

# **MINUTES**

OF THE

**109TH**

**CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING**

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

**BYRD**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

MAY 17 and 18, 1996

## **OFFICERS: 1996 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 Thayer FWB Church, Thayer, Missouri.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1997.

Bro. James Ray and Bro. David Honeycutt will bring the Introductory Messages in the 1997 Meeting.

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## COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

### TERM EXPIRES

Doyle Williams .....	1997
Bill Burkhead .....	1998
Grover Pingleton .....	1999
J. W. King .....	2000
Howard Dethrow .....	2001

### MISSION BOARD

Cody Freeman .....	1997
Doyle E. Williams .....	1998
David Honeycutt .....	1999
Bob Epperson .....	2000
Allen Sanders .....	2001

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Darrell Mitchell .....	1997
J. W. King .....	1998
James Ray .....	1999

### EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Allen Sanders .....	1997
Joe McDonald .....	1998
Howard Bell .....	1999
Glenn Murray .....	2000
Cody Freeman .....	2001

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Curtis Buehler  
Larry Cockman  
Ben Pohnert

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson  
Esther Strain  
Audry Ehrhardt  
Linda Honeycutt

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

David Honeycutt  
Tom Powell  
John Barton

### PRINTING COMMITTEE

Leo Warren .....	Treasurer
Joe Garrison .....	Clerk
Teresa Garrison .....	Assistant Clerk

### MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD

James Lee Reed .....	1998
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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

# 1996 YEARLY MEETING MINUTES

## 109th Yearly Meeting of The Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists

The 109th annual meeting of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Byrd Free Will Baptist on Friday, May 17, 1996.

The meeting was opened with singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," led by Brother David Honeycutt with Sister Teresa Garrison at the piano. Brother Joe Garrison then welcomed all to the meeting and gave the devotional using scriptures from Romans 10:1, 11:1-5 and II Peter 3:9. The devotional was concluded with prayer and then services were turned over to the moderator, Brother James Lee Reed. Brother James Lee called for the reading of the constitution and by-laws and they were read. Brother James Lee also noted that the Standing Rules described in the minute booklets would be followed during the conference.

An invitation was extended to any visiting brothers and sisters, but there were none in attendance. The moderator called for the reading of the church letters with the following delegates recognized.

### DELEGATES AT THE 109TH YEARLY MEETING

CHURCH	DELEGATES	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALTON</b>			
	Bertha Williams .....	Absent	Absent
	Irene Chronister .....	Absent	Absent
	Velma Campbell .....	Absent	Absent
<b>BAILEY</b>			
	None		
<b>BYRD</b>			
	Joe Garrison .....	Present	Present
	Teresa Garrison .....	Present	Present
	Brenda Steele .....	Present	Present
	Lucille Garrison .....	Prexent	Present
<b>CLIFTON</b>			
	Jo Pingleton .....	Absent	Absent
	Curtis Buehler .....	Present	Present
	Cynthia Buehler .....	Present	Present
<b>COTTON CREEK</b>			
	Tom Marcum .....	Present	Absent
	Mary Marcum .....	Absent	Absent
	Mary Ruth Combs .....	Absent	Absent
<b>FAITH CHAPEL</b>			
	Pearline Roberson .....	Absent	Absent
	Pat Moefield .....	Present	Present
	Olene Lee .....	Present	Present
<b>GARFIELD</b>			
	Howard Dethrow .....	Present	Present
	Linda Dethrow .....	Present	Present

