

MINUTES

OF THE

108TH

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

CLIFTON

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 19 and 20, 1995

OFFICERS: 1995 SESSION

Moderator	James Lee Reed
Assistant Moderator	Walter Simpson
Clerk	Joe Garrison
Assistant Clerk	Teresa Garrison
Treasurer	Leo Warren
Assistant Treasurer	Ben Pohnert

The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches will be held with the Byrd FWB Church, Myrtle, Missouri.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1996.

Bro. Lance Rogers will bring the Introductory Message in the 1996 Meeting.

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COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TERM EXPIRES

Ronnie Blanks	1996
Doyle Williams	1997
Bill Burkhead	1998
Grover Pingleton	1999
J. W. King	2000

MISSION BOARD

Darrell Strain	1996
Cody Freeman	1997
Doyle E. Williams	1998
David Honeycutt	1999
Bob Epperson	2000

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Leo Warren	1996
Darrell Mitchell	1997
J. W. King	1998

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Cody Freeman	1996
Allen Sanders	1997
Joe McDonald	1998
Howard Bell	1999
Glenn Murray	2000

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Curtis Buehler
Larry Cockman
Ben Pohnert

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson
Ester Strain
Audry Ehrhardt
Linda Honeycutt

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

David Honeycutt
Tom Powell
Doyle Williams

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Leo Warren	Treasurer
Joe Garrison	Clerk
Teresa Garrison	Assistant Clerk

MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD

James Lee Reed	1996
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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. Letters From the Churches Called For
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 Association Meeting
43. Other Things That Come Before the Body
44. Adjournment With Prayer

1995 YEARLY MEETING MINUTES

108th Yearly Meeting of The Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists

The 108th annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Clifton Free Will Baptist on Friday, May 19, 1995.

The meeting was opened with Brother Joe Garrison welcoming all and reading scripture from Hebrews 6:19-20 about relying on the promises of God. Special prayer requests were taken and Brother Ronnie Blanks led in prayer. Brother Joe apologized for having to leave due to a sickness of a co-workers family member. He asked that Sister Teresa be granted assistance by Brother Joby Steele. Two songs, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" and "Jesus Hold My Hand," were led by Brother Joby Steele, with Sister Jo Ann Epperson at the piano. The clerk turned the services over to the Moderator, Brother James Lee Reed, who called for the reading of the constitution and by-laws. They were read.

MS/C to allow the Assistant Clerk to appoint her assistant. Brother Joby Steele was appointed. Invitation was extended to any visiting brothers and sisters, and Brother Jarvis Reed was in attendance and welcomed. The moderator called for the reading of the church letters with the following delegates recognized.

DELEGATES AT THE 108TH YEARLY MEETING

CHURCH	DELEGATES	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTON			
	Betsy Cartee	Present	Present
	Velma Campbell	Present	Present
BAILEY			
	Ruth Thompson	Present	Absent
	Ruth Turner	Absent	Absent
	Junior Brown	Present	Absent
BYRD			
	Joe Garrison	Absent	Present
	Teresa Garrison	Present	Present
	Brenda Steele	Present	Absent
CLIFTON			
	Huey Clark	Present	Present
	Norman Trimble	Absent	Absent
	John Clark	Present	Present
COTTON CREEK			
	Geraldine Melton	Present	Absent
	Phil Johnson	Absent	Absent
	Tresia Johnson	Absent	Absent
	Mary Marcum	Absent	Absent
FAITH CHAPEL			
	Lance Scott	Absent	Absent
	Pat Moefield	Present	Absent
	Olene Lee	Present	Absent

GARFIELD

Vesta Sanders	Absent	Absent
Janet Bennett	Absent	Present
Krystal Bennett	Absent	Present

KOSHKONONG

Mary Jean Pressley	Absent	Present
Irene Madden	Absent	Present
Juanita Wilbanks	Absent	Present

LIBERTY

Delsia Crawford	Absent	Absent
Lillian Snodgrass	Present	Absent
Bonnie Gazaway	Present	Absent

