

MINUTES
OF THE
Quarterly Conference
OF THE
CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
HELD WITH
Smyrna Church — July 16, 1957

Officers Elected were:

Bro. Millard Ehrhardt — Moderator
Bro. E. E. Simpson, Assistant Moderator
Bro. J. E. Rolan, Clerk
Bro. Doyle Williams, Assistant Clerk
Bro. James Lee Reed, Registrar
Bro. Ernest Harding, Treasurer

The Quarterly Conference of the Cave Spring Association of Freewill Baptist met with the Smyrna church July 6, 1957.

The conference opened by singing "I'm Going that Way" and "Victory in Jesus" led by Billy Joe Lovelace.

The Clerk read scripture, James 1:16-26.

Prayer, led by Bro. Joe Sisk.

Moderator, Bro. E. E. Simpson took charge of the conference and ask that the By-Laws be read, also Minutes of last meeting, read by Assistant Clerk, Bro. Davie Combs

Motion was made that we accept this Minute, was made by Bro. Ernest Harding.

The Moderator called for church letters that were present be given to the Clerk; the following were read: 1. Pleasant Ridge; 2. Shiloh; 3. Garfield; 4. Mill Creek; 5. Smyrna; 6. Bethany; 7. Cotton Creek; 8. Lebanon; 9. Walnut Grove; 10. Clifton; 11. Thayer; 12. Oak Grove; 13. Diles Creek; 14. Liberty; 15. Alton; 16. Mt. Zion; 17. Royal Oak; 18. Bethel; 19. Norman; 20. Cave Spring.

Motion was made by Bro. Joe Sisk that we receive these letters and seat the delegates with the right hand of fellowship.

The song, "Joy Unspeakable" was sang.

The Clerk gave out the new Association letter blanks to all the churches.

Motion was made that the Moderator appoint the Divine Committee.

The following were appointed, Lee Clark, George Chronister and Dave Bowers.

Moderator ask if any Corresponding Messengers? There were none present.

Moderator invites visiting Brothers and Sisters into seats of Council with us.

Moderator ask if any vacancies in standing committees. There were two on business committee absent. Bro.

Sam Johnson made the motion that we appoint two to fill the business committee if need be. Bro. Ernest Harding made the motion that the three that are present take care of the business. Motion was seconded and passed.

The registrar was absent and it was suggested that Dave Combs take care of the book for this time.

Moderator ask if any petitionary letters?

Bro. Harry Beatty made the motion that we set aside the order of business and take up other business in the morning session.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Bros. F. D. Johnson and Virgil Blankenship will preach at 11: o'clock service.

Moderator ask for enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks. The following were present — Ministers, 13; Visiting Ministers, 3; Deacons, 11; Clerks, 7.

Motion was made that the officers for the coming year be elected.

Nomination for Moderator was, Bro. Millard Ehrhardt and Bro. E. E. Simpson. Bro. Ehrhardt was elected and he chose Bro. Simpson, as Assistant Moderator.

Nomination for Clerk was, Bro. J. E. Rolan and Doyle Williams. Bro. Rolan was elected and he chose Bro. Williams as Assistant Clerk.

Nomination for registrar was Bro. James Lee Reed. He was elected by acclamation.

Motion was made that we adjourn for 11 o'clock service.

Dismissed in prayer by Dave Combs.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with singing, "When I see the Blood", and "I'm Satisfied with Jesus". Prayer, by Bro. H. C. Crase. Then another song, "What a Friend we have in Jesus". Bro. Virgil Blankenship began the message. Prayer by Bro. F. D. Johnson. He read for scripture, St. Matthew 25:1-19. We must obey the Lord if we are able to overcome evil and accomplish the things we should for

God. He told of the parable of the ten virgins and said the oil in their vessels represents salvation in our souls. He urges us to be faithful and use the talent whether it be one, two or five talents. Bro. Johnson finished the message on the talents. The man who was given five talents gained five more, and the one that had two talents gained two more and the one that had two talents gained two more and the one that was given one talent buried his because he was afraid; this one represents a backslider who fails to use his life for God in so doing he lost his salvation. May God help each one to realize we are going to face the judgment. An altar call was given at the close of the message and sang, "Pass Me Not". Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Doyle Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Love Lifted Me" and "When We all get to Heaven" led by Bro. F. D. Johnson.

