

MINUTES
OF THE
Quarterly Conference
OF
Freewill Baptist Churches
HELD WITH
CAVE SPRINGS CHURCH
JULY 6, 1963

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. Arthur T. Warren 1, year, 1964
Rev. E. E. Simpson 2 years, 1965
Rev. Millard Ehrhardt 3 years, 1966

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Bro. N. H. Rhoades, Bro. Dave Bowers, Bro. John Shaw, Bro. George Brewer, 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 Clifton Freewill Baptist Church, on October 5, 1963.

Minutes of the Cave Springs Quarterly Conference, held with the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist Church, July 6, 1963.

OPENING SONG: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

Scripture: Romans 8:1-9

Prayer by Rev. Sam Johnson

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

Conference by-laws were read by the Clerk.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moderator calls for church letters. The following were presented and read.

Letters were accepted by conference and delegates were seated with a song and handshake.

Motion made and passed that the Moderator appoint a committee an divine service. Bro's. W. B. Combs, Marvin Williams and Willard Barton were appointed.

CHURCH	No. delegates present	CHURCH	No. delegates present
Royal Oak	3	Norman	3
Cave Springs	2	Piney	2
Bailey Chapel	2	Smyrna	2
Wilderness	3	Garfield	3
West Plains	3	Mt. Zion	1
Cotton Creek	2	Thayer	2
Diles Creek	2	Walnut Grove	2
Alton	3	Pleasant Ridge	3
Oak Grove	3	Clifton	2
Liberty	3	Shiloh	3
		Pleasant Hill	3

A Quartet from the Freewill Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee sang "The Old Account Was Settled." Members of the quartet were, Bro's. Ted Wilbanks, Bill McCuin, Jack Stallings and Jake Creech.

Moderator asks for Corresponding Messengers. Rev. Bus Wooldridge reports from the First Mission Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rev. Ernest Harding reports from the North Liberty Association. Rev. Harry Beatty reports from the St. Louis quarterly meeting.

Bro. Jake Creech reports from the Bible college at Nashville, Tenn. He reminds us to support our college with this idea in mind. If God has called a man to preach, he must prepare, and our Bible college helps him to prepare. We should encourage our young people to receive a good Christian education.

The Committee on Divine Service report that they chose Rev. Bus Wooldridge and Rev. W. H. Bostic to bring the message at 11:00 o'clock.

There are no vacancies to be filled or any of the committees.

Rev. W. H. Bostic brings to our attention that we must decide whether or not we want another missionary meeting to be in March, 1964. It was decided by vote of the Conference that each church must discuss it and a final decision then be made at the yearly association.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn for a brief recess before the Eleven O'clock services.

Prayer by Rev. Virgil Blankenship.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song, "Amazing Grace".

The Bible College Quartet sang several beautiful songs.

Prayer by Rev. Ernest Harding.

Rev. Bus Wooldridge read 2 Samuel 18:19-29. He spoke to us on the need of carrying the Message.

Rev. W. H. Bostic read Genesis 7:1. Every born - again Christian HAS a message. We are responsible to our family first to teach them of God and to our Church and it's work. An invitation to any unsaved to come for prayer was extended. None came.

Song, "That Glad Reunion Day".

Fellowship hand shake.

Prayer by Bro. Jake Creech.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, Bringing In The Sheaves".

Prayer, by Rev. Davie N. Combs.

Moderator called for Church letters. The following was presented and read.

Mill Creek: 3 delegates present.

Letter accepted by conference and delegates seated.

All Churches are represented with the exception of one - Bethany.

ENROLLMENT OF

MINISTERS, DEACONS AND CLERKS

MINISTERS

E. E. Simpson
J. E. Rolen
Millard Ehrhardt
S. D. Johnson
Joe Sisk
Davie N. Combs
W. H. Bostic
Jess Dunkin
Virgil Blankenship
A. L. McGhee
Merl Shaw
J. W. King
Manual Dunkin
Arthur Warren

DEACONS

Raymon Williams
Howard Bell
W. B. Combs
N. H. Rhoades
Homer Harper
Albert Wilkerson
M. E. Williams
Emery Coble
Charley Robinson
Elza Webb
Lee Clark
Cleo Barton
Nolan Johnson
T. J. Adkisson

Howard Bowers
Millard Cloven
Dale Skiles

VISITING MINISTERS

Harry Beatty
Bro. Hendrix
Ernest Harding
Bus Wooldridge
Jake Creech
Ted Wilbanks
Bill McCuin
Jack Stallings

John Shaw
Leamon Combs
Paris Wheeler
Roy Martin

CHURCH CLERKS

Dessie Crooney
Irene Cockman
Clora Harper
Laura Webb
Louise Johnson
Ruth Thompson
Georgia Crowder
Carolee Barton

Moderator asks for unfinished business and committee reports.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

There was no business referred to this committee during the past fiscal year. Therefore no meetings were held.

