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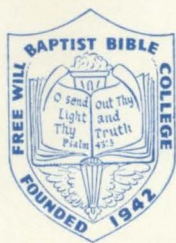


**Denominated Church of God**  
**Free-Will Baptist**

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**Convened At The Bryant Church**



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. John H. West

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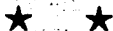
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**Beginning Thursday Evening Sept. 5, 1946**



**OFFICERS**

Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma  
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Clerk, Sister Vicie Hopkins, Blanchard, Oklahoma  
Treasurer, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Oklahoma



The next annual session of this Association will convene with the Bridge Creek Church northwest of Blanchard, Oklahoma. Beginning Thursday evening, preceeding the second Sunday in September, which will be the 11th of September, 1947.

## 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.

## 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 TO REPORT

Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Bryant Church Thursday night, September 5, 1946, continued until Saturday afternoon of the 7th.

### THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "When All of God's Singers Get Home."

Prayer by Bro. W. J. Price.

Rev. L. E. Staggs brought the introductory sermon. Subject: "Lost." Benediction by Rev. Ralph Hampton.

### FRIDAY MORNING

House was called together by Moderator. Session was opened by singing "Where the Soul Never Dies" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus. Moderator read for devotion Romans 12, chapter verses 1:13. The Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey gave the Welcome address. The response was given by Rev. Ralph Hampton, Pastor of the Shawnee Church.

Letters were called for from all churches present and read as follows:

Letter from Capital Hill church was read.

Motion carried that we accept the letter and seat the delegates.

Letter was read from Iron Chapel church. Motion was made and carried that letter be accepted and seat the delegates.

Letter was read from the Dibble church. Motion was made and carried that letter be accepted and seat the delegates.

Congregation stood while singing "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," directed by Rev. E. A. O'Donnel, and the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, was reelected by acclamation. After which he called all delegates, preachers, and deacons to altar for prayer.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Congregation was asked to stand in honoring our beloved assistant Moderator for past years, Rev. L. E. Ward.

Clerk: Sister Vicie Hopkins.

Assistant Clerk: Sister Maggie Roberts.

Rules of Order were read by Moderator.

All visiting Brethren were invited to seat with us in council. There were nine visitors. Right hand of Christian fellowship was rendered by Assistant Moderator.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Divine Services: Bro. Marvin Hawkins, chairman; Bro. Bill DaVault, Bro. C. L. Roberts, Bro. Tifford Davis, Bro. Will Hudson.

Letter was read from the Hawkins church. Motion made and carried that the letter be accepted and seat the delegates. Assistant Moderator gave them right hand of fellowship.

### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Rev. E. A. O'Donnel, chairman; Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. A. R. Beale, Bro. Clarence Kelley, Bro. McGee, Bro. R. E. Clagg, Bro. G. A. Troutt.

Committee on Finance: Rev. L. E. Staggs, Rev. Denver Wyman, Rev. L. E. Ward.

Sunday School Committee: Sister Hazel Lee, Sister Mary Lou Clagg, Bro. Albert McReynolds.

League: Sister Beulah Jo Hawkins, Sister Jeannine Hudson, Rev. John Bean, Rev. L. A. Lawson, Bro. Jack Hopkins, and Sister Inez Bagwell.

Home Mission: Sister Mosie Beal, Sister Opal Joy, Sister Nettie Hudson, Sister Annie DaVault, Sister Maggie Roberts.

Obituary: Sister T. J. Blackburn, Bro. Jess Clagg, Sister Mary Lee, Sister Mary Joy.

Temperance: Bro. Dormie Mills, Bro. T. J. Blackburn, Bro. Mac Clagg, Bro. A. W. Kelly.

Letter was read from the the Bridge Creek church. Motion was made and carried that the letter be accepted and the delegates seated. Right hand of Christian fellowship was given by the Assistant Moderator.

Committee on Orpranage: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. Bill DaVault, Rev. Author Hearron, Rev. L. A. Lawson.

Dismissed for five minutes recess.

