

MINUTES

OF THE

112TH

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

Myrtle

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

March 19 and 20, 1999

OFFICERS: 1999 SESSION

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| 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 Thayer FWB Church, Thayer Missouri.

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

Bro. Glenn Murray and Bro. David Honeycutt will bring the Introductory Message in the 2000 Meeting.

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COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TERM EXPIRES

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| J.W. King (1980) | 2000 |
| Howard Dethrow (1996) | 2001 |
| Doyle Williams (1992) | 2002 |
| Charles D. Melton (1998) | 2003 |
| Ronnie Blanks (1999) | 2004 |

MISSION BOARD

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|------------------------------|------|
| Harlan Johnson (1999) | 2000 |
| Allen Sanders (1997) | 2001 |
| Cody Freeman (1992)..... | 2002 |
| Dennis McGinley (1998) | 2003 |
| David Honeycutt (1995) | 2004 |

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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| Darrell Mitchell (1994) | 2000 |
| Lance Rogers (1998) | 2001 |
| James Lee Reed (1999) | 2002 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| Curtis Buehler (1988) |
| Leo Warren (1999) |
| Howard Bell (1999) |

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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| Ruth Thompson (1984) |
| Mary Ann Holman (1999) |
| Linda Honeycutt (1995) |

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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| David Honeycutt (1989) |
| John Barton (1995) |
| Dennis McGinley |

MODERATOR OFFICERS

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| J. Darrell Strain (1999) | Moderator |
| Glenn Murray (1999) | Assistant Moderator |

PRINTING COMMITTEE

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| Norman Walker (1999) | Treasurer |
| Sherman Baker (1998) | Clerk |
| Reva Baker (1998) | Assistant Clerk |

MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD

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| James Lee Reed (1992) | 2000 |
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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

1999 Yearly Meeting Minutes
112th Yearly Meeting of the Cave Springs Association
of Free Will Baptist

The 112th meeting of the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist met with the Myrtle Freewill Baptist Church on Friday, March 19, 1999.

The clerk, Brother Sherman Baker opened the meeting with the reading of Hebrews 12:1-2 followed with prayer led by Brother Glen Murray. Brother Lance Rogers then led the congregation in singing "The Old Account Was Settled" with sister Renneta Ray at the piano. The moderator, Brother James Lee Reed came forward and took charge of the services and called for the reading of the constitution and by-laws. They were read by the clerk. The moderator stated these rules should be followed.

An invitation was extended to any visiting Brother or Sisters to be recognized. Brother Ben Scott of the Social Band Association from Arkansas and Brother Terry Vandivort from the O'Fallon Freewill Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Missouri was recognized. The moderator asked the clerk to read the church letters and they were read with the following delegates:

| CHURCH | DELEGATE | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Alton | Marilyn Boley | Present | Absent |
| Bailey | Freda McClanahan | Absent | Present |
| | Mary Ann Holman | Absent | Present |
| | Ginny Holmes | Absent | Present |
| Byrd | Brenda Garrison | Absent | Absent |
| | Alpha Garrison | Absent | Absent |
| | Lucille Garrison | Absent | Present |
| Cave Springs | Ora Williams | Present | Absent |
| | Jo Pingleton | Present | Present |
| | Charles Harriell | Present | Absent |
| Clifton | Jessa Powell | Present | Present |
| | Clara Case | Present | Absent |
| | Charles Case | Present | Present |
| Cotton Creek | Geraldine Melton | Present | Present |
| | Charlotte Mitchener | Present | Present |
| | Thomas Melton | Absent | Absent |
| Faith Chapel | Renneta Ray | Present | Absent |
| | Mat Moeffield | Present | Absent |
| | Olene Lee | Present | Absent |
| Garfield | Howard Dethrow | Present | Present |
| | Linda Dethrow | Absent | Absent |

Harmony

Koshkonong

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| Liberty | Rhonda Pearson | Absent | Present |
| | Bonnie Gazaway | Absent | Absent |
| | Phyllis Gazaway | Present | Absent |
| | Lillian Snodgrass | Present | Absent |

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| Lingo | Jim Kelly | Absent | Present |
| | Sharon Kelly | Absent | Present |
| | Betty Kernodle | Absent | Absent |
| | Rosalee Reed Alternate | Absent | Absent |

