

MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will Baptist
Church of God

held with

Jackson Church, located three miles west and one fourth mile south of Holdenville. Beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August of 1940.

OFFICERS

Moderator	.	.	.	Elder W. D. McCready
Ass't. Moderator	.	.	.	Elder Cecil McKenzie
Clerk	.	.	.	Elder D. C. Sharp
Ass't. Clerk	.	.	.	Elder Thomas J. Bradley

The next Annual Session of this Association will meet with Vanzant Church, located about seven 1-2 miles south west of Paden. Beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August of 1941.

FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWS, 401 PATTON AVE. WEWOKA, OKLA.

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Evening Session

Assistant Moderator, Eld. Arthur Reed presiding

Services opened with song, "When we all get to Heaven." Moderator read Psalms 108. Prayer Elder Will Bean. Song "When the roll is called up yonder." Devotional service led by Elder Leonard Bean. Special song by Sister Ruth Roberts, Sister Johnnie Roberts, Sister Lucille Trupe, Sister Eunice Lunsford at the piano.

Moderator introduced Elder Cecil McKenzie who preached the introductory sermon. Text 2nd Peter 1: 12. "Present Truth." Services turned to Moderator, choir sang, "How Firm A Foundation. Moderator Eld. Arthur Reid followed using same text. Closed with song and altar call. Delegates were placed in homes by the pastor. Benediction by Eld. W. H. Carter.

Thursday Morning Session

Assistant Moderator Eld. Arthur Reed took charge. Opening song "How Firm A Foundation." Moderator read 1st. Psa. Prayer by Eld. Cecil McKenzie. Song, "Amazing Grace."

Letters called for, and the following were received, Spring Creek, Trenton, East Liberty, Paden, Jackson, Oak Hill, Cross Roads, West Liberty, Allen, and Vanzant.

Motion made and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Delegates were given right hand of fellowship.

Petitionary letters called for. The following church responded, Diamond Point. Motion carried to accept letter and seat delegates. The right hand of Christian fellowship was given by Moderator and Clerk.

Moderator invited visiting brethren to seat in council.

Rules of order read.

Election of Officers

Moderator.....	Elder W. D. McCready
Assistant Moderator	Elder Cecil McKenzie
Clerk.....	Elder D. C. Sharp
Assistant Clerk.....	Elder Thomas J. Bradley

Appointment of Committees

Committee to go to Wewoka and transact business of cancelling W. F. Brown's Credentials on record. Elder W. P. Scott, Elder Will Bean, Elder Arthur Reid and Elder D. C. Sharp.

Devotional Committee; Brother B. M. Mayfield, Brother Lee Burden and Brother Charley Green.

Resolution and Grievance Committee; Elder Will Bean, Brother Jim Bentley and Elder Cecil McKenzie.

Financial Committee; Sister Deanie Billings, Sister Ima Burden and Sister Lula Dooley.

Obituary Committee; Brother Clayton Hibbs, Brother Buddy Pearce and Brother W. E. Wilson.

Temperance Committee; Sister Sam Blaylock, Sister Jim Bentley and Sister Edith Heard.

Sunday School Committee; Elder Leonard Bean, Brother Erby Burden and Elder Luther Vail.

Standing Committees

Ministerial Standing and Character Committee; Brother Jim Bentley, Brother C. R. Green, Brother B. M. Mayfield, Brother Sam Milum and Brother Richard Dooley.

Executive Board; Chairman Elder Will Bean, Clerk Elder D. C. Sharp, Elder Cecil McKenzie, and Elder W. D. McCready.

Devotional Committee report for 11 o'clock hour; Elder Luther Vail to lead and Elder Thomas J. Bradley to follow.

Unfinished business called for.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 2:00 P. M.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Moderator, Elder W. D. McCready Presiding.

Sang "Tell it to Jesus." Prayer by Elder W. N. Stevenson. Assistant Moderator read "Joel 2:1-12." Moderator took up special collection (\$5.35) for the expense on W. F. Brown's credentials. Devotional Committee reported Elder W. H. Carter to lead and Elder W. D. McCready to follow in the 3 o'clock service. Unfinished business called for. Quarterly meeting minutes read and approved. Moderator dismissed for ten minutes recess to let committees work. Called to order by Moderator. Song "Camping in Canaan." Unfinished business called for. Resolution (1936) No. 2 read. Reports called for. Obituary report read and received. Motion carried to adjourn business until 9 o'clock Friday morning. Song "Wont it be wonderful there." Dismissed in prayer by Brother Jim Bentley.