**HARMONY**

None

**KOSHKONONG**

Fairy Hensley ..... Absent Absent

Juanita Wilbanks ..... Absent Absent

**LIBERTY**

Kay Hartsock ..... Present Absent

Lillian Snodgrass ..... Present Absent

Bonnie Gazaway ..... Present Absent

**LINGO**

Jim Kelley ..... Absent Absent

Sharon Kelley ..... Absent Absent

**MT. ZION**

Pam Bowers ..... Present Absent

Sharon Bowers ..... Present Absent

Jim Bowers ..... Present Absent

**MYRTLE**

Jo Ann Epperson ..... Present Present

Geneva Sorrell ..... Present Absent

Dale Huddle ..... Absent Absent

Mary Hall ..... Present Absent

**NORMAN**

Altha Roy ..... Absent Absent

Nadine Collins ..... Present Absent

Owen Collins ..... Present Absent

**PINEY**

Patricia Britt ..... Absent Absent

Dianne Lawrence ..... Absent Absent

Dow Lance ..... Absent Absent

**PLEASANT HILL**

Frances Simpson ..... Present Present

Joan Bennett ..... Absent Absent

Frieda Sisco ..... Present Present

**PLEASANT RIDGE**

Linda Honeycutt ..... Present Present

Glen Booker ..... Absent Absent

Ruth Booker ..... Absent Absent

**ROYAL OAK**

Frances Bell ..... Present Present

Geri Elliot ..... Present Present

David Elliot ..... Present Present

**SHILOH**

Velma Bivens ..... Present Absent

Sherry Hensley ..... Absent Present

Craig Hensley ..... Absent Present

Margie Parrott..... Present Absent

## SMYRNA

Mary Campbell .....	Absent	Absent
Marie Watson .....	Absent	Present
Greg Watson .....	Absent	Present

## THAYER

Bernice Cantrell .....	Present	Present
Tom Taylor .....	Present	Present
George Taylor .....	Present	Present

## UNITED

None

## VICTORY

John Barton .....	Present	Present
Nathan Sanders .....	Absent	Present
David Rackley .....	Absent	Absent

## WALNUT GROVE

Clifton King .....	Present	Present
Mary June King .....	Present	Present

## WEST PLAINS FIRST

Eula Payne .....	Present	Present
Ronnie Johnson .....	Present	Present
Jeff West .....	Absent	Absent

## WILDERNESS

Millie Dodson .....	Present	Absent
James Dodson .....	Present	Absent

## QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES

Rhonda Arnold .....	Present	Absent
Shirley Cockman .....	Present	Absent
Carolee Barton .....	Present	Present

MS/C to receive the church letters. The delegates were seated with a handshake as the congregation sang "Victory In Jesus."

The moderator appointed the temporary committees and charged them to bring back a report for the conference. Committees were chosen from those in attendance which had not been appointed to a committee before. The following committees were appointed:

**LITERATURE:** Sister Freida Sisco, Brother Tom Taylor and Brother George Taylor.

**LORD'S DAY:** Sister Lillian Snodgrass, Sister Bonnie Gazaway and Sister Kay Hartsock.

**DENOMINATION:** Sister JoAnn Epperson, Sister Cynthia Buehler and Sister Rhonda Arnold.

**STATE OF RELIGION:** Brother Russell Hensley, Brother Millard Ehrhardt and Brother James Ray.

**DIVINE SERVICE:** Brother John Barton, Brother David Melton and Brother Howard Dethrow.

MS/C to dismiss the evening services due to revivals at the Clifton and Liberty Churches.

MS/C to suspend the rules and proceed with business. Petitionary letters were called for and there were two on the table, the first being a letter from the Mission Association recommending Brother Bob Epperson. Brother Bob has been accepted into our association with the letter of recommendation to follow. The second letter was from the Polk Bayou Association requesting a letter of recommendation for Brother Scott Real. This will be voted on following the reading of the Ordaining Council report.

The following report of the Ordaining Council was read.

At the 1995 yearly meeting, Brother James Ray and the Faith Church asked for another minister's certificate since his original certificate was lost when his home burned, his request was honored at the 1995 yearly meeting. On June 24, 1995, the Ordaining Council questioned Brother Daryl Johnston at the Pleasant Hill Church. Being found worthy to preach the gospel, a date was set for his ordination.

