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## Form of Church Conference

1. Call Church in Conference.
2. Call for peace of the Church.
3. Call visiting brethren to council.
4. Reading minutes of previous meetnig.
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?  
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 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 the council.
9. Appointment of the Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Misellaneous Business.

## RULES OF ORDER

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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 it's 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 seperately.

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 leisuerly read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made for 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.

## PRCEEDINGS

The Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Dibble Church at Dibble Okla. Thursday night before the second sunday in Sept. 1937.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with song service. Prayer by Eld. Clay Richey. A very spiritual devotional service which was enjoyed by all was conducted by Eld. Clay Richey, after which the message was delivered by the Moderator Eld. E. E. Morris Theme, "Looking Forward," Phil.3: 13; which was very instructive

Appointment of homes for the delegates. Services dismissed with prayer by Eld. A. M. Holley, to meet Friday morning.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "A Wonderful Time." Prayer by E. A. O'Donnell. Scripture reading by moderator, Psa. 34.

Letters from Churches called for and recieved following, Dibble, Bridge Creek, Hawkins, Bryant, Freeny, Iron Chaple, and Atkinson. Letters read. Motion and second to recieve letters and seat delegates. Song, "He Is Calling You. The right hand of fellowship was extended.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Eld. E. E. Morris reelected Moderator.

Eld. W. F. Lee. Asst.,

Moderator

Bro. Luther Hudson,

Clerk

Fannie Smithian Asst.,

Clerk.

Jack Hopkins Treasure.

Visiting brothers given right hand of christian fellowship.

Appointment of committees by moderator:

Divine Service. J. Q. Moore, A. F. Ward, T. O. Dunn.

Resolutions. H. C. Mchurin, Jack Hopkins, A. G. Atkinson, Carl Smithin, and A. J. Moore.

Home Mission.. Grace Lee, Gladys Shirey, Mary Voyles and Claudine Trout.

Temperance.. G. A. Stevens, H. Drennon, W. M. Gentry and Bryan Stacy.

Obituary.. Oneta Stacy, Ralph Hampton, Boyd Lee, and, Sister Clint Jackson.

Sunday School.. Pearl Isom, Ollie Haskins, Jess Rollin, and Richard Clagg.

Finance.. Jack Hopkins, A. Foster, B. J. Petters, A. V. Lee, J. O. Hudson, W. G. Jarvis, and J. A. Trout

Divine Committe Reports Eld. Paul Pursell fill the stand at eleven oclock. Recess.

Called together by singing, "O I Want To See Him." Prayer by Eld. A. M. Heffley. Message by Eld. Pau Pursell. Heb. 2:1. " Therefore We Ought." Which was very instructive. A reading was given by Eld. John Bean on "Tithes." Dismissed by moderator Eld. E. E. Morris, after which dinner was served at the Church.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing, "I Have A Mansion." Scripture lesson read by A. V. Lee. Rules read from the Chair.

Unfinished Business, (none.)

New Business, Eld. J. O. Hudson asked for a letter from this Association to the Hopewell No. 2. Association. Motion and second to grant same. Eld. E. A. O'Donnell gave a talk on the need of a church paper, which was very scriptural and good. Dismissed for committee work.

Called together: A wonderful message in song by Arthur Hearron, E. A. O'Donnell, Luther Hudson, and Maggie Roberts.

A collection was taken to finish paying for Eld. Paul Pursell's tabernacle, which was \$ 56.30. We are happy to report that Dibble Association paid this for him. Divine committee reports that Eld. John Bean will preach at 3: p. m. Sub. "Where Art Thou?" A wonderful message was brought, and Bro. Audry Trout came to altar and was wonderfully blessed. Dismissed by Eld. M. T. Holley,

## FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together by song service. Prayer by Eld. E. E. Morris. Devotional service was conducted by Eld. L. E. Ward which was proved to be a souls blessing. The message for the evening was brought by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell Theme: "With the heart man believeth." A very soul-stirring service, invitation was given for penitents and Sister Jess Hannon responded and was wonderfully blest. Dismissed by Eld. A. M. Heffloy.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing: "Hold to Gods Unchanging Hand." Prayer by Bro. B. C. Wilson, from Spring Hill Church. Song, "Where We'll Never Grow Old," dedicated to Eld. W. M. Cogins who is in his 90th year. After which he gave us a very spiritual talk which was enjoyed by all.

Scripture lesson read by Moderator from fourth Chap. of 2nd. Timothy.

Report on Sunday School: We your committee on Sunday School report all have good Sunday Schools and we pray the children of God will encourage this move in the future.

Sister Pearl Isom, Chairman.

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that when any preacher joins any church in this Association that he becomes a member of the Association and when a preacher moves his membership to another Association he becomes a member of the same. Jack Hopkins, Chairman.

