

MINUTES

OF THE

111TH

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

Clifton

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 15 and 16, 1998

OFFICERS: 1998 SESSION

Moderator	James Lee Reed
Assistant Moderator	Walter Simpson
Clerk	Sherman Baker
Assistant Clerk	Reva Baker
Treasurer	Leo Warren
Assistant Treasurer	Norman Walker

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

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday before the third Sunday in March, 1999.

Bro. Darrell Mitchell and Bro. James Ray will bring the Introductory Message in the 1999 Meeting.

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COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD TERM EXPIRES

Grover Pingleton (1991)	1999
J.W. King (1980)	2000
Howard Dethrow (1996)	2001
Doyle Williams (1992)	2002
Charles D. Melton (1998)	2003

MISSION BOARD

David Honeycutt (1995)	1999
Bob Epperson (1996)	2000
Allen Sanders (1997)	2001
Cody Freeman (1992).....	2002
Dennis McGinley (1998)	2003

ORDAINING COUNCIL

James Ray (1996)	1999
Darrell Mitchell (1994)	2000
Lance Rogers (1998)	2001

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Curtis Buehler (1988)
 Larry Cockman (1994)
 Ben Pohnert (1994)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson (1984)
 Ester Strain (1983)
 Linda Honeycutt (1995)

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

David Honeycutt (1989)
 John Barton (1995)
 Russell Hensley (1998)

MODERATOR OFFICERS

James Lee Reed (1994) Moderator
 Walter Simpson (1994) Assistant Moderator

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Leo Warren (1994) Treasurer
 Sherman Baker (1998) Clerk
 Reva Baker (1998) Assistant Clerk

MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD

James Lee Reed (1992) 2000

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

1998 Yearly Meeting Minutes
111th Yearly Meeting of the Cave Springs Association
of Free Will Baptist

The 111th meeting of the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist met with the Clifton Free Will Baptist on Friday, May 15, 1998.

The meeting was opened with the reading of scripture Psalms 33:1-12 by Clerk Sherman Baker, followed with prayer led by Bro. Darrell Strain. The congregation sang, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" led by Bro. Lance Rogers with Sis. Malynne Sandridge at the piano. The clerk turned the services over to the moderator, Bro. James Lee Reed. He announced that the Cave Springs Church has been recommended by the Quarterly Meeting, but because it has been since January 1998, their letter would be read as a "corresponding messenger" and recognized as such for this year. Bro. Reed called for the reading of the constitution and by-laws and they were read by the clerk. Bro. Reed also stated that the Standing Rules described in the minute booklets should be followed during the conference.

An invitation was extended to any visiting brothers and sisters to be recognized, however, none were in attendance. The moderator called for the clerk to read the church letters. After the reading of each letter, delegates were recognized. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

CHURCH	DELEGATES	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTON	Marilyn Bolieck	Absent	Present
	Kathleen Crigler	Absent	Absent
	Irene Chronistor	Present	Absent
BAILEY	Esther Strain	Absent	Absent
	Mary Ann Holman	Present	Present
	Carolyn Campbell	Absent	Present
Byrd	Brenda Garrison	Present	Absent
	Jessie Garrison	Present	Absent
	Teresa Garrison	Absent	Present
CLIFTON	Charles Case	Present	Present
	Clara Case	Present	Present
	Edith Robinson	Present	Present
COTTON CREEK	Mary Ruth Combs	Absent	Absent
	Tom Marcum	Present	Present
	Mary Marcum	Present	Present
FAITH CHAPEL	Norman Walker	Present	Present
GARFIELD	Linda Dethrow	Absent	Absent
	Vesta Sanders	Absent	Absent
	Vickie McGhee	Absent	Absent
HARMONY	Lena Clark	Absent	Present
	Rieck Clark	Absent	Present
	Willia Prewitt	Absent	Present
KOSHKONONG	Fairy Hensley	Present	Absent
	Donald Hensley	Absent	Absent
	Mary Pressley	Present	Absent
LIBERTY	Phyllis Gazaway	Present	Absent
	Alice McDonald	Absent	Present

