

Canadian Association
of
**Free Will Baptist
Church of God**

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—Proceedings of the 50th Annual Session—

CONVENED WITH THE NON CHURCH

Beginning on

Wednesday Night Before the Second Sunday

in August, 1955

MINUTES

OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of God

OFFICERS

Moderator	Eld. W. E. Wilson
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Roy Vanzant
Clerk	Sister Irma Smith
Assistant Clerk	Sister Mayyce Chisum

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Calvin church on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August, 1956.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. Sherman Webb	One Year
Bro. Hiram Liles	Two Years
Eld. W. E. Mullendore	Three Years
Eld. Melvin Mouser	Four Years
Eld. Roy Vanzant	Five Years

EXAMINING BOARD

Eld. Carl Shivers	One Year
Eld. Claude Chisum	Two Years
Eld. Clarence Dodson	Three Years

FINANCE BOARD OF BUILDING FUND

Bro. Trevor Case	One Year
Bro. O. E. Wilbanks	Two Years
Bro. Tillman Vanzant	Three Years
Bro. Bill Foster	Four Years
Bro. George Wells	Five Years

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by 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

The fiftieth Annual Session of the Canadian Association met with the Non church on Wednesday night, Aug. 10, 1955 with representatives from Cross Roads, Calvin, Hanna, Vanzant, and Non.

Services opened with singing with Zelma Lee Wellington leading singing and Cleoria Hendrix at the piano. Rev. Ben Pixley, host pastor acted as moderator. Bro. Joe Sanford led in prayer. Several songs were sung and a quartet sang a number. In the absence of Bro. Carl Shivers, Elder Arthur Reid was chosen to follow Elder W. E. Wilson. Elder W. E. Wilson brought a message on "Neglect" found in Heb. 2-1-4. Elder Reid's text was "Prayer" from Mathew 6-9. An altar prayer was given for Bro. Wilson and Bro. Reid and the fellowship of the association. Bro. Parson from Hanna dismissed in prayer.

—THURSDAY MORNING—

Annual business session of the Canadian Association was opened on Thursday morning. Singing was led by Eld. W. E. Wilson with Sis. Inez Cole at the piano. Eld. Sherman Webb led our minds in prayer. Elder Carl Shivers read the Devotional from 1st Cor. 3-3-13. Eld. Ben Pixley led in prayer. The moderator, Eld. Marion Caton took charge expressing how good the Lord has been to the Canadian Association during its fifty years of existence. Congregation then sang "While The Years Roll On."

Letters were called for, read and approved. Delegates were seated by motion and right hand of fellowship. The following churches were represented; Prague, Paden, Vanzant, Hilltop, Cross Roads, Hanna, Calvin, Non, and Allen.

Moderator was given permission to appoint a temporary Divine Committee. Those appointed were, Sis. Gertrue Liles, Sis. Inez Cole, and Bro. Burkhart.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Elder W. E. Wilson; Assistant Moderator, Elder Roy Vanzant; Clerk, Sister Irma Smith; Assistant Clerk, Sister Mavyce Chisum.

Moderator, Elder W. E. Wilson and Assistant Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance Committee: Sis. Helen Vanzant, Sis Minnie Brock, and Bro. Hall.

Sunday School Committee: Sis. Hazel Webb, Sis. Edna Reid, and Sis. Treasie Dodson.

League Committee: Sis. Viola Mae Smith, Sis. Melvin Mouser, and Bro. Tillman Tollett.

Temperance Committee: Bro. Tillman Vanzant, Sis. Josie Blaylock, and Bro. Lawrence Curtis.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Grisham, Sis. Ann Wells, and Sis. Lizzie Hanks.

Resolution Committee: Bro. Sherman Webb, Bro. Claude Chisum, Bro. Marion Caton.

Divine Committee: Sis. Gertrue Liles, Sis. Inez Cole, and Bro. Burkhart.

Dismissed for five minute recess by Bro. W. E. Mullendore.

Eleven O'Clock services were opened with singing led by Elder Claude Chisum with Sis. Bernice Smith at the piano. Bro. Ben Pixley led our minds in prayer. After congregational singing, a quartet composed of, Bro. Marion Caton, Bro. W. E. Wilson, Bro. Roy Roberts, and Sis. Gertrue Liles sang some specials, which were very inspiring.

—THURSDAY AFTERNOON—

Elder Ben Pixley brought his message from 2nd Cor. 4-1-5. Bro. Roy Vanzant followed. Both were wonderful messages.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Clarence Dodson.

