

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Seventy-Seventh Annual Session**  
of the  
**Canadian Association**  
of  
**Free Will Baptist**  
**Church Of God**  
when convened at the  
**Shady Nook Free Will**  
**Baptist Church**  
**August 7, 1982**



## MINUTES

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist Church of God was convened at the Shandy Nook Free Will Baptist Church. The next session of this association will meet at the Wetumka Free Will Baptist Church, on November 12th and 13th. Brother Atha Brooks will give the Introductory Message assisted by Brother John Beasley. The second quarterly meeting will be held at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church on February 11-12, 1983. The third quarterly meeting will be held at the Prague Free Will Baptist Church on May 6-7, 1983. The annual meeting will be held at the Hanna Free Will Baptist Church on August 12-13, 1983. Brother Alvin Murphy will give the Introductory message, assisted by Brother Randall Miller.

## HISTORY

The Canadian Association was organized at Yeager, Oklahoma, in the year 1905, by Brother Tom Townsend, Brother Taylor Champion, Brother Tom Mitchell, Brother Mancher and Brother Rogers.

### OFFICERS OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

1982-1983

Moderator .....	Reverend Alvin Murphy
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Fred Mouller  
Rt. 2, Box 95, Choctaw, Oklahoma — (405) 390-2639  
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Rt. 3, Box 405, Harrah, Oklahoma

## YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Danny Davidson .....	(405) 279-3734	5 year
Atha Brooks .....	(405) 964-5116	4 year
John Johnson .....	(918) 657-2555	3 year
Glenn Hamilton .....	(405) 769-3173	2 year
Randall Miller .....	(405) 567-4271	1 year

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCH CLERKS

Hanna	918-657-2555	Frankie Johnson
Paden	405-932-3975	Francis Hinds
Shady Nook	405-769-5805	Juanita Hudson
Prague	405-279-3734	Willeam Davidson
Faith	405-732-4796	Nancy Griffin
Minneha	405-677-7767	Freda Woodruff
Allen	405-786-2593	Phyllis Crawford
Crossroads		Grace Sandford
Liberty		Rugh Wilson
Glendale	405-424-4404	David Johnson
Wetumka	405-452-3366	Marie Beasley
Mustang		Unknown

General Board Member    October 1982  
Alvin Murphy 405-321-4367

## DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Hanna .....	Frankie Johnson
Minneha .....	Marcie Brooks
Shadynook .....	Rita Walton
Prague .....	Lester White
Faith .....	Nancy Griffin
Allen .....	
Paden .....	
Liberty .....	
Crossroads .....	
Glendale .....	
Wetumka .....	John Beasley
Mustang .....	

## 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. (A) Reading of Recommendations from the Examining and Credential Board  
(B) Reading of Requests from Churches
6. Host Pastor to give Welcome
7. Petitionary Letters called for
8. Reading of Rules of Order
9. Invitation to visiting brethren to sit in Council
10. Appointment of Committees: (A) Pulpit Committee, (B) Finance Committee, (C) Resolution Committee, (D) Obituary Committee
11. Reading of Minutes
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
14. Reports from Committees
15. Miscellaneous Business
16. Selection of Officers

## RULES OF ORDER

1. The Association, when met, shall be opened and closed by singing and praying.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
3. No person shall 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 he 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 application of "Brother" or "Sister".
8. No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association while in session.
9. The names of members of the Association shall be enrolled and called as the Association deems necessary.
10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Association.
11. Any person who breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, according to direction of the Association.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Brother John Padget, Shady Nook; Sister Jessie Harmon, Liberty; and Sister Alma Martin, Prague.

## 1982 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

	Tithes
Church	
Liberty .....	\$266.75
Glendale .....	496.00
Minneha .....	305.00
Faith .....	457.25
Shady Nook .....	162.72
Hanna .....	273.37
Prague .....	695.55
Wetumka .....	324.98
Mustang .....	
Crossroads .....	
Allen .....	
Paden .....	
Total Received .....	\$2981.62
Balance brought forward from 3rd quarter .....	\$2572.40
TOTAL .....	\$5554.02

## EXPENSES FOR ANNUAL

25% to state co-op .....	\$745.41
10% to state home mission .....	298.18
10% to Hillsdale General Fund .....	298.18
Scholarship Fund - 4th qtr. ....	50.00
Youth Camp Fund .....	1200.00
Youth Camp director gift .....	200.00
Youth Camp director gift .....	100.00
Concession director gift .....	100.00
Donation to host church noon meal .....	100.00
Assistant clerk .....	125.00
Clerk .....	200.00
Scholarship fund - Michael Mixon .....	200.00
Total Received .....	\$3616.77
Balance brought forward from 3rd quarter .....	\$2572.40
TOTAL .....	\$6189.17

## 1981-1982 FINANCE REPORT

1981 Balance brought forward from annual .....	\$1369.09
Received from first quarter .....	3290.64
Received from second quarter .....	3284.00
Received from third quarter .....	3206.77
Received from annual .....	2981.62
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED (All sources) .....</b>	<b>\$14132.12</b>

