

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
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**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

HELD WITH  
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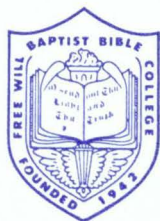
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## PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-Eighth Annual Session of Union Association of Free Will Baptists, convened with Oak Grove Church, Wright County, on Wednesday 4 P. M., September 3, 1947. Services opened by singing; prayer with Brother Oliver Letterman. The Moderator Elder Ben R. Scott called the conference in session to transact any legal business that should properly come before the body.

Called for introductory sermon which was delivered by the Moderator. Song by the class my latest Sun is Sinking fast, read for Scripture lesson 27th chapter St. Luke gospel. Beginning with 24th verse, scripture text 22 Chapter 31-32 verse. "And The Lord Said Simon, Be Hold, Satan has desired To Have you, That He May Sift you as wheat." "But I have Prayer For Thee That Thy Faith Fail Not. And when Thou art Converted, Strengthen Thy Brethern.

Brother Scott brought a good message, and good spirit existed. After a Christian hand shake, Moderator again took charge and made first call for registration. Names will appear in table of registration.

Appointed the following temporary committees.

Pulpit Committee—Brothers Verl Tate, Elza Edwards, Chas. Franklin, Lewis Moody, Fred Justice.

Credential Committee—Elders Clarence Ussery, Oliver Letterman and N. E. Snyder dismissed with prayer by Elder Wm. Mishler until 7:45 Divine Service.

Wednesday Night: Divine Service—Services opened by singing by Oak Grove class, "Song Be a Light for Jesus Every Day." Prayer by Brother Claud Smith. Song by Class, "We Shall Rise." Prayer led by Brother Leonard Keys. Scripture lesson read by Brother Letterman. 2nd Chapter-Ephesians. Beginning with 19th verse reading up to and including 22nd verse. Message by Brother Oliver Letterman. Concluded by Brother O. L. Allen. Both handled the Subject well. Dismissed with prayer by Brother A. W. Brooks, until 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning Session September 4, 1947.—Services begin by Singing. Moderator read for the scripture lesson, 90th. Psalms. Prayer by sister Linnie George. Second call for registration.

First Call For Report of Credential Committee.—Committee reported favorable on the following churches. Ellsworth. Moores Chapel, Douglas County, Happy Ridge, Fox Creek, Oak Grove, Wright County. Breeden, Pleasant Home No. 2. Motion carried, report be adopted and Delegates Seated.

Election of Officers.—Elder Clarence Ussary of Mountain Grove elected Moderator. Elder Ben R. Scott of Mountain Grove, elected assistant Moderator.

Minutes read and approved up to this time.

Call for letters from quarterly meetings, Clerk read letter from Douglas County quarterly meeting, Delegate present, Martha

Halford. Statistical Report as follows: Number of churches, 7; Number of Ministers, 15; Total membership, 334; Number of Sunday Schools, 7. State of Religion good. We have had some good revivals the past year. Austin Wright, Moderator; Oliver Letterman, Clerk. Motion carried letter be adopted. Delegates seated.

Clerk read letter from Wright County quarterly meeting. Delegates present, Marie Kelly and Rosa Owens. Statistical report as follows: We have ordained 5 young ministers as follows: Ezra Butts, Raymond Smith, Johnnie Postlewait, Leonard Keys, Henry Goodman. Given License to the following: Wade Postlewait, Willie Atherton, Amos Fagan, Mack Benson. Also received 3 new churches in the quarterly meeting as follows: Lebanon, Cabool, Ellsworth, Mt. Zion No. 1. Have paid to Treasurer of Association \$350.00.

J. E. Burney, Moderator; Riley Hustell, Clerk.

By laws read by assistant Clerk.

Call for Corresponding letters and Deleparte Clerk read letter from Cavesprings Association of Free Will Baptist the report as follows State of religion good. Resident members, 899; non-resident members, 294; members received this year, 96; number baptized, 78; number dismissed by letter, 12; excluded 5; number of prayer meetings, 5; died, 5; value of church property \$11,650.00. Amount paid Pastors \$2,455.90. Paid Evangelist \$857.24. Ordained ministers, 19.

Davie N. Cones, Moderator; N. H. Roades, Clerk.

Appointment of Committees.—The temporary pulpit committee made permanent.

Credential Committee.—Elders O. L. Allen, N. E. Snyder, Mose Johnson.

Business Committee.—Oliver Letterman, Guy Hutsell, H. B. Smith, Lee Maxwell, J. E. Burney.

Leagus Committee.—Herbert Vandivart, Johnnie Postlewait, W. E. George, Wm. Mishler.

Observance of Sabbath Committee.—Claud Smith, Leonard Keys, Leonard Cornelison.

Temperance Committee.—G. W. Scott, Jr., J. W. Oxley, A. A. Hogue.

State of Religion Committee.—Fred Wynn, C. A. McAllister, Clyde Wilson.