Lunch was served at the Tabernacle with Elder Claude Chisum offering thanks at the table.

Thursday afternoon session was opened with singing led by Elder Roy Roberts. Bro. W. E. Mullendore led in prayer. After more congregational singing Bro. W. E. Wilson read Romans 12-1-5 as the Devotional.

Body was declared ready for business. Schoolton letter was read and approved and delegates seated. Visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seat in council.

The Examining Board gave a report as follows: We, the examining board has examined Bro. Edd Smith and found him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination. The report was accepted.

Minutes of the Third Quarterly were read and approved.

The resolution committee submitted the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that resolution No. 1 of 1936 be abolished. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved that resolution No. 3 of 1951 be amended as to excepting Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Resolution passed.

Divine Committee reported that Elder Carl Shivers and Elder Claude Chisum was to preach at three o'clock.

Placing of the next annual meeting and quarterly meetings are as follows: Annual Association will meet with the Calvin church, with Elder Carl Shivers, and Elder W. E. Mullendore bringing the introductory messages. First quarterly will meet at the Prague church with Elder Sherman Webb and Sister Trivitt bringing the message on Friday night, Nov. 11, 1955. Second quarterly will meet with Cross Roads on Friday night, Feb. 10, 1956. Third quarterly at Vanzant on Friday night, May 12, 1956.

Bro. Roy Vanzant was elected to the Executive Board.

Bro. Clarence Dodson was elected to the Examining Board.

Bro. Bill Foster was elected to the Finance Board.

Bro. Ben Tabor turned in his resignation from the Finance Board. Motion carried to accept it. Bro. George Wells was elected to fill his place.

At this time Bro. Edd Smith was ordained as a deacon. He chose Elder W. E. Wilson, Elder Clarence Dodson and Elder Claude Chisum as the Presbytery. Before the ordination Bro. Pixley gave a short talk on the duties of a Deacon. Song was sung and every one gave Bro. and Sis. Smith the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Divine Committee reported that Bro. Sherman Webb and Sister Trivitt will preach Thursday night.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning. Carried.

Three o'clock services were opened with singing led by Bro. Sherman Webb. Bro. Hall led in prayer. Elder Claude Chisum read Scripture found in 1st. Cor. 1-27. He used as his subject, "Christ, The Way-maker." He was followed by Elder Carl Shivers who preached from Jeremiah 26-13. "There's a Lion in the Way." An old-fashioned hand-shake was enjoyed by all.

—THURSDAY NIGHT—

Thursday night services were opened with singing led by Sis. Ruby Wellington with Sis. Cleoria Hendrix at the piano. Bro. Bill Foster led our minds in prayer. After more congregational singing, Bro. Clarence Dodson led in prayer. The Non Quartet sang two special numbers. Both were enjoyed very much.

Bro. Gilbert Priest conducted the testimony service. Each testimony was uplifting to the Christians.

Bro. Sherman Webb took his text from Acts 27-31. "Except these abide in the ship ye cannot be saved." Sister Trivitt's message was from Ezekiel 3-27, "Thus saith the Lord." Both were soul refreshing messages. An Altar call was given. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Ben Bolen.

—FRIDAY MORNING—

Friday morning services were opened with singing "Blessed Assurance." Bro. Carl Shivers led in prayer. Assistant Moderator, Bro. Roy Vanzant, took charge of the business. Bro. Scott Jones, a visiting minister, read the Devotional from the 12th chapter of Romans. In the absence of the Divine Committee, a new one was appointed. Those were Sis. Lizzie Hanks, Bro. Tilman Vanzant, and Bro. Gilbert Priest.

Motion carried to accept the Temperance, Sunday School, League, Obituary, and Finance reports and dismiss the committees. The body stood in silent prayer in memory of those called from our midst.

Divine Committee reports that Bro. Clarence Dodson and Bro. Scott Jones are to preach at 11 o'clock.

Motion carried to drop Eufaula church from the Associational roll.

Motion carried that we vote on the delegates for the State Association that were named in the letters and those chosen since the association convened and let the others alone. Delegates names were read and approved. They are as follows: Prague, Sis. Bernice Smith; Vanzant, Bro. Tilman Vanzant; Hilltop, Sis. Hazel Webb; Schoolton, Sis. L. L. Berry; Hanna, Bro. Brady Crawford; Calvin, Sis. Mavyce Chisum; Non, Bro. Tillman Tollett; Cross Roads, Sis. Treasie Dodson.

