

Canadian Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF GOD



1949

*Proceedings of the 44th
Annual Session*



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Minutes
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OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. W. E. Wilson
Ass't. Moderator ----- Elder Melvin Mouser
Clerk ----- Sister Clara Caton
Ass't. Clerk ----- Sis. Maudie Sharp

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elder W. P. Scott ----- One Year
Elder Marion Caton ----- Two Years
Elder Arthur Reid ----- Three Years
Elder Melvin Mouser ----- Four Years
Elder W. E. Wilson ----- Five Years

The next annual session of this Association will
be held at West Liberty Church, near Hanna, Okla-
homa, beginning Thursday Night before the second
Sunday in August, 1950.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bros. Ben Tabor. Prayer by Rev. Leonard Bean, moderator in charge. A special number in song was rendered by Bro. and Sis. Marion Caton. Bro. Jimmy Searcy and Bro. W. E. Wilson. Sis. Lizzie Hanks led the devotional service. Moderator introduced Rev. Melvin Mouser, who brought the message. He chose "What Must I Do To Be Saved" as his subject. An inspiring message was enjoyed by a large congregation. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dee Blaylock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bro. Ben Tabor, Moderator in charge. Prayer by Rev. Arthur Reid. Moderator read 1st Psalms as his scripture lesson. Moderator declared the body ready for business. Motion carried that we suspend rules of order and call for petitionary letters at this time. Vanzant and Holdenville Churches responded with their letters. Other Church letters read and approved at this time were: Crossroads, Hill Top, Schoolton, Jackson, West Liberty, Paden and Spring Creek. Motion carried that we seat three members present from the Schoolton church, as delegates. Right hand of fellowship was extended to all delegates. All visitors were invited to seat in counsel with us. Rules of order were read. Election of officers as follows: Moderator—W. E. Wilson; Assistant Moderator—Melvin Mouser; Clerk—Clara Caton; Assistant Clerk—Maudie Sharp. Motion carried that the Moderator appoint all committees.

Divine Committee: Bro. Clarence Day, Bro. Ben Tabor and Sis. Martha Crow.

Resolution Committee: Rev. Dewey Sharp, Rev. Art. Reid. and Rev. Marion Caton.

Sunday School Committee: Sis. Ollie Clenny, Sis Sylvia Loney and Sis. Ethel Hume.

Finance Committee: Sis. Lizzie Hanks, Bro. Geo. Wells and Bro. Dick Smith.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Cyprene Green, Sis. Ernestine Roby and Sis. Estella Hughes.

Temperance Committee: Sis. Stella Dodd, Bro. Dee Blaylock and Bro. H. N. Liles.

Music Committee: Rev. Carl Shivers, Bro. Lankford and Bro. Jimmy Searcy.

Examining Committee: Rev. Marion Caton, Rev. Dewey Sharp and Rev. Art. Reid.

Clerks report of all Quarterly Meetings read and approved. The Divine Committee reports at this time that Rev. Gilbert Pixley will preach at the eleven o'clock hour and Rev. Rex Weatherman will follow.

Motion carried that the body adjourn until one o'clock. Dismissed in prayer.

The body was called together by singing and prayer. A special number in song was rendered by Bro. Claud Chism, Sis. Ora Mitchell, Rev. Gilbert Pixley and Rev. W. E. Wilson. Moderator introduced Rev. Gilbert Pixley as our speaker for the hour. He brought a wonder message. Rev. Rex Weatherman followed on same subject, and also brought a good message. An altar call was made and one soul was saved. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ben Tabor. Lunch was served at the church. Rev. Ben Pixley graced the table.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Session was opened with singing and prayer. Moderator chose Ephesians 4, as his scripture reading. Moderator declared the body ready for business.

The Sunday School Committee report was accepted and committee discharged.

The Temperance Committee report was read, accepted and discharged.

Finance Committee report was read and accepted. Motion carried that we retain the committee.

Obituary committee report read and approved.

The Examining Committee reported that they have found Bro. Carl Shivers to be of sound doctrine and they recommend him back to his home church for ordination. Report accepted and committee retained.

Music Committee report read and accepted and committee discharged.

The next annual session was placed with the West Liberty Church.

Rev. Geo. Taylor and Bro. Marion Caton were elected to bring the introductory message in the next annual session.