Thursday Night Service

Assistant Moderator, Cecil McKenzie Presiding.

Opened with song "There'll be shouting." Prayer by Elder Arthur Reid. Song, Prayer by Elder Will Bean. Special song by

Male Quartett of Canadian Association: Brother Ben Tabers, Brother Berl Tabers, Brother Clayton Hibbs, and brother Loyd Seaton Kathryn Shipley at Piano. Assistant Moderator led devotional service. Special Song by Wewoka Free Will Baptist Quartett. Brother and Sister Willard Evans, Brother Dick Peary and Brother Dennis O'Donnell. Kathryn Shipley at Piano. Assistant Moderator, Elder Cecil McKenzie, introduced Elder W. H. Carter to lead and Elder W. D. McCready to follow. Elder W. H. Carter sang a solo. The spirit fell and there was shouting, crying and praising god. Text "Take heed unto thyself. 1 st. Tim. 4:16." Elder W. D. McCready followed, closed with old time hand shake. Three reclaimed. Dismissed with prayer by Elder W. P. Scott.

Friday Morning Session

Moderator Elder W. D. McCready Presiding.

Opened with song "He blessed my soul." Moderator read Acts 17:16-31. Prayer by Elder O. P. Westbrook. Song "Let me hide my self in thee." Moderator declared conference open for business. Report of year's finances read and approved. Devotional Committee report for 11 o'clock service Elder W. L. Bean to lead, Elder W. D. McCready to follow. Motion carried to take up collection for Association expenses. Motion carried that Association answer question. "Is a deacon that has backslid and restored to salvation (without Church preferring charges) in good standing as active deacon?" Discussed. Motion carried to answer question in the affirmative, "yes". Moderator instructed Churches to make a complete report to Association following outline in minutes. Motion carried that this Association send Executive Board to Trenton to help pastor revive church. Motion carried that this Association pay the expense of the Executive Board to Trenton. Collection (\$1.51) taken for same. Sunday school report adopted and Committee dismissed. Motion carried to adjourn business untill 2 o'clock. Song (I'll meet you in the morning). Dismissed in prayer by Elder Odis Robinson.

Eleven O' clock Services Friday Morning

Assistant Moderator, Elder Cecil McKenzie Presiding.

Opened with song and prayer. Assistant Moderator introduced Elder Will Bean who lead and Elder W. D. McCready who followed. Subject "Heaven." Dismissed with prayer by Elder Leonard Bean.

Friday Afternoon Session

Moderator Elder W. D. McCready Presiding.

Opened with song (When the roll is called up yonder.) Prayer by Brother W. E. Wilson. Scripture James 1:1-12 by Ass't. Moderator. Report of Obituary Committee received and Committee discharged. Motion carried to elect delegates for the state Association. Brother Jim Billings, Brother Pat Highsol and Brother Lee Burden were elected unanimously. Motion carried for the Canadian Association to pay one dollar registration fee on delegates. Motion carried to place the next Annual Association at Vanzant Church, about 7 1-2 miles south west of Paden, beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August of 1941. The Quarterly meetings were placed as follows: First Quarterly meeting at Allen Church, 3 miles north of Weleetka, beginning November 7, 1940, Second at Jackson Church, three miles west and 1-4 mile south of Holdenville, beginning February 6, 1941, Third at Paden Church, beginning Thursday evening May 8, 1941. Motion carried delegating local pastor to preach introductory sermon where the Association is placed. Elder Cecil McKenzie was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the First Quarterly meeting. Resolution No. 3 read and adopted. Resolution No. 4 read and adopted. Resolution No. 5 read and adopted. Motion carried to discontinue Association Evangelist for this Associational year. Motion carried to adjourn business until next Annual session to be held with the Vanzant Church, Wednesday night, August 6, 1941. Dismissed with prayer by Elder W. D. McCready.

