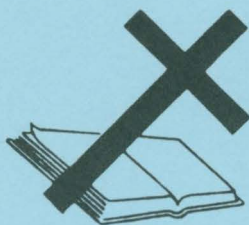


**Minutes**  
of the  
**Eighty-Third Annual Session**  
of the  
**Canadian Association**  
of  
**Free Will Baptist**  
**Church of God**  
when convened at the  
**Minneha Free Will Baptist Church**

**August 13, 1988**



## MINUTES

The Eighty-third Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist Church of God was convened at the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church. The next session of this association will meet at the Hanna Free Will Baptist Church on November 11th and 12th, 1988. Brother Raymond Coats will bring the introductory message, assisted by Brother Junior Reed. The second quarterly meeting will be held at the Western Avenue Free Will Baptist Church on February 10th and 11th, 1989. The third quarterly meeting will be held at the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church on April 28th and 29th, 1989. The annual meeting will be held at the Prague Free Will Baptist Church on August 11th and 12th, 1989. Brother Junior Reed will bring the introductory message, assisted by Brother Atha Brooks. Friday night services begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 a.m.

## HISTORY

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

### Officers of The Canadian Association

1988-89

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Moderator .....           | Reverend Randall Miller<br>NBU 6108, Prague, OK 74864 (405) 567-4169 or (405) 567-4271 |
| Assistant Moderator ..... | Glenn Hamilton<br>9430 N.E. 28th, Oklahoma City, OK 73141 (405) 769-3173               |
| Clerk .....               | Kathy Bleer<br>Rt. 1, Box 218 A, Earlsboro, OK 74840 (405) 382-7132                    |
| Treasurer .....           | Marcie Brooks<br>P.O. Box 554, McLoud, OK 74851 (405) 964-5116                         |

### Executive Board

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Reverend Olen Woodruff ..... | 5 year<br>3935 S.E. 12th, Del City, OK 73115 (405) 677-7767      |
| Brother Tom Pridemore .....  | 4 year<br>P.O. Box 98, Prague, OK 74864 (405) 567-3819           |
| Brother Glenn Hamilton ..... | 3 year<br>9430 N.E. 28th, Oklahoma City, OK 73141 (405) 769-3173 |
| Brother George Wells .....   | 2 year<br>Rt. 1, Hanna, OK 74845 (918) 657-2233                  |
| Brother Deion Bleer .....    | 1 year<br>Rt. 1, Box 281 A, Earlsboro, OK 74840 (405) 382-7132   |

### Examining and Credential Board

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Reverend Atha Brooks .....   | 3 year<br>P.O. Box 554, McLoud, OK 74851 (405) 964-5116         |
| Reverend Raymond Coats ..... | 2 year<br>Rt. 1, Box 316, Welston, OK 74881 (405) 356-2306      |
| Reverend Harold Haas .....   | 1 year<br>32 Bainbridge, Oklahoma City, OK 73114 (405) 751-7012 |

## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY OF ACTIVE ORDAINED MINISTERS

Harold Haas  
32 Bainbridge, Oklahoma City, OK (405) 751-7012  
Randall Miller  
NBU 6108, Prague, OK 74864 (405) 567-4169  
Olen Woodruff  
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Atha Brooks  
P.O. Box 544, McLoud, OK 74851 (405) 964-5116  
Raymond Coats  
Box 316, Wellston, OK 74881 (405) 356-2306  
Don LeForce  
Box 176, Earlsboro, OK 74840 (405) 997-5464  
Jimmy Ticer  
(license to preach) (405) 732-6901  
Kent Jalo  
(license to preach) (405) 732-6901  
Junior Reid  
(license to preach) (405) 771-3844

### DIRECTORY OF ACTIVE DEACONS

Glenn Hamilton  
9430 N.E. 28th, Oklahoma City, OK (405) 769-3173  
George Wells  
Rt. 1, Hanna, OK 74845 (918) 657-2233  
Tommy Thompson  
3100 S.E. 20th, Del City, OK (405) 672-2878  
James M. Billins  
Rt. 1, Box 211, McLoud, OK 74851 (405) 391-5268

