

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Convened with CEDAR GROVE CHURCH, Oklahoma
September 7th, 1932

The next Annual Session of Center Association
will be held with the McGee Church,
beginning on Wednesday night before
the Third Sunday in August, 1933.

OFFICERS

Earlin Haskins	Moderator
J N. Caton	Assistant Moderator
V. Hunt	Clerk
Fred Barker	Treasurer

MINUTES

Of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the CENTER ASSOCIATION

The 39th Annual Session of the Center Association of Freewill Baptist, met with Cedar Grove Church Wednesday night before the Second Sunday in September, 1932. Introductory sermon preached by Bro. J. N. Caton. Text Isa. 42:1-4. Thursday morning at nine o'clock opened by song. Prayer by Bro. Earlin Haskins. Assistant Moderator in charge, Bro. J. N. Caton. Scripture reading 69th Chapter of Psalms.

The following Church letters read and excepted and delegates seated;

Wilson (formerly Vanoss) Ewell Girley and Elva Girley delegates, B. F. Girlev deacon.

McGee: Don Birch and Cora Barker delegates, Fred Barker deacon, and Edna Buckelew, minister.

Knox; Willie Cleghorn and Lillie Price delegates Lee Hill and O. A. Clark deacons.

Summers Chapel; Sister Exie Haskins delegate, L. D. Haskins deacon and Earlin Haskin, minister.

Yeager; Sisters, Bell Lusk, I. W. Yandell and Effie Woods delegates, C. M. Lusk deacon, I. W. Yandell L. V. Woods ministers.

Culley; J. P. Earnest delegate, Troy Barker deacon.

McCalls Chapel; Sister M. D. Dendy, Sister Mandy Sanders and Royal Sanders delegates, J. J. Hemingway deacon, Jess Caton minister.

Non; D. P. Percy, H. M. Merritt, C. M. Toilet delegates, E. B. Chism and Tom Priest deacons, E. E. Bristow minister.

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Oakman; Sol Caton, Sister Pernie Lillard and Flora Bradam delegates, John Bradam, Jess Berryman, Claud Caton, and Virgil Hunt deacons, J.N. Caton and M.L. Caton ministers.

Ada; Sister McVay, Bell Cooper, and Sister Anderson, delegates. C.E. Faires, D. McGehee, Austin Deaton, J.W. Ragland ministers.

Sulphur; F.N. Houck delegate, W H. Worstell deacon.

Picket; Sister Vada Pharr, Bro Amos Byrd and G.H. Pharr delegates.

Center; Represented by Boss Dame minister.

Happyland; Bessie Wilson, Ollie Morrison, and Scott Wilson delegates, H.W. Morrison, deacon, Scott Jones, minister.

Cedar Grove; Sister Akins, Sister Rainbolt Bro. Cal West, delegates, Eli West and O.F. Akins, deacons.

Visiting Brothers and Sisters invited to seat in Council.

Rules of order read by Moderator

Election of officers results as follows:

Rev. Earlin Haskins, Moderator.

Rev. J.N. Caton, Assistant Moderator.

V Hunt Clerk.

Fred Barker, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

New officers take charge. Prayer by Bro. J.N, Caton

The Moderator appoints the following committee:

On Divine Service; Cal West, Tom West, and Joe Heminway.

On Resolutions; H.D. Haskins, Don Berch and Troy Barker.

On Education and Periodicals; Jess Caton, Lee Hall and Austin Deaton.

On Sunday Schools; Sister Bell Lusk, Edna Buckelew and B.F. Girley.

On Obituary; Sister McVay, Sister Dindy and Bro. O A. Clark.

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On Temperance; C. M. Lusk, John Bradam and O. F. Akin.
Preaching at 11 a.m. by Bro. I. W. Yandell. Text Isa. 42: 1-4.
Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Met at 2:30 p.m. Moderator in charge, song by class. Scripture reading 124th Psalm. Prayer by L. D. Haskins.

Program committee on Ministers and Deacons Day appointed as follows. I. W. Yandell, Ed West and S. W. Morrison.

Program committee reports, and after some discussion we adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. Friday.

Preaching at night by Austin Deaton followed by Earlin Haskin Text Matt. 12:28,29.

FRIDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Jess Caton. Lesson read from fifth chapter of Galatians.

The program formerly prepared for Ministers Deacons Day taken up and ably discussed.