Called together by singing "A Million Years From Now," led by Bro. C. L. Hudson, Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer was lead by Rev. John Bean. Special was arranged by Rev. Auhtor Hearron who asked Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. E. A. O'Donnel and

Sister Arthur Hearron to assist him singing "We Will Shout and Sing." Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Moderator introduced our beloved Rev. W. A. Hearron and Rev. E. E. Morris who were to bring the 11 o'clock message. Rev. Hearron read from Psalms 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Rev. Hearron and Rev. Morris brought a very spiritual message on destruction of the foundations of the Christian world.

Congregation sang "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand," while hand shakes of appreciation was given to Rev. L. E. Staggs, Rev. Hearron and Rev. E. E. Morris.

Dismissed for noon by Rev. Will Bean who also asked the blessing for the bountiful noon meal that was served by the ladies of the church.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called together by singing, "I Would Noe Be Denied," led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Followed by prayer by Rev. L. E. Ward. Devotion was led by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Scripture was read from Philippians 2:15.

Letter was read from the Hawkins church. Motion made and carried that the letter be accepted and the delegates seated. Assistant Moderator gave them the right hand of Christian fellowship.

The Hawkins church requested that the Association license Bro. Albert McReynolds to preach for one year.

Motion made and carried that the Association license Bro. Albert McReynolds to preach for ensuing year.

The Moderator appointed the examining board to examine Bro. McReynolds and report their decision to the Association. Board as follows: Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Bro. C. L. Hudson.

Divine Committee reported Rev. A. A. Williams to preach in the afternoon followed by Rev. John Bean. At evening service Rev. E. A. O'Donnell followed by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Rev. F. A. McCage gave a report of the First Oklahoma Association. Rev. E. E. Morris gave a report on the Center Association. Rev. Reford Wilson a report of the State League Rally at Shawnee and on State League work in general. Rev. Will Bean gave a report of the Mission Association.

Special was read by Rev. John Bean. Motion was made and carried that the Association license Rev. F. A. McCage to preach for one year.

### RECESS



Came together by singing "Empty Mansion," followed by prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson. By request Rev. Arthur Hearron sang a bass solo. A quartet was given "If We Ever Meet Again" by the Hudson sisters: Mrs. Nora Lee Corley, Mrs. Lucille Garvin, Miss Jeannine Hudson and Mrs. Inez Bagwell; Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano.

Moderator introduced Rev. A. A. Williams of Hopewell Association No. 2. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell led in prayer. Rev. Williams read Acts 5:28 "We Ought to Obey God Rather Than Man." He made a very spiritual talk. Rev. John Bean followed with a message "Obedience."

Motion made and carried we adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jurd Price.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "Close To Thee." Rev. E. E. Morris leading and Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano. There was a large crowd of good singers and some time was spent in singing. Prayer by Rev. Russell. Rev. John Bean recited a poem that he composed himself, "Stevens and Paul." A special request of Rev. Will Bean that they sing "Eternity" which the following quartet sang: Rev. Arthur Hearron; Sister Nettie Hudson, Bro. Marlin McGee and Bro. C. L. Hudson with Sister Jewell Richey at the piano.

The Bryant quartet of young folk sang "There Is A Light In My Soul." Singing in the quartet were Beulah Jo Hawkins, Frances Hawkins, Kennett Hawkins and Rev. Richey with Sister Jewell Richey at the piano.

Moderator introduced Rev. E. A. O'Donnell and Rev. F. A. McCage. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell sang a solo "When I Make My Last Move." And he brought a wonderful message on "True Worship." Rev. F. A. McCage followed with a good message.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Came together by singing "Some Glad Day" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Harry Hopkins at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Dunlap. Rev. L. A. Lawson read devotion, 106 chapter of Psalms.

The Capital Hill and the Bridge Creek church asked for the 1947 Association. It was voted on which church would get it and it was voted for the Bridge Creek church to entertain the next Association.

Rev. S. R. Russell of Oklahoma City is to preach the introductory sermon. Motion made and carried that we omit the fifth Sunday meeting in September and have first fifth Sunday meeting in December.

Motion made and carried that Iron Chapel get the first fifth Sunday meeting.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Arthur Hearron preach the introductory sermon at first fifth Sunday meeting.

Motion made and carried that Hawkins get the second fifth Sunday meeting.

Rev. John Bean was nominated to preach the introductory sermon for second fifth Sunday meeting.

Motion made and carried that Bryant get the third quarterly meeting.