Divine Committee reports that Rev. Carl Shivers and Rev. Ernest Harrison will bring the three o'clock message. Also that Rev. W. E. Wilson and Rev. Geo. Taylor will bring the eight o'clock message on Friday night.

The first quarterly meeting was placed with the Paden Church. Rev. Carl Shivers and Rev. Arthur Ried to bring the instructional message.

The second quarterly meeting was placed with the Jackson Church.

The Third quarterly meeting was placed with the Vanzant Church.

Rev. Rex Weatherman made a good talk concerning our Children's Home.

An offering of twenty eight dollars and sixty five cents was sent to the Home.

A Love Offering of seventeen dollars and sixty one cents was sent to Rev. W. P. Scott who is ill.

Motion carried that we elect a board member to replace one automatically going off. Rev. W. E. Wilson was the new member elected.

Resolution No. one submitted by Resolution Committee was adopted.

Delegates elected to the State Association were as follows: Bro. Geo. Hughes, Bro. Floyd Green and Bro. H. N. Liles.

Bro. Ben Tabor was elected as delegate to the National Session.

Motion carried that the clerk, assistant clerk and the executive board pass on these minutes before going to press.

Motion carried that the body adjourn until our next annual session, when convened with the West Liberty Church, located two miles east of Hanna on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1950.

Adjourned for 15 minutes recess.

Body called together by Moderator. Opened with singing and prayer.

Moderator introduced Rev. Carl Shivers and Rev. Ernest Harrison. Inspiring messages were enjoyed by a large congregation.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Session was opened with singing led by Bro. Jimmy Searcy. Prayer by Bro. Calvin Cody. A special song was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Marion Caton, Bro. Ben Tabor and Bro. Jimmy Searcy. Devotional service led by Rev. Ode Robinson.

Assistant Moderator introduced Rev. W. E. Wilson and Rev. Geo. Taylor who brought the message, using Romans 6-23 as a text. A good message was rendered and two souls were saved. Dismissed by prayer.

MINISTER'S ROLL

M. L. Caton, Holdenville, Route 4, Okla.
W. E. Wilson, Box 103, Holdenville, Okla.
W. P. Scott, Box 664, Holdenville, Okla.
J. P. Champion, Okemah, Okla.
Arthur Ried, Weleetka, Okla.
Geo. Taylor, Box 86, Snomac, Okla.
Melvin Mouser, Hanna, Okla.
Ode Robinson, Okemah, Okla.
Dewey Sharp, Route 1, Wewoka, Okla.
Carl Shivers, Paden, Oklahoma.

VISITING MINISTERS

Leonard Bean, Wetumka, Okla.
Ernest Harrison, Weleetka, Okla.
Ben Pixley, Rudy, Ark.
Gilbert Pixley, 3923 Johnson St., Fort Smith, Ark.
Rex Weatherman, Ringling, Okla.

PADEN CHURCH LETTER

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Paden, Okla., county of Okfuskee, this 6th day of August sends greetings to the 44th Annual Session of the Brethern and Sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our love and our fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for coming year undecided. Meeting days straight time. We have received by confession none, by letter none. Dismissed by letter 12. Died one, resident members 37, non-resident 12, total in full fellowship 49. We have in our membership two ordained ministers, Rev. O. P. Westbrook, Rev. Roy Wilson; four ordained deacons, Bro. Frank Martindale, Bro. George Mitchell, Bro. Grevor Case and Bro. Clarence Day. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$35.50. Total paid out by the Church \$1075.35. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School. We have not a Free Will Baptist League. Value of Church Property \$4,000. Contribution for minutes \$10.00, for State Minutes \$5.00.