Committee on Divine service report that Eld. W. F. Lee fill the stand at eleven o'clock. A special song was rendered, "He's My Shepard," by Bro. and Sister Bryan Stacy, Bro. Luther Hudson, and daughter Ada. Text for the service, Psa. 52:7. Dismissed for lunch.

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Called together by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer by Eld. Earline Haskins. Scripture lesson Psa. 1.

Report on Temperance read and accepted. Committee discharged. Committee on Obituary reports read, and committee discharged.

Executive Board elected. Motion and second that we retain the Executive Board which consists of Eld. E. E. Morris, Eld. L. E. Ward, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. B. J. Peters, and Bro. Jack Hopkins.

### MINISTERS REPORTS

Pastored three churches, preached 180 sermons, 12 funerals, 11 marriages, witnessed 75 conversions, baptised 35, called to three churches for another year. Received \$382.92 in money, food, and clothing. Miles traveled unknown. Pray for me that I'll be a better pastor for my churches, and a better Evangelist in leading souls to Christ.

Eld. Clay Richey.

Pastored two churches, sermons 140, conversions 35 baptised 10, recived into the church 15. Money received \$250.00. I desire an intrest in your prayers.

Eld. E. E. Morris.

Sermons preached 24, Conversions witneste 10, funerals 8, marriages 6. Pray that my report may be larger next year. God bless the Association, and all the delegates and preachers.

Eld. L. E. Ward.

Preached 134 sermons, miles traveled unknown. Held one revival. Baptised none. Called to pastor one church for the coming year. Pray for me that God will bless my work, and that I will be able to do more for the cause of God.

Eld. E. J. Atkinson.

I have not preached as much this year as I should. All my preaching has been done at home. Pray for me that I may get away to go from place to place and preach the Gospel. I have preached about 40 sermons. I have received no money, I have walked about 100 miles. Performed three marriages. Baptised none. Pastored no churches. Filled one appointment.

Eld. W. F. Lee.

I have preached 54 sermons. Held one revival meeting, witnessed 6 conversions, baptised 6, preached 2 funerals. Pastored 2 chruches, and received \$25. Miles traveled



unknown. I desire your prayers that this coming years work may be more successful.

Arthur Lee.

Bryant Church: State of religion, good, Sunday School fair. Total membership 48. amount paid pastor, \$44.97. Amount for Evangelestic work \$19.55. Amount for building and repair \$547.97. Value of church property \$75.00 Amount for minutes \$10.00.

Clay Richey pastor.

T. O. Dunn, Clerk.

Atkinson Church: State of relection good, membership 8, Sunday School good. Value church property \$350.00. Amount for minutes \$2.50.

E. G. Atkinson, pastor,

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee reports that five churches have Home Missions. Hawkins, Dibble, Bryant, Bridge Creek and Freeney.

Hawkins Home Mission has taken in about \$12. which has been used for the support of the church.

Dibble Mission has taken in \$67.07. Amount paid out pastor, needy families and paint for the church, \$37.83. Bal. in the Treasury \$29.24.

Freeny Home Mission has paid \$8.23 to the needy.

Bridge Creek Home Mission has taken in \$22.50 paid pastor \$1 each month. Paid out for flowers \$5.

Bryant Home Mission: paid pastor \$5, Minutes \$2.50, paid Eld. Will Hearren \$2 30. Total paid out \$12.80, total in the Treasury \$2.40. Committee: Grace Lee, Mary Voyles, Claudine Trout, and Gladys Shirey.

Dibble Church, State of relection good. Members received this year 28, baptiesd 21, dismissed 1, membership 80. Sunday School good. Amount paid Pastor \$180.00

Building and repair	\$ 25.00
Value Church property	\$1000.00
Amount for Home Missions	\$ 37.83
Minutes	\$10.00

Clay Richey, pastor.

Hasta Bowers, Clerk.

## REPORT ON FINANCE

Received:		Paid Out
Iron Chaple.....	\$ 10.00.	B. F. Brown.....\$ 15.00.
Bridge Creek.....	\$ 10.00.	Assoc. Clerk.....\$ 5.00.
Dibble.....	\$ 10.00.	Eld. W. M. Coggins \$ 36.00.
Atkinson.....	\$ 2.00.	State Minutes.....\$ 3.00.
Freeny.....	\$ 2.00.	Eld. Paul Pursell \$ 56.30.
Bryant.....	\$ 10.00.	Total Pd. Out \$ 115.30.
Hawkins.....	\$ 10.00.	Bal. in Treasury \$ 3.47.
Amt. for Tabernacle	\$ 56.30.	Treas. Jack Hopkins.
Bal. brot. Forward from 1936		
	\$ 7.97.	
Total	\$ 118.77.	

### Report on Obituary:

We report with sad hearts the death of sister Mary Ragsdale who departed this life Feb. 24th. Also the infant son of Bro. and Sis. Geo. Trout May 2nd. both of Bridge Creek church. We pray our loss was Heaven's gain.