Rev. L. E. Ward is to preach the introductory sermon at third quarterly meeting.

### DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Motion carried that we elect as delegates to the State Association any member of the delegation as delegates to the State Association.

Motion made and carried that we elect by acclamation as delegates to the State Association Bro. W. J. Price, Bro. Marlin McGee and Bro. Luther Ward.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Clay Richey moderator chairman, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. Bill DaVault, Bro. Bill Morris, and Bro. Will Hudson.

Delegate to the National Association.

Motion made and carried that Bro. W. J. Price be the delegate to the National Association.

### REPORT OF ORPHANAGE (See Reports)

Motion made and carried that Bro. C. L. Hudson be retained as secretary & treasurer for Orphans Home for the Dibble Association. Recess was called for five minutes.

### RECESS

Congregation came together by singing "God Put A Rainbow In The Cloud." Bro. Albert McReynolds led in prayer. Our little Bro. Glen Morris sang a special song with Harry Hopkins at the piano. Rev. John Bean rendered a special song "I'll Be Ready

To Go With Jesus." A song that he composed and wrote the music for.

Moderator introduced Rev. Will Bean and he asked for an old time song. The congregation complied with "Amazing Grace." After which Rev. Bean brought a wonderful message on "What John the Revelator Saw Coming Down From Heaven." Rev. Clay Richey followed with a message on "Tithes." Rev. John Bean dismissed delegation and asked the blessing for the bountiful noon day meal.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator called house to order. Opening song was "I'll Fly Away." Prayer led by Bro. Bill DaVault.

Report of examining committee for Bro. Albert McReynolds report that he be sound in doctrine.

Motion made and carried that Bro. Albert McReynolds be licensed to preach for the coming year.

Ministers reports as follows: Rev. L. A. Lawson, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. S. R. Russell, Rev. L. E. Staggs and Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Motion made and carried that we receive the reports and bid them Gods speed.

Congregation stood and while singing "When The Saints Go Marching In" the Bible was laid opened on the altar and every one that cared to help Rev. B. C. Munkus, that he might have an operation on his eyes so that he might be able to see passed by and put their offering on the Bible. The offering was \$150.07.

Motion made and carried that the Association give \$25.00 for Rev. Munkus operation.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer read his report for past year. (See reports.)

Motion made and carried that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Bro. Jack Hopkins was re-elected treasurer for ensuing year.

The children from Orphan's Home sang a special "I Know The Lord Has Laid His Hands On Me," with Sister Mary Alice Weatherman at the piano.

Report of Obituary was read. Motion carried that we accept report and retain the committee.

Report of Sunday School Committe was read. Motion carried that we receive the report and retain the committee.

Report of the League Committee was read. Motion carried that we receive the report and retain the committee.

Report of the Home Mission Committee was read. Motion carried to receive the report and to retain the committee.

Report of the Finance Committee was read. Motion made and carried that we receive the report and retain the committee.

Report of Temperance Committee was read. Motion carried that we accept the report and retain the Committee.

Motion made and carried that we send \$10.00 to the State Association for minutes.

Resolution No. 2 was read and motion carried that we accept same. (See resolutions).

Rev. Rex Weatherman, Sup't. of the Orphan's Home made a good talk on the Home.

Motion carried that all Committees be discharged.

Motion carried that we adjourn until Friday night before the fifth Sunday in December.

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

Dismissed by prayer by Moderator Rev. Clay Richey.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution No. 1—We, your committee on Resolutions request the Association to pay it's clerical help five dollars each including the clerk and assistant clerk, to partly defray their expenses.—Bro. C. L. Hudson, chairman.

Resolution No. 2—We, you committee on resolutions beg to submit our report as follows: We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks individually and collectively, for the kindness and sincere hospitality shown by this the "Bryant Church" to this Association. May the blessings of God entertain each of you.—Bro. C. L. Hudson, chairman.

Obituary Report:—We, your Committee on Obituary are sad to report te death of our friends. Iron Chapel reports one death; the infant son of Rev. and Sister John Nunnally.

Bryant church reports no deaths of which we are very thankful.

Hawkins church reports two deaths; Bro. R. V. Allen died Sept. 19, 1945. Bro. Reece Wilson gave his life for his country March 30, 1945.

