

MINUTES
OF THE
Quarterly Conference
OF
Freewill Baptist Churches
HELD WITH
COTTON CREEK CHURCH
JUNE 30, 1962

OFFICERS ELECTED WERE:

REV. J. W. KING Moderator
REV. HOWARD BOWERS Assistant Moderator
BRO. HOWARD BELL Clerk
MRS. FRANCES BELL Assistant Clerk
REV. MANUEL DUNKIN Registrar
REV. J. E. ROLAN Assistant Registrar
REV. JOE SISK Treasurer

Committees Elected were:

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Millard Ehrhardt 1 year, 1963
Rev. Arthur T. Warren 2 year, 1964
Rev. E. E. Simpson 3 year, 1965

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Bro. N. H. Rhoades, Bro.
Dave Bowers, Bro. John Shaw, Bro. George Brew-
er, and Bro. Leamon Combs.

PRINTING COMMITTEE: Bro. Howard Bell, Rev.
Joe Sisk, and Rev. Manuel Dunkin.

**The next session of the Cave Springs Quarterly
Conference will be held with the Liberty Freewill
Baptist Church, on October 6, 1962.**

Minutes of the Cave Springs Quarterly Conference, held with the Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist Church, on June 30, 1962.

Opened by singing, "Help Me Lord, to Stand" and "I Want to be Ready to Meet Hiim".

Scripture reading by the clerk, Hebrews 11:24-25.

Prayer by Bro. Millard Ehrhardt.

Moderator Rev. J. W. King assumes charge of the conference.

The by-laws of the conference were read by the clerk.

Minutes of the last meeeting which was held with the Alton Freeewill Baptist Church were read and approved.

Church letters were called for . .

DELEGATES		DELEGATES	
Thayer	2	Walnut Grave	3
Cotton Creek	3	Pleasant Hill	2
Cave Springs	3	Alton	3
Bailey Chapel	3	Mill Creek	3
Pleasant Ridge	2	Clifton	2
West Plains	3	Oak Grove	3
Garfield	3	Shiloh	3
Liberty	2	Mt. Zion	3
Norman	3	Dials Creek	2
Piney	2	Royal Oak	3

Motion made and passed that we accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Delegates were seated while singing, "Just Over in the Gloryland".

Motion made and passed that the moderator appoint the divine service committee. Bro. Leamon Combs, Bro. George Brewer and Bro. Frank Brewer were appointed.

Moderator asks for corresponding messengers. Rev. Finis Johnson reported on the Liberty Quarterly Meeting and of starting a new church recently. He reported he had moved his membership to the Harmony Quarterly Meeting of the Mission Association.

We invite all visiting brothers and sisters into seats of council with us.

Moderator asks, are there vacancies in committees? Yes. Assistant Moderator is not present. Motion made and passed that the moderator appoint his assistant. Bro. Howard Bowers was appointed as pro tem assistant moderator.

Motion was made and carried to suspend the orders of the day and procede with the election of officers, committees and delegates to the association as time permits until time for Eleven O'clock Service.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. J. W. King nominated. Motion made nomination cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Carried. Rev. J. W. King elected.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Rev. Howard Bowers nominated. Motion made nomination cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Carried. Rev. Howard Bowers elected.

CLERK: James Lee Reed, Bob Dotson and Howard Bell were nominated. James Lee Reed and Bob Dodson declined. Motion made and passed that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. Bro. Howard Bell was elected as clerk.

Motion made and passed that Bro. Bell choose his assistant. He chose his wife, Mrs. Frances Bell as assistant clerk.

REGISTRAR: Bro. J. E. Rolan, Ode Hackworth and Manuel Dunkin were nominated. Bro. Ode Hackworth declined. Motion made and passed that nomination cease and proceed to elect.

Rev. Manuel Dunkin was elected as registrar. Motion made that the registrar appoint his assistant. Passed. Bro. J. E. Rolan was appointed as assistant registrar.

TREASURER: Rev. Joe Sisk nominated. Motion made nomination cease and we proceed to elect. Joe Sisk elected.

Divine committee report Bro. Howard Bowers and Bro. Finis Johnson to preach at Eleven o'clock.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Motion made that we elect the ordaining council at the Yearly Association and elect one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Passed. Motion made and passed to stop all discussion and proceed to elect.

Bro. Millard Ehrhardt elected for 1 year ending 1963

Bro. Arthur Warren elected for 2 year ending 1964

Bro. E. E. Simpson elected for 3 year ending 1965

They were all elected to their positions by acclamation.