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| Mt. Zion | Rob Bowers | Present | Absent |
| | Sherry Hensley | Absent | Absent |

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| Myrtle | Dale Huddle | Present | Present |
| | Will Brewer | Present | Present |
| | David Sorrell | Present | Absent |

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| Norman | Gloria Greatz | Present | Present |
| | Nadine Collins | Present | Absent |
| | Owen Ray Collins | Present | Absent |

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| Piney | Dow Lance | Absent | Absent |
| | Denzel Lance | Absent | Absent |
| | Teddy Eggert | Absent | Absent |

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| Pleasant Hill | Bill Burkhead | Present | Present |
| | Leo Warren | Present | Present |
| | Tania Hollis | Absent | Absent |

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| Pleasant Ridge | Glen Booker | Absent | Absent |
| | Linda Honeycutt | Absent | Present |

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| Royal Oak | Frances Bell | Present | Present |
| | Patty Lynch | Present | Present |
| | Carl Lynch | Present | Present |

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| Shiloh | Margie Parrott | Absent | Absent |
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| Smyrna | James Owen Dotson | Present | Absent |
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| Thayer | Tom Taylor | Present | Present |
| | Bernice Cantrell | Present | Absent |
| | Vergil Cantrell | Present | Absent |
| United | Jane Taylor | Present | Present |
| | Sonya McGinley | Present | Absent |
| | Lyda Wallace | Present | Absent |
| Victory | John Barton | Present | Present |
| | Carl Sisco | Present | Absent |
| | Loyd Christopher | Present | Present |
| Walnut Grove | Pat Sexton | Present | Present |
| | Lena Conard | Present | Present |
| | Shirley Cockman | Absent | Absent |
| West Plains First | Brian Barnes | Absent | Present |
| | Linda Blanks | Present | Absent |
| | Phil Vance | Absent | Present |
| Wilderness | John Cook | Present | Present |
| | Randy Brown | Present | Present |
| | Dennis Williams | Present | Present |
| Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting | Tom Taylor | Present | Present |
| | Val Cook | Present | Absent |
| | Jim Bowers | Present | Present |

Motion and second that the letters be received. Motion carried. The moderator asked the song leader and pianist to return and the congregation sang "At Calvary" as the right hand of fellowship was extended and the seating of the delegates.

The moderator called for Youth Association letters. None was forth coming.

The moderator asked for appointment of any special committees. None was forth coming.

The moderator called for Petitionary letters and Corresponding letters. None was forth coming.

The moderator asked for the visiting Brothers to come forward and Brother Ben Scott, Interim pastor at the Myrtle Freewill Baptist Church gave a welcome greeting and stated he was happy to be in the meeting. Brother Terry Vandivort who is currently attending Nashville Freewill Baptist Bible College came forward stating he and his wife have been called to the Mission field and are going to a closed Missionary Country in Central Asia. He will be teaching English. The country, Uzbekastan was a former country in the Soviet Union. His wife is a registered nurse and they have four children.

A motion and second was made for the moderator to appoint the Devine Service Committee. Motion carried and he appointed Brother Willard Brewer, Brother John Cook and Brother Howard Bell.

A motion and second to go ahead with the afternoon business. Motion carried and the moderator called for the enrollment of the Standing Delegates.

Nominations were called for next years Introductory Speakers. Brother Glen Murray and Brother David Honeycutt were nominated. M/S nomination cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried.

The treasurers report was given by Brother Leo Warren as follows:

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| Balance December 31, 1997 | \$598.05 | |
| Total from Churches 1998 | <u>\$1110.00</u> | |
| Total | | \$1708.05 |
| Sherman Baker (325 Minutes) | \$247.29 | |
| State & National Minutes | \$810.00 | |
| Honorarium Sherman Baker | <u>\$25.00</u> | |
| Total Expenditures | \$1082.29 | |
| Honorarium check returned | | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| Carryover Balance for 1999 | | \$650.76 |

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

Cave Springs Obituary Report January 1 to December 31, 1998

Our Heavenly Father has called the following Brothers and sisters in Christ to their Heavenly reward. We thank God for the Holy Spirit and the Living Word, which gives us hope and comfort as found in I Thess. 4:16-17; For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and who shall we ever be with the Lord. Verse 18, Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