## EXPENSES

Paid to co-op fund .....	\$3190.78
State home mission .....	1276.31
Hillsdale General Fund .....	1276.31
Youth Camp Fund .....	3900.00
Scholarship Fund (one year) .....	200.00
Additional Scholarship fund .....	200.00
Youth Camp Director gift .....	200.00
Assistant Camp Director gift .....	100.00
Concession Director gift .....	100.00
Delegate fees to State Association .....	240.00
Clerk .....	200.00
Assistant Clerk .....	125.00
Annual donation to host church noon meal .....	100.00
Gospel Outreach - shipping of film .....	6.43
National Association dues 1981 .....	120.00
National Association dues 1982 .....	120.00
Batteries for calculator .....	4.38
Donation to host church 3rd quarter .....	100.00
Batteries for mike's .....	4.16
Gospel outreach film for retreat .....	60.00
Speaker at retreat .....	108.00
Donation to host church 2nd quarter .....	100.00
Donation to host church 1st quarter .....	100.00
Postage stamps .....	20.00
Printing of 1981 minutes .....	343.50
<b>Total Expenses paid .....</b>	<b>\$12194.87</b>
<b>Total Received (All sources) .....</b>	<b>14132.12</b>
<b>Less Total expenses paid out .....</b>	<b>12,194.87</b>
<b>Balance before printing 1982 minutes .....</b>	<b>\$1937.25</b>
<b>Returned scholarship from Michael Mixon .....</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2137.25</b>

**YOUTH CAMP REPORT**  
**July 25-30, 1982**  
**Pentecostal Holiness Campground**  
**I-40 and Anderson Rd.**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Camp Rental .....	\$2704.00
Food .....	1606.85
Evangelist .....	250.00
Cooks .....	500.00
Literature .....	125.39
Camp program .....	27.00
Medical Insurance .....	130.00
Concession .....	499.92
Trophies and awards .....	126.50
Miscellaneous expenses .....	<u>139.61</u>
Total disbursements .....	\$6109.27

**RECEIPTS**

Balance from 1981 .....	499.10
Association contribution .....	3600.00
Campers Fees .....	2600.00
Concession .....	591.10
Return on unused food .....	<u>69.96</u>
Total Receipts .....	7360.16
Total Disbursements .....	<u>6109.27</u>
Balance on Hand .....	\$1250.89

**ATTENDANCE AND COMMITMENTS**

Campers .....	104
Sponsors .....	21
Director - Evangelist .....	2
Under 9 years old .....	<u>6</u>
Total Enrollment .....	133

Saved .....	14
Rededications .....	20
Baptized .....	4

Church	Pastor	No. on Roll	Confes.	Letter	Dis.*	Dec.*
Shady Nook		38	0	0	2	1
Minneha	Olen Woodruff	51	5	0	0	0
Wetumka	John Beasley	38	6	4	1	0
Glendale	Carl Waddle	71	4	0	0	0
Liberty	Thomas Johnston	26	2	2	0	1
Faith	Jessie Wallis	48	11	6	9	0
Hanna		40	2	0	0	0
Prague	Randall Miller	52	2	5	12	1



### **FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE — AUGUST 6, 1982**

Services were opened with Brother Alvin Murphy in charge. An opening prayer was given by Brother Hightower. Congregational singing was led by Lesley and Tammy Hamilton. Time was given for a testimonial service led by Brother Alvin Murphy. Specials were sung by the Minneha, Shady Nook and Prague churches. Services were turned over to the speaker Brother Gary Brown, who brought the message from the Book of John, Chapter eleven, verse eleven. Invitation was given at the close of the message. The service was turned back to Brother Murphy. Services were closed in prayer by Brother Randall Miller. There were thirty-eight present with five churches represented.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE — AUGUST 7, 1982**

Services opened with moderator Brother Alvin Murphy in charge. Prayer was given by Brother John Johnson. Congregational singing was led by Sister Lesley Hamilton. Brother Olen Woodruff came and gave the morning devotional from the Book of John, chapter fourteen, verses 1-4. All ordained came and signed for clerk's records. Letters were called for and received from the following churches: Faith, Liberty, Hanna, Shady Nook, Prague, Wetumka, and Glendale. Letters were read and accepted, and delegates were seated with right hand of fellowship. Reading of recommendations and request followed. A recommendation was read from the examining and credential board recommending brother Thomas Johnston back to his local church to be ordained for the ministry. Motion was made and seconded and carried to accept the board's recommendation. There were no requests from the churches. Brother Glenn Hamilton came and gave a welcome to the seventy-seventh annual meeting when convened at the Shady Nook F.W.B. church. Petitionary letters were called for, there were none. The assistant moderator, Brother Jessie Wallis, came and read the rules of order. The moderator invited visiting brethren to be seated in council. The following committee members were appointed: Pulpit committee - Sister Pat Stukey, Sister Loretta Johnston, and Sister Billie Redford; Finance committee - Sister Freda Woodruff, Sister Patsy Snowden, and Sister Frankie Johnson; Resolution committee - Sister Juanita Hudson, Sister Dianne Gentry, and Brother J.C. Bogard; Obituary committee - Sister Lena Sweet, Sister Lilly Wallis, and Sister Eula Perry. The pulpit committee report was read and accepted. The committee chose brother Don Gentry to bring the eleven o'clock message. A motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss pulpit committee. A motion was made and seconded and carried to adjourn from business until after lunch. Dismissed in prayer by Brother John Beasley.