LINGO	Betty Kernodle	Present	Absent
	Jim Kelly	Absent	Present
	Sharon Kelly	Absent	Present
	Rosalee Reed (Alternate)	Present	Present
Mt. ZION	Sherry Hensley	Present	Absent
	Janet Bowers	Absent	Present
	Dean Bowers	Present	Present
	Jim Bowers (Alternate)	Absent	Absent
MYRTLE	Doris Honeycutt	Absent	Absent
	Robert Honeycutt	Absent	Absent
	Jo Ann Epperson	Absent	Absent
NORMAN	Gloria Greatz	Present	Present
	May Blankenship	Present	Present
	Altha Roy	Absent	Absent
PINEY	Rhonda Arnold	Absent	Present
	Dow Lance	Absent	Absent
	Reva Lance	Absent	Absent
PLEASANT HILL	Joan Bennett	Absent	Present
	Leo Warren	Present	Present
	Bill Burkhead	Present	Present
PLEASANT RIDGE	Linda Honeycutt	Present	Present
ROYAL OAK	Frances Bell	Present	Absent
	Beverly Adrian	Absent	Absent
	David Elliot	Present	Present
SHILOH	Velma Bivens	Absent	Absent
	Margie Parrott	Present	Absent
	Melba Rodgers	Absent	Absent
SMYRNA	James Owen Dotson	Present	Absent
	Mary Campbell	Present	Absent
THAYER	Ed Taylor	Present	Present
	Tom Taylor	Present	Present
	Helen Underwood	Present	Present
UNITED	Mabel King	Present	Absent
	Rachel Murray	Absent	Absent
	Vivian Burton	Present	Absent
VICTORY	John Barton	Present	Present
	Carl Sisco	Present	Absent
	Sadie Sisco	Present	Absent
WALNUT GROVE	Mary June King	Absent	Absent
	Pat Sexton	Present	Present
	Shirley Cockman	Absent	Absent
WEST PLAINS FIRST	Ray Barnes	Absent	Present
	Bryan Barnes	Present	Absent
	Phil Vance	Absent	Present

WILDERNESS	John Cook	Present	Absent
	Deann Lunyou	Absent	Absent
	Val Cook	Present	Absent

QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES

Linda Honeycutt	Present	Present
Sharon Bowers	Present	Present
Tom Taylor	Present	Present

The moderator asked for letters from corresponding messengers and one from Cave Springs Free Will Baptist Church was read. Motion was made and seconded to receive their report and it carried. Delegates were then seated with a handshake as the congregation sang "I'm in the Gloryland Way."

No letter was received from the Youth Organization.

Appointment of Committees

Literature Committee: James Thompson, Allen Sanders, and Russell Hensley.

Appointed to the Lord's Day Committee: Eugene James, Terry Lunyou, Dennis McGinley.

Denomination Committee: Darrell Strain, Richard Todd, and Charles Melton.

State of Religion Committee: Charles Cunningham, James Dodson, and Cody Freeman.

Divine Service Committee: Jerry Strain, Tom Marcum, and Norman Walker.

The moderator asked the Clifton pastor, Bro. Russell Hensley if the church would be available for evening services. It was stated that Koshkonong graduation was scheduled for this evening. Therefore, due to no other response, the moderator concluded and announced there would be no night service.

Bro. Reed stated the morning schedule of business was concluded. MS/C to continue with the afternoon business. The moderator then called for Miscellaneous Business: Bro. Darrell Strain asked for permission to leave the conference for a doctor's appointment. It was granted.

Committee reports were called for.

The Denomination Committee

As we are Free Will Baptist by choice, therefore the logical conclusion is that we are Free Will Baptist because we believe FWB doctrine as outlined in the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist.

Not every saved person will become a Free Will Baptist, however it should be expected that those who become Free Will Baptist believe and adhere to FWB doctrine. Not every church will be a Free Will Baptist church, however it should be expected that those churches who choose to become FWB adhere to FWB doctrine. Therefore, we the denomination committee recommend that the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting, to encourage member churches, to follow FWB doctrine.

We also recommend that this body encourage our churches to use ordained or licensed Free Will Baptist as pastors and evangelist. We recommend that each church devote some time each year to the study of the treatise of the faith and practice of FWB. We strongly urge our churches, people, and pastors, to mature spiritually through a daily study and application of the scripture.

Signed: Darrell Strain, Richard Todd, and Charles D. Melton

Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

Lord's Day Committee

The Bible states the following in Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (KJV)

We observe Sunday, the first day of the week as the "Lord's Day", although He is worthy of our prayers every day of our lives. The Word of God should be taught and expounded upon on this day because within the Bible lies the keys to life now and for the future. Through

the Word of God we grow mentally, morally, and spiritually. We develop these characteristics by the study and exhortation of the Word, and these are achieved through sound Church and Sunday School teachings.

Christ has assembled and enlisted the best people within His Church, and we should desire the blessings of their fellowship and friendship.

The church is the best institution on the earth, and one should invest his or her time and interest there. We should desire to do our part in the enlightenment, evangelization, and up building of our fellow man. Only the church can accomplish these goals!!!