LINGO

Betty Kernodle	Present	Absent
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MT. ZION

Nancy Bowers	Absent	Present
Pat Sexton	Present	Present
Jim Bowers	Absent	Present
Shirley Cockman	Absent	Present

MYRTLE

Mary Hall	Present	Absent
Geneva Sorrell	Present	Absent
David Sorrell	Absent	Absent
Dale Huddle	Present	Absent

NORMAN

Altha Roy	Present	Absent
Ola Coates	Present	Absent
Owen Collins	Present	Absent

PINEY

Rhonda Arnold	Absent	Present
Dow Lance	Absent	Absent

PLEASANT HILL

Frances Simpson	Absent	Absent
Bill Burkhead	Present	Present
Maxine Warren	Absent	Absent

PLEASANT RIDGE

Linda Honeycutt	Present	Present
Glen Booker	Absent	Absent

ROYAL OAK

Frances Bell	Present	Present
Hazel Barton	Present	Absent
David Elliot	Present	Present

SHILOH

Linda Parrott	Absent	Absent
Velma Bivens	Present	Absent
Margie Parrott	Present	Absent

SMYRNA

Wanda Watson	Present	Absent
Artie Case	Present	Absent
Mary Campbell	Absent	Absent

THAYER

Bernice Cantrell	Present	Present
Helen Underwood	Present	Present
Sherri Rogers	Present	Absent

UNITED

None

VICTORY

None

WALNUT GROVE

Audry Ehrhardt	Present	Present
George Reed	Present	Absent

WEST PLAINS FIRST

Eula Payne	Present	Present
Keith Turner	Present	Absent
Jeff West	Absent	Present

WILDERNESS

Earl Simpson	Absent	Absent
Virgil Simpson	Present	Absent
Marvin Brawley	Present	Absent

QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES

JoAnn Epperson	Present	Present
Ruth Thompson	Present	Absent
Linda Honeycutt	Present	Present

MS/C to receive the church letters with the Faith Chapel letter containing an item to be addressed by the Ordaining Committee on Saturday. The delegates were seated with a handshake as the congregation sang, "I've Got That Old Time Religion In My Heart" led by Brother Bob Epperson with Sister Jo Ann Epperson at the piano.

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

LITERATURE: Sister Geraldine Melton, Brother Huey Clark and Brother John Clark.

LORD'S DAY: Sister Frances Bell, Sister Hazel Barton and Brother David Elliott.

DENOMINATION: Sister Altha Roy, Sister Ola Coates and Brother Owen Collins.

STATE OF RELIGION: Sister Mary Hall, Sister Geneva Sorrell and Brother Dale Huddle.

DIVINE SERVICE: Brother Jerry Strain, Brother Dale Huddle and Brother Earl Simpson.

MS/C to give the temporary committees direction as to what is expected of them. MS/C for the moderator to explain the duties of the committees, and he did so.

Petitionary Letters were called for and none were forthcoming.

Letters from Corresponding Messengers were called for and none were forthcoming.

A report was called for from delegates who have attended other associations. None were received.

MS/C to suspend the rules and proceed with other business of the meeting.

The floor was opened for nomination of two introductory speakers for next year's meeting. Brother Lance Rogers was nominated. MS/C that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried and Bro. Lance Rogers was elected.

The Treasurer's report was given as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT 1995

BALANCE ON HAND 6-5-94	\$ 6,323.70	
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 5,688.50</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 635.20
WILLIAMS PRINTING YEARLY MINUTES	<u>\$ 376.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 259.20
RECEIPTS 5-19-95	<u>\$ 1,140.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 1,399.20
STATE & NATIONAL MINUTES	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND 5-19-95		\$ 649.20

Signed, Brother LEO WARREN

MS/C to receive the report.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

In this life there are many things to bring sadness to us and nothing hurts worse than the death of a loved one. But with the death of a Christian we find comfort from Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" we find our association has lost the following members:

