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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 and deacons 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 organization of the Association.

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

Delegates to Ann...

Form of Church Conference

1. Call Church in Conference.
2. Call for peace of the Church.
3. Call visiting brethren to seats in council.
4. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Are any sick or in distress?
8. What has been done for the support of the Ministry and other incidental expenses?
9. A call for confession.
10. Invitation for members.
11. Adjournment.

Hollis
Sis Hollis
Milford
Louisa
Vaughn
Green

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 and seating delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws).
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

PROCEEDINGS

The Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist met with Bridge Creek Church, at Bridge Creek, Oklahoma, on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1936.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Called together by singing, "When We All Get to Heaven."

Devotional service was conducted by Eld. L. E. Ward.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Clay Richey. Text, Mark 8:13, "Let us cross over to the other side."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. E. E. Morris.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "Some Day."

Prayer by Bro. J. O. Hudson.

Scripture lesson, 1 John, 3rd chapter, by Ass't Mod.

Prayer by Bro. Holley.

Church letters were called for; and letters from the following churches were read:

Dibble, Hawkins, Iron Chapel, Frenney, Atkinson and Bridge Creek.

While singing the right hand of fellowship was extended

Petitionary letters called for. None received.

Election of Officers

Moderator,	Eld. E. E. Morris,	Blanchard, Okla.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. L. E. Ward,	Blanchard, Okla.
Clerk,	Shay Richey,	Blanchard, Okla.
Ass't Clerk,	Byron Stacy,	Blanchard, Okla.
Treasurer,	Jack Hopkins,	Blanchard, Okla.

Rules of Order read by Moderator, Eld. E. E. Morris.

Appointment of Committees by Moderator

Divine Service—Brothers Art Mitchner, Jess Rollin and James Isom.

Resolutions—Brothers Jack Hopkins, Luther Hudson, B. C. Munkus, D. M. Stacy and E. G. Atkinson.

Home Mission—Sisters Ruth Dreanon, Marie Horeth, Della Carden and Sister Isom.

Temperance—Bro. Sanford Johnson, Bro. B. C. Munkus and Bro. Coggins.

Obituary—Bro. Green, Sister Trammil, Sister Green.

Sunday School—Sister Fannie Smithen, Brothers Raymond Miller, Harrol Rowe, Boyd Lee, Sister J. O. Hudson.

Finance—Brothers Luther Hudson, Art Mitchner and Jess Rollen.

Motion carried that corresponding delegates be seated with us.

Recess.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing.

Committee on Divine Service report Bro. E. A. O'Donnell to fill the stand at eleven o'clock service.

Prayer by Bro. Will Hudson.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. B. C. Munkus.

A special song, "Remember Me," was rendered by Bro. E. A. O'Donnell, Bro. Luther Hudson and the Walker twin sisters of Cushing, Okla.

Bro. O'Donnell's subject was, "This Voice From Heaven" (2 Peter 1:18).

Song, "Hear the Voice of God," by the choir.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Morris.

Recess for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing.

Scripture lesson, fifth chapter of Job, read by Bro. Hamp Spencer.

Prayer by Bro. Luther Hudson.

Special song arranged by Bro. Luther Hudson.

Motion carried to seat First Mission delegates with us.

Bro. Coggins gave a report from Center Association. Motion carried that we accept the report.

Bro. Pete Connor gave a report of First Oklahoma Association. Motion carried to accept the report.

Bro. E. A. O'Donnell gave the report from First Mission Association. Motion carried to accept the report.

Bro. J. O. Hudson gave a report on how much work had been done on the Atkinson church building.

The Moderator, E. E. Morris, gave a report on the National Association that convened at Nashville, Tenn. in November, 1935.

Motion carried that we send Bro. Morris as corresponding delegate to the First Oklahoma Association.

Motion carried to elect delegates to State Association. Those elected were Bro. Knox Bowser, Bro. John Bowser, Bro. Byron Stacy, Bro. Art Mitchner, Sister Anita Stacy, Sister Maggie Roberts, Sister Ada Ward.

Motion carried that this body instruct our delegates to vote against the Millennial reign, if the question comes up in the State Association, also instruct them to vote against healing services in the churches.

Motion carried that we give Bro. B. C. Munkus a letter of recommendation.

Motion carried to adjourn till nine o'clock a. m. Sat. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jack Hopkins.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opening song, "When I Cross Over."

Prayer by Bro. J. O. Hudson.

Fifteen minute song service.

Prayer by Bro. B. J. Peters.

A special song was arranged by Bro. Byron Stacy.

