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OFFICERS

Deacon W. H. Potts, Moderator, Stockton, Mo.
Bro. J. W. Moul, Ass't Mod., R2. Freeman, Mo.
Eld B. F Brown, Clerk-Treas., Tecumseh, Okla.
Bro. Glen McCarty, Ass't Clerk, R1, Chetopa, Kans.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Chair, Ash Grove, Mo.
Bro. J. W. Moul, R2. Freeman, ..
Deacon Ed Washburn, Moundville, ..
Deacon O. T. Fast, R3, Liberal, ..
Eld. W. H. York, Sec'y, Honnon, ..

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Twenty-first Annual Session, with Wagoner Church, at Wagoner, Mo., at eight o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, August 21, 1929.

Conference was called to order by Ass't Moderator, Eld. B. F. Brown. Singing by congregation. Scripture reading, twelfth chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Elder P. B. Barker.

Address of welcome by Bro. Joe Stevens, response by Eld. W. H. McGovern.

Introductory sermon by Eld. P. B. Barker. Text, John 3:16.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Closing prayer by Bro. McGovern.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Bro J. W. Moul, he being the oldest member present in years of service.

Song by congregation.

Bro. Moul found a quorum was present for transaction of business and called the Moderator, W. H. Potts, to the chair.

Bro. Potts took charge and read for a Scripture lesson, the twenty-fourth Psalm. Prayer by Bro. John LaCcoarse.

Church letters were called for and letters were read, received and delegates seated from the following churches:

Hannon—State of religion medium. Sunday School fair. Prayer meeting good. One death. Resident members, 133; non resident, 37; total mem-

bership 170. Pastor W. H. York. Paid pastor, \$200.00 Home Missions, \$27.00. Minute money enclosed, \$4.00. Deacons of the church. C. W. Ricketts and Ross Thomas, Hannon, Mo., G. C. Lewis, Liberal, Mo. and L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo. Ministers, Thomas L. York, La Fintaine, Kansas. Church requests next session of the Association.

Frankie D Wade, Clerk, Bronaugh, Mo., R. 2.

Neola—State of religion fair. Sunday School, evergreen. One member added. Total membership 66. Pastor, W. H. York. Paid pastor, \$120.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. Deacons, G. B. Manis, T. A. Baugh. Deaconesses, Audra Dill and Mrs. Gorden Mayberry, Greenfield, Mo. Ministers, J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo. and B. F. Brown, Tecumseh, Okla.

Mrs. Floy Kelley, Clerk, Neola, Mo.

Fairview—State of religion fair. We have Sunday School and prayer meeting. One member added. Total membership, 58. Pastor J. M. Martin. Paid pastor, \$55.85. Evangelistic work, \$30.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. Deacons, Will Bender, Bartlet, Kans. R 1, Chas. Shipley, W. H. Holley, Will Mayfield and Chauncy Mead, Chetopa, Kansas, R5. Ministers, W. H York, Hannan, Mo., C. W. Mayfield, Chetopa, Kansas. Church requests next session of the Association.

Mrs. Nettie Beck, Clerk, Chetopa, Kansas, R5.

ElDorado Springs—State of religion fair. Two deaths, Brother and Sister Bybee. Total membership 22 Pastor, P. B. Barker, Warrensburg, Mo., R1. Paid pastor \$20.50. Incidentals, \$30.00. For minutes, \$2.00. Deacons, Joe Bacus and John LaCcoarse, ElDorado Springs, Mo. Ministers, P. B. Barker.

Mrs. Mary Snidow, Clerk, ElDorado Springs, Mo.

Verdella—State of religion good. Sunday School good. Total membership, 49. Have no regular pastor. Paid for pastoral work, \$42.50. Enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. Deacons, O. T. Fast, Liberal, Mo., R3., Ed Coles, Earl Phillips and Willie Bowman, Iantha, Mo., R1. Church requests the next session of the Association.

Mrs. Amanda Phillips. Clerk, Iantha, Mo. R1.

Hickory Grove—State of religion good. Sunday School evergreen. Prayer meeting once a week. Total membership, 175. Pastor, W. H. York Paid pastor, \$180.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$4 00. Deacons, W. S. Mosby, F. S. Evans and Ausa Cockrell, Freeman, Mo. Walter Newman, Archie, Mo., Clويد Hensley, Madison, Kansas. Church requests the next session of the Association.

