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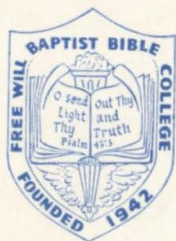
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Presented by

Rev. John H. West

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PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the Canadian Association met with Allen church, three miles north of Weleetka, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1934.

Opening Song, "Meet Him on That Shore."

Prayer by Brother George McLain

Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. K. Smith, Text Gen-13-8, followed by Rev. W. H. Carter.

Adjourned until 9 a.m. Friday

Dismissed by Brother McLain.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment. Opened by singing, "I Must Tell Jesus." 111th psalm read by Assistant Moderator Elder T. J. Champion. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Carter, Song, "Unclouded Day."

Call for church letters. Letters were received, read and delegates seated from the following churches: Allen, Rock, Shady Grove, Antioch, East Liberty, West Liberty, Oak Hill, Reddicks Chapel, Paden and Welcome Home.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderators, Elder J. T. Champion.

Assistant Moderator, Elder W. T. Walden

Clerk, Brother George W. Rogers,

Assistant Clerk, Ethel Eason.

PETITIONARY LETTERS

Petitionary Letters were received from White Rose and Oak Hill churches. Letters were read and delegates seated.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional: Brother Mayfield, chairman, Brother Lewis and Brother Collins.

Resolution: Brother Carter, chairman, Brother Billings and Brother Greene.

Arrangements: Brother Poland, c h a i r m a n,
Brother Jim Burden, Brother S. E. Lee.

Temperance: Sisters L. E. Ewing, J. C. Bentley
and Lucy Smith.

Obituary: Brothers Earl Howes, I. J. Crow and
Charlie Ferguson.

Sunday School: Sisters Penrod, Walden and
Reddick.

Ministerial: Brothers George Rogers, J. T.
Champion and W. F. Walden.

Report from Devotional Committee: Rev. West
to preach at 11 o'clock followed by Rev. Carter:
Text, "Launch out Into the Deep."

Vanzant Letter received, read and delegates
given the right hand of fellowship.

Petitionary letter received from Trenton church
and Brother Smith seated as delegate.

Adjournment until 2 o'clock p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song "Jesus, Hold my Hand."
Devotional Reading, Romans, Chapter 8, by
Rev. W. T. Walden.

Resolution Committee submitted following res-
olutions:

Resolution Number One: Be it resolved:
That a minister who does not reside in Canadi-
an Association but pastors a church in said associa-
tion be demanded to show a letter of recommenda-
tion from the association in which he lives. Motion
carried that resolution be adopted.

Resolution number Two: Be it Resolved:
That preachers to be ordained shall go before
an examining board of quarterly meeting or asso-
ciation. Motion carried that resolution number two
be adopted.

A motion to elect an examining board to examine licensed ministers who come up for ordination on doctrine, character and qualification.

Committee elected: Rev. W. H. McCready, Rev. J. T. Champion and Brother Reed.

Call for reading of minutes of the quarterly meetings. Motion carried that work of quarterly meetings be endorsed.

Motion that credentials be demanded of Brother W. I. Childers for preaching a second definite work of Grace separate and apart from regeneration. Motion carried.

Finance Committee makes partial report.

Temperance committee makes report which is received and committee discharged.

Treasurer's report received and accepted.

Devotional committee reports that Rev. George McClain will preach Friday night followed by Rev. W. H. McCready.

Motion for adjournment until 9 a.m. Saturday.

Closing Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Closing Prayer by Rev. J. W. Reddick.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening Song, "Sweet By and By."

Scripture 23 Psalms, Prayer by Rev. Walden.

Motion that santification be discussed as a second definite work of Grace and as being separate and apart from regeneration.

Devotional committee reported Rev. Bran to preach at 11 o'clock followed by Rev. Walden.

Closing Song, "Amazing Grace"

Closing Prayer by Rev. Reddick

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder"

Prayer, Brother Hawes.

