

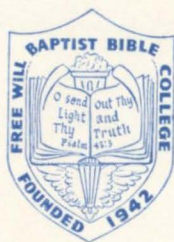
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PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the Canadian Association met with Vanzant Church seven miles southwest of Paden, Oklahoma on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August 1933.

Song, "I'll Fly Away." Prayer by Bro. W. P. Scott. Introductory sermon by Bro. W. K. Smith followed by Bro. W. H. Carter. Text, Psalms 133.1 (Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethern to dwell together in unity) After a good service arrangement committee was appointed, Bro. Raymond Vanzant, B. M. Harwell and Vester Watkins.

Adjourned until 8:30 Friday morning. Dismissed by Bro. W. T. Walden.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment opened by singing, "Amazing Grace." Moderator read 23 psalm. Prayer by Bro. W. D. McCready.

Call for Church letters;; Letters was read, received and delegates seated and given right hand of fellowship. From the following churches, Allen, Shady Grove, Antioch, East Liberty, Peaceful Home, Rock, Okfuskee, Vanzant and Paden.

Motion carried that we give alternates a seat in council with us.

Election of Officers

Moderator	Eld. W. K. Smith
Ass't. Moderator	Eld. J. T. Champion
Clerk	Bro. J. H. West
Ass't. Clerk	Sister Ethel Eason

Call for petitionary letters: West Liberty responded. Motion carried we receive the letter and seat delegates.

Moderator read rules of order.

Visiting brethren and sisters invited to seats in council with us.

Committees appointed as follows:

Devotion—Brothers C. R. Green, G. W. Baker and B. M. Mayfield.

Resolution—Brothers W. P. Scott, W. T. Walden and J. W. Reddick.

Finance—Sisters Rosa Carter, Susie Scott, and Mina Burden.

Temperance—Sisters Lee Burden, Janie Champion, and Levia Smith.

Sunday Schools—Brother T. R. Kampplain, Lee Burden and E. M. Grey.

Obituary—Brothers Jim Bentley, J. F. Adams and C. F. Purguson.

The devotion committee reported that Bro. W. T. Walden would preach at 11:00 o'clock followed by Bro. Arthur Reed.

Motion carried that we ordain deacons from West Liberty church. Namely Brothers Will England, Jeff Hames and Elzie Daniels. We proceeded with ordination.

Ordaining Council Brothers J. T. Champion, W. H. Carter and B. M. Mayfield. We give Deacons right hand of fellowship.

CHURCH LETTERS

Allen Church, Weleetka, Okla.—Meeting day the first Sunday in each month. Members received by confession 30, by letters six. Resident members 114, non-resident 23, total in full fellowship 137. Minute

money \$3.08. We have chosen brothers Lee Burden, J. W. Reddick and Sister Emma Reddick as our delegates.

Eld. W. D. McCready, Moderator, Sister Mina Burden, Weleetka, Okla., Route 1. Clerk.

East Liberty Church, Hanna, Okla.—Meeting day the third Sunday in each month. Members received by confession nine, dismissed by letter 3, excluded 4, died 1, resident members 34, non-resident members 10, total in full fellowship 44. Minute money \$3.00. We have chosen Brothers Robert Hames and Jim Hames as our delegates.

Eld W. D. McCready, Moderator, Sister Tressie Housely, Hanna, Okla., Route 2. Clerk.

Shady Grove Church, Wetumka, Okla.—Meeting day fourth Sunday in each month. Members received by confession 3, by statement 7, total membership 26. Minute money \$2.00. We have chosen Brothers T. R. Kamplain and D. P. Penrod as delegates. We have chosen Eld. B. S. Walker as our pastor for next year. Eld. W. P. Scott, Moderator, Beulah Webb, Wetumka, Okla. Clerk.

Paden Church, Paden, Okla.—Meeting day second Sunday in each month. Members received six, baptized 6, dismissed 3, total membership 53. Paid pastor \$50. Minute money \$3.00. We have chosen Sister McMullen and Ewing as delegates.

Eld. W. D. McCready, Moderator, Oscar Baker, Paden, Okla. Clerk.

Peaceful Home Church, Okemah, Okla.—Meeting day fourth Sunday in each month. Members received by confession 15, by letter 6, dismissed by letter 2, resident members 18, non-resident members 1, total 19. Minute money \$1.00. We have chosen Brothers G. B. Adams and John Lewis as delegates.

