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Minutes
of the
Thirty-Sixth
Annual Session
of
Free Will Baptist
Church of God

held with

Vanzant Church, located about seven 1-2 miles south west of Paden. Beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August of 1941.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Elder W. D. McCready
Ass't Moderator	Elder Arvis Dearmond
Clerk	Bro. W. E. Wilson
Ass't Clerk	Sis Mina Burden

The next annual session of this association will meet with Allen Church, located about three miles north of Weleetka, on highway 75. Beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August of 1942.

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday evening Session opening song: "He Paid It All". Prayer by Elder Odis Robinson. In absent of Moderator Elder Arther Reid introduced Elder George Davidson to conduct a devotional service. Introductory sermon by Elder W. T. Waldon followed by Elder J. T. Champion, Text Jeremiah 6:16. Delegates placed in homes by Elder Arther Reid the Pastor.

Dismissed by Elder W. P. Scott.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening by singing, "When We All Get To Heaven". Eld. W. D. McCready in charge. Elder W. D. McCready read Gal. 4th chapter. Prayer by Elder George Davidson. Association opened for business. Letters called for. The following responded: Spring Creek, Cross Road, West Liberty, Vanzant, Jackson, East Liberty, Paden, Allen, Diamond Point and Oak Hill. Moderator appointed W. E. Wilson Ass't. Clerk. Letters received and Delegates seated.

Modreator invited visiting brethren to seat in council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Elder W. D. McCready
Ass't. Moderator	Elder Arvis Dearmond
Clerk	Brother W. E. Wilson
Ass't. Clerk	Sister Mina Burden

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elder—W. D. McCready
Elder—Henry Pendley
Elder—Arvis Dearmond
Elder W. K. Smith
Elder—Odis Robinson

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional Committee: Brother B. M. Mayfield, Brother Sam Milam, Brother A. C. Hibbs.

Committee on Arrangements: Brother Arther Vanzant, Brother Pete Hatfield, Brother C. A. Hibbs.

Obituary Committee: Sister Minnie Burden, Sister Helen Vanzant, Sister S. D. Billings.

Resolution Committee: Elder Will Bean, Elder W. M. Stevenson, Elder Odis Robinson.

Temperance Committee: Brother A. J. Huckaby, Brother Erby Burden and Brother Arthur Vanzant.

Sunday School Committee: Brother W. H. Cummins, Elder Roy Vanzant, Brother C. R. Green.

Financial Committee: Sister Junie Elzie, Sister A. J. Huckaby and Sister Odis Robinson.

Greivance Committee: Elder W. P. Scott, Brother Ben Tabor and Elder Cecil McKenzie.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Ministerial and Deacon, Character and Credentials: Brother C. R. Green, Brother Sam Milam, Brother W. H. Cummins, brother J. H. Bently, brother Ben Tabor.

Devotional Committee reported: Elder O. H. Staires followed by W. P. Scott to bring the message at 11 o'clock hour.

Motion that we adjourn until 2 P. M.

11 o'clock services opened by singing "You Must Have Your Pass Port." Prayer Elder Henry Pendley.

Ass't Moderator Elder Arvis Dearmond introduced Elder O. H. Staires, Pastor of Earlsboro Church. Subject "On the Way" St. John 14:16, followed by Elder W. P. Scott. Dismissed by Odis Robinson.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Opened by song: "Just a Little While to Stay Here." Prayer by Elder Will Bean. Ass't Moderator read Romans 1:16.

Ass't Moderator declared Conference. Opened for business. Petitionary Letters. None responded. Ass't Moderator read rules of order. Report of Statistician received. Statistician dismissed. Elder W. M. Stevenson elected statistician for 1942.

New business: Reading of minutes of the last three quarterly meetings. Read and approved.

Devotional Committee reported that Elder George Davidson preach at 8 P. M. services, followed by Elder W. M. Stevenson. Brother L. H. Adkins, Brother B. R. Hisaw went before the examination board for ordination. Motion that we adjourn until Friday morning 9 A. M. Dismissed by Elder W. M. Stevenson.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Opened by choir singing: "Let Me Travel the Way of Love." Prayer by Elder Arthur Downs. Ass't Moderator ask Elder Odis Robinson to conduct the devotional service. A good service was held. Ass't moderator introduced Elder George Davidson and Elder W. M. Stevenson, who brought the message. Text Amos 7:8 "The Plum Line". Ass't Moderator announced the ordination service and turned the service to the ordaining council: Elder Odis Robinson, Deacon W. H. Cummins, Deacon W. E. Wilson, who, after the report of the Examining Committee, ordained Brother L. H. Adkins and B. R. Hisaw as deacons. Ass't Moderator ask for song and old time hand shake for all. Ass't Moderator ask for a