Motion carried to give Non church a standing vote of thanks.

Motion carried to have 400 minutes printed.

Motion carried to adjourn until the first quarterly meeting which convenes on Friday night before the second Sunday in Nov., 1955.

—COMMITTEE REPORTS—

Temperance Committee

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend more closely the law of God concerning temperance and that the ministers, Deacons and also the Layman to more closely stress the need of our responsibility.

Signed by Committee.

Sunday School Committee

We, your SudaY School Committee, find all of our churches have good Sunday Schools. We recommend that each of our churches use Free Will Baptist literature if at all possible and all teachers make preparation to teach by study of their lessons, to make our work more interesting and increase our attendance.

Signed by Committee.

League Committee

We, the League Committee feel the need of league work in order that our Free Will Baptist work might be carried on. We want to retain the report of the last meeting. We also feel if more people help and support the leagues we will have better churches. We encourage every church to organize a League. We wish that as many leagues as possible send plays and contestants for the Sword Drill at the next League Rally at Schoolton. Pray for the Leagues.

Signed by Committee.

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in his love has called from our midst:

Sister Sallie Spillers—Hanna

Bro. Dee Blaylock—Cross Roads

Bro. Jim Phillips—Calvin

Bro. Harrison Mulkey—Hilltop

Bro. George Pointer—Paden

Sis. Mattie Haggard—Paden

Bro. E. C. Clark—Schoolton

Signed by Committee.

Finance Committee

Church	Bldg. Fund	State Min.	Canadian Min.
Vanzant		\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Calvin		5.00	10.00
Non		5.00	10.00
Paden	\$ 5.00	5.00	10.00
Hilltop		5.00	10.00
Allen		5.00	5.00
Prague		5.00	10.00
Cross Roads		5.00	10.00
Schoolton	10.00	5.00	10.00
Hanna	5.00	5.00	10.00
	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$95.00</u>
Offering	.50		

Signed by Committee.

Clerks Financial Report:

Balance brought forward	\$ 40.57
Received during 1955 session	165.50
TOTAL	\$206.07
Paid Building Fund	20.00
Paid for State Minutes	50.00
Paid Clerk and Assistant	35.00

Myrtle Shivers, Clerk

Paid for minutes \$85.70

—MINISTERS DIRECTORY—

Leonard Bean	Box 264, Wetumka, Okla.
Marion Caton	Rt. 4, Box 268, Oklahoma City, Okla
J. P. Champion	Okemah, Okla.
Claude Chisum	Calvin, Okla.
Albert Collier	Okemah, Okla.
C. F. Dodson	Calvin, Okla.
J. T. Elliot	Calvin, Okla.
Ben Bolen	Calvin, Okla.
W. D. McCready	Okemah, Okla.
Carrie May	Weleetka, Okla.
Melvin Mouser	Hanna, Okla.
S. D. Pendergraft	Okemah, Okla.
Arthur Reid	Weleetka, Okla.
Sherman Webb	Wewoka, Okla.
W. E. Mullendore	Rt. 1, McLoud, Okla.
Naomi Hahn	Weleetka, Okla.
Carl Shivers	Paden, Okla.
George Taylor	Box 86, Snomae, Okla.
W. T. Walden	Weleetka, Okla.
O. P. Westbrook	222 N. 2nd, Okemah, Okla.
W. E. Wilson	Box 103, Holdenville, Okla.
Roy Vanzant	Prague, Okla.
Roy Wilson	Oklahoma City, Okla.
W. M. Stevenson	Henryetta, Okla.
Olen Bevans	West Virginia
Raymond Bevans	West Virginia
Waldo Young	Shawnee, Okla.
Ben Pixley	Calvin, Okla.
Sister Trivitts	Calvin, Okla.
Elder Parsons	Oklahoma City, Okla.

—VISITING MINISTERS—

Elder Scott Jones	Ada, Okla.
Elder Roy Roberts	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Elder Elvis Priest	Holdenville, Okla.