In conclusion II Corinthians 4:3-5 says: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." (KJV)

Signed: Bro. Eugene James, Bro. Terry Lunyou, and Bro. Dennis McGinley.

Motion, second, and carried to receive the report and commend the committee.

Executive Board Report

We the Executive board, met on December 17, 1997, at the Pleasant Hill FWB Church at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a request from the Quarterly Conference. Prayer by Bro. Darrell Mitchell. The moderator read the request from the Quarterly Conference Business Committee to adopt a set of questions to give to ministers and deacons coming in to the Cave Springs Association. After some discussion a motion was made and carried to adopt questions for the Yearly Conference.

We also had a letter from the Smyrna FWB Church to consider ordaining Bro. Greg Watson. After much consideration and discussion, a motion was made and carried to refer it to the Yearly Ordaining Council. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn, the Board dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Howard Dethrow.

Signed: Bill Burkhead, Howard Dethrow, Grover Pingleton and Doyle Williams

Motion, second, and carried to accept the report as read.

Yearly Ordaining and Credential Committee

On March 8, 1997, Brother Greg Watson made a request to the Credentials Committee that his license be annulled, due to a conflict in fundamental beliefs. On April 10, 1997, the Credentials Committee consisting of Brother J. W. King, Brother Darrell Mitchell, and Brother James Ray, met on this issue at the Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist Church. It was discussed and voted that Brother Greg Watson's request be honored. Therefore, the Credentials Committee took the proper actions to annul the license. A letter was sent to the Executive Board that Brother Greg Watson's license had been annulled.

December 29, 1997, at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, a meeting was convened by the Credentials Committee/Ordaining Council and involved the Executive Board. Due to a letter from Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, recommending that Brother Greg Watson be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Since the Credentials Committee had already acted on this matter by annulling Brother Greg Watson's license we could not accept this request. The Credentials Committee and Executive Board sent the following reply to Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church.

"We, the Ordaining Council and The Executive Board, recommend to the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, that the church recommend Brother Greg Watson to the Quarterly Meeting to be licensed for one year according to Article 15 of the Standing Rules."

Members present Bro. J.W. King, Bro. Darrell Mitchell, Bro. James Ray, Bro. Bill Burkhead, Bro. Doyle Williams, Bro. Grover Pingleton and Bro. Howard Dethrow.

On February 15, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Jim Thompson to examine him to be an ordained Minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy, we recommended he be ordained.

On February 16, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church to ordain Brother Jim Thompson as a Minister of the Gospel in the Cave Springs Association of Freewill Baptists. Brother James Ray took charge of the service. Opening

prayer was led by Brother J.W. King. Special singing by the Shiloh Singers; Sister Julie Thompson, Sister Linda Parrott, Sister Darlene and Brother Jerry Johnson, "I've Got A Reservation". Sister Julie Thompson sang "I Surrender All". Brother Wayne Adrian brought the message and charge from I Timothy 3:1-7, and II Timothy 4:1-6, title of message "Qualifications of a Bishop". Brother Jim and Sister Julie and their boys were asked to come to the altar for the laying on of hands and the Ordination prayer. The Ordination prayer was led by Brother Truman Parrot. Everyone shook hands with Brother Jim and Sister Julie while the congregation sang "The Prettiest Flowers Will Be Blooming". Brother Jim Thompson dismissed in prayer. The Ordaining Council member present were Brother J.W. King, Brother James Ray. Brother Darrell Mitchell could not be present.

On February 15, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Craig Hensley to examine him to be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy, we recommended that Brother Craig be ordained.

On February 23, 1997 the Ordaining council met with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church to ordain Brother Craig Hensley as a Minister of the Gospel in the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist. Brother James Ray took charge of the service. Opening prayer was led by Brother Darrell Mitchell. There was congregational singing, "In The Sweet Forever" and "Lord Build Me A Cabin". We had special singing by Amanda and Megan Hensley. They sang "He's Still Working On Me", Sister Pam Bowers sang "He's In The Midst". Brother Russell Hensley brought the message and the charge from St. John 21: 15-17 and II Timothy 4:1, the title of the message was "Feed My Sheep, and Preach the Word". Brother Craig and his family were asked to come to the altar for the laying on of hands on Brother Craig. The Ordination prayer was led by Brother O.T. Bowers. Brother Craig Hensley was asked to dismiss in a word of prayer, then the congregation shook hands with Brother Craig and family. The Ordaining Council members present were Brother Darrell Mitchell, Brother J.W. King and Brother James Ray.

On February 15, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Jeff Cates to examine him to be an ordained Minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy, we recommended he be ordained.