On July 9, 1995, 2:30 p.m. the Ordaining Council met with the Byrd Free Will Baptist Church to ordain Brother Daryl Johnston. Brother J. W. King and Brother Leo Warren were present. Brother Darrell Mitchell being absent, Brother J. W. and Brother Leo appointed Brother David Honeycutt to fill the position for that service. Brother J. W. King took charge of the service. Brother Joe Garrison led congregational singing with Sister Kristin Garrison at the piano. Brother Joby Steele led in prayer. Sister Kristin Garrison sang a special entitled "Feel The Nails." Brother Bob Epperson brought the message and charge from Ezekiel, II Timothy and Titus. All the ordained present were asked to the altar for the laying on of hands as Brother David Honeycutt led the ordination prayer. Everyone shook hands with Brother Daryl as the congregation sang. Brother Daryl then dismissed in prayer.

July 11, 1995, 7 p.m. Brother Leo Warren and Brother J. W. King met with Brother Charles Trantham to examine him for deacon in the Smyrna Church. Being found sound in faith, we will recommend to the Smyrna Church that Brother Charles be ordained.

On July 16, 1995, 2 p.m. at the Smyrna Church the Ordaining Council met with the church to ordain Brother Charles Trantham as deacon for the Smyrna Church. Brother Darrell Mitchell was in charge of the service, Brother J. W. King led in prayer and Brother Kenneth Stogsdill led the congregational singing with Sister Wanda Watson at the piano and Sister Wright at the organ. Special singing by Sister Anna Johnson and Sister Amy Wright with "Beulah Land." Also, Brother Kelly Johnson, Sister Pam Johnson, Brother Greg Watson, Sister Amy Wright and Sister Julie Thompson performed special music. Brother Leo Warren led in prayer, then Brother Wayne Adrian brought the charge and the message from 1 Timothy 3:8-14. Brother Charles and Sister Carolyn Campbell led the ordination prayer. Brother Charles then dismissed in prayer.

On August 20, 1995, 6 p.m. the Ordaining Council met with the United Church to ordain Brother Scott Real as a minister of the gospel in the Cave Springs Associa-

tion. Brother Glenn Murray welcomed everyone to his church for the special service. The congregation sang a couple of songs and Brother Darrell Mitchell took charge of the service. Special singing was performed by the Gospel Generations and Brother Chris and Sister Suzanne Real. Brother J. W. King led in prayer. Brother Scott's father-in-law, Brother Ken Dodson, brought the message and charge from II Timothy 3:16, 17. Brother Scott and Sister Dawn were asked to the altar for the laying on of hands by ordained present. Brother Starr Real (Brother Scott's father) led the ordination prayer. The congregation sang as everyone shook hands with Brother Scott and Sister Dawn. Brother Scott then dismissed in prayer. A letter from the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist was received from Brother Michael L. Wade, moderator of that association, indicating Brother Scott was in good standing with that Association and had been examined and approved by the Credentials Board to be licensed to preach the gospel. This Ordaining Council accepted the letter before ordaining Brother Scott.

After the request from Faith Chapel Church at the 1995 Yearly meeting concerning Brother Verdon Warren, and after checking past minutes concerning the matter, we found where we had examined Brother Warren and asked him to bring us a letter from the Little Vine Association and upon receiving this letter we would then issue him a Cave Springs Deacon's certificate. We never received a letter so therefore Brother Warren was never issued a certificate from the Cave Springs Association. This was printed in the 1993 yearly minutes from the Ordaining Council's report.

This Ordaining Council report runs from April 1995 through December 1995. Any action taken by the Ordaining Council from January 1996 through December 1996 will be given in the 1997 report. This is done to be in conjunction with the State Association.

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

M/S/C to accept the Ordaining Council's report as read.

Brother James Lee then referred back to the request of recommendation for Brother Scott Real, and a M/S/C to recommend Brother Scott to the Polk Bayou Association was made.

