

**The  
Dibble Association  
of  
Free Will Baptist  
Denominated Church of God**

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**1945**

**Proceedings of the  
38th. Annual Session**

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**Convened at  
Dibble Church**

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**DIBBLE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**DENOMINATED CHURCH OF GOD**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**HELD WITH**

Dibble Church beginning on, Thursday evening, Sept. 8th., 1945.

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.  
Ass't. Moderator, Eld. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.  
Clerk, Sister Vicie Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla.  
Ass't. Clerk, Sister Maggie Roberts, Blanchard, Okla.  
Treasurer, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla.

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The next annual session of this Association will convene with the Bryant Church, north east of Lindsay, Okla., beginning Thursday evening preceeding the second Sunday in September 1946. Which will be September 5, 1946.

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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.

### **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 session.
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.

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### **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.
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

Dibble Association of Free Will Baptists met with Dibble Church, Dibble, Oklahoma, Thursday night before the second Sunday in Sept. 1945.

## THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by congregational singing. Prayers by Bro. Da Vault and Bro. C. L. Hudson.

Eld. E. E. Morris of Ada brought the introductory message, his subject was "The Keys and the Door."

Dismissed by Bro. Thompson.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by congregation singing, "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Eld. E. E. Morris. Letters read as follows: Bridge Creek, Bryant, Iron Chapel, Dibble. Motion carried to receive letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of Christian fellowship given while singing "Just Over in the Glory Land."

### Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Ass't. Moderator, Eld. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla. R.4

Bro. C. L. Hudson, Blanchard, Okla. Rt. 2

Clerk, Sister Vicie Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla. Rt. 2

Ass't. Clerk, Sis. Maggie Roberts, Blanchard, Okla. Rt.4

Rules of Order were read by Moderator, Eld. Clay Richey. Letter was read from the Hawkins Church and the delegates were seated. Right hand of Christian fellowship was given by Moderator.

Petitionary letter was read from the "New Hope Church" Oklahoma City, with Eld. I. W. Yandell as pastor. Motion carried to receive the letter as read and receive the new church into our Association.

All visiting Brethern were invited to seat with us in council. There were thirteen visitors. Right hand of Christian fellowship was rendered by the Moderator.

### Appointment of Committees

Divine Service: Eld. L. E. Ward, Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Bro. Cecil Gibson, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. L. D. Bagwell, Bro. Tilford Davis.

Resolutions: Bro. Knox Bowser, Bro. Dormie Mills, Bro. Elmer Moore, Bro. Otho Light, Bro. Russell Wells,

Bro. Vinten.

Finance: Bro. Cash Roberts, Bro. Richard Clagg, Eld. Ernest Staggs.

Home Missions: Sister Nettie Hudson, Sister Tommie Wilson, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Hillard Smith, Bro. M. A. Clagg.

Orphanage: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. Richard Clagg, Bro. Bill DeVault, Bro. Beal, Bro. Otho Light.

Obituary: Bro. Ray Trout, Sister Inez Bagwell, Sister Vernessa Clagg, Sister Rose Mary Hudson, Sister Earnest Staggs.

Sunday School: Sister Masie Beal, Sister Mattie Jones, Sister Alta Johnson, Sister Marjorie Wells.

Reports of the following Associations were given: Eld. Harry Stairs gave report of the First Oklahoma Association; report of the Center Association by Eld. Vard Woods. Report of the First Mission Association was given by Eld. B. P. Kirby.

Report from the Committee on Divine Service, Eld. O. H. Doss to bring the 11 o'clock message and Eld. I. W. Yandell the evening message.

Dismissed business by prayer by Eld. Ralph Hampton for 11 o'clock services.

Called together by singing "I'll Make it My Home." Followed by prayer by Eld. Vard Woods.

Eld. L. E. Ward conducted a very spiritual devotional service.

A special song, "I'll Understand it By and By," by Bro. and Sister C. L. Hudson and Eld. and Sister Clay Richey.

Eld. O. H. Doss gave us a spiritual feed from fourth chapter of Galatians. Moderator asked all that enjoyed Eld. Doss' message to come and shake hands with him. Morning session was dismissed by Eld. B. P. Kirby.

Blessing was asked for the noon meal by Eld. Harry Stairs.