free will offering which was to be given to Elder W. D. McCready. \$13.13 was received for which, Elder Cecil McKenzie offered a prayer of thanks. After several announcements we were dismissed by brother Roy Wilson.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by song "When I See the Blood". Prayer by W. E. Wilson. Ass't moderator declared conference. Opened for business: election for examining board. Elder Arvis Dearmond, Elder Henry Pendley, Deacon Erby Burden.

Reading of Ministers' report, and accepted. Motion carried that the clerk have the privilege of wording the minutes in his own way.

Devotional Committee reported that Elder Arvis Dearmond followed by Elder Henry Pendley to preach at the 11 o'clock hour. Motion carried to elect delegates for the State Association: Elder Arvis Dearmond, Elder W. M. Stevenson, Brother B. R. Hisaw.

Motion carried to place the next annual association at Allen Church, three miles north of Weleetka.

Motion carried to elect Elder W. D. McCready to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Henry Pendley Alt. Motion to adjourn until 2 P. M. Dismissed by prayer, Elder W. T. Waldon.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Open by song "I've Never Been Happier in My Life." Prayer by Brother Erby Burden. Elder Arvis Dearmond, text "Behold a Man" followed by Elder Henry Pendley. Song called for and an old time hand shake. Dismissed by Brother Jim Bentley.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Opened by song "Anywhere Is Home". Prayer by Elder Cecil McKenzie. Ass't moderator read St. Luke 15:18 through 22, declared Conference open for business. Place quarterly meetings: First quarterly meeting at Oak Hill Church, beginning on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in November. Elder J. T. Champion to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. P. Scott Alt.

Second quarterly meeting at Jackson Church, beginning on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in Feb., 1942.

Third quarterly meeting at Cross Road, beginning on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in May.

Preachers and Deacons meeting placed at Spring Creek, beginning on Tuesday night before the second Sunday in March.

Devotional Committee report that J. T. Champion followed by W. P. Scott to preach the Memorial sermon.

Minutes read and approved. Motion carried that we adjourn until next association. Song "God Be With You".

Dismissed with a hand shake and a prayer led by Brother C. R. Green.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Open by song "Get In Touch With Heaven". Prayer by Elder O. P. Westbrook. Elder W. P. Scott read the obituary report of our dead, followed by J. T. Champion who brought the message. Text Rev. 14:13. Dismissed by Elder O. P. Westbrook.

CHURCH LETTERS

CROSSROAD CRURCH, CALVIN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day, 1st Sunday in each month. We have received by confession 2, by letter 1, dismissed by letter 4, died 1. Resident members 43, non-resident members 2, total in full fellowship 45. Contribution for minutes (\$2.50) State minutes (\$1.00). We have chosen Brother Tom Abercombia, Sister Grace Lawery and Sister Dooley as our delegates to represent us in the

Elder W. M. Stevenson, Moderator—Sister Josie Blaylock, Clerk annual session, when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our Pastor Elder W. M. Stevenson for the ensuing year.

OAK HILL CHURCH, HANNA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day 3rd Sunday in each month. We have received by confession none, died 2, resident members 21, non-resident members 7, total in full fellowship 28. Contribution for minutes (\$1.50). State minutes none. We have chosen for our delegates Brother George Wells and Sister Bessie Shaffer to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our pastor, W. D. McCready for the ensuing year.

Elder W. D. McCready, Moderator—Brother T. E. Bogle, Clerk.

ALLEN CHURCH, WELEETKA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days straight time. We have received by confession 12, by letter none, by recommendation 5, excluded 2, died none. Resident members 53, non-resident members 14, total in full fellowship 67. Contribution for minutes (\$4.00). State minutes (\$1.00). We have chosen Sister Minnie Bougus, Sister Junie Elzie and Brother Lee Burden as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen as our pastor Elder Arvis Dearmond for the ensuing year.

Elder Arvis Dearmond, Moderator—Sister Mina Burden, Clerk.

WEST LIBERTY CHURCH, HANNA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on first Sunday of each month. We have received by confession none, by letter none, dismissed by letter none. Resident members 7, non-resident members 16. Total in full fellowship 23. Contribution for minutes (\$1.50). State minute money none. We have chosen brother Will Cothron and Sister Bertie Cothron as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder Henry Pendley for the ensuing year.