Dibble report the death of Bro. Earnest Phillips, Fresno, California. Bridge Creek and Capital Hill churches report no deaths.—Sister Mary Lee, chairman.

The Association wants to report the death of our beloved Rev. W. M. Coggins. He was not a member of our Association but had lived in Blanchard and worked in our Association twenty-five years.

Sunday School Committee:—We, the committee on Sunday School are glad to report that every church in our Association has an active Sunday School. Average attendance in all of the churches 261. We find all the Sunday Schools are contributing to the Orphan's home. We pray that each church will continue in this good work.—Sister Alice Detwiler, chairman.

League Committee:—We, the Committee on League report that four churches in the Association have active leagues, meeting once each week. Membership, Dibble 50; Bryant, 20; Hawkins, 50; Capital Hill, 12.

We pray that these Leagues will grow and prosper for the cause of Christ and that other churches in the Association will organize leagues.—Sister Beulah Jo Hawkins, chairman.

Home Mission Report: —We are glad to report that each church has an active Home Mission with a total membership of 68. Some of these Home Missions are doing a great work. We pray that the others will do more in the near future.—Sister Mosie Beal, chairman.

Finance Committee:—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.—Rev. L. E. Staggs, chairman.

Temperance Committee:—We, your committee on Temperance beg to report as follows: We ask that this Association go on record as being against all kinds of intoxicants such as wine, whiskey and beer. That we use our influence and our votes against them or any "wet" running for office. We also recommend that we do not patronize any business that sells intoxicants.—Bro. D. E. Mills, chairman.

### Report of Clerk for Orphan's Home:

The pledges at the last Association was \$1,005.00 and is not included in this report.

Dibble Church	\$51.00
Bridgt Creek Church	45.36
Hawkins Church	44.54
Iron Chapel Church	46.02
Bryant Church	144.00

Bro. Weeks pledged \$5.00 a month to the Orphan's Home and paid in full.

#### Other offerings were:

Sister Lola McCrane	\$5.00
Bro. M. M. Acree	10.00
Bro. Abe Bernard	1.00
Rev. L. A. Lawson	3.50
Sister Mattie Jones	5.00
Sister Katherine Allsup	3.00

### REPORT OF MINISTERS

#### Report of Rev. Clay Richey:

I report to the Dibble Association for 1946. I have preached 196 sermons, witnessed 61 conversions, baptized 10, married 17 couples, preached 9 funerals. Have received \$486.00.

Pray for me that I may be a profitable servant for the Lord and the Church of God.—Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

#### Report of Rev. S. R. Russell.

I have not pastored any church the past year. I have preached 75 sermons, held 3 revivals, had 32 conversions, have received \$165.00. Have traveled around 1500 miles and have baptized one. I now have full time for the ensuing year. I desire all your prayers that I may do more this year.—Rev. S. R. Russell, 2522 S.W. 31, Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### Report of Rev. L. E. Staggs.

I have filled out part of one year as pastor at Pleasant Hill Church. Have preached 50 sermons, traveled 1800 miles, witnessed 7 conversions, received \$144.00 from pastoral and evangelistic work. Pray that I may have a more prosperous year.—Rev. L. E. Staggs, 1033 N. Meridian, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Report of Rev. L. E. Word:**

I pastored the Dibble Church for half time, preached 80 sermons, preached 15 funerals, performed 12 marriage ceremonies, witnessed 15 conversions, received \$302.00. Pray for us.—Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.

**Report of Rev. L. A. Lawson:**

I have pastored three churches for one-fourth time, held one revival, helped in two revivals, witnessed 14 conversions, performed one marriage ceremony, baptized 5, miles traveled unknown. I have received \$400.00 for my years work.

