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# MINUTES

OF

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF

Mission Association

OF

Free Will Baptists

-1965-

HELD WITH THE

**Rock Chapel Church** 



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. O. T. Allred

### MINUTES

\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_ SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION — OF — MISSION ASSOCIATION \_\_ OF \_\_\_ FREE WILL BAPTISTS HELD WITH THE ROCK CHAPEL CHURCH BEGINNING ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 5, 1965 and the south of the water in the state of t Rev. Bill Eden ...... Assistant Moderator Mrs. Kenneth Chapman ...... Clerk-Treasurer the Military and the limited of the Control of the EXECUTIVE BOARD 

The next session of this Association will be held with Cabool Church, beginning on Thursday, 9:00 A. M., before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1966. Rev. Ronnie Turner to bring the Associational Message. Rev. O. T. Allred, alternate.

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Rev. Ray Middleton1967Rev. Homer B. Smith1968Rev. Carl Postlewaite1969Deacon Lee Evans1970

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

#### THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The Mission Association met in the Seventeenth Annual Meeting at the Rock Chapel Church, on August 5, 1965. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Homer Smith.

Rev. A. A. Hogue led the congregation in singing "I Want to be Ready," Sis. Ruth Hickman at the piano.

Invocation by Rev. Glenn Murray.

The Moderator read scripture from Romans 5, and made brief comments.

Rev. Homer Smith gave some statistics of our Association.

The Moderator appointed Rev. O. T. Allred to act as Assistant Moderator in the absence of Rev. Tharold Edwards.

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Fred Wynn, Rev. Charley Findley and Rev. Guy Hutsell.

Call for Church letters.

Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Fred Marler, Bro. Charley Franklin, and Sis Grace Royster.

The Pulpit Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Fred Wood, Bro. Oscar Yeager, and Sis Margaret Walls.

Rev. Glen Murray and Rev. Everett Hopkins were recognized and welcomed to our Association.

Congregational song "Just a Little Talk With Jesus."

Moderator read the Constitution.

Acting Assisting Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred read the By-Laws.

Moderator read the Church Covenant.

The Pulpit Committee gave the following report: Rev. Glen Murray to preach at 11:00 o'clock Thursday morning, Rev. Guy Hutsell to preach Thursday afternoon, Rev. Everett Hopkins to preach Thursday night, Rev. Rolla Smith to preach at 11:00 o'clock Friday morning, and Rev. Ronnie Turner to preach Friday afternoon.

Moderator asked for letters from Quarterly Meetings. None had been received.

Clerk read Executive Board's report. Motion seconded and carried to receive report.

The Credentials Committee reported favorable on ten Churches. Motion seconded and carried to receive report and seat the delegates.

Call for delegates to register.

Clerk registered all standing delegates.

Motion seconded and carried to receive verbal report on Mtn. Valley Church and hear request for Association to examine Rev. Everett Hopkins to come into our Association as an ordained minister. Motion seconded and carried to grant request.

Examination Committe was appointed as follows: Rev. Les-

ter Lawler, Rev. Bill Eden, Deacon Wess Housley. This Committee retired to examine Rev. Everett Hopkins.

Rev. Tharold Edwards arrived, and will now assume the office of Assistant Moderator.

Congregation singing "In the Sweet By and By," and "When All God's Singers Get Home."

Clerk read report on Youth Camp Building. Motion seconded and carried to receive report. (Report found elsewhere in these minutes.)

Committee reported on ten Churches. Motion seconded and carried to receive report and seat the delegates. Delegates were instructed to register during recess.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn this Business session for the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

Congregational song, "I Feel Like Traveling On," led by James Cameron with Beverly Moore at the piano.

Assistant Moderator Tharold Edwards asked to be remembered in prayer as he leaves in a few weeks to pastor a Church in Vancouver, Washington.

Rev. Willie Bennett led in prayer.

Congregational singing "Bring Them In," and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm."

Solo by Beth Smith.

Rev. Glen Murray brought the Associational message. Scripture I Samuel 1:9-15. Prayer by Rev. Murray.

The Assistant Moderator Rev. Tharold Edwards gave the invitation for anyone who has a need to bring it to God at the Altar. A period of silent prayer.

