

# **MINUTES**

OF THE  
**THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE  
**DIBBLE ASSOCIATION**

OF THE  
**CHURCH OF GOD**  
Denominated

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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HELD WITH

Dibble Church, beginning on Thursday evening  
September 11, 1941.

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## **OFFICERS**

Moderator, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Blanchard, Okla.  
Ass't. Mod., Rev. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.  
Clerk, Sister Fannie Smithen, Alex, Okla.  
Ass't. Clerk, Sister Shay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.  
Treasurer, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla.

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The next annual session of this Association will  
convene with Bryant Church, beginning on Thursday  
evening preceding the second Sunday in September,  
1942.

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Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri

## THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After a short time given to singing and devotional services, Bro. Ernest Staggs delivered the opening services to this thirty-fourth session of the Dibble Association; his subject being, "Desire".

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

After the session was called to order by the moderator, Bro. C. L. Hudson, the congregation sang, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be".

Prayer led by Bro. Erlin Haskins.

Scripture reading, Eccl. 11:7, 12, 13, 14, by Eld. E. E. Morris.

Prayer led by Bro. George McLain.

Letters from the churches called for and read as follows: Bryant, Iron Chapel, Dibble, Hawkins; Freeny gave a verbal report.

Motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship given while singing, "I'm In the Glory-land Way".

Visiting brethren invited to seats in council.

Election of officers as follows:

Moderator, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Blanchard, Okla.

Ass't. Mod., Rev. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Sister Fannie Smithen, Alex, Okla.

Ass't. Clerk, Sister Shay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Letters from Central Avenue and Bridge Creek read. Letters approved and delegates seated.

Rules of Order read from the chair.

Bro. Jack Hopkins re-elected as treasurer.

Motion carried to empower the moderator to appoint the committees as follows:

**Divine Service** — Elder Clay Richey, Brothers Russell Wells and Knox Bowers.

**Resolution** — Bro. J. Q. Moore, Elders E. E. Morris and V. L. Wilson, Bros. B. J. Peters and Eld. Nichols.

**Finance** — Bros. Jess Rolen and J. L. Pearson and Sister Mary Voyles.

**Home Mission** — Sisters Vieie Hopkins, Ruby Isabel, Ruth Hawkins, Ray Gibson, Linnie Allen, Acie Harrell.

**Temperance** — Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Bros. Dormie Mills and Marve Hawkins.

**Obituary** — Sister Amy Manning and Brothers Cash Roberts and Thomas Browning.

**Sunday School** — Sisters Ada Hudson and Mary Joy and Bro. Ernest Phillips.

The Committee on Divine Service report Elders V. L. Wilson and Vard Woods to bring eleven o'clock message.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock p. m.

### FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together with singing.

Prayer led by Elder E. A. O'Donnell.

A special song, "I'm Not Ashamed," was rendered by Revs. E. A. O'Donnell and Erlin Haskins, Bro. C. L. Hudson, and Sister Emmet Light.

Devotional led by Elder Clay Richey.

Bro. V. L. Wilson then delivered a very spiritual message from Rom. 8 and Psalms and Hebrews 22.

After a prayer by Bro. Wilson, Elder Vard Woods concluded the service.

Announcements.

Dismissed by Elder Ralph Hampton.

A bounteous lunch was served at the church by the local ladies.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened by congregational singing led by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell.

Prayer led by Elder Vard Woods.

A song, "I'm So Tired I Want to Get Home," was dedicated to our venerable brother, W. M. Coggins.

Scripture lesson, Psalms 90, by Eld. Erlin Haskins.

A report from Center Association was given by Bro. Haskins.

Recess for committee work.

Came together with singing.

A special song, "There is Glory in My Soul," by Eld. F. A. McCage, Knox Bowser, Elder E. A. O'Donnell and Sister Nettie Hudson, was truly enjoyed.

Prayer led by Bro. J. Q. Moore.

A memorial sermon by Elder E. E. Morris, Psalms 35 and Rom. 8:15-23, was a wonderful message.

While singing, "The Last Move," a contribution was

taken for Sister Arther Lee who is ill in a hospital.  
A total of \$35.00 was given.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Eld. F. A. McCage to bring the evening message.

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. W. M. Coggins.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together with congregational singing led by Bro. Cecil Gray.

The devotional was conducted by Bro. H. H. Parsons.