On March 22, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with the First Free Will Baptist Church at West Plains to ordain Brother Jeff Cates as a Minister of the Gospel in the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist. Brother James Ray took charge of the service. Opening prayer was led by Brother J.W. King. The congregation sang two songs, "The Longer I Serve Him" and "Have Thine Own Way". There was special singing by the First Free Will Baptist Singers, "The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power" and "His Grace Is Sufficient". Brother Ronnie Blanks brought the message. His thought was "Responsibilities of a Minister", his text was from I Peter 5. Brother Wayne Adrian then brought the charge from II Timothy 4. The Ordination prayer and the laying on of hands on Brother Jeff took place. Brother Jeff dismissed services in prayer. The congregation sang and extended the right hand of fellowship. Ordaining Council members present were Brother J. W. King, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother James Ray.

On April 5, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Jason Roberts to examine him to be a minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy, we recommended him to be ordained.

On April 19, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with the Alton Free Will Baptist Church to ordain Brother Jason Roberts as a Minister of the Gospel in the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist. Brother James Ray took charge of the services. Opening prayer was led by Brother Darrell Mitchell. The congregation, led by Brother Leroy Chronister, sang "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago" with Sister Kathleen Crigler at the piano. Special singing by the Keith Family of Mansfield sang "Stand By Me", "In The Twinkling of An Eye" and "You Can't Ask Too Much Of My God". Brother Leroy Chronister sang "He Leadeth Me". Brother Glenn Murray brought the message and the charge from Jeremiah 1:4. The Ordination prayer was then led by Brother Dwight Chronister. Services were dismissed in prayer by Brother Jason Roberts. The congregation sang and shook hands with Brother Jason and family. Ordaining Council members present were Brother James Ray and Brother Darrell Mitchell.

On April 10, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Chuck Cook to examine him to be ordained as a deacon. Being found worthy, we recommended he be ordained.

On April 10, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Terry Lunyou to examine him to be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy, we recommended he be ordained.

On April 20, 1997, the Ordaining Council met with the Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church to ordain Brother Chuck Cook as a deacon and Brother Terry Lunyou as a Minister of the Gospel. Brother Darrell Mitchell took charge of the service. Opening prayer was led by Brother Chuck Cook. There was special singing by Brother Stan Silva who sang "He Was There All The Time" and by the Johnson Quartet. The message and the charge were brought by Brother James Ray. His Scripture was read from II Timothy 4. He addressed the qualifications of both the deacons and the ministers and their wives. At the close of the charge, Brother James asked Brother Chuck and his wife, Stacy and Brother Terry and his wife, Tammy to come to the altar for the laying on of hands on the men. The Ordination prayer was led by both Brother J.W. King and Brother Wayne Lunyou. Brother Terry Lunyou dismissed services in a word of prayer. The congregation sang and shook hands with both Brother Terry and Brother Chuck and their families. Ordaining council members present were Brother J.W. King, Brother Darrell Mitchell, and Brother James Ray.

Motion, second, and carried to accept the report as read and commend them for the years work. In discussion, Bro. James Ray announced that Bro. J. W. King had requested not to be re-elected.

The moderator then called for any other reports and the Cave Spring WNAC Yearly report was then read.

CAVE SPRINGS WNAC YEARLY REPORT

January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997

WNAC	Memorial Student Loan Fund, TN	\$	125.00	
	Co-Laborer/General Fund		272.55	
	Emphasis Offering		217.05	
	Foreign Student Scholarship		25.00	
	Membership Dues (38)		280.00	
	Provision Closet		25.00	
	Paul Kettleman Fund/FWBBC		<u>25.00</u>	
				\$ 969.60
MO STATE WNAC	General Fund		12.25	
	Membership Dues		21.00	
	MO Scholarship		<u>150.00</u>	
				183.25
STATE HOME MISSIONS	General Fund/Have A Heart		150.00	
	Cochran		35.00	
	Wentzville Mission		100.00	
	MO Show-Me Plan (F.M.)		<u>330.00</u>	
				616.00
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	General Fund		22.50	
	Pre-Thanksgiving Offerings		230.59	
	Bible Institute/Mexico		175.00	
	Russell Johnson/WY		<u>35.00</u>	
				463.09
FOREIGN MISSIONS	Pre-Easter offerings		346.95	
	Lytle/Panama		270.00	
	Pinkerton/Ivory Coast		<u>100.00</u>	
				716.95
MO YOUTH CAMP				<u>30.00</u>
				\$ 2,977.89

TOTAL REPORT TO MO STATE WNAC

Total Auxiliaries Reporting: Myrtle 5, Thayer 14 and West Plains 1st 19 - Total 38.