### YOUTH CAMP BOARD

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Randall Miller ..... | 5 year |
| (405) 567-4271       |        |
| Raymond Coats .....  | 4 year |
| (405) 356-2306       |        |
| Atha Brooks .....    | 3 year |
| (405) 964-5116       |        |
| Sonny Ticer .....    | 2 year |
| (405) 736-1044       |        |
| Glenn Hamilton ..... | 1 year |
| (405) 769-3173       |        |

### DIRECTORY OF CHURCH CLERKS

|                      |                |                |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Hanna .....          | (918) 657-2221 | Faye Branch    |
| Shady Nook .....     |                | Larry Sawyer   |
| Prague .....         | (405) 932-4202 | Nelma Young    |
| Minneha .....        | (405) 677-7767 | Freda Woodruff |
| Earlsboro .....      | (405) 382-7132 | Kathy Bleer    |
| Western Avenue ..... | (405) 751-7012 | Conni Haas     |
| Crossroads .....     |                | Grace Sanford  |

## GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

October 1988  
Randall Miller (405) 567-4271

## DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

October 1988

Shady Nook ..... Raymond Coats  
Prague ..... John Young

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order
2. Song and Prayer
3. Ordained sign in
4. Letters called for, read and received
5. Right hand of fellowship and seating of Delegates
6. (A) Reading of Recommendations from the Examining and Credential Board  
(B) Reading of Requests from Churches
7. Host Pastor to give Welcome and Devotion
8. Petitionary Letters called for
9. Reading of Rules of Order
10. Invitation to visiting brethren to sit in Council
11. Appointment of Committees: (A) Pulpit Committee, (B) Finance Committee,  
(C) Resolution Committee, (D) Obituary Committee
12. Reading of Minutes and Financial Report
13. Worship Service
14. Unfinished Business
15. New Business
16. Reports from Committees
17. Miscellaneous Business
18. 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. The members 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 members 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 reprovved 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: Sister Della Byrd from Prague and Brother George Sparks from Shady Nook.

## 1987 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| <u>Church</u>                             | <u>Tithes</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Earlsboro .....                           | \$ 116.00     |
| Hanna .....                               | 371.40        |
| Minneha .....                             | 472.00        |
| Prague .....                              | 709.00        |
| Shady Nook .....                          | 825.00        |
| Western Avenue .....                      | 105.68        |
| Total Received .....                      | \$2,599.08    |
| Balance brought forward for 3rd Qtr. .... | 1,335.47      |
| Total .....                               | \$3,934.55    |

## EXPENSES FOR ANNUAL

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Youth Camp Fund .....          | \$ 900.00  |
| Scholarship Fund .....         | 50.00      |
| State Co-op (10%) .....        | 259.91     |
| State Missions (10%) .....     | 259.91     |
| Hillsdale (10%) .....          | 259.91     |
| State and National Fees .....  | 210.00     |
| Youth Camp Director Gift ..... | 200.00     |
| Clerk .....                    | 160.00     |
| Treasurer .....                | 160.00     |
| Total Expenses .....           | \$2,459.73 |
| Total Received .....           | \$3,934.55 |
| Total Expenses .....           | 2,459.73   |
| Account Balance .....          | \$1,474.82 |

## 1987-88 FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund

#### Disbursements

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Co-op Fund .....               | \$ 808.91         |
| State Missions .....           | 808.91            |
| Hillsdale General Fund .....   | 808.91            |
| Youth Camp Fund .....          | 3,600.00          |
| Scholarship Fund .....         | 400.00            |
| State and National Fees .....  | 210.00            |
| Youth Camp Director Gift ..... | 200.00            |
| Clerk .....                    | 160.00            |
| Treasurer .....                | 160.00            |
| Printing of Minutes .....      | 400.00            |
| Supplies .....                 | 23.48             |
| Total Disbursements .....      | <u>\$7,580.21</u> |

#### Receipts

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward from Annual ..... | \$ 966.07         |
| Received from 1st Quarter .....           | 1,728.81          |
| Received from 2nd Quarter .....           | 1,814.58          |
| Received from 3rd Quarter .....           | 1,946.49          |
| Received from Annual .....                | <u>2,599.08</u>   |
| Total Receipts .....                      | \$9,055.03        |
| Total Disbursements .....                 | 7,580.21          |
| Account Balance .....                     | <u>\$1,474.82</u> |