Oneta Stacy, 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 God. It is harmful and destroys the soul as well as the body. Therefore we urge that each member abstain from intemperance, and for God's children to always lend a helping hand to their fellow-man, and try to help him to a higher place in life.

Chairman, G. A. Stevens.

### CHURCH REPORTS:

Iron Chappel Church, state of religion good, members received 2 total membership 60. paid pastor \$41.00

Paid Evangelist.....\$26.00

Incidentals.....\$ 2.50

Minutes.....\$10.00

Sunday School good.

Clay Richey, pastor  
Nettie Hudson, Clerk.

Pearl Isom, Clerk.

Bridge Creek Church: State of religion good, Sunday School good. Members received, 7, baptised 5, number dismissed 1. Total membership 113. Amount paid pastor \$106.00. Value of Church property \$1000.00, Amount for Minutes \$10.00

E. E. Morris, pastor.

Bryan Stacey, Clerk.

Freeny Church: State of religion good, Sunday School good. Membership 45. Amount paid paator \$21.15 Amount paid paid Evangelist \$13.67. Amount for Home Mission \$8.32. Amount for minutes \$2.50.

A. V. Lee pastor

Lonnie Garrison, Clerk

Hawkins Church: State of religion good, Sunday School good. Men bers received 8 number baptised 4. number dismissed 6, members members ip 36. Amount paid pastor \$89.20. Amount for Evangelist \$28.28. Amount for minutes \$10.00.

E E. Morris, pastor.

Fannie Smithin, Clerk.

Motion and second that we pay Association Clerk \$5.00 for preparation of the manuscript.

Motion and second we pay \$3.00 for State Minutes.

Motion and seconded that the Moderator be empowered to appoint delegates to the State Association.

Bro. Jess Rollin, Bro. W. M. Gentry, Sis. Gladys Shirley, Bro. Carl Smithin, Bro. G. A. Stevens, Bro. H. Drennon and Bro. Boyd Lee were appointed.

Motion carried that our treasurer Bro. Jack Hopkins pay Eld. W. M. Coggins \$8.00 each month.

Motion and second that Dibble Association ask for the State Association for 1938.

Motion carried that the Dibble Association have a 15 day Bible School to be held with the Dibble Church.

Motion to table financing of School until the first quarterly meeting. Dismissed for a few minutes recess.

Called together by singing "Peace Be Still" after which Eld. Paul Pnrsell made us a very spiritual talk, and

thanking us for the offering on the tabernacle which makes it his very own. Following this he sang us a solo, "I got the best end of the deal". which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Earline Haskins brought the message from Psalms 2:15; touching the high points of doctrine

#### Resolution No.2:

We your committee on resolutions wish to reccomend that this body express our thanks to the Dibble Church and neighboring churches for their hospitality during our stay among them.

Motion and second we adjorn to meet with the Bridge Creek Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September 1938. Dismissed by Bro Sam Pypas.

#### MINISTERIAL REGISTRY

Eld. E. E. Morris	Blanchard, Oklahoma.
Eld. W. M. Groggins	Blanchard Oklahoma.
Eld. Clay Richey	Blanchard, Oklahoma.
Eld. A. V. Lee	Newcastle, Oklahoma.
Eld. E. G. Atkinson	Blanchard, Oklahoma.
Eld. L. E. Ward	Blanchard, Oklahoma.
Eld. E. F. Lee	Lindsay, Oklahoma.

#### Visiting Ministers

Eld. B. T. Kirby	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Eld. A. M. Heffley	Maud, Oklahoma.
Eld. J. O. Hudson	Clemscott, Oklahoma.
Eld. J. E. Bean	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Eld. E. A. O'Donnell	McLoud, Oklahoma.
Eld. M. T. Holley	Leveland, Texas.
Eld. B. C. Munkus	Norman, Oklahoma.
Eld. Paul Purcell	Wewoka, Oklahoma.

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

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1. THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practtise.
2. GOD. There is one living and true God; revealed in nature as the Creator, Perserver, and Righteous Gov-

enor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father and 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** exercises a wise benovelent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the consultation 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 become 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 ORDINANCE.** 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 CLERKS**

Sis. Pearl Isom, Atkinson Church, Blanchard, Okla.

Bro. Bryan Stacey, Bridge Creek Church, Blanchard, Okla.

Sis. Hester Bowser, Dibble Church, Blanchard, Okla.

Sis. Fannie Smithin, Hawkins Church, Tabler, Okla.

Sis. Nettie Hudson, Iron Chapel Church, Blanchard, Okla.

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bryant Church, Maysville Okla.

Bro. Lonnie Garrison, Freeny Church, Blanchard, Okla.

## CHURCH COVENANT

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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 beverage, 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 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.

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 observance of the Gospel

nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all of 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, the 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

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From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist Church), being regularly baptised 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 letter 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 Gods 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 minister who are ordained and licensed to preach, 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 who have 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 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.