The report of the Divine Service Committee was read and they chose the speakers for the Saturday Service, Brother James Ray and Brother Grover Pingleton. M/S/C to receive the report and speakers.

Nominations were called for the introductory speakers for the 1997 session. Two were nominated, Brother James Ray and Brother David Honeycutt. M/S/C for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. M/S/C to accept these nominations.

The Moderator called for the reading of the Ministers, Deacons and Clerks in attendance and these were read.

The Treasurer's report was called for and the following information was read:

Carryover Balance from 1994	\$259.20
Total Deposits 1995	<u>\$1,040.00</u>
Total	\$1,399.20

State & National Dues Disbursed  
Williams Printing for 1995 Minutes  
Total Carryover Balance for 1995

(\$750.00)  
(\$392.00)  
\$257.20

Signed, Brother Leo Warren

M/S/C to receive the report as read.

The following report from the Women's Auxiliary was read, and a M/S/C to receive the report.

WNAC

Mem. Student Loan Fund, TN	\$50.00	
Co-Laborer	\$28.90	
Emphasis/Gen. Fund	\$122.25	
Children's Home/TN	\$25.00	
WNAC Office Support	\$64.65	
P. Kettleman Memorial	<u>\$25.00</u>	
		\$315.80
MO State Woman's Auxiliary		
MO Scholarship Fund	<u>\$15.00</u>	
		\$15.00
State Home Missions		
General Fund	\$7.50	
Cochran	<u>\$125.00</u>	
		\$132.50
National Home Missions		
General Fund	\$15.00	
Maness	\$50.00	
Pre-Thanksgiving	<u>\$240.40</u>	
		\$305.40
Foreign Missions		
McLain (Japan)	\$230.00	
Bailey (Japan)	<u>\$60.00</u>	
		\$290.00
MO State Youth Camp		
General Fund	<u>\$22.50</u>	
		<u>\$22.50</u>
TOTAL REPORT TO STATE AUXILIARY		\$1,196.20

Total Auxiliaries Reporting

Myrtle	6
Thayer	16
West Plains 1st	<u>15</u>
	37

Note: Membership dues were paid in April and therefore are not reported on this report.

Sister Linda Honeycutt read the following Obituary Report:

We find in Hebrews 4:9 & 10, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works,

as God did from his." We hold to this promise and entrust the following people into His care and rest.

Juanita Rhoades .....	Alton	Mack Warren .....	Smyrna
Nora Dethrow .....	Alton	V.E. (Duck) Hollis .....	Thayer
Betsy Cartee .....	Alton	Joyce Underwood .....	Thayer
Ruth Holman Boyd .....	Bailey	Art Seals.....	United
Elsie Bates .....	Bailey	William Phillips.....	United
Clint Bridges .....	Bailey	Dewey Jackson .....	United
Alpha Patterson .....	Liberty	Harold Berry .....	United
John Loren Crawford .....	Mt. Zion	Genieve Caldwell .....	United
Ruth Caldwell .....	Myrtle	Oscar Davis.....	United
Helen Moore .....	Norman	Helena Barton .....	Victory
J. E. Grooms .....	Norman	Nellie Turner .....	West Plains
Helen Daffron .....	Royal Oak	Ollie Cox .....	West Plains
Thurman Mauldin .....	Smyrna	Delphia Wetzel .....	West Plains
Rev. Harold Ogden .....	Smyrna	Lena Simpson .....	Wilderness

Signed, the Obituary Committee,  
Sister Ruth Thompson, Sister Linda Honeycutt  
Sister Esther Strain & Sister Audrey Ehrhardt

M/S/C to accept the report as read and to add Brother Ogden's name to the "In Memory" section of the yearly minutes booklet. Brother James Lee requested that the ordained and any others who would like to gather around the altar for prayer, remembering those who have gone on before. Brother Grover Pingleton began the prayer and Brother Russell Hensley concluded the prayer.