Elder Henry Pendley, Moderator—Sister Teora Laymon, Clerk

VANZANT CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day 2nd Sunday in each month. We have received by confession 7, dismissed by letter 2, excluded none, died none. Resident members 36, non-resident members 20. Total in full fellowship 56. Contribution for minutes (\$3.00). State minute money (\$.90). We have chosen Brother Arthur Vanzant, Sister Helen Vanzant and Sister Tillie Vanzant as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with Vanzant

Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder Arthur Reid for the ensuing year.

Elder Arthur Reid, Moderator—Elder Roy Vanzant, Clerk.

DIAMOND POINT CHURCH, SASAKWA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days straight time. We have received by confession 10, by letter 3, excluded none. Died one child. Resident members 21, non-resident members 4. Total in full fellowship 25. Contribution for minutes (\$2.50). State money (\$1.00). We have chosen Sister Ora Arnold, Sister Ealmer Anderson and Brother Ralph Wooden as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder J. W. Arnold for the ensuing year.

Elder Luther Vail, Moderator—Sister Johnnie Cain, Clerk.

EAST LIBERTY CHURCH, HANNA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day 4th Sunday of each month. We have received by confession none, by letter none, excluded none, died none. Resident members 22, non-resident members 2. Total in full fellowship 24. Contribution for minutes (\$1.50). State minutes (\$1.00) We have chosen brother Britt and Sister Green as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder Arthur Reid for the ensuing year.

Elder Henry Pendley, Moderator—Sister Iva England, Clerk.

SPRING CREEK CHURCH, CALVIN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day 3rd Sunday in each month. We have received by confession, none, by letter one, excluded none, died none. Resident members 36, non-resident members 11. Total in full fellowship 47. Contribution for minutes (\$2.00). State money none. We have chosen Brother Will Grimes, Brother Calvin Cody as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder Tom Bradley for the ensuing year.

Elder W. P. Scott, Moderator—Sister Maudie Hood, Clerk.

PADEN CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day straight time. We have received by confession 4, by letter none, by recommendation 2, died one. Resident members 31, non-resident members 17. Total in full fellowship 48. Contribution for minutes (\$3.00). State minute money none. We have chosen Sister Lee Dawson, Sister Robinson as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder Odis Robinson for the ensuing year.

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

JACKSON CHURCH, HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days straight time. We have received by confession 17, by letter 8, dismissed by letter none, excluded 2, died one, resident members 128, non-resident 7. Total in full fellowship 135. Contribution for minutes (\$4.00). State money (\$1.00). We have chosen Brother A. J. Huckaby, Brother Jack Wade, Sister Bettie Wade as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Vanzant Church. We have chosen for our pastor Elder Cecil McKenzie for the ensuing year.

Elder Cecil McKenzie, Moderator—Brother Jack Wade, Clerk.

MINISTERS ROLL

Elder Henry Pendley	-----	Hanna, Okla.
Elder W. P. Scott	-----	Calvin, Okla.
Elder W. K. Smith	-----	Box 154, Castle, Okla.
Elder W. T. Waldon	-----	Beggs, Okla.
Elder Cecil McKenzie	-----	Holdenville, Okla.
Elder W. L. Bean	-----	118 E. Main, Cushing, Okla.
Elder George Davidson	-----	Rt. No. 3, Checotah, Okla.
Elder W. M. Stevenson	-----	Box 452, Henryetta, Okla.
Elder Arthur Reid	-----	Rt. No. 1, Paden, Okla.

Elder Odís Robinson -----	Rt. No. 2, Okemah, Okla.
Elder J. T. Champion -----	Rt. No. 2, Okemah, Okla.
Elder Arvis Dearmond -----	Pharoah, Okla.
Elder D. C. Sharpe -----	Rt. No. 1, box 294, Wewoka, Okla.
Elder O. P. Westbrook -----	222 N. 2nd. St., Okemah, Okla.
Elder W. D. McCreedy -----	Rt. No. 1, Paden, Okla.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder O. H. Staires, Earlsboro, Okla. from First Okla. Association
 Elder Arthud Downs, Earlsboro, Okla., from First Okla. Association.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Elder Roy Vanzant, Rt. 1, Paden, Okla. Elder Birkey Story, Weleetka, Okla. Elder Bill DeWeber, Paden, Okla.