We have chosen as our delegates Sister Velma Page, Sister Ora Mitchell, Sister Myrtle Day, alternates, Bro. Jimmy Martindale, Sister Clara Case, Sister Margie Martindale, to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Spring Creek Church. We have chosen Rev. W. E. Wilson as our pastor for the ensuing year. The Paden Church asks for the first quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in conference this 6th day of Aug. 1949. Rev. W. E. Wilson, Moderator,

Holdenville, Okla., Box 103

Sylvia Loney, Clerk, Paden, Okla., Box 712

SCHOOLTON CHURCH LETTER

Schoolton Free Will Baptist Church, Okemah, Okla., Route 2. Meeting day straight time. Pastor's salary for the coming \$25.00 per month. We have received by letter six, by statement 49, total in full fellowship 55. We have in our membership two ministers, Rev. Odis Robinson, Rev. Taylor Champion. Ordained Deacons five, Brother L. L. Berry, Brother Albert Collier, Brother Stewart, Brother L. A. Lankford and Brother Franklin Alley. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$72.00. Total amount paid out by Church \$17.09. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School. Contribution for minutes \$4.00. We have chosen Brother Coleman Dodson, Brother Carl Smith and Sister Doris Thomas as our delegates to represent us in the annual session, when convened with the Spring Creek Church. Alternates are Sister Dodson, Sister Alley, Sister Smith. We have chosen Brother Robinson as our pastor for the ensuing year. We have sent \$5.09 to Orphans Home. Pray for us. Done in conference the 6th day of August, 1949.

Rev. Odis Robinson, Moderator.

Sister Jewel Hinkle, Clerk.

JACKSON CHURCH LETTER

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Jackson, County of Hughes, July 23rd, Holdenville, Okla., sends greetings to the annual session of the Brethern and Sisters composing the Canadian Association to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the Cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year \$20.00 per month.

Meeting days are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month.

We have received by confession none, letter none, excluded 106, died none, resident members 32, non-resident members 6, total in full fellowship 38.

We have in our membership two ministers, Bro. W. E. Wilson, Bro. Marion Caton. We have two ordained deacons, Bro. Edd Roberts, Bro. T. H. King. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$27.00, missions none, support of association \$5.00. Total amount paid out by Church \$603.61. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School. We have Bible study in League. Value of Church property \$2,000.00. Contribution for minutes \$10.00. State minutes \$5.00. We have chosen Bro. Odell Crow, Bro. Clyde Walker, Sister Pauline Ross to represent us in the annual session when convened with Spring Creek Church, alternates, Sister Della Grizzle, Sister Bessie Roberts, Bro. Jimmy Caton. We have chosen Bro. Melvin Mouser for our pastor for the ensuing year. We have asked for the next association at Jackson Church, Holdenville, Okla. Pray for us.

Done in conference this 23rd day of July, 1949.

Moderator, Bro. Melvin Mouser,
Hanna, Oklahoma.

Clerk, Sister Martha Crow,
Holdenville, Okla., Route 4.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH LETTER

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Cross Roads, county of Hughes, P. O. address, Holdenville, Okla., RR 3, this Aug. 7, 1949, sends greetings to the 44th annual session of the Brethern 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.

Our meeting day is the first Sunday and 3rd Sundays of each month. We have called Rev. Leonard Bean as our pastor.

We have received by confession 14, by statement four, excluded five, died none, resident members 22, non-resident members 24. We have in our membership three ordained Dea-

cons, Bro. Dee Blaylock, Bro. Bee Blaylock and Bro. Richard Dooley.

We have paid out \$80.03 for Evangelistic work. Our pastor \$70.00. Other expenses \$20.40. Total \$170.43.

We have chosen Sisters Ruby Blaylock, Della Smith and Juanita Parks as our delegates to represent us in this annual session when convened with the Spring Creek Church Aug. 11, 1949, and Sisters Josie Blaylock, Lizzie Hanks and Marie Morrow as alternates.

We would like to have the first quarterly meeting.

We are sending \$10.00 as support of the Association Revival. Pray for us. Done in conference this 7th day of Aug., 1949.

Rev. Leonard Bean, Moderator.
Lizzie Hanks, Clerk,
Calvin, Okla.

HOLDENVILLE CHURCH LETTER

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Holdenville, Okla., county of Hughes, sends greetings to the 44th annual session of the Brethern and Sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ, and petition for membership in your Honorable Association.

