

# **MINUTES**

OF THE

**110TH**

**CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING**

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

**Thayer**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

MAY 16 and 17, 1997

## **OFFICERS: 1997 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 Clifton FWB Church, Thayer, Missouri.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1998.

Bro. Craig Hensley and Bro. Russell Hensley will bring the Introductory Message in the 1998 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
Doyle Williams .....	2002

### MISSION BOARD

Doyle E. Williams .....	1998
David Honeycutt .....	1999
Bob Epperson .....	2000
Allen Sanders .....	2001
Cody Freeman .....	2002

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

J.W. King .....	1998
James Ray .....	1999
Darrell Mitchell .....	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  
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 Devine Service Committee
11. Report of Delegates Having 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 the Divine Service Committee
21. Report of Other Committee
22. Set a Place for the Next Yearly Meeting
23. Adjournment With Prayer
24. Evening Service

### SATURDAY SESSION

25. Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer
26. Reading of Constitution and By-Laws
27. Reading of Minutes of Previous Day's Work
28. Call For Letters From Churches
29. Vacancies in Committees Filled
30. Election of Officers
31. Appointment of All Standing Committees
32. Report of Other Committees That Have Not Reported,  
Including Divine Committee Report
33. Releasing of All Temporary Committees
34. Adjournment With Prayer
35. Eleven O'Clock Service
36. Open With Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer
37. Election of All Standing Committees
38. Election of Nominee to Missouri State General Board  
(even years)
39. Election of Delegates to Other Associations
40. Business Suggested by Letters
41. Ordaining Council Proceeds With Their Work
42. A Vote of Heartfelt Thanks to the Church and Community  
For Their Kindness to the Associational Meeting
43. Other Things That Come Before the Body
44. Adjournment With Prayer

1997 YEARLY MEETING MINUTES  
110th Yearly Meeting of The Cave Springs Association  
of Free Will Baptist

The 110th meeting of the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist met with the Thayer Free Will Baptist on Friday, May 16, 1997.

The meeting was opened with singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Brother Bob Epperson with Sister Jo Ann Epperson at the Piano. Brother Joe Garrison then welcomed all to the meeting and gave the devotional using Mark 6. The devotional was concluded with prayer and then the 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 stated 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 none were in attendance. The Moderator called for the reading of the church letters, and they were read. After the reading of each letter the following delegates were recognized.

DELEGATES AT THE 110TH YEARLY MEETING

CHURCH	DELEGATES	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTON			
	Marilyn Bolieck .....	Absent	Absent
	Bertha Williams .....	Absent	Absent
	Irene Chronistor .....	Absent	Absent
BAILEY			
	Dave Holman .....	Absent	Present
	Freda McClanahan .....	Absent	Present
	Carolyn Campbell .....	Absent	Present
Byrd			
	Joe Garrison .....	Present	Present
	Teresa Garrison .....	Present	Present
CLIFTON			
	Curt Buehler .....	Present	Present
COTTON CREEK			
	Mary Ruth Combs .....	Present	Absent
	Charlotte Mitchner .....	Present	Absent
	Geraldine Melton .....	Present	Present
FAITH CHAPEL			
	Barb Bingham .....	Absent	Absent
	Scott Lance .....	Present	Absent
	Doyce Silva .....	Present	Absent
GARFIELD			
	Linda Dethrow .....	Present	Present
	Howard Dethrow .....	Present	Present
HARMONY			
	Clark Rieck .....	Present	Absent
	Lena Rieck .....	Present	Absent
KOSHKONONG			
	Fairy Hensley .....	Present	Absent
	Juanita Wilbanks .....	Absent	Present
	Mary Pressley .....	Absent	Present