Pray for me that I may do more this ensuing year.—Rev. L. A. Lawson, 522 S.W. 12th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Report of Rev. Arthur Hearron:**

I have preached 108 sermons, witnessed 8 conversions, received 21 additions to church, performed 2 marriage ceremonies, assisted in 2 funerals, dismissed none, baptized none, miles traveled 2180, have received \$464.00. I have full time for ensuing year and am pastor for two churches half-time. Pray for our work.—Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Route 7, Box 29, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**CHURCH REPORTS**

**Bryant:**—Letter from the Bryant church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant church September 5, 1946. We send as delegates our beloved Bro. Jess Clagg, Sister Mary Lou Clagg, and Sister Beulah Jo Hawkins. Whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good; members received this year 2; number baptized this year 2; number dismissed by letter none; resident members 57; non-resident members 27; total membership 84; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 39; number of officers 8; condition of league good; league membership 20; value of church property \$1000.00; amount paid pastor \$233.70; amount for evangelistic work \$121.68; Amount for repairs and building \$68.17; amount for foreign missions \$2.50; amount for Orphan's Home \$309.00; amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00.

Ministers belonging to church Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.  
Deacons of church Bro. Martin Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.; Bro. C. H. Mannings, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Bro. Richard Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.

Done by order of the Free-Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 12th day of July 1946.

Moderator Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk Bro. Elmer Moore, Lindsay, Okla.

Letter from Bridge Creek church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant Church Sept. 5, 1946.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren Bro. Clarence Kelley, Bro. W. A. Kelly and Sister Annie DaVault. Whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good; members received this year 6; number baptized 4; number dismissed by letter none; number excluded none; number deceased none; resident members 59; non-resident members 40; total membership 99; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 35; number of officers 5; condition of Home Mission good; Home mission membership 12; value of church property \$1500; amount paid pastor \$82.00; amount for evangelistic work \$80.00; amount for building and repairs \$45.00; amount for incidentals \$65.00; amount for publication \$16.00; amount of budget money paid \$10.00; amount enclosed for minute money \$10.00. Pastors name for the coming year Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ministers belonging to church: Rev. Denver Wymn, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Nance, Blanchard, Okla.

Deacons belonging to church: Bro. W. H. DaVault, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. K. C. Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Ed Nichols, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. G. A. Troutt, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Cecil Gibson, Blanchard, Okla.

Done by order of the Free Will Baptist church of Bridge Creek this 24th day of August assembled in conference.

Moderator, Rev. L. A. Lawson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clerk, Sister Mary Voyles, Blanchard, Okla.



Capital Hill Baptist Church last year was called New Hope Church in our minutes.

Letter from Capital Hill church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant Church Sept. 5, 1946.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren Sister Arthur Htarron, Sister Mosie Beal, Sister Alice Detwiles. Whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good; members received this year 21; number baptized none; number dismissed by letter 2; number excluded none; number deceased none; resident members 58; non-resident members 2; total membership 60; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 60; condition of League fair; League membership 12; condition of Home Mission good; Home Mission membership 8; value of church property \$8,000; amount paid pastor \$790.00; amount for evangelistic work none; amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, 2628 S.D. 32nd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to church. Ministers: Rev. I. W. Yandell, 2336 S.W. 39, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Staggs, 1038 Meridan, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. John Bean, 1621 S.W. 33, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. Arthur Hearn, 4607 Melrose, Rt. 7, Box 29, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. S. R. Russell, 2522 S.W. 31, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Deacons: Bro. A. J. Kinsey, Yukon, Okla.; Bro. Tilford Davis, 2341 S.W. 35, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Bro. A. R. Beal, 409 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Bro. T. J. Blackburn, 2341 S.W. 33, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Done by order of the Capital Hill Free Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 7th day of August, 1946.

Moderator, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, 2628 S.W. 32, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Clerk, Sister T. J. Blackburn, 2341 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Letter frof the Hawkins church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant church the 5th day of Sept. 1946.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren Sister Opal Joy, Sister Inez Bagwell, Bro. Albert McReynolds. Whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good; members received this year 1; number baptized none; number dismissed by letter 6; number excluded none; number deceased 2; resident members 46; non-resident members 112; total membership 158; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 29; number of officers 7; condition of League good; league membership 50; condition of Home Mission good; Home Mission membership 20; amount paid pastor \$142.85; amount for evangelistic work \$58.85; amount for incidentals \$4.00; amount for publication \$10.86; amount of budget money paid \$84.00; amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year Rev. L. A. Lawson, 522 S.W. 12th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ministers names belonging to church: Rev. L. A. Lawson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Deacons names and addresses: Bro. W. R. Hudson, Ninnekah, Okla.; Bro. Otha Light, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Omar Pearson, Pocasset, Okla.; Bro. Carl Smithen, Lometa, California.; Bro. Jess Joy on trial for the period of one year.

