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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon, L. E. Ward
2. House Called to Order by Moderator.
3. Letters Called for and Received
4. Right Hand of Fellowship
5. Electing Officers
6. Petitionary Letters
7. 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

## RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and closed by prayer by the Moderator or by whomsoever he requests.
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 debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a number opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall it be discussed?" If negative the question shall be dismissed.
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 exercise.

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

## PROCEEDINGS

Dibble Association of the Free Will Baptists met with Hawkins Church, five miles north of Alex, Okla., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1929.

### THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by song, "Beautiful Guide Book." Prayer by Elder W. D. Boswell. Introductory sermon by Elder L. E. Ward, Psalms 19:9.

Visiting delegates were assigned homes. Adjourned to meet promptly at 9 a. m., Friday.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Session opened by song, "I Want to be a Worker." Scripture lesson by Elder L. E. Ward, text from 1 Cor. 13th. ch. Prayer by Elder W. A. Huddleston.

Called to order by Elder M. T. Holly, Moderator.

Church letters read. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates.

Right hand of fellowship extended to delegates who were as follows:

### BRIDGE CREEK

Brother John Claunch, Sister John Claunch.

### DIBBLE

Bro. C. L. Roberts, Bro. W. L. Ward, Bro. W. E. Campbell

### IRON CHAPEL

Bro. J. E. Nunnely, Sister Floy Mayo, Bro. W. Michner, Bro. Truman Huddleston, Bro. G. R. Mayo.

### SHILOH

Sister Jennie Clagg, Sister Hazel Gentry, Bro. W. F. Lee

## FAIRVIEW

Bro. S. W. Gray, Bro. Knox Ray, Sister S. W. Gray,  
Bro. Will Lowder.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elder L. E. Ward, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla., Moderator

Elder M. T. Holley, Rt. 3, Duncan, Okla., Ass't. Moderator.

Jack Hopkins, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla., Treasurer.

T. E. James, Tabler, Okla., Clerk.

Birdie Drennan, Rt. 1, Tabler, Okla., Ass't. Clerk.

Committees appointed by Elder L. E. Ward, Moderator, as follows:

Committee on Divine Service—Bro. N. C. Drennan, Bro. C. L. Roberts, and Bro. John Nunnely.

Committee on Resolution—Sister D. C. Wilson, Elder J. H. Burr, Bro. G. R. Mayo and Bro. J. Q. Moore.

Committee on Finance—Elder W. A. Huddleston, Bro. W. E. Campbell and Bro. Geo. Grisham.

Committee on Minister' character—Bro. R. E. Clagg and Bro. G. M. Windle.

Committee on Obituary—Sister John Claunch, Sister Hazel Gentry and Sister Floy Mayo.

Committee on Sunday School—Bro. W. L. Ward, Bro. C. S. Mainord and Bro. W. H. Caldwell.

Committee on Temperance—Bro. T. N. Huddleston, Bro. S. W. Gray and Elder W. F. Lee.

Committee on Mome Mission—Sister Jennie Clagg, Bro. John Claunch and Elder W. D. Boswell.

Motion carried to allow Elder W. M. Coggins a seat in the association. Elder Coggins was appointed to preach the 11 o'clock sermon, followed by Elder E. A. Odonnell from the 1st Oklahoma Association.

Adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m. Dismissed by Elder T. P. Wood.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Elder L. E. Ward, Moderator. Song, "There is Power in the Blood," Scripture lesson from Gal. 4-1 to 7. Prayer by Elder I. W. Yandell.

Reports of committees called for and read.

Committee on Evangelistic Work: Motion carried to

accept verbal report of this committee followed by Elder I. W. Yandell's report on his Evangelistic work. Motion carried to pay Elder Yandall balance due him for his field work.

Committee on Resolution: (Res. 1.)

Resolved, that we urge our churches give closer attention to the walking of their members and we admonish them to comply with 1 Thes. 5-22.

(Res. 2) Resolved, that we the Dibble Association, urge our ministers, ordained and licensed, to band themselves together in one great body in the State of Oklahoma, to discuss subjects which are creating inroads into our churches and alienating our members. That whereas we learn by observation that a tree is known by its fruits, also we believe that to band ourselves together in this manner would eliminate jealousy growing out of incompetency. We find that where there is unity there is strength.

G. R. MAYO

J. H. BURR

J. Q. MOORE

MRS. D. C. WILSON, Com.

Motion carried to adopt Resolutions No. 1 and 2.