— L E T T E R S —

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Non, county of Hughes, this July 31, 1955, P.O. address, Calvin, Okla., Star Route, sends greetings to the 50th annual session of 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—\$95.00, half time. We have received by confession, five; by letter, four; by statement, five; died, none; dismissed by letter, three; Resident members, 126; non-resident, 64; total in full fellowship, 203. We have in our membership—Ministers—none; Ordained Deacon; Bro. Gilbert Priest, Bro. J. W. Linton, Bro. Loyd Mauldin, Bro. E. B. Chisum. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$240.00. Home Missions, \$19.50. Improving church building, \$900.00. Support of Association, \$27.50. Total amount paid out by the church, \$2329.32. Value of church property, \$5000.00. We have ten acres of good cotton and have had good cooperation from our members working it. We have a F.W.B. Sunday School and a F.W.B. League. Contribution for minutes, \$10.00. State minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen Bro. Tillman Tollett, Bro. Pete Waincott, and Bro. Lawrence Curtis as our delegates, and Sis. Vera Mooney, Sis. Ruby Wellington, and Sis. Lucille Poe as alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with our church. We have chosen Rev. Ben. Pixley for our pastor for the ensuing year. We are asking for any quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in church conference July 31, 1955.

Rev. Ben Pixley, Pastor
Sis. Lessie Hendrix, Clerk
Star Route
Calvin, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Cross Roads, county of Hughes, this 24th day of July, 1955, Holdenville, Okla. Route 3, send greetings to the 50th annual session of 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 \$40.00 per month. Meeting days, full time. We have received by confession, one; by letter, 12; dismissed by letter, three; Died, one. Resident members, 30, non-resident, 35. Total in full fellowship, 65. We have in our membership three ministers, Rev. C. F. Dodson, Rev. W. E. Wilson, Rev. Leonard Bean. We have three ordained deacons, Bro. Bee Blaylock, Bro. Richard Dooley, Bro. Edd Phillips. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$480.00; support of association, \$41.00; Childrens Home, \$22.68; Total paid out, \$543.68. We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We do not have a League. Value of church property, \$4000.00. Contributions for minutes, \$10.00; state minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen Sis. Treasie Dodson, Sis. Lila Wilson, Sis. Josie Blaylock as our delegates. Sis. Della Smith, Sis. Cloie Cook, and Sis. Belauh Phillips as our alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Non Church. We have chosen Sis. Treasie Dodson to represent us in the state association. We have chosen Rev. C. F. Dodson as our pastor for the ensuing year. We asked that Bro. Joe McEwin and Bro. Ed. Smith to go before the Examining Board so they can be ordained as Deacons. We ask for the second quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in conference this 24th day of July, 1955.

Rev. C. F. Dodson, Moderator
Sis. Marie Morrow, Clerk
Holdenville, Okla.
Route Three

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Paden, Okla., county of Okfuskee this second day of July sends greetings to the 50th annual session of 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 is Sunday night offering. Meeting days—each Sunday. We have received by confession—ten; by letter—three, excluded, none. Died—two, Bro. George Pointer, and Sister Mattie Haggard. Resident members—32, non-resident 30, total in full fellowship, 62. We have in our membership four Ministers, Rev. W. E. Mullendore, Rev. Taylor Champion, Rev. O. P. Westbrook, Rev. Roy Wilson. We have five ordained Deacons, Bro. Harvey Muncy, Bro. Trevor Case, Bro. Arthur Vanzant, Bro. Claude Dinwiddie, Bro. George Mitchell. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$60.88. Support of association, \$26.00. Total amount paid out by the church, \$526.13. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School. We have not a Free Will Baptist League. Value of Church property, \$4000.00. Contributions for minutes, \$10.00. State minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen as our delegates, Sis. Mattie Harriman, Sis. Clara Case, Sis. Helen Vanzant. Alternates, Sis. Blanche Muncy, Sis. Bell Dukes, Sis. Inez Cole to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Non church. We have chosen Rev. W. E. Mullendore as our Pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us. Done in conference this 2nd day of July, 1955. We are sending \$5.00 for building fund. We are asking for the third quarterly meeting at Paden.

Rev. W. E. Mullendore, Moderator
 Sylvia Loney, Clerk
 Box 712
 Paden, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Allen church, county of Okfuskee, of Weleetka, Okla. this 7th day of August, sends greetings to the 50th 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. We have no Pastor and our church is a full time church. We have approximately 50 on the church roll. We have elected Sis. Edna Reid, Sis. Mary Sue Reid and Bro. Hall to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Non church. We have \$5.00 for minute money. We have six ordained Deacons on the roll at Allen. they are as follows: Bro. Homer Reid, Bro. Matt Reid, Bro. Vernice May, Bro. Russell Richardson, Bro. Henry Patterson, and Bro. Sam Milum. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and church. We are looking for a Pastor and if anyone knows of some Preacher that could help us, we pray you will do so and pray for us in our need. Done in conference this 7th day of August. \$5.00 was given for State Minutes.