Sunday School Committee.—Aloth Smith, Linnie George, Leona Hutsell.

Obituary Committee.—Les Curtis, W. B. Schots, Earl Carter, Wade Postlewait, Doyle Royster.

Call for appeals from quarterly meetings. None.

Dismissed for 11 o'clock Divine Service with prayer by Brother Johnnie Postlewait.

11 O'clock Divine Service.—Service opened by singing. Song. The Old Time Christian, Guess I'm Just a Little Old Fashion. Prayer by Brother John Scott. Song by class, Glory to His Name.



Special Song by Sister Mary Moore, The Great Home Coming. Scripture lesson read by Brother Dean Moore, 5th Chapter and 28th verse of Acts, and St. John, 7th Chapter, 14th verse. Theme of subject, The Doctrine. Message by Brother Dean Moore and G. W. Scott, Jr. Both brought scriptural and spiritual message. Brother Scott called for handshake. Session of rejoicing followed.

Dismissed for noon hour with prayer by Brother Mose Johnson.

Thursday Afternoon Service.

Service opened by singing. Song, I Left The Land of Egypt. He Bore It All. Scripture lesson read by Moderator, 13th Chapter, 1st Cor. Prayer by Sister Emma Pryor. Song by class, Everybody Will Be Happy Over There.

2nd Call for Report of Credential Committee.—Reported favorable on the following churches: Lebanon, Cabool, Mountain Valley, Rock Springs, Big Creek, Cold Springs, Mt. Pisgah, New Home, Tyrone, Pleasant Ridge, Union Chapel No. 1, Providence, Moore Chapel Texas County, Pleasant Home No. 1, Pleasant Grove, Faith and Hope. Motion carried report be adopted. Delegates seated.

Brother Ben R. Scott made written statement on New Harmony Church in Dallas County as follows:

Statement concerning the New Harmony Free Will Baptist church in Dallas County, formerly of Union Association.

On September 15, 1946, the New Harmony church and Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist church, both in the same community, by mutual agreement came together in a union revival meeting. After members of both churches confessed their wrongs and begged forgiveness of each other, both churches agreed that they should discontinue as separate churches and unite as one church.

On September 30, 1946, at a special business conference, the New Harmony Church voted unanimously to discontinue as a church. After doing this, they were united with the Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist church, being in perfect agreement and peace with the members of that church.

The church then agreed to remain a member of the Niangoa Association of Free Will Baptist, since the original church of the Cedar Ridge community was a member of the association.

The forgoing business was done at Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist church on September 30, 1946.

This statement respectfully submitted to Union Association by B. R. Scott, Moderator of said Church.

After hearing Brother Scott's statement read, motion carried New Harmony Church be dropped from role of this association.

At this time an hour was given our league.

Call for Petitionary letters. None reported.

Thursday 3 o'clock Divine Service.—Service began by singing. Song, Alas And Did My Saviour Bleed. Prayer by Sister Mavis Lawler. Scripture reading, Ephesians 3rd Chapter begin-

ning at the 8th verse, and reading to the 20th verse. Scripture text 17th verse. That Christ may dwell in your heart by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love. Theme of subject, Rooted and grounded in Love. Message brought by Brother Rupert Craven & Brother G. J. Pingleton, and truly we could say the Lord was leading and God's children drank from that fountain that never runs dry.

Dismissed until 7:45. Divine service closed in prayer with Brother C. A. McAllister.

Thursday Night Divine Service.—Service began by singing by Brother E. E. Simpson. Song by Class. Special songs by Ministers of Cavesprings Association, Bearing The Cross To Wear a Crown. Scripture lesson read by Brother J. E. Rolen, 1st Chapter St. John up to 18th verse, 4th chapter 2nd Timothy. Scripture Text, Preach The Word, brought by Brother J. E. Rolen and F. J. Johnson from Cavesprings Association. Both brought good messages. Good spirit existed.

Dismissed until Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock with prayer by Brother Elmer Snyder.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened by singing.

Prayer by Brother Homer Vandivort.

Scripture lesson read by Moderator, 37th Psalms.

Credential Committee reports that Sister Rosa Simpson, formerly of Douglas County quarterly meeting now in Jefferson City, Missouri, sends three dollars for the benefit of the association. Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Sister Simpson.

Third call for report of Credential Committee, reported favorable on the following churches: Mt. Zion No. 2, Mountain Grove, Willow Springs No. 1, and Friendship. Motion carried report be adopted and delegated seated.

Call for report of Temperance Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows

"We, as your temperance committee, would recommend that all people abstain from all things to the extreme and from things that are unholy. Since we are slowly winning back prohibition, may we pledge ourselves anew to do all we can to wipe out the liquor business entirely."

Signed: Geo. W. Scott, John Oxley, and A. A. Hogue.

Call for report of State of Religion Committee. Motion carried that report be adopted as follows.