.Motion, second, and carried to receive the report and commend the ladies on their work.

Obituary Committee Report

In the year that has passed since our last report, we find God has called several of our brothers and sisters in Christ home. We find in Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints." We pray God bless each family in their loss of the following:

Ola Mae Hall (Barton) Alton
Emery Coble Clifton
Ted Doran Clifton
Louise Baker Thayer
Helen Lindsey Thayer
Roy Crawford Thayer
Luella Higgs Thayer
Gladys Holman Thayer
Godfrey Herzog West Plains 1st
Calvin A. Jones Harmony
Edith Mcedree Harmony

Alma Overstreet Cotton Creek
Gufford Herzog Garfield
Beatrice Goss Lingo
Elaine Skiba United
Cynthia Coatney United
Mona Parker United
Cecil James United
Junior Daffron United
Audney Blair United
Ruby McCauther Walnut Grove

This report is from January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997. Any deaths that occurred during this time not included in this report should be added. Signed: Ruth Thompson, Linda Honeycutt, and Ester Strain

Motion, second and carried to accept the report with one correction, that is Ola Mae Hall should be Ola Mae Barton. Correction was made.

The congregation was then invited to stand and prayer was led by Bro. Clarence Burton and then Bro. Millard Ehrhardt concluded the honorary prayer to God for the dedicated lives of those deceased.

The assistant moderator, Bro. Walter Simpson took over while Bro. James Reed gave the Missouri State General Board Report.

Missouri State General Board Report

There was a change in the CO-OP allocation. The 3.50% allocation for General Board was changed to 3%. The .5% was allocated to the Show-Me Plan for program expenses. The closing of the State Meeting sessions will be changed from Thursday morning to Wednesday night. The retirement program was increased from \$650 per year to \$700 per year. It has been pointed out that those who own cabins at Youth Camp are liable for accidents that might happen in them. It has been talked and talk only at this point about moving the youth camp to a new location, possibly on the property that State has purchased on the lake. I attended the General Meetings and State association Meeting. Expenses: Room, Meals and Gas \$65.00 Thank you for helping me have this opportunity. Signed James Lee Reed.

Motion and second to accept the report and commend Bro. Reed for his time and effort. Discussion for explanation regarding Youth Camp insurance and accidents, if they should be sued. Motion carried.

Bro. Millard Ehrhardt, Paragould, AR asked for permission to speak about five minutes. He stated it was his 50th year of ministry in preaching for the Lord. He had preached his first sermon in 1948.

Divine Service Committee Report

The Divine Service Committee has selected Bro James Ray and Bro. Charles Trantham. Signed: Norman Walker and Tom Marcum

Motion, second and carried to accept their report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasures report was called for and read as follows:

Balance December 31, 1996	\$517.20
Total Deposits 1997	<u>\$1,190.00</u>
Total	\$1,443.05
State & National Minutes	(\$780.00)
Sherman Baker (322 minute books)	(\$264.15)
Sherman Baker Clerk Fees	(\$25.00)
James Lee Reed State Meeting	(65.00)
Check Returned Sherman Baker	\$25.00
Carryover Balance for 1998	\$598.05

Bro. Sherman turned the \$25 back to the conference. The committee complements Bro. Sherman and Sis Reva on making the minutes which saved almost half. MS/C to accept his report and commend him for his work.

The moderator dismissed the meeting for a short recess to prepare for the 11 o'clock service.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" followed with prayer by Sister Betty Kernodle. Special music was song by Sister Frances Simpson "Daddy Showed Me followed by Sister Malynn Sandridge singing "You Can't Ask Too Much Of My God". Brother Craig Hensley then came forward preaching the message "Doctrine, the Word of God" with his message coming from John 7:17. He was followed by Brother Russell Hensley preaching from Ephesians 2:10 and Ephesians 2:19-22. His message was Lives, Homes and Churches Build upon Jesus Christ.

At the close of the messages, the congregation sang "I've Got a Mansion". Dismissal prayer and the blessing on the lunch was given by Bro. Ronnie Blanks. The service closed with the congregation extending the right hand of fellowship to both the ministers who brought the messages along with Bro. Grover Pingleton, who was the oldest minister, and Bro. Virgil Blankenship, Bro. Millard Erhardt and their wives, while Sis Frances Simpson sang, by request, "Daddy Showed Me". The conference was dismissed until after the lunch hour.

The afternoon session resumed with the congregation singing "Glad Reunion Day" and prayer led by Bro David Melton.

Finance Committee's Report.