Lee Hammond, Assistant Clerk, Freeman, Mo R2.

Independence—State of religion fair. Sunday School good. One death. Four baptized. Eight received to membership. Resident members 58, non-resident, 30, total membership, 88. Pastor, G. W. Scott, Sr., Mountain Grove, Mo. Paid pastor, \$111.70. Evangelistic work, \$18.60. Enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. Deacons, J. T. Long, I. V. Sell, A. H. Worthington, Stockton, Mo., R4., C. C. Barton,——, Texas. A. B. Whistance, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R4.

Sylvandale—State of religion good. Sunday School evergreen. Total membership 29. Pastor, W. H. York. Paid pastor \$44.35. Evangelistic work \$10.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$3.00. Deacons, Ed. Washburn, T. M. Duncan, C. Centers, Moundville, Mo. Ministers, T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.

Amelia Duncan, Clerk, Moundville, Mo.

Wagoner—State of religion fair. Total membership, 90. Value of church property, \$1500.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$300. Deacons, W. H. Potts, W. H. Whistance, W. L. Douglas, Stockton, Mo., R6. Church invites next session of Association.

Tessie Cross, Clerk, Stockton, Mo. R6.

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year:

Moderator, W. H. Potts, Stockton, Mo.
Ass't Mod., J. W. Moul, R2, Freeman, Mo
Clerk-Treas. Eld. B. F. Brown, Tecumseh, Okla.
Ass't Clerk, Glen McCarty, R1, Chetopa, Kans.
Member Ex. Board, Eld. T. C. Fergusn, Ash Grove,
Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Pulpit—Bros. J. K. Stevens, G. B. Manis and Sister Vernie McCarty.

Committee on Committees—Sister Nannie Martin and Bros. Grover Lewis and A. B. Whistance.

Pulpit Committee reported Eld. B. F. Brown to preach at 11 o'clock.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 2 p. m.

Adjourning prayer by Bro. Barker.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Eld. B. F. Brown. Text, 2 Tim. 4:2.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by congregation. Scripture reading 1 Cor. 1:1-13, by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. L. C. Wade.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Reading of Association By-Laws by Moderator.

Report of Committee on Committees, appointing committees as follows:

Business—Elders P. B. Barker and W. H. McGovern and Bro J. W. Moul.

Credentials and Examination—Elders B. F. Brown and W. H. McGovern and Deacons L. C. Wade and G. B. Manis.

Publication and Education—Elder B. F. Brown, Sister Minnie Potts and Sister Floy Kelley.

Ministerial Standing—Bro. Charlie Miller and Sisters Martha Ricketts, May Barton, Eliza Green and Ivy Moul.

Obituary—Sisters Mary Snidow, Ruby Phillips and Emma Thomas.

Temperance—Bros. Ross Thomas, O. T. Fast and J. K. Stevens.

Resolutions—Sister Nannie Martin and Bros. John LaCcoarse and B. F. Brown.

Pulpit Committee reported Eld W. H. McGovern to preach tonight, Eld. P. B. Barker to follow.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Friday.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching by Bro. P. B. Barker. Text, Matt 6:33.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session called to order by the Moderator. Song by the congregation. Scripture reading, Romans XII. by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. W. A. Anderson.

Committee on Credentials and Examination made report, recommending that this body ordain Bro. P. B. Barker to the Gospel Ministry. Report accepted.

Report of Temperance Committee accepted.

Report of Elder T. C. Ferguson read and accepted.

Motion carried to appoint a committee to sell the tent; Bros. L. C. Wade and Ross Thomas were appointed to co-operate with the Executive Board to sell the tent and add the money to the Free Will Baptist Gem fund.

Pulpit Committee reported Bro. McGovern would preach at 11 o'clock.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. O. T. Fast.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Elder W. H. McGovern. Lesson from Psalm 66. Text, Psalm 142: 6.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together with singing. Scripture reading 1 Cor. 2:1-16. Prayer by Bro W. H. Whistance.

Minutes of forenoon session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing read and adopted.

Report of Eld. W. H. McGovern read and approved.

Report of Eld. B. F. Brown read and approved.

Report of Eld. P. B. Barker read and approved.

Report of Committee on Publication and Education read and adopted.

Motion carried to allow Independence church two more delegates, and Bros. A. L. Wiley and F. H. Routh were seated in conference.