LIBERTY	Phyllis Gazaway .....	Present	Absent
	Lillian Snodgrass .....	Present	Absent
	Mable June King .....	Present	Present
LINGO	Betty Kernodle .....	Present	Absent
	Rosalee Reed .....	Present	Present
Mt. ZION	Sherry Hensley .....	Present	Absent
	Sharon Bowers .....	Present	Absent
	William Hanner .....	Absent	Absent
MYRTLE	Mary Hall .....	Present	Absent
	Jo Ann Epperson .....	Present	Absent
NORMAN	Paul Roberts .....	Present	Absent
	Inis Roberts .....	Present	Absent
	Altha Roy .....	Absent	Absent
PINEY	Rhonda Arnold .....	Absent	Present
	Dow Lance .....	Present	Absent
	Reva Lance .....	Present	Absent
PLEASANT HILL	Nora Hollis .....	Present	Present
	Maxine Warren .....	Absent	Absent
	Frieda Sisco .....	Present	Present
PLEASANT RIDGE	Linda Honeycutt .....	Present	Present
	Glen Booker .....	Absent	Absent
ROYAL OAK	Frances Bell .....	Present	Absent
	Geri Elliott .....	Absent	Absent
	David Elliot .....	Present	Absent
SHILOH	Velma Bivens .....	Present	Absent
	Margie Parrott .....	Present	Absent
	Jerry Johnson .....	Absent	Absent
SMYRNA	Artie Case .....	Present	Absent
	Lucille Wright .....	Present	Absent
	Mary Campbell .....	Present	Absent
THAYER	Malynne Sandridge .....	Absent	Present
	Sylvia Sandridge .....	Present	Present
	Tom Taylor .....	Present	Present
UNITED	Evert Johnson .....	Present	Absent
	Ruby Johnson .....	Present	Absent
	Eunice Shaver .....	Present	Absent
VICTORY	John Barton .....	Present	Present
	Carl Sisco .....	Present	Present
	Sadie Sisco .....	Present	Present

#### WALNUT GROVE

Mary June King .....	Present	Absent
Clifton King .....	Present	Absent
Shirley Cockman .....	Absent	Present

#### WEST PLAINS FIRST

Eula Payne .....	Present	Present
Effie Lou Moss .....	Present	Absent
Phil Vance .....	Absent	Absent

#### WILDERNESS

Karen Williams .....	Absent	Absent
Deann Lunyou .....	Absent	Absent
Wayne Lunyou .....	Present	Absent

#### QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES

Linda Honeycutt .....	Present	Present
Jo Ann Epperson .....	Present	Absent
Tom Taylor .....	Present	Present

MS/C to receive the church letters. The delegates were seated with a handshake as the congregation sang "I'll Fly Away."

The Quarterly Meeting letter was called for and read. MS/C to accept the letter as read. The Youth Association letter was called for but there was not a letter.

The moderator appointed the temporary committees and charged them to bring back a report to the conference. Brother James Lee asked for any other committees which may be needed to report to the conference, but there were none. The following temporary committees were appointed:

LITERATURE: Brother Howard Bell, Brother Howard Dethrow and Brother Grover Pingleton.

LORD'S DAY: Brother Lance Rogers, Brother Tom Taylor and Brother Craig Hensley.

DENOMINATION: Brother John Barton, Brother Carl Sisco and Sister Sadie Sisco.

STATE OF RELIGION: Brother Evert Johnson, Sister Ruby Johnson and Sister Eunice Shaver.

The moderator called for any Petitionary Letters and there were none.

The letters from corresponding messengers were then called for, but there were none.

Brother James Lee then appointed the members of the Divine Service Committee which consisted of Brother Richard Sandridge, Brother Curt Buehler and Brother Evert Johnson.

Brother James Lee asked Brother Cody Freeman pastor of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church what the pleasure of the host church was regarding the evening service. Brother Cody stated that the church would be available if the conference wanted to have service, but that the Thayer Church were to be involved in Graduation at Mammoth Spring. MS/C to dismiss the evening services.

The moderator then called for reports of Delegates that attended other associations, but there were none. Brother James Lee then asked Brother Cody to give a report about the State Meeting. Brother Cody stated that the Associational meeting would be held June 2-5 in the Park Hills area, and all were invited to attend.