"We, the committee on the State of Religion, wish to submit the following report: We find that there is a continuing growth of churches as there has been three more churches organized since the last setting of the association. Good success is reported of most all the revivals. We feel that there is a lot of work to be done and our prayer should be that we all get the cause at heart

to the extent that God will open the fields and we ministers get in them and preach the full Gospel that it may grow and keep growing.

Signed: Fred Wynn, Clyde E. Wilson, and C. A. McAllister.

Call for report of Obituary Committee. Report referred back to Obituary Committee until all churches were in.

Motion carried examination of licensing and ordination of ministers to be done privately by the ordained ministers. They will recommend to the association and the association will accept or reject.

Call for report of Observance of the Sabbath Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

"We, as your committee, recommend that all of God's people should not forsake the assembling of themselves together for worship of God and the Observance of the Sabbath. We further recommend that the Free Will Baptist abstain from all worldly amusements at all times so that our church might have a greater drawing power among the world—For ye are the light of the World, Matt. 5-14.

Signed: Eld. Claud Smith, Eld. Leonard Keys and  
Eld. W. L. Cornelison.

Call for report of Executive Board. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

"The executive board met August 30, 1946, and organized as follows: Eld. A. W. Brooks, chairman; Eld. Oliver Letterman, vice chairman; and Eld. Fred Wynn and Eld. Leo Curtis as members. Claud Smith, secretary and treasurer.

**Financial Report:**

Money on hand at beginning of year .....	\$423.30
Money received this year .....	\$393.00

Total .....	\$816.30
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**Expenses:**

Paid Evangelist this year .....	\$745.00
Balance on hand .....	\$ 71.30

Signed: Rev. Leo Curtis, Fred Wynn, A. W. Brook, Oliver Letterman and Claud Smith.

Call for Treasurer's report. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR UNION ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Money on Hand From Last Association .....	\$110.55
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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Paid C. W. Burkhead For Printing Minutes .....	\$80.84
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Paid Committee Fees for Examining Manuscript

For Minutes. H. B. Smith \$2.00. L. C. Jones

\$2.00 and Mr. J. E. Burney \$2.00 Making a



total to Committee for .....	\$ 6.00	
Clerical Work .....	\$ 20.00	
Paid Mtn. Grove Journal for Printing .....		
Ministers Yearly Report .....	\$ 3.50	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$110.34</b>	<b>\$110.34</b>
<b>BALANCE</b> .....		<b>.21</b>
<b>SIGNED: John N. Pryor, Treasurer</b>		

Call for a report of corresponding Delegate. Bro. G. W. Scott, Jr. made written report on Cave Springs association as follows:

"Report of Rev. Geo. W. Scott of his visit to the Cave Springs Association: I attended said association and am happy to report a fine visit and was received and given a seat in council and to the very best of my observation I can see a good growth of interest in the work of the Lord in this Association. They have had some wonderful revivals and a good number of souls saved and are going forward in the Master's work.

Bro. Oliver Letterman made written report on Missouri Association of General Baptist as follows:

"Missouri Association of General Baptist given a seat in Council. I was especially impressed with the zeal for the Salvation of Souls as there was eighteen conversions during the Association."

SIGNED: Oliver Letterman.

Call for report of Evangelist. Bro. Leo Curtis makes report as follows:

#### REPORT OF LEO CURTIS, EVANGELIST

Miles traveled .....	4,010
Sermons preached .....	184
Professions Witnessed .....	120
Received in Church .....	30
Churches Organized .....	2
Money reveived from Union Association .....	\$745.00
Visited Churches .....	8
Revivals held .....	12
Number Baptised .....	43
Help ordain one deacon .....	1
Funerals conducted .....	8
Money received from the people .....	\$434.80

Call for election of member of excutive board. Bro. Fred Wynn elected for term of five years.

Bro. E. E. Simpson from Cave Springs Association, made short talk thanking Oak Grove Church and the association for kindness shown the Cave Springs delegation and inviating dele-

gation to their association.

Motion carried, we give standing vote of thanks to the Caves Springs Delegation for visiting us.

Dismissed for 11:00 o'clock Divine Services with prayer by Sister Beulah Edwards.

### 11 O'CLOCK DIVINE SERVICE—FRIDAY

Services began by singing, "He Bore It All."

Prayer by Bro. Austin Wright

Special song by Sister Mary Moore. Song: "Stand By Me."

Scripture reading 95th Chapter Psalms.

Text, Hebrew 12th Chapter, 13th Verse, Stand Ye In The Old Way.

Message by Brother Lester Lawler and Brother Claud Smith.

After Christian hand shake, dismissed by Brother Dean Moore for noon hour.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing. Scripture lesson was read by Moderator: 15th Chapter of St. John. Prayer with Johnie Postewart.

Fourth and last Call for report of Credential Committee, reported favorable on the following churches. Union Chapel No. 2. Union. Oak Grove, Texas County, Happy Ridge No. 2, Pleasant Hill, Wolf Creek, Mt. Zion, Willow Spring No. 2. Motion carried reported be adopted. Delegates seated.