Alma Hall	Alton	Willard Parrott	Pleasant Ridge
Jettie Norman	Cave Springs	Dorothy Hensley	Pleasant Ridge
Nova Coble	Clifton	Rev. E.E. Simpson	Pleasant Ridge
Frank Fisher	Clifton	Verbal Caskey	Smyrna
Rachel Combs	Cotton Creek	Betty Terry	Thayer
Charles T. Combs	Cotton Creek	Norene Crass	Thayer
Howard Mofield	Faith Chapel	Jake Reynolds	Thayer
Hettie Sims	Faith Chapel	Elsie Worel	Thayer
Lewis Madden	Koshkonong	Clida Martin	Thayer
Edith Bowers	Mount Zion	Robert Barnett	Thayer
Johnny Low	Norman	Ralph Bunch	United
Bill Overstreet	Norman	Jess Siegrist	United
Marshall Cochran	United	Eula Fern Holt	United
Ulus Caldwell (deacon)	United	Pershing Hayes	West Plains 1st
Lewis Adkisson	United	Florence Shannon	West Plains 1st

This report is from April 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995. Any other names in time period should be added. The Obituary Committee recommends that Rev. E.E. Simpson be added to the In Memory listing on the back of the Yearly Meeting minutes. MS/C to receive the report as read and accept the recommendation of the committee. A moment of silent prayer was taken to remember those who have gone on, followed by prayer by Brother Walter Simpson.

The ORDAINING COUNCIL

On April 10, 1994, the Ordaining Council met with the Piney FWB Church for the purpose of ordaining Brother Ricky Arnold as a minister of the gospel in the Cave Springs Association. Brother Walter Simpson took charge of the meeting. Opening prayer by Brother Grover Pingleton. Brother Jeff Lawrence led singing with Sister Diane Lawrence at the piano and Sister Nadine Hall at the organ. Sister Rhonda Arnold sang "God On The Mountain" and Brother Terry Deckard sang "Beulah Land." Brother Terry Deckard brought the message and charge from I Timothy. The thought centered on prayer being the main tool for a man of God. Brother Ricky and Sister Rhonda were asked to the altar for the laying on of hands. All ordained present laid hands on Brother Ricky while Brother Grover Pingleton led the ordination prayer. Everyone shook hands and Brother Ricky dismissed in prayer. The ordaining council present were Brother J. W. King, Brother Leo Warren and Brother Walter Simpson.

On May 12, 1994, the ordaining council met with Brother Junior Brown to examine him for deacon for the Bailey FWB Church. Being found worthy, we recommended he be ordained.

On May 15, 1994, the ordaining council met with the Bailey FWB Church to ordain Brother Junior Brown for Deacon of the Bailey FWB Church. Brother J. W. King opened the services. Brother Leo Warren led in prayer. The Holman singers sang "I'm So Glad He Found Me," "A Better Place To Go" and "Waiting At The River." Brother Jeff Holman sang "Wish You Were Here." Brother Bobby McClanahan sang "I'll Be Looking For You" and "Coming Soon." Little Brittny McClanahan sang "Yes, Jesus Loves Me." Brother Leo and Sister Maxine Warren, Brother Walter and Sister Frances Simpson sang "Under His Feet." Brother Walter Simpson brought the message and charge from Acts 6, 1-4. Brother Junior was brought to the altar for the laying on of hands by the ordained that were present. Brother C.R. (Shorty) Thompson led the ordination prayer. Everyone shook hands with Brother & Sister Brown and a good time was had by all as the Lord blessed the services. Brother Junior dismissed in prayer. The Ordaining Council present were Brother J. W. King and Brother Leo Warren. Brother Darrell Mitchell could not be present due to a death in his church.