## 1987-88 FINANCIAL REPORT

### Youth Camp Fund (Checking Account)

#### Disbursements

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Camp Rental and Cabins .....             | \$2,402.65        |
| Evangelist .....                         | 250.00            |
| Cooks .....                              | 600.00            |
| Food .....                               | 1,661.71          |
| Literature .....                         | 92.94             |
| Trophies and Ribbons .....               | 123.44            |
| Camp Supplies & Misc. ....               | 307.33            |
| Printing .....                           | 45.00             |
| Insurance .....                          | 148.50            |
| Craft Supplies .....                     | 90.47             |
| Total Disbursements for Youth Camp ..... | <u>\$5,722.04</u> |
| Add to C.D. ....                         | 2,000.00          |
| Service Charge .....                     | <u>2.00</u>       |
| Total Disbursements .....                | <u>\$7,724.04</u> |

### Receipts

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward .....              | \$2,892.99        |
| Association Contribution .....             | 3,600.00          |
| Camper's Fees (& money back on food) ..... | <u>2,502.50</u>   |
| Total Receipts .....                       | \$8,995.49        |
| Total Disbursements .....                  | 7,724.04          |
| Account Balance .....                      | <u>\$1,271.45</u> |

### Youth Camp Land Fund (Saving Account)

#### Disbursements

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Added to C.D. .... | \$1,000.00 |
|--------------------|------------|

### Receipts

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance brought forward .....    | \$ 637.82       |
| Interest Earned on C.D. ....     | 416.35          |
| Interest Earned on Account ..... | <u>16.65</u>    |
| Total Receipts .....             | \$1,070.82      |
| Total Disbursements .....        | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| Account Balance .....            | \$ 70.82        |

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

July 1988

### YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Camper's .....             | 82         |
| Sponsors .....             | 29         |
| Evangelist .....           | 1          |
| Pre-school Children .....  | 5          |
| Total Number in Camp ..... | <u>117</u> |

### NUMBER ON CHURCH ROLL

| <u>Church</u>  | <u>Pastor</u>     | <u>Roll</u> | <u>Conf.</u> | <u>Letter</u> | <u>Dis.</u> | <u>Dec.</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Shady Nook     | Raymond Coats     | 49          | 12           | 2             | 0           | 1           |
| Prague         | Randall Miller    | 84          | 0            | 2             | 0           | 1           |
| Minneha        | Olen Woodruff     | 63          | 0            | 0             | 0           | 0           |
| Hanna          | None at this time | 47          | 0            | 0             | 3           | 0           |
| Earlsboro      | Don LeForce       | 33          | 3            | 0             | 0           | 0           |
| Crossroads     | Unknown           | —           | —            | —             | —           | —           |
| Western Avenue | Harold Haas       | —           | 0            | 2             | 0           | 0           |

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE - AUGUST 12, 1988**

Service opened by Brother Randall Miller, Moderator. Song service led by Brother Sonny Ticer. Piano played by Sister Connie Haas. Prayer by Brother Harold Haas. Specials by Sonny Ticer, Minneha Church, and Brother and Sister Haas. Churches present - Minneha, Prague, Shady Nook, Earlsboro and Western Avenue. Brother Jimmy Ticer brought the message from Rev. 3:15-16, "Walking down the middle of the road is a dangerous place to be." Dismissed in prayer.

## **SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE - AUGUST 13, 1988**

Moderator Randall Miller opened service with Brother Sonny Ticer leading in congregational singing. Prayer by Brother Wells. The ordained were called to sign in. Letters were read and accepted. Delegates were then seated.

Letters of recommendation were read. Examining Board recommended that Brother Junior Reed be licensed to preach for one year. Motion made and seconded to accept recommendation. Carried. There was also a recommendation for Brother Kent Jalo to be licensed to preach for one year. Motion was made and seconded to accept recommendation. Carried. There were no requests from churches.

Host pastor Olen Woodruff gave welcome and devotion from Eph. 1:23.

