

# MINUTES

OF THE

114TH

CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

**Pleasant Hill**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

March 16, 2001

## OFFICERS: 2001 SESSION

Moderator .....	Glenn E. Murray
Assistant Moderator .....	James Ray, Jr.
Clerk .....	Sherman Baker
Assistant Clerk .....	Reva Baker
Treasurer .....	Norman Walker
Assistant Treasurer .....	Terry Lunyou

The next session of the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist Churches well be held with the United FWB Church, West Plains, Missouri.

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Saturday before the third Sunday in March, 2002.

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# COMMITTEES

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

## TERM EXPIRES

Doyle Williams (1992) .....	2002
Bill Burkhead (2000) .....	2003
Curtis Buehler (2000) .....	2004
Richard King (2000) .....	2005
Walter Simpson (2001) .....	2006

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Charles Trantham (2000) .....	2002
Wayne Adrian (2000) .....	2003
Jason Roberts (2001) .....	2004

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruth Thompson (1984)  
 Linda Honeycutt (1995)  
 Joan Bennett (2000)

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

David Honeycutt (1989)  
 John Barton (1995)  
 Dennis McGinley (1999)

## MODERATOR OFFICERS

Glen E. Murray (2000) ..... Moderator  
 James Ray, Jr. (2000) ..... Assistant Moderator

## PRINTING COMMITTEE

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

## MISSOURI STATE GENERAL BOARD

Jason Roberts (2000) ..... 2002

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **MORNING 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. Report of Delegates Having Attended Other Associations
11. Miscellaneous Business
12. Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks
13. The Treasurer's Report
14. The Report of the Obituary Committee
15. Report of Other Committee
16. Set a Place for the Next Yearly Meeting
17. Adjournment With Prayer
18. Eleven O'Clock Service

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

19. Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer
20. Vacancies in Committees Filled
21. Election of Officers
22. Appointment of All Standing Committees
23. Report of Other Committees That Have Not Reported,
24. Releasing of All Temporary Committees
25. Election of All Standing Committees
26. Election of Nominee to Missouri State General Board  
(even years)
27. Election of Delegates to Other Associations
28. Business Suggested by Letters
29. Ordaining Council Proceeds With Their Work
30. A Vote of Heartfelt Thanks to the Church and Community  
For Their Kindness to the Associational Meeting
31. Other Things That Come Before the Body
32. Adjournment With Prayer

2001 Yearly Meeting  
114<sup>th</sup> Yearly Meeting

The 114<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cave Springs Yearly Association met at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, March 16, 2001.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee" led by Brother Leo Warren with Sister Frances Simpson at the piano. The clerk, Brother Sherman Baker, read a resolution made by the Missouri State Association in the 2000 meeting followed by reading Acts 25:16-25. Brother Charles Trantham led the congregation in prayer.

The Moderator, Brother Glenn Murray, took charge of the service and gave a welcome and had everyone present greet his neighbor with a handshake.

M/S was made of dismissal of reading of the Constitution and By-laws. Motion Carried.

A call for any visiting brothers and sister from other Associations was made. None was present.

The moderator called for the reading of the Church Letters and they were read with the following delegates:

Church	Name	Friday
Alton	Bertha Williams	Absent
	Marilyn Bolick	Absent
Byrd	Alpha Garrison	Absent
	Lucille Garrison	Absent
	Brenda Garrison	Absent
Cave Springs	Deloris Harriell	Present
	Jo Pingleton	Present
	Beverly Crawford	Absent
	Rose Bullock	Absent
Clifton	Ranette Ray	Present
	Jessa Powell	Present
	Ron Combs	Absent
Faith Chapel	Peachie Robinson	Present
	Kim Walker	Absent
Garfield	Linda Dethrow	Absent
	Howard Dethrow	Absent
Liberty	De'sie Crawford	Present
	Phyllis Simpson	Present
	Roy Simpson	Present

Myrtle	David Sorrell	Present
	Geneva Sorrell	Present
	Mary Hall	Present
Norman	Betty Adrian	Present
	Phyllis Blankenship	Absent
Piney	Rhonda Arnold	Absent
	Dow Lance	Absent
	Jim Lawrence	Absent
Pleasant Hill	Mary Ann Roberts	Absent
	Joan Bennett	Present
	Maxine Warren	Present
Pleasant Ridge	Glen Booker	Present
	Ruth Booker	Present
Royal Oak	Geri Elliott	Present
	David Elliott	Present
	Howard Bell	Absent
Smyrna	None	
Thayer	Lavern Clark	Present
	Dawn Taylor	Present
	Bernice Cantrell	Present
United	Lida Wallace	Present
	Lewis Lester	Present
	Pansey Lester	Present
Victory	Ruth Thompson	Present
	Eunice Lainchbury	Present
Walnut Grove	Rhonda Pearson	Absent
	Mary June King	Present
	Clifton King	Present

Wilderness	Marvin Brawley	Present
	Pat Brawley	Present
	Val Cook	Present
Cave Springs Qtr.	Tom Taylor	Present
	Lewis Lester	Present
	Pansey Lester	Present

M/S/C to receive and seat all the delegates with a handshake while singing "Heavenly Love".