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## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Friday afternoon session was opened by singing "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus".

Devotional was read by Eld. Ernest Staggs from the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians followed by prayer by Eld. Lawson.

Eld. W. A. Herron gave a talk and asked the Free Will Baptist to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist paper published by Bro. Ralph Station.

Report was read by the Orphanage Committee. Motion carried that the Association give \$500 for the support of the new Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Ringling, Okla.

Eld. Stairs gave a financial statement of what the other churches and Associations have paid on the Home.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning Sept. 8th.

Dismissed by prayer by Eld. Reford Wilson.

### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Opened by singing; "This World is Not my Home." Prayer by Eld. W. A. Herron. Eld. Author Herron had the quartet from Oklahoma City and they rendered several special numbers. Bro. Roy Jones was at the piano and the quartet was Bros. Author Herron, Clark, Martin, and Russell.

Message was brought by Eld. I. W. Yandell "A Life of Service." Dismissed by Eld. Clay Richey.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "He Bore It All." Moderator read as scripture reading 12th chapter of Romans. Followed by prayer by Eld. Frank Lee.

Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the delegates that were not present on Friday.

The Dibble Association elected as delegates to the State Association, Bro. Cash Roberts, Dibble, Sister Beal Oklahoma City, Bro. Elmer Moore, Lindsay.

Place of Association and Quarterly Meetings for coming year.

Bryant and Hawkins asked for the Association and by vote of the Association it will be held at the Bryant Church east of Lindsay. Eld. Ernest Staggs was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried that Iron Chapel get the first quarterly meeting. Eld. Frank Lee to preach the introductory sermon. Motion carried that Bridge Creek get the second quarterly meeting. Eld. I. W. Yandell is to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Clay Richey will follow.

Motion carried that Hawkins get the third quarterly

meeting and Eld. L. E. Ward to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried that we retain the present executive board. Motion carried that the moderator be empowered to appoint a representative from The New Hope Church to serve with the present executive board. Eld. Ernest Staggs.

### Executive Board

Eld. Clay Richey, Bro. Omar Pearson, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. Knox Bowser, Bro. George Stephens, Eld. Ernest Staggs.

Obituary report read and accepted. Congregation bowed in minute of silent prayer in memory of the deceased of our association followed by prayer by Eld. Clay Richey.

Bro. C. L. Hudson led, "Sweetest Mother" and dedicated it to all the christian mothers.

Adjourned for recess.

Called together by singing "The Glory Land Way." followed by prayer by Eld. Author Herron.

Eld. W. A. Herron brought the morning message "The Two Witnesses Revealed in Revelation." At the close congregation shook hands with Eld. and Sister Herron as they sang, "Just Over in The Glory Land."

Eld. Ernest Staggs dismissed us and offered the Blessing before we passed to the table for the noon meal.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Brought together by singing. "Watching You," Lesson was read by Moderator, Psalms 133 followed by prayer by Bro. C. L. Hudson.

Report on Finance read. Motion carried to receive the report on Finance and retain the committee.

Report read on Home Missions, Motion carried to accept the report on Home Mission and retain the Committee.

Sunday School report was read. Motion carried to accept report and retain the committee.

Reports from Home Missions were read as follows: Iron Chapel, Bridge Creek, Hawkins, Bryant, Dibble. Motion carried to accept the reports.

Ministers report as follows: Eld. Clay Richey, Eld. L. E. Staggs, Eld. L. E. Ward. Eld. I. W. Yandell gave a verbal report that he had not been able to preach all the time but he had organized a new church "New Hope"



in Oklahoma City.

Motion carried that all preachers and Deacons meet every three months for all day service.

Motioned and carried that Preachers and Deacons meet on Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in Sept. at Dibble to organize their meetings.

Motion carried that we draw on the Dibble association treasure for \$123 to make \$1000 offering for the Orphans Home.

Report of the Association treasurer read and motion carried to accept the same.

Bro. Jack Hopkins was re-elected as the Association treasurer.

Motion carried that we pay Eld. Coggins \$5 a month instead of \$3.

Motion carried that we discharge all committees.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1946 to meet with the Bryant Church.

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### Committee Reports

Resolution—Be it resolved that we recomend all churches in the Dibble Association to organize a young peoples League and carry it on.

