

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
DIBBLE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Convened with Bridge Creek Church
in September, 1932

The next Annual Session of the Dibble Association
will be held with the Dibble Church,
beginning on Wednesday night before
the Second Sunday in September, 1933.

OFFICERS

L. E. Ward.....	Moderator
E. E. Morris.....	Assistant Moderator
Birdie Drennan.....	Clerk
John Nunnally.....	Assistant Clerk
Jack Hopkins.....	Treasurer

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RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates
- 4 No motion shall be discussed without a second
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 the vote taken separately.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all 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. At all future sessions of the Association arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Ass'n.
14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Dibble Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Bridge Creek church near Blanchard, Okla., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in Sept., 1932.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Association was called together by singing "When we all get to Heaven". Prayer by Elder L. E. Ward after which he conducted a very Spiritual devotional service.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. E. Morris, Subject establishment of the church, followed by assignment of homes for the delegates. Dismissed by Bro. Hudson. To meet again at nine o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "Take my hand and lead me" and "Tis enough for me". Prayer by Bro. Atkinson. Scripture reading from Psalms 34. Letters read from Dibble, Bridge Creek and Hawkins churches. Approved and delegates seated. Letter from Missouri General Baptist Association was read and motion carried that the clerk represent the Dibble Association by letter at the General Baptists yearly meeting.

The verbal report of the Iron Chappel church was given and approved, delegates seated. While singing "Hold to God's unchanging hand" the right hand of church and Christian fellowship was extended.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator Elder L. E. Ward, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Ass't. Moderator, Elder E. E. Morris, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

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

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

Ass't. Clerk, John Nunnally, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

Call was made for petitionary letters. The petitionary

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letter from the Atkinson church was read, received and delegates seated. Divine committee was appointed by the Moderator. The divine committee selected Elder L. E. Ward to preach at eleven o'clock. Invitation was given to all visiting brethren and sisters to seats in council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Bro. Quince Moore, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. J. O. Hudson, Elder E. E. Morris and Bro. B. J. Peters.

Divine Service—Bros. Russell Wells, Guffey Atkinson Bob Roland and Sister Stacey.

Finance—Bros. Bryan Stacey, Denver Wynn, Allie Ward and Sister Tamsey Roland.

Obituary—Sisters Mary Voyles, Ila Rue Stripling, Shay Ritchie and Brother Frank Manning.

Sunday School—Brothers Richard Clagg, James Sparks and Mettie Moore.

Temperance—Elders W. F. Lee, Atkinson and J. H. Burr.

Home Mission—Bros. George Trout, Jess Roland, Sisters Zenaba Jarvis and Gladys Hancell.

Dismissed for a few minutes committee work. Report of Home Mission committee read, discussed, adopted and committee retained. Dismissed by prayer by Brother Jack Hopkins for eleven o'clock services.

After singing "Standing on the promises" Elder L. E. Ward delivered the eleven o'clock address. Text was found in the nineteenth chapter of Job. Dismissed for lunch which was served at the church to assemble promptly at one p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing "Tell and sing the news" and "Some day". Scripture lesson First John; 3. Prayer

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by brother B. J. Peters. Motion carried to give the following preachers thirty minutes to discuss the following topics. Identity of the church by Elder E. E. Morris. Hell by Elder L. E. Ward. Backsliding by Elder J. H. Burr. Possibility of apostasy by Elder W. F. Lee.

Elder Atkinson was chosen by divine committee to preach at 7.30 Friday evening. Motion was made and approved that we go into ordination of Deacons from Atkinson church. Those who were ordained were Bro. Frank Stripling and Bro. Roye. Presbitry Bro. Atkinson, moderator, Bro. Quince Moore and Bro. L. E. Ward.

After appointment of homes for supper, association adjourned to meet promptly at 9.00 a. m. Saturday. Dismissed by Bro. Jack Hopkins.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Song "Look back to Calvary". Prayer by Elder J. H. Burr. Devotional service led by Elder L. E. Ward preaching by Elder Atkinson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session was opened by singing "Footsteps of Jesus" and "Hold to God's unchanging hand". Scripture lesson 2nd chapter of 2nd Thes. Prayer by Elder B. C. Munkus. While singing "Amazing Grace", the right hand of church and Christian fellowship was extended. Report of com. on temperance read, approved and committee retained. Letter from Simpson church was read, accepted and delegates seated. Elder B. C. Munkus gave verbal report of the Plainview church, which was approved. Dismissed for a few minutes committee work. The house was again called to order by the moderator. Divine committee reported Eld. E. E. Morris to preach at eleven o'clock. Report of com. on Sunday School read, received and committee retained. Motion made and approved that the association give