Eld. J. T. Champion, Moderator, Noma Yarbrough, Okemah, Okla. Route 1. Clerk.

Vanzant Church, Paden, Okla.—Meeting.. day fourth Sunday in each month. Paid pastor \$21.00. Dropped one member by request, total membership 22. Minute money \$1.50. We have chosen Brothers Pete Hatfield and Arthur Vanzant as delegates.

Eld. W. D. McCready, Moderator, Helen Vanzant, Paden, Okla., Route 1. Clerk.

Okfuskee Church, Okfuskee, Okla.—Meeting day third Sunday in each month. Members receive by confession two, by letter four, dismissed by letter six, resident members 35. Minute money \$1.00.

Eld. J. T. Champion, Moderator, Bro. Ed Adams, Okemah, Okla., Route 1. Clerk.

Rock Church, Welty, Okla.—Meeting day second Sunday in each month. Minute money \$1.00. Membership not stated. We have chosen Brothers Melton Vanzant and Will Colens as delegates.

Eld. J. T. Champion, Moderator, Sister M. E. Vanzant, Welty, Okla. Clerk.

Antioch Church, Wetumka, Okla.—Meeting day fourth Sunday in each month. Received two members, transfered to Allen church one, resident members 17, non-resident one, total 18. Minute money \$1.00. We have chosen Sisters Ethel Eason and Dora Duck as delegates. Eld. W. K. Smith is our pastor for next year.

Eld. W. P. Scott, Moderator, Sister Lucy Smith, Wetumka, Okla. Route 4, Box 61. Clerk.

Petitionary Letters

West Liberty Church, Hanna, Okla.—Organized July 19, 1933. Membership 32. Minute money \$3.00. We have chosen Brothers Rodgers, M. G. Mouser

and Alfred Benson as delegates. Eld. McClain as pastor for next year.

Deacon C. R. Green, Moderator, Theora Layman, Hanna, Okla. Route 1. Clerk.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 2:00 p. m.

11 O'CLOCK FRIDAY

Opened by singing, "I Am Resolved." Prayer by Bro. J. W. Reddick. Bro. W. T. Walden preached text Hebrews 4:11, "Let Us Labor Therefore to Enter Into That Rest." He was followed by Bro. Arthur Reed. The subject was ably discussed. Dismissed by Moderator.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, "Higher Ground." Prayer by Bro. W. H. Carter. Motion carried that our Quarterly meetings be changed from a fixed time to the regular appointment of the church it meets with. And that we only elect preacher to preach introductory sermon at first Quarterly meeting.

Motion carried that we receive committee on Ministerial standing and character and discharge committee.

Devotional Committee reports that Bro. J. T. Champion will preach Friday night followed by Bro. W. D. McCready.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint committee on ministerial standing and character. Brothers C. R. Green, J. F. Adams, J. H. West, B. M. Mayfield and Lee Burden was appointed on this committee. Motion carried that we hold the first Quarterly meeting at Shady Grove Church, Thursday night before 4th Sunday in November 1933. Bro. J. W. Reddick to preach introductory sermon. Bro. W. D. McCready

alternate. Second Quarterly meeting to be held with Antioch Church, Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in February, 1934. The third to be held with Paden Church, Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1934.

Allen and Paden churches called for the association for the year 1934, Allen church was selected. Bro. W. K. Smith to preach introductory sermon. Bro. T. R. Kampplaine alternate.

Motion carried that we have 300 minutes printed and have the Church Covenant added, also let clerk have minutes printed where he thinks best.

Motion carried that we add the word Sisters to our association letter.. Report of resolution committee received.

Motion carried that we receive Finance committee and retain committee.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 8:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed by Bro. W. P. Scott.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing, "I'll Fly Away," a Junior choir directed by the school teacher Sister Olia Jones was enjoyed by all prayer by sister Levia Smith a wonderful testimony service held after which Bro. J. T. Champion preached text 1 Cor. 13-13 followed by Bro. W. D. McCready a wonderful service was had.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called together by singing, "There is a fountain." Moderator read John 15:1 to 10. Prayer by Bro. J. H. West.

Motion carried we receive committee on Sunday Schools and discharge committee.

Motion carried that we donate our shed at We-

tumka, Okla., to Shady Grove Church. There was several good talks on finance system.