No invitations were given on the church letter to host next year's meeting. Brother Cody Freeman invited the conference to come to Thayer. M/S/C to accept the invitation.

M/S/C to omit the noon meal for the Saturday meeting. M/S/C to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service. Dismissal prayer was led by Brother Cody Freeman.

#### 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing "Glad Reunion Day" with Brother David Honeycutt leading and Sister Jo Ann Epperson at the piano. A special prayer was led by Brother Ronnie Blanks for the sick in our churches and communities. Brother Bob and Sister Jo Ann Epperson sang "Tears Will Never Stain the Streets of That City." The Moderator held a testimony service with several testimonies being given, hearts were blessed by this service.

Sister Frances Simpson sang "Words of Life." Brother James Lee then introduced Brother Lance Rogers as the speaker. Brother Lance's message was from Psalm 133, with a topic being "The Unity of the Brethren." Services were concluded with a prayer led by Brother Millard Ehrhardt and singing "Love Lifted Me."

#### SATURDAY SESSION

The Session was opened with congregational singing, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," led by Brother David Honeycutt. Brother Joe Garrison then gave a devo-

tional using scripture from Romans 8:31-34, and talked about trusting Jesus. Brother Joe then led the opening prayer. Services were then turned over to the Moderator Brother James Lee Reed. 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 Brother James Gosha and his wife were in attendance. Brother & Sister Gosha are pastoring at the Lakeview Free Will Baptist Church near Mountain Home, Arkansas. The Moderator then called for any church letters which were not read on Friday. The Harmony Free Will Baptist letter was read. MS/C to receive the letter as read. MS/C to suspend the order of the day and proceed with business.

The Temporary Committee reports were called for and the following were read:

#### The State of Religion

We, the State of Religion Committee, feel there are many types of religion in the world. But there is one pure and Godly religion as it is referred to in the Holy Scripture. As it is mentioned in James 1:25, pure and Godly religion is this: "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed." We, the State of Religion Committee, pray that you will continue to look to the perfect law of liberty, which is in Jesus Christ, and continue therein until His coming.

Signed, Brother Millard Ehrhardt, Brother Russell Hensley  
and Brother James Ray

MS/C to receive the report as read.

#### The Literature Committee

As Christians we are obligated to our families and the community around us to take a stand against the promotion of worldly views through television media as well as with the books and magazines. The Bible is the Holy inspired word of God which our family should be anchored around. It should be used to instruct our children and they should be instructed from an early age to study from it every day. We strongly support the use of Free Will Baptist literature in conjunction with the Bible to instruct us in our studies.

Signed, Sister Frieda Sisco, Brother Tom Taylor  
and Brother George Taylor

MS/C to receive the report as read.

#### The Lord's Day Committee

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

Signed, Sister Bonnie Gazaway, Sister Kay Hartsock  
and Sister Lillian Snodgrass

MS/C to receive the report as read.

#### The Denomination Committee

We, the Denomination Committee, believe the Free Will Baptist doctrine to be in

accordance with God's Word, we further believe that we as churches should teach our articles of Faith and Church Covenant; as they are in the Free Will Baptist Treatise to new converts and new members of our churches.

Signed, Sister Jo Ann Epperson, Sister Cynthia Buehler  
and Sister Rhonda Arnold

MS/C to receive the report as read.

MS/C to release all temporary committees and commend them on their work.

The Executive Board report was called for and the following report was read:

#### The Executive Board Report

We, the Executive Board, met with the Bailey Church concerning their problems. We met with both factions and listened to them and we had the feeling that there was a little wrong on both sides and we advised them to pray earnestly and try to resolve their difference in love as God would lead.

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

MS/C to accept the report as read.

The Mission Board Report was called for but there was no report. The Evangelism Committee report was called for but there was no report. The Finance Committee report was called for; there was no report, but the amount in the treasury was discussed.