Prayer led by Eld. Clay Richey.

Bro. McCage delivered a message from 1 Peter 8:1; subject, "Why Be A Christian?"

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by singing led by Elder E. E. Morris.

Prayer led by Bro. Thomas Browning.

Scripture reading, Psalms 15, by Bro. R. E. Clagg.

Report on Sunday School read.

Motion carried to accept report and retain committee.

Report on Finance read.

Motion carried to accept report.

Sister Maggie Roberts appointed to fill Sister Richey's place.

Bros. Jess Rolen and Thomas Browning were appointed on Committee on Divine Service in absence of those appointed.

Recess.

Committee on Divine Service report Bro. E. G. Atkinson to conduct the devotional services; with Bro. Ira Smithy to open the preaching service, followed by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell at eleven o'clock.

Obituary report read and accepted.

Ministers' reports read as follows: Elders E. G. Atkinson, E. E. Morris, L. E. Ward Sr., Ernest Staggs, George McLain, Clay Richey, and Ralph Hampton.

Motion carried to accept reports as read.

Home Mission reports from Iron Chapel, Hawkins, Bridge Creek, Central Avenue, and Bryant read.

A motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock p. m.

Prayer led by Bro. Ralph Hampton.

## SATURDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together with singing led by Bro. F. A. McCage.  
Prayer led by Bro. J. Q. Moore.

Devotional conducted by Bro. E. G. Atkinson.

A quartet composed of Misses Florence O'Donnell, Pansy Dean Hudson, Dama Morris, and Mrs. Inez Bagwell sang, "I Know That My Dreams Will Come True".

Bro. Ira Smithy opened the preaching services using as his text Isaiah 24. He was followed by Bro. E. A. O'Donnell who expanded the Scriptures with feeling and power; his subject being, "Ye Are God's Building".

Dismissed by Bro. Ralph Hampton.

Right hand of fellowship given Bro. Smithy and Bro. O'Donnell while singing "Just Over in the Glory Land".

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by moderator followed by singing.

Prayer led by Bro. E. E. Morris.

Moderator proceeded with the business.

Placing of Association and Quarterly Meetings.

Association—Bryant Church. Introductory sermon, Bro. L. E. Ward; memorial sermon, Bro. Clay Richey.

First Quarterly Meeting—Iron Chapel. Introductory sermon by Bro. E. G. Atkinson.

Second Quarterly Meeting—Hawkins. Introductory sermon by Bro. H. H. Parsons.

Third Quarterly Meeting—Bridge Creek. Introductory sermon by Bro. V. L. Wilson.

Motion carried to elect the Executive Board for ensuing year. Chairman, Bro. C. L. Hudson; members, Rev. L. E. Ward Sr., Bro. M. E. Dixon, Rev. Clay Richey, and Bro. T. O. Dunn were elected.

The following delegates to the State Association at Central Avenue Church were elected: Bros. Cash Roberts, Jess Rolin, Marve Hawkins, Thomas Browning and R. C. Allen.

A report from Freeny Church read and accepted.

Temperance report read and accepted.

Report of Dibble Home Mission read and accepted.

Delegates from the Home Missions elected to State Association were: Sisters Shay Richey, Edd Nichols and Ruth Hawkins.

Report of treasurer read and accepted.

Motion carried to send \$3.00 for state minutes.

Motion carried to accept pledges for the support of the Association.

A special song, "Where Could I Go?" was rendered by Misses Dama Morris and Florence O'Donnell, and Mrs. L. D. Bagwell.

Elders F. A. McCage, E. A. O'Donnell and Bro. and Sister Luther Hudson then sang "I'll Meet You In the Morning".

Resolution No. 1 read.

Motion carried to accept report and discharge all committees.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Bryant church on Thursday evening preceding the second Sunday in September, 1942.

The hand of Christian fellowship was given while singing "Come On Let's All Go Home".

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Resolutions carried from preceding Associations

1940. No. 1 — Be it Resolved, That we accept Resolution No. 1 from Fourth Quarterly Meetings which reads: Be it Resolved, That Associational and church clerks have the right to vote at the Associational and Quarterly Meetings.

No. 2 — Be it Resolved, That the Association elect a minister to preach a memorial sermon on Saturday at 11:00 a. m. at each sitting of the Association.