On August 28, 1994, the Ordaining Council met with the Walnut Grove FWB Church to ordain Brother Jarvis Reed as a minister of the gospel. Brother Darrell Mitchell took charge of the services. Brother James Lee Reed led in prayer. Brother Dean Bennett led singing with Sister LaRue Bennett at the piano, with "I'm Too Near Home" and "Amazing Grace." Special songs were presented by the youth of the church and Sister Kelly Hutchens, fiancé of Brother Jarvis, sang "He Grew The Tree." Sister Tina Hensley sang "God Does All Things Well." Brother J. W. King preached the message and brought the charge to Brother Jarvis. Brother Jarvis, his parents, Brother James Lee & Sister Rosalee Reed, and Sister Kelly Hutchens, his fiancé, were asked to the altar for the laying on of hands on Brother Jarvis. Brother Leo Warren led the ordination prayer and Brother Darrell Mitchell closed the prayer. A good time was had as everyone came to shake hands with Brother Jarvis and his family. Knowing that Brother Jarvis and Sister Kelly were going to be married the following Saturday, September 3, 1994, everyone wished them well and a lot of happiness. Brother Jarvis dismissed in prayer. The Ordaining Council present were Brother J. W. King, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother Leo Warren.

On Jan. 7, 1995, at the Quarterly Meeting held at West Plains First FWB Church, the Ordaining Council questioned Brother Scott Real. We learned he was already licensed in Oklahoma. The Ordaining Council asked Brother Scott to

send for the license and get back with us. At this time Brother Scott hasn't contacted the Council concerning the license or the ordination. The Ordaining Council present were Brother J. W. King, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother Leo Warren.

Signed, Brother J. W. King, Brother Darrell Mitchell and
Brother Leo Warren

MS/C to accept the Ordaining Council report.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

W.N.A.C.

Mem. Student Loan Fund, TN.	\$ 25.00	
Co-Laborer	77.80	
Membership Dues	450.00	
Emphasis/Gen. Fund	172.00	
Foreign Student Scholarship Fund	25.00	
Office Support	199.98	
Provision Closet	32.00	
Hillsdale General Fund	70.00	
Tennessee Children's Home	<u>50.00</u>	
		\$1,101.78

Mo. State Women's Auxiliary

GF/Tithes - State Office	\$25.00	
Membership Dues	38.00	
MO Scholarship	<u>95.00</u>	
		\$158.00

State Home Missions

General Fund	\$ 0.00	
Cochran	10.00	
Perpetual Loan Fund	<u>63.13</u>	
		\$73.13

National Home Missions

General Fund	\$326.50	
Mertz	190.62	
Pre-Thanksgiving	<u>114.00</u>	
		\$631.12

Foreign Missions

Aycock (Brazil)	\$220.00	
Pinkerton (Ivory Coast)	225.63	
Pre-Easter	<u>155.00</u>	
		\$600.63

Mo. State Youth Camp

General Fund	30.00	
		<u>\$30.00</u>

TOTAL REPORT TO STATE AUXILIARY

\$2,564.6

Total Auxiliaries Reporting

Myrtle	6
Thayer	22
West Plains 1st	<u>17</u>
Total Membership	45

The Missouri State Women's Auxiliary now awards a scholarship each year to a young lady attending one of our Free Will Baptist Colleges. If there is a young lady who would like to apply, please contact Reva Baker for an application or information, or talk to your pastor. A copy of the application was presented for those interested.

Signed, Sister Reva Baker, MO State Treasurer

MS/C to accept the report as read.

Invitation was opened for the hosting of next year's Yearly Meeting. There were no requests by letter. The moderator invited churches to notify the clerk if they would like to hold the meeting in 1996. This was tabled until the Saturday Session.

The GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The following General Board report was read by the Assistant Moderator Brother Walter Simpson at the request of the moderator, due to the fact that the moderator Brother James Lee Reed is a member of the General Board.

I feel the contents of this report will be of concern. Yearly Meeting Minutes Page 13.

Yearly Meeting Minutes

Your nomination of James Lee Reed for General Board was recommended by Missouri State Association nominating committee as a member from Cave Springs, term through 1996. (Page XIV MISSOURI STATE MINUTE Adopted Page XI STATE MINUTE) Minutes of the Missouri State Association, June 6-9, 1994 Page XIII. State Minutes.

