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of the

21st Annual Session

of the

Dibble Association

of

The Church of God

DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTIST

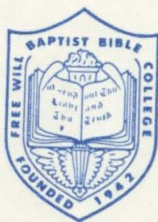
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermin, W. A. Huddleston.
 2. Called to Order by Moderator.
 3. Letters Called For and Adopted.
 4. Right Hand of Fellowship.
 5. Electing Officers.
 7. Petitionary Letters.
 6. Reading Rules of Order.
 8. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats in Council.
 9. Appointment of Committees.
 10. New Business.
 11. Report of Committees.
 12. Miscellaneous Business.
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RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and luded by prayer by Moderator or whomsoever he request.
2. Ministers present, invited to seats, are allow- take part in debate on all subjects, and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the erator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in ebates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being nded.

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 any regular session of the association.

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

PROCEEDINGS

Twenty-first Annual Session of Dibble Association of Free Will Baptists, held with Dibble Church, September 6, 1928.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opening by song, "That We Might Be One."
Prayer by Elder W. M. Coggins. Scripture Lesson, Psalms 116. Preaching by Elder W. A. Huddleston, whose text was John 11:24. Followed by Elder L. E. Ward.

OFFICERS ELECTED WERE AS FOLLOWS

Elder M. T. Holley, Route No. 3, Duncan, Okla., Moderator.

Elder L. E. Ward, Route No. 2, Blanchard, Okla., Assistant Moderator.

Brother Jack Hopkins, Route No. 2, Blanchard, Okla., Treasurer.

Brother J. S. Landers, Route No. 3, Duncan, Okla., Clerk.

Brother W. E. Campbell, Assistant Clerk.

U. G. Pittman, Luther Hudson, R. N. Roland, Divine Committee.

Visiting delegates were assigned homes. Adjourned to meet promptly at nine o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

Session opened by Moderator, Elder M. T. Holley in the chair. Song, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." Scripture lesson, Eph. 4, followed by prayer by Brother N. C. Drennan.

Letters from the churches were read. A motion was carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates which were as follows:

HAWKINS

Brother Don Abernathy, Brother E. A. Pike, Brother F. E. James, Brother N. C. Drennan.

BRIDGE CREEK

Brother J. B. Peters, Brother and Sister J. M.

Claunch.

DIBBLE

Sister Perrin, Brother W. E. Campbell, Brother D. E. Mills.

IRON CHAPEL

Brother George Mays, Brother G. A. Stevens, Sister Mollie Bingham.

FAIRVIEW

Brother U. G. Pittman, Brother J. S. Landers, Brother Bob Sprouse, Brother Henry Gray.

WEAVER CHAPEL

Sister Lena Jenkins.

SHILOH

Brother E. R. Clagg, Brother J. H. Bolin, Brother Robert West, Sr.

Song, "We Praise Thee, O God," was sung and the right hand of fellowship was extended.

Brother Coggins was invited to a seat in the association by a motion which carried.

The following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTION

Brother E. A. Pike, Brother Oley Dunn, Brother John Claunch, Brother Jim Bingham.

FINANCE

Sister C. W. Perrin, Brother W. E. Campbell, Brother Jack Hopkins.

MINISTERS CHARACTER

Brother N. C. Drennan, Brother S. W. Gray, Brother J. C. Peters.

OBITUARY

Brother R. N. Roland, Brother Bob Sprouse.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Brother Luther Hudson, Brother R. E. Clagg, Sister Mollie Bingham.

TEMPERANCE

Brother George Grisham, Brother E. R. Clagg,
Brother T. P. Wood.

HOME MISSIONS

Sister Roxie Claunch, Brother Henry Gray,
Brother George Mayo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temperance:—We, your committee on temperance, so far as we are able to investigate, is good.

E. R. Clagg,
T. P. Wood,
George Grisham,

Committee.

Sunday School:—We, your committee on Sabbath School, beg to report as follows: That a Sunday School should be in each and every church and we also urge the use of our literature where it is profitable and possible, and that we make Sunday School a part of church work, and the fathers and mothers take their children and not make a practice of sending them alone.

