

MINUTES

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Twentieth Annual Session

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Dibble Association

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FREE WILL BAPTIST

held with Fairview Church near Duncan
Oklahoma, September 8, 1927.

OFFICERS

Eld. L. E. Ward, Moderator, Blanchard, Okla.
Eld. O. C. Deskin, Ass't Moderator.
Jack Hopkins, Treas., Route 2 Blanchard.

The next session of this Association will
meet with Dibble Church near Blanch-
ard, Okla., beginning on Thursday
night before the second Sunday
in September, 1928.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Called to order by Moderator.
3. Letters called for and adopted.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Electing officers.
6. Reading Rules of Order.
7. Petitionary letters.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. New Business.
11. Report of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present, invited to seats, are allowed to take part in debate on all subjects, and to vote.

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 being seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall it be discussed?" If negative the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions decided by a majority of the members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.

12. In the future meetings of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day, or other equivalent devotional exercises.

13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

any regular session of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

Proceedings.

Dibble Association of Free Will Baptists met with Fairview Church 2 miles south and five miles east of Duncan, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1927

THURSDAY NIGHT

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. T. Holley. After services the delegates were assigned homes. Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Friday, September 9, 1927.

FRIDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment. Session opened by Moderator Elder L. E. Ward in the chair. Song "As the Life of a Flower," Prayer by Elder W. D. Boswell.

Election of officers as follows:

Moderator: Elder L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Oklahoma, Route 2.

Assistant Moderator: Elder O. C. Deskin, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Treasurer: Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Letters from the following churches, and delegates seated as follows:

Scripture Lesson: Psalms 15th.

1. Weaver Chaple, B. L. Brewer.

2. Bridge Creek, J. M. Church and Sister George Thomas.

3. Fairview, T. M. Keenan, W. A. Paul and Sister U. G. Pittman.

4. Goldsby, Bryan Goldsby and Judie Eads.

5. Hawkins, Stonewall Drennan, Douglas Grisham, Sister Mattie Windle and Mrs. Birdie Drennan.

6. Shiloh, Jess Clogg and Mancon Clogg.

7. Iron Chapel, E. A. Wickware.

8. Dibble, Carl Roath, C. L. Roberts and Roy Ward.

Song: "How Firm a Foundation" was sung and th hand of fellowship was extended.

The following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTION

J. Q. Moore, Iris Whitehorn, Elder W. A. Huddleston, Jack Hopkins and John Claunch.

FINANCE

Stonewall Drennon, Jess Clogg and E. A. Wickware.

MINISTER'S CHARACTER

Sister Windle, Sister Claunch and Carl Roath.

OBITUARY

Roy Ward, T. J. Towell and C. L. Roberts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

T. Maynard, M. T. Holley and D. H. Grissim.

TEMPERANCE

Brother Badget, Tom Rodgers and S. W. Gray.

HOME MISSION

Elder O. C. Deskin, Elder Waltman and Elder W. D. Boswell.

The rules of order were read from the chair.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Closing prayer by Elder Huddleston. The 11 o'clock services were conducted by O. C. Deskin.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by the Moderator Elder L. E. Ward, song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung. For a Scripture lesson the 3rd chapter of Thes. was read. Prayer was offered by Brother O. L. Hudson.

Resolution No. 1 was read and adopted. It reads thus:

Be it resolved that we adopt the articles of faith that give book, chapter and verse for what we believe in the Bible. Chairman, J. Q. Moore.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet again at 9 a. m. Saturday morning. Preaching Saturday night by Elder Huddleston.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment with Moderator L. E. Ward in the chair. Song "Because He Loves Me So" was sung, and prayer was offered by J. Q. Moore.

Motion was carried to read the evangelistic report.

Motion was carried that the clerk of the Evangelist read his report.

Amount subscribed for evangelists.....	\$207.00
Amount paid in.....	101.50
Amount paid out.....	65.60
Amount in treasury.....	36.50

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Home Mission: Since there is a national organization of Home Mission Work and they have already elected their officers and also have a state organization of Home Mission Work and the

state being composed of the subordinate associations, we recommend that this Association of Free Will Baptists endorse the Home Mission work. We further recommend and hereby ask that the Suprintendent of Missions or someone appointed by him, organize a mission in each and every church in this Asociation. Elder W. D. Boswell, Elder O. C. Deskin and J. L. Waltman, Committee.

Minister's Character: We find all our ministers orthodox as far as we are able to find out have clean characters. Carl Roath, Mattie Windle and Roxie Claunch, committee.

Temperance. We, your committee of temperance, find so far as we are able to investigate is good. L. D. Badgett, S. W. Gray and Tom Rodgers, committee.

Report on Obituary: We, your committee on obituary report as follows:

The five year-old son of Brother and Sister W. A. George, died June 28, 1927. D. E. Fulton of Fairview, Oklahoma, died Feb. 3, 1927. Bro. Flanayn of Goldsby, Oklahoma, died May 10, 1927. Sisster George Troutt of Bridge Creek, died Sept. 16, 1927. Elzis Hopkins, son of Brother and Sister Jack Hopkins of Bridge Creek, Oklahoma, died Dec. 18, 1926. Little Billie Joe Drennan, daughter of Brother and Sister S. J. Drennan of Hawkins, died Oct. 16, 1926. Sister W. M. Coggins of Blanchard, Oklahoma, died Jan. 7, 1927. Clemen Brewer, one-year-old son of Brother and Sistr B. L. Brewer. C. L. Roberts, T. J. Towell and Roy Ward, committee.