Motion made and passed that we adjourn for 11:00 o'clock service.

Announced that the Ministers and Deacons Conference had decided to purchase a \$5.00 wreath of flowers for ministers, ministers wives, deacons, and deacons wives at the death.

Dismissed by Bro. Jesse Dunkin.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "Victory in Jesus" and "What a Savior".

A special was rendered by Mr. Bob Dodson of West Plains. He sang, "When I Make my Last Move to the Sky".

Bro. Howard Bowers takes the lead. Scripture reading Psalms 51:1-13. Prayer by Bro. Claude Bryan. Text: The Joy of Salvation.

Bro. F. D. Johnson concluded the message by singing "The Old Gospel Ship". The message was closed with songs "Try Jesus" and "Sweet By and By", while having a handshake. The message was enjoyed by all.

Pastor announced that there would be dinner for all. Everyone was invited to stay.

Announcements were made.

Prayer by Bro. Will Combs.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening by singing "That's Why I Love Him So" and "When They Ring the Bells of Heaven".

Prayer by Bro. John Shaw.

Church letters were called for . . .

Smyrna 2 delegates present

Motion made and passed that we accept the letter and seat all delegates that have come since their letter was read.

Moderator asks for corresponding messengers. There were none.

Moderator invites visiting brothers and sisters into seats of council with us.

Petitionary letters called for. None.

Are all churches represented? No. Wilderness and Bethany are not. Rev. James Lee Reed gave a verbal report on Wilderness. Bro. N. H. Rhoades, James Lee Reed, John Shaw, and George Brewer reported on Bethany.

Motion made and passed to accept the verbal reports.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS,

DEACONS, AND CLERKS

MINISTERS

J. W. King
Joe Sisk
James Lee Reed
Millard Ehrhardt
Davie N. Combs
Howard Bowers
E. E. Simpson
Arthur Warren
J. E. Rolan
Claude Bryan
Sam Johnson
Manuel Dunkin
A. L. McGhee
Millard Cloven
Jesse Dunkin

VISITING MINISTERS

F. D. Johnson

DEACONS

Howard Bell
Odie Hackworth
N. H. Rhoades
Will Combs
Emery Coble
Clint Bridges
John Shaw
Charlie Robinson
Homer Harper
Frank Brewer
Nolan Johnson
Leamon Combs
George Brewer
Raymond Williams
Roy Martin
Arlie Hayes
Dave Bowers
M. E. Williams
Ralph Payne

CLERKS

Carolea Barton
Clora Harper
Bertha Brewer
Ruth Holman
Jettie Bowers
Georgia Crowder

Moderator asks for unfinished business and committee reports.

WEEK-END REVIVAL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Cave Springs Quarterly Conference, we your committee on Week-end Revival submit our report at this time. We have visited as many churches as time would permit, liking three churches. We tried to use every minister, some wouldn't or could not respond.

We also feel that the week-end services have served their purpose by lack of interest.

We place our resignation in your hands at this time.

Joe Sisk,
Millard Ehrhardt,
Dave Bowers.

Motion made and passed that we accept the report.

Motion made that we place before the house whether to end the week-end revivals.

Motion carried to end the week-end revival services.

Motion made and carried to accept the **Week-end revival treasurer report.**

Report for this quarter.

Week end revival held with the different churches ..	8
Offerings	\$73.84
Total Offerings	467.68
Checked out for Advertising expenses	34.90
Leaves an hand in treasury	\$432.78

Motion made and passed to receive the report of the **Business Committee.**

No business was referred to this committee during the past fiscal year, therefore we held no meetings.

Motion made and second to accept the **Ordaining Council Report.**

We, your ordaining Council have examined Bro. Howard Bowers and found him to be ordained to preach the Gospel of the faith of Free Will Baptist.

We have ordained three deacons, Bro. Clint Bridges of the Bailey Chapel Church, Bro. Odie Hackworth of the Garfield Church and Bro. Doyle Hickenbottom of the Alton Church.

E. E. Simpson,
Millard Ehrhardt,
Arthur Warren, Committee.

Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

To the Quarterly Meeting of the Cave Spring Association, I, your treasurer, Joe Sisk, report at this time.