The report of the Credentials Committee:

Ron Blanks, Chairman - June 8, 1994

#2 The Credentials Committee would also like to recommend that the local churches be more diligent in reporting their statistics to their local association so that in turn, the associational clerk may be able to give a complete report to the State Association.

#3 We also found that the reporting period varied from different associations. The reporting period should be for the past calendar year.

NOTE: By-Laws Discipline #49 Page 69

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December each year.

ARTICLE 2 of Standing Rules - Our fiscal year shall be from April 1 to March 31, and all reports are to be made using the same dates. YEARLY MEETING MINUTES Page 25.

From the General Board Report Page XV. Recommendations

Item #3 We recommend that the yearly allocation to participants in the Missouri Retirement Fund be increased from \$480.00 to \$520.00. This was recommended by the General Board and adopted by the State Association.

Item #4 The National Association has changed the state delegate fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per church effective in 1995. This increase will mean that each District Association will need to send in \$30.00 per church with its letter to the State Association in 1995. (\$5.00 per church will be used to print the state minutes and \$25.00 per church will be sent to the National Association.) This was recommended by the General Board and adopted by the State Association.

Due to the increase, I talked to some of the Yearly Meeting Executive Board members about making a proposal at the General Board meeting in November 1994, which would place all local associations into the Cooperative Budget. This was the proposal.

PROPOSED SUPPORT PLAN FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS:

PROPOSAL: When local churches within a said association send money to the State Co-op Plan, the State Association would return to each association 10% of the sum sent to the State by the said association to provide support for the churches at the associational level.

RATIONALE: Each church has been asked by the state to give to the Cooperative Plan. Leaders on both the national and state level have displayed their support for the Co-op plan through their successful use of it. These programs have failed in only one respect, they have neglected the support of the local associations, to foster better relations throughout the state and to enable the local associations to be more active in their work for our Lord. It is hoped that you will consider and pass this proposal.

MOTION: I move this "Support Plan for Local Associations" be accepted as written and placed into effect at the beginning of the 1996 fiscal year.

Signed, Brother James Lee Reed

During a break in the November General Board meeting I showed the proposal to the moderator, before presenting it to the General Board. We discussed it some. He suggested that I show it to the Executive Secretary first. I presented it to him and he told me that I couldn't make this motion. He also told me that associations had the power to ask their churches to send their co-op money to the local association and the local association could keep a percentage and send the rest to the State. He stated that this was being done by some. I was told I couldn't make this motion. It would have to come from a request of the Cave Springs Association. My motion was not for the Cave Springs Association only. I feel at this time I should have had a request or permission to have asked this for the Cave Springs Yearly meeting only. My proposal was based at the state level so that the State would place all local associations in the Cooperative budget.

At a later date I met with the Executive Board and they gave their support of the proposal.

There has not been a General Board meeting since November.

This proposal has not been presented to the General Board. It has been discussed with the state people since.

I have attended the General Board Meetings and the State Association. I was elected for the term ending 1996.

This is not all the business adopted at the State Association. I feel these items should be of interest to our Yearly Meeting and ministers.

Signed, Brother James Lee Reed

After reading the report, Brother James Lee Reed gave more information as to the report. The main issue addressed was the difference in the reporting years in the State and local associations. The State reports for year January - December and the association currently reports April - March.

MS/C to change the association reporting date to be in line with the State reporting. This motion will amend Article 2 of the Standing Rules of the Yearly Association. A standing vote of thanks was given to Brother James Lee Reed for his work and dedication in representing the Cave Springs Association on the General Board.

The EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We, the the Executive Board, met on December 20, 1994, at the Pleasant Hill FWB Church at 7:00 as Brother James Lee Reed requested to meet to discuss association financial affairs. Prayer by Brother Doyle Williams. Motion carried that we go on record as being in support of Brother James Lee Reed's recommendation (shown in the General Board Report). Motion carried to adjourn.

Signed, Brother J. W. King, Brother Doyle Williams and
Brother Bill Burkhead.

