MINUTES

OF

Thirteenth Annual Session

OF

Mission Association

OF

Free Will Baptists

-1961-

HELD WITH THE

Wolf Creek Church

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WOLF CREEK CHURCH

BEGINNING ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10, 1961

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OFFICERS

Rev. Grover Terry Moderator
Rev. Homer B. Smith Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Velma Elliott Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Archie A. Hogue	1962
	1963
Rev. John W. Silvey	1964
Deacon Doil Royster	1965
Deacon Charley Franklin	1966

The next session of this Association will be held with the Mtn. Grove Church, beginning on Thursday, 9:00 A. M., before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1962.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The Mission Association met in the Thirteenth Annual meeting at Wolf Creek Church, August 10, 1961. The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Carl Postlewait, in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Othel T. Dixon (due to being with his church program "Meetin' Time" on KLRS Radio, Mountain Grove.)

Deacon James Cameron led the congregation in singing "Victory In Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. Herschel Freeman.

Devotion by Rev. Homer Smith.

The by-laws and the Church Covenant were read by the Assistant Moderator.

The Clerk read the letters from fourteen churches and found the delegates from thirteen of these were present.

Motion seconded and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The Modera'or, Rev. Dixon being present at this time, asked Bro. Hurse Smith to lead the congregation in singing "Oh How I Love Jesus."

The Moderator called for the registration of all delegates present.

Motion seconded and carried to receive and seat them.

Prayer by Rev. Carl Postlewait.

The Moderator asked for a motion to properly seat our Home Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewait who were present at this meeting.

Motion seconded and carried for Bro. and Sister Postlewait to help carry on the business for God.

The presence of Rev. William W. Postlewait from Clear Water, Oregon was recognized by Rev. Dixon, also Rev. Duane Mowry of the Little Vine Association.

Motion seconded and carried to seat Rev. Henry Long from the Liberty Association to help with God's work in this session.

A Business (Credential) Committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Rev. Homer Smith, Rev. John Silvey, Deacon Doil Royster, Rev. A. A. Hogue and Deacon Charley Franklin.

The Moderator called for the statistical report to be read by the Statistician Rev. Herbert Vandivort.

Motion seconded and carried to receive the partial report. Letters were read by the Clerk from two more churches.

Motion seconded and carried to receive these.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn the business session of the meeting in behalf of the 11:00 worship service.

Prayer by the host church pastor, Rev. Jewel Craig.

Congregational song was led by Bro. Hurse Smith.

Prayer by Tharold Edwards.

A quartet made up of the following four: Hurse Smith, Margaret Dixon, James Cameron and Duane Mowry sang "Oh What A Savior."

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Hogue.

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewait, "He's The Master of Blue Gallilee."

The Associational message was brought by Rev. Grover Terry, after being introduced by Rev. Dixon. He used Acts 8:26-31, emphasizing Verse 30 in connection with Isiah 53rd chapter. A very soul reaching message was brought and closed with a challenge to Christians to carry our Bibles to services of the Lord.

The Moderator asked the business committee to help select a committee of 3 for a pulpit committee. The following were selected: Bro. Hurse Smith, Deacon Oscar Yeager and Rev. Lester Lawler.

Bro. Hurse Smith led the congregation in singing "There Is A Fountain." An invitation was given to sinners to receive Christ as their personal savior and to Christians for a dedication to a new work for Jesus.

The pastor, Rev. Jewel Craig called on Rev. Findley to dismiss with prayer.

1:30 THURSDAY

Congregational singing was led by Bro. James Cameron, "When We All Get to Heaven."

Devotion by Rev. Finis Johnson from Phil. 2:1-11 and closed by prayer by Rev. Johnson.

The following committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Ruth Sheppard, Ava Freeman and Rev. Herbert Vandivort.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE: Rev. Lester Lawler, Erma Austin and Bessie Hogue.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. Fred Marler, Bro. Chas. Skinner and Rev. H. Freeman.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Chas. Findley, Rev. Bill Eden and Bro. Clifford Moles.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH COMMITTEE: Sisters Virginia Postlewait, Margaret Dixon and Bessie Vandivort.

Rev. Dixon asked for the letters from the Sister Associations to be read by the Clerk. They were Liberty Association and Harmony Association.

Rev. Henry Long gave an additional, verbal report from Liberty Association.

Bro. Hurse Smith gave a verbal report from the Missouri General Baptists Association.

Rev. Bill Eden gave a report from Liberty Association.

Motion seconded and carried to receive the reports.