Sermon at 11 a.m. by J.W. Ragland, Text Heb. 3:14. Followed by Bro. Dunaway.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge. Singing by class and a prayer by Brother Hudson. Scripture reading 3rd chapter of James.

Motion carried that we suspend regular program and take up business session.

Corresponding letter read from Missouri Association.

Motion carried to receive the letter and to return a delegate and letter. Earlin Haskin elected as delegate.

Received report of committee sent to Grotts Grove Church by former 5th Sunday Meeting

Motion carried to accept report and discharge committee.

Receive report of committee from Pleasant Hill Church of First Oklahoma Association committee and report accepted.

Motion carried that we withdraw from the Grotts Grove Church and demand the credentials of O. O. Deskins and if he refuses to surrender them that we advertise them

Minutes read to date and approved. Moderator appoints Bro. Jess. Caton as delegate to First Oklahoma association

Adjourned until 9 a m, Saturday

Preaching at night by Edna Bucklew followed by L. V. Wood
Text. Isa 30:15 18

Saturday Morning

Called to order by Moderator. Lesson; John 14. Prayer by Joe Hemingway.

Report of Committee on Education and Periodicals. We urge all of our members, especially the ministers and deacons to make diligent and prayerful study of the Bible and its doctrine, and study Historical Literature pertaining to doctrine of the church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that every member devote a reasonable portion of their time to the study of God's Word in connection with the Articles of Faith contained in our minutes.

We further urge our members to patronize the Free Will Baptist Press, in reading the Free Will Baptists Papers.

Committee

Jess Caton
Austin Deaton
Lee Hall

Report received and committee discharged.

Resolution—Be it resolved by this Association that we are unalterably opposed to the Modern Holiness Movement as it is unscriptural in teaching that Sanctification of the Soul or Spirit is Subsequent to and independent of Regeneration.

Resolution—Be it resolved that we make the meeting date of this Association, Wednesday night before the third Sun. in Aug.

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in each year and that this be permanent.

The above Resolution was decided to be an amendment to the constitution by two thirds majority vote.

Resolution-Resolved that when one offers for membership in any church in this Association that before further proceeding the Articles of Faith be read or stated and if the applicant accepts our Articles of Faith as a rule their faith the church shall act on their application.

Moderator given right to appoint committee to examine Bro. Scott Jones on doctrine for ordination as minister.

Committee: J. W. Ragland, John Bradam, and Jess Berryman

The standing Committee on Ministers standing reports The report is accepted and committee discharged. The deacons of our different churches are to take care of this work.

Preaching at 11 a.m. by Bro. Bristow. Subject Refutation of Millennialism.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator in charge, after singing. Scripture reading 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Fairs

Motion carried to receive report of I. W. Yandell District Evangelist and to retain him in this same position.

Obituary report: We the committee on obituary make the following report. We find since our last meeting that God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst Sister Emma Tryson, Bro. J. K. Scroggins, Bro. Elmer West, Bro. J. R. Trout, Sister Oma Barker, Bro. R. Bess, Bro. A. McGehee, Bro. George Lee, Bro. Bill Howard, Sister Hicks, Bro. W. H. Wilson. But we hope that our loss is Heavens gain.

M. E. McVay.

Committee

M. D. Dendy.

O. A. Clark

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Report received and committee discharged.

Sunday School report: We your committee on Sunday School beg to make the following report; We believe a Sunday School is one of the best ways for a church to urge parents to train a child in the way it should go. It is one of the great fields in which we may sow the Word of God and trust it to bring forth fruit to his names Honor and Glory.

Sunday School statistics.

Church	Attendance	Collection	Literature
Ada	30	\$30.	F.W.B.
Culley	40	\$20	Union
Cedar Grove	72	\$20.	Union
Happyland	45	none	Bidle
Knox	30	none	Bidle
McGee	40	\$20.	Union
Non	65	\$30.	F.W.B.
Oakman	60	\$30.	Union
Picket	40	\$10.	Union
Sulphur	65	\$25.	F.W.B.
Summers Chapel	40	\$15.	Union
McCalls Chapel	60	\$65.	Union
Wilson	64	\$20.	Union
Yeager	40	\$12.	F.W.B.

Committee

Edna Buckelew
Bell Lusk
B.F. Girley

Report received and committee discharged.

Moderator is voted power to appoint delegates to State Association
The following delegates were appointed. Bros. Joe Hemingway, J.N. Caton, Tom Priest. Alternates: M.L. Caton, H.M. Merrit and T.L. Tollet.