The following Committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Rev. Lester Lawler, Sis Cora Coble and Bro. James Cameron.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE: Rev. Howard Barr, Bro. Chester Bennett and Sis Donna Walls.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. Willie Bennett, Bro. Otis Hickman and Bro. Wess Housley.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Rev. Kermith Bass, Bro. Bill Shelton and Sis Muriel Hutsell.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH COMMITTEE: Rev. A. A. Hogue, Bro. Leonard Frye and Sis Velma Curtis.

#### THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Congregational singing—James Cameron, directing with Ruth Hickman at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Ronnie Turner.

Devotion given by Rev. Fred Marler.

Duet by Nadine Sanders and Beverly Moore with Linda Smith at the piano.

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Turner.

Examining Committee reported favorable to accept Rev. Ev-

erett Hopkins as an ordained minister into this Association, Motion seconded and carried to accept this report.

Motion seconded and carried to grant a letter of good standing to Rev. Glenn Murray from our Association to the Cave Springs Association.

Rev. Gordon Heckendorn gave a verbal report from the Harmony Quarterly Meeting. Motion seconded and carried to receive report.

Sis Hazel Elliott gave a verbal report on the First Quarterly Meeting. Motion seconded and carried to receive report

Rev. G'en Murray gave a verbal report on the Cave Springs Association.

Clerk read letter from Missouri Association of General Baptists. Motion seconded and carried to receive report.

Rev. Roll'a Smith gave a verbal report from Cumberland Association in Tennessee.

Auxiliary reports were given from Cabool Church by Sis Ste'la Mowlry, from Grant Avenue Church by Sis Geraldine Edwards, from Mtn. Grove Church by Sis Hazel Hutsell (read by the Clerk).

Committee reported favorable on two churches. Motion seconded and carried to receive report and seat the delegates. Delegates registered.

Rev. O. T. Allred gave a report on the National Association. Rev. Bill Eden gave a report on a revival he and Rev. Warren Mitchell were holding. He asked to be helped as a Home Mission to organize a church at this place.

Rev. A. A. Hogue and Mrs. A. A. Hogue elected to go to Union Association as delegates.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Hogue were elected as delegates to Little Vine Association.

Congregational song.

Business session adjourned with prayer by Rev. Fred Wynn. Congregational song "Love Lifted Me."

Bro. James Cameron led in prayer before Rev. Guy Hutsell brought the afternoon message. Scripture II Corinthians 13:11-14. Prayer by Rev. Kermith Bass.

#### THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Congregational song led by Joan Harral with Letha Franklin at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Devotion by Hubert Harral using Psalms 19.

Solo by Joan Harral.

Solo by Beth Smith.

Message brought by Rev. Everett Hopkins, Text II Corinthians 7:14.

Dismissed by prayer led by Rev. Jewell Craig.

#### FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Congregational song led by Janice McGowan with Ruth Hickman at the piano "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Invocation by Rev. Herbert Vandivort.

The Moderator read scriptures from Psalms 8.

The Modeator recognized Rev. Harry Beatty, State Promotional Secretary, and welcomed him to our Association.

Congregational song.

Clerk read Sunday School Committee Report. Motion seconded and carried to receive report.

Clerk read Temperance Committee Report. Motion seconded and carried to receive report.

Clerk read Observance of Sabbath Committee report. Motion seconded and carried to receive report.

Motion made and seconded to issue Free Will Baptist Ordination papers to Rev. Everett Hopkins, dated August 6, 1965. Motion carried.

Discussion was made on Church Letters and Statistician Reports. Motion seconded and carried for clerk to get new forms with a place for the names of the deceased to be listed and also the names and addresses of deacons. These forms are to be sent to the Clerks with instructions to destroy all old forms which are not identical to the new ones.

Motion seconded and carried for Ministers to give a written report on their work of the previous year before they are given a yearly certificate. If they cannot attend yearly association they must send a written report.

Motion seconded and carried to give Bro. Beatty time to give a report on Cooperative Giving.

Bro. Chas Frankln thanked the Church C'erks for the good work they did on getting money for the Youth Camp Cabin.

Business session adjourned.

Handshake welcoming Rev. Everett Hopkins into full fellowship. Congregation sang "In the Sweet By and By," with Rev. Ronnie Turner directing and Sis Wilma Turner at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Clifford Klingensmith.

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. Guy Hutsell.

