

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

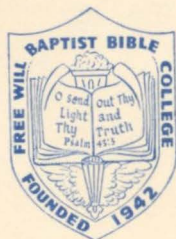
Held With

Allen Church located 3 miles north of Weleetka, Oklahoma, on Highway 75, beginning on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August, 1942.

Officers:

Moderator ----- Elder J. T. Champion
Ass't. Moderator ----- Elder W. D. McCready
Clerk ----- Elder Arvis A. DeArmond
Ass't. Clerk ----- Elder Dewey C. Sharp

The next Annual Session of this Association will meet with the Jackson Church, located four miles west of Holdenville, Okla., beginning on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1943.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. John H. West

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Which convened with the Allen Free Will Baptist Church located 3 miles north of Weleetka on Highway 75, on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service was opened by singing and prayer. After a good devotional service Bro. W. O. McCready brought the message. Text: "It Is Appointed Unto Man Once to Die, After Death the Judgment." The service was turned back to Pastor who placed visitors in homes.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by song, "When I See the Blood." Prayer led by Bro. Smith. Letters were called for and the following responded: East Liberty, Hill Top, Vanzant, Oak Hill, Jackson, Paden, Allen, Cross Roads. Letters read and received and delegates seated. Song called for and the right hand of fellowship was given.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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| Moderator | _____ | Elder J. T. Champion |
| Assistant Moderator | _____ | Elder W. D. McCready |
| Clerk | _____ | Elder Arvis DeArmond |
| Assistant Clerk | _____ | Elder Dewey C. Sharp |

Nominated for Moderator were J. T. Champion, W. D. McCready, Odis Robinson, with Champion and McCready being elected. Those nominated for Clerk were Dewey Sharp, Arvis A. DeArmond.

Bro. W. E. Wilson offered his resignation as Clerk. Motion was made to receive same.

Petitionary letters called for—no response. Churches that came in by petitionary letters in quarterly meetings were as follows: White Rose Church, Second quarterly meeting; Hill Top church, Third quarterly meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional Committee—Brother Joe Westbrook, Brother Jim Radford, Brother Treava Case.

Financial Committee—Sister Clayton Hibbs, Sister Vāda Roberts, Brother Frank Dawson.

Resolution Committee—Elder Tom Bradley, Elder Odis Robinson, Deacon Floyd Smith.

Temperance Committee—Brother Henry Cummins, Brother Luther Ferguson, Brother Henry Pendley.

Sunday School Committee—Elder W. M. Stevenson, Brother Harry Martin, Brother, C. R. Green.

Obituary Committee—Brother Ben Tabor, Sister Helen Vanzant, Sister Frank Dawson.

Arrangement Committee—Brother S. E. Milam, Brother Jim Radford, Elder Arvis DeArmond.

Resolution Committee—Elder Tom Bradley, Elder Odis Robinson, Brother Floyd Smith.

Devotional committee report. Brother Wilson to preach at 11:00. Brother Bradley to follow. Motion made to adjourn business session until 9:00 Friday morning.

THURSDAY 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Thursday 11:00 service opened with song "Won't It Be Wonderful There," followed by prayer. Moderator introduced Elder Bradley and Elder Wilson speakers of the hour. Scripture reading, St. John 15: 1 to 14 inclusive. Subject "Love." Elder Tom Bradley followed comparing Love and Hatred. After preaching, service turned back to moderator. Delegates were placed in homes for dinner. Dismissed by Brother Joe Westbrook.

Thursday evening given to F.W.B.L. to take care of League business. League gave time to association for Ordination service. Brother Luther Ferguson and Brother Floyd Smith from Hill Top who after going before the examining board were ordained for the office of Deacons.

Ordaining Presb.—Elder Arvis A. DeArmond, Brother Jim Radford, Elder W. E. Wilson.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Open with several songs and prayer. The Moderator, Elder J. T. Champion conducted devotional service and then introduced Brother Oley Westbrook and Brother W. M. Stevenson who brought the message.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by song, prayer by Brother Scott. Moderator in charge. Motion and second that we dispense of grievance committee. Motion and second that this association elect new executive board. Motion and second that we seat Brother Thompson as delegate from Cross Road church.