N. H. RHOADES,, Chairman.

Report accepted by conference.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

We, your Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Luke Boze and find him still in the faith. Therefore, we are restoring his papers to act as Deacon for the Norman church.

We submit the following report for the year. We have licensed two ministers, Bro. Terry Forrest and Bro. Charles Gowers. We restored Bro. Luke Boze's Deacon papers to him.

E. E. SIMPSON

MILLARD EHRHARDT

ARTHUR WARREN, Committee

Report accepted by conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Amount on hand July 1962	\$	35.85
Amount paid for printing Minutes		29.25
Balance		6.60
Alton Church	2.00	
.....	1.00	
Clifton	3.00	
Garfield	2.00	
Mt. Zion	1.00	
Shiloh	1.00	
Norman	1.00	
Bailey50	
West Plains	1.00	
Royal Oak	1.00	
Total Balance	\$	20.10

JOE SISK, Treasurer.

Treasurer's report accepted by conference.

Rev. Harry Beatty was allotted time to explain our cooperative plan of giving to support all phases of Free-will Baptist work. He also urged us to support our book store.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator: Rev. J. W. King was nominated. Motion carried that nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. . Rev. J. W. King is Moderator for the coming year.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Howard Bowers is elected Assistant Moderator.

Clerk: Motion was made and carried that Bro. Howard Bell be retained.

Motion passed that Bro. Bell choose his Assistant. Sister Frances Bell was chosen.

Registrar: Motion passed that we retain Rev. Manuel Dunkin as registrar. He is allowed, by vote of the conference to choose his assistant. Rev. J. E. Rolan was selected.

Treasurer: Motion made and carried that Rev. Joe Sisk be retained.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Motion made to retain our present committee: Bro's. E. E. Simpson, Arthur Warren and Millard Ehrhardt. Bro. Ehrhardt asked to be replaced.

Bro's. Lee Clark and Millard Ehrhardt are nominated to fill the 3 year term. Bro. Ehrhardt is elected.

Rev. Arthur T. Warren's term expires 1964

Rev. E. E. Simpson's term expires 1965

Rev. Millard Ehrhardt's term expires 1966

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Motion passed that we retain the present committee. They are Brothers N. H. Rhoades, Dave Bowers, John Shaw, George Brewer and Leamon Combs.

PRINTING COMMITTEE:

Motion passed that we use the Clerk, Bro. Howard Bell, the treasurer, Bro. Joe Sisk and the registrar, Bro. Manuel Dunkin for the Printing committee.

Motion made and passed that we retain Bro. Dale Skiles as Corresponding Secretary.

Devotion service omitted by vote of the conference.

Alton, Bailey Chapel and Clifton each asked for the next Quarterly Conference. Clifton was selected.

The Conference extends a vote of thanks to this church for the hospitality shown to us while at this place.

Delegates to attend the yearly association to be held at the Bethel Church in West Plains are as follows: Sister Juanita Rhoades, Bro. Ezra Manes, Bro. Lee Dethrow.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until time and place of next meeting.

Prayer by Rev. Bus Wooldridge.

Moderator: Rev. J. W. King

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Howard Bowers

Clerk: Howard Bell

Asst. Clerk: Frances Bell

DELEGATES SENT FROM CHURCHES

MILL CREEK

W. H. Wisehart

Ora Wisehart

Eleanor Wisehart

ROYAL OAK

Velma Campbell

Lois Peace

Verda Crites

ALTON

Maggie Bolton

John Barton

Helena Barton

PINEY

Christine Richardson

Eva Williams

Pearl Nickless

DILES CREEK

Nora Scott

Cora Wilkerson

Ina Campbell

LIBERTY

Dorthy Reed

Clarence Buckley

Alpha Patterson

SHILOH

C. R. Thompson

Ruth Thompson

Pearl Cloven

PLEASANT HILL

Willard Barton

Mable June King

Melvin Lowery

GARFIELD

Minnie Sanders

Stella Rogers

Walker Stogsdill

WILDERNESS

Jessie Simpson

Connie Case

Ilene Brawly

THAYER

Nora Jewell

Elsie Worel

Roy Jewell

WALNUT GROVE

Dena Hall

George Reed

Fay Reed

CAVE SPRINGS

Hallie Norman
Esther Archer
Allie Sutton

COTTON CREEK

Jesse McGhee
Juanita Rhoades
Genevieve Caldwell

SMYRNA

Betsy Carter
Helen Wright
Hettie Warren

MT. ZION

Marie Williams
Albert Williams
Ezra Manes

CLIFTON

Flo Dunkin
Glennie Gowers
Tom Powell

PLEASANT RIDGE

June Williams
Gertrude Barton
Mozella Barton

BETHEL (West Plains)

Albert Sanders
Clark Stephens
Addie Adkisson

OAK GROVE

Abner Rhoades
Julia Rhoades
Mary Harper

BAILEY CHAPEL

Elgan Holman
Judy Albert
Becky Simpson

NORMAN

Luke Boze
Ora Blankenship
Myrtle Harper~

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. 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 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.