We the Finance Committee have inspected the books. We find them to be in good condition. We commend Bro. Leo Warren for a good job done. Signed: Curtis Buehler and Ben Pohnert

M/S/C to receive the report.

Standing delegates names were read from the sign in list for the day and the moderator asked if any names had been omitted. Several names were added to the list. Bro. Reed asked for Nominations for Friday's session at next year's conference. Bro James Ray and Bro Darrell Mitchell were nominated. M/S/C that nominations cease and we proceed to elect.

The next item of business was choosing a place for next years meeting. One church had asked to host the next conference on their church letter. M/S/C to honor the request of the Myrtle FWB Church for next year's meeting.

Bro Burkhead announced the Executive Board had a suggestion for the conference to consider "that the Yearly Association be moved to the Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in March (instead of May)".

M/S to discuss Article 8 of the Constitution of changing the date for the yearly meeting. In discussion, the committee has suggested that we change the yearly meeting date from May to Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in March.

M/S to strike out May and insert March instead of May in the Constitution, Article 8. M/S to lay it on the table until Saturday's meeting. Motion carried.

There was a inquiry and then general discussion from the floor, asking for more information regarding the state youth camp; whether moving it to another location or whether to repair and update the current premises. Bro Reed explained it was just in discussion stages on the state level, but now was the time to voice opinions. Lengthy discussion followed.

M/S/C to have Bro Ruble to bring photos and other information regarding the property purchased by the state denomination on his next visit.

M/S/C to adjourn until Saturday's session and dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY'S SESSION

The Saturday session was opened with Clerk Sherman Baker reading the scripture from Isaiah 53:1-12 followed by prayer led by Bro. Lance Rogers. The congregation sang "I'll Fly Away" led by Lance Rogers and Malynne Sandridge at the piano.

Moderator James Lee Reed then took over and the Clifton pastor, Bro. Russell Hensley welcomed the conference.

M/S/C to omit the reading of the constitution and by-laws. Bro. Reed called for the reading of the minutes from Friday's session by the clerk and they were read. Corrections and additions were made. M/S/C to receive the minutes as read and to commend Brother Sherman and Sister Reva for their work.

The moderator called for visiting brothers and sisters; none responding except Bro. Nathan Ruble, the State Executive Secretary.

The moderator called the names of each church and asked delegates from each to stand and state their names. They were then seated by the moderator.

STATE OF RELIGION

Religion can be defined as man's expression of his faith toward God and his attempt to approach his God. There is no shortage of religion in our world today, but much of it is unacceptable to God. True religion must be based upon a scriptural understanding and acceptance of our relationship with God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ and His atonement upon the cross.

James tells us that pure religion results when we live out our faith through holy living and good works. We must always evaluate our religion in the light of God's word and with the help of God's Holy Spirit. If we are to judge the state of religion of the church we must first judge the heart of each individual. As Paul said to the Corinthians concerning participating in the Lord's Supper, "But let a man examine himself..." So let us be constantly looking to the inward man in the light of scripture to determine the state of our religion.

Signed: Cody Freeman and Charles Trantham. M/S/C to receive it as read.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." We believe as children of God, that man's word shall fail, but God's word shall keep us for all eternity. And as Free Will Baptists we will base our doctrine upon this word of God. Signed: Russell Hensley. M/S/C to accept it as read.

This concluded all four of the temporary committees. M/S/C to release the temporary committees.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The Temperance committee would like to submit the following report. Temperance is defined in the Webster's 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: David Honeycutt and John Barton. M/S/C to accept as read.

The moderator called for any other committee reports: Bro. Cody Freeman stated the Mission Board had not met, since there were no guide lines as to what their responsibilities were. He gave a verbal report of things he's like to see done, such as putting together a mission conference and asked for encouragement regarding this board of its function. He also asked the association to give their stamp of approval to go ahead with a project such as this. Bro. Walter Simpson stated he believed the board already had the bodies approval for their discussion and recommendations. M/S/C that we receive the oral report of the Mission Board.

Bro. Reed announced that the MO State Meeting would be held at Lebanon on June 8, 9, and 10 and that we needed seven delegates. The floor was then opened for volunteers and/or nominations. Volunteers were Bro. Ed Taylor and Sis Lois Taylor. M/S/C to accept these two and that they have authority to add on any other names onto the list that could go to the state meeting.

The floor was opened for a nominee for the general board for 1999 to 2000. M/S to retain the one we now have, Bro. James Reed as General Board member nominee. M/C.

