in faith.

Singed: Ruth Turner, Ruth Holman, Gary McClanahan

MSC to receive the report and release the committee.

## LORDS DAY REPORT

We the Lords 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 Norma Buehler, Cynthia Buehler, Curtis Buehler

MSC to receive the report and release the committee.

## LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Literature Committee of the Cave Springs Association believe that the Bible is the most important part of our Christian life and needs to be read more in our homes and churches.

Signed: Linda Dethrow, Vesta Sanders, Junior Sanders

MSC to receive the report and release the committee.

## STATE OF RELIGION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the State of Religion Committee, that we present our bodies a living sacrifice holy, living pure dedicated lives to Christ.

Praying and staying in the center of God's will. Being in attendance faithfully, giving of our selves to Christ and willingly work together for the cause of Christ.

Signed: Irene Madden, Denise Woten, Juanita Willbanks

MSC to receive the report and release the committee.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

April 16, 1988 - Bailey Chapel

Bro. Charles Gower and Bro. Clark Stephens met with Bro. Karl Sisco at Bailey Chapel and found him sound in Doctrine. We chose Bro. Shorty Thompson to act in behalf of Bro. Wayne Cloven, who was absent.

Ordaining Service opened with Bro. Shorty Thompson leading in prayer. Congregation sang, "Oh I Want To See Him" and "Try Jesus". Bro. Wayne Lunyou lead in prayer. Congregation sang "Jesus Hold My Hand". Special song by Gary Mathis. Special song by Gary and Katherine McClanahan "I'll Keep Holding To The Old Rugged Cross." Testimony given by Eddie Simpson. Holman Quartet sang "Going Home", Jeff Holman sang "God Understands". Bro. Clark Stephens gave the charge, II Tim. 4. Bro. Shorty Thompson read from I Tim. 3:8. All Ordained layed hands on Bro. Karl and Bro Shorty Thompson lead in prayer. Bro. Charles Gower closed. Congregation sang, "I'll See You In The Rapture". Handshake and a song by all special singers, "Heavens Jubilee." Bro. Karl Sisco closed service in prayer.

May 12, 1988

Ordaining Council met at 1:45 p.m. at Piney Church to examine Bro. Jim Lawrence for the office of Deacon. We found him to be sound in Doctrine.

At 2:00 p.m. Ordination Service began with opening Welcome by Bro. Larry Cockman. Opening prayer lead by Bro. Doyle Williams. Congregation sang, "I Can Tell You The Time" and "My Lord Keeps A Record". Bro. Allen Sanders lead in prayer. Bro. Leroy Chronister sang a special song. Devotion by Bro. Wayne Cloven. Prayer lead by Bro. Lawrence, Jim's father. Bro. Leroy sang another special. Bro. David Honeycutt brought the charge from Acts 6:1-7 and I Tim 3:8-15 "Care Of The Church". Bro. Jim and his family called to the Altar for laying on of hands of Bro. Jim. The prayer was opened by Bro. Wayne Cloven and closed by Bro. Walter Simpson. Hand shake and songs "Remember Me", "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" and "I Will Not Be A Stranger". Bro. Grover Pingleton dismissed in prayer.

Januray 12, 1989

Ordaining Council met January 12, 1989 with Bro. Mark Barton at the Wilderness Church. After examining him we found him sound in Doctrine and Faith. Bro. Walter Simpson, Bro. Wayne Cloven present. Bro. Mark set January 20, 1989, 7:30 p.m. at the Wilderness Church for Ordination Service.

January 20, 1989

Met at Wilderness Church January 20, 1989, 7:30 p.m. for Ordination Service for Bro. Mark Barton as Deacon. Bro. Walter Simpson took charge of service. Bro. Wayne Lunyou opened in prayer. Congregation sang, "The Gloyland Way" and "Just a Little Talk With Jesus". Special singing by the Church Quartet. Special song by Sister Francis Simpson. Bro. Wayne Cloven brought the charge from Acts 6:1-6. Bro. Mark called to Altar for laying on of hands by all Ordained present. Bro.

Doyle Williams opened Ordination prayer, Bro. Wayne Cloven closed prayer. Hand shake as Congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Bro Mark Barton dismissed service in prayer.

Signed: Bro. Wayne Cloven, Bro. Walter Simpson

MSC to receive the report.

## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The eleven o'clock service began by the Congregation singing Trust and Obey. Sister Francis Simpson sang "Jesus Take A Closer Look". Brother Cody Freeman then took the stand and brought a message from Matthew 28:18-20 on "Building the Church". Bro. Stan Gray then took the stand and read from Romans 13:8-12 and spoke on the subject "What Time Is It?" The services were adjourned in prayer by Bro. Nolen Johnson

## FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

The Friday Night Services were opened by prayer led by Bro. Grover Pingleton. The Clerk then read St. John 1:6-15. The Congregation sang three songs. Special singing was brought by Bro. Nolen Johnson, Bro. and Sis. C.R. Thompson, and the Bailey Chapel Quartet. Another prayer was led by Bro. Stan Gray. Brother Thompson turned the service to Bro. Doyle Williams who preached on the power of prayer from Matthew 6:9-13. The service was closed with a hymn of invitation and prayer was led by Bro. Curtis Buehler. There was another song and a handshake as services were dismissed.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Conference was called to order by the clerk at 9:00 a.m. Prayer was led by Bro. George Nauman. The clerk read I John 4:1-6. Bro. Stan Gray led the congregation as they sang praises unto the Lord.

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 "Living By Faith".

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### MODERATOR

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

### ASSISTANT MODERATOR

MSC for the elected moderator to choose his assistant. Bro. Garland Barton was chosen as the assistant moderator.

### CLERK

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

### ASSISTANT CLERK

MSC to appoint Sister Reva Baker as the assistant clerk.

### TREASURER

Bro. Pen 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.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro's Leroy Chronister and Nolen Johnson were nominated. MSC for nomination to close. Bro. Nolen Johnson was elected by the vote of the conference

### MISSION BOARD

Bro. Robert Wilson was nominated and elected.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Gover Pingleton was nominated and elected.

### EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Bro. Howard Bell was nominated and elected by the conference.

### 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, Curtis Buehler, Gary McClanahan and David Honeycutt were nominated. Bro.'s Honeycutt, Cockman and McClanahan were 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 Wisheart, Sis. Lorene Pohnert, Sis. Vona Freeman, Sis. Linda Gray and Bro. Ben Pohnert.

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

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee feel that God's people should stand firm and fight against the use of liquor, drugs, filth on T.V. and over news counters, also the lottery in the State of Missouri and anything contrary to the Church.

Signed: Curtis Buehler, Marvin Cockman

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Cave Springs Evangelism Conference for 1989 will be held August 2-4 (Wed. - Fri.) at the Thayer FWB Church. This year we will have the Minister's Quartet from Oklahoma. These four men will be singing and preaching each evening. This is sure to be a special blessing for everyone.

We encourage all of our churches to attend and support the work of the Evangelism Conference.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board met on August 29, 1988 at the Pleasant Hill Church. Members present were J.W. King, Cody Freeman, Nolen Johnson, Larry Cockman, Bill Burkhead. The board considered the following:

1. A letter from the Liberty Church requesting a yearly certificate for Bro. Jesse Dunkin. MSC to issue certificate.
2. Request from Howard Hensley for a Photocopy of his Ordination papers. MSC to send a copy of papers marked null and void.
3. Bro. Bill Burkhead elected as Chairman. Yearly meeting clerk, Darrell Strain elected as secretary.

4. Letter sent to Bro. Bill McClintock requesting a letter of recommendation from a FWB church. Letter received from the Lingo Church.

5. Letter sent to Bro. Keith Combs requesting he place his membership in a FWB Church and have a letter of recommendation sent from that FWB Church or to surrender his FWB papers.

Meeting on 4 - 1 - 89 at the Koshkonong Church.

1. A Request from the yearly ordaining Council to fill a vacancy in the committee. Bro. Doyle E. Williams was appointed to fill the vacancy until the yearly meeting.

Signed: Bill Burkhead, Cody L. Freeman, J.W. King,  
Nolen Johnson, Larry K. Cockman

MSC to receive the report.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Obituary Committee submits the following report. These are the names of our brothers and sisters that God has called home. We extend out heart felt sympathy to their families and churches but God does all things well. Psalms 116:15 - Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Essie Crass . . . . . Thayer  
Blanche Combs . . . Cotton Creek  
Garnett Elsie Tidwell . . . Thayer  
Winfred Hollis . . . Pleasant Hill  
Howard Campbell . . . . . United  
Tennie Madden . . . . . Mt. Zion  
Vernon Guilhaus . . Faith Chapel  
Ernest Wallace . . . . . United  
Meda Fields . . . . . United  
Dan Pitts (Deacon) Bailey Chapel  
S/Sgt. Jimmie Steve Lunyou. . .  
  Royal Oak  
Vida Erhardt . . . . . Byrd  
Don Johnson . . . Pleasant Ridge  
Mittie Stogsdill . . . . . Thayer  
Luraine Brewer . . . . . Myrtle