MS/C to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service. The dismissal prayer was led by Brother Lance Rogers.

#### 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing "He Brought Me Out". Brother Walter Simpson then led in prayer.

Brother James Lee then introduced the speakers for the 11 o'clock hour, Brother James Ray and Brother David Honeycutt. Brother James Ray brought a message from Psalms 27:1-4 and Brother David read his scriptures from Hosea 10:1-2 and II Kings 5:8-14.

At the close of the messages all of the ministers were asked to come to the front for a handshake with the song "Glad Reunion Day" was selected. All delegates extended the right hand of fellowship to these Ministers and to each other. Brother Glen Murray led the closing prayer and the services were dismissed until after the lunch hour.

Services resumed with the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me" led by Brother Howard Dethrow and with Sister Teresa Garrison at the piano.

Brother Walter Simpson read scriptures from Philippians 2:1-11 and Brother Grover Pingleton led in prayer.

Brother James Lee then called for any Miscellaneous Business but there was none forthcoming. The enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks was called for, the attendees names were read and the body was asked if any names were omitted, and one was added.

The Moderator then asked for the nomination of the Introductory Speakers for the May 1998 session. There were two nominations, Brother Craig Hensley and Brother Russell Hensley. M/S for nominations cease and proceed to elect and the motion carried.

#### TREASURES REPORT

The Treasures report was called for and read as follows:

Balance December 31, 1995	\$257.20
Total Deposits 1996	<u>\$2,710.00</u>
Total	\$2,967.20
State & National Dues Disbursed	(\$750.00)
National Meeting 2004	(\$1,555.00)
Honorarium Joe Garrison	(\$25.00)
Williams Printing for 1996 Minutes	<u>(\$400.00)</u>
Carryover Balance for 1997	\$237.20

MS/C to receive the report as read.

The Obituary report was then called for and read.



## THE OBITUARY REPORT

In Psalms 89:48 the question is asked "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" One answer is Revelation 2:10b "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Several of our loved ones have now answered the call from God and received the promise of Revelation 2:10.

Mamie Bennett .....	Alton	Ray Watson .....	Smyrna
James Ard Hoyt .....	Byrd	Robert Fletcher .....	Thayer
Emery Coble (Deacon) .....	Clifton	James Polk Holman .....	Thayer
Henry Sisk .....	Garfield	Jim Case .....	Thayer
Marie Watson .....	Mt. Zion	John R. Sandridge .....	Thayer
Beverly Bagley .....	Piney	Louise Baker .....	Thayer
Arthur Harris .....	United	Helen Lindsey .....	Thayer
Wilma Lee Willig .....	United	Roy Crawford .....	Thayer
J. R. Walker .....	United	Orie Adams .....	Victory
Malcom German .....	Royal Oak	Harry Blankenship	1st West Plains
Opal Brawley .....	Wilderness	Elsie Bates .....	Bailey
Adam Honeycutt .....	Byrd	Artie Sisco .....	Bailey
Loyd Caldwell .....	Myrtle	Paul Watson .....	Smyrna
Bernis Hackney .....	Thayer	Ardie Witt .....	United
Emma Hinkle .....	Thayer	Genevie Caldwell .....	United
Oscar Davis .....	United		

This report is from April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997. Any deaths that occurred during this time not included in this report should be added. The Obituary Committee, signed Sisters Ruth Simpson and Linda Honeycutt.

MS/C to receive the report as read. Brother John Barton was asked to lead a prayer, beginning with a moment of silence in remembrance of those gone on during the past year.

The Divine Service Committee report was called for, and the committee selected Brother Cody Freeman and Brother Terry Lunyou to bring the Saturday messages. MS/C to accept the committees nominations.

Other reports were called for and the following were read.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee have inspected the Books and find they to be in good condition. Signed Committee: Curtis Buehler and Ben Pohnert

MS/C to accept the report as read.

### THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We feel as Christians we need to take a stand against promotion of worldly views through television media as well as the books and magazines. The Bible as the word of God, should be what guides our families and our home. We should read the Bible and let it instruct our lives. We support our Free Will Baptist literature to help us in our studies of God's Word.

