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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon, B. C. Munkus.
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. Inviting visiting Brethern 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 exercises.
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 the Iron Chapel Church, one-half mile south and three miles east of Dibble, Okla., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1930.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by song "When Jesus Comes." Prayer by Elder M. M. McKee. Introductory sermon by Elder L. E. Ward. Second Timothy, 4:6. "Divine" Committee appointed.

Visiting delegates were assigned homes. Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by Elder L. E. Ward. Opening song, "O Let Me Hide in Thee." Lesson read: First John 3:1-8. Prayer by Bro. J. Q. Moore.

Church letters read. Motion carried to receive letters and seat Delegates. Delegates as follows:

BRIDGE CREEK

Brother J. M. Claunch and Sisters J. P. Price and G. A. Bashara.

DIBBLE CHURCH

Brother C. M. Roath, Brother C. L. Perrin, Brother C. L. Roberts.

IRON CHAPEL

Brother H. O. Nunnally and Sisters Clint Jackson and Mainard.

SHILOH

Brother M. A. Clagg, Sister Talitha Cowen and Brother Robert West, Jr.

HAWKINS

Brothers N. C. and Stonewall Drennan and Sister Birdie Drennan.

SIMPSON

Brother H. C. Mahurin, Brother Ora Myers and Sister Nancy Howeth.

WHITEBEAD

Sisters Para and Jesse Mauldin and Sister Sullivan.

PLAINVIEW

Sisters Pearl and Lov Sellers.

Extend right hand of Christian and Church fellowship.

Elder M. M. McKee appointed by Divine Committee to deliver eleven o'clock address.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elder B. C. Munkus, Baird, Okla., Rt. 1, Moderator.

Elder E. E. Morris, Blanchard, Okla., R. 2, Asst. Moderator.

Birdie Drennan,, Tabler, Okla., R. 1, Clerk.

Luther Hudson, Blanchard, Okla., R. 2, Asst. Clerk.

Call for petitionary letters. Letters approved and adopted into the membership of Dibble Association.

Moved and seconded and approved to seat visiting delegates.

Reading of the Rules of Order.

Committees appointed by Elder B. C. Munkus.

Committee on Divine Service: Bro. Carl Roach, Bro. Mainard and Bro. Harrell.

Committee on Resolution: Bro. Ora Dunn, Bro. John Claunch, Bro. Quince Moore, Bro. West and Elder L. E. Ward.

Committee on Finance: Elder J. H. Burr, Bro. J. T. Cox, Bro. R. E. Clagg, Bro. C. L. Perrin, and Bro. Luther Hudson.

Committee on Ministers' Character: Sister J. P. Price, Sister Lov Sellers, Dora Lee Mauldin and Bro. M. A. Clagg.

Committee on Obituary: Sister Pearl Sellers, Sister Maggie Roberts, Sister Bashara, Sister Harrell and Sister Talitha Cowan.

Committee on Sunday School: Sister Mainard, Bro. J. E. Nunnally, Bro. Jack Hopkins and Bro. Jim Bingham.

Committee on Temperance: Bro. Gene Russell, Bro. C. S. Mainard, Bro. R. N. Roland and Bro. G. C. Mauldin:
Committee on Home Missions: Bro. W. A. Harrell, Bro. H. C. Mahurin, Bro. N. C. Drennan and Bro. B. J. Peters.

Adjourned for committee Work and eleven o'clock services. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Ora Dunn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Elder B. C. Munkus, Moderator.
Song, "The Glory Land Way." Prayer by Elder W. A. Herron. Scripture read, Psalms, 15.

Reports of Committees called for and read.

Committee on Ministers' Character: We find that all of our Ministers are in good standing.

SISTER J. P. PRICE
SISTER LOV SELLERS
SISTER DORA LEE MAULDIN
BRO. M. A. CLAGG, Com.

Report for Committee on Evangelistic Work called for. Committee not ready to report. Adjourned for committee work.

Committee on Temperance: Motion carried to accept report and retain committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance beg to report that we cannot place too high an estimate on the subject. It is our duty to well begin in this life and 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 intemperence and that God's Children should always lend a helping hand to their fellow man and try to help him to a higher plane. We ask our ministers to preach at least two sermons on "Temperance" each year. We also ask each church, finding a member indulging in such, to require a public statement from same or else withdraw from them. We heartily endorse our prohibition laws and will do all in our power to help enforce them.

G. C. MAULDIN
R. N. ROLAND
GENE RUSSELL
C. S. MAINARD, COM

Committee on Resolution: Motion carried that report be accepted and committee retained.

Resolution No. 1. We, as Free Will Baptists, stand in

great need of hearing more doctrinal sermons. Resolved that they be preached at the Association, as this is the proper place for them.

If there is any one who does not sanction this it must be one who does not believe in doctrinal sermons.(adopted)

J. Q. MOORE

L. E. WARD

T. O. DUNN

ROBERT WEST

J. M. CLAUNCH, Com.

Motion carried to adopt resolution.