Call for Obituary Committee Report. Motion carried, report be adopted as follows: We your committee on Obituaries, submit the following report. Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father, to call from labor to reward, since our last Association the following named Brethren and Sisters, to-wit:

Bro. George Gentry, Willow Springs No. 2

Deacon Tom Lawler, Pleasant Grove

Sister Mary Garrison, Pleasant Ridge

Sister Viva Bailey, Big Creek

Sister Maggie McGowan, Providence

Sister Jane Butcher, Oak Grove.

Bro. Bud Helsey, Oak Grove

Bro. Kingsley Spillman, Oak Grove

Bro. August Curtis, Pleasant Home

Bro. Earl Ganns, Elsworth

Bro. G. H. Mayfield, Mt. Zion No. 2

Deacon Al Massey, Number One

Elder Levi Koch, Number One

Bro. Charlie Cantrell, Number One

Bro. Frank Long, Mt. Valley

Bro. Madison Hutsell, Union Chapel

Bro. M. M. Christner, Union Chapel No. 2

Sister Clara Hicks, Union Chapel  
Sister Pauline Wolfe, Union  
Bro. Andrew Duren, Pleasant Hill  
Sister Mary Duren, Pleasant Hill

While they are greatly missed in our Churches and in our homes, we submit our will to our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well. We feel that our loss is their gain.

Signed: Leo Curtis, Wm. W. Postlewait, Earl Carter, Doyle Royster and W. B. Sheets.

Credential Committee Reports: Mt. Olive Church, near Odin, disbanded. Mt. Olive Church near Smittle, not active, and without pastor. Meritt Church, not represented.

Requests of Churches Taken Up. Brother Earl Austin of Mountain Grove church. Brother Stanley Letterman of Willow Springs church, were ordained to preach the Gospel. Brother Lester Lawler, prayed ordination prayer. Brother Oliver Letterman gave the charge. They were given right hand of fellowship, together with Brother Everett Leach from Moore's Chapel, church No. 2. License for one year to Preach the Gospel.

Call for report of business committee. Motion carried resolution No. 2, be adopted as follows: Resolution No. 2. Be it Resolved that since we do not have an Evangelist at present, that we urge our Churches to continue to send their Financial support to the Quarterly Meeting to be used at the disposal of the Quarterly Meeting. Oliver Letterman. H. B. Smith. Lee Maxwell. J. E. Burney. G. E. Hutsell. Credential committee reports Bro. John Scott gave \$1.00 benefit of association.

Mountain Grove Church and Wolf Creek Church, requests, that next session of the Association meet with them. By vote of the Conference, next session to be held with Mtn. Grove church.

Bro. Fred Wynn selected to preach Introductory Sermon with Bro. G. W. Scott, Jr., as alternate.

Call for report of League Committee. Motion carried that report be adopted as follows. We your Committee on Leagues submit the following report. After seeing and hearing of the benefits of the League work among both the old and the young people of our churches that do have a League, we urge that all pastors and ministers recommend and maintain a League in each of our Churches. We recommend also that each League be organized and governed by the F. W. B. League Manual and that all Leagues become a member of the Quarterly League Rally, and be represented by letter and delegate to each Rally. Wm. Mishler. Herbert Vandivort. W. E. George. John Postlewaite.

Thanks by the League Committee for the hour given them by the Association. We the Committee of Leagues of 1946, wish to express our thanks to this Union Association of 1947, for the hour that was given us, to present to this Association the benefits of having and maintaining a F. W. B. League, in each of our Churches. We feel by the reading of this program by various



members of the League of our Churches, that our people have been convinced of the necessity of a League in their church, as the means of training our youth for future services in our churches. Herbert Vandivort. Wm. Mishler. Johnnie Postlewaite.

Final report of all committees.

All committees discharged.

Call for election of corresponding delegates:

To Cave Springs Association. Bro. W. E. George, Verl Tate. N. E. Snyder. Wade Postelwait. The Association meets with Sonyrna Church near Alton, Thursday evening, before 4th Sunday in August.

To Laclede County Association of F. W. B. Bro. Ben R. Scott. L. C. Jones, meets on Thursday before 3rd Sunday of August.

To Missouri Association of General Baptist. Meets on Thursday before 3rd Sunday in September, near Luta. Ben R. Scott. C. W. Scott, Jr.

To Little Vine Association of General Baptist. Meets with Burnham Church September 11th. Delegates: Jeff Postelwait. Henry Goodman.

Call for report of Sunday School Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows. We your committee on Sunday Schools, recommend that the Bible, King James Version, and urge all of our Churches to use Free Will Baptist Literature and that all teachers and officers be Christians. We do earnestly beg every father and mother to take their children to Sunday School instead of sending them alone. We ask our Ministers to preach at least once a year on Sunday School and its benefits. Aloth Smith. Linnie George. Leona Hutsell.