There were no petitionary letters. The Assistant Moderator Brother Glenn Hamilton read rules of order. Committees were then appointed as follows: **Pulpit Committee:** Jimmy Lackey, John Young, Connie Haas. This committee was dismissed to choose a speaker for the eleven o'clock worship service. **Finance Committee:** Carolyn Ticer, Ann Wells, Bobby Haynes. **Resolution Committee:** Deion Bleer, George Wells, James Billins. **Obituary Committee:** Charles Gilliam, Jack Long, Jerri Lackey.

The invitation was then given for visiting brethren to sit in council.

The pulpit committee chose Brother Junior Reed to preach the eleven o'clock service. Report accepted and the committee was dismissed.

The minutes and financial report was read and accepted. Motion was then made, seconded to dismiss from business session for a short break before the worship service.

## **ELEVEN O'CLOCK WORSHIP**

Service opened with singing led by Brother Sonny Ticer. Led in prayer by Brother Raymond Coats. Specials by Brother and Sister Young, Sister Connie Haas, Brother Sonny Ticer and Brother Glenn Hamilton.

Service was then turned over to Brother Reed who brought the message from Eph. 2:11-13 and II Cor. 5:1-8, 4:18. Brother George Wells dismissed in prayer for noon meal.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with Moderator in charge and calling meeting to order. Singing was led by Brother Sonny Ticer. Unfinished business was called for. There was none.

New business called for and the following committees gave their reports: **Resolution Committee** had no resolutions and committee was dismissed. **Finance Committee** reported **\$2,639.08 received in tithes.** The **Obituary Committee** reported that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst this past year Sister Della Byrd from Prague. The committee was then dismissed.

Miscellaneous business was then called for. Motion was made and seconded to give Youth Camp Director \$200.00. Carried.

Youth Camp report by Brother Miller that 16 youth were saved, 22 re-dedicated and 6 called to special service. We had 87 campers and 30 adults. Next year camp will be second week in July.

Motion was made and seconded to give \$200.00 scholarship fund to Sister Renella Miller as she is the only one attending Hillsdale this year.

Meeting places for the upcoming year will be as follows: First Quarterly Meeting will be at Hanna, Second Quarterly Meeting will be at Western Avenue, Third Quarter Meeting will be at Shady Nook and the Annual Meeting will be held at Prague.

The speaker for the Friday night service at the First Quarterly Meeting will be Brother Raymond Coats with Brother Junior Reed as assistant.

The speaker for the Friday night service at the Annual Meeting will be Brother Junior Reed with Brother Atha Brooks as assistant.

The election of officers for the coming year were as follows:

### **Executive Board:**

Brother Olen Woodruff ..... 5 year member

### **Examining & Credential Board:**

Brother Atha Brooks ..... 3 year member

Brother Harold Haas ..... 1 year member

### **Youth Camp Board:**

Brother Randall Miller ..... 5 year member

Brother Sonny Ticer ..... 2 year member

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Treasurer ..... Sister Marcie Brooks

Clerk ..... Sister Kathy Bleer

Assistant Moderator ..... Brother Glenn Hamilton

Moderator ..... Brother Randall Miller

Brother Miller asked everyone to be praying for the Hanna church as they are without a pastor. Thanks was given to host church for the noon meal by everyone standing to their feet. Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS DONE IN QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

### **FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING - NOVEMBER 7, 1987**

A letter from the Western Avenue Free Will Baptist Church asking to join with the Canadian Association was referred to the Orthodox Committee. Motion was made and seconded for the Examining Board to meet at the noon hour to examine the credentials of Brother Jimmy Redford. Carried. Motion was made, seconded and carried for the Orthodox Committee to meet with Western Avenue Church before the next Quarterly Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation of the Examining and Credential Board to re-instate Brother James Redford as an active deacon.

### **SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING - FEBRUARY 13, 1988**

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation of the Orthodox Committee that Western Avenue Free Will Baptist Church be accepted into the Canadian Association. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation of the Examining and Credential Board that Brother Harold Haas be accepted into the Canadian Association. The Earlsboro Church requested that Brother Ernest Conatser be re-licensed for one year. Motion was made, seconded and carried for license to be granted for Brother Conatser. Motion was made, seconded and carried to send a letter of good standing to the First Oklahoma Association concerning Brother Stan Konspinski. Motion was made, seconded and carried to send letter of good standing to New Hope Association concerning Brother Don Gentry. Motion made, seconded and carried that Youth Rally monies be placed at same bank as Association money with Treasurer on signature card.