Motion carried that each church pledge its membership \$1.00 each for the purpose of putting an Evangelist in the field. Bro. W. H. Carter was nominated for this place and elected unanimous.

Motion carried that we send delegates and \$3.00 minute funds to state association. Delegates Eld. W. D. McCready, Eld. W. K. Smith and Eld. W.P. Scott. Motion carried that moderator appoint a finance committee and that each church appoint a finance committee to take care of the Evangelist.

	(Bro. J. H. West, Route 5
	(Box 117 Bristow, Okla.
Finance	(Bro. Lee Burden, Weletka,
	(Okla.
Committee	(Sister V. H. May % We-
	(leetka Motor Co., Weleet-
	(ka, Okla.

Devotional committee reports Bro. A. G. Rice to preach at 11 o'clock, Bro. W. P. Scott to follow.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 2 p. m. Dismissed by Bro. J. W. Reddick.

11 O'CLOCK SATURDAY

Opened by singing, "Revive Us Again." Prayer by Bro. W. D. McCready, Bro. A. G. Rice preached text Rom. 12-1 followed by Bro. W. P. Scott. Dismissed by Bro. W. D. McCready.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing, "Pass Me Not." Prayer by Bro. W. D. McCready devotional committee reports Bro. W. H. Carter to follow. Bro. W. D. McCready to preach memorial sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday.

Motion carried we receive committee and discharge

same. Motion carried that we receive Obituary Committee and discharge same.

Motion carried that we have a camp meeting running on from next association. Motion carried that we receive finance committee report and discharge committee. Motion carried that we give our Evangelist Finance committee and Bro. W. H. Carter the privilege of selecting place to hold meetings.

Motion carried that this association vote this church and community a card of thanks for there hospitality and friendship during our stay in their midst.

Motion carried that we ajourn until Thursday night before second Sunday in Aug., 1934. Dismissed by Bro. J. W. Reddick.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Song, "I Know I'll Live Up There." Prayer by Bro. W. A. Yarbrough. Bro. W. K. Smith preached, Text Gen. 3-8-9, followed by Bro. W. H. Carter. The power of God fell, five souls saved.

SUNDAY MORNING

Memorial sermon preached by Bro. W. D. McCready followed by Bro. W. H. Carter.

Eld. W. K. Smith, Moderator
Bro. J. H. West, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions—Be it resolved that we demand that Free Will Baptist stay away from baseball games, domino and checker games on Sunday. If any violate this resolution they shall be dealt with according to Scriptures.

(Rev. W. P. Scott
Committee (Rev. W. T. Walden
(Rev. J. W. Reddick

Obituary—We find that since our last association we have lost some good members. Bro. Vanderpool who lived a consecrated life to God for over thirty years. Our loss is his gain in eternal glory.

Sister Mansker who departed this life at the age of 82 years, July 1933. Our loss is her gain in eternal glory.

Committee (Bro. J. F. Adams
(J. H. Bently
(C. F. Ferguson

Temperance—We your committee on temperance submit the following. We believe that a majority of the crimes committed are caused from the use and unlawful sale of intoxicating drinks it is detrimental to the cause of Christianity, morality and decency, blighting the fairest flowers of our country. It clouds the mind corrupts the morals of both young and old. Wrecks many otherwise happy lives and homes and laughs at the ruin it has wrought. None are exempt from its direful influence. Therefore be it resolved, that we recommend a rigid enforcement of our prohibition laws, and that we assist in the enforcement of the same. That our ministers preach one or more discourses to each church they pastor during the year on temperance. Be it resolved, that we place ourselves on record as a denomination that opposes the use of and the sale of cigarettes to our boys and that we use our influence to put down the use and sale of the same.

Committee (Sister Minnie Burden
(Sister Levia Smith
(E. J. Champion

Finance—We your committee on finance have received \$19.58 from the different churches also \$3.90 in addition. We make a final report of \$23.40.