Song, "Glory to His Name"

Sermon, Brother Bran followed by Brother Walden, Text, Hebrews 11-1. Adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m.

Opening Song "Shall We Gather at the River"

Scripture Reading, John 14-1-7.

Motion carried that delegates be seated from Okfuskee and Peaceful Home churches.

Obituary committee makes final report which is received and committee is discharged.

Motion carried that three hundred minutes be printed.

Oak Hill was chosen as next meeting place for association. First quarterly meeting to be held at Reddick Chapel, Second at Paden and third at Vanzant.

Devotional committee makes final report which is received and committee discharged. Brother Reddick to preach at 8 o'clock followed by Brother McCready. Brother Smith to preach Memorial sermon at 11 o'clock a.m. Sunday.

Resolution committee handed in final report.

Be it Resolved:

That a card of thanks be voted to this community for the splendid manner in which they have cared for delegates and visitors to this association.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. Champion was chosen to preach introductory sermon at next association, Rev. Walden, alternate.

Finance committee made final report which was received and committee discharged.

Minutes were read and approved. Motion carried for adjournment until Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1935.

Closing Song, "God Be With You."

Closing Song by Brother Hutchins.

T. J. Champion, moderator.

George W. Rogers, clerk.

Ethel Eason, Assistant Clerk.

CHURCH LETTERS

Paden Church, Paden, Oklahoma—Meeting day second Sunday in each month. Members received by confession 32, dismissed by letter 3, excluded none, withdrawn none, resident members 57, non resident members 27, total in full fellowship 84, minute money \$3.00. We have chosen Brother Ewing and Brother Nelms as delegates. Elder W. D. McCready, moderator; Sister C. H. Goode, Paden, Okla. clerk.

East Liberty Church, Hanna, Oklahoma—Meeting day 3rd Sunday of each month. Members received by confession 16, dismissed by letter 2, died one, resident members 35, non resident members 4, total in full fellowship 39, minute money \$1.50. We have chosen Brother Hubert Davis and Sister Viola Ferguson as our delegates. Elder W. D. McCready, moderator. Sister Tersa Housley, Hanna, Oklahoma, Route 2, clerk.

Shady Grove Church, Wetumka, Oklahoma—Meeting day 4th Sunday of each month. Received by confession none, by letter none, withdrawn 2, died none, non resident 4, resident members 21, total membership 25, minute money \$1.00. We have chosen as our delegates Brother D. P. Penrod and Sister Leve Smith. Moderator, T. R. Krampplain, Brother B. M. Mayfield, clerk.

Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma. We send as our delegates Sister Shippley, Sister Eperley and Sister Wilson. Minute money \$3.00. Membership 28. We have called our pastor for the coming year. Moderator A. Wilson (deacon) Sister Sharp, Wewoka, Oklahoma, Clerk.

Vanzant Church, Paden, Oklahoma. Meeting day fourth Sunday in each month. Paid pastor \$32.30. Resident members 23, non resident members 5, total in full fellowship 28, minute money \$1.50. We have chosen Brothers Irving Harvell and Delmar Watkins as delegates. Brother Pete Hatfield and Tom Johnson as alternates to the association. When convened with Allen church. Elder W. D. McCready, moderator Helen Vanzant, Paden, Oklahoma, Route 1 clerk.

Allen Church, Weleetka, Oklahoma—Meeting day first Sunday in each month. We have dismissed three by letter, transferred six to Reddick chapel, died 2, resident members 98, non resident 40, total in full fellowship 138. Minute money \$4.25. We have chosen Brothers Jim Burden, Bud Burden and Fred Newton as delegates. When convened with Allen church. Elder W. D. McCready, moderator, Sister Mina Burden, Weleetka, Oklahoma, Route 1, clerk.

Rock Church, Welty, Oklahoma—Meeting day second Sunday in each month. Minute money \$1.00, membership not stated. We have chosen Brother Collins as delegate when convened with the Allen church. We have chosen Brother Reddick as our pastor for the coming year. Elder J. T. Champion, moderator, Sister M. E. Vanzant, Welty, Oklahoma, Clerk.