Rev. Dixon called for election of representatives to these Sister Associations. Elected were: Mr. and Mrs. Hurse Smith to the Missouri General Baptists Association, Rev. Charley Findley and wife to Liberty Association, Rev. and Mrs. Hogue to Union Association (in August, 1961), Charley Franklin and O. T. Dixon to Little Vine General Baptist Association at the General Baptist Church in West Plains, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Postlewait to Indian Creek Association, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Eden to the Cave Springs Association.

Congregational song, "Amazing Grace."

The Moderator asked the chairman of the business committee, Rev. Homer Smith to report from the committee. Rev. Smith asked for the reading of Item No. 3, as follows: We recommend that an honorary page be carried in our minutes in memory of our deceased ministers since the origin of this Association.

Motion seconded and carried that this should be compiled by the Clerk of the Association.

Item No. 1 was read by Clerk as follows: In as much as we now have two Home Mission Fields: The Johnnie Postlewaits in the northwest field and the Mark Vandivorts in the northeast field, who were originally members of this Association. We the business committee recommend that special offerings be advanced by our pastors to their individual churches, each offering to be ear-marked for either the Postlewait or the Vandivort field.

Motion seconded and carried to receive this recommendation. Rev. Johnnie Postlewait's address is as follows: Rev. Johnnie Postlewait, C-o Ernie Lewis, Cashmere, Washington and Rev. Mark Vandivort's address is 11 Snow Street, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

Item No. 2 was read by the Clerk. We recommend that this Association combine the offices of the Clerk and the Statistician in order to send the state a more complete statistical report.

Motion seconded and carried to receive this recommendation. Item No. 4 was read by the clerk. We recommend that all church letters coming to our Association be examined and passed upon by a committee appointed by the Moderator.

Motion seconded and carried to receive recommendation.

Item No. 5 was read by clerk as follows: We recommend that each church formulate their yearly reports to the Association from July 1 to June 30. This is to be done for the convenience of our Associational Clerk and all reports bearing the same date.

SIGNED:

Rev. Homer Smith Rev. A. A. Hogue Deacon Doil Royster Deacon Charley Franklin Rev. John Silvey Rev. A. A. Hogue led the congregation in singing "An Unclouded Day."

The Moderator gave the Assistant Moderator the honor of introducing his Brother Johnnie, also of recognizing two other brother preachers, Gene and Wade Postlwait.

Rev. Postlewait used for his message John 3:16 and "I Am Not Ashamed of The Gospel of Christ." A sweet, but challenging message was brought.

Acknowledgement was made by the clerk to the body of a \$5.00 gift to the Association from The Security Bank in person of C. H. Duvall.

Motion seconded and carried to receive the gift and for the clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Duvall.

Rev. Neal Moore from California gave his testimony and a brief report of "The Work" in his home state.

Congregational song "Send the Light."

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn the business session until 9:00 Friday morning.

Prayer by Rev. O. T. Dixon.

FRIDAY 9:00 O'CLOCK

Congregational singing led by Rev. Hershel Freeman, accompanied by Ruth Hickman at the piano opening the "sing period" with "Oh Say But I'm Glad."

Prayer by Rev. Homer Smith.

Devotion led by Rev. Chas. Findley, using Psalms 1:1.

The Assistant Moderator acknowledged the presence of Edwin Cliner, Rev. Neal Moore, also Rev. Clella Duckworth.

Motion seconded and carried to properly seat these to help carry on the work.

Letters from the churches not present Thursday were read by the Clerk.

Motion seconded and carried to receive and seat the delegates, making a total of 26 churches reporting.

Motion seconded and carried for the pastors and church clerks to work at the reports during the year and make an effort to have a more accurate report for this district meeting in 1962.

Reports from the different committees were read by the clerk and received by the body. (Will be found in another place in these minutes.)

The Moderator read a note from the National Association dealing with some dangers to our denomination and the goal which is set for defense against these terrible issues.

Rev. Dixon led the congregation in singing "Oh How I Love Jesus," then asked Rev. Mowry to give his testimony and a brief report of the work he has been doing.

Bro. Therold Edwards was recognized along with Bro. George

Bryant and Bro. Duane Mowry as planning to enter the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Delegates to the State Association were elected as follows: Ruth Sheppard, Oma Scott, Velma Elliott, James Cameron and Gordon Heckendorn.

Special prayer by Rev. Johnnie Postlewait in behalf of the selection of a member to the Executive Board of Mission Association to replace or re-elect Bro. Charley Franklin.

Motion seconded and carried to re-elect Charley Franklin as board member for a term of 5 years.

Therold Edwards was asked to give his personal testimony. Bro. Tharold challenged our hearts with a very inspiring short message.

The Moderator recognized Bro. and Sister Earl Carter and Rev. Elmer Snyder from the Union Association.

Rev. Snyder gave a report of the work of his Association.