Motion carried to have five hundred Minutes printed.

Motion carried to allow clerk and assistant clerk to oversee printing of minutes.

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Resolutions: Resolved, That we recommend all of our churches while attending the association to come and camp together in the old time way as much as possible.

Resolution—Resolved that we demand a written report from each of our ministers who cannot attend the association.

The next annual meeting of the association shall be held with the McGee Church beginning Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in August 1933

The first Fifth Sunday Meeting to be held with the Happyland church in Oct. 1932. The 2nd Fifth Sunday meeting to be held with the Ada church in Jan. 1933 The 3rd Fifth Sun. meeting to be held with Oakman church in April 1933.

Report of Temperance Committee—We the committee on temperance wish to report as follows: We believe intemperance to be one of the greatest curses to God, the Church and to all mankind and we urge all of our members to be temperate in all things and to totally abstain from all intoxicating drinks and everything that is against the will of God. If we know these things happy are we if we do them.

Committee

O.F. Akins
John Bradam
C.M. Lusk

Report received and committee discharged.

Motion carried to allow any money that may be left after our minutes are printed to be sent to State Asso. for minute printing

Our Moderator shall preach the introductory sermon followed by assistant Moderator.

Program committee appointed for 1st fifth Sunday meeting. Committee: Elmer Chandler, Jess Berryman and V. Hunt.

Ordination of Scott Jones as minister and Scott Wilson as deacon.

Resolved; That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Cedar Grove Church and community for their Christian co-operation and hospitality to us during the sitting of this Association.

Resolution Committee report accepted and committee discharged
Adjourned to meet at the time and place mentioned above.

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Rev. Earlin Haskins, Moderator. Rev. J.N. Caton,

Assistant Moderator. V. Hunt, Clerk

Fred Barker, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bro. S.D. Chambers, Vanoss, Okla. Bro. D. Hunt, Stratford R.F.D. 2; I.W. Yandell, Stratford; W.V. Wood, Stratford, R.F.D. 4; L.V. Wood, Stratford, R.F.D. 4; F.M. Wood, Stratford, R.F.D. 4; W.M. Coggins, Blanchard, Earlin Haskins, Stratford, R.F.D. 4 J.D. Cook, Allen; Jess Caton, Allen; J.W. Smithy, Davis; W.G. Merrit, Sulphur; Sister Edna Buckelew, Stratford, R.F.D. 4; Bro J.W. Bivens, C.E. Fairs, Stonewall; D. McGehee, Ada; R.F.D. 5; Austin Deaton, Ada, R.D.F. 4; Bro. McElvain, J.W. Ragland Ada, West 4th St. A.A. Williams, Ada; S.R. Russell, Ada, R.F.D. 5; Scott Jones, Ada, R.F.D. 4; J.G. Stone, Ada, R.F.D. 1; E.E. Bristow, Gertie; C.H. Christian, Stuart; T.E. Luster, Sasakwa; J.N. Caton, Ada, R.F.D. 3; Ben Fox, Jesse; M.L. Caton, Ada, R.3 Boss Dame, Ada, R. 5; W.G. Fields, Asher; C.A. Ramsey, Sulphur

Licentiate—Bro. Walter Fields, Seminole.

MINISTERS REPORT

W.G. Fields pastored two churches. E.E. Bristow; sermons 25, miles 1600, money \$9.00, funerals 1, helped in two revivals and taught Bible Class. I.W. Yandell Dist. Evangelist; Sermons 281, baptisms 56, traveled 4023 miles, held 2 discussions, funerals 4 married 5, money received \$487.26, conversions 110. J.N. Caton pastor 1 church, helped hold 3 meetings married 5, held 4 funerals. C.E. Fairs; Small report on account of nervous breakdown preached 52 sermons, 1 appointment for 2 Sundays, like two others. Austin Deaton; marriages 2; funerals 1, sermons 50, miles unknown, money none. M.L. Caton; 3 regular appointments, sermons 50, worked in 2 meetings. J.W. Ragland; pastored 2 churches most of the year, 95 sermons, funerals 5, traveled 500 miles, spent to travel \$11.50, married 5, received \$50. J.T. Caton pastored 1 church, held 1 meeting, conversion 1, money received \$1. Earlin Haskins traveled 984 miles, 53 sermons, held 3 meetings, funerals 1, married 7, baptised 6, pastored 1 church, held 1 appointment received \$34.97 cash and many other things. Sister Edna Buckelew: traveled 532 miles, preached 21 ser-

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mons, received \$12.50. No other ministers reported.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Cedar Grove; Pastor, J. N. Caton, clerk, Lillian Vaughn, Ada, R. 3 members 59 recd. 1, dis. 0, died 2. S. S. membership 75.