Delegates to State Association

Wagoner—J. K. Stevens, C. H. Miller.

Hannon—Frankie Wade, Mary Wade.

Neola—Nannie Martin, Eliza Green.

Independence—A. L. Wiley and wife.

ElDorado Springs—Mary Snidow, Mrs. Joe Bacus.

Hickory Grove—J. T. Terry, Lloyd Warren.

Fairview—Mrs. Ora Black, Mrs. Chauncey Mead.

Verdella—R. H. Paige and wife.

Motion carried to meet next year with Independence church, on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1930.

Bro. P. B. Barker, having been deemed worthy, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Prayer by Eld. B. F. Brown.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching by Eld. B. F. Brown. Text, Gen. 26:25.

Committee on Pulpit announced that Bro. P. B. Barker would preach Saturday at 11 o'clock and Bro. W. H. McGovern Saturday night.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together with singing. Scripture reading Gal. 6:1-10 by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. McGovern.

Minutes of Friday p. m. session read and approved.

Report of Obituary Committee read and adopted.

Eld. P. B. Barker was chosen to preach the introductory sermon next year, Eld. B. F. Brown alternate.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted.

Motion carried to issue Annual Certificates of Standing to our preachers who failed to report on account of sickness in their families.

Motion carried requesting the clerk to write to our absent preachers.

Motion carried to adopt the Order of Business as printed in our 1928 minutes.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Independence church, Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1930.

Closing prayer by Bro. W. A. Anderson.

Association Enrollment

MINISTERS

Name	Church	Postoffice
W. H. McGovern,	ElDorado Springs,	K. C., Kans.
P. B. Barker,	ElDorado Springs,	Warrensburg, Mo.
B. F. Brown,	Neola,	Tecumseh, Okla.

DEACONS

W. H. Whistance,	Wagoner,	R6, Stockton, Mo.
W. H. Potts,	Wagoner,	Stockton, ..
W. L. Douglas,	Wagoner,	R6, Stockton, ..
I. V. Sell,	Independence,	R4, Stockton, ..
G. C. Lewis,	Hannon,	R3, Liberal, ..
C. W. Ricketts,	Hannon,	Hannon, ..
Ross Thomas,	Hannon,	Hannon, ..
L. C. Wade,	Hannon,	R2, Bronaugh, ..
G. B. Manis,	Neola,	Greenfield, ..
O. T. Fast,	Verdella,	R3, Liberal, ..
John LaCcoarse,	ElDorado Spgs.	ElDorado Sp, ..

DEACONESSES

Mrs. Audra Dill,	Neola,	Greenfield, Mo.
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DELEGATES

C. A. Hyder,	Wagoner,	R6, Stockton, Mo.
C. H. Miller,	Wagoner,	R6, Stockton, ..
J. K. Stevens,	Wagoner,	R4, Stockton, ..
Martha Ricketts,	Hannon,	Hannon, ..

Emma Thomas,	Hannon,	Liberal, Mo.
Mary Snidow,	ElDorado Sp.,	ElDorado Sp, „
Annie LaCcoarse,	ElDorado Sp.,	ElDorado Sp., „
Ruby Phillips,	Verdella,	R3, Liberal, „
Mary Fast,	Verdella,	R3, Liberal, „
Waunita Miller,	Verdella,	R1, Iantha, „
J. W. Moul,	Hickory Grove,	R2, Freeman, „
Ivy Moul,	Hickory Grove,	R2, Freeman, „
Lloyd Warren,	Hickory Grove,	R1, Archie, „
Ethel Warren,	Hickory Grove,	R1, Archie, „
May Barton,	Independence,	R4, Stockton, „
Lula Routh,	Independence,	R4, Stockton, „
Glen McCarty,	Fairview,	R1, Chetopa, Kans.
Verna McCarty,	Fairview,	R1, Chetopa, „
Nannie Martin,	Neola,	Neola, Mo
Lizzie Green,	Neola,	Greenfield, „
Mrs. G. B. Manis,	Neola,	Greenfield, „
Floy Kelley,	Neola,	Neola, „

Committee Reports

Resolutions—We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, assembled in conference at Wagoner Church, hereby express our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for the unity and brotherly love manifested at this meeting of the Association, and the gratitude of our hearts goes out to the people of Wagoner Church and the surrounding neighborhood, especially to the people of Independence church, for their kindness and hospitality they have shown

during this session of our Association; and we pray God's richest blessings upon all these good people until we meet again.