### **THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING - APRIL 30, 1988**

Motion was made, seconded and carried for Brother Kent Jalo and Brother Junior Reed to go before the Examining and Credential Board concerning a license to preach. Motion was made, seconded and carried to re-license Brother Jimmy Ticer for one year. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept resolution to put time of Friday night and Saturday morning services in the minutes.

## **LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION**

We, the Hanna Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Hanna, Oklahoma, County of McIntosh, send greetings to the 83rd 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 Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 13th day of August, 1988. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 0; by letter 0; dismissed 3; deceased 0. Active members 17; non-active 32; total in full membership 47. Our average Sunday School attendance is 25. We have 1 minister in our membership; Reverend Lem Hodges, 2111 North Golt, McAlester, OK 74501. We have 3 deacons in our membership: Brother George Wells, Hanna, OK (918) 657-2233; Brother Junior Branch, Hanna, OK (918) 657-2221; Brother J.C. Bogard, Hanna, OK (918) 657-2567. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$600.00; for missions none; support of association \$1,149.51; total paid out \$1,749.51. Value of church property \$98,000.00. We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Delegate; Sister Ann Wells, Alternates: Sister Faye Branch and Sister Sally Ann Cox. Thithes to the association are: \$371.40. Our pastor for the ensuring year is none. We desire to host the First Quarterly Meeting. Pray for us. Done in Church Conference this 7th day of August, 1988. Lem Hodges, Moderator. Fay Branch, Clerk.

We, the Earlsboro Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Earlsboro, Oklahoma, County of Pottawatomie, send greetings to the 83rd 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 Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 13th day of August, 1988. Meeting days Sunday and Wednesday. Our average Sunday School attendance is 25. We have 1 minister in our membership: Reverend Don LeForce. We have 3 deacons in our membership: Brother J.C. Hanna, Seminole, OK; Brother Deion Bleer, Earlsboro, OK; Brother Bobby Haynes, Earlsboro, OK. Value of church property \$80,000.00. We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Delegates: Brother Deion Bleer, Brother Bobby Haynes and Sister Phyllis Haynes. Alternate: Sister Kathy Bleer. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Don LeForce. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Done in Church Conference this 10th day of August, 1988. Moderator, Don LeForce. Clerk, Kathy Bleer.

We, the Prague Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Prague, Oklahoma, County of Lincoln, send greetings to the 83rd 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 Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 13th day of August, 1988. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession 0; by letter 2; dismissed 0; deceased 1. Active members 63; non-active 21; total in full membership 84. Our average Sunday School attendance is 61. Average CTS attendance is 25. We have 1 minister in our membership: Reverend Randall Miller, Rt. 2, Box 242 B2, Prague, OK (405) 567-4169. We have 2 deacons in our membership: Brother Don Hadley and Brother Jimmy Redford. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$731.00. For missions \$270.56. Support of the association \$2,462.87. Total paid out \$3,464.43. Value of church property \$300,000.00. We have chosen to represent us in the Annual Session: Delegates: Brother John Young, Sister Elizabeth Gilliam and Brother Charles Gilliam. Alternate: Sister Nelma Young. We have chosen Brother John Young as our delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the association are \$709.00. 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 Annual Meeting. Moderator, Randall Miller. Clerk, Nelma Young.

We, the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at McLoud, Oklahoma, County of Pottawatomie, send greetings to the 83rd 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 Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 13th day of August, 1988. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$2,400.00. Meeting days full time. Active members 51; non-active 12; total in full membership 63. Our average Sunday School attendance is 24. Average CTS attendance is 22. We have 2 ministers in our membership: Brother Olen Woodruff, Del City, OK; Brother Atha Brooks, McLoud, OK. We have 3 deacons in our membership: Brother Melvin Billins, McLoud, OK; Brother Jimmy Lackey, McLoud, OK; Brother Tommy Thompson, Del City, OK. We have paid for evangelistic work \$822.88. For missions \$523.73. Support of the association \$1,855.00. Value of church property \$85,000.00. We have chosen our delegates for the Annual Session: Sister Opal Billins, Brother Jimmy Lackey and Sister Jerri Lackey. Alternates: Sister Bernice Gesioroski, Brother Melvin Lynn Billins and Brother Keith Brooks. Tithes to the association \$572.00. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Olen Woodruff. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Done in Church Conference this 10th day of August, 1988. Moderator, Olen Woodruff. Clerk, Freda Woodruff.