Signed Brothers Howard Dethrow, Howard Bell and Grover Pingleton.

MS/C to accept the report as read.

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Cave Springs WNAC Report January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

## WNAC

Memorial Student Loan Fund, TN	\$ 25.00	
Co-Laborer/General Fund	136.85	
Emphasis	194.70	
WNAC Office Support	89.64	
Foreign Student Scholarship	25.00	
Membership Dues	725.00	
Provision Closet	<u>100.00</u>	
		\$ 1,323.19

## MO STATE WNAC

Membership Dues	51.50	
MO Scholarship	<u>200.00</u>	
		251.50

## STATE HOME MISSIONS

General Fund	165.00	
Cochran	100.00	
Wentzville Mission	<u>68.88</u>	
		334.38

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

General Fund	58.50	
Maness	100.00	
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	184.00	
Bible Institute/Mexico	<u>109.34</u>	
		451.84

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pre-Easter/Foreign Missions	200.00	
McLain (Japan)	20.00	
Bailey (Japan)	100.00	
Curt Holland (Brazil)	220.00	
Lytle (Panama)	<u>83.34</u>	
		623.34

## MO STATE YOUTH CAMP

80.00

## TOTAL REPORT TO STATE WNAC

\$ 3,064.25

## Total Auxiliaries Reporting

Myrtle	6
Thayer	17
West Plains 1st	<u>16</u>
	39

Note: Due to the change in the fiscal year of MO State WNAC, dues reflect twice in this year's report.

MS/C to accept the report as read and commend the ladies of our association for what has been accomplished.

## THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, known as the Lord's Day in Revelations 1:10, has been observed as the day that the saints assembled themselves together since the time of the disciples.

Therefore, we should follow this example and be in the Lord's House on the first day of the week, to worship God, celebrate the resurrection, and fellowship with the saints.

Signed Brothers Lance Rogers, Craig Hensley and Tom Taylor

MS/C to accept the report as read.

#### 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 Scriptures. As it is mentioned in James 1:25 pure and Godly religion is this: But who so looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth there in, he being not a forgetful hearer, but 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 Sisters Eunice Shaver, Ruby Johnson and Brother Evert Johnson

MS/C to accept the report as read.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

January 18, 1996

The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Phil Johnson at the Cotton Creek FWB Church. Bro. Phil being found worthy to be recommend. So Bro. J.W. King made motion to do so. Motion carried. All members present.

January 21, 1996

The Ordaining Council met with the Cotton Creek FWB Church for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Phil Johnson as deacon for the Church. Bro. Leo Warren led the service. Bro. Winfred Case led congregational singing and Sis. Norma Case played the piano. Bro. Leahmon Combs led in prayer. Bro. Mike Crawford sang "God On The Mountain" and Sis. Charlotte Mitchner played "What A Friend" on the harmonica. Bro. Leo Warren told the Church that the Ordaining Council recommended that Bro. Johnson be ordained as deacon and then turned the service over to Bro. Darrell Mitchell to bring the message and charge. Bro. Leo then had Bro. Phil and Sis. Teresa come to the altar for the laying on of hands by the ordained that was present. Bro. Charles D. Melton led prayer. Bro. J.W. King then presented the Deacon Certificate to Bro. Phil and Sis. Teresa. Bro. Phil dismissed in prayer.

A request was made to the January Quarterly Meeting for Bro. Phil to be ordained on January 21, 1996. But due to bad weather the Quarterly Meeting was canceled. So the Church Clerk sent a letter to the Ordaining Council for the ordination request letter attached. Bro. Leo Warren, Bro. J.W. King and Bro. Darrell Mitchell were present.