MS/C to accept the reading of the Executive Board Report.

The moderator asked the body for their desire for the Friday night service. Brother Walter Simpson announced that a revival was in progress at Pleasant Hill. The host church was asked for their decision and Brother Grover Pingleton responded with full support to attend the revival at Pleasant Hill FWB Church.

MS/C to recess until the 11 o'clock service. During this time the Divine Service committee would meet to decide on the speakers for the Saturday session. Services will be dismissed after the 11 o'clock service and will resume Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The worship service was opened with congregational singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" with Sister Jo Ann Epperson at the piano and led by Brother Bob Epperson. The moderator led a testimony service in which the Spirit of the Lord was felt by all. The service was then turned over to Brother Millard Ehrhardt, who came forward and brought his message from Genesis 6:5-8, "Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord, Do We?" An inviation was given as "Is Thy Heart Right With God " was sung.

The Divine Service Committee requested that Brother Bob Epperson and Brother Russell Hensley be the speakers for the Saturday Service.

Closing Prayer was led by Brother Russell Hensley.

SATURDAY SESSION

The Session was opened with Scripture reading by Brother Joe Garrison in II Thessalonians 1:1-12, using a topic of "Love One Another Through Christ." "If We Never Meet Again" was led by Brother Joe Garrison with Sister JoAnn Epperson at the piano.

A welcome was given by the Moderator. MS/C to omit the reading of the constitution and by-laws. The moderator then asked for the reading of the minutes from Friday's session and they were read. MS/C to receive and approve the minutes as read. The moderator asked for any visiting Brothers or Sisters and none were present. The moderator then called for the seating of the delegates who were not present in Friday's session and they were received with a handshake while the congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Brother Darrell Mitchell, with Sister Jo Ann Epperson playing the piano.

Invitation was again opened for the hosting of next year's Yearly Meeting. The Clerk reported that the Royal Oak FWB, the Byrd FWB and the Cotton Creek FWB churches requested the next meeting. The three churches were voted on by the delegates present and the Byrd FWB Church was selected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

MODERATOR: The floor was opened for nomination. MS/C to retain Brother James Lee Reed.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: The floor was opened for nominations. MS/C to retain Brother Walter Simpson.

CLERK: The floor was opened for nominations. MS/C to retain Brother Joe Garrison. He chose Sister Teresa Garrison as his Assistant Clerk.

TREASURER: The floor was opened for nominations. MS/C to retain Brother Leo Warren. He chose Brother Ben Pohnert as his Assistant Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: MS/C to retain Brother J. W. King.

MISSION BOARD: Nominations were made and Brother Bob Epperson was received. MS/C for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Brother Bob Epperson was elected.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: MS/C to retain Brother J. W. King.

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE: MS/C to retain Brother Glenn Murray.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Nominations were received to elect 3 for this office. Nominations were received for Brother Curt Buehler, Brother Larry Cockman and Brother Ben Pohnert. MS/C to accept the three nominated.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Nominations were received to elect for this office. Nominations were received for Sister Ruth Thompson, Sister Linda Honeycutt, Sister Esther Strain and Sister Audry Ehrhardt. MS/C to accept the four nominated.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Nominations were received to elect for this committee. Nominations were received for Brother David Honeycutt, Brother Tom Powell and Brother Doyle Williams. MS/C to elect these three.

The Moderator called for any additional committee reports. The clerk came forward with the following:

The FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, met with Brother Leo Warren to audit the Treasurer's books and found them to lie in good shape. We would like to commend Brother Leo for the fine job done.

Signed, Brother Curtis Buehler, Brother Ben Pohnert and
Brother Larry Cockman.

MS/C to accept the report as read.

The TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, believe that we should deal with it, (Temperance) as Webster defines it "total abstinence from alcoholic beverages." Also, we believe that in today's world, there are many more pitfalls to be avoided and we can avoid them by adhering to the Word of God and to our Free Will Baptist doctrine.

Signed, Brother Tom Powell and Brother David Honeycutt.