Friday Night Service

Moderator Elder W. D. McCready Presiding.

Opened with song "It won't be very long." Prayer by Elder W. M. Stevenson. Song "When all God's singers get home. Special song by Brother Erby Burden, Clayton Hibbs and Ben Tabers. Kathryn Shipley at Piano. Assistant Moderator turned Devotional service to Brother Ted Shipley of Wewoka Free Will Baptist Church. Special song by Jackson Quartett; Sister Johnie Roberts and Sister Lucille Troup. Kathryn Shipley at Piano. Moderator turned service to the ordaining council; Elder Cecil McKenzie, Deacon W. E.

Wilson and Deacon W. H. Cummings, who proceeded to ordain Brother J. A. Roberts, of the Jackson Church for Deacon. Special song by Elder W. P. Scott, Elder O. P. Westbrook, and Brother and Sister Willard Evans of Wewoka Church, Kathryn Snipley at the Piano. Services turned back to Moderator. Prayer by Elder Cecil McKenzie. Special song by Brother and Sister Willard Evans, Brother Ben Tabor, and Brother Charles Harrison. Kathryn Shipley at Piano. Moderator introduced Elder Arthur Reid to lead and Elder Cecil McKenzie to follow, who preached the Memorial Sermon. Text; "Rev. 20:6. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power." Dismissed with prayer by Brother Willard Evans.

CHURCH LETTERS

CROSSROAD CHURCH, CALVIN, OKLAHOMA

Meetings days, 1st. Sunday in each month. We have received by confession, 7. By letter 2. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members 47. Non-resident members 2. Total in full fellowship 49. Contribution for minutes \$5.00. State minute money \$1.00. We have chosen Sister Bonita Sharp, Sister Ruby Blaylock and Sister Lillian Blaylock as our delegates (as alternates Sister Lula Dooley and Sister Grace Lawery) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder W. M. Stevenson for the ensuing year.

Elder W. M. Stevenson, Moderator Sister Josie Blaylock, Clerk

JACKSON CHURCH, HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession, 33. By letter, 2. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, 2. Died, 2. Resident members 106. Non-resident members, 5. Total in full fellowship 111. Contribution for minutes \$4.00. State minute money \$1.00. We have chosen Brother L. H. Adkins, Brother Jack Wade and Sister Era McKenzie as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder Cecil McKenzie for the ensuing year.

Elder Cecil McKenzie, Moderator Brother Harry Martin, Clerk

SPRING CREEK CHURCH, CALVIN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on 3rd. Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none.

Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 35. Non-resident members, 12. Total in full fellowship 47. Contribution for minutes \$2.25. We have chosen Sister Grimes, and Sister Dorthy McEwin as our delegates (and Sister W. P. Scott as alternate) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder W. P. Scott for the ensuing year.

Elder W. P. Scott, Moderator

Sister Maudie Hood, Clerk

ALLEN CHURCH, WELEETKA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days are straight time. We have received by confession 15. By letter, 1. Dismissed by letter, 2. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members 47. Non-resident members 3. Total in full fellowship 50. Contribution for minutes \$5 00, For State minutes \$1.00. We have chosen Brother Lee Burden, Sister Menie Burden, and Brother Charles Harrison as our delegates (as alternates Brother Lemo Milam, Brother Bud Burden, and Verna Milam) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the White Rose Church. We have chosen Elder Orvis DeArmond as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder W. L. Bean, Moderator

Sister Mina Burden, Clerk

TRENTON CHURCH, DUSTIN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 4th. Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 25. Non-resident members, 10. Total in full fellowship, 35. Contribution for minutes \$2.00. We have chosen Sister Beulah Wells, Sister Elsie Bricker and Brother Ralph Watson as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen Elder W. O. Mangham as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder W. O. Mangham, Moderator

Sister R S. Leffeler, Clerk

OAK HILL CHURCH, HANA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day 3rd. Sunday in each month. We have received by confession, 2. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded,

none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 22. Non-resident members, 7. Total in full fellowship, 29. Contribution for minute money \$2 00. We have chosen Sister Ann Wells and Sister Della Pendly as our delegates (as alternates Sister Livvie Tabors and Sister Bessie Shaffer) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen Elder Melvin Mouser as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder W. D. McCreedy, Moderator Brother T. E. Bogle, Clerk