March 3, 1996

The Ordaining Council met with the Byrd FWB Church at 2:30 p.m. to ordain Bro. Joby Steele as a minister to preach the gospel in the Cave Springs Association. Bro. Darrell Mitchell opened the service. Bro. Wayne Cloven led in prayer. Bro. Joe Garrison led congregational singing with Sis. Kristen Garrison at the piano. Bro. Bobby Sorrell sang a special song "Going Back". Sis. Alice McDonald sang "My House Is Full But My Field Is Empty". Bro Tom Garrison led in prayer. Bro Darrell told the Church that the Ordaining Council recommended Bro. Joby Steete be ordained. Bro. David Strait, pastor at Eastside Baptist Church in Jonesboro, AR delivered the message from I Timothy Chapter 3. Then Bro. Joe McDonald brought the charge.

Bro. Joby and Sis. Brenda were asked to the altar for the laying on of hands on Bro. Joby. Bro. Carroll Garrison led the Ordination Prayer. Then Bro. Leo Warren presented Bro. Joby with the Ordination Certificate. Bro. Joby dismissed in prayer. Then everyone shook hands with Bro. Joby and Sis. Brenda as the congregation sang. Ordaining Council present were Bro. Leo Warren, Bro. Darrell Mitchell and Bro. J. W. King.

March 10, 1996

The Ordaining Council met with the United Free Will Baptist Church to ordain Bro. Dennis McGinley as a minister of the Gospel in the Cave Springs Association. Bro. Darrell Mitchell took charge of the service and welcomed everyone to the special service. Bro. J.W. King led in prayer. Bro. Jeff Tilson led congregational singing with Sis. Linda Barton at the piano. The Youth Choir and the Teenage Choir each sang specials for their Youth pastor Bro. Dennis. Then Sis. Ruby Johnson came and sang "I'm So Glad He Found Me". Bro. Scott Peal led in prayer. Bro. Glenn Murray brought the message and charge from I Timothy Chapter 4. Bro. Dennis was asked to the altar for the laying on of hands along with his fiancée, Sis. Sonya. (They are going to be married July 6, 1996) Bro. Marvin Richards led the Ordination Prayer. Bro. Leo Warren presented Bro. Dennis with the Ministers Certificate. Bro. Dennis dismissed in prayer and the congregation sang as everyone shook hands with Bro. Dennis and Sis. Sonya. Ordaining Council present were Bro. Leo Warren, Bro. Darrell Mitchell and Bro. J. W. King

On October 5, 1996 at Bailey Church the Ordaining Council met on the matter of Bro. Joby Steele papers. They had been presented to Bro. Darrell Mitchell By Bro. Joby with a letter asking that they be annulled. Bro. Joby had taken another church in a different denomination. The Ordaining Council recommended in writing to the Executive Board that the papers be annulled and if they have been recorded at the courthouse to have it removed from record. Ordaining Council Bro. J.W. King, Bro. Darrell Mitchell and Bro. James Ray

MS/C to accept the report.

Brother James Lee then turned over the service to the Assistant Moderator Brother Walter Simpson, who called for the General Board Report.

#### GENERAL BOARD REPORT

I have attended the General Board Meetings and the State Association Meeting. The General Board did recommend to make 1997 a year of prayer for Missouri Free Will Baptist and to "gather" in prayer each Wednesday at 9 a.m. for prayer time.

As this was passed by the delegation I hope we in Cave Springs Association will do our part in making 1997 a year of prayer.

To get our letter and delegates seated I paid \$30.00 so our number of churches and money matched. Gas \$20.00, Room \$30.00, Meals \$10.00 and \$30.00 for a total of \$90.00.

Signed Brother James Lee Reed

A Motion was made by Brother Grover Pingleton to accept the report as read and allow Brother James \$125.00 for his expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.

Brother James was then called back to fill his position as Moderator, and he asked if there were any invitations to host next years meeting and there were none.

Brother Russell Hensley offered an invitation from the Clifton Church and gave the clerk a written invitation. MS/C to accept the invitation for the yearly meeting of 1998 to be at the Clifton Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Wayne Lunyou asked if the noon meal was always given solely by the host church that this could cause a strain on small churches. Brother Lance Rogers stated that if a problem is encountered by a church, that the church should ask the others for assistance, and all agreed.