Devotional services were conducted by Bro. L. E. Ward.

Bro. E. E. Morris delivered the message. Subject, "Where Does the Soul Go When Man Dies?"

Sister Evelyn Johnson and Sister Audrey Rowe were wonderfully saved.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Morris.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together by singing "Whosoever Will."

Prayer by Bro. John Bean.

Scripture lesson Psalm thirty-four.

Congregation standing, sing and have an old time hand shaking.

Resolution No. 1 read and adopted.

Motion carried that we seat Brothers John and Will Bean from First Mission Association.

Executive Board Elected

Brothers E. E. Morris, L. E. Ward, Luther Hudson, B. J. Peters and Jack Hopkins.

Motion carried that we strike out the article on the Lord's Supper which we have been carrying in minutes. Ministers' reports read and accepted.

Committee on Divine Service announce Bro. Will Bean to fill the stand at eleven o'clock.

Recess.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opening song, "It's Heaven For Me.."

A special song was arranged by Bro. Luther Hudson. Bro. John Bean conducted a very spiritual devotional service.

Bro. Byron Stacy announces he has been called to preach. The Association's prayer is that he will do the Lord's will.

Bro. Morris made an altar call, two sinners came for prayer, and Sister Mabel Peters gave her heart to God.

Devotional services took up Bro. Will Bean's hour for preaching.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Sam Pyhus.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing, "It's Heaven For Me."

Prayer by Bro. Byron Stacy.

Services were turned over to Bro. John Bean. Text, Mark 4:3, "Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow." Bro. Bean brought a wonderful message.

Business Proceedings

Resolution No. 2 was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Home Mission and Sunday School Committees reported, and committees were discharged.

Finance and Temperance Committees reported, and the committees were discharged.

Motion carried to pay Clerk \$5.00 for her work.

Motion carried that we send \$3.00 for State minutes.

Motion carried that we grant Bro. J. O. Hudson a letter of recommendation.

Motion carried that the Executive Board pass on the minutes before they are printed, and the board also advise the Clerk where to have the minutes printed.

Resolution No. 3 read and accepted, and the committee discharged.

Divine Service and Obituary Committees reported and the committees were discharged.

Motion carried that we adjourn until we meet with Dibble Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1937.

Dismissed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Eld. E. E. Morris, Moderator,
Mrs. Shay Richey, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Home Mission—We, your Committee on Home Mission, believe each church should have an active Home Mission to help support the church. We are glad to report that some of our churches have active Home Missions.

—Della Carden, Chairman.

Sunnday School—We, your Committee on Sunday School, are glad to report that all our churches have good Sunday schools. We should encourage this work more than we do.

—Fannie Smithen, Chairman.

Finance—We, your Committee on Finance, report that we have received \$50.00

—Jack Hopkins, Chairman.

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, report with sad hearts that death has taken

Sister Ruby Idlemen, December 3, 1935, and little Marjorie Belle Clagg, daughter of Brother and Sister Jess Clagg, March 1, 1936, both from Bryant church.

The little infant son of Sister Lillian Perrin from the Dibble church.

—Sister Trammill, Chairman.

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 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 fellowman and try to help him to a higher place.

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 public statement from same, or else withdraw from him.

—Sandford Johnson, Chairman.

Resolutions: No. 1—Be it Resolved, That each church should call their pastor, and that the pastor should give the church an answer before the Association convenes.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That each pastor see that his church, or churches, carry out all resolutions made and adopted by this Association.

No. 3—We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to recommend that this body express our thanks to the Bridge Creek church and their neighboring church for their hospitality during our stay among them.

Resolution Carried Over—Be it Resolved, That each church bring to the Association \$10.00 for expenses of the Association.

—Jack Hopkins, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance in treasury	\$25.67
Received from churches	50.00
Received for Atkinson church building from Dibble and Iron Chapel	26.00
Total received in 1936	\$101.67

Disbursements

Paid B. F. Brown for minutes	\$20.70
Paid for State minutes	5.00
Paid Association Clerk	5.00
Paid for church letter forms	1.00
Paid W. M. Coggins	36.00
Paid Atkinson church	26.00
Total amount paid out	\$93.70

Balance in Treasury Sept. 12, 1936 7.97

Jack Hopkins, Treasurer.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Eld. L. E. Ward, Sr.—Sermons preached 65, conversions witnessed 20, money received \$81.00, marriage ceremonies performed 8, funerals preached 12. Pray for me, that next year will be a better year for me.