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minute money brought by different churches to the Finance committee for report. The treasurers report was given and approved as follows:

Balance carried over from 1931 report.....	\$65.92
Collected in treasury for minute fund.....	\$32.50
Total	\$98.42
Paid for 1931 minutes.....	\$21.00
Paid to association clerk.....	\$5.00
Total amount paid out.....	\$21.00
Balance in treasury at this date	\$72.42

A motion was made and carried that the association pay the clerk \$5.00 for completion of the manuscript. Dismissed for eleven o'clock services by Elder J. H. Burr, after which the choir was called forward and sang "The Gloryland way". Preaching by Elder E. E. Morris who was asked by the divine committee to preach a Spiritual sermon. His text was from Samuel 16. He did the subject justice and one precious soul was born into the Kingdom of God. The convert was Bro. Jim Ward, son of Elder L. E. Ward of Dibble.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The associational body was called together by singing "The Old Old Story". Scripture lesson read by moderator from Psalms 15. Prayer by Bro. J. Q. Moore. Report of finance committee, read, approved and committee retained.

Resolution No. 1 read, approved and committee retained. It read thus; Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that we change the delegation from three members to five from each church to association and quarterly meetings.

	B. J. Peters
	J. Q. Moore
Committee	J. O. Hudson
	E. E. Morris

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Home Mission—We, your committee on Home Mission beleive that each church should have a Home Mission Society to help the poor or anyone that is in distress.

Committee

Gladys Hounshell
Zenaba Jarvis
Jess Roland
G. A. Troutt

Temperance—We, your committee on temperance, beg to report that we cannot place too high an estimate on this subject. It is our duty to well being in this life. Intemperance is disloyal to the laws of nature as well as God. It is an utter disregard to the laws of man and to God. 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 their fellow man and try to help him to a higher plane. We ask our ministers to preach at least two sermons a year on this subject. We also ask that each church finding a member indulging in such, require a public statement from same, or, else withdraw from him. We heartily endorse the Prohibition laws and will do all in our power to enforce them.

Committee

Elder W. F. Lee
Elder J. H. Burr
Eld. E. G. Atkinson

Obituary—We, your committee on obituary submit the following. The sting of death has visited our land and we feel the loss of same.

Name of Church	Name of Deceased	Date
Dibble church	Bro. Edd Campbell	Jan, 20, 1932
Hawkins church	Bro. Loyd Hays	Dec. 5, 1931

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Hawkins church	Sister B. C. Munkus	Feb. 2, 1932
Iron Chappel	Grandma Wilbanks	Feb. 1931
Iron Chappel	Bro. Dawson	Sept. 25, 1931
Iron Ghappel	Bro. Jim Bingham	Feb. 1931
	Mrs. Claude Voyles	
	Mrs. Shay Richey	
	Ila Rue Stripling	

Sunday School—We, your committee on Sunday School report as follows: We recommend that this work be carried on. Each member should attend and urge that others do likewise. A church without a Sunday School is on the downward road and sooner or later is gone. We find that all churches but Plainview report a good Sunday School. We encourage them to organize one. We also urge the use of Free Will Baptist literature. Sunday School should be encouraged by all Deacons and Ministers.

Committee	James Sparks
	Mettie Moore
	Richard Clagg

Finance—We, your committee on finance report as follows. On account of the motion that we draw on the treasurer for the minute fund this year we have no further report to make.

Committee	Sister Lamsey Roland
	Bro. Bryant Stacey
	Bro. Denver Wynn

Resolution No. 1 from 1931 minutes.

Be it resolved that this Association refuse, hereafter, to license or ordain any woman to the Gospel ministry(1st Cor. 14:34,35; 1st Timothy 2:11,12) and that this resolution be kept in our minutes from year to year.

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Committee

Bro. Jack Hopkins
Sister Roxie Claunch
Elder W. A. Hearron
Bro. Clay Campbell

MINISTERS REPORTS FOR 1932

Reports read and approved from the following:

Elder E. G. Atkinson: Sermons preached 49, Revival meetings held 1, Conversions 28, Baptized 24, Funerals preached 1, Miles traveled Unknown, Money received \$2.00, Churches organized 1, Place, Blanchard, Okla., Members 33.

Elder J. H. Burr: Miles traveled 725, Sermons preached 36, Conversions unknown, Funerals preached 4, Money received \$27.54, Expenses \$7.40. Elected as pastor of Simpson church for ensuing year. May the Lord bless the Ass'n with all the churches is my prayer. Pray for me and for my family.