Edith Cantrell . . . . . Thayer  
Sylvia Payne . . . . . Piney  
S.T. (Snipe) Holman . . . Shiloh  
Mildred Holman . . . . . Shiloh  
Eva Crews . . . . . Shiloh  
Laura Webb . . . . . Thayer  
Wilma Wadlow . . . . . United  
Juelldine Hall . . . . . Myrtle  
Mamie Crase . . . . . Myrtle  
Pauline Mills . . . . . Thayer  
Joe Hollis . . . . . Bailey Chapel  
Ambus Sisco . . . . . Bailey Chapel  
Oba Turner . . . . . Bailey Chapel  
Gerald Karrick . . . . . Myrtle  
Norris Tweedy . . . . . United  
Alberta Burns . . . . . United

Signed: Ruth Thompson, Leona Blankenship, Esther Strain

# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

## TOTAL AUXILIARIES

Reporting to Missouri State FWB Women's Auxiliary . . . . . 4

## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP . . . . . 52

Faith Chapel . . . . . 0  
 First, West Plains . . . . . 14  
 Koshkonong . . . . . 0  
 Myrtle . . . . . 9  
 Thayer . . . . . 17  
 United . . . . . 12

## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES . . . . . \$131.00

W.N.A.C. . . . . 78.00  
 Missouri State Women's Auxiliary . . . . . 53.00

## HOME MISSIONS

National Home Missions, Pre Thanksgiving Offer . . . . . \$ 63.00  
 National Home Missions, Direct . . . . . 75.00  
 Russell and Vonda Johnson, Cheyenne, Wyoming . . . . . 100.00  
 Millard and Margie Sasser, Fresno, California . . . . . 75.50

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Mo. State Home Missions, General Fund . . . . . \$ 30.00  
 1987-88 Mo. State Project -  
     Nathan and Judith Ruble, St. Louis, Mo. . . . . 33.25  
 1988-89 Mo. State Project -  
     Dale and Grace Cochran, Hannibal, Mo. . . . . 110.20  
 John and Deborah England, Oak Grove, Mo. . . . . 20.00  
 Jim and Rose Mertz, Wentzville, Mo. . . . . 204.00  
 Jim and Grace Williams, Carthage, Mo. . . . . 136.50

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Foreign Missions, Pre-Easter . . . . . \$ 96.50  
 1988-89 Mo. State Project/Ken and Judy Bailey, Japan . . 222.39  
 1988-89 Retreat Project/Lavern and Lorene Miley, I.C. . . 135.00  
 1988-89 National Convention Project/Deficit Accounts . . 161.00  
 Jim and Olena McLain, Japan . . . . . 310.50  
 Ron and Linda Moore, Ivory Coast . . . . . 58.25  
 Charlotte Tallent, France . . . . . 292.50

## OTHER DISBURSEMENTS

Memorial Student Loan Fund . . . . . \$ 50.09  
 Foreign Student Scholarship Fund . . . . . 25.00  
 W.N.A.C., Emphasis 372.08, Nat'l Conv., K.C. 200.00 . . 572.08  
 CoLaborer . . . . . 103.21  
 Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Tn. . . . . 50.09  
 Missouri State FWB Youth Camp . . . . . 30.00

Tithe, Missouri State Women's Auxiliary . . . . .	90.67
Local Church Activities . . . . .	222.36
Auxiliary Literature and Supplies . . . . .	318.45
<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,716.54</b>
<b>NON CASH GIFTS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Tn. . . . .	35.00
Missionary Provision Closet . . . . .	30.00
Local Projects . . . . .	45.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSED . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 3,826.54</b>

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Auditing Committee have checked the Treasurer's books and found the total of \$688.15 to be correct for the yearly meeting.

We the committee commend Bro. Ben Pohnert for the fine job he has done.

Signed: Curtis Buehler, Allen Sanders, Leo Warren

MSC to receive the report.

Bro. Charles Gower, pastor of the Liberty FWB Church gives an oral report at this time as there is no church letter from the Liberty Church. Bro. Gower reports good services and sound doctrine in the church. He request prayer for God to send more MEN to the church. He reports an attendance of around 25-26. MSC to receive the oral report.

Bro. Burkhead, Chairman of the Executive Board expressed his thanks to Bro. Darrell Strain for his secretarial work for the Board.

MSC to recess until 10:40. Prayer by Bro. Allen Sanders.