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| Edna Johnson | Alton | Harold Palmer | Thayer |
| Pearl Owens | Alton | Velma Huggins | Thayer |
| Anola Garrison | Byrd | Don W. Bryan | United |
| Huey Clark | Clifton | Birdie Lunyou | United |
| Emogene Robinson | Clifton | Irene James | United |
| Hazel Bennefield | Clifton | Ralph Reed | United |
| Robert J. Sanders, Jr. | Garfield | Unile Watson | United |
| Oaspy Taylor | Garfield | Virgie Newberry | West Plains 1 st |
| Brooks Kelsey | Victory | Bill Cantrell | West Plains 1 st |
| Reverend Howard Pruitt ... | Harmony | | |

No committee member was present so the clerk read a list compiled from the church letters. Motion second to accept the report as read. A prayer in thanksgiving for the Christian testimony and witness from the lives of those who have passed away in 1998 was led by Brother Grover Pingleton and Brother Dennis McGinley.

The Devine Service Committee report came forward and they chose Brother Ben Scott and Brother Glen Murray for the Saturday Morning service. Brother Murray asked to be excused because he had a funeral. M/S/C that the whole time on Saturday be allowed to Brother Scott.

Motion and second that we accept the invitation to the Cotton Creek Church for next year's yearly association meeting. Motion carried.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY REPORT January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

W.N.A.C.

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| Mem. Student Loan Fund, TN..... | \$55.00 |
| Co-Laborer..... | 218.27 |
| Membership Dues..... | 420.00 |
| Emphasis/Gen. Fund..... | 207.90 |
| Foreign St. S/Ship..... | 25.00 |
| Ketteman Memorial..... | 50.00 |
| Togetherway..... | <u>25.00</u> |

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Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| GF/Tithes - State Office..... | 19.50 |
| Membership Dues..... | 31.50 |
| MO/Scholarship..... | <u>75.00</u> |

\$126.00

State Home Missions

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| General Fund..... | 239.00 |
| Hannibal Mission..... | <u>235.00</u> |

\$474.00

National Home Missions

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| General Fund..... | 15.00 |
| Johnson..... | 178.00 |
| Pre-Thanksgiving..... | <u>226.78</u> |

\$419.78

Foreign Missions

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| MO Show-Me Plan..... | 385.00 |
| New H. Panama..... | 50.00 |
| Pre-Easter..... | <u>280.62</u> |

\$715.62

Mo. State Youth Camp

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

TOTAL REPORT TO STATE AUXILIARY

Total Auxiliaries Reporting

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| Myrtle | 7 |
| Thayer | 17 |
| West Plains 1st | <u>18</u> |
| Total Membership | 42 |

Motion Second and carried to accept the report.

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Cave Springs Yearly Mission Board is currently investigating the possibility of establishing an annual Missions Conference to promote and raise support for State, National, and Foreign Missions. Board members would appreciate input from members of the association. Signed Brother Cody Freeman and Brother Dennis McGinley

Motion and second to receive and commend them and encourage the committee to go forward. Motion carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

On April 30, 1998, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Johnny Holesapple at the Koshkonong FWB Church to examine him to be an ordained Minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy we recommended he be ordained.

On May 3, 1998, the Ordaining Council met with the Shiloh FWB Church to ordain Brother Johnny Holesapple 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 When He Calls I'll Fly Away. Special singing by Sister Marie Holesapple singing Will You Be The One, and The Shiloh Singers and When He Blest My Soul. Brother John Holesapple Sr. Brought the message and charge from Ephesians 6: 10-13, II Timothy 2:1-3, 3: 1-7, 4: 1-6. The title of the message was STAND. Brother Johnny and Sister Marie were asked to come to the altar for the laying on of hands and the Ordination prayer. The Ordination prayer was led by Brother Darrell Mitchell. Everyone shook hands with Brother Johnny and family while the congregation sang. Brother Johnny Holesapple dismissed in prayer. The Ordaining Council members present were: Brother J.W. King, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother James Ray.

On July 25, 1998, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Andrew Pearson at the Cotton Creek FWB Church to examine him to be an ordained Deacon. Being found worthy we recommended he be ordained. Ordaining Council members present Brother Lance Rogers, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother James Ray.