Committee { Mrs. Nannie Martin
John LaCcoarse
Eld. B. F. Brown

Publication and Education—We, your Committee on Publication and Education, recommend that all of our people read our publications: The Free W. B. Gem, now published at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and The Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C.

We further recommend that this Association do all it reasonably can to establish the Free Will Baptist Gem at some suitable place in the State of Mo.

We also recommend that, as far as practical, all our Sunday schools use our denominational literature published at Ayden, N. C.

We further recommend that all our preachers be expected and encouraged to avail themselves of every opportunity for study, that they might qualify themselves for more efficient ministry; and we urge that they be loyal in their support of all our denominational enterprises.

We also endorse and recommend our Eureka College, at Ayden, N. C. as a proper and worthy institution of learning—a suitable school for our young preachers.

Committee { Eld. B. F. Brown
Mrs. Floy Kelly
Mrs. W. H. Potts

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of our Association who have lost loved ones during the past year.

Deceased are as follows:

Hannon Church: John C. Thomas.

ElDorado Springs: Elder Wm. C. Bybee and Sarah Bybee, his wife.

Wagoner: R. L. Preston, an old Free Will Baptist who lived here but was not a member here.

Independence: Luke Wiley.

Committee { Mary M. Snidow
Ruby Phillips
Emma Thomas

Ministerial Standing—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find that the following ministers are entitled to Annual Certificates of Standing:

T. C. Ferguson, T. L. York, W. H. Yoak, W. H. McGovern, C. W. Mayfield, P. B. Barker, B. F. Brown and J. T. Williams,

Committee { C. H. Miller
Mrs. Ricketts
Mrs. J. W. Moul
Mrs. May Barton

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, heartily endorse the Eighteenth Amendment, and stand for its rigid enforcement.

We also wish to discourage the use of cigarettes and tobacco in every form among our membership, especially ministers, according to our ordaining constitution.

Committee { Ross Thomas
O. T. Fast
J. K. Stevens

Ministers' Reports

Eld. T. C. Ferguson—To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, assembled in conference at Wagoner church: I am afraid that I cannot attend in person this year; my prayers will be with you, and I hope and pray that you will have the best Association you have ever had. May harmony and peace prevail.

I enclose a dollar bill to help on the minutes.

As your evangelist for the past year, I beg to submit the following report: The greater part of the past year I have been doing evangelistic work. I have held meetings in several different states. At the close of a revival meeting I held at Vernon, Texas, a Free Will Baptist church was organized. They are now building a fine church house.

Last fall after our Association met at Neola, I continued to hold tent meetings with our Association tent and souls were saved and added to the churches. This spring myself and Eld. Cleaver, one of our State evangelists, took the tent out and held one tent meeting, then we brought the tent to Bro. O. T. Fast's and stored it in his barn, where it is now,

I have preached in the following churches in our Association: Eldorado Springs, Fairview, Verdella, and Hannon. I wish I could have done more for our Association the past year, but the way did not open. So my work has nearly all been outside of my own Association. As one of our State evangelists, my fuller report will be to that body when meets. I helped to ordain a deacon for our Eldorado Springs church.

I, with many others that I have talked with, including Bro. O. T. East, a member of the Executive Board with myself, think it best to sell the tent for whatever we can get for it, as it is spoiling and rotting and will soon be useless. I see no prospect of ever taking it out again for meetings. It will neither turn water nor the bright sunshine; so I recommend that the Association put it in the hands of the Executive Board or a committee, to sell it, and give the money to the Gem fund, to be used as thought best.

I expect to continue in the Lord's work this year.

For fear I cannot be present in person, I am sending this report by mail. Pray for me.

Ash Grove, Mo., August 15, 1929.

Eld. W. H. McGovern—I regret to say that I have not been physically able to do much work since the Association last year, having taken down sick December 16th.

I have filled the pulpit several times and for several different denominations, not having an appointment with our own people. I conducted two funerals, Bro. and Sister Bybee. I performed one marriage ceremony, and have led numerous prayer meetings.

I submit this report to this honorable body of co-workers, now assembled in Association at Wagoner.

Eld. B. F. Brown—I wish to make the following report of my work for the Lord during the past year: I have not pastored any church, neither have I done much preaching, but I have delivered about fifteen sermons and have done what I could to advance the cause of Christ as I have had opportunity.