Brother C. L. Hudson,
Sister Mollie Bingham,
Brother R. E. Clagg,

Committee.

Minister's Character:—We, your committee on Minister's Character, report as follows: So far as we are able to find, we find all our ministers have clean lives and are strong in the faith.

Brother N. C. Drennan,
Brother B. J. Peters,
Brother S. W. Gray,

Committee.

Adjourned for eleven o'clock service, to meet again promptly at two o'clock. Closed by prayer by

Moderator Elder M. T. Holley.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Moderator. Song, "Just Over in the Glory Land." Scripture lesson, Isa. 53. Prayer was offered by Brother B. J. Peters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—(Continued)

Divine Committee—Announced that preaching would be held at three o'clock by Elder L. E. Ward.

Home Mission—We, your committee on Home Mission, do recommend the Home Mission work. Each church should have its body to organize Home Mission work. Home Mission is our Lord's people working together.

Brother G. R. Mayo,
Sister Roxie Claunch,
Brother Henry Gray,
Committee.

Adjourned to meet again promptly at nine o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by prayer by Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator. Song, "Don't You Want to Be Ready." Scripture lesson, Acts 26. Prayer by Moderator.

Resolution No. 2 was read and adopted. It reads thus: "Be it resolved that each church urge all its members to take the sacrament and wash the Saint's feet.

T. O. Dunn, Chairman.

Motion carried to answer the request of the Bridge Creek church to ordain Brother D. J. Peters as Deacon.

Elder L. E. Ward,
Elder M. T. Holley,
Elder T. P. Wood,

Ordaining Committee.

Obituary Committee—We, your committee on Obituaries, report as follows:

FAIRVIEW

Sister Bob Sprouse departed this life January 26, 1928.

Sister Dora Hinkle departed this life July 23, 1928.

Brother and Sister J. S. Landers' baby was called from them September 1, 1928.

IRON CHAPEL

The little baby of Brother and Sister O. C. Deskin was called away August 19, 1928.

BRIDGE CREEK

Sister M. M. Southerland was called from us.

Brother A. Y. Jones departed this life January 7, 1928.

Brother S. S. Burris departed this life in April, 1928.

DIBBLE CHURCH

Brother John R. Campbell departed this life May, 1928.

Sister Shay Richeys (Grandma Ramsey.)

Sister J. M. Gray departed this life July 18, 1927. Age 55 years, 2 months and 21 days. We, the Dibble association, beg Brother Gray and family's pardon. Ask them to forgive us for overlooking this in last association as it was an error of the Dibble church.

HAWKINS CHURCH

Little T. J. Drennan, infant son of Brother and Sister Hayes Drennan, died November 10, 1927.

Little Lucille Adair, infant daughter of Brother and Sister Adair. Date of death unknown.

Little Bonnie Collier, daughter of Brother and Sister O. B. Collier, died August 19, 1928.

Brother O. C. Goyne departed this life November 20, 1928.

WEAVER'S CHAPEL

Sister Grosse departed this life November 11, 1927. Age 63 years.

Brother R. N. Rolen,
Brother Bob Sprouse,
Committee.

Adjourned for eleven o'clock service, to meet promptly at two o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING

House called to order by Assistant Moderator Elder L. E. Ward. Song, "Softly and Tenderly." Scripture lesson, Romans 5. Prayer by Brother Jack Hopkins.

Resolution No. 3 was read and adopted. It reads thus: "We, your committee on Resolutions, recommend that the Clerk of each Church keep a record of the deaths in each church, so that they can give a report to the Obituary Committee.

T. O. Dunn, Chairman.

Resolution No. 4 was read and adopted. It reads thus: "We, your committee on Resolutions, ask that an offering be taken at this time to aid Brother Dunnaway in his financial condition as he has had such hard luck and expense this year.