Statistics are as follows: We Organized on the evening of the 27th of July, 1949. A Council from the Canadian Association was present; consisting of Eld. W. E. Wilson, Chairman; Eld. Marion Caton and Deacon E. S. Roberts. Pastor's salary for the coming year, not stated. Meeting days, straight time. We have a total in full Fellowship of 16. We have in our membership one Minister, Elder Dewey C. Sharp, two elected Deacons, Bro. Joe Sanford, Bro. E. J. Howell. We are organizing a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and a F. W. B. League. Contributions for Minutes \$5.00, for State Minutes \$5.00. We have chosen Bro. Joe Sanford, Bro. E. J. Howell, Sister Ernestine Roby. As alternates, Sister Maudie Sharp, Sister G. G. Anderson to represent us in this session while convened with the Spring Creek Church. We have chosen for our pastor Eld. Dewey C. Sharp. We would like very much to have the next association at our church.

Done in Conference this Aug. 5th, 1949.

Eld. Dewey C. Sharp, Pastor,
Wewoka, Okla., R. R. 1, Box 145
Sister Ollie Clemey, Clerk,
403 N. Walnut, Holdenville, Okla.

VANZANT CHURCH LETTER

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Vanzant, Paden, Okla., August 6, 1949, wish to be re-instated in the Association of Free Will Baptist. We send greetings to the Brethern 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.

Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession none, by letter none, excluded none, died none, dismissed by letter one, resident members 43, non-resident members 11, total in full fellowship 54. We have in our membership one licensed minister, Bro. Carl D. Shivers, three ordained deacons, Bro. Arthur Vanzant, Bro. Raymond Vanzant, Bro. John C. Stricklin.

Contributions for minutes \$4.10 and for state minutes \$1.00. We have chosen Bro. Dick Smith and Bro. Hiram Liles as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with Spring Creek Church. We have chosen Sis. Erma Smith and Bro. Mitchell Harwell as alternates. We ask that Bro. Carl D. Shivers go before the board of examiners to be ordained as minister. We request the 3rd quarterly meeting. We have chosen Sis. Weda Harwell, Paden, Okla., as our church clerk and Elder W. D. McCready for our pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us.

Done in conference July 24, 1949.

W. P. McCready, Moderator.

Lillie Belle Watkins, Clerk.

WEST LIBERTY CHURCH LETTER

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at West Liberty, county of McIntosh, P.O. address, Hanna, Okla., sends greetings to the Spring Creek Annual Session of the Brethern and Sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year \$15.00 per month. Meeting days are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We have received by confession five, letter none, excluded none, died none. Resident members 17, non-resident members none. Total in full membership 17. We have in our membership one minister, Bro. Melvin Mouser, two ordained deacons, Bro. George Wells, Bro. Ben Tabors. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$49.25. We have paid out for the Association \$10.00. Total amount paid out by Church \$164.25. We have not a Free Will Baptist Sunday School or League. We have chosen Bro. and Sister Earl McLonghen and Bro. George Hugh-

es as delegates, Sister Carlie Crawford, Sister Theora Laymon as alternates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with Spring Creek Church. We have chosen Elder Melvin Mouser for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Contribution for minutes \$10.00, State Minutes \$5.00. We would like to have the Association at West Liberty next session. Pray for us. Done in conference this the 24th day of July, 1949.

Ben Tabor, Moderator, Hanna, Okla.
Estella Hughes, Clerk, Hanna, Okla. RR.

HILL TOP CHURCH LETTER

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Hilltop, Wewoka, county of Seminole, this 4th day of August, 1949, sends greetings to the 44th annual session of the Brothers 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.

Pastor's salary for the coming year \$25.00 per month, meeting days straight time.

We have received by confession three, by letter none, excluded six, died one. Resident members 36, non-resident 31.

We have in our membership three ministers, Elder Arthur Reid, Elder W. M. Stevenson and Elder George Taylor.

Ordained Deacon one, Bro. Howard Gann. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$378.50, Mission—Support of the Association \$10.00. Total amount paid out by the Church \$577.93.

We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School. We have a Free Will Baptist League.

Value of Church property \$1,200. Contribution of minutes \$10.00. State Minutes \$5.00.

We have chosen Bro. Homer Mulkey, Sis. Stella Dodd and Bro. George Reich as our delegates. We have chosen Sis. Juanita Gann and Sis. Marie Bridges as our alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Free Will Baptist of Spring Creek Church at Calvin, Okla.

We have chosen Elder George Taylor for our pastor for the ensuing year.

We are asking for the following Brothers to go before the examining board so they can be ordained for deacons: Bro. George Reich and Bro. Otis Hume. We are asking for Bro. Nathaniel Vanzant to be licensed for deacon.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 4th day of August, 1949.