Devotion by Rev. O. T. Allred, Scripture Psalm: 19. Rev. Allred led in prayer.

Duet by Janice McGowan and Nadine Sanders.

The Assistant Moderator introduced Rev. Rolla Smith to bring the 11:00 o'clock message. Scripture John 3. This was a very inspiring message on the new birth. Invitation given for those who do not have the assurance that they have been born again, to accept Christ as Saviour now.

Handshake with Rev. and Mrs. Rolla Smith while congregation sang "Oh How I Love Jesus."

Benediction by Rev. Everett Hopkins, FRIDAY 1:00 P. M.

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. Charley Findley.

Devotion by Rev. Kermith Bass.

Clerk read the Obituary Committee report. Motion seconded and carried to receive report. A few minutes was given to si-ent prayer. Rev. Herbert Vandivort led in prayer.

Motion seconded and carried to keep Church Training Service Report as before, as no report was turned in from the com-

mittee.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Association: Bro. Ben Vandivort, Sisters Janice McGowan, Nadine Sanders, Hazel Elliott, Muriel Hutsell, Ruth Hickman and Zelian Altis. Motion seconded and carried to give the delegates the power to appoint their proxy if they cannot go.

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

Association.

Motion seconded and carried that the placement of the next Association be left in the hands of the Executive Board.

Clerk read Statistical Report. Motion seconded and carried to receive report as read.

Motion seconded and carried for Rev. Ronnie Turner to bring the Associational Message in 1965. Alternate Rev. O. T. Allred.

Nomination open for a Deacon elected for five years, to replace or re-elect James Cameron on the Executive Board. Motion seconded and carried to elect Deacon Lee Evans to this office.

Motion seconded and carried to send Rev. Homer Smith to State Meeting to serve on General Board.

Billie Chapman was elected as Clerk-Treasurer.

Rev. O. T. Allred was elected as Moderator.

Rey. Bill Eden was elected as Assistant Moderator.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the host Church.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer for their work in the past year.

Motion seconded and carried to receive a verbal report from Happy Ridge Church with a promise of a letter.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn business session.

Bro. Elzie Edwards dismissed with prayer.

Congregational singing with Rev. A. A. Hogue directing and Sis Ruth Hickman at the piano.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Ronnie Turner who brought the afternoon message. Scripture from Hebrew 10. Prayer by Rev. Ronnie Turner

Handshake.

Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. A. Hogue.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board of Mission Association met with the Mt. Pisgah Church on the night of December 21, 1964, for the purpose of examining Bro. Donavan Maxwell for ordination.

The message was brought by Bro. Maxwell.

Rev. Homer Smith served as Moderator and appointed Rev. Ezra Butts, Rev. O. T. Alired, Rev. Ray Middleton, Deacon Charley Franklin and Deacon Clifford Moles for the examining committee. The committee reported favorable and proceeded to ordain Bro. Maxwell.

Rev. Homer Smith gave the charge and Rev. Ezra Butts led the ordination prayer.

The board met again at the Mtn. Grove Church for the purpose of appointing a committee to buy bunks for the youth camp cabin.

Prayer was led by Rev. Carl Postlewaite. Charley Franklin gave a report of the finishing of the cabin.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Tommy Carlson and Bro. Lee Evans were appointed for the above mentioned purpose.

#### SIGNED:

Rev. Homer Smith Rev. Ray Midd eton Rev. Carl Postlewaite Deacon Charley Franklin Deacon James Cameron

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We the Obituary Committee report the Lord has called away from our midst the following members: Rev. E. E. Winfree, Brothers I. M. Gearin, W. M. Gar'ett, Gene Bass, Harvey Loomis, Elmer Workman and William Sanders, Sisters Leona Hutsell, Ellen Page, Bertha Chaney, Janice Walls, Bertha Dennis, Elizabeth Ussery, Rosa Reese, and Hattie Richardson.

#### SIGNED:

Rev. Kermith Bass Bro. Bi'l Shelton Mrs. Muriel Hutsell

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTE: We your Sunday School Committee recommend the use of the King James Version of the Bible, Free Will Baptist literature, and all officers and teachers be Christians.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

We urge everyone including parents to attend Sunday School regularly and invite and encourage those to come that are not attending Sunday School anywhere.