We, the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, County of Oklahoma, send greetings to the 83rd 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 Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 13th day of August, 1988. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$3,900.00. Meeting days Sunday and Wednesday. We have received by confession 12; by letter 2; dismissed 0; deceased 1. Active members 47; non-active 2; total in full membership 49. Our average Sunday School attendance is 65. We have 4 ministers in our membership: Brother Raymond Coats, Welston, OK; Brother Junior Reid, Spenser, OK; Brother Kent Jalo, Midwest City, OK; Brother Jimmy Ticer, Midwest City, OK. We have 1 deacon in our membership: Brother Glenn Hamilton, Oklahoma City, OK. We have paid for evangelistic work \$200.00; for missions \$600.00. Support of the association \$2,251.00. Total paid out \$3,051.00. Value of church property \$41,600.00. We have chosen as our delegates to the Annual Session: Brother Sonny Ticer, Sister Carolyn Ticer and Sister Dee Ann McKinney. Alternates are: Brother Junior Reid, Brother George McKinney and Sister Grayce Coats. We have chosen as our delegate to the State Association Brother Raymond Coats. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. We desire to host the Third Quarterly Meeting. Done in Church Conference this 27th day of July, 1988. Moderator, Raymond Coats. Clerk, Larry Sawyer.

We, the Western Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at 12601 N. Western, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, County of Oklahoma, send greetings to the 83rd 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 Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, this 13th day of August, 1988. Meeting days are Sunday and Wednesday. We have received by confession 0; by letter 2; dismissed 0; deceased 0. Our average Sunday School attendance is 16. We have 1 minister in our membership: Brother Harold Haas, Oklahoma City, OK. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$202.80. Support of the association is \$312.61. Value of church property \$130,000.00. We have chosen for our delegates to the Annual Session: Sister Connie Haas, Brother Jack Long and Sister Leslie Moore. Tithes to the association are \$105.68. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Harold Haas. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. We desire to host the First Quarterly Meeting. Done in Church Conference this 3rd day of August, 1988. Moderator, Harold Haas. Clerk, Connie Haas.

# 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. A 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 Association. The Clerk and Treasurer 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 sending their Letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year so that we may keep up on 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 Treasurer, 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 10% 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 acknowledgement 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 may 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, 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 on 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 Treasurer 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: to set the Clerk's salary at \$160.00 per year, and the Treasurer salary at \$160.00 per year.
6. 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.
7. Be It Resolved: that all meetings of the Examining and Credential Board and Executive Board be put on tape for a permanent record available to anyone in the association upon request.

## **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 I 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 22:30; 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 is 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; 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 of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will not forget the assembling or ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; not 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 education 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 belong to another demonination, 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 Minister's 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 Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
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 Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
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 infallible 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 apart of regeneration? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you believe in the doctrine of the Unknown Tongue, as is taught and practiced today? \_\_\_\_\_
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 Judgement when time and man's probation will close forever, and then all men will be judged according to their works? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you believe that immediately after the Judgement, the righteous will enter into Eternal Life, and wicked into a state of endless punishment? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do you believe that Christ, at His second coming, will close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints and judge the world? \_\_\_\_\_
20. I pledge myself to preach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ORDAINED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

1. Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ How many times? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How long have you been a preacher or deacon? \_\_\_\_\_
7. If you have belonged to other denominations, give name of each and length of time with each. \_\_\_\_\_
8. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing His work? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Are you willing to make sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you believe that the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice? \_\_\_\_\_
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27. Do you believe that there will be a judgement when time and man's probation will close forever and then all men will be judged according to their works? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Do you believe that immediately after the judgement the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? \_\_\_\_\_
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