Short lecture by Elder W. A. Hearron on doctrine of the Free Will Baptists.

Lecture on Evangelistic work by Elder M. M. McKee, State Evangelist.

Committee on Home Mission. Motion Carried to receive report and retain committee.

We, your committee on Home Mission beg leave to report as follows:

We find that mission work is being neglected by our churches in many places. The mission work is to see that the poor are cared for, Mat. 25:34-40. The Mission is a part of the church work. Many people today are appealing to other sources for help and protection instead of the church of the Living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. We ask that each church in this Association, if possible, organize a Home Mission Work and do all that we can to advance the work of God. James 1:27.

B. J. PETERS

N. C. DRENNAN

W. A. HARRELL

H. C. MAHURIN, Com.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet again Saturday morning at Nine o'clock.

Elder B. C. Munkus appointed to preach evening service, subject: "The Holy Ghost."

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Jack Hopkins.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Elder B. C. Munkus, Moderator. Opened by song, "The Wonderful City." Prayer by Bro. R. N. Roland. Scripture lesson, Proverbs 3rd chapter.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 5 of 1929 Association be carried out and the committee retained.

Res. No. 5. Be it resolved that each church send ten dollars (\$10) to each annual session of the Association by its delegates to pay expense of sending delegates to other Association and for publishing the minutes.

Resolution discussed and retained.

Adjourned for committee work.

Committee on Obituary. Motion carried to accept report and retain committee.

We, your committee on Obituary report as follows:

DIBBLE

Grandpa Mills, father of Brother Arch Mills, departed this life Feb. 15, 1930. Sister Eula Kendrick, daughter of Brother and Sister R. N. Roland departed this life May 4, 1930. John Campbell died July 22, 1930.

IRON CHAPEL

Brother Oliver Owens died August 22, 1930. Sister Wickweir's father died, date unknown. Tommie Bowman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowman, died May 4, 1930.

PEARL SELLERS

MAGGIE ROBERTS

MRS. BASHARA

MRS. HARRELL

TALITHA COWAN, Com.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by song, "The Soul's Anticipation." Prayer by Sister Allsup. Scripture lesson, Cor. 13th chapter.

Finance Committee. We, your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Shiloh	\$10.00
Plainview	\$ 3.00
Dibble	\$10.00

Simpson	\$10.00
Iron Chapel	\$10.00
Bridge Creek	\$10.00
Hawkins	\$10.00
Whitehead	\$ 1.00
Total	\$64.00
R. R. Bryor, Bray, Okla., paid for minutes to be sent to him, on Minutes Fund.....	\$.50
Total	\$64.50

C. L. HUDSON
R. E. CLAGG
J. H. Burr, Com.

Motion carried to receive report and retain committee.

Motion carried that resolution be received and go before the Association.

Be it resolved that the Association ask the general Co-operative Association to change the Article of Faith on the Sabbath and insert the words "Lords Day" and instead of Divine Law, use the phrase, Scripture. Approved.

Committee on Sunday School. Motion carried to accept report.

Each church should have a Sunday School. Each member should attend and encourage others to do likewise. Should have a treasurer to help in all donations for charity and upbuilding of God's cause. A church without a Sunday School is on the road downward and sooner or later is gone. We further urge all churches to organize home prayer services for once each week if possible. We also urge the use of Free Will Baptist literature. Sunday School should be encouraged by all pastors and deacons.

JACK HOPKINS
H. A. NUNNELLY
E. A. MAINARD
J. H. BINGHAM, Com.

Report of the Treasurer of the Dibble Association.
Bal. in Treasury for Evangelistic Work.....\$ 33.90
Col. at last Assn. for Minutes.....\$20.05
Carried over from 1928 Minutes..... 6.27

Total Minute fund.....	26.32	26.32
Collected last year at Association to pay expenses to State Association.....	\$16.16	
Expenses to State Association.....	12.01	
Balance of Expense Funds.....	4.15	4.15
Grand Total.....		\$64.37
Paid for printing Minutes of Last Assn.....		\$30.00
Balance in Treasury.....		\$34.37

JACK HOPKINS, Treas. of Assn.

Motion carried to receive report as made by treasurer.

Motion carried to convert State Minute funds into Association funds.

Bro. Jack Hopkins re-elected as treasurer.

Put before body to adopt rulings of third quarterly meetings. Motion carried to adopt same.

Report of Committee on Minister's Character, appointed at Bridge Creek.

We, your committee on Minister's Character, find them in good standing.

W. A. HARRELL

G. A. BASHARA

GEO. A. STEVENS, Com.

Motion carried to accept report of Committee Ministers' Character.

Appointment of new Committee on Ministers' Character by Moderator as follows: Bro. N. C. Drennan, Bro. Geo. A. Stevens, Sister Amy Manning.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Elder B. C. Munkus (Verbal Report)

Sermons preached 39, Baptised 12, Churches organized 1, Funerals preached 1, Married 0, Collections \$28.00, Revivals held 2, conversions witnessed 41. Motion carried to accept report..