A request from the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church to license Brother Allen Bowen as a minister of the gospel for one year. The moderator called for a nomination to fill a vacancy on the Ordaining Council for one of its member not present. M/S/C that the moderator appoint someone. He appointed Brother Doyle Williams.

The moderator asked the item of business be taken from the table placed there during the last years meeting. M/S to remove these items from the table. Motion carried. The clerk read the motion as "M/S that the following be laid on the table until next years meeting, for vote in reference to Article 8 of the Constitution, Have the yearly meeting on a one day session and then determine which day we want to meet". Motion carried. The second item taken from the table was read "M/S to amend Article of the Constitution to take out the word DAY and insert the word SESSION in its place". Motion carried. M/S to change the meeting time to begin on Saturday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in March and to give the clerk authority to change the order of business as listed on page 3 of the minutes. Motion carried.

M/S the Executive Board meet with the Cave Spring Quarterly Conference and be authorized to workout a plan that their be three Quarterly Meetings and one Yearly Meeting each year. Motion carried.

A Youth report was called for and Brother Allen Bowen told the Quarterly Youth Rally will be April 28.

M/S/C for the moderator to appoint the Special Committees. He appointed State of Religion - Wilderness delegates; State of Literature - Myrtle delegates. M/S that the reports made in the 2000 yearly meeting by the Temperance Committee, State of Religion Committee and the Literature Committee be adopted as standing reports and placed in the minutes each year. Motion carried and the moderator excused the committees.

M/S the Executive Board be given permission to go through the Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules and make any changes in the wording of them to reflect the change from the Friday-Saturday session to a Saturday only session. Motion carried.

The clerk read a request from the United FWB church requesting the next yearly meeting. M/S/C that we have our next yearly meeting at the United FWB church.

M/S that the Yearly meeting adopt the same system of choosing Introductory Speakers as the Quarterly conference has and that the Host church provide the ministers for the 11:00 service. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was given by Brother Norman Walker as follows:

Balance on Hand December 31, 2000	\$ 735.63	
Total from 19 Churches	<u>\$1235.00</u>	
Total		\$1970.63
2000 Minutes	\$ 191.28	
National Registration Fee	<u>\$ 950.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$1141.28
Carryover Balance		\$ 829.35

M/S/C to receive the report.

#### Obituary Report

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Sprit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Rev. 14:13. With this promise we submit the souls of these loved ones to God and His mercy. We pray God comfort and sustain their loved ones. We ask that Rev. C.R. (Shorty) Thompson's name be added to In Memory page.

Pat Buehler .....	Clifton	Ruby Brewer .....	United
Anna Belle McKee .....	Clifton	Addie Adkisson .....	United
Woodrow Campbell .....	Myrtle	James Bassham .....	United
Wilburn Burkhead ....	Pleasant Hill	Odetta Williams .....	United
Mae Caldwell .....	Thayer	Henry Williams (Deacon)	Pleasant Ridge
Howard Bennett .....	Thayer	Wayne Williams .....	Wilderness
Sylvia Sandridge .....	Thayer	Claude E. Tooker .....	Faith Chapel
Haston Martin .....	Thayer	Carl Sisco (Deacon) .....	Victory
Irene Cockman .....	Thayer	C.R. Shorty Thompson (Minister)	Victory
Minnie Sanders .....	Garfield	Elmer Eudy .....	United
Martha Carwford .....	Myrtle		

We ask for any other names we may have missed to be added to this report. Sister Linda Honeycutt, Sister Joan Bennett and Sister Ruth Thompson.

M/S to receive this report and include Brother Shorty Thompson on the Memorial page. Motion carried. The congregation stood in silent prayer followed by prayer led by Brother Jason Roberts.

The clerk read the WAC report as follows:

#### WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY REPORT January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000

W.N.A.C.	\$ 1,161.15
MO WAC	124.76
STATE HOME MISSIONS	131.75
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	550.50
FOREIGN MISSIONS	344.00
MO SHOW ME PLAN	501.00
MO YOUTH CAMP	<u>141.35</u>
TOTAL REPORT TO STATE	\$ 2,954.51
TOTAL MEMBERS REPORTING	33



M/S/C we receive there report and commend the ladies for a good work.

### Ordaining Council Report

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000, the Ordaining Council met at the Wilderness Free Will Baptist Church concerning the ordination certificate of Bro. Allen Sanders. Bro. Sanders had expressed verbally to Bro. Lance Rogers that he felt at this time he should surrender his copy of his ordination certificate and did so. The original having been destroyed in a house fire. We regrettably accept Bro. Sanders request, and will notify the Oregon County Court House of said action.

Signed: Brother Charles Trantham, Brother Lance Rogers and Brother Wayne Adrian.