On August 2, 1998, the Ordaining Council met with the Liberty FWB Church to ordain Brother Andrew Pearson as a Deacon in the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist. Brother Darrell Mitchell took charge of the service. Opening prayer was led by Brother Charles David Melton. The congregation sang The Gloryland Way and Just Over in Gloryland. Special singing was by Andrew Pearson and his family and Sister Alice McDonald. Brother James Ray brought the message from James 1: 1-8. Brother Joe McDonald brought the charge from I Timothy 3: 8-14. Brother Andrew Pearson was asked to come to the altar for the laying on of hands and the Ordination prayer. The Ordination prayer was led by Brother J.W. King. Everyone shook hands with Brother Andrew and family while the congregation sang. Brother Andrew Pearson dismissed prayer. The Ordaining Council members present were Brother Darrell Mitchell, Brother James Ray and Brother Lance Rogers.

On October 25, 1998 the Ordaining Council met with Brother Harlan Johnson to examine him to be an ordained Minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy we recommended he be ordained. Ordaining Council members present were Brother Lance Rogers, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother James Ray.

On October 25, 1998, the Ordaining Council met with the First FWB Church of West Plains to ordain Brother Harlan Johnson as a Minister of the Gospel. Brother Lance Rogers took charge of the service. Opening prayer was led by Brother Darrell Mitchell. The congregation sang Jesus Is All the World to Me. Special singing was by Sister Stacie Turner. Brother Hoover Lewis brought the message from Ezekiel 22:23 and St. John 1:6. Brother Ronnie Blanks brought the Charge from II Timothy 4:1-4. Brother Harlan Johnson was called to the altar for the laying on of hands and the Ordination Prayer which was led by Brother Clarence Burton, Brother Ronnie Blanks and Brother Hoover Lewis. Brother Harlan Johnson led in the dismissal prayer. Ordaining Council members present were Brother Lance Rogers, Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother James Ray.

On October 6, 1998, the Ordaining Council met with Brother Charles Trantham at the Thayer FWB Church to examine him to be an ordained Minister of the Gospel. Being found worthy we recommended he be ordained. Ordaining Council members present were Brother Lance Rogers, and Brother Darrell Mitchell.

On October 11, 1998, the Ordaining Council met with the Byrd FWB Church to ordain Brother Charles Trantham as a Minister of the Gospel in the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist. Brother Darrell Mitchell took charge of the service. Opening prayer was led by Brother David Honeycutt. The congregation sang Trust and Obey and My Savior First of All. Special singing was by Joe Garrison and Special prayer by Charles David Melton. Brother Wayne Adrian brought the message and charge from I Corinthians 16: 13,14 and II Timothy 4:1-6. Brother Charles Trantham was asked to come to the altar for the laying on of hands and the Ordination prayer. The Ordination prayer was led by Brother Tom and Carroll Garrison. Everyone shook hands with Brother Charles and family while the congregation sang. Brother Charles Trantham dismissed in prayer. The Ordaining Council members present were: Brother Darrell Mitchell and Brother James Ray.

Motion and second that we accept the report as read. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We the Cave Springs Executive Board met May 26, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. with opening prayer by Bro. Howard Dethrow. Bro. Doyle Williams was elected chairman of the board and Bro Charles Melton, recording clerk.

The meeting was held in regards to the ministers that were not recommended by their churches. The following is a list of those men: Bro. Doug Shaffer, Bro. Paul Clark, Bro. Jeff Cates and Bro. Jason Roberts. After much discussion, there was a motion, second and carried to investigate further before other steps were taken. A motion, second and carried to adjourn. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charles Melton. Signed: Doyle Williams, Charles Melton, Howard Dethrow, and Bro. Grover Pingleton.

The Executive Board met June 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. with the Walnut Grove Church. Bro. Larry Cockman gave the Welcome and prayer was by Bro. J.W. King. Bro Doyle assumed the service and the letter was read from the Association regarding the recommendation of Bro. Paul Clark. The question of Bro Paul Clark was presented as to why he wasn't recommended. The church voiced that he hadn't attended the church for five years. After much discussion, a motion was made and approved by the church to leave the decision to the Executive Board. The Executive Board met in private session and discussed the matter further. Motion and second was made to issue Bro. Clark a Yearly Certificate with the agreement that he attend the Walnut Grove Church or at least contact by letter or join the church where he attends.