Elder Verl Tate selected to deliver farewell address.

Vote of thanks given Oak Grove Church and community for their kindness and hospitality in taking care of the Association.

Oak Grove Church gives the association a vote of thanks for meeting with them.

Motion carried we have 1,000 minutes printed.

Motion carried that same committee be appointed to examine Manuscript with clerk that examined 1947 Manuscript.

Motion carried to give vote of thanks to Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk for fairness and work done.

At this time Bro. Verl Tate gave short farewell address and called for parting hand shake.

Motion carried we stand adjourned to meet with Mountain Grove Church on Wednesday, 4 p. m., before 1st Sunday in September, 1948.

Closing prayer with Bro. Earl Austin.

Clarence Ussery, Moderator; Ben R. Scott, Assistant Moderator; John N. Pryor, Clerk and Emma Pryor, Assistant Clerk.

# STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Churches	Church Sunday	Amount for Minutes	Total Membership	Members Received	Members dis. by Letter	Members Excluded	Members Died	Amt. Paid Pastor	Amt. for Evangelist
New Hope	1st	\$ 3.00	31					\$ 196.50	\$ 93.48
Pleasant Ridge No. 2	1st	2.50	39	7			1		
Mt. Zion No. 2	E4	2.00	68	7	4		1	172.10	234.00
Willow Springs	1-3	2.50	154	14				432.69	148.51
Pleasant Ridge No. 1	4th	5.00	70					219.47	15.00
Willow Springs No. 2	1st	2.00	53	20			2	71.84	27.02
Pleasant Hill	1st	1.00	152				2		
Faith and Hope	FT	1.00	37	2	2			180.00	55.00
Pleasant Grove	1-3	2.00	50	2	1		1	201.50	80.58
Number One	2-4	3.50	124				3	325.80	15.26
Breeden	3rd	2.00	50	3				101.20	7.00
Union Chapel No. 2	4th	2.43	40		4		2	218.87	9.00
Cabool F. W. Bap.	FT	2.50	33	11				25.80	81.60
Big Creek	2-4	3.00	140	6	2		1	376.97	156.00
Wolf Creek	1-3	5.00	39	6				255.50	112.00
Oak Grove T. C.	1-3	3.56	39	4				207.65	180.40
Mountain Valley	2-4	5.00	114	4				300.00	233.70
Mt. Zion No. 1	1st	2.00	17						1.00
Happy Ridge No. 2	3rd	1.00	17	6	3			83.90	38.40
Friendship	1st	2.50	71					120.00	10.00
Cold Springs	4th	2.00	27			1		97.20	
Elsworth	1-3	1.00	17				1	102.23	
Moore Chapel	2-4	2.50	13	2				136.36	91.00
Oak Grove W. C.	FT	10.00	153	7	3			571.25	101.25
Providence	FT	3.00	79	3	3		1	460.00	236.50
Happy Ridge	2-4	2.00	25	2					
Fox Creek	1st	2.00	35	1				73.35	
Union Chapel	2-4	2.00	130	3	3	12	1	259.80	
Mt. Pisgah	1-3	2.00	75	7	2			207.55	64.00
Tyrone	FT	2.00	36	4				224.88	34.00
Pleasant Home No. 1	4th	1.50	37		3			110.47	137.91
Union	1-3	2.00	61		2		1	173.47	
Mountain Grove	FT	2.00	164	27	2			1,435.00	520.00
Moore's Chapel No. 2	3rd	2.00	16	5				99.85	65.00
Rock Spring	FT	5.00	99	6	1			401.00	175.00
Pleasant Home No. 2	2nd	3.00	52		4		1	78.61	25.77
Lebanon	FT	5.00	22						

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Received in church _____	159
Number Baptised _____	187
Numbers dismissed by letter _____	39
Excluded _____	13
Died _____	18
Total membership _____	2384
Money for minutes _____	\$102.49
Paid for preaching _____	\$17,354.76

### Condition of Treasury at Close of Association

Money on hand from last association _____	\$ .21
Money received at Association _____	105.40
<b>TOTAL</b> _____	<b>\$105.61</b>

We, your examining committee, have this 14th day of October, 1947, examined the manuscript with Bro. Pryor, and approve of the manuscript as formulated.