Bro. Otho Light, chairman

Finance—We your committee on Finance are glad to report that all six churches have paid ten dollars each for the Association Minutes. Total \$60.00

C. L. Roberts, chairman

Sunday School—We your committee on Sunday School are glad to report that all of our churches have active Sunday Schools. We pray that each church will continue with this good work.

Sister Masie Beal, chairman

Obituary—We your committee on Obituary are sad to report the deaths of our friends, from the Dibble church. Bro. Bronte Dyer who gave his life over seas fighting for his country.

Sister Peggy Sue Stamper daughter of Bro. and Sister Fred Campbell. Infant son of Bro. and Sister Author Corley. From the Bridge Creek Church. Bro. and Sister Jim Price. Sister Allen mother of Sis. T. F. Testerman. Bryant Church, Grandfather Clagg, father of the Clagg family. Atkinson Church, Bro. James Isom, deacon of the Atkinson Church. Bro. Roy Trout, chairman.

Home Mission—We your committee on Home Mission

wish to report that all of our churches have active Home Missions except one and they are going to have in the near future.

Chairman, Sister Nettie Hudson

Orphans Home—We your committee on Orphan's Home met with Ed. E. E. Morris and Eld. Harry Stairs and they told us about the home and we approve and endorse the plan. We recommend that this Association and churches pledge \$500 for the home.

Bro. Jack Hopkins, chairman

Bro. C. L. Hudson, clerk

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### Report of Ministers

#### Report Eld. L. E. Ward

I have pastored Dibble Church for full time have preached 110 sermons, have received 11 in the church, miles traveled unknown, funerals preached unknown, marriages performed unknown. Have received \$264.00 and have been called to pastor the Dibble church for half time this coming year, pray for me.

Eld. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.

#### Report of Eld. L. E. Staggs

I haven't pastored any church the past year. I have witnessed 6 conversions helped to organize 1 church, have baptized 3, pray that I will have a more profitable years work this ensuing year.

Eld. L. E. Staggs

1038 N. Meridian

Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### Report of Eld. L. A. Lawson

I have pastored 3 churches preached 278 sermons, held 3 revivals, witnessed 10 conversions, traveled 2000 miles have received \$531.00. I sincerely desire your prayers as I work in this Association.

Eld. L. A. Lawson

Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### Report of Eld. Clay Richey

I have preached 194 sermons, funerals preached 17, marriages performed, 9, conversions witness 31, baptized 25, ordained 2 deacons, have received \$456, miles traveled unknown. I have been called to pastor the Bryant Church for half time the ensuing year. Pray for me and mine that I may be more successful in the Lord's work next

year. Prayerfully submitted.

Eld. Clay Richey  
Blanchard, Okla., Box 97

### Church Reports

New Hope—To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Dibble Church, Dibble, Okla. Sept. 7, 1945, Greetings.

We the "New Hope" (original) Free Will Baptist church was organized October 15, 1944 with 19 members by Elder I. W. Yandell and Eld. L. E. Staggs having two ordained Deacons present. We are now worshipping at 220 S. W. 7th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

We pray you to receive our church and we send as delegates our beloved: Sister Willie Staggs, Sister Masie Beal, and Bro. Oran Pinkston, whom we pray you to sit with you in your Godly deliberations:

State of religion good, membership this year 38, number baptized 3, lettered out 4, none deceased, total membership 34, condition of Sunday School improving, number of officers 3, number of teachers 4, paid pastor \$562.70, paid for Evangelistic work \$13.40, building expenses \$986.60, amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00. Pastors name and address Elder I. W. Yandell, Route 7, box 433, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Name of Ministers belonging to church: Eld. L. E. Staggs, 1038 Meridian, Okla. City, Okla.; Eld. I. M. King, 2600 Prospect St., Okla. City, Okla.; Eld. S. R. Russell, 3105 S. Robinson, Okla. City, Okla.

Done by order of the "New Hope" (Original) Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 29th. day of August, 1945.