### **ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE**

Services were opened with prayer by Brother Earnest Stucky. Brother Stucky led the congregational singing. Specials were sung by all the young people who went to youth camp: Brother George Pettyjohn, Brother Thomas Johnston, and Sister Eula Perry. Services were then turned over to Brother Don Gentry who brought the message from the Book of John, Chapter Thirteen, verses 34-35. An invitation was given and then we were dismissed in prayer by Brother Jessie Wallis.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator Brother Alvin Murphy called the meeting to order. The session opened with congregational singing led by brother George Pettyjohn. A motion was made, seconded and carried to enter back into the business session. A prayer was given by Brother Burton Perry. Minutes and financial reports from the last meeting were read and approved. Unfinished business was called for. There was none. New business was called for. There was a letter from Brother Gary Brown stating that he no longer pastored the Hanna F.W.B. church and would like to resign from the youth camp board. Brother Brown also asked for a letter of good standing to be sent to the Arkansas Valley Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Brother Brown's resignation from youth camp board. Motion made, seconded and carried to send a letter of good standing to the Arkansas Valley Assoc. on Brother Gary Brown, after the clerk sent a letter requesting a letter from the Canadian Assoc. Motion made, seconded and carried that the association send a check for \$200.00 to Michael Mixon and Jamie Robinson to attend Hillsdale from the scholarship fund. A motion was made that the association add \$300.00 to our youth camp fund which would bring it up to \$1200.00 every quarter. Reports from committees were called for and read. The finance committee reported a total of \$2981.62. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept report and dismiss committee. The resolution committee report read.

Be it resolved: That churches that are members of the Canadian Association that fail to attend, fellowship and support the association for one year be dropped from the association roll. Churches dropped may be reinstated by a letter, fellowship and support at any meeting of the Canadian Association. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept this resolution and for it to go into effect today. The clerk is to get this information to all churches belonging to the Canadian Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss resolution committee. The obituary committee report was read and accepted, and the committee was dismissed. A moment of silent prayer was held for those who have passed away. Miscellaneous business was called for. A motion was made and seconded that we have a clerk and a treasurer instead of an assistant clerk. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded that resolution no. 6 be changed to \$160.00 each, motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to remove resolution no. 7 and put it under membership. Article I, motion carried.

Selection was made of where to go for the quarterly meetings during the coming year. The first quarter meeting will be held at Wetumka. The second quarter meeting will be held at Faith. The third quarter meeting is scheduled for Prague with the annual to be held at Hanna. Brother Atha Brooks was chosen to be the Friday night speaker at the first quarter meeting and Brother John Beasley will be the assistant. Brother Alvin Murphy was chosen as speaker at the annual meeting and Brother Randall Miller will be the assistant. A standing vote of thanks was given to the Shady Nook church for the noon meal. Brother Randall Miller came and gave a report on the youth camp. We had 14 saved, 20 rededications, and 4 baptised. There was a total of 104 campers and 23 sponsors and teachers. A motion was made seconded and carried to give Brother Miller \$300.00 for his work and dedication. Brother Randall gave back \$100.00 and made a motion that \$100.00 each be given to the assistant director, Brother Glenn Hamilton and concession director Brother Atha Brooks. Motion carried.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was held. They are: Moderator Brother Alvin Murpy; assistant moderator Brother Jessie Wallis; clerk, Sister Frankie Johnson; Treasurer, Sister Marcie Brooks; Executive Board member, Brother Carl Waddle (5 year term); examining and credential board members, Brother Atha Brooks (3 year term), Brother John Beasley (1 year term); youth camp board member, Brother Danny Davidson (5 year term). After some closing words and announcements a motion was made and seconded and carried to adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Carl Waddle.

Moderator — Alvin Murphy

Clerk — Kay Hamilton

## BUSINESS DONE IN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

### First Quarterly Meeting — November 7, 1981

There was a request from the Mustang church for Brother Jerry Anderson to go before the examining and credential board. Motion made seconded and carried to accept request. There was a recommendation from the examining board read on Brother Charlie Wells, the board recommended brother Wells not be ordained as a deacon. The body voted to accept Brother Charlie Wells as a deacon into the association. A motion was made seconded and carried to elect Brother Gary Brown on the youth camp board. There was a motion made and seconded that the moderator resign from the examining and credential board and elect new board and to examine men for ordination and license at quarterly meetings. Motion denied.