1939. No. 1 — Be it Resolved, That the title of our minutes always be "Church of God denominated Free Will Baptists".

No. 2 — Be it Resolved, That this Association continue to pay Elder W. M. Coggins \$3.00 per month for the rest of his life.

No. 3 — Be it Resolved, That this Association pay the clerk \$5.00 at each annual meeting.

No. 4 — Be it Resolved, That we print our Scripture references regarding our Articles of Faith and that it be carried every year.

1938. No. 4 — Be it Resolved, That this Association elect an executive committee of five members, with the moderator of our Association acting as chairman. To this board is delegated power to act in behalf of, and for, the Dibble Association from

one meeting to another of the said Association, and shall have power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of Dibble Association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this Executive Board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best, and the means in hand may warrant. They shall not convey or mortgage any real estate or personal property unless authorized by the Dibble Association. This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association, and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said Association for any purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case to divert it from its original object.

The Chairman and Treasurer of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which Dibble Association is to become legally held. It shall be the duty of this Executive Board to meet at each regular or adjourned session of the Association and as often as may be necessary, and any member absenting himself from the meetings three times may be dropped from the Board and his successor elected. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be legal unless at least three members are present. All transactions must be favored by a majority of all members present, and a written record shall be made and kept of all transactions. No member of the Executive Board shall delegate authority to any other member of said board to cast his vote for him in any thing. The Board shall have the power to call the Association in conference by notifying each church ten days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or association if the place where said quarterly meeting or association is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decisions shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church.

This resolution is to be printed in the minutes each year.

1941. No. 1—We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to express our thanks, in behalf of Dibble Association, to the Dibble Church and others for their hospitality during our stay among them.

—J. Q. Moore, Chairman.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — We, your Committee on Sunday School, report all churches have Sunday school. We pray that God's children will encourage this more in the future.

We wish to further report the average attendance as follows: Iron Chapel, 80; Bryant, 45; Hawkins, 33; Dibble, 75; Bridge Creek, 35; Central Avenue, 169; Freeny, 45.

— Ernest Phillips, Chairman.

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**FINANCE** — We, your Committee on Finance, report the following received:

Hawkins, \$10.00; Bryant, \$10.00; Bridge Creek, \$10.00; Central Avenue, \$5.00; Iron Chapel, \$5.00.

— J. M. Rolen, Chairman.

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**OBITUARY** — We, your Committee on Obituary, report the following deceased:

Freeny — Rev. A. V. Lee.

Hawkins — Bro. George Phillips, Bro. N. E. Wilkins, and Sister Caroline Collips.

Dibble — Bro. and Sister Claud Perrin, Sister Mary Emmaline Ward, and Bro. Joe Davis.

Iron Chapel — Infant daughter of Brother and Sister John Nunnally.

— C. L. Roberts, Chairman.

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**TEMPERANCE** — Temperance implies regulated and righteous living. The old adage is to "be ye temperate in all things". A temperate life is a life that is tempered to the various conditions and environments of living. Whether a man abuses his family as a result of excess drinking or whether he would abuse his neighbors stock for breaking into his field does not matter materially. The fact is he should follow the rule of total abstinence in the first case, and condition himself in the second.

— Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chairman.

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**HOME MISSION** — Six churches report active missions:

Central Avenue — Have helped finance all church activities; visited the sick; sent flowers for funerals; given grocery showers; total expenditures, \$175.00; balance in treasury, \$16.

Gladys Shinn, President.

Beatrice Burroughs, Secretary.

Mayme Dixon, Treasurer.

Hawkins — Have visited and sent flowers to the sick; helped with church finance. Amount taken in \$19.76.

Fannie Smithen, President,

Mary Joy, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bridge Creek — Gave one shower for pastor; visited the sick and sent flowers to funerals. Amount taken in \$32.82; balance in treasury, \$3.16.

Mary Voyles, President,

Mrs. Ed Nichols, Secretary-Treasurer.

Iron Chapel — Helped with church finance; gave flowers to sick; helped the needy. Amount taken in, \$40.89; balance in treasury, \$20.74.

Nettie Hudson, President,

Lucille Hampton, Secretary-Treasurer.

Bryant — Bought a piano and song books for church; helped with other church activities. Amount paid out, \$59.63.

Jimmy Claigg, President.

Dibble — Have 30 members; helped finance our new church, the needy and our pastor. Amount paid out, \$262.50; balance in treasury, \$13.51.