MS/C to receive the report as read.

The PRINTING COMMITTEE

The printing of the yearly minutes for 1994-95 was a total of \$376.00. Final distribution was made of the minutes.

Signed, Brother Leo Warren, Brother Joe Garrison and
Sister Teresa Garrison.

MS/C to accept the report as read.

The ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met and decided on these items of business. Brother Joby Steele was examined and licensed October 1, 1994, by the quarterly ordaining council. No action needed at this time. The request by Brother James Ray to be issued a new ordination certificate was granted. The council will also honor the request by Faith Chapel to ask for Verdon Warren's ordination papers. He was a deacon at the church but no longer attends. A letter will be sent to Verdon Warren asking for the said papers. A time will be set for Brother Darrell Johnston's ordination at a later date.

Signed, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother Leo Warren.

The LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We believe as Christians we should eliminate Worldly Books and Magazines from our lives. We should concentrate on Free Will Baptist materials and literature. We strongly believe in the King James version of the Holy Bible and recommend

its use in our churches and homes.

Signed, Brother John T. Clark and Brother Huey Clark.

MS/C to receive the report.

The LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE

As Free Will Baptists we observe the first day of the week (Sunday) as the "Lord's Day" and should be in God's house as was Jesus' custom, a day of rest and fellowship with other Christians.

Signed, Sister Frances Bell, Sister Hazel Barton and
Brother David Elliott.

MS/C to receive the report.

The DENOMINATION COMMITTEE

We, the Denomination Committee, believe that the Free Will Baptist denomination is accurate and closely related to God's Word. We also believe that we as individuals should work as hard as we can to build our church in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed, Sister Ola Coates, Sister Altha Roy and
Brother Owen Collins.

MS/C to receive the report.

The STATE OF RELIGION REPORT

We, the State of Religion Committee, believe that as Christians we should reflect the love and mercy of God through our daily lives. The church provides a channel where our service to the Lord is the evidence of our faithfulness and commitment to Him. May our burdens for the unsaved drive us to our knees in prayer and make the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19, 20) a personal responsibility. Our study of God's Word and prayer are essential for spiritual growth and well being. God grant as individuals and churches that we put God first and glorify our Lord and Savior for all He has done for us.

Signed, Sister Geneva Sorrell, Sister Mary Hall and
Brother Dale Huddle.

MS/C to receive the report.

MS/C to release the temporary committees and commend them for their good work.

No reports were given for the Mission Board or Evangelistic Committees.

Nominations and volunteers were called for Delegates to the State Meeting. The following were received: Sister Eula Payne and Sister Reva Baker.

MS/C to allow these two to attend as delegates and others may be added at the meeting.

Brother Cody Freeman reported on the Home Mission work of Brother Gary Mitchener and how the work is doing well. He also requested prayer for our Home Missions.

Brother Virgil Blankenship stated that he had attended many Yearly and Associational meetings in his lifetime and he always receives such a blessing each time. He also stated that he and Brother Doyle Williams are working to re-establish the Cave Springs church, and to keep them in our prayers.

The Liberty church burned in the spring; any assistance, and all prayers would be appreciated. Brother J. W. King is pastor of the church at this time. Church is being held in the community building with attendance picking up.

MS/C to give a vote of heartfelt thanks to the Clifton FWB church and people for hosting the 1995 Yearly Meeting.

MS/C to recess until the 11 o'clock service with adjournment after the service.

Dismissal prayer was led by Brother Charles David Melton.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The meeting was opened with Brother David Honeycutt leading the congregation singing "Jesus Opened Up The Way" with Sister Jo Ann Epperson playing the piano. Brother Millard Ehrhardt then led the opening prayer. The congregation sang "Higher Ground." All of the ministers in attendance sang "Looking for a City." Sister Kelly Reed sang "Blessed Assurance" and blessed all. The service was then turned over from the moderator to Brother Russell Hensley, who brought the message from Ezekiel 3:1-6 and noted that the churches which devour the Word of God will be blessed. Brother Epperson followed with his text being from Ezekiel 2:9.