Bro. Vernice May, Moderator
 Sis. Carrie May, Clerk, Pro. Tem.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Hanna, county of McIntosh, P.O. address, Hanna, Okla. sends greetings to the 50th 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. We do not have a pastor for the ensuing year. We have received by confession, none; letter, two; excluded, none; Died, one. Resident Members, 24; Non-resident, 25; Total in full fellowship, 49. We have in our membership two ordained Ministers, Rev. Melvin Mouser, Rev. J. T. Hurst. Four ordained Deacons, Bro. Ben Tabor, Bro. George Wells, Bro. Sample Layman, Bro. Will England. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$85.64. Support of Association, \$21.00. To the building fund, \$17.50. We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We do not have a F.W.B.L. Value of church property \$3500.00. Contribution for minutes, \$10.00, state minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen Sis. Theosa Layman, Sis. Ella Webster, and Sis. Bessie Taylor as our delegates, and Sis. Iva England, Bro. Lewis Tabor, and Sis. Ann Wells as our alternates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Non church. Pray for us. Done in conference this the 24th day of July. We are sending \$5.00 for building fund.

Bro. George Wells, Moderator
Sis. Estella Hughes, Clerk

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Calvin, Hughes county, this 6th day of August, 1955 sends greetings to the 50th 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 is \$600.00. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession, two; by letter, and statement, ten; excluded, none; died, 1; resident members, 47; non-resident members, 12; total in full fellowship, 59. We have in our membership three ministers, Rev. Claude Chisum, Rev. Tom Elliott, Rev. Ben Bolen. Ordained deacons, three, Bro. C. A. Holloway, Bro. Bill Foster, Bro. Obra Wilbanks. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$120.15, to Childrens Home and Free-Will Baptist Bible College, \$75.00. Support of the Association, \$21.00, Pastors salary, \$600.00, and other expense including building material, payments on loan, piano, and fans, song books, and misc. items making a total of \$1773.80. Value of church property, \$3500.00. We are sending \$10.00 for minutes and \$5.00 for state minutes. We have chosen Elder Claude Chisum for our Pastor for the ensuing year. We have chosen Sis. Minnie Brock, Sis. Grace Howell and Sis. Lizzie Hanks as our delegates with Bro. W. B. Brock, Sis. Minnie Sneed and Sis. Sue Foster as alternates to represent us in this session when convened with the Non Church. We would like to have the annual association meeting next year, or one quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in conference Aug., 1955. We have a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and League. Bro. Jim Phillip was called from us. We have chosen Sis. Mavyce Chisum as our delegate to the state association.

Claude Chisum, Pastor
Lizzie Hanks, Clerk
Box 35
Calvin, Okla.

Dear Bro. and Sisters of the Canadian Association:

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Prague, Okla., Lincoln county, this 3rd day of August sends greetings to the 50th 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 is the 1st. and the 3rd. Sunday offerings. Meeting day is full time. We have received by confession, seven; Letter, two; Excluded, sixteen; Died, none. Resident Members, 31. Non-Resident Members, 4. Total in full fellowship, 35. We have in our membership, one Minister, Bro. Earl Judd. We have three ordained Deacons, Bro. Dick Smith, Bro. Milton Vaughn, and Bro. Clarence Day. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$60.00. We have paid \$60.00 to Children Home. Mission, none. Support of the Association, \$31.00. We have paid out for Pastor, \$441.50, plus grocery showers and individual offering. Paid out for addition on church and repairs, \$779.03. We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We have a F.W.B. League. Value of church property, six thousand dollars. Contributions for minutes, \$10.00; State minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen Elder Carl Shivers for our Pastor for the ensuing year. We have chosen as delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Non church, Sis. Bernice Smith, Sis. Viola Mae Smith, and Bro. Mose Perry. We are asking for the 1st quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in conference this 3rd of August, 1955.

We have chosen Sis. Bernice Smith as our state delegate.