**SIGNED: H. B. Smith, J. E. Burney**



# STATISTICAL REPORT

Ministers Names	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Held	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Professions Witnessed	Baptised	Recd. into Church	Miles Traveled	Money Received
W. L. Cornelison	4	4	2	130	31	26	18	6842	\$ 253.79
H. B. Smith	11	4		83	7	7			545.15
Floyd Roberts	2	1	1	112	5			1296	228.38
Oliver Letterman	2	4	3	152	23	7	8	2970	539.10
Lee Maxwell	1	3	1	106	31	2	9	2418	370.27
Stanley Letterman			1	41	1			1775	80.25
Orvil Stephens			2	59		3	1	1087	177.75
Fred Wynn	3	5	2	162	40	19	20	4168	1,305.96
A. A. Hogue	2	3	2	92	5	5	5	1386	440.80
Walter E. George		4	1	117	26	20	12	3973	477.12
Leonard Keys		3	1	84	34	8	3	1760	204.35
Lester Lawler	2	3	2	125	14	4	7	3488	749.51
Leo R. Curtis	8	12		184	120	30	43	3990	1,179.80
Henry Goodman		2		57	15			2750	9.12
Geo. W. Scott, Jr.	35	3	1	185	82	27	19		2,114.00
T. C. Holford	1	1	1	62	3			1092	118.24
Preston Branstetter		5	1	63	11	5	2	2848	102.00
Verl Tate	2	1	1	130	9	5	4	5161	532.00
Owen Saladin				22				1072	56.66
Claud J. Smith	2		1	40				300	225.97
Lester Jones	1	3	1	125	29	6	8	1016	549.00
Herbert Vandivort		2	1	123	8	3	4	2280	550.26
B. R. Scott	3	7	2	165	45	9	11	6750	1,140.64
G. E. Hutsell		3	2	107	11	7	4	4383	536.91
J. E. Burney	5	1	1	85	6	7		2000	242.00
Moses Johnson			1	25				400	286.87
W. H. Stephens	2			34				391	41.91
N. E. Snyder	1	3		217	2			776	427.10
Wm. Mishler	2	2	1	112	15	9	9	5000	1,070.00

# REGISTRATION OF MINISTERS

Name	Address
O. L. Allen	2119 Franklin Ave., Springfield, Mo.
N. E. Snyder	Huggins, Mo.
G. W. Scott, Jr.	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Verl Tate	2027 N. Taylor Ave., Springfield, Mo.
H. T. Edwards	Norwood, Mo.
William Mishler	Norwood, Mo.
Clarence Ussery	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Henry Goodman	Elk Creek, Mo.
Leonard Keys	Mansfield, Mo.
Mack Hall	Tyrone, Mo.
Oliver Letterman	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Ben R. Scott	Mountain Grove, Mo.
A. W. Brooks	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Claud Smith	Macomb, Mo.
Leonard Cornelison	Elk Creek, Mo.
J. E. Burney	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Leo Curtis	Cabool, Mo.
Claud Smith	Macomb, Mo.
A. A. Hogue	Cabool, Mo.
H. B. Smith	Mountain Grove, Mo.
John Ratterree	Huggins, Mo.
J. H. Johnston	Drury, Mo.
Herbert Vandivort	Cabool, Mo.
Wm. W. Postlewait	Huggins, Mo.
Esra Butts	Huggins, Mo.
Preston Branstetter	Mountain Grove, Mo.
W. E. George	Mountain Grove, Mo.
C. A. McAllister	Lebanon, Mo.
G. E. Hutsell	Huggins, Mo.
Fred Wynn	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Charley Edwards	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Lee Maxwell	Huggins, Mo.
Clyde Wilson	Huggins, Mo.
Johnie Postlewait	Mountain Grove, Mo.
John Oxley	Cabool, Mo.
Otis Sparks	Cabool, Mo.
H. G. Barr	Cabool, Mo.
Stanley Letterman	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Tom Halford	Brushy Knob, Mo.
Clyde Rutledge	Elk Creek, Mo.
Lester Lawler	Hartville, Mo.
Floyd Roberts	Cabool, Mo.
Owen Saladin	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Mose Johnson	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Austin Wright	Seymour, Mo.
Lester Jones	Bendavis, Mo.

## DEACONS

Elza Edwards	Doyle Royster
Chas. Franklin	Berl Haleburton
Lewis Moody	John McAllester
Fred Justice	Vern Altis
Walter Sheets	John Hickman
Earl Hull	Earl Copeland
Earnie Millsap	W. T. Robertson
Luther Curtis	J. H. Wagner
W. E. Hutsell	Earl Carter
H. E. Wilson	J. L. Carter
H. H. Vandivort	Bill Moore
O. P. Malone	Oscar Yeager
Ed Fagan	Richard Merritt
Riley Hutsell	Iven Stephens
Fred Hagen	George Goodman
Lee Stilley	Fred Pamperien
Sherman Grey	E. A. Lund

## VISITING MINISTERS AND WIVES

Rupert Cravens	Kansas City, Mo.
F. D. Johnson	Cave Springs, Mo.
J. E. Rolan	Thayer-Alton, Mo.
E. E. Simpson	Cave Springs, Mo.
Dean Moore and Wife	California
Henry Long and Wife	Phillipsburg, Mo.
G. J. Pingleton	Cave Springs, Mo.