A 5 minute recess was asked for, by way of a motoin, by the Moderator.

Motion seconded and carried.

Prayer by Rev. H. B. Smith.

11:00 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing led by Bro. Hurse Smi'h, accompanied by Ruth Hickman at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Kermit Bass.

Special song by Royster Family.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Neal Moore, who was previously chosen by the pulpit committee to bring the 11:00 o'clock message. Rev. Moore used Psalms 37:1-3. His text was Matthew 25:8. He certainly brought an enjoyable yet heart searching message. He then called for a hand shake, as "I Feel Like Traveling On" was sung by the congregation.

Benediction by Rev. Hershel Freeman.

NOON.

1:30 P. M.

The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee," led by James Cameron, accompanied by Ruth Hickman at the piano.

Special song by a quartet.

Rev. Johnnie Postlewait was asked to give a report of the Mission work in the Northwest field, after which he would lead in prayer. Bro. Johnnie began the report with prayer, then Rev. Dixon asked the clerk to read again Business Item No. 1 pertaining to offerings to be taken in the churches for the Home Mission Fields.

Bro. Tharold Edwards and Bro. George Bryant were examined for preaching the gospel by the Credential Committee.

The Clerk read the report from the Obituary Committee, and the list of the deceased during the past year. A few moments were given to silent prayer during soft music then Rev. Charley Findley led in prayer.

A financial report was read by the Clerk, which was adopted by the body.

Motion seconded and carried to send \$25.00 to the State Association.

The Mission District Association was placed by vote to the Mountain Grove Church in August, 1962.

The Credential Committee reported favorably concerning licensing Bro. George Bryant and Bro. Tharold Edwards to preach the gospel. The body received the report and proceeded with the licensing service.

Motion seconded and carried for Rev. Jewel Craig to bring the Associational message in 1962. Alternate, Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Johnnie Postlewait led in special prayer before the election of officers.

Rev. Grover Terry was elected as Moderator. Rev. Homer Smith was elected as Assistant Moderator.

Velma Elliott was elected as Clerk and Treasurer.

Comments were made by Rev. Terry concerning his work as future Moderator.

Motion seconded and carried to give the Wolf Creek Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Pastor asks same in return to the Association for coming to their church.

Motion seconded and carried to give standing vo'e of thanks to the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and the Clerk-Treasurer for their work during the past year.

Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting in behalf of the worship service.

Motion seconded and carried.

Prayer by Rev. Guy Hutsell.

Song, "Shelter From the Storm" by Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewait.

The closing message was brought by Rev. Chas. Findley, using Psalms 15:1. An inspiring message in behalf of the Lord's work was brought by Bro. Findley.

Congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

1957 RESOLUTION—Resolved that the executive board of Missions set up a standard for examining men for license and ordination, based upon the fundamentals of scripture and the belief and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, adhering strictly to the requirements laid down in the treatise. The examining council shall be composed of 5 members of which at least three shall be ordained ministers, appointed by the moderator and said examination by examining council be done in private.

1959 RESOLUTION—Be it resolved that no member of this

body serve on the Executive Board of both this annual meeting and the quarterly meeting at the same time.

In connection with the 1957 Resolution which reads, "Resolved that the Executive Board of Mission Association set up a standard for examining men for license and ordination, based upon Fundamentals of Scripture and the belief and practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination, adhering strictly to the requirements laid down in the treatise . . . "The following standard is submitted for your approval:

EXAMINATION—MINISTERS

- Do you believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 2. Do you believe that there is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love. adore and obey?
- 3. Do you believe that 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, His is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord?
- 4. Do you believe the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost has assigned to Him all the attributes of God according to the Scriptures?
- 5. Do you believe that God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution of laws of nature, and that He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men might require?......
- 7. Do you believe that 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 by faith?______.
- 8. Do you believe that 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 Saviour and Lord with the 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?_____ 9. Do you believe that Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, the Lord's Supper or ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Do you believe Feet Washing is an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers? Do you believe that God commanded tithing for the support 10. of the church as is recorded in Gen. 14:20, Gen. 28:22, Duet. 14:22, 1 Cor. 16:2 and Matt. 23:23, etc? Should preachers call sinners to an altar for salvation? 11. Give Scriptures why you do or do not believe it........ Was Christ born of a virgin? Give book, chapter and 12. verse of proof..... Do you believe that only through Christ a sinner can be 13. saved? Book, chapter and verse...... 14. Do you believe that you should better your education? Will you give prayerful consideration to this matter? Are Free Will Baptist Calvinistic or Arminian? 15. Explain the "Freedom of the Will"?____. 16. Does the Bible teach that a sinner has the right to pray?____ 17. 18 Do you believe in the visable return of Christ?____ Give three verses why you do or do not believe it? Do you believe in an actual hell where sinners will be tor-19. mented in a lake of fire forever and ever?_____ Do you believe in an eternal Heaven for the saved? 30.