Committee (Sister Rosa Carter
(Sister Mina Burden
(Sister Susie Scott

Sunday Schools—We your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: that each minister organize a Sunday School in each church; if possible that the Bible be used by all who can read it. And that we use our own literature, when practical as we have a publishing house. We believe the Sunday School to be nursery of the church. We would urge that each church try to report their Sunday School to the Association. Furthermore we find from statistics of the United States that 98 percent of all church members have come from the Sunday Schools. and that 98 percent of all crimes are committed by those who do not attend Sunday School. We further find that only about 60 percent of our people are members of any Sunday School today. We know from our own observation that the Church that has no Sunday School has not the life it should have. Taking the above facts as stated. We heartily indorse Sunday Schools as a part of religious worship in which our minds may be started with the teaching of God's Word. We also find that many of our churches are with out Sunday Schools. We urge our people to maintain a Sunday School in every church in our great state.

Committee (Eld. T. R. Kampplain
(Bro. Lee Burden
(Eld. E. M. Grey

Ministerial Standing and Character—We report that as far as we know our ministers are in good standing. We are happy to make this report and bid them God speed.

Committee (Bro. J. H. West
(Bro. C. R. Green
(Bro. J. F. Adams

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the infalliable word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God Head or Divine Essence, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 17:1; 1st John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.—Eph. 5:1, 19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13; 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25:46.

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are the ordinance of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of Baptism is immersion.—Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the Sanctity of the first of the week, or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concern, except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matthew 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but every one on his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of

damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15:34; John 5:28, 29; 1 Thes. 4:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted,—Acts 20:21; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; John 3:14-16; 1 Cor. 15:20, 22; Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—John 10:7; 1 Peter 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table—1 Cor. 1:1, 11, 27, 28; John 17:11.

A Presbyterian for Ordaining Ministers and Deacons

1. The Presbyterian for ordaining an Elder shall consist of two ordained ministers and one ordained deacon.

2. A Presbyterian for ordaining a deacon must be composed of two ordained deacons and one ordained minister.

RULES FOR ORDAINING

1. To present the candidate.
2. To examine the candidate on doctrine and qualifications.
3. Praying and laying on of hands by Presbytery.
4. Presentation of Bible.
5. To deliver him the charge.
6. To extend him the right hand of fellowship.

THE LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(By Rev. Wm. Mankin)

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the Supper, and the right is a birthright. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). This is not water baptism, but spiritual baptism. Again, Christ says: "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John 10:9). "He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1). Christ is not water baptism, yet He is "the door." There is but one door, and Christ says He is that door, and he that cometh in at that door should have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. "Let a man examine himself, and let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself," not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and eating. The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not in keeping with the instructions given by the church at Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now, listen to Christ: "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6; 1 Cor. 10:30; 13:32). It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that Christ is the true faith, and His Church true order, and that faith is the means by which men belong to the true order. If this is meant by the same faith, we shall not object, we are agreed. But if sect is referred to, we object. As to order, if nothing but Gospel order is meant, very well; but we do not believe that one child of God should dictate just what another should believe or what church he should belong to in order that he may be in the right church, for the visible church is but an organic body of Christians, and placing your name on the church book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian. The eunuch that believe and was baptized, what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask if the eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? No, he is not the same faith and order, yet he is admitted in heaven, but could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all His people have a perfect right, be he who he may, and when the supper is set, and all of God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's but a sectarian supper. So we, being many, are one body in Christ and every one members one of another.

other" (Rom. 12:5), and the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body, and, of course, this is spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber, and when any one gets into that body in a legal way he has a right to all the benefits and privileges of that body. "For we, being many, are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by "we," It certainly means all Christians of all ages. "When you come together, tarry one for another, be of one mind," but let the word of God control that mind. If it had ever been intended by the Savior that the supper should be guarded, as some attempt to guard it, God would have empowered the judges with power to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which to judge is water baptism, and a legal administration of the same. So, if baptism by immersion, and a legal administration, this settles the matter, and Christian character is left out, by which some make a woeful mistake; for, after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least of the privileges of the church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right, Some would answer, "If by a legal administrator; this is all that is wanting?" Is it not purely a personal matter?" So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize, and of the applicant to be baptized. When this is done, each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptized at all, as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, one acting in good faith and the other not. Every Christian is responsible for his own acts, and not for another. Simon the sorcerer, "believed and was baptized," and that by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see that baptism by legal administration does not confer any claim to Christian rights, as this proves to be a personal matter: for we clearly see that the apostle, inspired as he was, did not discover the evil of Simon's heart; neither can we know the heart of man. When we do our duty, it is ours; when an applicant, it is his. So we find that in repentance, faith, baptism and Christian duties, all are personally accountable to God and not to man. Various are the opinions of men, and the way we account for them is in the capacity of men; and if we use the capacity God has given us we do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but is one spiritual body and Christ the head; and they should have the same care for each other that the fleshly body has for its members. Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table? "What God has joined"

together let no man put asunder." Christians do all feel alike if they do not think alike. They can preach together, sing and love together, and should they not commune together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until He should drink it anew in His kingdom. So as assembled at God's table in heaven, so should we be on earth.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist); being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or Q. M. of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said unions shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. The churches in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association shall have a Moderator, a

Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual session by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it .