## DELEGATES

Homer Raney	Frank Smart
Ella Fletcher	Grace Blankenship
Nettie Malone	Dola Cooper
Omega Curtis	Luther Cooper
Fred Raney	Carm McKinney
Martha Halford	Martha McKenney
Marie Kelley	Luther Sparks
Rosa Owens	Evert Haven
Ray Hutsell	Amey Emerson
Mattie Hutsell	Grace Royster
Lola Gray	Olive Adamson
Raymond Gray	R. E. Adamson
Juanita Irish	Nettie Middleton
Dorothy Hennesinger	Mary Pamperien
Verda Stilley	Hazel Hutsell
Ruby Montgomery	Alta Hanna
Retha Lawler	Della Findley
Edra Venable	Sylva Pyles
Frank Biggs	Bessie Edwards
Rosa Biggs	Scott Edwards
Cora Burris	Dorce Gaforth
Ruby Smith	Sister Bill Sherman
Ralph Odum	Mildred Oxley John Oxley
Edwin Roberts	Fern Kiser Opal V. Huff
Audra Smart	Bill Sherman Oscar Sherman



## MINISTER'S WIVES

Oma Scott	Aloth Smith
Alice Burney	Gladis Wynn
Florence Ratterree	Martha Halford
Lennie George	Ollie Wilson
Minnie Ussey	Estella Edwards
Leona Hutsell	Edna Saladin
Verba Smith	Elsa Roberts
Mable Postlewait	Hazel Stephens
Mildred Butts	Ollie Johnson
Bessie Vandivort	Eva Wright
Bertie Mishler	Shirley Goodman
Tassie Branstetter	Bessie Keys
Beulah Edwards	Golda Tate

## CHURCH CLERKS

Name	Name of Church	Address
Hazel Stephens—Friendship		Ava, Mo.
Edna Sutton—Oak Grove, Texas Co.		Cabool, Mo.
Letha Franklin—Mountain Valley		Mountain Grove, Mo.
Hazel Pridemore—Mt. Zion No. 1		Norwood, Mo.
Nancy Goodman Browne—Happy Ride No. 2		Elk Creek, Mo.
E. A. Lund—Pleasant Ridge No. 1		Mansfield, Mo.
Maude Smith—Cold Springs		Norwood, Mo.
Gillie Reeves—Faith and Hope		Willow Springs, Mo.
Rose Comer—Elsworth Church		Licking, Mo.
Hazel Altis—Providence		Cabool, Mo., Route 2
Edna Saladin—Oak Grove, Wright Co.		Mountain Grove, Mo.
May Dean Sparks—Willow Springs No. 2		Vanzant, Mo.
Dorothy Hall—Tyrone		Tyrone, Mo.
Pansy Skinner—Happy Ridge No. 1		Norwood, Mo.
Mary Bittick—Pleasant Home No. 1		Cabool, Mo.
Martha Coffman—Mt. Grove		Mountain Grove, Mo.
Hattie Hull—Fox Creek		Mountain Grove, Mo., Route 3
John Hutsell—Union Chapel		Graff, Mo.
Floyd Walls—Mt. Pisgah		Cabool, Mo., Route 2
Frankie Bowen—Moore's Chapel		Willow Springs, Mo., Rt. 2
Nolan Neal—Union		Success, Mo.
Hershel Freeman—Rock Springs		Bendavis, Mo.
Opal Pamperien—Pleasant Home No. 2		Buckhart, Mo.
Ed C. Shannon—Moore's Chapel		Mountain Grove, Mo.
Ruth Hickman—Pleasant Hill		Hartville, Mo.
Pansy Lee Garner—Mt. Zion No. 2		Hartville, Mo.
Mavis Lawler—Pleasant Grove		St. George, Mo.
Laurine Maxwell—Number One		Huggins, Mo.
Leo Letterman—Breedon		Ava, Mo., Route 3
Addie Long—New Home		Hartville, Mo., Rt. 5
Olva Fry—Willow Springs		Mountain Grove, Mo., Rt. 5
Ivy McCoy—Pleasant Ridge No. 2		Embree, Mo.
Earl Aldridge—Cabool		Cabool, Mo.

Clea Brandy—Big Creek ..... Yukon, Mo.  
 Dorothy Millsap—Wolf Creek ..... Mansfield, Mo.  
 Maude Kuster—Union Chapel No. 2 ..... Mountain Grove Rt. 6  
 Gladis Montgomery—Lebanon ..... Lebanon, Mo.

### CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Dorothy Millsap	Edna Saladin
Gillie Reeves	Hazel Altis
Maud Smith	Mavis Lawler
John Hutsell	Rosa Comer
Fred Shannon	Pansylee Garner
Hazel Stephens	

### 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 this 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 obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, 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 forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances 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 another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak; encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 on 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 School, and 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.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the 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 is 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 Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.

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 of grace, not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation, His posterity, therefore, inherited 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 the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or 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 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. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men became His elect.

10. Freedom of Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, 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 water of Life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of your life, have the 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, and the ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy work, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

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 shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Quarterly Meetings and churches, to perpetuate our union and communion among us and preserve and maintain a correspondence among each other in our union; therefore, we propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government.