SIGNED:

Rev. W. Silvey
Ray Hutsell
Deacon Charley Franklin
Rev. Archie A. Hogue
Rev. Homer B. Smith
Executive Board Members

Motion seconded and carried to receive the addition for consideration.

A request was made from the floor for the Moderator to explain what is meant by being Calvinistic or Arminian. He responded with the explanation "The Bible says that "The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him . . . but if ye forsake Him He will forsake you." (2 Chron.15:2). The Calvinistic doctrine teaches otherwise . . . once saved, always saved. The Arminian doctrine which we believe teaches that we are to "give diligence to make our calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." (2 Pet. 1 10). We believe that only those who fear God and keep his commandments, will perserve unto the end.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We your obituary committee find

that during the past year the Lord has seen fit to call from labor to reward the following members: Sister Rhoda Sanders, Rev. George Scott, Sr., Sister Una Walker, Rev. Albert Brook, Sister Rosa Hargus, Sister Elzina Owens, Bro. Charley Saltenberger, Sister Shackelford, Rev. Lee Maxwell, Sister Dollie Hickman, Bro. Ervin Hutsell, Brother Shirley Smith, Sister Mary Belcher, Mrs. Elsie Smith, Sister Cora Gilley, Sister Mabel Tooley, Sister Minnie Coffman, Sister Betty Hughes, Sister Lou Parker, Bro. Louie Long, Bro. Pleas Coffman and Bro. Ank Stigall.

SIGNED: Mrs. Dove Pryor Rev. C. D. Findley Rev. Bill Eden Deacon Clifford Moles

LEAGUE COMMITTEE: We your league committee thank God for such a wonderful organization—Free Will Baptists of Mission Association. Let us work together to make the league work what it was originally designed to be—the training service of the church.

We believe the League has a great part in training the individual, especially the young people of our denomination.

We recommend the various pastors encourage League work in their churches. Let us all as Christian church members realize our responsibility in training our youth for greater Christian service and gratefully claim the promise in Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

SIGNED: Lester Lawler Bessie Hogue Erma Austin

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: We your Sunday School committee recommend the use of the King James version of the Bible, Christian teachers and Free Will Bap⁺ist literature.

We think each member should strive to bring others into Sunday school and definitely should not forget the assembling of ourselves together for Sunday school as well as preaching services.

SIGNED: Ruth Sheppard Ava Freeman Rev. Herbert Vandivort

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH COMMITTEE: We your committee on Observance of the Sabbath, recommend that we keep Sunday the Lord's Day as a day of worship as given to

us in the scriptures "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," Hebrews 10:25. Realizing that there is a great tendency to not keep the Sabbath day holy, we further recommend that we use every opportunity to teach all children that Sunday is the day of worship and should observe it as such.

SIGNED:

Mrs. Virginia Postlewait Mrs. Bessie Vandivort Mrs. Margaret Dixon

THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We your Temperance committee recommend that all Christians abstain from all alcoholic beverages and sinful amusement and we as Christians should condemn its use in every form in which it is made.

SIGNED:

Rev. Fred Marler Charles Skinner Rev. H. J. Freeman

Motion made and seconded to receive the following financial report:

\$134.74	lea over	Amount carr
217.15	offerings at Association	Amount of all

\$351.89		TOTAL

Expenditures:

To Sta	te Me	eeting	\$ 325.00
Postage	and	Supplies	 2.32
Clerk _			 20.00

Amount in Treasury \$304.57

CHURCH OFFICIALS PRESENT AT ASSOCIATION

Pastors Church	Address					
Fred Marler—Happy Home	Seymour					
Herbert Vandivort—Rock Springs	Cabool, Route 2					
Fred Wynn—Mt. Pisgah	Mountain Grove					
Lester Lawler—Pleasant Grove	Hartville					
A. A. Hogue—Faith and Hope	Cabool					
Jewell Craig—Lead Hill	Mansfield					
Herschel Freeman—New Rock Springs						
Leonard Keys-Mt. Zion No. 2	Route 1, Norwood					
H. G. Barr—Mt. Pisgah	Cabool					
Bill Eden—Lone Star	Hartville					
John Silvey—Harmony	Ava					
Chas. Findley—Hartville	Rt. 1, Hartville					
Carl Postlewaite—Number One	Rt. 5, Mountain Grove					