### Second Quarterly Meeting

A recommendation was read from the examining and credential board recommending Brother Dallas Davis have a standing vote in the Canadian Assoc. A motion was made seconded and carried to accept boards recommendation. A recommendation was read from the examining and credential board recommending Brother John Beasley have a standing vote in the assoc. A motion was made seconded and carried to accept boards recommendation. A recommendation was read from the examining and credential board recommending Brother Jerry Anderson have a standing vote in the Canadian Assoc. A motion was made seconded and carried to accept boards recommendation. Request read from Mustang F.W.B. church, for Brother William LaValley to have his license renewed to preach the gospel. A motion was made and seconded and carried for examining board to act on this. Request read from Liberty F.W.B. church for Brother Don Gentry to have his license renewed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to renew Brother Gentry's license in May at quarterly meeting. A motion was made seconded and carried, for association to pay for speaker and his lodging at spring retreat. A motion was made seconded and carried for association to help the Mustang F.W.B. church if they came in need before the next quarterly meeting.

### Third Quarterly Meeting — May 8, 1982

There was a request from the Hanna F.W.B. church asking that brother Gary Brown be ordained. A motion was made seconded and carried for examining board to meet with Brother Brown. There was a request from the Liberty F.W.B. church requesting that Brother Thomas Johnston be ordained. A motion was made seconded and carried for examining board to meet with brother Johnston. A motion was made seconded and carried, to drop the Chandler F.W.B. church from assoc. Roll church is no longer in existence. A motion was made seconded and carried to send dues to national assoc. \$120.00—1981, \$120.00—1982, and \$240.00 to Okla. State Assoc. for delegate fees.

## LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Shady Nook Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Midwest City, . County of Oklahoma, send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year \$50.00/week. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 0; by letter 0; dismissed 2; deceased 1.

Active members 30; non-active 8; total in full membership 38. Our average Sunday

We have 1 deacon in our membership: Glenn Hamilton, Okla. City, OK, ordained, 405-769-3173. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$630.00; for missions - none; support of the association \$945.26; Total paid out \$9447.89; value of church property \$40,000.00.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Allie Sleeper, Janet Miller, Juanita Hudson, alternates: Rita Walton, Betty Smith, Larry Sawyer. We have chosen Rita Walton as our Delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are: \$162.72.

We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Pray for us. Done in Church Conference this 1st day of July, 1982.

Glenn Hamilton  
Okla. City, OK

Juanita Hudson, Clerk  
Okla. City, OK

## LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Wetumka Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Wetumka, OK, County of Hughes, send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year \$7800.00. Meeting days full time. We have received by concession 6; by letter 4; dismissed 1; deceased none.

Active members 23; non-active 15; total in full membership 38. Our average Sunday School attendance is 30. Average CTS attendance 0. We have 3 ministers in our membership: John Beasley, Preston OK, ordained, 918-756-7680; Barnett Lunsford, ordained; Woody Williamson, Webbers Falls, Ok, ordained, 405-786-2135.

We have 4 deacons in our membership: Charly Wells, Wetumka, OK, ordained, 405-452-3516; Earnest Stuky, Wetumka, OK, ordained, 405-452-3934; Ralph Beasley, Wetumka, OK, ordained, 405-452-3366; Allen Hibbs, non-active, ordained.

We have paid out for evangelistic work \$915.00; for missions - none; support of the association \$1311.98; Total paid out \$15,478.05; value of church property \$25,000.00.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Mary Wells, Pat Stukey, Janie Shatwell; alternates: Shirley Beasley, R.J. Shatwell. We have chosen John Beasley as our Delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are: \$324.98.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder John Beasley. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. We desire to host the 1st quarterly meeting. Pray for us.

Done in Church Conference this 1st day of August, 1982.

John Beasley, Moderator  
Preston, OK

Marie Beasley, Clerk  
Wetumka, OK

## LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at McCloud, OK, County of Potawatatomie, send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year -none. Meeting days full time. We have received by concession 5; by letter 0; dismissed 0; deceased 0.

Active members 39; non-active 12; total in full membership 51. Our average Sunday School attendance is 33. Average CTS attendance 22. We have 3 ministers in our membership: Olen Woodruff, Del City, OK, ordained, 405-677-7767; Atha Brooks, McCloud, OK, ordained, 405-964-5116; Jerry Anderson, Newcastle OK, ordained, 405-392-5531.

We have 0 deacons in our membership. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$252.00; for missions - none; support of the association \$1123.00; Total paid out \$11,138.87; value of church property \$40,000.00.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Jimmy Lackey, Jerrie Lackey, Melvin Billins; alternates: Opel Billins, Freda Woodruff. We have chosen Marcie Brooks as our Delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are: \$305.00.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Olen Woodruff. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Pray for us.  
Done in Church Conference this 4th day of August, 1982.