WEST LIBERTY CHURCH, HANA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 1st. Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, 7. By letter, 2. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 9. Non-resident members, 6. Total in full fellowship, 15. Contribution for minutes \$2.00. We have chosen Sister Quinn Pirice and Sister Elcie McReynolds as our delegates (as alternates Sister Georgia Reynolds and Sister Theora Layman) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen Elder George Davidson as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder George Davidson, Moderator Sister Theora Layman, Clerk

EAST LIBERTY CHURCH, HANA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days is on the 4th. Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 19. Non-resident members, 2. Total in full fellowship, 21. Contribution for minutes \$1.50. We have chosen Brother Jim Fames and Sister Herndon as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen Elber Henry Pendley as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Henry Pendley, Moderator Sister Iva England, Clerk

VANZANT CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on second Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, one. Dismissed by letter,

none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, 2. Resident members, 38. Non-resident members, 9. Total in full fellowship, 47. Contribution for minutes \$5.00. For State minutes \$1.00. We have chosen Brother Arthur Vansant, Sister Helen Vansant, and Sister Arthur Reid as our delegates (as alternates Sister Irvon Hatfield) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen Elder Arthur Reid as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Arthur Reid, Moderator Sister Lilly Vansant, Clerk

PADEN CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 2nd. and 4th. Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, 4. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 28. Non-resident members, 17. Total in full fellowship, 45. Contribution for minutes \$3.50. We have chosen as our delegates Brother Oscar Baker, Brother Jim Billings and Brother Frank Dawson (as Alternates Sister Jim Bentley, Brother Odis Ballard, and Sister Silvia Carver) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen Elder Odis Robinson as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Odis Robinson, Moderator Sister S. D. Billings, Clerk

PETITIONARY LETTERS

DIAMOND POINT CHURCH, HOLDENVILLE OKLAHOMA

Meeting days straight time. We have received by confession, 1. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 13. Non-resident members, 1. Total in full fellowship, 14. Contribution for minutes \$1.50. For State minutes \$1.00. We have chosen Sister Bailey Heard, Sister Lillian Herlan and Sister Lizzie Lancaster as delegates (as alternates Sister Cain, Sister Woodin and Sister Anderson) to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson Church. We have chosen Elder Cecil McKenzie as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Cecil McKenzie, Moderator Sister Ora Arnold Clerk

MINISTER ROLL

Elder W. D. McCready Paden, Oklahoma Route 1
Elder Cecil McKenzie Holdenville, Oklahoma R. R. 4
Elder W. M. Stevenson Henretta, Oklahoma Box 492
Elder W. L. Bean Wetumka, Oklahoma Box 472

Elder W. P. Scott Calvin, Oklahoma Star Route
 Elder D. C. Sharp Wewoka, Oklahoma R. R. 1 Box 294
 Elder O. P. Westbrook Okemah, Oklahoma 222 N. 2nd. St.
 Elder Arvis DeArmond Phario, Oklahoma
 Elder Arthur Reid Paden, Oklahoma Route 1
 Elder Leonard Bean Hanna, Oklahoma
 Elder Luther Vail Wewoka, Oklahoma Route 1
 Elder Thomas J. Bradley Okemah, Oklahoma Route 4
 Elder Henry Pendley Hannah, Oklahoma
 Elder W. K. Smith Castle, Oklahoma Box 154

VISITORS

Elder W. H. Carter First Mission Association Bristow, Oklahoma
 Elder Lee Jones Grand River Association Porum, Oklahoma R. 1

Not present at Association

Elder J. T. Champion Okemah, Oklahoma Route 2
 Elder George Davidson Hanna, Oklahoma Route 1
 Elder N. H. McGinnis Okemah, Oklahoma
 Elder Charlie Jones, Elder Arthur Rice, Elder S. D. Pendergraph,
 Elder Robert Hanes, Elder W. T. Walden, Elder E. M. Gray and
 Elder Melvin Mouser