Wetumka, Oklahoma, July 21, 1934. The Antioch church meeting day on the 4th Sunday of each month. We have received none by letter, none dismissed, none excluded, none died, resident members 10, non resident members 7, total membership 17, minute money..... We have not a pastor for the

following year. We have chosen Sister Dora Duck and Ella Eason as delegates.

Hanna Oklahoma, West Liberty Church. We send as delegates, Cliembus Tobers, Brady Croford, Alford Benson, Joe Owen, meeting day on first Sunday in each month. Pastor George McClain, Evangelist money \$9.00. We are calling George McClain for next year. Joe Owen, clerk, Hanna, Oklahoma.

Reddick Chapel, Weleetka, Oklahoma—Members received 11, baptised 5, total membership 22, meeting date first Sunday in each month, minute money \$2.87. Pastor, W. T. Walden, Okemah, Rt. 4. Name of ministers belonging to our church Brother Willie Reddick, Weleetka, Route 1. We have chosen Brother Payton Reddick and Sister Nealie McDonald as our delegates. Moderator, Brother W. K. Smith, clerk Sister Emma Reddick.

Welcome Home Church, Paden, Oklahoma. Total membership 11. We send as our delegates Sister Bessie Rice and Sister Edna Wiley. Meeting days first and third Sunday of each month. A. G. Rice, moderator. Sister Silua Carver, Paden, Okla., Clerk.

Oak Hill Church—We send as our delegates Brother Clovis Bradford, Brother Ellis Davis, Brother Ernson Kencade. Members received this year 88, members baptized 50, dismissed 14, minute money \$2.00. W. O. Mangharn, moderator. Brother Edd Spear.

PETITIONARY LETTERS

White Rose Church, Okemah, Oklahoma, organized June 10th, 1934. Membership 38, Minute money \$2.00. We have chosen Sister Macy Geller and Brother Walter Payne as our delegates. Elder W. T. Walden as pastor for next year. Moderator W. T. Walden. Brother T. J. Bradley, Okemah, Oklahoma, Route 4, Clerk.

Trenton church, Hanna, Oklahoma, organized

July 9, 1934. Membership 27. We have chosen as our delegates Brother W. F. Bricker, Brother Ralph Watson and Clifford Watson. Our pastor for the ensuing year Elder W. O. Mangharn. Meeting day third Sunday of each month. Moderator W. O. Mangharn. Golden Smith, Hanna, Oklahoma, Clerk

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible 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. 25, 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; Peter 3:21.

. 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 presentt he 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 the 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 believed 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 of another" (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 done for us 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 ex-

ceeding 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 discretion of the Association.

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 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 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. McCreedy	Star Route, Edna, Okla.
Eld. W. P. Scott	Star Route, Calvin, Okla.
Eld. W. T. Walden	Route 3, Okemah, Okla.
Eld. Arthur Reed	Weleetka, Okla.
Eld. W. H. Carter	Tuskegee, Okla.
Eld. J. W. Reddick	Route 1, Weleetka, Okla.
Eld. A. G. Rice	Route 1, Paden, Okla.
Eld. E. M. Grey	New Lima, Okla.
Eld. J. T. Champion	Route 1, Okemah, Okla.
Eld. W. K. Smith	Route 4, Wetumka, Okla.
Eld. T. R. Kampplain	Wetumka, Okla.
Eld. W. L. Hutchens	Box 7, Yeager, Okla.
Eld. S. D. Pendergraft	Route 4, Okemah, Okla.
Eld. J. W. Davis	Route 2, Seminole, Okla.
Eld. W. T. Childers	Prague, Okla.
Eld. O. P. Westbrook	Okemah, Okla.
Eld. R. L. Roberts	

Letter To Association

_____ Church of Okla., County of _____
date _____ P. O. Address _____ Church
sends greetings to the _____ Annual Session of the
brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association 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 Sis-
ters) _____

_____ 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 obligation 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 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 principles 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 fellow-
ship 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.