Committee on Temperance:

We, your committee on temperance, beg to report that we can not place too high an estimate on this subject. It is our duty to the well being in this and the future life. Intemperance is disloyal to the laws of nature and of the land as well. It is harmful and can destroy the soul as well as the body, therefore we ask that each member abstain from intemperance and that God's children should always lend a helping hand to his fellowman and try to help him to a higher plane. We ask our ministers to preach at least two sermons on temperance, each year.

We heartily indorse our prohibition laws, and will do all in our power to help enforce them.

T. N. HUDDLESTON

S. W. GRAY

W. F. LEE, Committee.

### Committee on Sunday School

We, your committee on the Sabbath Schools, do hereby make the following report: That a Sunday School should be in each and every church. We also urge the use of F. W. B. literature if possible, also that we make Sunday School work a part of our church work.

Fathers and mothers should practice taking their children, not sending them.

W. H. CALDWELL  
C. S. MAINORD  
W. L. WARD, Committee.

### Committee on Home Mission:

We, your committee on home mission heartily recommend this part of the work. Each church should organize a committee to see that this work is carried out in connection with all other parts of our Father's business.

W. D. BOSWELL  
JOHN CLAUNCH, Committee.

### Committee on Obituary:

We, your committee on obituaries, sorrowfully report.

#### FAIRVIEW

Bro. Bob Sprouce departed this life Apr. 29, 1929.

#### IRON CHAPEL

The infant son of Sister Edie Wilkey was called home March 6, 1929.

#### SHILOH

Bro. Jim Hedrick's mother died (date unknown), 1929.

#### BRIDGE CREEK

The infant son of Bro. and Sister W. A. Kelley died Jan. 1, 1929, also Sister Kelley followed her child Jan. 5, 1929.

The infant daughter of Sister John Bowser was laid to rest Dec —, 1928.

#### HAWKINS

Bro. E. L. Abernathy departed from this life of sorrow

and suffering for a higher and better Kingdom, Feb. 4, 1929. Please pray for his wife and two babies.

### DIBBLE

Bro. Jack Shelton died Aug. 12, 1929.

Bro. J. M. Gray died April—, 1929.

ROXIE CLAUNCH

HAZEL GENTRY

FLOY MAYO, Committee.

Minutes of the last Fifth Sunday meeting, held at Fairview, on the fifth Sunday in June 1929, were read and resolution No. 3 was adopted. (Res. 3) Resolved, that the church services be more evangelistic.

R. N. ROLEN, Chairman

GEO. MAYO

S. W. GRAY, Committee.

Short lecture by Elder M. M. McKee, State Evangelist, on the subject of Home Mission work.

Adjourned to meet again at 9 a. m., Saturday. Dismissed by Elder J. H. Burr.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Scripture Lesson by Elder L. E. Ward, from 1 John, 3 ch. Prayer by Bro. E. A. Pike.

Motion carried to endue Moderator the authority to appoint a committee to investigate and compile a report concerning the strength and general condition of the Dibble Association

ELDER M. T. HOLLY

ELDER W. A. HUDDLESTON

BRO. C. L. CLAY, Committee.

Motion carried to send three delegates to the State Association. Delegates appointed were: Bro. J. Q. Moore, Bro. Jack Hopkins and Bro. C. L. Hudson.

Announced that Elder W. F. Lee would begin the 11 o'clock service, followed by Elder M. M. McKee, State Evangelist.



Free will offering taken to help pay expenses of delegates to State Association.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance report the following statement:

Bal. in treas. to evangelistic work.....	\$33.90
Bal. in treas. to minutes fund.....	\$6.27
Sent by churches.....	20.05

Total .....	26.32
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Free will offering to pay expenses of delegates to

State Ass'n. and for State Minute Fund.....	\$16.16
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Grand Total .....	76.38
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Amount sent by each church for publishing of Association minutes:

Dibble .....	\$4.00
Fairview .....	2.50
Irin Chapel .....	3.00
Bridge Creek .....	3.10
Shiloh .....	3.20
Hawkins .....	4.25

ELDER W. A. HUDDLESTON

W. E. CAMPBELL

Geo. GRISHAM, Committee.

Motion carried to accept verbal report of corresponding delegates from Center Association. Delegates were: Elder W. M. Coggins, Elder F. M. Woods and Clarence Woods.

Adjourned till 2. p. m. Dismissed by Elder W. A. Hearon.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "Tell it to Jesus Alone." Prayer by Bro. W. E. Campbell.

Motion carried to send Elder R. M. Rolan as corresponding delegate to the Center Association.

Report of Committee on Resolution:

(Res. 4.) Resolved that the clerk of each church keep a record of each member and to ask them to pledge themselves the amount they will give to the cause for the en-

suings year, this amount to be paid by December 1, 1929.  
(Adopted.)