LICENSED MINISTERS

Elder Frank Dawson Paden, Oklahoma
 Elder Jack Arnold Holdenville, Oklahoma Route 4
 Elder Odis Ballard Paden, Oklahoma

DEACON'S PRESENT AT ASSOCIATION

Brother J. B. Westbrook Wetumka, Oklahoma
 " Bee Blaylock Calvin, Okla. R. 3
 " Ben Tabor Hanna, Okla.
 " W. H. Cumming Wewoka, Okla. R. 1
 " S. E. Milum Weleetka, Okla. R. 1
 " J. A. Roberts Holdenville, Okla. R. 4
 " J. H. Bentley Paden, Okla.
 " Buddy Pearce Hanna, Okla. R. 1
 " Richard Dooley Holdenville, Okla. R. 3
 " Pat Hisaw Holdenville, Okla. R. 4
 " Billy Heard Sasakwa, Okla. R. 2
 " L. H. Atkins Holdenville, Okla. R. 4
 " C. R. Green Hanna, Okla.
 " W. E. Wilson Holdenville, Okla. Box 103
 " Erby Burden Weleetka, Okla.

VISITORS

Brother Curtis O'Donnell Mission Association Wewoka, Oklahoma
 Brother W. B. England Grand River Association Hanna, Oklahoma

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Allen \$6.00, Cross Roads \$6 00, Vanzant \$6.00, Jackson \$5.00, Paden \$4 50, Diamond Point \$2 50, Spring Creek \$2.25, West Liberty \$2.00, Oak Hill \$2.00, Trenton \$2.00, East Liberty \$1.50, Collection \$3.76. Total \$43.51.

RESOLUTION NO 1. First Quarterly Meeting. Be it resolved that any person or persons, trying to obstruct the duty of this Association shall not hold a seat in the Association until they make their acknowledgements and apologies for same.

Second Quarterly Meeting. NO. 1. Be it resolved that Association require it's Licensed preachers to preach at least ten sermons on church government before they are ordained.

Thirty-fifth Annual Session. NO. 1 Be it resolved that the devotional committee preach no preacher more than one time in any one Association or Quarterly Meeting.

NO. 2. Be it resolved that each church make an annual report on all deaths in their church to the Annual Association in their Annual letter.

NO. 3. Be it resolved that each church of this Association send at least \$2.00 with their letter to be used by the Association for miscellaneous expenses.

NO. 4. Be it resolved that this Association furnish blanks to give to ministers to show their years work.

Resolution carried forward from 1925 to now.

(1925) NO. 1. That each pastor preach as many as two doctrinal sermons during the year to his church.

NO. 2. That the churches of this Association, that do not pay the amount promised the pastor, if he fills his part of the agreement, shall not have another pastor until they pay for the deficit.

(1926) The same as 1925.

(1936) NO. 2. Be it resolved that each minister make a written report to the Annual Session of his year's work.

NO. 3. Be it resolved that only ordained ministers and deacons administer ordinances to the church.

(1937) NO. 2. Be it resolved that God's plan be carried out concerning Tithing, Matt. 23:23.

NO. 3. Be it resolved that all ministers and deacons go before the examining board on qualifications before ordination.

(1938) NO. 2. Be it resolved that this Association meet Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August.

NO. 2. Resolve that no church sell or dispose of church property without first bringing it before the Association.

(1939) NO. 1. Resolved that this Association so order that all the churches in this Association prohibit the use of tobacco in any form inside of the church building and that the pastor and deacons see that this ruling be enforced.

2. Resolved, that this Association demand that all ministers, pastoring in the Canadian Association and belonging to some other Association, abide by the Canadian Association laws during their pastoral care in it, and that they be forbidden to organize a church in the boundry lines of the Canadian Association and then take it to some other Association.