Brother Bill Burkhead stated that as a member of the Executive Board he receives requests by telephone about problems and those requesting assistance from the Executive Board. According to the By-Laws these problems are to be addressed only after the Executive Board receives it by letter.

MS/C to adjourn. Dismissal prayer was led by Brother Howard Dethrow.

#### SATURDAY SESSION

The Saturday Session was opened with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Brother Leo Warren with Sister Teresa Garrison at the piano. Brother Joe Garrison then gave a devotional from Psalms 20:1-9 and concluded with prayer.

An invitation was open for any visiting Brothers and Sisters, but there were none in attendance.

The delegates not in attendance during the Friday session were then seated with the right hand of fellowship and the meeting was called to order by the moderator Brother James Lee Reed.

MS/C to omit the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Moderator then called for the reading of the Minutes from Friday's session and they were read. MS/C to receive and approve the minutes as read.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

**CLERK:** The floor for nomination was opened. MS to retain Brother Joe Garrison, but he respectfully declined due to personal reasons. Brother Sherman Baker was then nominated with a motion that nominations cease and we proceed to elect. MS/C to elect Brother Sherman as clerk, however he was not in attendance and the Moderator stated that if Brother Sherman declined then it would be the responsibility of the Executive Board to full this position. His assistance will be named upon acceptance. Brother James Lee stated that the constitution allows the clerk a \$25.00 honorarium for his service each year. He stated that he feels certain that this amount does not cover expenses. He suggested that the Executive Board review this subject prior to next years meeting.

**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.

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

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Nominations were received for Sister Linda Honeycutt, Sister Ruth Thompson and Sister Esther Strain. MS/C to accept these nominations.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Nominations were received for Brother John Barton, Brother David Honeycutt and Brother Tom Powell. MS/C to receive these nominated.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Nominations were received for Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother Bob Epperson. M/S for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Brother Darrell Mitchell was elected.

MISSION BOARD: Brother Cody Freeman was nominated. M/S for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Brother Cody was retained.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Brother Doyle Williams was nominated. MS/C to retain Brother Doyle.

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE: While in discussion before election of the new members the question was raised as to the function of this committee. This committee in prior years had helped to organize Evangelistic programs for the association.

M/S to dissolve this committee and place its functions within that of the Mission Board. Brother Cody stated that this committee did have approximately \$300 in funds and we would need to decide where these funds would go. Brother Bill Burkhead wanted to amend his motion to include that the funds of the Evangelistic Committee would be transferred to the Mission Board. This amendment was seconded and carried. The original motion now would be voted on which was that the Evangelistic Committee be dissolved and its functions and funds would be transferred to the Mission Board. Motion carried.

Other reports were called for and the following were read.

#### THE DENOMINATION COMMITTEE

We the Denomination Committee believe the Free Will Baptist doctrine to be in accord with Gods word. We believe our denomination could be advanced if we as individual Christians would accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, watch over one another in love, be careful of one anthers happiness and reputation, and encourage the week and afflicted. God help us to love our neighbor as our self.

Signed Brothers John Barton, Carl Sisco and Sister Sadie Sisco.

MS/C to accept the report.

#### THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

January 4, 1997

Upon recommendation of the Ordaining Council, the Executive Board met concerning the papers of Brother Joby Steele. It was voted that if the papers had been recorded to destroy and remove from record since he has been ordained and pastoring a church in another denomination.

Signed The Executive Board, Brother Bill Burkhead, Brother Howard Dethrow, Brother J. W. King, Brother Doyle Williams, and Brother Grover Pingleton.

MS/C to accept the report.

## THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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 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. Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit."

Signed Brother John Barton and Brother David Honeycutt.

MS/C to accept the report.

Brother James Lee then released all the temporary committees and commended them on their participation.

The Election of delegates to attend other Associations but there were none.

The delegates for the State Association Meeting. A motion was made to send the letters with an open delegate list so that names can be added upon admission. Motion seconded and carried.