The service was concluded with the congregation singing "I surrender All" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE 108TH CONFERENCE FRIDAY'S SESSION

MINISTERS

James Lee Reed
Doyle Williams
Millard Ehrhardt
Russell Hensley
Joe McDonald
Joby Steele
Cody Freeman
Walter Simpson
Lance Rogers
Ron Blanks
Bob Epperson
Ricky Arnold
Grover Pingleton

DEACONS

Bill Burkhead
Howard Bell
Junior Brown
Ben Pohnert
Leo Warren
Curtis Buehler
John T. Clark
Charles D. Melton

CLERKS

Betty Kernodle
David Elliott
Bonnie Gazaway
Margie Parrott
Velma Campbell

SATURDAY'S SESSION

MINISTERS

James Lee Reed
Russell Hensley
Walter Simpson
Cody Freeman
David Honeycutt
Bob Epperson
Larry Cockman
James Ray, Jr.
Doyle Williams
Millard Ehrhardt
Grover Pingleton
Darrell Mitchell
Virgil Blankenship

DEACONS

Charles D. Melton
Leo Warren
Bill Burkhead
Howard Bell
Orville Bowers
John T. Clark
Curtis Buehler

CLERKS

David Elliott
Juanita Willbanks
Velma Campbell
Sue Strain

RECOMMENDATIONS BY CHURCH LETTER 1995

CHURCH	MINISTERS	DEACONS
Alton	Garland Barton Millard Ehrhardt	Larry Wallace Leroy Chronister Dwight Chronister
Bailey	C. R. Thompson	David Holman Carl Sisco Dean Campbell Junior Brown
Byrd	Joby Steele Darrell Johnston	Tom Garrison Carroll Garrison
Clifton	Grover Pingleton James Lee Reed	Emery Coble John Clark Jerry Strain Curt Buehler Tom Powell
Cotton Creek	Darrell Mitchell Jesse Dunkin Virgil Blankenship	Leamon Combs Charles David Melton Mike Crawford
Faith Chapel	James Ray, Jr.	
Garfield	Joe McDonald	Howard Dethrow Gary McGhee
Koshkonong	Darrell Strain Johnny Holesapple	
Liberty	J. W. King	
Lingo	James Lee Reed	Jim Kelly
Mt. Zion	Larry Cockman	Orville Bowers
Myrtle	Bob Epperson	
Norman		
Piney	Rick Arnold	Jim Lawrence
Pleasant Hill	Walter Simpson	Royce Hollis Bill Burkhead Leo Warren

CHURCH

Pleasant Ridge

Royal Oak

Shiloh

Smyrna

Thayer

United

Victory

Walnut Grove

West Plains First

Wilderness

MINISTERS

David Honeycutt

Richard Todd

Wayne Adrian
Harold OgdenCody Freeman
Lance RogersGlenn Murray
Scott Real
Dennis McGinleyAllen Sanders
Doyle WilliamsRussell Hensley
Paul ClarkRonnie Blanks
Donnie Morris

Wayne Lunyou

DEACONS

Henry Williams

Howard Bell

Truman Parrott

Mack Warren
Kennith Stogsdill
Leold Case
Cecil (Pete) CampbellBen Pohnert
Doil Hickinbotham
Bill Underwood
Lester "Butch" Ellison
Sherman BakerDave Uhlmann
Richard King
Stanley Taylor
Norman Cartee
Jim Lunyou (Inactive)
Charles Blair (Inactive)John Barton
Alan WilsonClifton Lee King
Dean BennettEugene James
J. O. Moss
Jim Walker
Bob Dotson (Inactive)
Danny Cline
Dale SmithJames 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.

ARTICLE 15. 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.

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 January 1 to December 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.

ARTICLE 19. 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.

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 Wisehart 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.

CHURCHES & PASTORS

ALTON

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BAILEY

None at this time

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CAVE SPRINGS

No Report

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None at this time

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