Eld. B. C. Munkus—Sermons preached 28, baptized 5, received 6 into the church, miles traveled unknown. Call to pastor one church another year. Pray that my next year's work will be better.

Eld. E. G. Atkinson—Sermons preached 34, miles traveled unknown, marriage ceremonies performed one, funerals preached one, money received \$12.00, held no revivals on account of my health. Pray for me, that God will restore my health, that I may do more for God's cause.

Eld. J. O. Hudson—Pastored two churches, conversions witnessed 35, received into church 11, preached one funeral, held two revivals, money received \$87.00.

Eld. Clay Richey—Sermons preached 157, conversions witnessed 75, money received \$272.50, baptized 21, funerals preached three, marriage ceremonies performed two, churches pastored two, received into churches 23, held four meetings, helped to ordain one minister, miles traveled about 12,000. I regret very sorely that I cannot be with you in the Association, but my prayers are with you. Pray that my next year's work will be better for the Lord and His cause.

Eld. E. E. Morris—Sermons preached 190, conversions witnessed 87, baptized 41, taken into churches 44, money received about \$430.00, marriage ceremonies performed unknown, traveled 12,000 miles. I desire an interest in your prayers.

CHURCH REPORTS

Frceny Church—State of religion good, members received this year 11, total membership 42, condition of Sunday school good, paid pastor \$24.50, amount for evangelistic work \$5.00.

Eld. J. O. Hudson, Pastor, Della Wilson, Clerk.

Bridge Creek Church—State of religion good, members received this year 24, number baptized 24, number dismissed 9, total membership 108, Sunday school good, paid pastor \$80.00, amount for evangelistic work \$10.50, value of church property \$1000.00.

Eld. E. E. Morris, Pastor, Byron Stacy, Clerk.

Dibble Church—State of religion good, members received this year 19, number baptized 11, total membership 163, Sunday school good, paid pastor \$184.25, value of church property \$1,000.00.

Eld. Clay Richey, Pastor, Eliza Sharp, Clerk.

Atkinson Church—State of religion good, members received none, number baptized none, number dismissed 8, total membership 44, Sunday school good, amount paid pastor \$12.00, value of church property 3300.00.

Eld. A. V. Lee, Pastor, Pearl Isom, Clerk.

Hawkins Church—State of religion good, members received this year one, number baptized none, number dismissed none, total membership 30, condition of Sunday school fair, paid pastor \$83.75, amount for evangelistic work \$49.50.

Eld. E. E. Morris, Pastor, Fannie Smithen, Clerk.

Iron Chapel Church—State of religion good, members received this year 7, number baptized 4, total membership 60, condition of Sunday school good, amount paid pastor \$53.00, amount for evangelistic work \$25.00.

Eld. Clay Richey, Pastor, Nettie Hudson, Clerk.

Bryant Church (Report received after the manuscript had been accepted for printing by the Executive Board).

State of religion good, number received this year none, number dismissed none, number died one, total membership 54, condition of Sunday school good. Our building is at a standstill for lack of workmen, and we are short of funds. We send \$5.00 for minute funds. Bro. Clay Richey has been called as our pastor for the coming year.

Eld. Lonnie Ward, Moderator, Amy Manning, Clerk.

CHURCH CLERKS

Atkinson,	Pearl Isom,	Blanchard, Okla.
Bridge Creek,	Byron Stacy,	Blanchard, Okla.
Dibble,	Eliza Sharp,	Blanchard, Okla.
Hawkins,	Fannie Smithen,	Tabler, Okla.
Freeny,	Della Wilson,	Blanchard, Okla.
Iron Chapel,	Nettie Hudson,	Blanchard, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. O. Hudson, Blanchard, Okla.	W. F. Lee, R4, Lindsay, Okla.
L.M. Buckner, R2, Lindsay, Okla.	John Nunnely, Blanchard, Okla.
E. E. Morris, Blanchard, Okla.	Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.
A. V. Lee, Blanchard, Okla.	B. C. Munkus, R2, Norman, Ok.
E. G. Atkinson, Blanchard, Okla.	W. L. Nance, Blanchard, Okla.
Joe Pate, Blanchard, Okla.	Emmit Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.
	L. E. Ward, Sr., Blanchard, Okla.

L. E. Ward, Jr., 708 54th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

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 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 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. 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 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 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, JUDGMENT, 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."

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 the 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 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 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.

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 observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic 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.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination 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 quarterly meetings 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 names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who 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, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board of three members who shall be elected at each annual session of the Association by the suffrage of the members present.

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

Art. 6. QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered 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 amount paid by 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 that 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.