#### SIGNED:

Rev. Lester Lawler Bro. James A. Cameron Sis Cora Coble CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE COMMITTEE: We your Church Training Committee desire to stress the importance of the New Church Training Service progam in every church, as we consider it to be a very important training program of the church.

We urge all people to attend, as we believe it would serve as a training for Christ's work and increasing attendance in Sunday evening worship services.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We your Temperance Committee recommend that all Christians abstain from the use and sale of a l alcoholic beyerages and refrain from participating in amusements which might cause us to be a stumbling block in the lives of others. We recommend that all Christians observe I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Also, I Thessalonians 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

#### SIGNED:

Rev. Willie Bennett Bro Wes Hous ey Bro Otis Hickman

OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH COMMITTEE: We your committee on Observance of Sabbath recommend we keep the Sabbath. That we do not buy or sell on the Sabbath, and all go to our churches and worship God on His day, not some place of amusement. Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it holy." Mark 6:2 "Jesus kept the Sabbath." Acts 17:2 "Paul kept the Sabbath." Nehemiah 10:31 "It is wrong to buy on the Sabbath."

#### SIGNED:

Rev. A. A. Hogue Bro. Leonard Frye Sis Velma Curtis

## ITEMIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF YOUTH CAMP CABIN Donations Received Expenditures

Donations recognized		Expenditures								
Mission Association	\$200.00	Rev. W. M. Reeves	\$205.00							
First Quarterly Meeting	50.00	L. L. Day Lumber								
Harmony Qtly. Meeting	20.00	and Hardware Co.	127.00							
Pleasant Hill Church	10.00	Rev. W. M. Reeves	65.04							
Rev. Glenn Murray	10.00	Phillip Fry	48.00							
Lone Star Church	30.00	Noble Smith	48.00							
New Home Church	50.00	Charley Franklin	17.00							
Mtn. Val'ey Church	25.00	L. L. Day Lumber								
Harmony Sunday School	15.00	and Hardware Co.	288.91							
Union FWB Church	25.00	Landers & Barker	56.10							
Rock Chapel Church	31.75	Rev. O. T. Allred	9.00							
Pleasant Hill	25.00	L. L. Day Lumber								
New Rock Springs	50.00	and Hardware Co.	61.20							
Number One	15.00	McKinney Bedding Co.	76.00							

Hartville Church		Billie Chapman	10.00
Happy Ridge		Rev. O. T. Allred	1.00
Macy Gregory	3.00		41 010 05
Cope Church	10.00		\$1,012.25
Faith and Hope	15.00		
Mt. Zion	6.35		
Cabool Church	25.00		
Pleasant Home	25.00		
Mtn. Grove Church	100.00		
Leah Mae			
Circle Mtn. Grove	16.00		
Elmer Ellington	5.00		
Pastors Sunday School			
Class Mtn. Grove	60.92		
Grant Avenue Church	20.00		
First Qtly. Meeting	32.20		
Bob Bandy	5.50		
Jesse Walker	2.00		
C. A. DeArmond	5.00		
First Qtly. Meeting	58.50		
Senior Adult Church			
Training Service (Gran	t		
Avenue)	15.00		
Young Adult League			
(Grant Avenue)	10.00		
Womans Auxiliary			
(Willow Springs)	20.00		
Robert Johnson	5.00		
Homer Clark	5.00		
Harmony Qtly. Meeting	40.00		
Grant Avenue Church	5.00		
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MISSION ASSOC	CIATIO	N FINANCIAL REPO	RT
Amount carried over			\$244.26
Amount of all offerings	at Asso	ociation	129.23
TOTAL			\$373.49
Expenditures:			
To State Meeting		\$25.0	00
Clerk Fee		40.0	00
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Amount in Treasury	7		\$308.49
CHURCH OFFICI	ALS P	RESENT AT ASSOCIA	ATION
Ministers and Churc		Addre	
Homer Smith, Mtn. Grov		Mtn. (	Grove, Mo.
Charley Findley, Hartvi			tville, Mo.
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Fred Wynn, Hartville Guy Hutsell, Wolf Creek Warren Mitchell, Lead Hill Bill Eden, Lone Star Willie Bennett, New Home Lester Lawler, New Home Archie Hogue, Faith and Hope Clifford Klingensmith, Union Chapel Fred Marler, Happy Home Gordon Heckendorn, Lone Star Howard Barr, Mt. Pisgah Kermith Bass, Wolf Creek O. T. Allred, Cabool Everett Hopkins, Mtn. Valley Tharold Edwards, Grant Avenue Herbert Vandivort, New Rock Springs Harry Beatty Ronnie Turner, Pleasant Grove Rolla Smith