Report on Finance: We, your committee on finance, report as follows:

We collected as minute funds from the different churches as follows: Fairview, \$2.50; Shiloh, \$5.00; Dibble, \$3.60; Hawkins, \$4.00; Bridge Creek, \$3.00; Goldsby, \$2.00; Weaver Chapel, \$2.50; Iron Chapel, \$3.00. Total, \$25.00 Collection \$8.67; Grand Total \$34.27.

Report on Sunday School: We, your committee of Sunday Schools report as follows: We recommend that each church have a Sunday School and do all in their power to promote their interests, and furthermore suggest that the parents go with their children.

D. H. Grisham, M. F. Holley and T. Maynord, committee.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet back Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Preaching at 11 by Rev. T. Maynord.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator Elder L. E. Ward. Song "What Shall Our Answer Be" was sung. Scripture reading, 2nd Peter 3:1-10.

Motion carried that the moderator has power to appoint one on the Evangelistic Committee. Sister Joe Stanley of the Weaver Chapel church was appointed.

Resolution No. 4 was read and adopted.

Be it resolved that this Association see the need of an evangelist, as the harvest is ripe and be it further resolved that this Association have a yearly Evangelist to look after the interest of the cause of Christ. J. Q. Moore, chairman.

Resolution No. 5 was read and adopted.

Be it resolved that we adopt the rule whereby the pastor has the care of the church from one

association until the next. J. Q. Moore, chairman.
Resolution No. 6 was read and adopted.

Be it resolved that this association adopt the work of the 5th Sunday Meetings and the work of the Evangelist. J. Q. Moore, chairman.

Motion carried that we retain the old committee on evangelist.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Elder O. C. Deskins.

Sermons 54, baptized none, money received, \$64.55. Miles traveled, don't know. Conversions witnessed 24. (Received).

Elder L. E. Ward.

Sermons preached, 174; Funerals, held, 16; marriages, 8; baptized, 9; money received \$499.40. Witnessed 24 conversions. (Received).

Elder M. F. Holley.

Sermons, 60; Funeral services, 1; conversions, 9; received into church 8; miles traveled, 500; Money received, \$57.90. (Received).

Elder T. Maynard.

Sermons, 50; conversions, 38; Additions to church, 17; funerals, 10, married 20; money received, \$25.00. (Received).

Elder W. D. Boswell.

Sermons, 46; married, 32; funerals, 11; baptized, 4; money received \$14.00. (Received).

Dibble Church was elected to entertain the 1928 Association with Elder..... to preach the introductory sermon. Session to commence on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1928.

The first 5th Sunday meeting to be held at

Weaver Chapel, east of Comanche, Oklahoma. The second 5th Sunday meting at Hawkins church, 4 miles north of Alex, Oklahoma. The third 5th Sunday meeting at Bridg Creek, 3 miles west and 4 miles north of Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Moved dand seconded that the moderator appoint a commitee to see about the publishing of the minutes. Jack Hopkins.

Resolution No. 7 was read and received.

Resolution of Thanks: We, the members and delegates of this Association, extend our heart-felt thanks for the hospitality and entertainment we have received during our stay with you and pray that this church may continue to grow through all time to come. J. Q. Moore, chairman.

Motion carried that this body adjourn to meet with the Dibble Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1928. Previous to this motion a motion carried to discharge all commitees.

REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Entered the work July 21, 1927. The Lord wonderffully blessed me in the work. I thank the Dibble Association and the many brethren for the work they gave me. I began my work with the Dibble Church. I was there 11 days and wittened 11 conversions. I was at Banner school house 5 days and had no conversions. I was at Hawkins Church 6 daays and had no conversions. At Goldsby Church 3 days, no conversions. At Grove Chapel Church 9 days, no conversions. At Bridge Crek Church 7 days witnessed 8 conversions. I preached 35 sermons; money received

for my work \$93.65; public collections \$52.50.—
Total, \$146.15. May the Lord bless the Churches
in the Dibble Asociation.

W. C. KEYLON.



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 amusement, 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 devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all 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 bond 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 able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 evangelistical 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.

FREEWILL 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 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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 Saviour 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

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 unre-served commital of one's self to Christ, our Saviour 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 in faith and obedience 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 Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, 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 the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. 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 immer-

sion of the 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 employment and amusements for rest, worships, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

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

16. Resurrection, Judgement, 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 to the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This is to certify that..... is a member in good standing of the Freewill 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

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

- 1—Call Church Conference.
- 2—Call for peace of Church.
- 3—Call for visiting brethren to seats in Council.
- 4—Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- 5—Unfinished Business.
- 6—New Business.
- 7—Are any sick or in distress?
- 8—What has been done for the support of the Ministry and other incidental expenses?