The other ministers that were not recommended by their churches were Bro Jeff Cates, who moved his membership to Ashland, TN where he is Co-pastor; Bro. Jason Roberts, whose membership is still at Wolf Creek; Bro. Doug Shaffer who requested not to be recommended by his church. Motion and second was made to adjourn. The meeting was dismissed by Bro. Howard Dethrow. Signed: Doyle Williams, Charles Melton, Grover Pingleton and Howard Dethrow.

The Executive Board met February 23, 1999 at 6:30 at the Cave Spring FWB Church. The Board was called to order by Moderator Bro. Doyle Williams and prayer by Bro. Grover Pingleton. A letter was read that was received from the Quarterly Meeting Business Committee, in regards to the Standing Rule that was voted down at the January Quarterly conference.

A letter was read that the Quarterly Meeting Business Committee received from the State and National Association. A discussion followed and a decision was made to act on this matter later. Motion and second was made to adjourn. Signed: Doyle Williams, Charles Melton, Grover Pingleton and Howard Dethrow.

The Executive Board met at the United F.W.B. Church at West Plains at 6:30 p.m. March the 4th 1999. The meeting was called into Conference by the Moderator Bro. Doyle Williams. Prayer by Bro. J.W. King.

The purpose of the Meeting was to consider the letters that we received by the Quarterly Meeting Business Committee and referred to the Executive Board from the State and National Association and the letter that was received from Bro. Lance Rogers.

Both letters was read and discussed for some time. The Business Committee of the Quarterly Meeting wanted the Executive Board take another look at the Standing rule that was brought to the Quarterly Meeting in the January 16th Meeting that concerned the local Church and it's Pastors.

The Executive Board recognizes that the Yearly Meeting is the "Higher Body" according to our Organizational Structure and as suggested by our State and National Association is the proper procedure for an appeal.

We recognize that according to the By-laws of both the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting and the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting that each body is to take care of certain functions as specified by it's Constitution and By-laws. But to vote on an item of business that was voted on a short time ago, (by the same Churches, same People, same Pastors) seems unnecessary and could set a bothersome precedence.

We surely recognize that the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting and the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting are composed of the same local Churches, same People and same Pastors. Therefore we do not believe it is advisable to recommend this item of business for further discussion and vote. This proposal was voted on by the Executive Board and approved by a 4 for and 1 against vote. Bro. Charles Melton said to let the record show that he was against the Majority Decision. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Howard Dethrow. Signed Doyle Williams, Moderator, Grover Pingleton, Howard Dethrow, J.W. King and Charles Melton, Clerk

Motion and second to receive their report as read. It was called to the attention of the body that some of the report should be "re-reported" next year as it was dated in 1999. Motion carried.

Motion and second after a minister is 75 years old and his health is bad that he be issued a yearly certificate. Motion failed.

Motion and second that the body turn the money raised for Evangelist Committee of \$339 be turned over to the Mission Board. (The Evangelistic Committee was dissolved in the 1997 meeting) Motion carried.

Motion second to adjourn for a recess followed by the 11:00 o'clock service. Motion carried.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICES

The 11:00 o'clock services began with Sister Renneta Ray at the piano as Brother Lance Rogers led the congregation in singing "At the Cross". Brother Charles Trantham followed with prayer. Brother James Ray came forward preaching his message "That I Should Not Be Moved" taken from Acts 2:25. He was followed by Brother Darrell Mitchell preaching from Psalms 51:12-13 "Restore Unto Me The Joy of Thy Salvation. An invitation was given while singing "Have Thine Own Way". A hand shake to show appreciation to the two minister who brought the good message while all sang "I Shall Not Be Moved". The dismissal prayer and blessing on the food was by Bro. Terry Vandivort.

SATURDAY'S SESSION

Clerk Sherman Baker opened the Saturday session by reading scripture from Phil 2: 1-13. Prayer was led by Bro. Howard Dethrow. The congregation sang Higher Ground led by Bro. David Honeycutt with Sis Linda Honeycutt at the piano.

Moderator James Lee Reed then took over the meeting.

M/S/C that we omit the reading of the constitution and by-laws. The moderator called for the reading of the minutes from Friday's session by the clerk and they were read. M/S/C to receive the minutes from Friday as read.