Olen Woodruff, Moderator  
Del City, OK

Freda Woodruff, Clerk  
Del City, OK

We, the Hanna Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Hanna, OK, County of McIntosh, send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year \$100.00/week. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 2; by letter 0; dismissed 0; deceased 0.

Active members 27; non-active 13; total in full membership 40. Our average Sunday School attendance is 35. Average CTS attendance 16. We have 1 minister in our membership: Gary Brown, Box 116, Warner, OK, not ordained, 918-463-5512; We have 4 deacons in our membership: George Wells, Hanna, OK, ordained, 918-657-2233; J.C. Bogard, Hanna, OK, ordained, 918-657-2567; O.J. McCullar, Hanna, OK, ordained, 918-657-2284; John Johnson, Hanna, OK, ordained, 918-657-2555.

We have paid out for evangelistic work \$350.00; for missions - none; support of the association \$1077.82; Total paid out \$10,852.32; value of church property \$35,000.00.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Ann Wells, Frankie Johnson, Faye Branch; alternates: JoAnn Martin, Wilma Stone. We have chosen Frankie Johnson as our Delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are: \$273.37.

We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. We desire to host the Annual meeting. Pray for us.

Done in Church Conference this 1st day of August, 1982.

George Wells, Moderator  
Hanna, OK

Frankie Johnson, Clerk  
Hanna, OK

We, the Prague Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Prague, OK, County of Lincoln, send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year \$13,000.00. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 2; by letter 5; dismissed 12; deceased 1.

Active members 42; non-active 10; total in full membership 52. Our average Sunday School attendance is 61. Average CTS attendance 28. We have 1 minister in our membership: Randall Miller, NBU 1608 OK, ordained, 405-567-4271. We have 1 deacon in our membership: Don Hadley, Rt. 1, Carlsboro, OK, ordained, 405-382-5281. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$720.00; for missions - \$111.95 support of the association \$2610.79; Total paid out \$24,812.87; value of church property \$100,000.00.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Lester White, Patsy Snowden, Eula Perry; alternates, Violet Miller, Wilma White, Willean Davidson. We have chosen Lester White as our Delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are: \$695.55.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Randall Miller. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. We desire to host the 3rd quarterly meeting. Pray for us.

Done in Church Conference this 4th day of August, 1982.

Randall Miller, Moderator  
NBU 1608 Prague, OK

Willean Davidson, Clerk  
Meeker, OK

We, the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at 5520 S. Santa Fe, Okla. City, OK County of Okla., send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year \$100/wk. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 2; by letter 2; dismissed 0; deceased 1.

Active members 20; non-active 6; total in full membership 26. Our average Sunday School attendance is 22. Average CTS attendance 0. We have 4 ministers in our membership: Thomas Johnston, 900 N.W. 23, Moore, OK 405-799-3503; Albert McReynolds, 1165 S.E. 22, Okla. City, ordained 405-677-6762; Cecil Harman, 1316 S.E. 41, Okla. City, OK, ordained, 405-672-9243; Donnie Gentry, 109 S.W. 12, Moore, OK, 405-799-6223.

We have 1 deacons in our membership: Arthur Browning, 3536 S.W. 39, Okla. City, OK, ordained, 405-685-1110.

We have paid out for evangelistic work - none.; for missions - \$130.00; support of the association \$1362.42; Total paid out \$10,176.43; value of church property \$95,000.00.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Lorritta Johnston, Dianne Gentry, Thomas Johnston; alternates: Juanita McReynolds, Ruth Wilson. Tithes to the Association are: \$266.75.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Thomas Johnston. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year.

Pray for us.

Done in Church Conference this 1st day of August, 1982.

Thomas Johnston, Moderator  
Moore, OK

Ruth Wilson, Clerk  
Okla. City, OK

We, the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Midwest City, OK, County of Okla., send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year \$3000.00. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 11; by letter 6; dismissed 9; deceased none.

Active members 44; non-active 4; total in full membership 48. Our average Sunday School attendance is 28. Average CTS attendance 14. We have 1 minister in our membership: Jessie A. Wallis 2312 S. Anderson Rd. Midwest City, OK, ordained, 405-769-2375.

We have 1 deacon in our membership: Hugh Watson, Rt. 9, Box 137, M.W.C., OK 73110, ordained, 405-732-3975.

We have paid out for evangelistic work \$598.00; for missions - none; support of the association \$1888.70; Total paid out \$19,225.00; value of church property \$135,000.00.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Marvin Reed, Stella Reed, Lilly Wallis; alternates: David Geer, Brenda Geer. We have chosen Nancy Griffin as our Delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are: \$457.25.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Jessie A. Wallis. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. We desire to host the 2nd quarterly meeting. Pray for us.

Done in Church Conference this 4th day of August, 1982.

Jessie A. Wallis, Moderator  
Midwest City, OK

Nancy Griffin, Clerk  
Choctaw, OK

We, the Glendale Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Midwest City, OK, County of Okla., send greetings to the 77th 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 zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 7th day of August. Pastors salary for the coming year \$4800.00. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 4; by letter 0; dismissed 0; deceased 0.