Elder L. E. Ward.

Sermons preached 385, Conversions witnessed 45, Baptised 17, Funerals preached 20, Money received from

Bridge Creek church since March \$35.00, money received from Hawkins church \$126.75, money received from Dibble church \$85.00, money received from Spring Hill church \$90.00, Total \$336.75. When in hospital for operation the following churches paid \$270.00: Dibble, Bridge Creek, Hawkins, Iron Chapel and others. Report accepted.

Elder J. H. Burr.

Sermon preached 79, Expense for traveling \$22.95, Money received \$130.14, Miles traveled 849, Conversions and reclaimed witnessed 30. Report accepted.

Elder E. E. Morris.

Sermons preached 123, Conversions witnessed 131, Received into church 49, Baptised 54, Assisted in organizing 1 church, Money received \$112.95. Report accepted.

Elder Emmett Clagg.

Preached 51 sermons, miles traveled, God knows, but not many. Expenses haven't been enough to mention, received \$14.40 in money, helped conduct one meeting in which one precious soul was saved. It is by God's grace that I'm still in a saved condition. Brethern and Sisters for Christ's sake and for the sake of lost souls remember me when you send up your petitions to God in prayer.

Your Brother in Christ,

EMMETT CLAGG

Motion carried to receive report.

Elder W. F. Lee.

I have preached 35 sermons since Feb. 23, 1930. Traveled about 400 miles, received \$12.30, witnessed 28 conversions. Have filled three appointments since March of this year. This is all I have kept record of. Pray for me that I may grow in grace through the knowledge of Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

W. F. LEE

Motion carried to receive report.

CHURCH REPORTS

Whitebead—Membership 14; Pastor, Elder W. F. Lee; Deacon, Mauldin; Sunday School, good.

Simpson—Membership, 13; Pastor, Elder E. E. Morris; Clerk, L. V. Profferd.

Iron Chapel—Membership, 148; Resident members, 85; Pastor, Elder E. E. Morris; Clerk, J. E. Nunnally; new members, 9; baptized, 6; transferred by letter, 7; deceased, 1; money paid pastor, \$54.50; money paid evangelist, \$31.50; moved and seconded that this church call for Ordination of Bro. J. E. Nunnally.

Plainview—Membership, 13; new members, 2; Pastor, Elder B. C. Munkus; clerk, W. A. Warden.

Hawkins—Membership, 107; new members, 6; baptized, 5; dismissed, 5; died, 0; amount paid Pastor, \$126.75; amount for Evangelistic work, \$74.25; Minutes, \$10.00; condition of Sunday school, good; Pastor, Elder L. E. Ward; clerk, N. C. Drennan; prayer meeting each Sunday night.

Bridge Creek—Membership, 55; resident members, 35; Sunday school with an average attendance of 35; amount paid pastor since March 22, 1930, \$35.00; erected a new church; paid Elder M. M. McKee \$29.90 for revival; paid Elder O'Donnell \$8.25 for Dedication services; Total \$70.35. We wish to thank each and every one that was so good in helping us build our church. Elder L. E. Ward, Pastor; Clerk, Mary Voyles.

Shiloh—Membership, 56; new members, 17; state of religion, good; amount paid Pastor, \$201.51; amount paid to evangelists, \$86.65; Minutes, \$10.00; Pastor, W. A. Hearron; clerk, Opal Carder.

Dibble—Membership, 100; called Elder E. E. Morris as pastor for ensuing year; Sister Maggie Roberts, clerk; Minutes fund, \$10.00.

ELECTION OF STATE DELEGATES

Moderator was given power to appoint delegates to the State Association. They are as follows:

Bro. John Claunch, Bridge Creek Church; Bro. Malcom Clagg, Shiloh Church; Bro. N. C. Drennan, Hawkins church

Motion carried to send Elder J H. Burr as Correspondent Delegate to First Oklahoma Association.

Motion carried to allow clerk five dollars for writing of minutes.

ORDINATION SERVICES

For Brother John Nunnally. Prebbrity chosen: Elder W. A. Hearron, Elder L. E. Ward, Elder W. M. Coggins.

Elder B. C. Munkus appointed to preach introductory sermon at next Association convening with Shiloh church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1931.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to thank the Iron Chapel Church for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay among you.

J. Q. MOORE

L. E. WARD

J. M. CLAUNCH

T. O. DUNN, Committee.

Motion carried to discharge all committees.

Motion carried to adjourn, to meet again with the Shiloh church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1931.

Benediction by Bro. J. Q. Moore.

First Quarterly Meeting.....Plainview

Second Quarterly MeetingSimpson

Third Quarterly MeetingBridge Creek

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 appearances of evil, to avoid 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 to 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 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 education 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 the 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 of laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for us 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 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 Salvation.

13. We believe that: Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saint's 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 soldier of the Cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matt.

