# of FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GOD

1950

Proceedings of the 45th

Annual Session

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Convened with West Liberty Church, Hanna, Oklahoma, Beginning on Wednesday Night Before the Second Sunday in August, 1950

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Elder, Ernest Harrison, Five Years
The next annual session of this Association will be held
with the Vanzant Church located 2 mi. W. and 51/2 S. of
Paden, Oklahoma on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sun-
day in August 1951.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

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- 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 national
- 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.

OFFICERS

- 12. Report of committees.
- 13. Miscellaneous business.

Annual Session of Canadian Association met with the West Liberty Church Thursday night August 10. Services were opened with Congregational singing, prayer by Bro. Ben Tabor. Devotional Service was led by Eld. Melvin Mouser. A stirring testimony service was enjoyed by a large number. Several special songs were rendered. Eld. Earl Jensen and Eld. Marion Caton brought the message. One soul was saved and several additions to the church. After placing of delegates for the night. An old-fashioned hand-shake was enjoyed by many.

Friday morning Session of Canadian Association opened with singing led by Bro. Claud Chisum and Sis. Martha Crow at the piano. Prayer by Eld. Art Ried. Moderator W. E. Wilson in charge. He chose Psalms 34 chapter as his scripture reading. Moderator declared the body ready for business. All visiting Bro. and Sis. invited to seat in counsel with us. Letters of various churches called for at this time. Schoolton, Cross Roads, Hill Top, West Liberty Non VanZant, Spring Creek, Holdenville, Paden churches responded. Motion carried that we use members from various churches whose delegates are not present until delegates arrive.

Motion carried that we suspend rules of order and call for petitionary letters. Allen and Welectka churches presented petitionary. Motion carried that we receive the two churches into our organization. Recessed for five minutes, Called together by singing and prayer led by Eld. J. T. Champion. The temporarily appointed divine com. reports that Eld. Ernest Harrison and Eld. Odis Robinson will bring the eleven o'clock message. Eld. Harrison chose 2nd. Chronicles 17th Chapter for his lesson. Eld Robinson chose 62nd. Chapter Psalms. Lunch was served at shed. Eld. Art Ried graced the table.

Friday afternoon session was opened with singing led by Bro. Ben Tabor. Prayer by Sis. Carrie May. Regular order of business taken up.

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Officers elected were as follows.

Eld. Marion L. Caton Moderator
Eld. W. E. Wilson Assis. Moderator
Sis. Clara Caton Clerk
Sis. Maydie Sharp Assist. Clerk

Divine Committee Bro. Geo. Hughes, Bro. Norman R. Beavlier and Sis. Ethel Homes. Resolution Committee, Eld. Ernest Harrison, Bro. Claud Chisum and Eld. Cecil McKenzie. Sunday School Com. mittee, Sis. Lyla Wilson, Sis. Carrie May and Sis. Ernest Harrison. Finance Committee Sis. Dorothy Bowen, Sis. Lizzie Tabor and Sis. Carl Shivers.

Obituary Committee, Sis. Mildred Searcy, Sis. Sylvia Loney and Albert Collier. Temperance Committee Eld. Melvin Mouser, Bro. Dee Blaylock, and Bro. L. A. Langford. Music Committee, Sis. Martha Crow, Bro. Jimmy Searcy and Sis. Geo. Taylor.

Motion carried that we elect an examing board for a period of one, two and three years. Motion carried that the three highest nominated men get the terms respectively. Executive board report read and accepted. Eld. Ernest Harrison was elected to replace the mem-

ber automatically going off.

Motion carried that we accept Eld. Arthur Rieds resignation on executive. Eld. Odis Robinson was elected to same vacancy. Motion carried that the two eldest ministers preach the memoriel message in the afternoon. Motion carried that we elect an Associational evangelist. Eld. Carl Shivers was elected as evangelist for the Association.