The moderator called for any other church letters and there were none. He then called the church roll and asked delegates from each church present to stand and state their names. They were then seated by the moderator.

The moderator asked for vacancies in standing committees and there were none.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bro. Reed stated the names of those who had served five years and could not be re-elected. He then opened the floor for nominations for MODERATOR: Bro. Glen Murray and Bro. Darrell Strain were nominated. M/S that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. M/C. A standing vote was taken, Bro. Murray received 24 votes and Bro. Strain 27 votes. Bro. Strain was elected.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Bro. Clarence Burton was nominated and he asked to be excused because he is moderator of the Quarterly Meeting. Bro. Murray was then nominated. M/S that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. M/C. A vote was taken and Bro. Murray was elected.

CLERK: Bro. Sherman Baker was nominated. M/S that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. M/C. Vote was taken and Bro. Baker was elected. The clerk may choose his assistant and he chose Reva Baker as his assistant.

TREASURER: Bro. Norman Walker was nominated. M/S that nomination cease and proceed to elect. M/C. Vote was taken and he was elected. Moderator stated he would appoint his own assistant.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Bro. Reed stated we would combine election of Standing Committees and Officers together at this time if there were no objections and there were none.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Bro. Ronnie Blanks was nominated. M/S that nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. M/C.

MISSION BOARD: For a five year position, Bro. David Honeycutt was nominated. M/S that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. M/C. Vote was taken and Bro. Honeycutt was elected. Moderator stated that Bro. Bob Epperson (Bro. Epperson has moved away) unexpired term of one (1) year also needed to be filled. Bro. Harlin Johnson was nominated. M/S that nomination cease and proceed to elect. M/C. Vote called for and Bro. Johnson elected.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Bro. James Lee Reed was nominated for a three (3) year term. M/S that nomination cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. M/C.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee to be elected as a whole. Bro. Leo Warren, Bro. Howard Bell, and Bro. Curt Buehler were nominated. M/S that nomination cease and proceed to elect. M/C. These three were elected.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: This committee is elected as a whole. Nomination were: Sis. Linda Honeycutt, Sis. Esther Strain (Bro. Strain stated his wife had asked not to be re-elected), Sis. Ruth Thompson, and Sis. Mary Ann Holman. M/S that nomination cease and proceed to elect. M/C. Sis. Honeycutt, Sis. Thompson and Sis. Holman were elected.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Nominations: David Honeycutt, John Barton and Dennis McGinley. M/S that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. M/C and all three were elected.

Bro. Dennis McGinley asked for an explanation as to what the Temperance Committee's job was and Bro. David Honeycutt explained what he had done while serving in that capacity. Mainly a report relating to re-affirming the Free Will Baptist doctrine of total abstinence from alcoholic and intoxicating beverages.

The moderator then asked for any other committees who have not reported.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee have inspected the books. We find them to be in order. We commend Bro. Leo Warren for a job well done. Signed: Curtis Buehler and Ben Pohnert. M/S/C to accept the report.

MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD

I ATTENDED THE General Board and State Association meetings.

It was recommended and adopted that a moratorium be placed on churches or association building cabins at the Youth Camp.

Also, that Youth Camp board seek to obtain title to all the buildings located on Camp property. Churches or Associations which donated their cabin would continue to be given preference in the use of the cabin during camp sessions. Churches or Association which do not wish to donate their cabins will be paid a fair price which would not exceed the cost that was incurred in building the cabin. Signed: James Lee Reed, State General Board Member.

M/S that we receive the report as read. Following some discussion and explanations, M/C.

M/S that we relinquish any titles or interest that we may have on cabins to the Missouri State Youth Camp. M/C.

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 23:29-35 of the problems and destruction that drunkenness brings to our society. I Corinthians 6: 10 tells us that drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." 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. Signed: Temperance Committee, David Honeycutt and John Barton.

M/S/C that we receive the report.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Linda Honeycutt, turned in their report with an apology for no members of the committee being present to submit the report on Friday.