Elder George Taylor, Moderator.
Sister Ethel Hume, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Examining Board reports that Bro. Otis Humie is found to be of sound doctrine and is referred back to his home church for ordination as a Deacon.

Obituary Committee—We, your Obituary Committee report that God in his infinite wisdom has called from our midst Bro. Geo. Campbell from the Hill Top Church, Sis. Lizzie Vanzant and Bro. Lee Coleman from the Paden Church. May our loss be Heaven's gain.

Sis. Cyprene Green
Sis. Ernestine Roby
Sis. Estella Hughes.

Sunday School Committee—We, the Sunday School Committee recommend that all should work harder for the betterment of our Sunday Schools. May we make it our business to be there with our families and see that some one else is there also.

Sis. Ollie Clenny,
Sis. Sylvia Loney
Sis. Ethel Humes

Sis. Stella Dodd,
Bro. H. N. Liles
Bro. Dee Blaylock.

Music Committee—We recommend that each Church set apart one night a week for Choir practice and to encourage, especially the young people. We also recommend the Choir director be a Christian and that more of the old religious songs be used.

Bro. Carl D. Shivers,
Bro. L. A. Lankford,
Bro. Jimmy Searcy.

Resolution Committee Report, 2nd Quarterly Meeting. Res. No. 1: Be it resolved that we carry out the plans of our State Association.

Annual Res. No. 1: Be it resolved that this association elect preachers to preach only for the first Quarterly Meeting and one quarterly thereafter. Res. No. 2. Be it resolved that we extend our thanks and appreciations to the Spring Creek Church for their kindness and hospitality shown during this session.

Rev. Dewey Sharp,
Rev. Arthur Ried,
Rev. Marion Caton.

Temperance Committee—We, your Temperance Committee recommend that each pastor preach at least one sermon each quarter. We also recommend that as a body of Christian people we all abstain from all intoxicating beverages and any other practice that defiles the Church.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

First Quarterly Meeting Offering	\$11.15
Amount Due Clerk	1.77
Postage	.85
Balance	8.53
Second Quarterly Meeting Offering	5.00
Third Quarterly Meeting Offering	16.47
Amount Forward	\$30.00

Amount Sent for Revival

Schoolton Church	\$ 10.00
West Liberty Church	10.00
Jackson Church	10.00
Spring Creek Church	10.00
Cross Roads Church	10.00
Canadian and State Minutes	101.10
Total	\$181.10
Amount Paid Evangelists	\$ 50.00
Aug. 19-49 Bal.	\$131.10

Financial Committee: We wish to report that the various Churches have sent in the following amounts for minutes, respectively:

Schoolton	\$ 6.00
Holdenville	10.00
Vanzant	5.10
Spring Creek	15.00
Jackson	15.00
West Liberty	15.00
Hill Top	15.00
Cross Roads	5.00
Paden	15.00

\$101.10

Bro. Dick Smith,
Bro. Geo. Wells,
Sis. Lizzie Hanks.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 22:13; Rev. 2:10.

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

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet are the ordinances 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 day 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 concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy.—Ex. 31-15; Deut. 5-12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and 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; 1 Thess. 4:16.

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

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. No members 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 HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCES

1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Invite visiting Brethern to seats 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.

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

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 Baptists, to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year \$ _____ Meeting day is on the _____ Sundays of each month. We have received by Confession _____; 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 Evangelistic Work \$ _____; Missions \$ _____; 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) 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 of wanted). Pray for us. Done in conference this _____ day of _____ 19____.

_____, Moderator

_____, Address

_____, Clerk

_____, Address

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 Church government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches 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 union 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 Baptists, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

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

Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association to have a Moderator, a clerk, and a Credential Committee of three ordained elected by the suffrage of the members of the Association at each annual association. The Credentials Committee shall be elected as follows: One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Then one each year following to succeed the outgoing members.

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 considered 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 amount paid by 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. 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. 12. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS. This Association shall hold three Fifth Sunday Meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons shall make a written report of their work, and it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans, and the order of the ministry, and the quarterly conference shall make a written report to the Association annually.

Art. 13. 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.

Art. 14. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given our selves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give our selves 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 the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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 bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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 conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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