Bro. Reed stated that a motion was on the table from yesterday. M/S to take the motion from the table regarding Article 8 of the Constitution and change the yearly meeting to March. M/C. The motion was read by the clerk and any discussion or questions were asked for. There was none. A standing vote was called for and the M/C. (no nays)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: The floor was opened for the nominations of moderator. Bro. James Lee Reed was nominated. M/S that the nomination cease and we proceed to elect. The assistant moderator took over and the M/C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: M/S/C that the moderator choose his assistant. Bro. Reed chose Bro. Walter Simpson.

CLERK: Nominations for Clerk were: Sherman Baker. M/S/C to elect him. Assistant Clerk: M/S/C that he choose his assistant.

TREASURER: Nominations were Bro. Leo Warren. M/S/C that nominations cease and proceed to elect. M/C.

ASSISTANT TRESURER: Article 3 states the treasurer shall have authority to choose his own assistant and as Bro. Ben Pohnert asked to be replaced, Bro. Warren chose Bro. Norman Walker as his assistant.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Bro Bill Burkhead, after serving 20 years, asked to be replaced. This elected term would expire in 2003. Nominations were Charles David Melton. M/S/C for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Bro. Melton was not present, but had stated earlier that we would do whatever job he might be elected to do.

MISSION BOARD: Nominations for a five year term, Bro. Lance Rogers. He declined because he would make three members from the Thayer Church if elected. Bro. Dennis McGinley was then nominated. M/S that nomination cease and proceed to elect. M/C

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Bro. J.W. King asked to be replaced. Nominations were: Bro. Lance Rogers. M/S that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. M/C.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Nominations were: Curt Buehler, Larry Cockman, and Ben Pohnert. M/S that nominations cease and proceed to elect. M/C
OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Nominations: Ruth Thompson, Linda Honeycutt, Ester Strain. M/S nominations cease and proceed to elect as a whole. M/C
TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Nominations: David Honeycutt, John Barton, Russell Hensley. M/S nominations cease and proceed to elect. M/C.

The moderator called for any other business. M/S to render heartfelt thanks to the Clifton Church for their hospitality in hosting the conference. With a standing vote the M/C.

M/S/C to thank Bro. Reed for his work on the General Board.

The floor was then turned over to Bro. Nathan Ruble, who brought greetings as State Executive Secretary. He gave thanks to Cave Springs Association for their contribution to the Co-op giving and other support to the State. He commended all the Cave Spring Churches and said Missouri was number four in giving on the national level. He also gave a report regarding the Youth Camp board and their proposed recommendations to the state. The current needs, as well as, future needs concerning Youth Camp. The board is now, and will be, in the evaluating stage only for now. A question and answer period followed.

Bro. Cody Freeman gave verbal report on the Show Me Plan for foreign missions. He encouraged both individuals and churches to give to the support of our missionaries through the Show Me Plan as it was the best way to support ALL foreign missionaries from Missouri.

The moderator asked for other announcements. M/S that the conference be adjourned following a short recess and then the 11:00 o'clock worship service. M/C. We were then dismissed in prayer by Bro. Darrell Mitchell.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services were opened by singing "Heaven's Jubilee" let by Bro. David Honeycutt and Sis. Malyne Sandridge on the piano. Bro. Reed read the names of standing delegates who had signed in for the day and asked if any names had been missed. One name, Jim Kelly was added to the deacon list and Bro. Grover Pingleton's name was added to the ministers list.

Prayer was led by Bro. Howard Pruitt. The congregation sang "At Calvary" and then Bro. Charles Trantham preached from II Cor. 5:10 on purging yourself from sin. Next, Bro. James Ray brought a message from Eph. 5:14 on Awake Christians and serve a God that will take care of you. The service was closed with an alter call while the congregation sang "Blessed Assurance".

Bro. Reed asked for all first time attendees to the association meeting to stand up front with the two minister who brought the messages for a handshake and dismissal of the conference.

ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE 111TH CONFERENCE

FRIDAY'S SESSION

MINISTERS

Doyle E. Williams
John Holesapple
Millard Ehrhardt
James Ray, Jr.
David Honeycutt
Lance Rogers
Virgil Blankenship
Walter Simpson
Cody Freeman
J.W. King
Richard Todd
Clarence Burton
James Lee Reed
Johnny F. Hoseapple
Craig Hensley
Grover Pingleton
Charles Trantham
Ronnie Blanks
Russell Hensley

DEACONS

Sherman Baker
Leo Warren
Bill Burkhead
Charles D. Melton
Ben Pohnert
Truman Parrott
Curtis Buehler
John T. Clark
Orville Bowers
Jerry Strain
Howard Bell
Carl Sisco
John Barton