McGee; Pastor, Vard Wood, clerk, Don Berch, Stratford, R. 4 mem. 20, recd. 4, dis. 0, died 0, Sunday School membership 40.

Knox; Boss Dame, pastor; Willie Cleghorn, clerk, Ada, R. 1, mem. 40, recd. 0, dis. 0, died 0, no Sunday School.

Wilson; Pastor, F. G. Stone, Clerk, Lillie Gurley, Roff, R. 1. mem. 45, recd. 19, dis. 0, died 0, Sunday School membership 65.

Non; Pastor, Rev. M. M. McKee, clerk, Frank Perser, Non, mem. 108 recd. 14, dis. 2, died 0, Sunday School membership 65.

Yeager; Pastor, L. V. Wood, clerk, Mattie Obar, Stratford, R. 4, mem. 58, recd. 3, dis. 0, died 0, Sunday School membership 40.

Sulphur; Pastor, Rev. W. L. Waddle, clerk, A. L. Worstell, Lexington, R. 3, mem 32, recd 14, dis. 0, died 0, S. S. membership 65

McCall Chapel; Pastor, F. M. Wood, clerk, Maggie Smith, Allen mem 50, recd. 0 dis. 9, died 0, Sunday School membership 60.

Oakman; Pastor, F. M. Wood, clerk, Gussie Lillard, Ada, R. 3, mem. 45, recd. 0, dis. 0, died 3, Sunday School membership 60.

Ada; Pastor, Eurlin Haskins, Clerk, Aaron Dighton, Ada, Mem. 35 Recd., 2, Dis. 1 died 2, S. S. Membership 30.

Culley; Pastor, M. L. Caton, Clerk, J. V. Barker, Sasakwa, Mem. 34 Recd. 0, Dis. 0, died 2, S. S. Membership 40.

Summers Chapel; Pastor, I. W. Yandell, Clerk, L. D. Haskins Stratford R 2, Mem., 35, Recd., 2, Dis. 1, died, 1, S. S. Membership, 40.

Picket; Pastor, J. G. Stone, Clerk, G. H. Farrer, Ada R. 5, Mem., 60, Recd., 0, Dis. 10, died, 0, S. S. Membership 40.

Happyland; Pastor, J. T. Caton, Clerk, Bernice Anderson, Ada R 4, Mem., 15, Recd., 0, Dis. 0, died, 0, S. S. Membership 45.

Center; No report.

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RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer by the moderator, or whomsoever he may request.
2. All ordained or licensed ministers and ordained deacons in good standing in Center Association shall be invited to seats in the annual association
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator shall ask, "Any discussion or remarks?" If none, the question shall be disposed of as usual.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of members present.
10. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the moderator, and if so, his name shall be left off the minutes.
11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the association.
12. Arrangements shall be made at each session of the association for two or more sermons or equivalent devotional exercises during each day.
13. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the body.
14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session

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CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Center Association being regularly baptized upon the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we do therefore ordain this constitution for our better associational government.

ARTICLE I.—Membership

This association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons, with delegates chosen by the different churches in our union not exceeding three Delegates from each church, who upon presenting their letters' shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE II.

Letters from each church to express their number of fellowship, the number ordained and licentiate preachers and their postoffice addresses; the number of members received upon confession of faith by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; and the number dismissed by letter, excluded or died since last association.

ARTICLE III.— Name

The members thus chosen and convened to be denominated the Center Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of sundry churches in Oklahoma.

ARTICLE IV.—Officers

The association to have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE V.—New Churches

Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the association, which are to petition by letter and delegates; and if, upon examination, they may be received into the association and given the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VI. Questions

No questions from any church shall come under the consideration

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of the association except it has first been discussed in its own church

ARTICLE VII — Motions

Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless it be withdrawn by the person making it.

ARTICLE VIII.—Minutes

The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution being at the discretion of the association.

ARTICLE IX. —Clerk

It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the association on a book kept by the association for that purpose.

ARTICLE X. — Signatures

The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if needed, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the association.

ARTICLE XI — Amendments

Amendment to the constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Amendment No 1.