Any other business was then called for.

A motion of heartfelt thanks to the Thayer church for hosting the yearly meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

There was then a discussion regarding the lengthiness of the letters being read. A motion was made and seconded to have the Executive Board evaluate the form and address this at the next yearly meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recognize the work of the clerk and his assistant. All in favor stood to their feet.

MS/C to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service with a dismissal prayer.

## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The 11 o'clock hour began with singing "Mansion on the Hilltop" and "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" led by Brother David Honeycutt with Sister MayInne Sandridge at the piano. All delegates were then invited to the altar for prayer, the prayer started by Brother Darrell Mitchell and closed by Brother Grover Pingleton.

Sister Malynne Sandridge the sang "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All". The preaching service was then turned over to Brother Terry Lunyou who used scriptures from Psalms 91:2-4 and Hebrews 6:1-5 with a message titled "Taste and see that the Lord is Good". Brother Cody Freeman then preached using text from Mathew 10:32-39. His subject was "Being Disciples of Christ". Prayer of dismissal was given by Brother David Honeycutt. After the prayer all shook hands with the two speakers and were dismissed from the conference.

# ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE 110TH CONFERENCE

## FRIDAY'S SESSION

### MINISTERS

James Lee Reed  
Walter Simpson  
J. W. King  
Doyle E. Williams  
James Ray  
Craig Hensley  
Wayne Lunyou  
Russell Hensley  
Bob Epperson  
David Honeycutt  
Glen E. Murray  
Lance Rogers  
Cody Freeman  
Grover Pingleton

### DEACONS

Curtis Buehler  
John Barton  
Charles D. Melton  
Richard Sandridge  
Leo Warren  
Clifton King  
Royce Hollis  
Sherman Baker  
Howard Bell  
Ben Pohnert  
Carl Sisco  
Howard Dethrow  
Cecil Campbell  
Bill Burkhead

### CLERKS

Sharon Bowers  
David Elliott  
Delsia Crawford  
Reva Baker  
Margie Parrott  
Mary Campbell  
Betty Kernodle

## SATURDAY'S SESSION

### MINISTERS

James Lee Reed  
Cody Freeman  
Doyle E. Williams  
Walter Simpson  
J.W. King  
James Rogers  
Lance Rogers  
John Holesapple  
Russell Hensley  
David Honeycutt  
Larry K. Cockman  
Darrell Mitchell  
Terry Lunyou

### DEACONS

Leo Warren  
Charles Melton  
Howard Dethrow  
Richard Sandridge  
Ben Pohnert  
Terry Lunyou  
Bill Burkhead  
Curtis Buehler  
John Barton  
Carl Sisco

### CLERKS

Juanita Willbanks  
Carolyn Campbell



# RECOMMENDATIONS BY CHURCH LETTER 1997

<b>Church</b>	<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Alton	Millard Ehhardt Garland Barton Jason Roberts Doug Shafer	Larry Wallace Leroy Chronister Dwight Chronister
Bailey	Darrell Strain	David Holman Dean Campbell Junior Brown
Byrd	Daryl Johnston	Tom Garrison Carroll Garrison
Cave Springs Church		No Letter
Clifton	Grover Pingleton James Lee Reed Russell Hensley	Jerry Strain Curt Buehler Tom Powell John Clark I/A
Cotton Creek	Darrell Mitchell Virgil Blankenship Jesse Dunkin	Mike Crawford Leamon Combs Charles Melton
Faith Chapel	James Ray, Jr. Terry Lunyou	Chuck Cook
Garfield	Joe McDonald	Howard Dethrow Gary McGee
Harmony	Howard Pruitt	Marlin Johnson Dewayne Moody
Koshkonong	Johnny Holesapple	
Liberty	J.W. King	
Lingo		Jim Kelly
Mt. Zion	Craig Hensley	Orville Bowers
Myrtle	Bob Epperson	
Norman		
Piney	Rick Arnold	Jim Lawrence

