

MINUTES

OF THE

106TH

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING

OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

BAILEY

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 14 and 15, 1993

OFFICERS: 1993 SESSION

Moderator	Darrell Strain
Assistant Moderator	Cody Freeman
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 Alton FWB Church, Alton, Missouri.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1994.

Bro. Russell Hensley and Bro. Jarvis Reed will bring the Introductory Message in the 1994 Meeting.

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COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TERM EXPIRES

Grover Pingleton	1994
J. W. King	1995
Ronnie Blanks	1996
Doyle Williams	1997
Bill Burkhead	1998

MISSION BOARD

Robert Wilson	1994
Garland Barton	1995
Darrell Strain	1996
Cody Freeman	1997
Doyle E. Williams	1998

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Walter Simpson	1994
J. W. King	1995
Leo Warren	1996

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Howard Bell	1994
Glenn Murray	1995
Cody Freeman	1996
Allen Sanders	1997
Joe McDonald	1998

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Leo Warren
Curtis Buehler
J. W. King

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson
Ester Strain
Leona Blankenship

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Marvin Cockman
Tom Powell
David Honeycutt

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Ben Pohnert	Treasurer
Sherman Baker	Clerk
Reva Baker	Assistant Clerk

MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD

James Lee Reed	1994
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY 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
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 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
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

1993 YEARLY MEETING MINUTES

106th Yearly Meeting of The Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptists

The 106th annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Bailey Free Will Baptist on Friday, May 14, 1993.

The meeting was called to order by acting Clerk, Brother Howard Bell. The congregation sang, "I Can Tell You The Time," led by Bro. Leo Warren, with Sister Francis Simpson at the piano. Bro. Gary Mitchner led the congregation in prayer, followed by the clerk reading Matthew 7:7-14. The clerk turned the services over to acting moderator, Brother Ronnie Blanks, who called for the reading of the constitution and by-laws. They were read.

Invitation was extended to any visiting brothers and sisters, and Bro. Gary Mitchner, from the Missions Association was welcomed. The moderator called for the church letters. The clerk read the church letters with the following delegates recognized.

DELEGATES AT THE 106TH YEARLY MEETING

CHURCH	DELEGATES	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTON			
	Velma Campbell	Present	Absent
	Betsy Cartee	Present	Absent
	Bertha Williams	Present	Absent
BAILEY			
	Ruth Thompson	Present	Present
	Ruth Turner	Absent	Present
	Barbara Simpson	Present	Present
	Mary Holman (alternate)	Absent	Absent
BYRD			
	Joe Garrison	Present	Absent
	Teresa Garrison	Present	Absent
CLIFTON			
	Tom Powell	Present	Present
	Jessa Powell	Present	Present
	Irene McCutchen	Present	Absent
COTTON CREEK			
	Geraldine Melton	Present	Absent
	Charlotte Mitchener	Present	Absent
	Shelia Mitchener	Absent	Present
FAITH CHAPEL			
	Olene Lee	Present	Absent
	Doyle Silva	Present	Absent
	Mildred Warren	Present	Absent

GARFIELD		
Alice McDonald	Absent	Present
Vesta Sanders	Absent	Present
Linda Dethrow	Present	Present
KOSHKONONG		
Irene Madden	Absent	Absent
Juanita Willbanks	Present	Present
Alice Roe.....	Present	Absent
LIBERTY		
None		
LINGO		
Faye McClintock	Absent	Absent
Betty Kernodle	Absent	Absent
MT. ZION		
Nancy Bowers	Absent	Present
Pat Sexton	Absent	Present
Sharon Bowers	Absent	Absent
Mary Madden (alternate)	Absent	Present
Jim Bowers (alternate)	Absent	Absent
MYRTLE		
Blanche Wischart	Present	Present
NORMAN		
Owen Collins	Present	Absent
Nadine Collins	Present	Absent
Altha Roy	Present	Absent
PINEY		
Rick Arnold	Absent	Present
Rhonda Arnold	Present	Present
Dianne Lawrence	Absent	Present
PLEASANT HILL		
Bill Burkhead	Absent	Present
Leo Warren	Present	Present
Francis Simpson	Present	Absent
PLEASANT RIDGE		
Linda Honeycutt	Absent	Present
ROYAL OAK		
David Elliot	Present	Present
Geri Elliot	Present	Present
Alma Orr	Present	Absent
SHILOH		
Velma Bivens	Present	Absent
Margie Parrott	Present	Absent
Darlene Johnson	Absent	Absent
SMYRNA		
Mary Campbell	Present	Absent
Artie Case	Present	Absent
Helen Connor	Present	Absent