(Res. 5.) Be it resolved that each church send ten dollars (to each annual session of the Association) by its delegates to pay expense of sending delegates to other Associations, and for publishing of minutes, etc.  
(Adopted.)

(Res. 6.) Be it Resolved, that we, the Dibble Association send as an evangelist for the ensuing year. (Adopted)

J. Q. MOORE

G. R. MAYO

MRS. D. C. WILSON

ELDER J. H. BURR, Com.

#### Report of committee on ministers' character:

So far as we are able to find out all our ministers are living clean, upright lives and are strong in the faith.

JACK HOPKINS

R. E. CLAGG

GILFORD WINDLE, Com.

Motion carried to erase articles 13 and 14 in the Articles of Faith of the 1928 minutes, and insert Article which is numbered 13 in these minutes.  
kins retained as treasurer.

Report of treasurer read and accepted. Bro. Jack Hop-

#### MINISTERS' REPORTS

Elder L. E. Ward:

Sermons preached 143; conversions witnessed 61; received into church 50; marriages 16..

Money received: Dibble Church, \$133.40. Hawkins Church, \$114.90. Bridge Creek Church, \$110.10. For revivals, \$44.30. Total, \$402.70.

Elder T. P. Wood:

Sermons preached, 83; conversions witnessed, 11; baptized 6; churches organized (assisted) 1; miles traveled, 844; money received, \$55.03. Expenses, \$15.25.

This is all the report I have. I do hope and pray that I can do better next year. Pray for me, I am all for my Lord.

T. P. WOOD.

Elder J. H. Burr:

Assisted Elder Huddleston in meetings, with 23 conversions. Assisted Elder Ward in meeting with 25 conversions. Sermons preached, 60; marriages, 5; miles traveled, 561; money received, \$59.40; expenses, \$40.60.

ELDER J. H. BURR

Route 1, Lindsay, Okla.

Other ministers present failed to make their report. (Clerk.)

### CHURCH REPORTS

Bridge Creek—Membership 53; Pastor, Elder L. E. Ward; Clerk, Mary Voyles; Deacons, Bro. G. A. Trout, Bro. B. J. Peters; Sunday School, good.

Shiloh—Membership 37; dismissed by request, 3; new members, 14; conversions, 18; Sunday School, good. Paid out to Pastor, \$192.15. Paid out to Evangelistic work, \$147.42.

Dibble—Membership, 100; paid to pastor, \$130.90; Sunday School, good.

Fairview—Membership, 85; new members 6; baptized 5; deceased 1; paid out to pastor, \$79.30; paid out to evangelist work, \$19.25; Sunday School, good.

Iron Chapel—Membership, 107; Res. members, 60; new members, 14. Pastor Elder W. A. Huddleston. Clerk, Mollie Bingham. Deacons: Bro. J. H. Bingham. Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. C. S. Mainord, Bro. Jno. Cox. Paid out to pastor, \$13.50; paid out to evangelistic work, \$35.50.

Hawkins—Membership 107; Res. members, 45; new members 8; Sunday School, good; paid out to pastor \$114.99; paid out to evangelistic work, \$67.70. Prayer meeting each Sunday night. Pastor, Elder L. E. Ward; Clerk, Bro. N. C. Drennan.

### ASSOCIATION VISITORS

Iron Chapel—Mrs T. N. Huddleston, Miss Lorene Dawson, H. O. Nunnely, Mrs. C. S. Mainord and Denver Wynn.

Fairview—Otis Gray.

Bridge Creek—Mrs. B. J. Peters and Mrs. G. A. Brashears.

Dibble—Mrs. L. E. Ward and Mrs. Maggie Roberts.

Shiloh—Pauline Hodges.

Others—Elder W. A. Hearon and family.

## 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 in 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 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 mission, 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 Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallable 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 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. 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 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, our 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 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 is 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. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace, preserve in holiness to the end of life, having promise of eternal Savation.

13. We believe that: Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet and keeping the Lord's Day holy, abstaining from all worldly lust and carnal cares, and assembling ourselves together is an ornament that prepares and beautifies the soldiers of the Cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matt.

**BRO. JOHN CLAUNCH**

**BRO. J. Q. MOORE**

**BRO. G. R. MAYO, Board.**

First Quarterly Meeting—Dibble.

Second Quarterly Meeting—Shiloh.

Third Quarterly Meeting—Bridge Creek.

Resolutions read and adopted. We wish to thank the Hawkins Church for the kind hospitality shown during our stay among them.

**G. R. MAYO**

Adjourned to meet with Iron Chapel next year on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September.