<b>Church</b>	<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Pleasant Hill	Walter Simpson	Royce Hollis Bill Burkhead Leo Warren
Pleasant Ridge	David Honeycutt	Henry Williams
Royal Oak	Richard Todd	Howard Bell
Shiloh	James Thompson	Truman Parrott
Smyrna	Wayne Adrian	Cecil Campbell Leoid Case Charles Trantham Kenneth Stogsdill
Thayer	Cody Freeman Lance Rogers Johnny F. Holesapple	Doil Hickenbotham Ben Pohnert Bill Underwood Lester Ellison Sherman Baker Richard Sandridge
United	Glenn Murray Dennis McGinley	Richard King Dave Uhlmann Norman Cartee Stanley Taylor Jim Lunyou Jack Wallace
Victory	Allen Sanders Doyle E. Williams C. R. Thompson	John Barton Alan Wilson Carl Sisco
Walnut Grove	Larry Cockman Paul Clark	Clifton Lee King Dean Bennett
West Plains First	Ronnie Blanks Donnie Morris Jeff Cates	Dan Cline Dale Smith Bob Dotson I/A J.O. Moss Eugene James Jim Walker
Wilderness	Wayne Lunyou	James Dodson Virgil Simpson Terry Miller Mark Barton

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

**THE BIBLE:** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

**GOD:** There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator, preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe, and in Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as one God infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

**CHRIST:** Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Scriptures assign the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD:** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special act 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 into the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist 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 effort 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 churches, 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 session 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 meeting 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 majority vote of all members voting.

ARTICLE 10. This constitution may be amended at any regular session of this body by two-thirds vote providing notice of the contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to the time 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 the 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 Minsiter 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.

**OSHKONONG 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 Kentner as deacon with 21 present.

**RT. 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.

**TYRTLE 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.

**INEY CHURCH:** Organized in 1885 by Rev. G. A. Jones. Members unknown.

**PLEASANT HILL:** 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.

**HILOH 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.

**MYRNA CHURCH:** Organized November 1882 by Rev. David Johnson and Rev. A.J. Jones with 13 members.

**HAYER CHURCH:** Organized July 31, 1954 with 33 charter members by Rev. Davie Combs, Joe Sisk, J.E. Rolen and Harry Beatty. Ordained deacons elected as deacons, J.W. Jewell, Otto Harrison and Fred King.

**UNITED CHURCH:** Organized March 28, 1979 by Rev. Finis Johnson, James Lee Reed, Clark Stephens, Jesse Dunkin, Harry Beatty and Manuel Dunkin. Rev. Finis Johnson was chosen as Interim Pastor. Catherine Judd chosen as clerk, Geneva Easter chosen as treasurer. Bros. Tommie Adkisson, Uls Caldwell and David Uhlmann were chosen as deacons. Bro. Jim Walker, Carrol Hickman, Jack Judd, Hubert Holman and Randall Tate elected as trustees.

**VICTORY CHURCH:** Organized May 17, 1978 with 36 charter members by Deacon Wallace Strain and John Barton, Rev. J. Darrell Strain and Keith Combs. Pastor elected: J. Darrell Strain, clerk, Helena Barton.

**WALNUT GROVE CHURCH:** Organized in 1889 by Rev. H.C. Crase and Rev. E.R. Evans with seven members.

**WEST PLAINS CHURCH:** Organized on December 20, 1955 under the leadership of the State Home Mission team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones and members of the State Home Mission Board. N.S. Miller, T.J. Adkisson and Eugene James were elected trustees and Howard Campbell, James Dotson, Ralph Fletchall, J.R. Walker and Eugene James were elected as advisory committee.

**WILDERNESS CHURCH:** Organized August 2, 1940 by Rev. Clarence Dodson, S.W. Bell and Deacon Elgin Williams. Organized with 22 members and Mack Simpson, Hosea Simpson and Othel Neal as deacons.

#### PETITIONARY LETTER FORM

We, the Council of Ordained Ministers \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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No Report

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