Active members 56; non-active 15; total in full membership 71. Our average Sunday School attendance is 55. Average CTS attendance 24. We have 3 ministers in our membership: Carl Waddle, Okla. City, OK, ordained, Elmer Dye, McCloud, OK, ordained, George Pettyjohn, Del City, OK, ordained.

We have 5 deacons in our membership: Fred Mouller, Choctaw, OK, John Sweet, Midwest City, OK, Sonny Dye, Harrah, OK, James Redford, Del city, OK, David Johnson, Okla. City, OK.

We have paid out for evangelistic work none.; for missions - none: support of the association \$1902.00; Total paid out \$21,533.00; value of church property \$80,000.

We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Mable Pettyjohn, Lena Sweet, Belinda Shannon; alternate: Billie Redford. Tithes to the Association are: \$496.00.

Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Carl Waddle. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Pray for us.

Done in Church Conference this 4th day of August, 1982.

Carl Waddle, Moderator  
Okla. City, OK

David Johnson, Clerk  
Okla. City, OK

# CONSTITUTION

## Preamble

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denomination Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in the 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 church government. We have adopted the Treaties of The Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptist as our rule of faith and practice.

## Article I.

**Membership:** This Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church; and, upon presenting 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. A Minister or Deacon listed on the Association Roll as Inactive shall have no standing vote. A Minister or Deacon will be placed on the Inactive list if he absent himself from his church or the Association for one year. An Minister or Deacon coming to this Association from another association shall bring with him a Letter of Recommendation from the association he is leaving, and go before the Examining and Credential Board. At the Annual Association Meeting, each member church must reaffirm its desire to continue as a member in the Letter to the Association. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk shall be regular members of the Association. Any member church not attending shall be contacted to encourage and admonish them in the Lord to come and fellowship with us; and if they refuse, the Association shall break fellowship with these churches. The Association shall send separate Letters of Recommendation for the Church and Ordained Ministers when leaving the Association.

All ministers and deacons on the inactive list must come before the examining and credential board before being received back into the association.

## Article II

**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 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 and reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

## Article III

**Letters:** Letters from the different churches represented 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 or by restoration or denominational choice, the members dismissed by Letter, Ministers or Deacons dropped or inactive and those having died since the last Association meeting. Churches, in sending their Letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year so that we may keep up the memorial of our dead. Any church desiring to have the Annual Meeting, or one of the Quarterly Meetings, should ask for such in the Annual Letter.

## Article IV

**Officers, Boards and Committees:** The Association has a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, an Executive Board, an Examining and Credential Board, a Youth Camp Board, and the following committees: Orthodox, Resolution, Finance and Pulpit, appointed at each Quarterly Meeting, with an Obituary Committee appointed only at the Annual Meeting. No one in the Association shall hold more than one office, except the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and the Youth Camp Board. Any Delegate seated by the Association shall be eligible to serve on any committee, except the Orthodox Committee.

## Article V

**New Churches:** Newly constituted churches, which are to petition by Letter and Delegates, may be admitted to the Association; and if, upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association with the Moderator giving the Right Hand



of Fellowship. Please see *Article IV, Section H, Orthodox Committee*, for the above-mentioned examination.

#### Article VI

**Questions:** No question from any church shall come under consideration of the Association, unless it has been first discussed in its local church.

#### Article VII

**Motions:** Every Motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, except if it be withdrawn by that member making it.

*MOTION (Definition): A proposal made only toward a single action.*

#### Article VIII

**Minutes:** That the Association endeavors to furnish the churches, equally, with Minutes of the Local, State and National Associations. The Association Clerk shall send two copies of the Minutes to the Historical Commission.

#### Article IX

**Ordinances:** The Pastor of the church shall preach on the Ordinance of the Church once a year, and discourse on the support of the ministry. Only Ordained Ministers and Deacons shall administer the Ordinance of the Church.

#### Article X

**Amendments:** Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by two-thirds of the members present at any regular session.

#### Article XI

**Support:** Be it resolved that we carry out God's plan on tithing. The Association is supported by a 10% tithe sent by each church from its quarterly tithes and offerings. The Association supports the cooperative plan with 25% of the tithes received into the Association.

#### Article XII

**Discipline:** Any person or persons trying to obstruct the duty of this Association shall not hold a seat in the Association until he or she makes acknowledgment and apologies for the same. Any question of misunderstanding or conflict with the Association will be presented to the Executive Board and studied before coming before the Association for action.

#### Article XIII

**Qualification of Ministers and Deacons:** By granted right from each member church, the Canadian Association will examine upon written request any man being considered by that member church as a Minister or Deacon. The Canadian Association has adopted the following qualifications:

- A. That women be not ordained in this Association, or pastor a church belonging to this Association (1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:11-15).
- B. That no man known as homosexual be considered in any way for a Minister or Deacon.
- C. That no man be ordained who does not have total abstinence from intoxicating drink or misuse of drugs.
- D. That we go on record against the use of tobacco in any form, and ask our Pastors and Deacons to set the example.