Motion and second that members of executive board go off board as they were elected.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| Brother Henry Penley | ----- | 1 year |
| Brother Odis Robinson | ----- | 2 years |
| Brother Arvis DeArmond | ----- | 3 years |
| Brother J. T. Champion | ----- | 4 years |
| Brother W. M. Stevenson | ----- | 5 years |

Motion made to elect state delegates. Sister Frank Dawson, Sister Vada Roberts, Sister Helen Vanzant, were elected by acclamation.

Motion that charter of association be moved to church where each quarterly meeting convenes and remain until following quarterly meeting.

Devotional committee report.

Brother Frank Dawson preach at 11:00 and Brother Odis Robinson follow. Brother W. P. Scott to preach memorial service at 8:00 p. m. Motion that we receive report and discharge committee. Motion to receive Sunday School committee report and discharge committee. Motion to adjourn until 2:00 for 11:00 preaching service. Dismissed by Elder Emmet Gray.

FRIDAY 11:00 SERVICE

Opened by song, prayer by Brother W. E. Wilson. Moderator introduced Elder Frank Dawson and Elder Odis Robinson. Text: "How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great a Salvation."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "Victory in Jesus." Prayer by Elder A. E. Downs. Motion that we renew Brother W. E. Wilson and Elder Burky Story's license to preach the gospel for one year. Motion that we grant Brother Earl Holcomb license to preach the gospel for one year. Motion that the next annual association convene with Jackson church of near Holdenville. Motion that we receive Resolutions Committee report and discharge committee.

Motion that this association grant Clerk permission to take from minutes of Quarterly meetings, churches that have petitioned into this association, showing time and place where they came in and place in yearly minutes. Motion that this association meet on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August. Motion that this association have three hundred minutes printed.

Motion that we receive Financial Committee report and discharge committee. Motion that we grant Hill Top church first quarterly meeting. Motion that we grant Paden church the second quarterly meeting. Motion that third quarterly meeting be left vacant until further arrangements are made.

Motion made to grant Elder J. T. Champion permission to pick council to help him organize church at Yale School house.

Nomination for preacher to preach introductional sermon at next annual association. Elder W. M. Stevenson to preach with Elder J. T. Champion as assistant.

Elder Arvis DeArmond was nominated to preach introductory sermon at 1st quarterly meeting. Voted by proclamation, with Brother W. M. Stevenson as assistant.

Motion that we receive report of Temperance Committee and discharge committee. Motion that we receive report of Obituary Committee and discharge committee.

Motion that we adjourn until next yearly association which convenes with Jackson church.

CHURCH LETTERS

HILL TOP CHURCH, WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession 12, by letter 6, excluded none, died none. Resided members 41, non resident members 2, total in full fellowship 43. Contribution for minutes \$4.00, state minutes \$3.00. We have chosen Brother G. W. Reich, Brother Luther Ferguson, Brother Otis Hume as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Allen church. We have chosen Elder Dewey C. Sharp for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Dewey Sharp, Moderator—Sister Artie Smith, Clerk.

PADEN CHURCH, PADEN, OKLA.

Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession 17, by letter 1, dismissed by letter 1, excluded none, died none. Total in full fellowship 77. Contribution for minutes \$2.00, state minute money \$1.00. We have chosen Brother Scott, Brother Day, Sister McGuire as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Allen church. We have chosen for our pastor for the ensuing year Elder Odis Robinson.

Elder Odis Robinson, pastor—Sister Ora Mitchell, Clerk.

OAK HILL CHURCH, HANNA, OKLA.

Meeting days, 3rd Sunday in each month. We have received by confession 1, by letter 2, excluded none, died none, resident members 13, non-resident members 21, total in full fellowship 37. Contribution for minutes \$2.00. We have chosen Sister Lizzie Tabor, Sister Bessie Shaffer, as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Allen church. We have chosen Elder W. D. McCready as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder W. D. McCready, Moderator—Sister Ann Wells, Clerk.