The Ordaining Council has met with Brother Allen Bowen, and has found him worthy to be licensed to preach the gospel in the Cave Springs Association. We, therefore, recommend him to the association to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Signed: Brother Doyle Williams, Brother Lance Rogers and Brother Charles Trantham.

### Election of Officers

Moderator: M/S that we retain Brother Glen Murray. Motion carried.

Asst. Moderator: M/S/C that Brother Glen choose his Assistant. He chose Brother James Ray. Jr.

Clerk: Nomination was made for Brother Sherman Baker. M/S nomination cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Treasurer: M/S/C that we retain Brother Norm Walker.

(Note: Article 3 of the Constitution gives the Clerk and Treasurer authority to choose their own assistant's. Sherman Baker chose Reva Baker and Norm Walker chose Terry Lunyou.)

### Election of Standing Committee's

Executive Board: Nominations were opened and Brother Walter Simpson was nominated. M/S nominations cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Ordaining Council: Brother Jason Roberts was nominated. M/S nominations cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: M/S to retain the same three. Motion carried.

Obituary Committee: M/S to retain the same three. Motion carried.

Temperance Committee: M/S to retain the same three. Motion carried.

The moderator called for any volunteers going to the State Meeting to be held at the United FWB in West Plains in June to serve as delegates. The following delegates were approved:

Lewis Lester, Pansey Lester, Lida Wallace, Lorene Pohnert, Joan Bennett, Bernice Cantrell and Maxine Warren.

M/S to give a heartfelt thanks to the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator who requested Brother Noah Alsup open the meeting with prayer. The congregation was blessed to hear a trio from the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church Sing "I'll Live Again". Sister Frances Simpson came forward and sang "The Most Wonderful Name" and "A Place To Die".

Brother David Honeycutt came forward to preach. He related that both he and Brother Walter Simpson had been former pastors at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. His message "Keeping The Faith" was from II Timothy 4:1-8. He told the congregation that the stone covering Christ tomb was not rolled away to let Christ out but was done so that we might see that "Christ had Risen". He was followed by Brother Walter Simpson's message "Spiritual Renewal" was from Romans 12:2. He told that a man must change his heart as well as his mind to become right with God.

M/S/C was made to adjourn and the dismissal prayer was led by Brother Jack Wallace.

#### ENROLLMENT OF STANDING DELEGATES AT THE 114<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE

##### MINISTERS

Doyle E. Williams  
J. W. King  
Clarence Burton  
Noah Alsup  
Lance Rogers  
David Honeycutt  
Charles Trantham  
Glen E. Murray  
Walter Simpson  
Jason Roberts

##### DEACONS

Richard King  
Norman Walker  
Clifton King  
Leo Warren  
Ben Pohnert  
Bill Burkhead  
Sherman Baker  
Jerry Strain  
John Barton  
Curt Buchler  
Tom Powell

##### CLERKS

Reva Baker  
Deloris Harriell  
Sue Burkhead  
David Elliott  
Linda Honeycutt  
Delsia Crawford

# Recommendations by Church Letter for 2001

Church	Ministers	Deacons
Alton	Millard Ehrhardt	Larry Wallace Leroy Chronister Dwight Chronister
Byrd	Charles Trantham	Carrol Garrison Tom Garrison
Cave Springs	Grover Pingleton Doyle Williams Virgil Blankenship	Mike Crawford
Clifton	James Ray, Jr. Jesse Dunkin Daryl Johnston	Jerry Strain Tom Powell Curt Buehler John Clark I/A
Faith Chapel	Terry Lunyou	Chuck Cook Norman Walker
Garfield	Garland Barton	Howard Dethrow Gary McGhee
Liberty	Joe McDonald	
Myrtle		
Norman	Wayne Adrian	
Piney	Rick Arnold	Jim Lawrence
Pleasant Hill	Jason Roberts Walter Simpson	Royce Hollis Bill Burkhead Leo Warren

Church	Ministers	Deacons
Pleasant Ridge	David Honeycutt	
Royal Oak	Richard Todd	Howard Bell
Smyrna		Leoid Case Kenneth Stogsdill Cecil Campbell I/A
Thayer	Lance Rogers	Doil Hickenbotham Ben Pohnert Richard Sandridge Sherman Baker Lester Ellison Ralph Underwood Bobby Ball
United	Glenn E. Murray Clarence Burton Dennis McGinley Noah Alsup J.W. King	Norman Carte Jim Lunyou Dave Uhlmann Richard King Stanley Taylor Jack Wallace Charles Blair I/A
Victory	Jim Thompson	John Barton Alan Wilson
Walnut Grove	Andrew Pearson	Clifton King
Wilderness	Wayne Lunyou	Terry Miller Virgil Simpson 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.

### 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 families, and our society as a whole. I Corinthians 6:10 tells us that the 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.

### 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.

### Literature Committee

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." 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 Baptist we will base our doctrine upon this word of God.

## 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.

### 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."

## 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 Saturday at nine in the morning before the third Sunday in March.

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 session 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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of the Ministers of the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist, who have given their lives for His Cause and gone on to their reward.

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