Pastor, Eld. I. W. Yandell  
Clerk, Sis. Tilford Davis

Iron Chapel Church—State of religion good; members received this year 6; number baptized 6; number dismissed by letter 3; resident members 60; non-resident members 20; total membership 80; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 35; number of officers 6; condition of Home Mission, fair; Home Mission membership 15; amount paid pastor \$150; amount paid for evangelistic work \$55.00; value of church property \$750.00; amount included for minutes \$10.00.

Pastor, Eld. L. A. Lawson, 522 S. W. 12th. St. Okla. City, Okla.

Clerk, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

Hawkins Church—State of religion good; members received this year 3; resident members 53; non-resident members 115; total membership 168; condition of Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils 25; number of officers 6; condition of League, fair; League membership 50; number of Home Mission membership 18; Amount paid pastor \$236.58; amount for Evangelistic work \$82.97; amount for incidentals \$7.52; amount for publication \$12.00; amount of budget money paid \$125.22; amount included for minutes \$10.00.

Pastor L. A. Lawson, 522 S. W. 12th. St., Okla. City Okla.

Clerk, Sis. Mary Jay, Alex, Okla.

Bryant Church—State of religion good; members received this year 13; number baptized 11; resident members 71; non-resident members 10; total membership 81; condition of Sunday School, good; number of officers 6; condition of Home Mission, fair; Home Mission membership 12; value of church property \$1000.00; amount paid pastor \$180.50; amount for Evangelistic work \$153.50; amount for building and repairs \$141.39 amount for incidentals \$50.00; amount for Foreign Missions \$2.00; amount for publications \$20.00; amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00.

Pastor, Eld. Clay Richey, box 97, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Marvin Hawkins, Lindsay, Okla.

Bridge Creek Church—We report as follows, a good Sunday School; residential membership 54; paid pastor \$111.42; paid for Evangelistic work \$53.50; repairs and upkeep of building \$36.00; amount for publication \$15 amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00.

Pastor, Eld. L. A. Lawson, 522 S. W. 12th. St., Okla. City, Okla.

Clerk, Sis. Mary Voyles, Rt. 1, Blanchard, Okla.

Dibble Church—State of religion good; members received this year 10; number baptized 6; number dismissed by letter 3; number excluded 1; number deceased 1; total membership 265; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 65; number of officers 5; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership 15; amount paid pastor \$264.00; amount for evangelistic work \$162.50; amount for building and repairs \$115.00; value of church property \$2500.00; a-

mount included for minutes \$10.00.

Pastor, Eld. L. E. Ward, Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Sis. Maggie Roberts, Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.

### **Home Mission Reports**

**Bryant Home Mission Report**—The Bryant Home Mission reports that we have an active Home Mission with a membership of 12. We have made a number of sick calls; sent several sick and sympathy cards; served several sale dinners; spent \$4.49 for repairs for church; given 1 quilt to needy; have \$8.51 in treasury. Pray for us that we will do more for the Lord in the ensuing year.

President, Sis. Ruth Hawkins

Sec. Sis. Beulah Clagg

**Iron Chapel Home Mission**—We have 15 members, have served 4 farm sale dinners since last Association, cleared \$64.20. Sent Sis. Mary Lee \$2.00 when she was in hospital; spent \$5.00 for flowers; paid our pastor \$20.00; paid \$50.00 for piano for church. Had in treasury at last Association \$58.61 have in treasury at the present \$34.16.

President, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

**Bridge Creek Home Mission**—Our Home Mission has 10 members. We have sent several get well and sympathy cards; have bought 3 sprays for funerals; served 3 sale dinners; gave \$10 to the needy; paid pastor \$23; other expenses \$6.88. We now have \$54.00 in the treasury.

President, Sis. Alta Gibson

Sec., Sis. Alpha Nichols

**Hawkins Home Mission**—We wish to report that we have an active Home Mission; have 18 members; have made 136 sick calls; sent out 17 sympathy cards; have quilted 20 quilts; have paid pastor \$20.00; paid \$10.00 for evangelistic work. We have taken in \$83.50 paid out \$58.50, have in treasury \$25.00.

Pray for us that we will do God's will.

President, Sis. Inez Bagwell

Sec. Sis. Bessie Tramel

**Dibble Home Mission**—We wish to report an active Home Mission with 15 members; have served 5 sale dinners; sold greeting cards; have made 128 sick calls; sent 61 sick and sympathy cards; paid pastor \$36.00; spent \$62.84 for celotex for walls of church; \$5 for

flowers for church; \$2.37 for paint. Amount in treasury \$99.09. Pray for us that we may do more for our Saviour and be a helper to the ones that need help and always do what God puts on our hearts.