T. O. Dunn, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: "That we find that the following churches have paid in as minute fund, as follows:

Bridge Creek	-----	\$4.50
Dibble	-----	3.10
Hawkins	-----	3.00
Iron Chappel	-----	3.00

Shiloh -----	3.00
Fairview -----	3.00
Weaver Chapel -----	2.50

Total -----	\$22.10
Collection -----	8.40

GRAND TOTAL ----- \$30.50

W. E. Campbell, Chairman."

Motion carried that we retain the old committee on Evangelistic work until we get a further report.

Motion carried to have Evangelists of past year to make a report to committee so that they may report at next quarterly meeting.

Motion carried to receive reports of all committees and discharge same.

Motion carried that we send Brother W. A. Huddleston and Brother L. E. Ward as delegates to the State association. Collection of \$9.55 was taken for their expense.

Elder L. E. Ward was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next sitting of the association.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Elder W. A. Huddleston, R. No. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

I have preached 81 sermons, travelled about 300 miles, witnessed 38 conversions, baptized 35, received in church 46, married 2 couples, preached 2 funerals, received \$237.60.

Yours for Christ,

W. A. Huddleston.

Elder T. Maynard.

Report from Weaver Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of God. Preached 60 sermons, 3 funerals, married 4 couples. Collection for pastor \$84.00. Paid \$10 for evangelistic work and \$15 in treasure for

same. Number of resident members 11, non-resident members 11, conversions 1, additions to church, \$2.50 for minutes.

Elder T. Maynard.

L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla., Route No. 2.

Sermons preached 76, received in the church 8, baptized 7, funerals preached 20, marriages 23, cornerstone witness 22, miles traveled, unknown, money received \$4.80. Brothers, when you pray, pray for me, that my next year's work will be better.

L. E. Ward.

Elder W. D. Boswell.

Good Sunday School, good interest, 40 enrolled. We use Free Will Baptist literature. Missionary society active, 10 active members, 3 lay members, 4 honorary members, doing good work, Lena Jenkins, president, Vida Waldon, secretary, Ray Brewer, treasurer, Joe Stanley, Lula Jennings and Gussie Maynard membership committee.

Elder W. D. Boswell.

Elder T. P. Wood.

Restored churches, none, assisted Elder W. A. Huddleston in meeting at Fairview. Money received \$6.00. Preached 11 funerals, married 19 couples.

Elder T. P. Wood.

I have, since being ordained, preached 16 sermons, married 1 couple, received \$3.50 in money, baptized none, witnessed 10 conversions, miles traveled, don't know, preached during the year 1928, 41 sermons. This is all the report I have for this time. I hope and pray that I can do better next year as I was ordained in April, 1928.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The first Fifth Sunday is to be held at Iron Chapel, near Dibble, the fifth Sunday in December.

The next Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Shiloh, the fifth Sunday in March.

The next Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Fairview, 2 miles south and 6 miles east of Duncan, the fifth Sunday in June.

Resolution No. 7 was read and adopted. We wish to thank the church at Dibble for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay.

T. O. Dunn, Chairman.

Motion carried that this body adjourn to meet with Hawkins Church, near Alex, Okla., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1929.

CHURCH CLERKS

Church Clerks are as follows:

Fairview—Sister Mrs. U. G. Pittman, Route No. 3, Duncan, Okla.

Bridge Creek—Sister Roxie Claunch, Blanchard, Okla.

Iron Chapel—Sister Mollie Bingham, Route No. 2, Purcell, Okla.

Dibble—Sister Maggie Roberts, Route No. 4, Blanchard, Okla.

Weaver Chapel—Sister Mattie Mauldin, Star Route East, Comanche, Okla.

Shiloh—Sister Opal Cayden, Lindsey, Okla.

Hawkins—Brother N. C. Drennan, Alex, Okla.

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 avoid 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 Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and of 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.

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 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; 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 only 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. Terms of Salvation. The condition 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, 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, preserve in holiness to the end of life, having 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 humanity 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, Judgment, 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."

LETTERS OF DISMISSAL

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.

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 Expense?