DEACONS PRESENT AT ASSOCIATION

Brothers Erby Burden, Weleetka, Okla., C. R. Green, Hanna, Okla., W. H. Cumming, Holdenville, Okla., J. H. Bentley, Paden, Okla., Buddy Pearce, Rt. 1, Hanna, Okla., W. B. England, Hanna, Okla., S. E. Milam, Weleetka, Okla., A. C. Hibbs, Rt. 1, Paden, Okla., P. B. Hatfield, Rt. 1, Paden, Okla., L. H. Adkins, Rt. 4, Holdenville, Okla., B. R. Hisaw, Rt. 4, Holdenville, Okla., B. M. Mayfield, Wetumka, Okla., Hubert A. Cain, Rt. 2, Sasakwa, Okla., W. E. Wilson, Holdenville, Okla.

ABSENT MINISTERS

Elders Leonard Bean, Hanna, Okla., Luther Vail, Holdenville, Okla., N. H. McGinnis, Okemah, Okla., Frank Dawson, Paden, Okla., Jack Arnold, Holdenville, Okla.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temperance Committee Report

We your committee on temperance submit the following:

We believe that a majority of the crimes are caused by the sale and the use of intoxicating 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 (1st 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. We urge our boys and men to dress decent as well as our girls and women.

(1940) 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 of this Association 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 years 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 to 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. Resolved 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 boundary lines of the Canadian Association and then take it to some other Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that we the Canadian Association use Free Will Baptist literature and elect all officers and teachers being Christian men and women as far as possible.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Minute money. Allen Church (\$4.00) Cross Road (\$2.50) Jackson Church (\$4.00) Paden (\$3.00) Oak Hill (\$2.00) Spring Creek (\$2.00) West Liberty (\$1.50), East Liberty (\$1.50), Vanzant (\$3.00), Diamond Point (\$2.50),

STATE MINUTE MONEY ----- Total \$ 7.00

Association Miscellaneous funds: Jackson (\$2.00), Allen (\$2.00).

TOTAL ----- \$37.50

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Where as God in His supreme ruling has called loved ones from our midst the past year as follows: Sister Baker of Paden, Okla., age 78 years, Sister Dindy of Jackson Church, age 80 years, infant daughter of Brother and Sister Cecil Howard of Jackson Church, Henry Nickolas of Oak Hill, age 68 years, Brother H. C. Shaffer of Oak Hill Church, age 80 years, infant of Brother and Sister Bloomfield of Jackson Church.

(1940-41) Resolution No. 1. First Quarterly Meeting. Be it resolved that Deacons that have backslid and charges have been preferred against him in his church, shall not become a deacon without coming up through the legal steps of the association.

Resolution No. 1., in second quarterly meeting: Be it resolved that each church in the association send letters to our quarterly meetings like the form in our minutes.

Resolution No. 1, Annual Session

Be it resolved that when an individual church calls the Executive board that they pay the expenses of the executive board.

Resolution No. 2, Annual Session

Be it resolved that we extend our thanks and appreciation to Vanzant Church and community for their love and hospitality shown us during our stay in their community.

Ordination Services for Church Year 1940 and 1941

Elder Frank Dawson ordained as minister at the 2nd quarterly meeting at Jackson church, Feb. 9th, with Elder Arthur Reid in charge of the ordination council, with the help of Elder W. D. McCreedy and Elder O. P. Westbrooks.

Elder J. W. Arnold was ordained as a minister and Hubert Cain, and Bailey Heard as Deacons at Diamond Point Church, Feb. 16th., Ordination Council as follows: Elder Cecil McKenzie, Elder Luther Vail and Deacon J. A. Roberts.

B. R. Hisaw and L. H. Adkins was ordained as Deacons in the annual association. Ordination Council: Elder Odus Robinson, Deacon W. H. Cummins and W. E. Wilson.

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 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, Holy Ghost. Gen. 17:1; 1st John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creature;s, 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, Assention 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.

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 saint's feet are the ordinance of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the anly 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 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 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

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, 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. QUARTERLY MEETINGS. This Association shall hold three Quarterly Meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons shall hake 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 ministry. widows and orphans, and incidental expenses, and that amount be paid quarterly, and that 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. Rlght 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. Uufinished business.
11. New business.
12. Report 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 Asso-
ciation of Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our loye 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 evangelistist 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 delegates 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----- 194----- 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, not 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 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 asks order.
4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any reflections on him who have 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 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 re-proved 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 _____ 194____

_____ Pastor.

_____ Clerk