**Ministers Wives** Ethel Bennett Marie Akers Virginia Marler Wilma Turner Fern Bass Gertha Findley Grace Royster Sue Heckendorn Gladys Wynn Bessie Hogue Pearl Barr Mary Sue Eden Rose Helsley Alice Burney Geraldine Edwards Verba Smith Bessie Vandivort

Deacons Chester Bennett

Jess Barker
Oscar Yeager
Wess Housley
Leonard Fry
Johnny Adamson
Troy McCleary
James Cameron
Evan Coatney
Macy Gregory

Mtn. Grove, Mo. Mtn. Grove, Mo. Seymour, Mo. Seymour, Mo. Hartville, Mo. Hartville, Mo. Cabool, Mo. Mtn. Grove, Mo. Seymour, Mo. Seymour, Mo. Cabool, Mo. Mansfield, Mo. Cabool, Mo. Mtn. Grove, Mo. Springfield, Mo. Cabool, Mo. St. Louis, Mo. Mtn. Grove, Mo. Nashville, Tennessee

Church
New Home
Mt. Pisgah
Happy Home
Pleasant Grove
Wolf Creek
Hartville
Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Lone Star
Hartville
Faith and Hope
Mt. Pisgah
Lone Star
Wolf Creek

Grant Avenue
Mtn. Grove
New Rock Springs
Church
Wolf Creek
Mtn. Grove

Mtn. Grove

Hartville Mt. Zion No. 2 Lead Hill

Mt. Zion No. 2

Rock Chapel

Faith and Hope Hartville

Union Bill Shelton Fred Wood Rock Chapel Rock Chapel Jim Coffman Mtn. Grove Charley Franklin Mtn. Valley Roy Sanders Pleasant Grove Bert Austin Ezie Edwards Mtn. Grove Clifford Moles Happy Ridge Rock Chapel Shelby Housley Church Deacons Wives Mt. Zion No. 2 Mrs. Oscar Yeager Mrs. Wess Hous'ev Rock Chapel Mrs Leonard Fry Mrs. Johnny Adamson Hartville Mrs. Trov McC eary Mt. Zion No. 2 Faith and Hope Mrs. Evan Coatney Mrs. Macy Gregory Hartville Mrs. Fred Wood Rock Chapel Mrs Roy Sanders Mtn. Vallev Mrs. Shelby Housley Rock Chapel Mrs. Fred Usserv Gladys Peek Estella Hanna Mrs. Bert Austin Pleasant Grove Pauline Long New Home Maxine Smith Rock Chapel Hassie Moles Happy Ridge Church Clerks Church Fave Coatney Faith and Hope Pearl Reed Pauline Long New Home Clobelle Deeds Mtn. Valley Delpha Young Rock Chapel Noland Neal Union Delegates Church Gertie Cunningham Happy Home Bell Evans Happy Home Ola Mae Leach Pleasant Home Cora Coble Pleasant Home Opal William's Union E'mer Davis Pleasant Hill Otis Hickman Pleasant Hill Donna Walls Mt. Pisgah Evan Colatney Faith and Hope Ida Stigall Mt. Zion No 2 Kenneth Borders Harmony Bernadette Helsley Rock Chapel Hazel Elliott First Quarterly Meeting

Della Dugger Lucy Keith Patty Davis Walter Hosiner Beverly Moore Nadine Sanders Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crewse Pauline Robertson Pamela Robertson Connie Calhoun Rose Helsley Leslie Reed John Owens Cheryl Ussery Norman T. Owens Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mullen Mrs. Muriel Hutsell Mrs. Leonard E. Holt Ruby Norafalise Wallace Norafalise Jesse Curtis Velma Curtis Margaret Walls Faye Coatney Mary McCleary

Hartville New Home Lone Star Lone Star Mtn. Valley Mtn. Valley Union Chapel New Rock Springs New Rock Springs Wolf Creek Wolf Creek Number One Union Grove Union Grove Rock Chapel Grant Avenue Mtn. Grove Mtn. Grove Cabool Ca/bool Pleasant Grove Pleasant Grove Mt. Pisgah Faith and Hope Mt. Zion No. 2

#### FAITH AND HOPE-JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Floyd Roberts, Elk Creek, Mo.

DEACONS: J. F. Miller, Willow Springs, Mo., Harmon McCart Willow Springs, Mo., Evan Coatney, Willow Springs, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Faye Coatney, Willow Springs, Mo.