(1941) NO. 5. Resolved that we extend our thanks and appreciation to this church and community for their love and hospitality shown us during our stay in this community.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Whereas God in his supreme ruling has called loved ones from our midst the past year as follows: Sister Bernaree Crow of Jackson Church Age 27 years. Brother Brover Wingo of Jackson Church. Age 55 years. Sister Parsons of Vanzant Church. Age 54 years. Grandma Parsons of Vanzant Church. Age 86 years. Infant daughter of Brother and Sister Buddy Pearce of West Liberty Church. Infant daughter of Brother and Sister Plemmons of Paden Church. Sister Bulah Vail. Age 32. Daughter of Brother and Sister Ike Vail of Jackson Church. Sister Waldon of White Rose Church. Age 86. Infant Son of Rev. and Sister Odis Robinson. Pastor of Paden Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that we the committee agreed that each Free Will Baptist Church that owns their property have Free Will Baptist literature, with all officers and teachers belonging to the Free Will Baptist Church. Sunday School and Church carying treasure together. Each having seperate clerks. We recomend as far as possible that Free Will Baptist Churches use F. W. B. Literature.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance submit the following. We believe that a majority of the crimes are caused by the sale and use of

ntoxicating drinks, whether lawful or unlawfully sold. We believe it is detrimental to the cause of christianity, morality, and decency. It clouds the mind and corrupts the morals of both young and old, and whereas, the officials of our government are encouraging the sale and use.

Be it Resolved that we the Free Will Baptist, go on record as opposing the sale and use of same, and that we do all in our power to prevent spread of this curse over the nation (Heb.2:15) and whereas, the people of our nation are becoming careless and indecent in dress, we urge our women to dress as becometh godliness and urge the younger women to be sober, grave and temperate, and to discourage the wearing of scanty clothing and we urge our people to stay away from public swimming pools and nudist parties (1 st. Tim. 2:8-10) and that our ministers preach one or more subjects where they pastor during the year on temperance.

Be It Resolved, that we place ourselves on record as a denomination that opposes anything that is detrimental to a growth in grace, and that we discourage the sale and use of cigarettes to our boys and girls

ORDINATION SERVICES FOR CHURCH YEAR 39 40

Brother Louie Mouser ordained as deacon in second Quarterly Meeting. Brother Luther Vail and Brother Melvin Mouser ordained as ministers in third Quarterly Meeting. Ordination council as follows: Elder's J. T. Champion, Arthur Reid and W. D. McCready. Brother Bud Pearce ordained as deacon in third Quarterly Meeting. Ordination council Elder's Henry Pendley, Arthur Reid and W. D. McCready. Brother J. A. Roberts ordained as deacon in Annual Association. Ordination council Elder Cecil McKenzie, Deacon W. E. Wilson and Deacon E. H. Commings.

A Presbytery For Ordaining Ministers And Deacons

1. Presbytery for ordaining an Elder shall consist of two ordained ministers and one ordained Deacon
2. A Presbytery for ordaining a Deacon must be composed of two ordained Deacons and one ordained minister.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We beleive 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, 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, Santification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Assension 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.-Mat. 24:13.

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

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's 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 immerson.-Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We beleive 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 beleive in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and of the unjust, but every one in 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; 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 beleive 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 beleive 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, 28; John 17:11

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist,) being regularly baptised 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, be 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 meeting 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. AMMENDMENTS. Ammendments 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 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 quartely 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.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at.....
county of.....this (date).....
P. O. address..... 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 our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastors salary for the coming year \$..... Meeting day is on
the..... Sundays of each month. We have received by confession.....
By letter..... Excluded..... Died..... Resident members.....
Non-resident members..... Total in full fellowship..... We have in
our membership..... Ministers, names..... Ordained deacons.....
names..... We have paid out for evangelist work \$..... For mission
\$..... For the support of the Association \$..... Total amount paid
out by the church \$..... We (have or have not) a F. W. B.
Sunday School. We (have or have not) a F. W. B. League. Value of
church property \$..... Contribution for minutes \$..... State minutes
\$..... We have chosen (brothers or sisters.....) as our dele-
gates to represent us in the Annual Session. When convened with
..... church. We have chosen Elder..... for

our pastor for the ensuing year. (Here ask for the next Association or quarterly meeting if wanted) Pray for us. Done in conference this day of 19.....

..... Moderator
..... Address
..... Clerk
..... Address

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 carefull 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 to 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 agree 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.

Rules For Holding Church Conferences

1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Invite visiting Brethren to seat in Council.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Report of Treasurer or Finance Committee.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. 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 any one 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.

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.

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