M/S/C to accept the report as an addition to Friday's report.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Leo Warren reported an addition to yesterday's report as another check had come in from a church. M/S/C to receive this addition to his report. There were also questions and explanations as to the amounts of money that goes to State and National and asked if there were any churches who have not paid. Bro. Cody Freeman stated that according to a report he had seen, Cave Springs had not met their suggested total amount of money needed to help with the National Association which is to be held in Kansas City in 2004. M/C

ELECTION OF STATE DELEGATES

Nominations for delegates to the State Meeting for June 7, 8, & 9 at Lebanon, MO were called for: None were forthcoming. M/S that we take volunteers and then give them authority to take names up to seven. M/C

In other business, M/S to express heartfelt thanks to the Myrtle Church for hosting this meeting. M/C.

M/S/C to adjourn to the 11:00 o'clock service with a short recess. There would be no services in the afternoon as business was concluded. The conference was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Sherman Baker.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services were opened by singing I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him and prayer by Bro. Howard Bell. The congregation sang Jesus Saves and then Bro. Ben Scott, minister of the hour, delivered the message from Luke 10: 1-20 on A Call for Reapers. The service was dismissed with a hand shake specifically for Bro. James Reed as an encouragement to him through the illness of his wife and other trying times, while the congregation sang That Will be a Glad Reunion Day.

FIRDAY'S SESSION

MINISTERS

Charles Trantham
Dennis McGinley
Russell Hensley
James Ray, Jr.
Doyle E. Williams
James Lee Reed
Glen E. Murray
Lance Rogers
Cody Freeman
Ron Blanks
Darrell Mitchell
Grover Pingleton

DEACONS

Sherman Baker
Charles D. Melton
John Barton
Carl Sisco
Leo Warren
Bill Burkhead
Tom Powell
Jim Walker
Curtis Buehler
Jack Wallace
Howard Dethrow
Howard Bell
Ben Pohnert

CLERKS

Deloris Harriell
Reva Baker

SATURDAY'S SESSION

MINISTERS

James Lee Reed
Charles Trantham
Doyle E. Williams
J. Darrell Strain
Clarence Burton
Grover Pingleton
Darrell Mitchell
Harlen R. Johnson
Dennis McGinley
David Honeycutt
Lance Rogers
Cody Freeman
Jason Roberts

DEACONS

Sherman Baker
Stanley G. Taylor
Norman E. Cartee
John Barton
Curtis Buehler
Leo Warren
Howard Bell
Charles D. Melton
Howard Dethrow
Bill Burkhead
Orville Bowers
Clifton King
Mike Crawford

CLERKS

Reva Baker

Recommendations by Church Letter for - 1999

| Church | Ministers | Deacons |
|--------------|--|--|
| Alton | Millard Ehrhardt James R. Thompson | 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 | Doyle Williams Grover Pingleton | Mike Crawford |
| Clifton | Russell Hensley | Tom Powell Jerry Strain Curt Buehler (Inactive) John Clark |
| Cotton Creek | Darrell Mitchell Virgil Blankenship | Charles Melton Leamon Combs |
| Faith Chapel | James Ray, Jr. Terry Lunyou | Chuck Cook |
| Garfield | Garland Barton | Howard Dethrow Gary McGee |
| Harmony | No Letter | |
| Koshkonong | Johnny Hoseapple | |
| Liberty | Joe McDonald | Andrew Pearson |
| Lingo | James Lee Reed | Jim Kelly |
| Mt. Zion | Craig Hensley | Orville Bowers |
| Myrtle | | |
| Norman | | |
| Piney | Rick Arnold | Jim Lawrence |

| Church | Ministers | Deacons |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Pleasant Hill | Jason Roberts Walter Simpson | Royce Hollis Bill Burkhead Leo Warren |
| Pleasant Ridge | David Honeycutt | Henry Williams |
| Royal Oak | Richard Todd | Howard Bell |
| Shiloh | Johnny F. Holseapple | Truman Parrott |
| Smyrna | Wayne Adrian | Kenneth Stogsdill Leoid Case (Inactive) Cecil Campbell |
| 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 | C.R. Thompson | Alan Wilson John Barton Carl Sisco |
| Walnut Grove | Larry Cockman | Clifton Lee King Dean Bennett |
| West Plains 1st | Ronnie Blanks Donnie Morris Harlin Johnson | Dan Cline Dale Smith Jim Walker J.O. Moss Eugene James (Inactive) Bob Dotson |
| 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 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 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 anulled 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. Herlison 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.

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