THAYER

Carl Parker	Absent	Absent
Lorene Pohnert	Absent	Present

UNITED

Clifford Parrett	Present	Absent
Verda Gaulding	Present	Absent
Harold Berry	Present	Absent

VICTORY

David Rackley	Present	Present
Jerry Rackley	Present	Present

WALNUT GROVE

Audry Ehrhardt	Present	Absent
La Rue Bennett	Absent	Absent
Kathryn Hensley	Present	Absent

WEST PLAINS FIRST

Eula Payne	Present	Present
Charles Dickison	Present	Present
Kay Dickison	Absent	Present
Vergie Newberry	Present	Absent

WILDERNESS

Earl Simpson	Present	Absent
Janice Simpson	Present	Absent

CAVE SPRINGS QUARTERLY MEETING

Hazel Barton	Absent	Absent
Mary Campbell	Present	Absent
Juanita Willbanks	Present	Present

MS/C to receive the church letters and seat the delegates. The delegates were seated with a handshake as the congregation sang, "When We All Get To Heaven."

No letter was received from the Youth Organization but Brother Ronnie Blanks gave a verbal report. The report was accepted.

The moderator appointed Sisters Mary Campbell, Rhonda Arnold and Eulah Payne to serve on the Devine Service Committee to choose the speakers for the Saturday morning service.

In the absence of Bro. Glenn Murray, who was one of the speakers for Friday service, Bro. James Lee Reed was given the full message time by vote of the body.

MS/C to allow Bro. Ronnie Blanks to act as assistant moderator in the absence of Moderator Darrell Strain.

MS/C to allow Bro. and Sis. Howard Bell to act as clerk and assistant clerk in the absence of clerk and assistant clerk, Bro. and Sis. Sherman Baker.

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

LITERATURE: Sister Alma Orr, Brother David Elliott and Sister Geri Elliot.
DENOMINATION: Sister Blanche Wischart, Brother Leo Warren and Sister Francis Simpson.

STATE OF RELIGION: Sister Audrey Ehrhardt, Sister Katherine Hensley and Brother Ben Pohnert.

MS/C to advance to the afternoon business.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1993

BALANCE ON HAND 5-15-92	\$ 283.20
DONATIONS & INCOME	<u>720.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,003.20

EXPENSES

Mo. State Minutes	125.00
National Minutes	250.00
Williams Printing (300 Minute Books)	<u>330.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	705.00
BALANCE ON HAND 5-14-93	\$ 298.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>730.00</u>
TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND 5-14-93	\$ 1,028.00

Signed, Brother Ben Pohnert

MS/C to receive the report as read. Brother Ben requested approval of the conference to send the usual amount of \$125.00 for state and \$250.00 for National Minutes. MS/C to send this amount.

The election of speakers for 1994 Friday Morning Introductory speakers were called for. Brother Jarvis Reed and Brother Russell Hensley were nominated. MS/C for nomination to cease and these two were elected.

Brother James Lee Reed, member to the Missouri State General Board from Cave Springs Yearly Association, gave a report. He reported that the over-all state finances looked good.

Miscellaneous business was called for and Brother Ronnie Blanks reports that the West Plains people would like to suggest that they, along with the Cave Springs Association, host the State Meeting in 1994. He would like to see a committee of (3) three start plans for said meeting at West Plains Civic Center. This is a suggestion to be considered and discussed at a future date.

Sister Blanche Wischart gave the Woman's Auxiliary report as follows:

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY REPORT MAY '92 - APRIL '93

W.N.A.C.