President, Sis. Maggie Roberts  
Sec., Sis. Vicie Hopkins

### Report of Treasurer of Association

For the year of 1944 and 1945

Balance in treasury at close of Ass'n. 1944 ....	\$154.42
Pledges received 1944-1945 .....	268.00
Total .....	\$422.42
Paid out for State Minutes .....	\$5.00
Paid out for Ass'n. Clerk .....	5.00
Paid to Bro. Coggins \$3.00 month .....	36.00
Paid for Dibble Ass'n. minutes .....	31.00
Total paid out .....	\$77.00
Received for Association minutes today .....	\$60.00
Total .....	\$405.42
Four \$100 Government Bonds .....	\$400.00
Grand total .....	\$805.42

Treasurer, Bro. Jach Hopkins

### Pledges for the Association

Eld. Clay Richey .....	\$10.00
Eld. L. E. Ward .....	10.00
Bro. Jach Hopkins .....	25.00
Bro. C. L. Hudson .....	10.00
Bro. Jurde Price .....	10.00
Bro. Henry Weeks .....	25.00
Bro. T. O. Dunn .....	10.00
Bro. Richard Clagg .....	10.00
Sister Helen York .....	5.00
Eld. L. E. Staggs .....	10.00
Eld. Frank Lee .....	5.00
Bro. B. L. Keeler .....	10.00
Sister Mattie Jones .....	5.00
Bro. A. A. Anderson .....	5.00
Sister Florence Roberts .....	5.00
Bro. Frank Hawkins .....	5.00
Bro. Marvin Hawkins .....	5.00
Bro. Elmer Moore .....	5.00
Bro. Mac Clagg .....	5.00
Bro. Russell Wells .....	5.00
Bro. Author Corley .....	5.00
Bro. Dalphus Pruitt .....	5.00
Bro. Thomas Browning .....	5.00

Bro. Roy Trout .....	5.00
Bro. F. J. Testerman .....	5.00
Bro. R. C. Allen .....	5.00
Bro. Jess Clagg .....	5.00
Bro. C. L. Roberts .....	5.00
Sister Maggie Roberts .....	5.00

#### Pledges for the Orphan's Home

Dibble Church .....	\$100.00
Bryant Church .....	100.00
New Hope Church .....	25.00
Hawkins Church .....	25.00
Bridge Creek Church .....	50.00
Iron Chapel Church .....	100.00
Dibble Association .....	123.00
Bro. Henry Weeks, \$5.00 per month this year.	
Bro. A. A. Anderson, \$2.50 per month this year.	
Bro. Kinsey, \$2.50 per month	
Bro. L. E. Staggs, \$5.00 per month	
Bro. Jack Hopkins .....	\$100.00
Bro. W. J. Price .....	100.00
Bro. T. O. Dunn .....	50.00
Bro. Henry Weeks .....	25.00
Bro. J. C. Shaw .....	25.00
Bro. Acey Harrell .....	10.00
Sister W. A. Herron .....	10.00
Eld. W. A. Herron .....	10.00
Sister Tommie Wilson .....	10.00
Bro. Knox Brown .....	10.00
Bro. R. C. Allen .....	10.00
Bro. T. F. Testerman .....	10.00
Eld. L. A. Lawsen .....	10.00
Bro. Thomas Browning .....	10.00
Sister Mattie Jones .....	10.00
Sister Gertrude Matthews .....	5.00
Bro. Cash Roberts .....	25.00
Bro. Roy Trout .....	5.00
Bro. Cecil Gibson .....	5.00
Bro. Frank Kunhart .....	5.00
Bro. Marvin Hawkins .....	5.00
Bro. Tom Cleveland .....	2.00
Sister Geraldine Weeks .....	1.00
Bro. W. A. Herron .....	1.00
Bro. J. J. Joy .....	1.00
Bro. Ervin Johnson .....	1.00
Sister Geo. Moore .....	1.00

Sister Masie Beal .....	1.00
Sister Maggie Smith .....	1.00
Sister Liza Ramsey .....	1.00
Bro. J. C. Shaw .....	1.00
Bro. Tilford Davis .....	1.00
Bryant Home Mission .....	1 quilt
Iron Chapel Home Mission .....	10.00 and 1 quilt
Hawkins Home Mission .....	5.00
Bridge Creek Home Mission .....	1 quilt
Dibble Home Mission .....	4 sheets, 2 pair pillow cases, 2 quilts.