#### GRANT AVENUE - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. O. T. Dixon, 305 Sunshine, Springfield, Mo. DEACONS: Lee Evans, Springfield, Mo., Raymond Kensinger, Springfield, Mo., Coday Draper, Springfield, Mo., Elmer Patton, Springfield, Mo., Shelby Smith, Springfield, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Mildred Mensinger, 2400 W. Nichols, Springfield.

#### HAPPY RIDGE — 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Morris Akers, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

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

CLERK: Doris Richardson, Norwood, Mo., route 1.

#### NEW HOME — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Cabool, Mo.

DEACONS: Claude Lawler, R. E. Kincheloe, Woodrow Lawler,

Vernice Long, Burl Austin.

CLERK: Pauline Long, Hartville, Mo.

#### NEW ROCK SPRINGS — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Carl Postlewaite, Mtn. Gnove, Mo.

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

Graff, Mo., Edgar Pembrook, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Bessie Vandivort, Cabool, Mo.

#### NUMBER ONE - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Gene Postlewaite, Huggins, Mo.

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

CLERK: Mrs. Pearl Reed Huggins, Mo.

#### CABOOL - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. O. T. All red, Cabool, Mo.

DEACONS: Cecil White, Elmer Ellis, Stanley Hanna.

CLERK: Edna Sutton, Cabool, Mo.

#### PLEASANT HOME No. 1 - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR:

DEACONS: Noel E'liott, Vanzant, Mo., Jack Wood, Austin Fogerson, Allen M. Rankin of Mtn. Grove, Mo., Erastic Davis.

CLERK: Harold Coble, Vlanzant, Mo.

#### PLEASANT HILL - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Seth Draper, 1457 Livingston, Springfield, Mo DEACONS: Jesse Young, Ralston C'axton of Hartville, Mo

CLERK: Mrs. Wilma Flake, Hartville, Mo.

#### PLEASANT GROVE - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Ronnie Turner, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Alfred Curtis, Floyd Curtis and Bert Austin of Hartville, Mo.

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

#### UNION — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Leslie Means, Willow Springs, Mo.

DEACONS: Roy K. Huff, Harold Price, of Success, Mo., Bill Shelton.

CLERK: Nolan Neal, Success, Mo.

#### UNION CHAPEL — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Donald E. Bruce, Graff, Mo.

DEACONS: Ray Hutsell, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Franklin Crewse, Graff, Mo., Hobert Crewse, Graff, Mo.

CLERK: Frieda Bruce, Graff, Mo.

#### UNION GROVE — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. R. E. Helsley, Mansfield, Mo.

DEACONS: Wm F. Kempt, Fred Ussery, Wallace Greenfield of Norwood, Mo., and B. J. Shores of Rogersville, Mo.

CLERK: Elizabeth Kempt, Norwood, Mo.

#### WOLF CREEK — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Jewel Craig, Mansfield, Mo.

DEACONS: Ernie Millsap, Otis Helsley and Chester Bennett of Mansfield, Mo.

CLERK: Dorothy Millsap, route 1, Mansfield, Mo.

#### HARTVILLE - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Wynn, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: John Adamson, Mansfield, Mo., Macy Gregory,

Hartville, Mo., Andy Browitt, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Lavelle Headley, Hartville, Mo.

HARMONY - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Gordon Heckendorn, Seymour, Mo.

DEACONS:

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

HAPPY HOME — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Marler, Seymour, Mo.

DEACONS: L. P. Robertson, Ava, Mo., Ben Dougherty, Ava, Mo., Elbert Swofford, Ava, Mo.

CLERK: Lorene Daugherty, Ava, Mo.

LEAD HILL - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR:

DEACONS: 'Judd Corder, Mansfie'd, Mo., Mose Ipock, Mansfield, Mo., J. A. Cameron, Seymour, Mo.