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Kermeith Bass—Wolf Creek	Mansfield
O. T. Dixon—Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove
Homer Smith—Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove
Grover Terry—Grant Ave.	2029 N. Nettleton, Springfield
Willis Turner—Happy Home	Ava
O. L. Claxton—Liberty	Rt. 3, Seymour
Guy Hutsell	Mountain Grove
Don Bruces—Number One	
Tharold Edwards—Mountain Grov	
George Bryant—Mountain Grove	
Pastors Wives	Church
Mrs. Oma Scott	Mountain Grove
Mrs. Lee Maxwell	Mountain Grove
Mrs. Postlewaite	Number One
Mrs. Grace Royster	Pleasant Grove
Mrs. Fred Marler	Happy Home
Mrs. Herbert Vandivort	New Rock Springs
Mrs. Fred Wynn	Mt. Pisgah
Mrs. Lester Lawler	Pleasant Grove
Mrs. A. A. Hogue	Faith and Hope
Mrs. Jewell Craig	Lead Hill
Mrs. Herschel Freeman	New Rock Springs
Mrs. Leonard Keys	Mt. Zion No. 2
Mrs. H. G. Barr	Mt. Pisgah
Mrs. Bill Eden	Lone Star
Mrs. John Silvey	Harmony
Mrs. Chas. Findley	Hartville
Mrs. Carl Postlewaite	Number One
Mrs. Kermith Bass	Wolf Creek
Mrs. O. T. Dixon	Mountain Grove
Mrs. Guy Hutsell	Wolf Creek
Mrs. Tharold Edwards	Mountain Grove
Deacons	Church
John Baker	Number One
Chas. Franklin	Mountain Grove
J. W. Coffman	Rock Chapel
John Cameron	Lone Star
Morgan R. Walter	Liberty
Bert Austin	Pleasant Grove
Elmer Ellington	Mountain Grove
Troy McCleary	Mount Zion No. 2
E. H. Freeman	New Rock Springs
Oscar Yeager	Mount Zion No. 2
Doil Royster	Pleasant Grove
Otis Helsey	Wolf Creek
Chester Bennett	Wolf Creek
L. B. Robinson	Happy Home
Elzie Edwards	Mountain Grove
Walter Duckworth	Lone Star

Deacons Wives Church Wilma Walls Mt. Pisgah Eva Wood Pleasant Grove Mrs. Flo Hagan Wolf Creek Mrs. John Boher Number One Mrs. Chas Franklin Mountain Grove Mrs. Bert Austin Pleasant Grove Mrs. Troy McCleary Mount Zion No. 2 Mrs. E. H. Freeman New Rock Springs Mrs. Oscar Yeager Mount Zion No. 2 Mrs. W. K. Elliott Mountain Grove Mrs. Sadie Ellington Mountain Grove Mrs. Otis Helsev Wolf Creek Imogene Bennett Wolf Creek Dotty Robinson Bertha Adams Church Clerks Church Mary Bittick Pleasant Home No. 1 Edd Miller, asst., Mrs. Lucille Chamberlain, clerk Happy Home Troy McCleary Mt. Zion Bessie Vandivort New Rock Springs Gordon Heckendorn Lone Star Lavelle Curtis Pleasant Grove Pearl Reed Number One Delegates Church Finis Delcour New Home Dorothy Herminger New Home Otis Hicks Pleasant Hill Carl Eden Lone Star Mrs. Carl Eden Lone Star Carol Ann Ragsdale New Rock Springs Beverly Peterson Mtn. Valley Marilyn McGown Mtn. Valley Aleth Wynn Hartville James Cameron Lead Hill Bess'e Edwards Hartville Warren Mitchell Lead Hill Leaborn Coffey Union Glen Kiser Union Miles Carpenter Liberty Will Dickson Liberty Dean Walls Mt. Pisgah Sherman Odom Mt. Pisgah Geneva Hefner Grant Avenue Paula Wantland Grant Avenue Ruth Sheppard Mtn. Grove Hurse Smith Mtn. Grove

Sarah Young
Mrs. Jess Young
Pearl Page
Leslie Means
Mrs. Leslie Means
Opha Silvey
Maggie Silvey
Lula McCov

Wolf Creek
Wolf Creek
Mt. Zion
Faith and Hope
Faith and Hope
Harmony
Harmony
Number One

FAIRVIEW No. 3—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Archie Halford, Norwood, Mo.

DEACONS. Clarence Keeton, Ava, Mo., Route 5. Joe Smith, Norwood, Mo. Edd Burris, Ava, Mo., Rt. 2. Cecil Buchanan, Ava, Missouri

CLERK: Mrs. O. K. Welton, Ava, Missouri, Route 5

FAITH AND HOPE—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. A. A. Hogue, Cabool, Missouri

DEACONS: Luther Cooper, Willow Springs, Mo., route 3. Austa Reeves, Cabool, Mo., route 3. Jimmy Miller, Willow Springs, Mo., route 3

CLERK: Mrs. Gillie Reeves, Cabool, Mo.