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### Enrollment of Ministers

Elder L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla. Route 4  
 Elder I. W. Yandell, Rt. 7 Box 433, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Elder L. E. Staggs, 1038 Meridian, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. L. A. Lawson, 522 S. W. 12th, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. Clay Richey, Box 97, Blanchard, Okla.  
 Eld. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.  
 Eld. John Allsup, Pursell, Okla.  
 Eld. John Ninnally, Washington, Okla.  
 Eld. I. M. King, 2600 Prospect, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. S. R. Russell, 3105 S. Robinson Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. B. F. Stacy, Blanchard, Okla.  
 Eld. Denver Wynn, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.  
 Eld. Ralph Hampton, Shawnee, Okla.

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### Visiting Ministers

Eld. W. A. Herron, Sulphur, Okla.  
 Eld. E. E. Morris, Ada, Okla.  
 Eld. Vard Woods, Ada, Okla.  
 Eld. O. H. Doss, Wewoka, Okla.  
 Eld. Reford Wilson, Rt. 1, Lexington, Okla.  
 Eld. Harry Stairs, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. John Beam, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. Auther Herron, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. B. P. Kirby, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Eld. Kietner, Earlsbouro, Okla.

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### Delegates

Iron Chapel—Sister Jeannine Hudson, Sister Marjo-  
 rie Wells, Sister Rose Mary Hudson.  
 Bryant—Sister Mattie Jones, Sister Vernessa Clagg,  
 Bro. Jess Clagg.



Bridge Creek—Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. T. F. Testerman, Sister Alta Gibson.  
Hawkins—Bro. L. D. Bagwell, Sister Tommie Wilson  
Sister Inez Bagwell.  
New Hope—Sister Willie Staggs, Sister Masie Beal,  
Bro. Oran Pinkston.  
Dibble—Bro. Roy Trout, Bro. Cash Roberts, Bro. Hillard Smith.

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### Church Clerks

Dibble—Sis. Maggie Roberts, Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.  
Iron Chapel—Sis. Nettie Hudson, Rt. 2, Blanchard, O.  
Bridge Creek—Sis. Mary Voyles, Rt. 1, Blanchard, O.  
Bryant—Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Rt., Lindsay, Okla.  
Hawkins—Sis. Mary Jay, Rt., Alex, Okla.  
New Hope—Sis. Tilford Davis, Okla. City, Okla.

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### RESOLUTIONS

1940, No. 1. Be it resolved that we accept Resolution No. 1 of Fourth Quarterly Meeting, which reads: Be it resolved that Associational Clerks 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 eleven o'clock a.m. at each setting 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 Eld. 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.

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 on 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 intrusted 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 Meetings 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.

1942 No. 1. Be it resolved that we allow the different church Home Mission the privilege to elect their officers and drop the Home Mission Rallies.

1944. No. 1. Be it resolved that we let Eld. E. A. O'Donnell print our minutes, he is in the printing bus-

iness at Salison, Okla.

1944. No. 2. We the Bridge Creek Church, wish to express our appreciation of the sister churches assistance during the Association. May God bless every effort.

1944. We your Committee on Resolutions wish to express our thanks in behalf of this Association to the Dibble Church for their hospitality during our stay among them.

Chairman, Knox Bowser

## 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 two-third vote of the members present at any regular session.

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## 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 Timothy 3:16.

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.

1 Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.

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.

St. John 1:1-12.

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.

St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:46.

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

Psalm 22:28; 97:2.

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; 3:19.

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.

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; Pro. 28:13.

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 Tim. 2:4.

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.

Joshua 24:15.

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.

Rev. 22:17.

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

St. John 16:6; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

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 adminis-

tered to all true believers.

Mark 16:15; 2 Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

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; Exod. 20:8-11.

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."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

## **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.