Services reconvened by the Moderator. The congregation sang "When I Looked Up" and "Jesus Saves" led by Bro. David Honeycutt with Sis. Ruth Thompson at the piano. The moderator then turned the service to Bro. J. W. King who preached from Eph.6: on the Continuing Warfare. Bro. Walter Simpson then took the stand and read from St. Luke Cpt. 22:61-62 and preached on the Look in Jesus Eye, concerning Christ and Peter. God blessed in the services.

The Moderator assumed charge of the service and issued an invitation while the congregation sang "Just As I Am." Bro. Charles Gower led in Prayer.

MSC to express our heart felt thanks to the Bailey Chapel Church for hosting this meeting. The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Bro. Dean Campbell who asked the blessing on the noon meal.

The 103rd conference will convene with the First Freewill Church of West Plains on May 18, 1990 the Lord willing.

ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE  
102nd CONFERENCE

MINISTERS

DEACONS

CLERKS

FRIDAY'S SESSION

Glenn E. Murray  
Virgil Blankenship  
Walter Simpson  
Stan Gray  
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Royce Hollis  
Carl Sisco

Juanita Willbanks  
Violet Johnson  
Margie Parrott  
Vesta Sanders  
Reva Baker

SATURDAY'S SESSION

David Honeycutt  
Charles Gower  
Stan Gray  
Robert Wilson  
Allen Sanders  
Virgil Blankenship  
J. W. King  
Cody Freeman  
George Naumann  
Garland Barton  
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Ben Pohnert  
Leo Warren  
Dean Campbell  
Howard Bell

Mary Campbell

# RECOMMENDATIONS BY CHURCH LETTER 1989

CHURCH	MINISTERS	DEACONS
Alton	Garland Barton Millard Ehrhardt	Larry Wallace Leroy Chronister Dwight Chronister Paris Wheeler
Bailey Chapel	C. R. Thompson	David Holman Dean Campbell Carl Sisco
Bryd	Herman Garrison	Tom Garrison Carrol Garrison
Clifton	Grover Pingleton James Lee Reed	Emery Coble John Clark Jerry Strain
Cotton Creek	Virgil Blankenship Jesse Dunkin	Ralph Payne Leamon Combs Charles David Melton Mike Crawford
Faith Chapel	John Holesapple	Troy Sims Stanley Taylor Norman Carte Norman Hicks
Garfield	Wayne Cloven Allen Sanders	Howard Dethrow Gary McGhee
Koshkonong	Charles Gower Robert Wilson	Bob Barnett Norman Howell
Liberty	No Letter	
Mt. Zion	Stan Gray	Orville Bowers
Myrtle		
Norman		Roger Williams
Piney	Larry Cockman	Jim Lawrence
Pleasant Hill	Walter Simpson	Royce Hollis Bill Burkhead Leo Warren

Pleasant Ridge	David Honeycutt E. E. Simpson	Nolen Johnson Henry Williams
Royal Oak	J. Darrell Strain	Howard Bell Wallace Strain Jim Lunyou
Shiloh		Truman Parrott Jerry Johnson
Smyrna	Wayne Adrian Harold Odgen	Cecil Campbell Leoid Case Mack Warren Kenneth Stogsdill
Thayer	Cody Freeman Loren Barton	Doil Hickenbotham Ben Pohnert Bill Underwood Lester Ellison Sherman Baker Roscoe Mills (inactive status) Richard Sandridge
United	Glenn Murray Jeff Duncan Harry Beatty	Richard King Ulus Caldwell Ernest Adkisson Dave Uhlmann Charles Blair
Victory	Doyle E. Williams	John Barton Mike Bettis
West Plains, 1st	Ronnie Blanks Donnie Morris	Dan Cline Dale Smith Bob Dotson J. O. Moss Eugene James Jim Walker
Wilderness	Wayne Lunyou	James Dotson Virgil Simpson Terry Miller Mark Barton Oather Neal
Walnut Grove	Paul Clark J. W. King Richard Todd	Glen Wisheart Clifton King

## 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.

**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 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 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:** 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.

**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 Wisheart as deacons.

**NORMAN CHURCH:** Organized October 3, 1914 by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill 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. Rolan 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 Council of Ordained Ministers \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ organized \_\_\_\_\_

Church, county of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_ number of members \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ by choice of the body \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ were selected as deacons,

church clerk \_\_\_\_\_

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ .

We, therefore, petition the conference to accept our church into  
your body as a member \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference or Association.

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No Report

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No Report

No Report

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None

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