JACKSON CHURCH, HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession 7, by letter 4, excluded 2, died none, resident members 78, non resident members 54. Total in full fellowship 132. Contribution for minutes, \$4.00, state minute money \$1.00. We have chosen Brother A. J. Huckaby, Sister Cloe Adkins, Sister Lois Martin, Sister Bessie Roberts, Sister Vada Roberts, Sister Coppage as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Allen church. We have chosen Elder Arthur Downs for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Arthur Downs, Moderator—Harry Martin, Clerk.

CROSS ROAD CHURCH, CALVIN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days, first Sunday in each month. We have received by confession none, by letter none, excluded none, died none, resident members 43, non resident members 2, total in full fellowship 45. Contribution for minutes \$2.00, state minutes \$1.00. We have chosen Sister Lula Dooley and Sister Phebe Stevenson as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with Allen church. We have chosen Elder W. M. Stevenson for our pastor for the ensuing year.

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

EAST LIBERTY CHURCH, HANNA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the third Sunday in each month. We have received by confession none, by letter none, excluded none, died none. Resident members 20, non-resident members 5. Total in full fellowship 25. We have chosen Brother Jim Hames, Brother Charlie Britt and Sister Iva England as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with Allen church. Contribution for minutes \$1.50. We have chosen for our pastor for the ensuing year Elder W. D. McCready.

Moderator Elder Arthur Reid—Clerk Sister Iva England.

ALLEN CHURCH, WELEETKA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days is straight time. We have received by confession 9, by letter none, excluded none, died 1, resident members 40, none resident members 17, total in full fellowship 57. Contribution for minutes \$2.84, state minutes \$1.00. We have chosen as our delegates, Sister Opal Holcomb, Sister Myrtle DeArmond, and Brother Ralph DeArmond to represent us in the annual session when convened with Allen church. We have chosen Brother Arvis DeArmond for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Moderator Elder Arvis DeArmond—Clerk Sister Marie Story.

VANZANT CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the second Sunday of each month. We have received by confession none, by letter none, dismissed by letter none, excluded none, withdrawn none, died one, Brother Walter Harwell, March 28, 1942. Resident members 36, non resident members 30, total in full fellowship 56, contributions for minutes \$2.50 and \$1.00 for state minutes. We have chosen Sister Arthur Reid and Sister Helen Vanzant and Ivan Hatfield as delegates, Sister Viola Reid and Marie Strickeline as alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with Allen church.

Elder Arthur Reid, Moderator—Helen Vazant, Clerk.

MINISTERS ROLL

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| Elder Henry Pendley | Paden, Okla. |
| Elder W. M. Stevenson | Henryetta, Okla. |
| Elder Frank Dawson | Paden, Okla. |
| Elder George Davidson | Checotah, Okla., Route 3 |
| Elder Odis Robinson | Okemah, Okla., Route 3 |
| Elder Thos. J. Bradley | Okemah, Okla., Route 4 |
| Elder W. P. Scott | |
| Elder O. P. Westbrook | Okemah, Okla. |
| Elder J. T. Champion | |
| Elder W. D. McCready | Paden, Okla. |
| Elder Arthur Reid | Paden, Okla. |
| Elder W. E. Wilson | Holdenville, Okla. |
| Elder Emmett M. Gray | Okemah, Okla., Route 1 |
| Elder Arvis A. DeArmond | Weleetka, Okla., Route 1 |
| Elder A. E. Downs | Earlsboro, Okla., Route 1 |

LICENSED MINISTERS

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| Elder Burkey Story | Weleetka, Okla., Route 1 |
| Elder Earl Holcomb | Weleetka, Okla. |
| Elder W. E. Wilson | Holdenville, Okla. |

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Minute money: Paden Church \$2.00; Allen Church \$2.84; Vanzant Church \$2.50; Oak Hill Church \$2.00; Jackson Church \$4.00; Cross Road Church \$2.00; Hill Top Church \$5.00; East-Liberty Church \$1.50.

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| State Minute Money | \$10.00 |
| Miscellaneous Funds | 2.56 |
| TOTAL. | \$34.40 |

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.

(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 each minister make a written report

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 boundry 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.

RESOLUTIONS

(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.

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 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 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 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 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. 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. 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 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 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 breaks 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