Maggie Roberts, President,

Vicie Hopkins, Secretary-Treasurer.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

September 13, 1941

Balance carried over (1940) .....	\$18.42
Pledges received since Association .....	64.50
Money received from churches .....	50.00
Total .....	\$132.92

*Paid out during associational year:*

Minutes for Dibble Association .....	\$22.50
Paid Bro. Coggins \$3.00 per month .....	36.00
State minutes .....	3.00
Associational clerk .....	5.00
Total .....	\$ 66.50

Balance .....	\$ 66.42
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— Jack Hopkins, Treasurer.

## MINISTERS' REPORTS

ELDER RALPH HAMPTON—Sermons preached, 153; baptized, 3; witnessed 12 conversions; preached 2 funerals; pastored 3 churches; received \$116.50; helped conduct 3 revivals; helped ordain 2 ministers.

ELDER CLAY RICHEY—Pastored 4 churches; held 5 revivals; preached 245 sermons; witnessed 78 conversions; baptized 9; preached 26 funerals; amount received \$412.00. I will pastor Dibble and Bryant churches next year.

ELDER GEORGE McLAIN—Sermons preached, 220; organized 3 new churches; witnessed 260 conversions; baptized 125; received \$590.00; held 8 revivals; performed several marriage ceremonies. Will pastor Central Avenue church the ensuing year.

ELDER L. E. STAGGS—Sermons preached, 40; miles traveled, 1000; held 1 revival; witnessed 2 conversions; money received, \$20.00. Will pastor Bridge Creek church this year.

ELDER L. E. WARD Sr.—Sermons preached, 76; funerals preached, 16; marriages performed, 4; conversions witnessed, 36; money received, \$110.00.

ELDER E. G. ATKINSON—Sermons preached, 38; baptized, 3; attended 3 revivals; money received, \$8.00.

ELDER E. E. MORRIS—Sermons preached, 200; conversions witnessed, 125. Kept no record of baptisms, funerals and marriages. Money received, \$1400.00. Will pastor at Ada church this coming year.

## ENROLLMENT

### Ministers

Eld. L. E. Ward .....	Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.
" George McLain ...	315 S. 47th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
" E. E. Morris .....	420 S. Ash, Ada, Okla.
" E. A. O'Donnell .....	General Delivery, McLaud, Okla.
" Clay Richey .....	Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.
" H. H. Parsons .....	Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.
" V. L. Wilson ..	Capitol Hill, Gen. Del., Okla. City, Okla.
" Ralph Hampton .....	Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.
" E. G. Atkinson .....	Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.
" Ernest Staggs .....	1541 W. 32nd, Oklahoma City, Okla.
" Ira Smitley .....	Oklahoma City, Okla.
" O. H. Doss .....	100 S. N. W. 44th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Visiting Ministers

Eld. F. A. McCage .....	1302 W. 13th, Sulphur, Okla.
" Vard Wood .....	Stratford, Okla.
" W. M. Coggins .....	Blanchard, Okla.
" Earlin Haskins .....	Route 2, Stratford, Okla.

## Church Clerks

Central Avenue ....	Bro. H. C. Coleman, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Freeny .....	Sister Grace Lee, Route 1, Blanchard, Okla.
Dibble .....	Sister Maggie Roberts, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.
Bryant .....	Bro. T. O. Dunn, Maysville, Okla.
Bridge Creek ..	Sister Mary Voyles, Route 1, Blanchard, Okla.
Iron Chapel ..	Sister Lorene Hudson, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Hawkins .....	Sister Fannie Smithen, Star Route, Alex, Okla.

## Delegates

Iron Chapel —	Bro. Vernon Wells and Sisters Ruby Isabel and Ada Hudson.
Bryant —	Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Sisters Amy Manning and Jimmy Clagg.
Central Avenue —	Sisters E. A. O'Donnell, Gladys Shinn, and Thelma Wilson.
Hawkins —	Bros. R. C. Allen and Monroe Johnson and Sister Mary Joy.
Bridge Creek —	Bros. Thomas Browning, Ray Gibson and Sister Ray Gibson.
Dibble —	Bros. Jess Rolan, Ernest Phillips and Cash Roberts.
Freeny —	Sister Acie Harrell.