The Temperance Committee Report was called for and the following report was read:

#### The Temperance Committee Report

We, the Temperance Committee, give the following report. Temperance is defined in the Webster dictionary as "Total abstinence from alcoholic beverages." The Bible warns us in Proverbs 23:32 of the dangers of drinking intoxicating beverages. Also, we can see the problems and destruction that drunkenness brings to our society. Therefore, we believe as Christians we should abstain from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages as stated in our Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. Eph. 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.

Signed, Brother Doyle E. Williams, Brother David Honeycutt  
and Brother Tom Powell

MS/C to accept the Temperance report as read.

#### The Printing Committee Report

The Printing Committee reported that the printing of the yearly minutes for 1995, was a total of \$392.00, and a final distribution of the minutes was made.

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

MS/C to accept the report as read, with Kelly Johnson's name being removed from the back page of the minutes as being ordained or licensed.

## The General Board Report

As your nomination for General Board member for the past year, I wish to report that I have attended the General Board meetings and the State Association. I also made report to the Executive Board in regard to Page XV State Minutes General Board Report Item #2. Missouri will be hosting the Free Will Baptist National Convention in 2004. The cost will be approximately \$22,000.00. If each church contributes \$75.00 and the Executive office \$2,000.00 in 1996, the principal and accrued interest will supply the needed funds. We recommend that the expense of hosting the National Convention in 2004 be raised in 1996 and that the funds be deposited in the Free Will Baptist foundation or a local certificate of deposit.

If I can be of any help, let me know. Please tell me your desires that I might be your representative.

Signed, Brother James Lee Reed

MS/C to accept the report as read and commend Brother James Lee for his dedication to our association.

Other reports were called for and there were none.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

**MODERATOR:** The floor was opened for nominations. 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:** Nomination was made for Brother Howard Dethrow. MS/C for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Brother Howard was elected.

**MISSION BOARD:** Nomination was made for Brother Allen Sanders. MS/C for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Brother Allen was elected.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Nomination was made for Brother James Ray. MS/C for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Brother James was elected.

**EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE:** Nomination was made for Brother Cody Freeman. MS/C for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Brother Cody was elected.

**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 Linda Honeycutt, Sister Esther Strain, Sister Ruth Thompson 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 John Barton, Brother David Honeycutt and Brother Tom Powell. MS/C to elect these three.

**MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD:** MS/C to retain Brother James Lee Reed.

Other items of discussion were called for at this time. MS/C to retain 10% from the State Cooperative plan.

Brother Nathan Ruble, Missouri's Promotional Secretary, was in attendance and asked if he could address the delegates, regarding retaining the 10% from the State Cooperative plan. He stated that this would need to be requested by the church through the district treasurer to retain the 10% for the church.

M/S and motion lost.

Brother Walter Simpson stated that at this time the Cave Springs Association had no provision for the General Board Member's expenses. With this, he made a motion to make provision for this year for the General Board member's expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to pay at least \$200.00 for the General Board member to attend the State Meeting died for a lack of a second.

MS/C to allow the General Board member to turn in receipts to the clerk for reimbursement.

It was discussed that the 10% withheld from the Co-op money was to work through the association - would this affect our ministers' retirement? Brother Nathan Ruble commented that this would have to be discussed by the General Board.

Proceeded to nominate 7 delegates to the State Association. The delegates were asked who would be attending and Sister Eula Payne volunteered to be a delegate. MS/C to allow Sister Eula to add any names to the delegate list.

Brother Nathan Ruble, the State Promotional Secretary, thanked the association for their contribution to the Co-op plan and their designated giving from the Cave Springs Association. He reminded all in attendance that the State Meeting would be held in Lebanon the week of June 3, 1996. At the state meeting they would be discussing the new program for Missions support and encouraged all churches to participate in the new program.

Sister Frances Simpson reminded the delegates that Youth Camp would be in session for the Teens the week of June 16-21, and for the Pre-Teens it would be July 28-August 2. She encouraged all youth to attend the camp.