1. This Association shall be called the Union Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

2. The acting members of the conference of this association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members of their respective churches while in conference, together with all ministers, deacons and church 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 Permanent Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually, and hold their office until their successors shall be elected; a permanent Clerk and Treasurer, who shall superintend the printing of the minutes; an Executive Board of five members whose duty it shall



be to transact all business of this Association when this body is not in session, and whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years; and at the expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected. And further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association; all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

4. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting or church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with this denomination in doctrine and practices in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sabbath Schools, Missions, temperance, and education, may be received into this Association by presenting a petition asking to be received; and ministers and deacons desiring to become members, must be recommended by the church to which they belong, appear in person and then by a vote of this Association, when such vote shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

5. This Association shall have power to discipline its Quarterly Meetings and churches, exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; or ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the Quarterly Meetings or churches may refer to them; to make any rules or By-Laws necessary to its regulation and not inconsistent with its Constitution; but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of its Quarterly Meetings or in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical power over the Quarterly Meetings or churches composing this Association.

6. The sessions of this Association shall be held with only such churches that call for it by a vote of the church while in conference, and when two or more churches make such a request for the same session, it shall be decided by a vote and the majority of all votes cast shall be final.

7. The sessions of the Association shall convene annually at four o'clock p. m. on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates, and send written reports. The Quarterly Meetings are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, ministers licensed or ordained, and appeals if any have been taken. The churches are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, names and addresses of their ministers and clerks, the names of their deacons, meeting days, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as

may be referred to them through their committees; and transact such other business, not repugnant to this Constitution nor to the usages of the denomination as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the Quarterly Meetings and churches within the limits of this Association.

8. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches, to point out their interests and aid them in securing pastors, to put out evangelists and other ministers in places where Gospel is most needed, and require a written annual report of each minister belonging to this body.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority of all members at any regular session of this Association, when written notice setting forth the exact intended alterations or amendments shall have been given at previous meetings.

### BY-LAWS

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present the Moderator, or in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall take charge: and if neither are present, then the senior minister in years of service shall act as Moderator.

2. All persons declared by the Committee on Credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this Association and accepted by this body, are hereby made full members of this Association.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business; a less number shall adjourn until that number is present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and closed by prayer.

5. All Christians shall be entitled to a seat in council and may take part in all discussions, but members only shall be allowed to vote.

6. Any ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of all members voting.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. It shall be the duty of the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire, shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.

9. All business, except routine, shall be brought before this 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 this body by any member, but cannot be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

10. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all

members of the committee who favor them, and if the names be not a majority of all members of the Committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

11. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will lead to discord and division.

12. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak until recognized by the Moderator.

13. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.

14. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or uses words that cast reflection upon the denomination or of one or more of its members.

15. This Association may correspond by message or otherwise with other religious bodies.

16. Anyone violating these By-Laws shall be subject to a public reprimand by the Moderator.

17. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the Constitution or By-Laws, and overrule the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

18. Each minister shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association, provided there is no charge against him.

19. No minister of this Association shall pastor any church that has been excluded from this or any other association until they set their house in order.

20. The ordaining or licensing council shall be composed of only ordained ministers of the Association in good standing, present at each session.

21. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

This conference will open each day at 8:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Preaching each day at 11:00 and at night; Thursday at 3:00 p. m.

1. Convene on Wednesday at four o'clock p. m.

2. Praised by congregation.

3. Clerk calls the Association into conference.

4. Clerk calls the Moderator to the chair.

5. Moderator calls for the introductory sermon.

6. Enrollment of ministers, ministers wives, deacons and church clerks.

7. Appointment of committees on Credentials and Divine Services, temporary.

8. Call for letters from churches.
9. Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings.
10. Call or petitionary letters.
11. Call for report of Committee on Credentials.
12. Seat delegates and give right hand of fellowship.
13. Roll call.
14. Elect a Moderator and assistant.
15. Invite all Christians to seats in council.
16. Call for corresponding letters and delegates.
17. Seat delegates.
18. Read the By-Laws.
19. Appointment of committees.
20. Call for appeal from Quarterly Meetings.
21. Call for report of Executive Board.
22. Call for Treasurer's report.
23. Call for report of Evangelist.
24. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
25. Elect a member of Executive Board, or more if vacancy exists.
26. Miscellaneous business.
27. Moderator inquires: Are all churches represented?
28. Call for ordination of ministers.
29. Call for pastorless churches.
30. Call for ministers' written report.
31. Call for election of Evangelist.
32. Elect corresponding delegates.
33. Report of all committees.
34. Determination of numbers of minutes to be printed.
35. Call for money for minutes.
36. Elect someone to deliver farewell address.
37. Call for vote of thanks to Moderator.
38. Call for vote of thanks to church and community.
39. Select place of next annual session.
40. Select someone to preach introductory sermon.
41. Final report of committees.
42. Discharge all committees.
43. Adjourn with prayer.



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