Elder W. F. Lee: Sermons preached 43, Miles traveled 176 Money received \$8.50, Conversions 1, Baptized none, Married 2. This is all I have to report.

Elder E. E. Morris: Churches pastored 4: Dibble, Iron Chappel, Simpson and Spring Hill. In First Oklahoma Ass'n.

Spring Hill: Sermons preached 45, Conversions 28, New members 15, Baptized 5, Money received \$109.00.

Dibble: Sermons preached 28, New members 5, Baptized 1, Funerals preached 1, Money received \$38.30.

Iron Chappel: Sermons preached 33, Conversions 10, New members 6, Baptized 9. Money received \$34.15.

Simpson: Sermons preached 34, Conversions 20, New members 13, Baptized 10, Money received \$15.25.

Held several revival meetings other than in the churches I pastored. Total amount of sermons 198, Total amount of conversions 77, Total amount of money received \$322.80, Total amount taken into churches 39, Total amount baptized 25, Funerals preached 2, Marriages performed 2. When

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you pray, ask God to help me in His work.

Elder B C. MUNKUS -Churches pastored, 1: Appointments filled 49: Money received \$8.00 : Conversions witnessed ,68: Baptized, 22: Received for evangelistie work, \$13.00, Revivals conducted, 3; Two in Oklahoma, one in Arkansas. Total sermons preached, 77.

Elder J. E. Nunnally—Sermons preached, 9; Conversions unknown; Funerals, none: Baptised, none; Pray that the next year may be better.

Elder L.E. Ward-Churches pastored, 1 Appointments filled 6; New members 3, Money received, \$60.00; Conversions, 7 Assisted in two revivals. Funerals preached 15: Marriage ceremonies performed, 4; Money received for evangelistic work \$15.00; Total amount of money received, \$75.00.

CHURCH REPORTS

Atkinson—Memdership, 33, condition of Sunday School good. Prayer meeting, once each week: Church was organized Sept. 3 1932: Pastor, Elder E.G. Atkinson; Clerk, sister Ila Rue Stripling.

Bridge Creek:- Membership 71, New members none, dismissed 9, Number deaths none, Condition of Sunday School good, Average attendance 50, Paid pastor \$26.00. We have a Freewill Baptist League organization in our church. Pastor L.E. Ward, Clerk sister Roxie Claunch.

Dibble:- Membership 143, Number received this year 5, Number died 1, Condition of Sunday School good. Value of Church property \$1000.00, Amount paid pastor \$38.30, Pastor; Elder E.E. Morris, Clerk; Maggie Roberts.

Hawkins:- Membership 100, Number received this year 3, Number baptized 2, Number dismissed 13, Number died 2,

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amount paid pastor, \$88.20, amount for evangelistic work \$33.90: Condition of Sunday School good; average pupils 40. Prayer meetings twice each week. Pastor, Elder I. W. Yandell. Clerk, N. C. Drennan.

Iron Chappel: Membership 151, new members 6, number died 2, number dismissed none. State of religion good. Condition of Sunday School good. Amount paid pastor, \$34.15. Condition of prayer meeting good. Pastor, Elder E. E. Morris, Clerk, Bro. Leo Jackson.

Plainview—Membership, 50, members received this year 18, state of religion, good, amount paid pastor, \$8 00 number baptized; 12; pastor, Elder B.C. Munkus; clerk sister Ellen Spain.

Shiloh -Membership, 55, number received this year, 3, number baptized, none, number dismissed, none, No. died, none, state of religion, good, condition of Sunday School good, average number of pupils, 25, amount paid pastor, \$69.00, evangelistic funds, \$15 00, Home Mission. \$16.00, amount for minutes \$5.00; Pastor, L. E. Ward; clerk, sister Amy Manning

Simpson—Membership, 32, new mem. 13 No dis. 3, number died none. State of religion, good, condition of Sunday School good. Prayer meeting once each week. We have a Free Will Baptist League Organization in our church. Amount paid pastor, \$15.25. Pastor, Elder J. H. Burr, Clerk Sister Bessie Proffer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

Elder E. G. Atkinson

Blanchard, Okla.

Elder Simon Buckner,

Rt. 2, Lindsay, Okla.

Elder J. H. Burr,

Rt. 1, Tabler, Okla.

Elder W. F. Lee,

Rt. 4, Lindsay, Okla.

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Elder E. E. Morris,	Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Elder B. C. Munkus,	Rt. 1, Baird, Okla.
Elder John Nunnaly,	Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Elder L. E. Ward,	Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Elder Arthur Lee,	Blanchard, Okla.
Elder J. O. Hudson,	Blanchard, Okla.