GRANT AVENUE CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Grover V. Terry, 2029 N. Middleton, Springfield DEACONS: Lee Evans, 2149 College, St., Springfield, Mo. Raymond Kensinger, 1128 W. Thomas, Springfield, Mo. Coday Draper, 716 E. Normal, Springfield, Mo. Lawrence Broyles, Lebanon, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Mildred Kensinger, 1128 W. Thoman, Springfield

HAPPY RIDGE CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Ellis Cravens

DEACONS: Charles Skinner, Norwood, Mo. Clifford Moles, Norwood, Mo.

CLERK: Miss Pansy Skinner, Norwood, Mo.

HARTVILLE CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Charley D. Findley

DEACONS: John Adamson, Mansfield, Mo. Macy Gregory, Hartville, Mo. Andy Brouitt, Hartville, Mo. W. T. Wynn, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Nola Wiliams, Hartville, Mo.

PASTOR: July' 61-July '62: Rev. Marion Allsman, Waynesville Mo.

HARMONY CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Marler, Seymour, Mo.

DEACON: Sanford Boring, Seymour, Mo., route 4

CLERK: Mrs. Blanche Blevins, Seymour, Mo., route 4

Pastor—1961-'62: Rev. Marler

HAPPY HOME CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Marler, Seymour, Mo.

ASSISTANT CLERK. Edd Miller, Ava. Mo.

DEACONS: Grant Ward, Ava, Mo. Paul Robertson, Ava, Mo. Jack Chamberlain, route 2, Ava, Mo. Bailey Ludwig, Ava, Mo. Ben Dougherty, Ava, Mo. route.

CLERK: Mrs. Lillie Chamberlain, route 2, Ava, Mo.

LEAD HILL CHURCH-July '60-July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Jewel Craig, Mansfield, Mo.

DEACONS: Judd Corder, Mansfield, Mo. Mose Ipock, Mansfield, Missouri

CLERK: Mrs. Ruby Johns

Pastor 1961-62: Rev. Charley Findley, Hartville, Mo.

LIBERTY CHURCH-July '60-July '61

PASTOR: Rev. F. D. Johnson, Seymour, Mo.

DEACONS: Will Wester, Marshfield, Mo. Ernest Cantrell, Seymour, Mo. Morgan Walker, Marshfield, Mo. Albert Carpenter, Butler, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Marjorie Gardner, route 1, Seymour, Mo.

Pastor: 1961-1962. Rev. Johnson

LONE STAR CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Reverend Bill Eden

DEACONS: Walter Duckworth, Seymour, Mo. Phillip Hosiner, Seymour, route 2. Scott Kasterkee, Seymour, route 2. John Cameron, Seymour route 2

CLERK: Gordon Heckendorn, Seymour, Mo.

MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH

PASTOR: Rev. O. T. Dixon, P. O. Box, Mountain Grove, Mo. DEACONS: Ray Hutsell, W. K. Elliott, Edd Shannon, Charley Franklin, Buck Franklin, Elmer Ellington, Elzie Edwards, Earl Hull, Riley Hutsell, Fred Shannon, all of Mtn. Grove, Mo. CLERK: Artha Hutsell, Mountain Grove, Mo.

MT. PISGAH CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Reverend Fred Wynn

James Odom, route 1, Cabool, Mo. Luther Curry, DEACONS: Cabool, Mo. Floyd Walls, Cabool, Mo. Neil Hamilton Cabool, Mo. CLERK: Lloyd Walls, route 1, Cabool, Mo.

MTN. VALLEY CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. H. B. Smith, route 3, Mountain Grove, Mo. DEACONS:

CLERK: Clobell Deeds, route 3, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Pastor '61-'62: Reverend Smith

MT. ZION No. 2 CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Leonard Keys, Norwood, Mo.

DEACONS: Oscar Yeager, Hartville, Mo. John Grimes, Mountain

Grove, Mo. Troy McCleary, route 1, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Troy McCleary, route 1, Hartville, Mo.

NEW HOME CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. M. F. Allsman

DEACONS: Claud Lawler, R. E. Kincheloe, Woodrow Lawler, Ve-

nice Long, Burl Austin CLERK: Addie Long

Pastor 1961-1962: Rev. Allsman

NEW ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Ezra Butts, Cabool, Mo.

DEACONS: Emmitt Freeman, route 2, Cabool, Mo. Noble Wyrick,

Graff, Mo. Edgar Pembrook, Mountain Grove, Mo. CLERK: Mrs. Bessie Vandivort, route 2, Cabool, Mo.