Since the first of December, 1928, my time has

been taken up with the publication of our official paper, the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Eld. P. B. Barker—I have been preaching the past year for the ElDorado Springs church, but was not able to fill all my appointments on account of high water. I also preached five sermons at Warrensburg. We had good meetings and were blessed in our services. I have enjoyed God's blessings and am praising Him for His wonderful blessings.

I ask the prayers of God's children, that I may always be found doing what God would have me do.

Constitution

Art. I. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of such consistent, well-regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall, from time to time, unite with the body and agree to this Constitution.

Art. II. Section 1. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which this association is composed. Each church being entitled to one delegate, and each church having twenty-five (25) resident members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained and licensed ministers, and church clerks of the several churches of this association.

Sec. 2. A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who resides near enough to attend church services, or who resides at a distance, but discharges his or her obligations to the church; unless feeble minded or invalids. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

Art. III. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant

Clerk and a Treasurer; all of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. IV. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of which shall be ministers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association. One member of this board shall be elected to hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year and hold office for five years, or until his successor is elected. This board shall have charge of the work of the Association when it is not in session.

Sec. 2. The Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association shall be Trustees of the Association, and shall have charge of its property.

Art. V. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall meet with the approval of the Association, and it shall be the duty of all the churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all ministers of this Association to attend each session or report by letter. And all ministers reporting by letter or in person shall be entitled to a Certificate of Ministerial Standing by the Association.

Art. VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of any session of the Association, notice of such intended change having been given in writing not less than three months before such change shall be voted on, to the Executive Board.

By-Laws

1. Each Annual Session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk, and in his or her absence, the Assistant Clerk, and in his or her absence, the standing

member having seniority of years in service. After the Clerk, or the one calling the assembly to order, shall declare a quorum present, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, and in his or her absence, the Assistant Moderator, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority of years in service.

2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five (5) delegates, from three (3) or more churches, shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number may adjourn from time to time.

4. A member wishing to speak in conference, shall arise and address the Moderator, and shall be recognized by him, and shall not be allowed to speak longer than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the conference.

5. New churches may be admitted to this Association by a majority vote of the conference.

6. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question by the request of one-third of the members present.

7. A committee of five lay members, delegates present at the Association, shall be elected to look into the standing of the ministry and report to the Association before it adjourns, for approval.

8. No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried preacher's license for at least one year and must have received a call to pastor some church. The call for ordination must come from the church that has called him or her to pastor it, or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator or the Assistant Moderator, when not otherwise provided for by the Association.

10. Whenever practicable, all business of importance coming before the local churches shall be decided by secret ballot, a majority vote to decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association, that have a total membership of less than fifty, to send to the Clerk of this Association the sum of two dollars [\$2.00] each year, and each church with a total membership of fifty or more, shall send the sum of three dollars [\$3.00] each year to defray the general expenses of this Association.

12. It shall be the duty of the preachers and the churches of this Association to try to work in harmony with the Home Mission Board of this Association.

13. A request from a church that a brother or sister be examined for license or ordination to preach the Gospel shall not mean that he or she shall be licensed or ordained, but that a council be appointed to examine him or her, and if, after the examination, the council thinks best, he or she may be licensed or ordained.

14. Any preacher belonging to this Association who does not make a report of his or her work, either in person, by letter or by proxy, for three successive years, shall have his or her name dropped from the minutes.

15. It shall be the duty of each church to have its pastoral year to end with the annual session of the Association, and to hold its annual business meeting before the Association meets each year

16. When a church fails to report to the Association, its last report shall be carried over in the minutes.

17. All old or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on a superannuated list, and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

18. These by-laws may be amended at any session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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; 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 self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observances of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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 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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in his divine nature truly God, in his human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, he is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the

soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance of faith until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perserverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
 2. Call to order by the Clerk.
 3. Moderator takes charge.
 4. Letters read and delegates seated.
 5. Right hand of fellowship.
 6. Election of officers.
 7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws)
 8. Petitionary Letters.
 9. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
 10. Unfinished Business.
 11. New Business.
 12. Appointment of Committees.
 13. Report of Committees.
 14. Miscellaneous Business.
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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 united with another church.

Done in Church Conference this_ day of_19_

..... Pastor, Clerk