Saturday morning opened with singing led by Bro. Ben Tabor. Moderator Marion Caton in charge. He chose Psalms 133rd ch. Prayer by Eld. Melvin Mouser. Moderater declared body ready for business. Motion carried that we pass on minutes of quarterly meetings with out reading. Motion carried that the report of the Financial board of Bldg. fund be accepted and plan adopted.

Motion carried that we defer question of calling and paying the Evangelist for the Associational revival until the last quarterly meet-

Motion carried that the Clerk secure resolutions from the year of 1935 up to date and carry same in our minutes each year.

Motion carried that we pay our Clerk twenty five dollars for

her work.

Motion carried that the Association stay in session until min-utes are leisurely read, corrected and approved. Motion carried that each church pay our Evangelist five dollars for each revival held where there is no organized church.

Motion carried that Article 1 of Constitution be changed to read as follows: All ordained ministers and Deacons wives, also church Clerks of said union shall be regular members when present by virtue of their office.

Motion carried that we omit preaching and continue business. Vanzent Church was the place chosen for the next Annual Association. Eld. Tom Elliot and Eld. Marion Caton Were chosen to bring the introductory message. Motion carried that the quarterly meetings be placed as follows:

First quartly meeting with Non church on Thursday night before 2nd Sunday in November 1950. Eld. Melvine Mouser and Eld. W.

E. Wilson to bring the introductory message.

Second quarterly to be held with Paden church on Thursday

night before 2nd Sunday in Feb., 1951. Third quarterly to be held with the West Liberty church in Hanna, on Thursday night before

2nd Sunday in May 1951.

Eld. W. E. Wilson was elected 5 yr. man to replace the one automatically going off Finance board of Bldg. Fund. Eld. W. E. Wilson was also elected as five yr, man on the orphanage board. Motion carried that we have five hundred, and fifty minutes printed. Motion carried that we change meeting date of Annual from Thursday night to Wednesday. Motion Carried that Bldg. fund of \$16.00 be turned over to Bldg. fund Treas. Motion carried that we give West Liberty church a standing vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown during this session. Motion carried that we accept report of all Committees and discharge same except standing Committees. Motion carried that Clerk shall first pay for minuses then take her pay. Motion carried that executive board meet with clerk at her convenience to hunt out resolutions to be carried cino present minutes. He had being not the wase count has but been

Motion carried that we approve minutes as read. Motion carried -that we adjourn (until) our next Annual session to be sheld; with the Vanzant church on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1951. Located 2 miles west and 5½ south of Paden, Okla.

pommittee Reports; of Belosia and Roundoff Misc. Software on We, your Temperance Committee recommend that each pastor -preach at least one sermon on temperance each quarter. We also recommend that as a body of Christian people we abstain from all intoxicating beverage and any other practice that defiles the . churchase soft vel bal galgate they from Signed by Committee.

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We your Examining Committee find Eld. Tom Elliot of Spring Creek church, Eld Johnny Priest and Eld. Jack Dodson of Non church to bell of sound doctrine and therefore recommend to respective churches for ordination to the ministry. We also recommend Bro. Howell of Holdenville church to be ordained as deacon; to no a committee

Finance Board of Bldg. Fund a Lalent A sunt field

We the finance board of Bldg. Fund recommend the following Rules for adoption. That any Free Will Baptist church who is a member of Canadian Association, upon making a request, may obtain money for the purpose of building or securing a permanent building or expansion of building. The Amount not to exceed over half the amt. Treas. has and said church must own land where building is to be built, and that no church can obtain o money more than once each year. Signed by Committee .VResolution reamon entricks. MA in Moral and Additional

(1925) No. 1. Be it resolved that each pastor preach at least two vidoctrinal isermons each year time block od of vironamo bucoes

No. 2. That if the churches of this association, that do not pay amount promised pastor, if he fills his part of the agreement, shall have no other paster until they pay the deficit.

(1936) No. 1. Be it resolved that each minister make a written report of his years work to the annual Association.