Pastor 1961—1962: Rev. Lester Lawler

NUMBER ONE CHURCH—July '60—July '61

DEACONS: John Barker, Huggins, Mo. Ernest Maxwell, Huggins, Mo. Oscar Leighty, Huggins, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Pearl Reed, Huggins, Mo.

Pastor 1961-1962: Rev. Guy Hutsell, Mountain Grove, Mo.

PLEASANT HOME No. 1—July '60—July '61

PASTOR:

DEACONS: Noel Elliott, route 1, Vanzant, Mo. C. N. Wood, route 2, Mountain Grove, Mo. Austin Fogerson, route 1, Mountain Grove, Mo. Allen M. Rankin, route 1, Mountain Grove, Mo. CLERK: Mrs. Mary Bittick, route 3, Cabool, Mo.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Seth Draper, 1459 Livingston, Springfield, Mo. DEACONS: John Hickman, Hartville, Mo. Jesse Young, Hartville, Mo. Ralson Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Viola Draper, Hartville, Mo.

Pastor 1961-1962: Rev. Draper

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. C. D. Findley, route 1, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Alfred Curtis, Hartville, Mo. Doil Royster, Hartville, Mo., route 1. Burgess Lawler, route 5, Hartville, Mo. Bert Austin, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Lavella Curtis, route 1, Hartville, Mo.

Pastor 1961-1962: Rev. Carl Postlewait, Rt. 5, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

UNION CHURCH

PASTOR: Lester Lawler, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Roy K. Huff, Success, Mo. Harold Rice, Success, Mo.

Pastor 1961-1962-Rev. Ezra Butts, Cabool, Mo.

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Gene Postlewait, Huggins, Mo.

DEACONS: Walter Klingensmith, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Levi Jeames,

Graff, Mo. Hobert Crewse, Graff, Mo. CLERK: Mrs. Mattie Hutsell, Graff, Mo.

UNION GROVE CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Ellis Cravens, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Wm F. Kempt, Norwood, Mo. Fred Ussery, Norwood, Mo. Wallace Greenfield, Norwood, Mo. B. J. Shores, Rogers-

ville, Mo. Harry Vierkant, Norwood, Mo.

CLERK: Elizabeth Kempt, Norwood, Mo.

WOLF CREEK CHURCH—July '60—July '61

PASTOR: Rev. Guy Hutsell, Mansfield, Mo.

DEACONS: Ernie Millsap, Otis Helsley and Chester Bennett, all

of route 1, Mansfield, Mo.

CLERK: Dorothy Millsap, route 1, Mansfield, Mo. Pastor 1961-1962: Rev. Jewel Craig, Mansfield, Mo.

MINISTERS OF MISSION ASSOCIATION NOT PRESENT

Rev. Thomas Halford Norwood, Mo.

Rev. George Taylor Three Hills, Alberta, Canada

Rev. Floyd Roberts Elk Creek, Mo.

Rev. Mark Vandivort II Snow Street, Whitefield, New Hempshire

Rev. Leon Bressler

Rev .Willie Atherton Huggins, Mo.

Rev. Emmitt Hutsell Huggins, Mo. Rev. Ezra Butts Huggins, Mo.

Rev. Don Bruce Route 4, Box 414H, Blytheville, Arkansas

Rev. Archie Halford Norwood, Mo.

Rev. Otho Means Rev. Jackie Means

Rev. M. F. Allsman

Rev. E. E. Winfree Seymour, Mo.

Rev. Wm. Reeves Niangua, Mo.

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

This page contains the names of all ministers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, who have been members of this Mission Association whose memory we honor and hold dear, as we hear witness of their lifes work from the hearts of men and women all over our country-side, we say with Paul in Romans 10:15: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Thank God for these who have gone to their reward.

	Year
Name	Passed Away
Rev. George Scott, Jr.	1957
Rev. L. M. Marler	1958
Rev. Grover Cravens	1959
Rev. George Scott, Sr.	1960
Rev. Jeff Postlewait	1960
Rev. Lee Maxwell	1960
Rev. Albert A. Brook	1960

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE. From experience, we the Free Will Baptist Churches, in order to form a more perfect union and that we may affiliate ourselves with other Free Will Baptist bodies, have come together and organized into an Association.