CLERKS

Reva Baker
David Elliott
Mary Campbell
Margie Parrott
Sharon Bowers
Jessie May Garrison
Betty Kernodle

SATURDAY'S SESSION

MINISTERS

James Lee Reed
Ron Blanks
Dennis McGinley
Howard Pruitt
David Honeycutt
Doyle E. Williams
Walter Simpson
Cody Freeman
Russell Hensley
Joe McDonald
Charles Trantham
Darrell Strain
Lance Rogers
James Ray, Jr.
Millard Ehrhardt
Darrell Mitchell
Grover Pingleton

DEACONS

Sherman Baker
Leo Warren
John Barton
Bill Burkhead
Curtis Buehler
Ben Pohnert
Jim Kelly

CLERKS

Reva Baker
Sharon Bowers
Phyllis Blankenship
David Elliott
Carolyn Campbell

RECOMMENDATIONS BY CHURCH LETTER 1998

Church	Ministers	Deacons
Alton	James Thompson Millard Ehhardt	Larry Wallace Leroy Chronister Dwight Chronister
Bailey	Darrell Strain	David Holman Dean Campbell Junior Brown
Byrd	Charles Trantham Daryl Johnston	Tom Garrison Carroll Garrison
Cave Springs Church		
Clifton	Russell Hensley Grover Pingleton	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		Howard Dethrow Gary McGee
Harmony	Howard Pruitt	Marlin Johnson Dewayne Moody
Koshkonong	Johnny Holesapple	
Liberty	Joe McDonald	Andrew Pearson
Lingo	James Lee Reed	Jim Kelly
Mt. Zion	Craig Hensley	Orville Bowers
Myrtle	Bob Epperson	
Norman		
Piney	Rick Arnold	Jim Lawrence

Church	Ministers	Deacons
Pleasant Hill	Walter Simpson	Royce Hollis Bill Burkhead Leo Warren
Pleasant Ridge	David Honeycutt	Henry Williams
Royal Oak	Richard Todd	Howard Bell
Shiloh	Johnny F. Holesapple	Truman Parrott
Smyrna	Wayne Adrian	Cecil Campbell Leod Case Kenneth Stogsdill
Thayer	Cody Freeman Lance Rogers Allen Sanders	Doil Hickenbotham Ben Pohnert Bill Underwood Lester Ellison Sherman Baker Richard Sandridge
United	Glenn Murray Dennis McGinley Clarence Burton J.W. King	Richard King Dave Uhlmann Norman Cartee Stanley Taylor Jim Lunyou Jack Wallace Charles Blair I/ A
Victory	Garland Barton Doyle E. Williams C. R. Thompson	John Barton Alan Wilson Carl Sisco
Walnut Grove	Larry Cockman	Clifton Lee King Dean Bennett
West Plains First	Ronnie Blanks Donnie Morris	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, of 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 March 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 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 Kentner as deacon with 21 present.

MT. ZION CHURCH: Organized July 30, 1939 by Bro. J. E. Rolen, B. H. Woodring and Rev. J. E. S. Pentecost. Organized with 14 members. Dave Bowers and C. A. Harrison as deacons.

MYRTLE CHURCH: Organized in October, 1903. Levi Taylor and Henry Wisehart as deacons.

NORMAN CHURCH: Organized October 3, 1914 by Rev. W. P. Stogsdill and Rev. W. C. Norman with 18 members. D. M. Crews and G. W. Moore as deacons.

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

PLEASANT HILL: Organized October 6, 1918 by Rev. E.J. Vaughn and Rev. H.C. Crase with 17 members.

PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH: Organized May 28, 1933 by Rev. E.E. Simpson, Nathan Combs, W.M. Johnson and Elmer Hodges with 13 members.

ROYAL OAK CHURCH: Organized on the first Sunday in October, 1930 by Rev. H.C. Crase and Elmer Hodges assisted by Deacon J.P. McCullough with 23 members.

SHILOH CHURCH: Organized October 19, 1930 by Rev. W.P. Stogsdill and Rev. Billie Rogers. It was organized with 14 members. C.H. Crews and Lee Clark as deacons. Elizabeth Holmes as church clerk.

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

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

UNITED CHURCH: Organized March 28, 1979 by Rev. Finis Johnson, James Lee Reed, Clark Stephens, Jesse Dunkin, Harry Beatty and Manuel Dunkin. Rev. Finis Johnson was chosen as Interim Pastor. Catherine Judd chosen as clerk, Geneva Easter chosen as treasurer. Bros. Tommie Adkisson, Ulus Caldwell and David Uhlmann were chosen as deacons. 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.

CHURCHES & PASTORS**ALTON**

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