CLERK: Mary Alice Hosiner, Seymour, Mo.

MOUNTAIN GROVE - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Luther Gibson, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Ray Hutsell, W. K. Elliott, Edd Shannon, Charley Franklin, Jess Barker, Buck Franklin, Elmer Ellington, Elzie Edwards, Earl Hull, Riley Hutsell, Fred Shannon all of Mtn. Grove, Mo.

CLERK: Francis Elliott, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

MT. PISGAH — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Ezra Butts, Cabool, Mo.

DEACONS: James Odom, Luther Curry, Floyd Walls, Neil Hamilton of Cabool, Mo.

CLERK: Loyd Walls, route 1, Cabool, Mo.

MTN. VALLEY - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. H. B. Smith, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Bill Robinson, Raymond Smith, Roy Sanders, Clark Deeds of Mtn. Grove, Mo.

CLERK: Clobell Deeds, route 3, Mtn. Grove, Mo. MT. ZION No. 2 — JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR: Rev. Willie Bennett, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Oscar Yeager, Hartville, Mo., John Grimes, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Troy McCleary, Hartville, Mo., Darrell Willhite.

CLERK: Troy McCleary, Hartville, Mo.

ROCK CHAPEL - JULY 1964-1965

PASTOR:

DEACONS: Jim Coffman, Wess Housley, Don Raney, Shelby Housley of Norwood, Mo., Don Smith, Fred Wood, of Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Delphia Young, Norwood, Mo.

#### MINISTERS OF MISSION ASSOCIATION NOT PRESENT

Rev. Otho Means Houston, Mo. Rev. Leslie Means Willow Springs, Mo. Rev. O. T. Dixon Springfield, Mo. Rev. Thomas Boaz Springfield, Mo. Rev. Carl Postlewaite Mountain Grove, Mo. Rev. Lee Bressler Cabool, Mo. Rev. Gene Postlewaite Huggins, Mo. Rev. Willie Atherton Huggins, Mo. Rev. Ezra Butts Cabool, Mo. Rev. Clyde Montgomery Cabool. Mo. Rev. Ray Middleton Cabool, Mo. Springfield, Mo. Rev. Seth Draper Rev. Billy Price Success, Mo. Rev. Donald E. Bruce Graff, Mo. Rev. Jewell Craig Mansfield, Mo. Rev. R. E. Helsley Rev. Harold Helsley Graff, Mo. Rev. Harry Johns Springfield, Mo. Rev. B. E. Watson Springfie'd, Mo. Rev. Clella Duckworth Seymour, Mo. Rev. Floyd Roberts Elk Creek, Mo. Cabool, Mo. Rev. George Taylor Rev. Morris Akers Mtn. Grove, Mo. Rev. Bob Adkinson Cabool, Mo. Rev. Richard Knaak Cabool, Mo. Rev. Donovan Maxwell Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Ellis Cravens Rev. Leonard Keys

#### 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 Alssociation whose memory we honor and hold dear, as we hear witness of their lifes work from the hearts of men and women all over the 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. Jess Postlewaite	1960
Rev. Lee Maxwell	1960
Rev. Albert Brook	1961
Rev. Archie Halford	1962
Rev. John Silvey	1962
Rev. Thomas Halford	1962
Rev. O. L. Claxton	1962
Rev. E. E. Winfree	1965

#### 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, Church Training Service and Woman's 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, minister's 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, and 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 Forty (\$40.00) 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 a 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 the 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 beginning 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-third 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. Anyone 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 discused 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 admisistering 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.
- 17. All applicants for license or ordination shall be examined by an examining committee composed of five members, at least three of whom shall be ordained ministers, the committee to be appointed by the moderator. The Examining Committee shall interview all applicants in private and shall use the standard of examination formerly approved as resolution, to be printed in separate form and distributed to all ministers and churches in the Association.
- 18. No member of this body shall serve on the Executive Board of both this annual meeting and the quarterly meeting at the same time.
- 19. All churches that compose this body shall prepare a statistical report on the form supplied by the clerk, who is the statistician, of the association, as soon as possible after receipt of the form at the end of June each year.

#### 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 salvations. 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 offerings 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 rest, worship; holy works and activities, and for

personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment and Final Restribution. 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 appearances 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 assemblying 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 principal 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 ans 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.

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