A motion of heartfelt thanks was given to the Byrd Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the Yearly Meeting. MS/C.

MS/C to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service and end the service.

The 11 o'clock hour was begun with singing "Keep On The Firing Line." Brothers James Ray and Grover Pingleton preached sermons during this final hour of the yearly meeting. Brother James' message was from Acts 20:7, with the title of "Christians Don't Fall Asleep." Brother Grover then gave his message from Romans 8 about walking in the Spirit. Hearts were blessed by these two men of God.

# ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE 109TH CONFERENCE

## FRIDAY'S SESSION

### MINISTERS

James Lee Reed  
Doyle Williams  
Millard Ehrhardt  
Russell Hensley  
James Ray, Jr.  
J. W. King  
Cody Freeman  
Walter Simpson  
Lance Rogers  
Ron Blanks  
Bob Epperson  
David Honeycutt  
Grover Pingleton

### DEACONS

Bill Burkhead  
Howard Bell  
Clifton King  
Ben Pohnert  
Leo Warren  
Curtis Buehler  
Howard Dethrow  
Charles D. Melton  
John Barton  
James Dotson

### CLERKS

Delsia Crawford  
David Elliott  
Sharon Bowers  
Margie Parrott

## SATURDAY'S SESSION

### MINISTERS

James Lee Reed  
Walter Simpson  
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Bob Epperson  
Larry Cockman  
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Darrell Mitchell  
J. W. King  
Craig Hensley  
Jim Thompson  
Allen Sanders  
Howard Pruitt  
Wayne Adrian  
Lance Rogers  
Greg Watson

### DEACONS

Clifton King  
Bill Burkhead  
Howard Bell  
John Barton  
Curt Buehler  
Howard Dethrow  
Charles David Melton

### CLERKS

David Elliott

# RECOMMENDATIONS BY CHURCH LETTER 1996

CHURCH	MINISTERS	DEACONS
Alton	Garland Barton Millard Ehrhardt	Larry Wallace Leroy Chronister Dwight Chronister
Bailey	Darrell Strain C. R. Thompson	David Holman Dean Campbell Junior Brown
Byrd	Joby Steele Daryl Johnston	Tom Garrison Carroll Garrison
Clifton	Grover Pingleton James Lee Reed	Emery Coble (retired) Jerry Strain Curt Buehler Tom Powell
Cotton Creek	Darrell Mitchell Jesse Dunkin Virgil Blankenship	Leamon Combs Charles David Melton Mike Crawford Phil Johnson
Faith Chapel	James Ray, Jr.	
Garfield	Joe McDonald	Howard Dethrow Gary McGhee
Harmony	Howard Pruitt	Huey Wilhite Dewayne Moody Marlin Johnson
Koshkonong	Johnny Holesapple	
Liberty	J. W. King	
Lingo		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

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>MINISTERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
Pleasant Ridge	David Honeycutt	Henry Williams
Royal Oak	Richard Todd	Howard Bell
Shiloh	Craig Hensley	Truman Parrot
Smyrna	Wayne Adrian James R. Thompson	Kennith Stogsdill Leiod Case Cecil "Pete" Campbell Charles Trantham
Thayer	Cody Freeman Lance Rogers	Ben Pohnert Doil Hickinbotham Bill Underwood Lester "Butch" Ellison Sherman Baker Richard Sandridge
United	Glenn Murray Dennis McGinley	Dave Uhlmann Richard King Stanley Taylor Norman Cartee Jim Lunyou Jack Wallace Charles Blair I/A
Victory	Allen Sanders Doyle Williams	Alan Wilson John Barton Carl Sisco I/A
Walnut Grove	Russell Hensley Paul Clark	Clifton King Dean Bennett
West Plains First	Ronnie Blanks Donnie Morris	Eugene James J. O. Moss Jim Walker Bob Dotson I/A Danny Cline Dale Smith
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, Suncay 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. Rolan, 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 Wischart 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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