Mem. Student Loan Fund, Tn.	\$ 25.00
Co-Labor	98.70
Membership Dues (32)	64.00
Emphasis/General Fund	303.52
Foreign Student Scholarship Fund	25.00

\$ 516.22

Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary		
Tithes - State Office	31.05	
Membership Dues	24.00	
		55.05
State Home Missions		
General Fund	7.50	
Anderson - Moberly	58.15	
Cockran - Hannibal	98.15	
		163.80
National Home Missions		
General Fund	22.50	
Bob Thomas	133.15	
Russell Johnson	111.00	
Jerry McClary	33.15	
Pre-Thanksgiving	65.22	
		295.17
Foreign Missions		
Curt Holland (Brazil)	25.02	
Curt Holland (Brazil) (Furniture)	156.62	
Aycock (Brazil)	180.00	
Lytle (Panama)	83.15	
Moore (Ivory Coast)	302.75	
Pre-Easter	398.21	
		1,145.73
Mo. State Youth Camp		
General Fund	30.00	
		<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL REPORT TO STATE AUXILIARY		\$2,205.97

Total Auxiliaries Reporting

Myrtle	4
Thayer	14
United	N/A
West Plains 1st	<u>14</u>
Total Membership	32

MS/C to receive the report.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We find many verses in the Bible to comfort us in the loss of our loved ones. A most comforting verse in Psalms 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." So saying, we commit unto the Lord our following brothers and sisters.

Boone Sisco	Bailey Chapel	Leonard Hall	Myrtle
Lester Roy	Norman	Zonie Brawley	Pleasant Ridge
Bennie Nichols	Pleasant Ridge	Leota Wendell	Thayer
Roscoe Mills (deacon)	Thayer	Clara Hollis	Thayer
Ernest Adkisson (deacon)	United	Maxine Jordan	United
Max Gaulding	United	Glen Wisehart (deacon)	United
Oather Neal (deacon)	Wilderness	Angela Gayle Sorrell ..	Pleasant Hill
Gertrude Bellamy	Lingo	Helen Jean Roberts ..	Cotton Creek
Robert Mitchener	Cotton Creek	Pearl Nickels	Smyrna
Henry Lee	Faith Chapel	Eunice Chadwick .	West Plains 1st
Ora Boyd	Myrtle		

Signed, Ruth Thompson

The EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

APRIL 5, 1993

The Executive Board met with opening prayer by Bro. Doyle Williams. This meeting was held in regard to the Ministers and Deacons that were not recommended by their churches in the 1992 Yearly Meeting. The following is a list of those men and plans made by this body.

1. Brother Charles Gower - After he had been approached by members of this body, he stated that he had looked for his ordination papers and had been unable to find them. He also stated that he did not want to cause any problems to the people of the Cave Springs Association but that he wanted to be dropped from this Association because of all that had happened in his life. He went on to say that he had united with another church in the area where he was living.

2. Brother Jerry Johnson, deacon of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church - After he had turned his ordination papers in, members of this body spoke with him and have been unable to convince him to return to work as a deacon in the Shiloh Church. He requested that his official status as deacon to the Shiloh Church be dropped.

The Executive Board has accepted both above requests and consider that the ordination papers of each null and void.

The Executive Board also discussed the status of other brothers in the Association and decided to meet with each of these men and meet at a later date to decide what should be done.

Discussion followed about the set of questions used by the Ordaining Council. The Clerk reported they were not found among the past records or in the older minutes. It was not determined where a set might be found. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother J. W. King.

Signed: Brother J. W. King, Brother Doyle E. Williams, Brother Ronnie Blanks and Brother Bill Burkhead.

APRIL 19, 1993

The Executive Board met with prayer by Brother Grover Pingleton. A letter was read by Brother Bill Burkhead concerning the ministers and deacons that were not recommended by their church during the 1992 yearly meeting.

Brother Ronnie Blanks and Brother Glenn Murray met with Brother Jeff Duncan, who had left the United Church, and was now attending the Assembly of God Church. He returned his papers to them and expressed his desire to have his name removed from this Association.

Brother Roger Williams had been met with and had returned his ordination papers, stating that he was now attending the Assembly of God Church. He wished that the papers be made void and returned to him. The motion was made and seconded that the clerk be given authority to write the word VOID on these papers and have the certificate returned to Brother Roger. Motion carried and this was done.

Motion was made for the clerk to check the records at the courthouses at Alton, Missouri and Salem, Arkansas for the records of Brother Charlie Gower, and have these records marked void. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Brother Mike Bettis and Brother Norman Howell, who had not been recommended by their respective churches during the 1992 yearly meeting. The Board decided to meet at a later date concerning these two deacons.