#### A. Moderator

The Moderator shall preside over the business and worship of the Association while in session. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division. Questions of this nature shall be referred to the Executive Board by the Moderator. The Moderator shall have the right to appoint at any time someone to fill the vacancy of an office or a member of a board. The Moderator-Elect shall take office at the First Quarterly Meeting (elected annually).

## **B. Assistant Moderator**

The Assistant Moderator shall act by the direction of the Moderator, and shall assume the moderation of the Association in the absence of the Moderator (elected annually).

## **C. Clerk**

The Clerk shall have the responsibility of the Association Minutes. The Clerk shall read all letters received, keep a list of seated Delegates, requests made by each Church and Petitionary Letters. All committee reports shall be read by the Clerk. The Clerk shall move that the report be approved and the committee dismissed.

*The clerk shall have the responsibility of making a list of the Active Ordained at Quarterly Meetings.*

## **D. Treasurer**

The treasurer shall have responsibility for the Association monies and all financial related matters shall go through this office. The treasurer shall set up a separate account for the Youth Camp funds.

## **E. Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall be the delegated power of the Association while not in session, but shall make no final decision without the approval of the majority of the member churches. The Executive Board shall be elected on one-, two-, three-, four- and five-year rotation terms. There is to be no more than one Executive Board Member from any one church. The Executive Board shall be responsible for contacting absentee churches to find out why they have not been in attendance, to encourage or admonish, and offer any assistance or help that might be needed from the Association. When an individual church calls the Executive Board in matters of dispute, it pays the expense of the Board. The Executive Board will have the responsibility to accept and deal with any question taken from the floor by the Moderator. The Executive Board members shall be Standing Members, along with the Examining and Credential Board and Moderator as Chairman of the Orthodox Committee to examine all churches desiring to unite with the Association. The Board shall also act as an organizing council for newly-organized churches. The Scholarship Fund to Hillsdale from the Association will be under the direction of this Board, with priority given to any student from this Association, and has the responsibility to direct it to the college as a Scholarship Fund for a needy student.

## **F. Examining and Credential Board**

All Ministers and Deacons must go before the Board for qualification before ordination. The Association will not ordain a minister until a specific Christian work arises requiring ordination (usually as a pastor, evangelist or missionary). The Association has the granted right to replace a member or members of the Examining and Credential Board who do not attend meetings. The Examining and Credential Board shall use the Questionnaire listed in the Minutes, and also those qualifications listed in this Constitution, in the examining of a candidate. All Ministers and Deacons must answer the Questionnaire in writing, and such must be open for review to any member of the Association with voting rights upon request. The Examining and Credential Board may meet for the given purpose of examining any candidate by a written request from the church so desiring the examination; the time and place to be set by mutual consent of the church, the candidate and the Board (when possible, the church sending the candidate would be an ideal setting). The Moderator shall set a time and day for the Examining and Credential Board to meet.

## **G. Youth Camp Board**

The Association shall have a standing Youth Camp Board of five persons to be elected on rotation terms of one, two, three, four and five years. The elected Director and Assistant Director shall be ex-officiate members. The Board is to have full responsibility for the Canadian Youth Camp, with consideration to:

1. Recommend a Camp Director, who is to choose his Assistant.
2. Plan for the camp site.

3. Select the time.
4. Determine cost for camp and other expenses.
5. Set curriculum, schedule, worship, classes, activities and rules.
6. Call the Evangelist.
7. Secure: teachers, sponsors, cooks, all other needed help.
8. Purchase all needed material for camp: food, literature, insurance, awards.
9. Plan housing for the Evangelist and cooks.
10. Promote the Youth Camp throughout the year.
  - A. *The Director* shall be responsible to the Board and Association for administering the camp in: worship, classes, needs, rules and activities.
  - B. *The Assistant Director* shall have responsibility as assigned by the Director.

#### **H. Orthodox Committee**

The Orthodox Committee shall be composed of at least five of the following: the Executive Board, the Examining and Credential Board and the Moderator (who shall serve as Chairman). Any Church desiring membership into the Canadian Association will be examined by this Orthodox Committee at a regular set service of the church desiring membership, and must bring a written Recommendation back for the Association to accept or not accept. The Recommendation must pass by a two-thirds majority.

#### **I. Resolution Committee**

A Resolution Committee of three persons shall be appointed by the Moderator to make or receive Resolutions for consideration of this body. Be it understood that there may not always be Resolutions.

*Resolution (Definition):* A proposal having fixed purpose, lasting, firm, directed into being legislated into law. (Constitution)

#### **J. Finance Committee**

A Finance Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Moderator to audit monies received at the Quarterly and Annual Meetings, and assist the Clerk in any computation needed.