CHURCH CLERKS

Atkinson—Miss Ila Rue Stripling,	Blanchard, Okla.
Bridge Creek—Mrs. Roxie Claunch,	Blanchard, Okla.
Dibble—Mrs. Maggie Roberts,	Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.
Hawkins—Mr. N. C. Drennan,	Rt. 1, Tabler, Okla.
Iron Chappel—Mr. Leo Jackson,	Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Plainview—Mrs. Ellen Spain,	Temple, Okla.
Simpson—Miss Bessie Proffer,	Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Shiloh—Mrs. Amy Manning,	Rt. 4, Lindsay, Okla.

Delegates From Different Churches As Follows

Atkinson church—Sisters Gladys Hounshell, Ila Rue Stripling and Brother Guffey Atkinson.

Bridge Creek church—Brother and Sister Bryan Stacey and Sister Claude Voyles.

Dibble church—Sisters Shay Ritchey, Lamsey Roland and Brother Jess Roland. Alternates; Sister Corda Ward, and Brothers Charley Jackson and E. D. Arnold.

Hawkins church—Sisters Mettie Moore, Zenaba Jarvis and Brother James Sparks.

Iron Chappel—Brothers Russell Wells, Denver Wynn and W. O. Battenfield.

Plainview church—No delegates. Represented by Elder B. C. Munkus.

Shiloh church—Sisters Della Cardew, Amy Manning and

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Brother Jim Hedrick.

Simpson church—Sisters Hazel Campbell, Pauline Meyers and Brother Mahurin.

The divine committee reported that Elder Munkus would preach at 3.00 p. m. Saturday and Elder J. H. Burr at 7.30, Saturday evening.

Regularly moved and seconded that we go into ordination services.

Brother J. O. Hudson for ministry.

Presbitry—Elder Atkinson, Brother Peters.

Brother Lee for ministry.

Presbitry—Elder L. E. Ward, Elder Atkinson, Brother Peters.

Brother Nichols for Deacon.

Presbitry—Elder L. E. Ward, Brother B. J. Peters and Elder E. E. Morris.

While singing "Where he leads me" the right hand of Christian and church fellowship was extended to the candidates. Motion carried that churches other than Shiloh, have \$5.00 by first quarterly meeting.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint the delegates to the State association.

Delegates as Follows:

Brother James Sparks, Hawkins, Brother John Claunch, Bridge Creek, Brother Jim Hedrick, Shiloh.

Motion carried that the treasurer send five dollars to State association for minute fund

The body elected Elder L. E. Ward to preach the Introductory sermon at next association.

Motion carried that this association meet on Wednesday night instead of Thursday hereafter and adopt Thursday

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as preachers and deacons day as a means of getting together on Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

Dismissed for five minutes recess.

Called to order by Moderator. Song "Blessed Assurance"
Preaching by Elder B. C. Munkus. Scripture lesson from Romans.

Motion carried that the Dibble Church entertain the next session of the Dibble Association.

First quarterly meeting.....Shiloh.

Second quarterly meeting.....Atkinson.

Third quarterly meeting.....Iron Chappel.

Reading of Resolutions number 2, read, approved and all committees discharged. It read thus-

Resolution No. 2—We wish to thank the Bridge Creek church for their hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

Committee

E. E. Morris

J. Q. Moore

Jack Hopkins

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Dibble church on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in September 1933.

Benediction by,
Elder L. E. Ward.

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CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a communion of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. Membership—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or Q. M. of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. Name—The members thus chosen and convened in the Yearly Meeting or Association of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being composed of the sundry churches in the Dibble Association, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. Letters Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the number received by experience, by letters of recommendation, or restored; the number dismissed or excluded, and those who have died since the the last Association. The churches in sending their letters may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. Officers—The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerk and a treasurer, who shall be elected at each

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annual session by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. New Churches—Newly constituted churches or quarterly meetings may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates and, if upon examination, they are found orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. Questions—No questions from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. Motions—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. Minutes—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. Clerk—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for the purpose.

Art. 10. Signatures—The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. Amendments—Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a majority vote of the members present, notice having been given in writing, and recorded at the last previous session.

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

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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 Saviour 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. 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 the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as 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

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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. Perseverance—All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the 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, Judgement, 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 shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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LAW OF THE SUPPER

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper and that right is birth-right. For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body (1 Cor. 12:15). This is not a water baptism but a spiritual baptism. Again Christ says, "I'm the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." 1st John 10:9. "He that entereth not by the door of the sheepfold but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and robber." (John 10:1). Christ is not water baptism and yet He is the door. There is but one door and Christ says He is that door, and he that cometh in by that door shall have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthy eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions given the church at Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now listen to Christ; "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea.—Matt. 18:6; 1 Cor. 10:30; 13:32.