Each ordained minister shall be a member of a church in the bounds of the association, and if he shall hold his letter for a period of three months when opportunities afford him, he shall surrender his credentials to the quarterly or yearly meeting

Amendment No. 2.

The meeting date of this association shall be Wednesday night before the third Sunday, in August of each year.

ARTICLES OF FAITH—ARTICLE I.

We believe in the true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory
Rom. 2:30; John 1:1

ARTICLE II.—The Bible

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

ARTICLE III.—The Fall

Section 1. We believe God created man good and gave him holy commandments, whereby he should live holy, but the man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice.

Section 2. Being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall.

Section 3. And that man is unable to save himself with his own power; but we see Jesus, by the suffering of death, crowned with glory, that he, by the grace of God, tasted for every man, Gen. 1; 31 Heb. 2; 8.

ARTICLE IV.—Pardon

Section 1. We believe that Christ by his death, suffering and resurrection, purchased our pardon.

Sec. 2. And offers it freely to all mankind upon the principles of "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Sec. 3. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore he sayeth, "Look unto me and be saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there be none else." Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:21; 17:30.

Section 4. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any, but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

ARTICLE V.—Regeneration

We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3; Romans 5:1-13.

ARTICLE VI.—Infants

We believe infants and idiots are saved upon the mercies of the Son of God. John 4:11; Mark 10:44; Luke 18:16.

ARTICLE VII.—Apostasy

We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life. "For blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into the city." Rev.

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22:14; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 12:14; Jas 5:19-29.

ARTICLE VI II.—Baptism Mode

We believe that baptism by emersion is the apostolic mode even the burial of believers in water; and that Christ, who is our life showed his humble example to his children, and bids us to walk therein. Matt. 3:16; 28:10; John 3:22; Rom. 6:4-5. (Latin, to plunge, to sub merge, "baptizo"; Greek, to dip. "baptisma"; Greek, a dipping "bapton"; Greek, to wash, to dip.)

ARTICLE IX —Ministry Call

We believe that God, in his goodness, displays his power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying his servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of his blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation.

ARTICLE X.—Commandments

We believe that baptism, and the Lord's supper, and the washing of the saint's feet, and keeping the Lord's day holy, and abstain from all worldly lust and carnal cares, and to assemble ourselves together, is an ornament which prepares and beautifies the soldiers of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matt. 26:28; John 13:4-5.

ARTICLE XI.—Baptismal Right

Section 1. We believe that none have the right to baptism, only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 2. And none have the right to administer the same, only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the presbytery of elders.

Section 3. And we shall receive none other. Matt. 3:13; Titus 1:5 Act 14:23.

ARTICLE XII.—Lord's Supper—Duty

We believe it the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church, when setting the Lord's supper and washing the saints' feet to invite all Christians. Heb. 10:21; Cor. 11:27,28.

ARTICLE XIII.—Woman's privilege

We believe the Bible teaches women's privilege to preach the gos-

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pel. Judge 4:4; 2 Kings 22:14; Luke 2:36,37; Matt. 28:7,8; Mark 16:7
Luke 20:10; Acts 21:9; Rom. 16:12; Acts 2:17,18.

ARTICLE XIV.—Fornication

We believe that nothing but death and fornication gives a lawful right to a second marriage, and a second marriage under divorce for any other cause than fornication is sin as long as continued in. Matt. 19:3-10; 5:32; Luke 16:18; Mark 10:11,12; Rom. 7:1-3; Cor. 7:10,11; Prov. 5:19,20; Mal. 2:14-17.

ARTICLE XV —Resurrection

Section 1. We believe in the resurrection of all the dead, both just and the unjust.

Section 2. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God.

Section 3. And the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment, from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31,32; 1 Cor. 15:42-45; 1 Thes. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:10; Job 19:26

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 all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to 'provide things honest in the sight of all men.'

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by selfdenial, 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 ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. 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 to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and

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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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the 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.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

..... County, Oklahoma, We,
the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at
Church, to the Center Association, composed of Free Will Baptists
assembled with of
..... We send as
delegates from our church Bros.

.....
whom we pray you to receive to aid in your deliberation.

(Add full statistical reports) Done in church conference

....., 193.....

..... Moderator
..... Clerk

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This is to certify that
is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church of
Christ at

and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's
people, and is dismissed from us when joined to another church.

Done in church conference,, 193.....

....., Pastor

..... P. O.

..... County, Oklahoma.

WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST
WANETTE, OKLAHOMA