Bro. J. E. Rolen, assistant Moderator read scripture, Romans 1:1-2.

Moderator took charge and called for church letters that had come in since morning session. The following were presented and read, 1. Pleasant Valley; 2. Bailey Chapel; 3. Dry Creek. Motion was made that we receive these letters and seat the delegates.

Moderator ask that report be read of the Ordaining Councils.

We, as the Ordaining Council report: we ordained six Deacons as follows: Albert Wilkerson, Hanford Wilkerson of the Diles Creek church; Leroy Chronister of the Alton church; Ulus Caldwell of Cotton Creek church; Johnny Lau and Ben Pohnert of Thayer Church.

Your committee, Ernest Harding, Chairman
Joe Sisk, Secretary.

It was accepted and the committee elected for the coming year was, Ernest Harding, Joe Sisk and Virgil Blankenship for Ordaining Council.

Business Committee report was read as follows: We recommend that ministers coming into the Cave Spring Quarterly meeting be recommended by the Church of which they are a member, along with all the credentials and ministerial certificates they possess. To go before the ordaining council serving as the credential committee for examination for membership in the Quarterly meeting.

Signed: Lee Clark, Harry Beatty,

S. D. Johnson and C. A. Dodson.

Motion was made that we receive the report.

Motion that the Moderator appoint the BUSINESS COMMITTEE for next year. They are as follows, Harry Beatty and Sam Johnson, Roy Wisheart, Paul Clark and F. D. Johnson.

Treasure report was read as follows:

Balance June 30, 1956	\$ 19.38
Offering from June 30 to July 20	4.75
Total	24.13
Nov. 24, 1956 paid for Minutes	\$15.00
Balance on July 6, 1957	\$ 9.13

Ernest Harding, Treasurer

Motion was made that we receive the report.

Moderator ask who would we have for Treasurer. Motion that Bro. Ernest Harding be retained.

Printing Committee gave a verbal report that 400 Minutes were printed at the cost of \$15.00.

Moderator ask who would we have for Printing committee. The following were elected: J. E. Rolen, Ernest Harding and James Lee Reed.

Moderator ask if all churches were represented? No. No. Piney and Wilderness.

Bro. Virgil Blankenship gave a verbal report for Piney church. The delegates were elected but the church is very weak and needs help.

Bro. Davie Combs gave a report of the Pleasant Hill church that Sunday School is started again. Bro. Ehrhardt told of the revival to be held there in May. Motion

that we receive the verbal report.

It was suggested that the Mission Board help the weak churches.

Motion that we vote whether the Minutes be accepted before printed or after. 40 voted for them to be printed now. 2 against.

Motion that we set the place for the next Quarterly meeting. Those asking were Norman, Pleasant Ridge, Cotton Creek, Diles Creek, and Walnut Grove. Norman was chosen for the next meeting.

Moderator ask who do we want for delegates to the Association. Motion that they volunteer. Doyle and Ona Williams, and Ralph Prince will be delegates to the Association at Alton church.

Bro. Beatty announced the National Association began July 15.

Bro. J. E. Rolan made a motion that we extend our heartfelt thanks to this church and community for the hospitality shown us while we were with them.

Motion that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Sam Johnson.

Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons, Clerks and Delegates

MINISTERS

E. E. Simpson
J. E. Rolan
Millard Ehrhardt
L. R. Wheeler
S. D. Johnson
Joe Sisk
Ernest Harding
Davie N. Combs
C. A. Dodson
Virgil Blankenship
H. C. Crase
Harry Beatty
F. D. Johnson

DELEGATES

Fay Reed
George Reed
James Lee Reed
Paul Roberts
Clora Harper
Doyle Williams
Ona Williams
Della May Campbell
Clyde Johnson
George Johnson
Kenneth Martin
Melvin Cockman
Claude Huff
Elfa Huff
Rosalee Combs
Media Stallard

DEACONS

Ralph Payne
Roy Wishart
D. J. Bowers
Raymond Williams
Howard Bell
Lee Clark
Lee Lynch
Paul Clark
Albert Wilkerson
Ben Pohnert
Nolan Johnson

VISITING MINISTERS

Russell Whiteker
Doyle Williams
James Lee Reed

CLERKS

Bertha Brewer
Verble Mauldin
Ruth Holman
Clora Harper
Tim Crawford
Lorene Pohnert
Abner S. Rhoades

DELEGATES

Elgan Caldwell
Clara Cantrell
Willis Fraley
Susan Fraley
Clestyl Clark
Billy Joe Lovelace
Louise Caldwell
Faith Lovelace
Freda Sisco
Richard Robinson
Laura Webb
Doris McDonald
Willie Reed
Fern Forrest
Floy Chronister
George Chronister
Irene Clark
Ralph Prince
Luther Frey
Frances Bell
Opal Campbell
Cletus Campbell
Donnie Morris
Minnie Payne
Ida Warren
Susie Watson
Lola Warren
Ann Owens
Tula Johnson
Rosa Biggs
Orpha Wheeler
Helen Pitts
Mary Ann Pitts

ORDER OF BUSINESS MORNING SESSION

- 1 Opens with scripture and prayer.
- 2 Moderator takes charge.
- 3 Reading of By-Laws.
- 4 Reading of Minutes of last meeting.
- 5 Church letters received and delegates seated.
- 3 Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.

- 7 Moderator asks for corresponding messengers.
- 8 We invite visiting brothers and sisters into seats of council with us.
- 9 Report of Committee on Divine Service.
- 10 Vacancies in standing committees filled and new committees appointed as needed.
- 11 Eleven O'clock Service and Examination for Ordaining and License.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12 Opens with singing and prayer.
- 13 Church letters received and delegates seated.
- 14 Moderator asks for corresponding messengers.
- 15 We invite visiting brothers and sisters into seats of council with us.
- 16 Petitionary letters called for.
- 17 Are all churches represented.
- 18 Enrollment of ministers, deacons, and clerks.
- 19 Unfinished business and committee reports.
- 20 General and new business.
- 21 Business suggested by letter.
- 22 Devotional service, if time allows.
- 23 Setting of place for next meeting.
- 24 Ordaining council proceeds.
- 25 Adjournment.

BY - LAWS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

ARTICLE 1 — This conference shall be called to order by the standing clerk if present; or in his absence, by the person having seniority of membership.

ARTICLE 2 — This conference shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 3 — Ten standing members shall be required for a quorum to transact any business for the body.

ARTICLE 4 — Any person wishing to speak shall first address the moderator; and then wait until recognized by the moderator.

ARTICLE 5 — No person may speak for longer than five

minutes nor more than twice on any one subject without permission from the conference.

ARTICLE 6 — All business shall be done in the spirit of meekness. Otherwise it may be called to order by the moderator.

ARTICLE 7 — All business suggested by churches should be in writing.

ARTICLE 8 — This conference shall convene at nine o'clock a. m.

ARTICLE 9 — All committees doing business for this conference shall be appointed by this body.

ARTICLE 10 — This conference may sit with open doors except when otherwise provided by the body.

ARTICLE 11 — This conference may correspond with any other religious body as it deems advisable.

ARTICLE 12 — Any motion shall be properly seconded before being voted on; and carried by more than half the votes cast.

ARTICLE 13 — These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular conference, as the body sees necessary.

ARTICLE 14 — This conference shall elect its officers annually, at the last quarterly meeting before the regular annual association.