Bro. Clarence Day, Moderator
Sis. Irma Smith, Clerk
Prague, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Vanzant, county Okfuskee, this the 11th day of August, Paden, Okla. sends greetings to the 50th 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, \$20.00 month. Meeting days are on the 1st. and 3rd. Sundays of each month. We have received by confession, none; by statement, two; letters, four; excluded, none; names dropped from roll by request, two; died, none; active members, 24; non-active, 37; total on roll, 61. We have in our membership five ministers, Bro. Marion Caton, Bro. Arthur Reid, Bro. Roy Vanzant, Bro. Carl Shivers, and Sis. Naomi Hahn. We have four ordained deacons, Bro. John Stricklin, Bro. Hiram Liles, Bro. Pete Hatfield, and Bro. Raymond Vanzant. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$46.75; for the Childrens Home, \$82.69; support of the association, \$51.00. Total amount paid out by the church, \$295.23. We have a F.W.B. Sunday School. We have a F.W.B. League. Contribution for minutes, \$10.00, state minutes, \$5.00. We have chosen Sis. Gertrude Liles, Sis. Rozella Vanzant, and Bro. Will Stricklin as our delegates to represent us in the annual association when convened with the Non church. Our alternates are Sis. Addie Watkins, Sis. Lillie Vanzant, and Bro. Tilman Vanzant. We have chosen Bro. Marion Caton as our Pastor for the ensuing year. We would like to have the 3rd quarterly meeting. Pray for us. Done in conference this the 7th day of August, 1955.

Bro. Marion Caton, Moderator
Sis. Marie Stricklin, Clerk
Route One
Paden, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Schoolton, Seminole county, this 6th day of Aug., 1955 sends greetings to the annual session of brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist. Pastors salary for the coming year, \$10.00 a week. Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession, none; by letter, 2; died, one—Bro. E. C. Clark. Resident members, 32; non-resident members, 37; total on roll, 69. We have in our membership, ministers, 1; Bro. Albert Collier; Ordained Deacons, four, Bro. L. A. Lankford, Bro. L. L. Berry, Bro. Garland Collier, Bro. Coleman Dotson. We have paid out for Evangelistic work, \$25.00. We have a F.W.B. Sunday School and F.W.B. League. We are sending \$15.00 for minutes and Associational expenses. \$10.00 for building fund. We have chosen Sis. Berry, Sis. Young, and Sis. Betty Earnest as our delegates. Alternates are Sis. Ruby Orr, Sis. Marie Collier, and Sis. Margaret Dotson. We have chosen Elder Waldo Young for our pastor for the ensuing year. Pray for us. Done in conference this 6th day of August, 1955.

Waldo Young, Moderator
Mrs. R. L. Garrett, Clerk
Box 523
Okemah, Okla.

RESOLUTIONS

(1925) No. 1—Be it resolved that each pastor preach at least two doctrinal sermons each year.

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 pastor until they pay the deficit.

No. 3—Be it resolved that only ordained ministers and deacons administer Ordinance of the church.

(1937) No. 2—Be it resolved that we carry out God's plan on tithing.

No. 3—Be it resolved that all ministers and deacons go before the Examining Board for qualification before ordination.

Resolve 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 form inside the church building and that the pastor and deacons see that this ruling be enforced.

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

(1940) Annual No. 1—Be it resolved that the devotional committee 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.

(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 acknowledgement and apologies for same.

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

Resolved by Executive Board August 22, 1950, to abolish resolution No. 3, 1940.

(1942) No. 1—Be it resolved that when an individual church calls the executive board they pay the expense of the board.

Resolution by the 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 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.

(1951) No. 1—Be it resolved that the Association elect a new moderator and clerk each year. (Not to succeed themselves.)

No. 4—Be it resolved that this Association leave Article One of the Constitution in this Association to read exactly as they are in the Minutes with the exception that the clerk and assistant shall also be regular members.

(1952) No. 1—Be it resolved that our Assistant keep the books and have the minutes printed; then turn the books over to the new clerk at the first quarterly meeting. And this program to be continued.

(1954) No. 1—We the Resolution Committee recommend that the association appoint a 3-man board of 1-2-3 years to locate the site for an association campground, to be submitted to the association at the first quarterly meeting. Be it further resolved that each church send in \$10.00 to each quarterly meeting for the campground funds.

No. 2—Be it resolved that we abolish Resolution No. 2 of 1951. Be it further resolved that we elect all boards for 1-2-3-4-5 years.

(1955) No. 1—Be it resolved that resolution No. 1, of 1936 be abolished.

No. 2—Be it resolved that no one hold more than one office in this association in any one year except the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

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; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the Godhead 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 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 and 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; Matt. 12:12; Deut. 5:12.

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 the 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; I 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; 15:20-22, and 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; 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, 27;—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 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 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 CONFERENCE

1. Call Church into Conference.

2. Invite visiting brethren to seats in the 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 if wanted). Pray for us. Done in conference this _____ day of _____ 19_____.

_____, Moderator
_____, 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 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.

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, 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 has 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 questions 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 members 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 two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 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 Saviour 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 accordingly 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.