No. 3. Be resolved that only ordained ministers and deacons ad-

minister Ordinance of the church.

1937) No. 2. Be it resolved that we carry out Gods plan on tithing.

No. 3. Be it resolved that all ministers and Deacons go before the Examining board for qualification before ordination.

Resolved by Executive board on August 22, 1950 that resolution No. 2. of 1938, be abolished.

(1939) No. 1. Be it resolved that this Association so order all churches in this Association prohibit the use of tobacco in any torm inside the church building and that the pastor and deacons see that this ruling be enforced.

No. 2. Resolved that this Association demand all minister, pastoring in Canadian Association, while belonging to another association, abide by Canadian Association laws, during their pastorial care in it.

(1940) Annual No. 1. Be resolved that the devotional Com. Select no minister more than one time in any Association or quarterly meeting.

Annual No. 2. Be it resolved that each church make a report of all deaths in their letter to the Annual session.

Resolved by Executive board August 22, 1950 to abolish resolution

No. 1. 1st quarterly meeting. 12 37 37 37 37 47 16 1 margin field ov (1940), 1st quarterly meeting. Be it resolved any person or persons trying to obstruct the duty of this Association, shall not hold a seat in Association until they make their acknowledment and apologies for same.

(1940) 2nd. quarterly. No. 1. Be it resolved that this Association require its licensed ministers to preach at least eten sermons if on church government before ordaination.

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tion No. 3. 1940.
(1942) No. 1. Be it resolved that when an individual church call the Executives board that they pay the expense of the board.

Resolution by Executive board, August 22, 1950 that No. 1 of first quarterly be abolished.

2nd quarterly. Be it resolved that each church send letters to our

quarterly meetings like the form in our minutes.

(1943) No. 1. Be it resolved that we the Canadian Association, send a letter with a corresponding delegate to sister associations to help bring about a better spirit of Christian friendship and brotherly love.

(1948) Be it resolved that each church send \$15.00 minute and

association expenses to the annual session.

(1949) annual. Be it resolved that this association elect ministers to preach only for the first quarterly meeting and one quarterly thereafter.

2nd quarterly No. 1. Be it resolved that we carry out the plans

of our state association.

(1950) 2nd quarterly. Be it resolved that the Canadian Association start a building fund for the purpose of building new churches and be it further resolved, we elect a board of five to administer these funds. Be it also resolved that we ask each resident member to contribute one dollar per member each year.

Be it resolved that we extend our thanks and appreciation to the West Liberty Church for their kindness and hospitality, shown us during this session Signed by Committee

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#### 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; 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; Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; Cor. 15:20-22; Romans 5:15:20-21; Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; Cor. 15:20-22; Romans 5:15:20-22; R
- 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; I Peter 3:21.
- 13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him and therefore should be one at His table—I Cor, 1:11-27-28; John 17:11.

#### RULES SOFT ORDER'T TOT VIOLES STROTES T

- 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.
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- 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 and all persons are the more of the speaking.
- or sisters. A subject of 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.
- 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 Associa-

### RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCES

- Call Church into Conference.
- Can Church into Conterence.
   Invite visiting Brethern to seats in Council.
   Reading of minutes of last meeting.
   Report of Treasurer or Finance Committee.
   Unfinished business.
   New Business.
   Any sick or in need.

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LETTER OF DISMISSION (AND A DESCRIPTION)
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LETTER TO ASSOCIATION
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P. O. address sends greetings to
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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 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.
- their office. Value of the decimal substantial 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.
- in Arthu 3. Letters.) Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and adddress 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 alasta Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obturates of any, who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our deads this ligouses has not possess or example.
- Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association to have a Moderator, a clerk, and a Credential Committee of three ordained elected by the sufferage 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.
- 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.
- of Art: 6.7 Questions. No questions from any church, shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church appropriate for the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.
- 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.

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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 pre-

sent 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 conforminty 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. house

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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