At the end of year 1960-61 Balance of	\$36.40
Paid for printing of Minutes	27.50
Balance	8.00

Amount paid by churches

Dials Creek	\$ 2.00
Garfield	2.00
Liberty	1.00
Liberty	1.00
West Plains	2.00
Bailey Chapel	2.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Royal Oak	1.00
Alton	3.00
Norman	1.45
Pleasant Hill	1.00
Oak Grave	1.00
Shiloh	1.00
Mill Creek	2.00
Thayer	2.00
Clifton	2.00

TOTAL BALANCE \$34.35

Joe Sisk, Treasurer.

Election of Business Committee:

Bro. N. H. Rhoades, Bro. Dave Bowers, Bro. John Shaw, Bro. George Brewer, and Bro. Leaman Combs were nominated.

Motion made and second that nomination cease and elect these five men for our Business committee. Carried.

Motion made and passed that the Clerk, Bro. Howard Bell, the registrar Bro. Manuel Dunkin and the treasurer, Bro. Joe Sisk be the Printing committee.

Motion made and second that the moderator appoint 3 delegates from this body to represent the Quarterly Conference at the Yearly Assocation. Jessa Powell, Glennie

Gower, and Ruth Thompson were appointed.

Motion made and passed. to omit the devotional service.

Liberty and Mill Creek asked for the next Quarterly Conference. Liberty selected.

Ordaining council proceeds in ordaining of Bro. Howard Bowers to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone then shook hands with Bro. Bowers while singing, "It Won't be Very Long" and "Victory in Jesus".

Motion made and carried that we extend our heartfelt thanks to this church and community for hospitality shown to us while in their midst.

Motion made and carried that the minutes be accepted and Bro. James Lee Reed commended for his work, also that he have power to correct any mistake.

Pastor expressed appreciation for having conference.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until time and place set for next conference.

Prayer by Bro. Davie N. Combs.

Moderator	Rev. J. W. King
Assistant Moderator protem	Rev. Howard Bowers
Clerk	Rev. James Lee Reed
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Rosa Lee Reed

DELEGATES SENT FROM CHURCHES:

WALNUT GROVE

Bro. Lee Murray
Bro. Donald King
Sis. Mary June King

PINEY

Sis. Eva Williams
Sis. Beulah Dethrow
Sis. Alma Overstreet

ROYAL OAK

Sis. Sandra Bell
Sis. Frances Bell
Bro. Ronnie Campbell

NORMAN

Sis. Orce Blankenship
Sis. Helen Moore
Bro. Paul Roberts

LIBERTY

Bro. Dorris McDonald
Sis. Jenny McDonald
Sis. Phyllis Reed

GARFIELD

Bro. Howard Dethrow
Sis. Jane Wetzel
Sis. Frances Sanders

DILES CREEK

Bro. Lonnie Case
Sis. Mabel Case
Sis. Nora Scott

MT. ZION

Sis. Edith Bowers
Sis. Betty Bowers
Bro. Sherman Bowers

SHILOH

Bro. Clarence Thompson
Sis. Ruth Thompson
Sis. Ruthene Thompson

OAK GROVE

Bro. Abner Rhoades
Sis. Julia Rhoades
Sis. Mary Robinson

CLIFTON

Sis. Glennie Gower
Sis. Jessa Powell
Sis. Clestyl Clark

MILL CREEK

Sis. Lola Caldwell
Sis. Ora Clark
Sis. Ora Wischart

ALTON

Sis. Maggie Bolton
Sis. Cecile Ehrhardt
Sis. Carol Faye Wright

PLEASANT HILL

Bro. Melvin Lowery
Sis. Reva Hayes
Sis. Jettie Hackworth

WEST PLAINS

Bro. Bob Dotson
Bro. Marvin Lewis
Sis. Claudia Combs

PLEASANT RIDGE

Sis. Margaret Warren
Sis. Irene Sanders
Bro. Laman Sanders

BAILEY CHAPEL

Sis. Betty Simpson
Sis. Becky Simpson
Sis. Sue Ann Albert

CAVE SPRINGS

Sis. Jettie Norman
Sis. Lillie Barton
Bro. Silas Barton

COTTON CREEK

Sis. Jaunita Roberts
Sis. Meda Fields
Sis. Violet Caldwell

THAYER

Sis. Elsie Worel
Sis. Mae Baker
Sis. Betty Jewell

SMYRNA

Sis. Helen Wright
Sis. Verble Mauldin
Sis. Dora Breeden

WILDERNESS

(No letter)

BETHANY

(No letter)

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..
- 6 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 filed 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 Petitory 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 being cast..

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

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