Clerk requested to be excused from the yearly meeting to attend his son's graduation at Hillsdale Bible College. The Executive Board gave the clerk permission to find someone else to take his place for the yearly meeting.

The Board was dismissed in prayer by Brother J. W. King.

Signed: Brother J. W. King, Brother Bill Burkhead, Brother Grover Pingleton and Brother Doyle E. Williams.

MS/C to accept the report and commend the committee.

The conference was dismissed in prayer by Brother Donnie Morris for a recess to prepare for the 11:00 service.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The worship service was opened with song, "Glory Land Way," led by Brother Gary Mitchner, with Sister Francis Simpson at the piano. The congregation was led in prayer by Brother C. R. "Shorty" Thompson. The Devine Service Committee reported they had chosen Brothers Rick Arnold and Grover Pingleton, with Brother Terry Deckard (alternate) for Saturday A.M. services.

The Royal Oak and Alton Free Will Baptist churches requested the next yearly meeting. A vote was called for and the Alton Free Will Baptist Church was chosen for the 1994 yearly meeting.

Since the order of business was progressing so well, the motion was made to disperse with lunch for Saturday. Motion carried.

Brother Gary Mitchner reports from the Missions Association that he is leaving his present church, Rock Chapel, and is planning to start a new church in the Ozark-Nixa area. He solicits names of prospective members in that area and funds as well, along with his financial State support. Prospect sheets were handed out.

Sister Francis Simpson came forward to sing a special, "Jesus Is Hope," and Brother James Lee Reed came to bring his message from Mark 1:14-15. Prayer was led by Brother Gary Mitchner and Brother James Lee continued with his message, "Disability of a Church." His message pointed out the fact that Jesus Christ is the power of an individual, and individuals make up the church. Thus we each need to examine our relationship with Christ, for He is our power to accomplish His plan for us as individuals, and as a part of the church. Are we the disability?

The ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

MAY 14, 1993

The Ordaining Council, Brother J. W. King and Brother Leo Warren, examined Brother Verdon Warren as a worthy deacon in the Cave Springs Association for the Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Verdon Warren is coming from the Little Vine Association as a

deacon. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend Brother Warren be accepted into the Cave Springs Association as a deacon, providing the letter and information we are requesting from the Little Vine Association are in order. We find Brother Warren being found sound in doctrine. The Ordaining Council will issue Brother Warren a deacon certificate after word is received from the Little Vine Association.

Signed: Brother Leo Warren, Brother Walter Simpson and Brother J. W. King

OCTOBER 10, 1992

Brother Walter Simpson, Brother J. W. King and Brother Leo Warren, The Ordaining Council, met with Brother Curtis Buehler and Brother Scotty Lance October 10, 1992, at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of examining these two men for the office of deacon; Brother Scotty Lance for the Piney Free Will Baptist Church, and Brother Curtis Buehler for the Clifton Free Will Baptist Church. This being the first meeting for the Ordaining Council since the yearly meeting, we took a minute to organize. We chose Brother Walter Simpson as moderator and Brother Leo Warren as secretary. Brother Walter took charge of the meeting and Brother J. W. King led in prayer. After examining the two men they were found worthy and Brother J. W. King moved that these two men be ordained as requested by the the respective churches. All were in favor of the motion and Brother Curtis Buehler set his ordaining services for October 11, 1992, at the Clifton Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Scotty Lance set his services for October 18, 1992, at the Piney Free Will Baptist Church.

October 11, 1992

Brother Walter Simpson, Brother J. W. King and Brother Leo Warren, the Ordaining Council, met with the Clifton Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of ordaining Brother Curtis Buehler as a deacon. Brother Walter Simpson took charge of the meeting, with Brother Leo Warren leading in prayer. Sister Jessa Powell, with Sister Kayla Strain at the piano, led the congregation in singing, "With Heaven's Jubilee" and "Just a Little Talk with Jesus." A special song, "Waiting at the River," was sung by Brother Walter and Sister Francis Simpson and Brother Leo and Sister Maxine Warren. Brother Grover Pingleton brought the message and charge from Acts 6:1-7. Brother Curtis and his wife were asked to the altar for the laying on of hands, with Brother J. W. King leading the Ordination Prayer. After prayer the congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven," with a hand shake followed by dismissal prayer by Brother Curtis Buehler.