#### **K. Pulpit Committee**

A Pulpit Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Moderator at each Quarterly and Annual Meeting, to select from the Ministers present the Ministers to preach the message of God for the day.

#### **L. Obituary Committee**

An Obituary Committee shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting by the Moderator to compose a list of those deaths since the last meeting, and move the Association have a time of silence for those who have gained the crown.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Be It Resolved: that the Association elect a Minister to preach only the First Quarterly and Annual Meetings.
2. Be It Resolved: that the Canadian Association sponsor a \$200.00 Scholarship, annually, to Hillsdale Bible College, for a person selected by the Executive Board (with preference given to students from the Canadian Association).
3. Be It Resolved: that the Home Church supply the Noon meal for both the Annual and Quarterly Association Meetings.
4. Be It Resolved: that we meet beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday mornings.
5. Be It Resolved: that the Association give the Host Church \$100.00 for the Noon meal.
6. Be it Resolved: to raise the Clerk's salary to \$160.00 per year, and the Treasurer salary to \$160.00 per year.
7. Be it Resolved: That the churches that are members of the Canadian Association that fail to attend fellowship and support the association for one year be dropped from the association roll. Churches dropped may be reinstated by a letter, fellowship and support at any quarterly meeting of the Canadian Association.

## RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Invite visiting brethren to their seats in the Council.
3. Read 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/her to the Fellowship of God's People, and is dismissed from us when united with another association.

Done in Church conference, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Pastor  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. — II Tim. 3:16; II 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 Savior 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 Saints' 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. 31:16; Matt. 12:12; Deut. 5:12.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and unjust, but everyone 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. — I Cor. 15:28; I Thes. 4:16.
10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of 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. — Acts 20:21; I Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14, 16, 15:10-22; 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 Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table.  
— I Cor. 1:11, 27; John 17:11.
14. We, as the Canadian Association, adopt and abide by the Treaties of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptist.

### 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 ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world and 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, to 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 or its poor and all its benevolent works.

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.

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church

1. Do you have licenses? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you have licenses, how long have you carried them? \_\_\_\_\_
3. By what Association were they issued? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many sermons have you preached? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where are you preaching now? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why do you want to be ordained? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ How many times? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
15. If you have belonged to another denomination, give the name of each and the length of time with each. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing his work? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Do you tithe to the church of which you are a member? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of a church? \_\_\_\_\_
21. How much education do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Have you had any special training in doctrinal and pastoral theology? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Have you had any courses in Homiletics? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
25. If so, what are your plans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
26. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license if this Committee felt that it was best? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Have you completed the Ministers' Preparation Course? \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE LICENSED

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church

1. How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long have you been a free Will Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is your wife a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is your wife a member of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many times have you been married? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many times has your wife been married? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you or your wife have former companions living? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained as a Minister? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
10. If your children have reached the age of accountability, are they Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are your children members of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you use tobacco? \_\_\_\_\_
13. How long have you been serving as a minister? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is God's Plan for financing the work? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you tithe? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is tithing? \_\_\_\_\_
17. If you are licensed, will you teach tithing? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you believe that your church should support the overall denominational program? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. What are the Bible qualifications for a minister? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Do you feel that you are qualified for the office of Minister? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Name some of the duties of a Minister \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church

1. How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is your wife a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is your wife a member of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many times have you been married? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many times has your wife been married? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you or your wife have former companions living? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained as Deacon? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
10. If your children have reached the age of accountability, are they Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are your children members of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you use tobacco? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Does your wife use tobacco? \_\_\_\_\_
14. How long have you been serving as a deacon? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What is God's Plan for financing the work? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you tithe? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What is tithing? \_\_\_\_\_
18. If you are ordained, will you teach tithing? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do you believe that your church should support the overall denominational program? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. What are the Bible qualifications for a deacon? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. Do you feel that you are qualified for the office of Deacon? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Name some of the duties of a Deacon \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testaments are the infal-  
lible word of God and the only safe rule of faith and practice? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you believe that there are three persons in the God Head? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name the God Head \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is salvation obtained only through the blood of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name the conditions of salvation \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you believe in a second work of Grace or Baptism of the Holy Ghost, separate and a  
part of regeneration? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you believe in the doctrine of the Unknown Tongue, as is taught and practiced today?  
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8. What composes the body of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Does the bible teach that God has an organized church on this earth? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you believe that baptism is a Gospel ordinance? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who are the proper subjects for baptism? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the Bible mode of baptism? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are Gospel ordinances, and should  
be observed perpetually? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you teach and practice these ordinances? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you believe that a believer could so apostatize that he would be lost? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Do you believe that there will be a Judgment when time and man's probation will close for-  
ever, and then all men will be judged according to their works? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you believe that immediately after the Judgment, the righetous will enter into Eternal  
Life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do you believe that Christ, at His second coming, will close the Gospel dispensation, glor-  
ify His saints and judge the world? \_\_\_\_\_
20. I pledge myself to preach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my abil-  
ity. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist  
Articles of Faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am  
a member.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