## PLEDGES TO ASSOCIATION

Eld. Clay Richey .....	\$5.00
Bro. C. L. Hudson .....	5.00
Iron Chapel Mission .....	2.50
Dibble Mission .....	2.50
Bro. Jess Rolan .....	2.50
Bryant Church .....	5.00
Hawkins Mission .....	2.50
Central Avenue Mission .....	2.50
Bro. Jack Hopkins .....	10.00
Bro. Richard Clagg .....	2.50
Bro. Thomas Browning .....	2.50
Bro. Carl Smithen .....	2.50
Bryant Mission .....	2.50
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell .....	5.00
Bro. Cash Roberts .....	5.00

Bro. John Nunnely .....	5.00
Bro. T. O. Dunn .....	2.50
Bro. A. A. Anderson .....	5.00
Bro. Ernest Phillips .....	2.50
Sister Ada Ward .....	2.50
Sister Mattie Jones .....	1.00
Sister J. V. Hampton .....	1.00
Central Avenue Church .....	5.00

## **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.

Rev. 7:11; 1 Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 7:28 2 Cor. 1:18; 1 John 5:20; Deut. 6:4; 1 Tim. 6:17.

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.

Isa. 9:6; John 3:13; Heb. 18:10; John 1:14; Phil. 2:6-7; Heb. 4:15; John 3:16.

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.

John 16:8; 16:13; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 6:11; 2:11; Heb. 9:14

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.

Num. 11:16-17; 1 Sam. 8:4-5; 9:17; Psa. 22:28; Rom. 13:1-2

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.

Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:6.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.**—The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

1 John 2:2; Titus 2:11; Rom. 3:25-26; 5:18; 8:1; 4:25 Mark 16:15; Rom. 2:14-15; 8:34; Heb. 9:22-24; 7:25; Mk. 16:19

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.

2 Cor. 7:10; Prov. 27:13; Ezek. 36:31; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; 1 Thes. 5:23; Rom. 8:16; John 3:3; Ezek. 11:19-20; John 3:5; 5:46; Heb. 11:1-6; Rom. 10:9; Gal. 3:26; Acts 3:19

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.

1 Thes. 1:4; 2 Peter 1:10; Rom. 11:5-7.

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.

Rev. 22:17; Prov. 1:24-28; Jer. 44:4; Ezek. 33:11; Deut. 30:19; Isa. 1:18-20; Rom. 2:14-15; John 5:40.

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. John 3:16; Gal. 2:16; Rom. 1:16.

12. PERSEVERANCE.—All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

Ezek. 33:18; 2 Cor. 12:9; Matt. 16:18; Rom. 8:38-39; John 10:27-28; Phil. 1:6.

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.

Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; John 13:9; 1 Tim. 5:10; John 13:5; 1 Cor. 23: 26; 10:16; Matt. 26:28.

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.

Gen. 2:3; Mark 2:27; Exo. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1; 20:7; Rev. 1:10; Isa. 58:13-14.

15. WAR.—War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

Isa. 21:15; 2:3-4; Luke 14:31; Matt. 5:9; Dan. 7:21; Rev. 11:7; Rom. 10:15; 2:14;

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.'

John 5:28-29; Acts 17:31; 2 Cor. 5:10; Eccles. 12:14; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; Matt. 12:36; 24:31; Rom. 14:10; Rom. 14:12; 2 Peter 2:4; Matt. 19:28; Mark 3:29; 2 Peter 1:11; Rev. 1:7; Matt. 25:46; 2 Thes. 1:8-10; Rom. 6:23; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11.

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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 if necessary before the close of the Association.

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

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.

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

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## **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 per-

petuate 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 different churches 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 two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 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.

# STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCH REPORTS

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Number Members	Number Received This Year	Number Dismissed	Number Deceased	Number of Ministers	Number of Deacons	Amount Paid Pastor	Amount Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property
Dibble	Clay Richey	Maggie Roberts	184	14	4	5	6	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$2,500.	
Hawkins	Ralph Hampton	Fannie Smithen	140	2	1	3	4	\$47.93	\$33.00		
Iron Chapel	Ralph Hampton	Lorene Hudson					3	4			
Bryant	Clay Richey	T. O. Dunn	74		2		1	3	\$87.75	\$48.65	\$ 750.
Central Avenue	George McLain	H. C. Coleman	128				4	8	\$12.00	\$82.50	\$5,500.
Bridge Creek	Ernest Stages	Mary Voyles	140	22			3	7	\$72.20	\$35.00	
Freeny	Ralph Hampton	Gladys Lee	40	1					\$27.00		