October 18, 1992, Piney Free Will Baptist Church

On this date at 2:30 p.m. the Ordaining Council, Brothers Walter Simpson, J. W. King and Leo Warren, met with the Piney Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of ordaining Brother Scotty Lance as deacon. Brother Walter led the services and Brother Grover Pingleton led in prayer. Brother Jeff Lance led the congregation singing, "I Don't Know About Tomorrow" and "Amazing Grace," with Sister Lynette Ray at the piano. The special, "I Want Us To Be Together in Heaven," was sung by Brother Jeff and Sister Sandy Lawrence, Sister Diane Lawrence and Sister Lynette Ray. Brother James Ray brought the message from Acts 7:54-58 on the stoning

of Stephen. Brother Virgil Blankenship read the charge. Brother Scotty Lance was asked to the altar for the laying on of hands by the ordained present. Brother Jess Dunkin opened the Ordination Prayer and Brother Grover Pingleton closed the prayer. The congregation sang "Standing on the Promises," with a handshake. Brother Scotty closed in prayer.

OCT. 25, 1992

On October 25, 1992, the Ordaining Council, Brothers Walter Simpson, J. W. King and Leo Warren, met at the Alton Free Will Baptist Church to examine Brother Terry Deckard for Minister of the Gospel. He was found being sound in doctrine. Brother J. W. King made motion to recommend Brother Terry for ordaining. Ordaining services were set for November 1, 1992, at the Alton Free Will Baptist.

November 1, 1992

On November 1, 1992, Brother Walter Simpson, Brother J. W. King and Brother Leo Warren, the Ordaining Council, met with the Alton Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of ordaining Brother Terry Deckard as a minister of the Gospel of the Cave Springs Association. Brother Walter Simpson, taking charge of the services, asked Brother David Honeycutt to lead in prayer. Brother Leroy Chronister led the congregational singing, "At Calvary" and "When We All Get To Heaven." Brother Leroy then sang a special, "My House Is Full But My Fields Are Empty." Brother Darrell Mitchell brought the message from Jeremiah 1:4, "God Has a Purpose." Brother Glenn Murray brought the charge. Brother Terry and Sister Connie were asked to the altar for the laying on of hands by the ordained present. Brother Grover Pingleton led the Ordination Prayer. Everyone shook hands as the congregation sang "Where The Soul Never Dies." Brother Terry dismissed in prayer.

Signed: Brother Walter Simpson, Brother J. W. King and Brother Leo Warren

MS/C to receive the report. The session was dismissed in prayer by Brother Grover Pingleton.

SATURDAY SESSION

The session was called to order with the singing of "Where Milk and Honey Flows," led by Brother David Honeycutt, with Sister Ruth Thompson at the piano. Prayer followed, led by Brother Joe McDonald. The acting Clerk, Brother Howard Bell, read scripture from Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

The moderator, Brother Darrell Strain, welcomed everyone and asked to receive a motion to omit the reading of the constitution and by-laws. Motion was made, seconded and carried. The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

The delegates who were absent from the Friday's session were recognized and seated by a handshake from the Moderator.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: The floor was opened for the nominations of moderator. Brother Darrell Strain was nominated and MS was made nominations cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried and Brother Darrell was elected.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: MS/C to allow Brother Darrell to choose his assistant.

CLERK: MS/C to retain Brother Sherman Baker.

TREASURER: MS/C to retain Brother Ben Pohnert and allow him to choose his assistant. He chose Brother Leo Warren.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: MS/C to retain the present committee.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: MS/C to retain the present committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: MS/C to retain the present committee.

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE: Nominations were received and Brother Joe McDonald was nominated. MS that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried and Brother McDonald was elected.

ORDAINING COMMITTEE: MS/C to retain Brother Leo Warren.

MISSION BOARD: MS/C to retain Brother Doyle Williams.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: MS/C to retain Brother Bill Burkhead.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE MEETING: MS/C to accept volunteers and give them authority to name others who may be there as delegates. Those who volunteered were Brother Grover Pingleton, Sister Jo Pingleton, Sister Eulah Payne and Brother James Lee Reed.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, believe that God intends his people to live a full and joyful life, to do this we think our lifestyle should conform to Christ's teachings and to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Signed: Brother David Honeycutt and Brother Tom Powell

MS/C to receive the report and release the committee.

The LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We, the Literature Committee, affirm the Bible is our only guide to daily living and recommend all our churches use Free Will Baptist Literature.

Signed: Brother David Elliot, Sister Geri Elliot and Sister Alma Orr

MS/C to receive the report and release the committee.

STATE OF RELIGION

We, the State of Religion Committee, believe that we as Christians should live a Christ-like life, showing love and compassion to all people, especially to those who are of the household of faith; that we should present our bodies a living sacrifice to God, which is our reasonable service; that we should always be ready to give answer to those who would question our belief in God.

Signed: Sister Kathryn Hensley, Sister Audrey Ehrhardt and Brother Ben Pohnert

MS/C to receive the report and release the committee.

The LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE

The Bible teaches us that one day in seven be set aside from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and communication with God.

Signed: Brother Clifford Parrett, Brother Harold Berry and
Sister Verdia Gaulding

MS/C to receive the report and release the committee.

DENOMINATION COMMITTEE

We, the Denomination Committee, believe that Free Will Baptist is accurate and closely related to God's word. We also believe that we, as individuals, should strive for a daily walk and drawing closer to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed: Sister Francis Simpson, Brother Leo Warren and
Sister Blanche Wischart

MS/C to receive the report and release the committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, find the treasurer's books to be in good shape and commend Brother Ben Pohnert for the fine job he has done. We would like to suggest to the body that local dues just go into a general fund and not to just specify minutes and also for the letter to indicate how much to go to State and National - not put them together; and if a Church gives any extra to specify where it should be used.

Signed: Brother Leo Warren, Brother J. W. King and Brother Curtis Buehler

MS/C to receive the report and approve the request.

There was no report received from the Mission Board or Evangelistic Committee. MS/C that the clerk state in the minutes what reports were not given.

MS/C to proceed to the afternoon session of business.

A letter from the West Plains churches was received as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Cave Springs Association offer a request to the Missouri State Association to host the 1994 session of the State Meeting at the new Civic Center in West Plains. This meeting will be June 6-9, 1994.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That a Committee of Three be appointed to serve as a Planning Committee. This committee will work with the officials of the State Association in planning the logistics for this meeting.

Signed: Brother Ron Blanks and Brother Glenn Murray

MS/C on the first part of the resolution. MS/C on the second part of the resolution and Brother Darrell Strain was elected to serve on this committee and he was allowed to choose the other two members of the committee. He chose Brother Ron Blanks and Brother Glenn Murray.

Brother Grover Pingleton moved that we commend Brother James Lee Reed for his dedicated work on the State General Board. Motion carried.

MS/C we extend our heartfelt thanks to Bailey Free Will Baptist Church for hosting this 106th yearly conference.

Motion was made to update our constitution in such a way to prevent a homosexual from obtaining a license or being ordained into the Cave Springs Association. MS/C that Article 21 be added to By-laws and Article 19 be added to standing rules to state that no homosexual shall be licensed or ordained by the yearly meeting. MS/C to grant the Executive Committee authority to oversee that these articles be printed in the 1993 minutes and that this be added to our constitution in Friday's Session 1994.

Brother Walter Simpson dismissed in prayer for a 10 minute recess.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The services were opened by the congregation singing "Heavenly Love," led by Brother David Honeycutt, with Sister Ruth Thompson at the piano. Brother Rick Arnold came forward and opened his message, "Faith at Work," with scriptures from James 2:17. Brother Grover Pingleton followed with "Faith Without Works Is Dead, Being Alone." Hearing God's word and feeling his Spirit was indeed a much needed blessing. An invitation was given with congregation singing "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?" Dismissal prayer was led by Brother Ronnie Blanks, followed with the congregation singing "Living By Faith," and a handshake to the two brothers who preached the message.

ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE 106th CONFERENCE

MINISTERS

Larry K. Cockman
John Holseapple
Doyle E. Williams
C. R. Thompson
Donnie Morris
Landle Reeves
James Lee Reed
Russell Hensley
Paul R. Clark
Grover Pingleton
Ron Blanks
J. W. King

DEACONS

FRIDAY'S SESSION

Leo Warren
Howard Bell
Ben Pohnert
Dave Holman
Curtis Buehler

CLERKS

Juanita Willbanks
Velma Campbell
Margie Parrott
Mary Campbell
Ruth Simpson

SATURDAY'S SESSION

Doyle E. Williams
Ron Blanks
Darrell Mitchell
Paul R. Clark
Joe McDonald
Virgil Blankenship
J. W. King
Walter Simpson
Allen Sanders
Ricky Arnold
Grover J. Pingleton
David Honeycutt
James Lee Reed
Darrell Strain

Bill burkhead
Howard Bell
Leo Warren
Ben Pohnert
Curtis Buehler

Vesta Sanders
Juanita Willbanks
Ruth Simpson

RECOMMENDATIONS BY CHURCH LETTER 1993

CHURCH	MINISTERS	DEACONS
Alton	Terry Deckard Millard Ehrhardt Garland Barton	Larry Wallace Leroy Chronister Dwight Chronister Paris Wheeler
Bailey Chapel	C. R. Thompson	David Holman Dean Campbell Carl Sisco
Byrd	Mike Parrott	Tom Garrison Carroll Garrison
Cave Springs	No Letter	
Clifton	Grover Pingleton James Lee Reed	Emery Coble John Clark Jerry Strain Curt Buchler
Cotton Creek	Darrell Mitchell Virgil Blankenship Jesse Dunkin	Mike Crawford Leamon Combs Charles Melton (inactive status) Ralph Payne
Faith Chapel	Johnny Holesapple	Verdon Warren (inactive status) Troy Sims
Garfield	Joe McDonald	Howard Dethrow Gary McGhee
Koshkonong	J. Darrell Strain Robert Wilson	
Liberty		
Lingo		
Mt. Zion	Larry Cockman	Orville Bowers
Myrtle		
Norman	J. W. King	

Piney	James Ray, Jr. Rick Arnold	Jim Lawrence Scotty Lance
Pleasant Hill	Walter Simpson	Royce Hollis Bill Burkhead Leo Warren
Pleasant Ridge	David Honeycutt E. E. Simpson	Henry Williams
Royal Oak	Richard Todd	Howard Bell
Shiloh		Truman Parrott
Smyrna	Wayne Adrian Harold Ogden	Cecil Campbell Leod Case Mack Warren Kenneth Stogsdill
Thayer	Cody Freeman	Doil Hickinbotham Ben Pohnert Bill Underwood Lester Ellison Sherman Baker Richard Sandridge
United	Glenn Murray	Richard King Ulus Caldwell Dave Uhlmann Norman Cartee Jim Lunyou Stan Taylor
Victory	Allen Sanders Doyle E. Williams	John Barton Alan Wilson
Walnut Grove	Paul Clark	Clifton Lee King Dean Bennett
West Plains First	Ronnie Blanks Donnie Morris	Dan Cline Dale Smith Bob Dotson J. O. Moss Eugene James Jim Walker
Wilderness	Wayne Lunyou	James Dodson Virgil Simpson Terry Miller Mark Barton

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.

PERSEVERANCE: All believers of Christ who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ORDINANCE

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

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH: The divine law requires that one day in seven be set aside from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities and for personal communications with God.

RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT 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 love and obey Him in all things; to avoid the appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages; and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and by self-denial faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church 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.

ARTICLE 21. Since the scriptures in Romans 1:24-27 condemn homosexual practice, this body will not license or ordain any person who is involved in this sin.

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. 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 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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IN MEMORY

of the Ministers of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists, who have given their lives for His Cause and gone on to their reward.

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Rev. W. W. Pierce

Rev. Daniel R. Johnson

Rev. G. W. Putman

Rev. S. O. Buckley

Rev. Thomas Bennett

Rev. David Johnson

Rev. W. C. Norman

Rev. John Combs

Rev. W. M. Johnson

Rev. Milo Standley

Rev. J. E. Pentecost

Rev. T. J. Dunkin

Rev. J. R. W. Harbison

Rev. Ode Hackworth

Rev. F. D. Johnson

Rev. Nathan Combs

Rev. Oren Barton

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Rev. E. E. Hollis

Rev. W. P. Stogsdtill

Rev. James McGhee

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Rev. Billie Rogers

Rev. Elmer Hodges

Rev. Eddie Vaughn

Rev. Arthur T. Warren

Rev. A. R. Campbell

Rev. H. C. Crase

Rev. Joe Sisk

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