- 1. This Association shall be called Mission Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated Quarterly Meetings and Churches as many as may embody themselves under this constitution.
- 2. It shall be the purpose of this organization to co-operate with the Missouri State and National Associations in their efforts to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, and Ladies Auxiliary, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.
- 3. The acting members of this association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members while in conference, together with all ministers, ministers wives, deacons, deacon's wives and church and associational clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.
- 4. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer, (who shall superintend the printing of the minutes) each of whom shall be elected at the closing of each regular session and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. The Clerk shall receive Twenty (\$20.00) for his or her services.
- 5. An Executive Board composed of five members, consisting of three ministers and two deacons, whose duty shall be to transact the business of this association when this Body is not in session, whose term of office shall be as follows: one for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years, and one for 5 years and at the expiration of each of these terms shall be elected for a term of 5 years, who shall hold office until his successor is elected, further: if any vacancies occur between sessions of this Association the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next session of this Association.
- 6. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church or Quarterly Meeting, maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine, in favor of benevolent enterprises, such as Sunday Schools, Missions, Temperance and Education, may be received into this Association by presenting a petition asking to be received, and by a majority vote of this Association.
 - 7. This Association shall have power to discipline its churches,

exclude them for disorderly conduct, if labor proves unsuccessful, ordain deacons, to license or ordain ministers, such as given evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which members belong; to settle questions of discipline and doctrine as the Churches or Quarterly Meetings may refer to it; to make any rules and by-laws necessary to its regulations and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall this Association 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 Meetings composing the Association.

- 8. Each session of this Association shall convene annually bebinning on Thursday at 9:00 A. M. before the 2nd Sunday in August and adjourn at 4:00 P. M. on Friday, and shall be held with only such churches as call for it by vote of the church while in conference, and this shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.
- 9. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the Association in session, and in their absence the chairman of the Executive Board shall take charge, and in his absence any member of the Executive Board shall take charge until a Moderator is elected.
- 10. This Constitution may be amended or changed at any regular session of this body, by a two-thirds vote, after notice of contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to the time the vote was taken.

BY-LAWS

- 1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
- 2. Seven members from three or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 3. Any ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a majority vote of the members present.
- 4. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
- 5. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into committee as a whole.
- 6. Any member of this body may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association and by a majority vote therein, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.
- 7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
- 8. No member of this Association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.

- 9. Aryone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appelation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
- 10. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any members but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of this body.
- 11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a vote.
- 12. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a majority vote of this body.
- 13. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except the Constitution and By-Laws, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.
- 14. Churches of the Mission Association shall not call a pastor who does not have a yearly certificate.
- 15. Each ordained minister in good standing shall be given a yearly certificate. Each licensed minister, upon receiving a call for pastoral work or the administering of the Gospel ordinances shall upon request from the church of which he is a member, be examined for ordination.
- 16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
- 2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good; whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.
- 3. 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.
- 4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
- 5. 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 acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

- 6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.
- 7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.
 - 8. 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 and souls is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish.
- 11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the waters of life freely.
- 12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace perseverance holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
- 13. Gospel Ordinances. 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, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
- 14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offering in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel. Matt. 23-23 and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2).
- 15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments, and amusements, for res^t, worship; holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.
- 16. Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last 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 will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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 his solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all 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 obligation in references 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 conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all 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 bonds of peace to be careful of one anothers happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able to 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 in 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, the evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And, may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fairview No. 3	Mrs. O. K. Welton, Clerk Faith and Hope Ollie Reeves, Clerk	Grant Avenue Grover Terry Pastor Mildred Kessinger, Clerk	N E E	nony Marler, P che Bevins	Happy Home Fred Marler, Pastor Ed Miker, Asst. Clerk Lead Hill Jewel Craig, Pastor	Ruby L. Johns, Clerk L'berty E. D. Johnson, Pastor Marjorie Gardner, Clerk	Lone Star Bill Eden, Pastor Gordon Heckendorn, Clerk	Mountain Grove O. T. Dixon, Pastor Artha Hutsell, Clerk	Mt. Pisgah Fred Wynn, Pastor Lloyd Walls, Clerk	Mountain Valley H. B. Smith, Pastor Clobell Deeds, Clerk	Mt. Zion No. II Carl Postlewait, Pastor Troy McCleary, Clerk	New Home M. F. Allsman, Pastor Addie Long, Clerk	New Rock Springs Ezra Butts, Pastor Bessie Vandivort, Clerk	Number One Pearl Reed, Clerk	Pleasant Home No. 1 Mary Bittick, Clerk	Pleasant Hill Seth Draper, Pastor Viola Draper, Clerk	Pleasant Grove C. D. Findley, Pastor Lavelle Curtis, Clerk	Union Lester Lawler, Pastor Nolan Neal, Clerk Union Chapel Gene Postlewait, Pastor Mattie Hutsell, Clerk	Union Grove Ellis Cravens, Pastor Elizabeth Kempt, Clerk	Wolf Creek G. E. Hutsell, Pastor Dorothy Millsap, Clerk	Rock Chapel Frank Linton, Pastor Delpha Young, Clerk
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