Art. 8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Art. 12. ORDINANCES. The pastor of the church shall preach on the ordinances of the church once a year, and one discourse on the support of the ministry.

Art. 13. CHURCH FINANCES. Every church shall call their pastor, state what amount they can raise, and it shall be the duty of the deacons to solicit the amount of funds necessary for all the expenses of the church; act as treasurer, keeping account of all business and report all transactions to the church conference and, in case of more than one deacon in the church, the deacons shall select one of their number to act as treasurer, provided the church has no treasurer.

Art. 14. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS. This Association shall hold three Fifth Sunday Meetings each year, and the ministers

and deacons shall make a written report of their work, and it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans, and the order of the ministry, and the quarterly conference shall make a written report to the Association annually.

Art. 15. TREASURY. Resolved, That each church have a treasurer, and come together and subscribe the amount they are willing to pay into the treasury during the year for the support of the ministry, widows, orphans, and incidental expenses, and that said amount be paid quarterly, and that said funds shall not be paid out except by order of the church.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws).
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

Roll of Ministers Present

Eld. W. D. McCready.....	Star Route, Edna, Okla.
" W. P. Scott.....	Star Route, Calvim, Okla.
" W. T. Walden.....	Route 3, Okemah, Okla.
" Arthur Reed.....	Weleetka, Okla.
" W. H. Carter.....	Tuskegee, Okla.
" J. W. Reddick.....	Route 1, Weleetka, Okla.
" A. G. Rice.....	Route 1, Paden, Okla.
" E. M. Grey.....	New Lima, Okla.
" J. T. Champion.....	Route 1, Okemah, Okla.

" W. K. Smith.....Route 4, Wetumka, Okla.
"T. R. Kampplain.....Wetumka, Okla.

Ministers Absent

Eld. W. L. Hutchens.....Box 7, Yeager, Okla.
" S. D. Pendergraft.....Route 4, Okemah, Okla.
" J. W. Davis.....Route 2, Seminole, Okla.
" W. T. Childers.....Prague, Okla.
" O. P. Westbrook.....Okemah, Okla.
" R. L. Roberts.....

Letter To Association

.....Church of Okla., County of.....
date.....P. O. Address..... Church
sends greetings to the Annual Session of the
brethern and sisters composing the Canadian Associa-
tion of Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our love
and fellowship and of our zeal for the cause of Christ.
Statistics are as follows:

Pastors salary for the coming year \$.....
Meeting day is on the.....Sunday of each month.
We have received by confession.....by letter.....
dismissed by letter..... excluded..... withdrawn
..... died..... resident members..... non-resi-
dent members..... total in full fellowship.....
value of church property \$..... contribution for
minutes \$..... We have chosen (Brothers or
Sisters)

..... as our delegates to repre-
sent us in the Annual Session. When convened with
.....Church. (Here ask for next associa-
tion if wanted) pray for us. Done in conference this

.....day of....., 193.....

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

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 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 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 forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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 bond 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 the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principals sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society.

To this end we agreed to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This is to certify that
..... is a member
in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church at
..... and
as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship
of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united
with another church.

Done in Church Conference this.....day
of 19.....

..... Pastor.

..... Clerk.

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCES

1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Call for peace of church.
3. Invite visiting Brethren to seats in Council.
4. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
5. Report of Treasurer or Finance Committee
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Any sick or in need.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.

3. Any person shall not be interrupted by anyone except the moderator, until he is through speaking; nor shall the moderator unless he breaks order.

4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any reflections on him who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Association.

6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

7. The members shall be addressed by the appellation of brothers or sisters.

8. No member shall absent himself from the Association while in session without leave.

9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as the Association deems it necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to direction of the Association.