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that the true faith is the means by which men become Christians. If this is what is meant by the same faith, I shall not object. We are agreed, but if sect is to be inferred, I object. As to order, if nothing but gospel

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order is meant, very well; but I do not think one child of God could dictate just what another should believe or to what church he should belong in order that he may be in the right church, for the church is but an organic body of Christians, and simply placing your name on the roll book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian; neither will a like process in the worst church make a sinner. The Eunuch believed and was baptized. What church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now I ask if the Eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches would he be allowed the right? No, he is not of the same faith and order; yet he is admitted in Heaven. But nay, he could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all his people have a perfect right, be he whom he may and when the supper is set and all of God's people are not invited it is not the Lord's supper but a sectarian supper, so we, being many, are one body in Christ; and every member one of another. (Romans 12:5). And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body and of course that is by spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber; and when any one gets into the body in a legal way he has a legal right to all the benefits and privileges of that body, for, we, being many, are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread (I Cor. 10: 17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. What is meant by we? It certainly means all Christians of all ages when you come together, tarry for another; be of one mind, but let the word of God contrall the mind. If it had been intended by the Saviour that the supper should be guarded as some attempt to guard it God would have endowed the Judges with wisdom to discern the pure from the impure. But

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the standpoint from which they judge is water Baptism and a legal administration of the same, so if baptism by immersion is a legal administration this settles the matter and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some made a woeful mistake, for after all this precaution, some are found unworthy of the least of any privileges of any church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not right? Some would answer if by legal administrator. This, all that is wanting, is it not a purely personal matter? If so, he has been as truly baptized as anyone. It is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator I would never be baptized at all, as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, acting in good faith and the other not—the one is blessed and the other is not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his acts and not for another. Simon, the sorcerer, believed and was baptized, and that by a legal administrator and yet it is discovered that he is not a Christian. So we see that baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims upon him to any Christian rights as the case proves it to be a personal matter, as we clearly see that the apostle did his duty and Simon did not or vice versa.

The apostle, inspired, as he was, did not discern the evil of Simon's heart neither can we know the heart of man. When we do our study, it is ours. When an applicant it is His. So we find that faith, repentance, baptism and the Christian duties are all personal and accountable to God and not unto man. Various are the opinions of men and the ways we account for them in the capacity of men;

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and if we should use the capacity that God has given, I do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but it is one spiritual body and Christ the head, and they should have the same care one for the other as the natural body has for its members, yet they do not perform the same office, yet they should subserve the same interest of the body.

Should Christians all commune together at the Lord's Table? I answer what the Lord has joined together, let no man put asunder.

We have forty-eight states in the Union. They are all equally free and independent states, and yet they are one united, and have one great central point at which to meet and testify that they are free and independent states and yet but one nation. All Christians should have one central point at which to meet and let the world know that they are one. Let that be the Lord's table. Christians feel alike if they do not think alike. They can preach together, pray together, sing together and love together, and should they not commune together? And will they not all meet at last in the same holy and happy land together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said at the last supper that He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine with us till He drank anew in His kingdom. Then all Christians of all ages will sit around one communion table in Heaven. As we find ourselves assembled around one Lord's table in Heaven, so should it be on earth.

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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 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 Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and 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 to 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 the 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.

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RULES OF ORDINATION

1. Do you believe in the Total Depravity of the Human Heart? Answer—I do not.

2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innoence? Answer—I do.

3. Do you believe in a Burial of a Believer with Christ in water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost, as the only Gospel Baptism? Answer—I do.

5. Do you believe any man has any right in the Gospel to repeat baptism to such a subject? Answer—No.

6. Do you believe that Communion, Feet Washing and Baptism are Gospel Ordinances, and, are to be taught and practiced until He comes again? Answer—I do.

7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the same, God being your helper? Answer—I will by the help of God.

8. Do you believe that none will be finally saved but those who persevere in holiness to the end? Answer— I do.



LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This is to testify 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.

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FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call Church in Conference.
2. Call for peace of Church.
3. Call 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 expences?
9. A call for confession.
10. Invitation for members.
11. Adjournment.



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House Called to Order by the Moderator.
3. Letters Called for, Read and Received.
4. Right Hand of Fellowship.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Petitionary Letters.
7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws).
8. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats in Council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Report of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