Done by order of the Hawkins Free Will Baptist church assembled in conferenct this first day of Sept. 1946.

Moderator Rev. L. A. Lawson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clerk, Sister Mary Joy, Alex, Okla.

Letter from the Iron Chapel church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant church the 5th of Sept., 1946.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren Sistr Mary Lee, Route 2, Blanchard Okla.; Sister Jeannine Hudson, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla., Sister Hazel Lee, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla. Whom we pray to receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good; resident members 40; non-resident members 30; total membership 70; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 35; condition of Home Mission fair;

Home Mission membership 15; amount paid pastor \$165.00; amount for evangelistic work \$80.00; amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for coming year Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Ministers: Rev. John Nunnally, Washington, Okla.; Rev. John Alsop, Purcell, Okla.

Deacons: Bro. C. L. Hudson, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Russtill Wells, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Warren, Michener, Arizona; Bro. C. S. Maynard, Purcell, Okla.

This done by order of the Iron Chapel Church assembled in conference this 11th day of August 1946.

Moderator, Rev. L. A. Lawson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clerk, Sister Nettie Hudson, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.

Letter from Dibble church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant church Sept. 5, 1946.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Cash Roberts, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Marlin McGee, Route 1, Linsay, Okla.; Bro. Harry Hopkins, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla. Whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion good; members received this year 15; number baptized this year 7; number dismissed by letter 2; total membership about 250; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils 60; number of officers 6; condition of League fair; League membership 50; condition of Home Mission good; Home Mission membership 10; value of church property \$2,500; amount paid pastor \$302.00; amount paid for evangelistic work \$140.25; amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for coming year Rev. L. A. Lawson, 522 S.W. 12th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ministers: Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla., Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Deacons: Bro. H. C. Mehurin, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Jack Hopkins, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. D. E. Mills, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. A. E. Mills, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Allie Ward, Tuttle, Okla.; Bro. Acey Harrell, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Orrie Myers, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Charlie Perrin, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.

This done by order of the Dibble Church assembled in conference this 30th day of August, 1946.

Moderator, Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Sister Maggit Roberts, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.

### HOME MISSION REPORTS

Hawkins:—We are glad to report that we have an active Home Mission of 20 members; have made 173 visits to see the sick; sent 37 cards to the sick; sent 8 pot flowers for sick; bought flowtrs for 3 funerals; gave 7 showers; gave 3 complete basket dinners and \$46.00 in money to the needy; spent \$6.02 for little gifts for sick; quilted 3 quilts for needy; paid \$3.00 for song books for our revival; bought paint to paint the building we use for our Home Mission meetinys; quilted and sold 2 quilts; quilted several quilts for other people; helped to pay our Pastor; made and quilted 1 quilt and made several cup towels and sent to the Orphan's Home and sent \$6.00 in money.

Pray for us that we may be faithful in doing God's work.

Capital Hill Church:—We are glad to report our Home Mission is good with eight regular members. We have visited the sick, sent flowers to sick, and for several funerals. We desire the prayers of every one that we may do more for the Lord in the coming year.—Pres. Sister Mosie Beal.

Iron Chapel:—We have an active Home Mission, have 15 members. We gave a quilt to the Orphan's Home; paid pastor \$20; served 3 sale dinners; bought \$6.00 worth of pies for the Association. Total amount in treasury, \$80.00.

Pray for us that we may do more for the Lord in the future.  
....Pres. Sister Nettie Hudson.

Bryant Home Mission:—We have 13 members, have met 15 times; have quilted and sold \$30.00 worth of quilts. We have served 3 sale dinners. We have spent \$87.30 for the upkeep of the church. Have given \$100.00 to the sick. Total amount in treasury \$45.7. We have kept no records of sick calls.

Pray for us that we will do more in the future for the cause of the Lord.—Pres. Sister Ruth Hawkins; Sec. Sister Beulah Clagg.

Bridge Creek:—We have an active Home Mission with 12 active members bought 9 flowers and sprays for sick and funerals. Made 2 quilts for the needy; made and sold 3 quilts; paid Pastor \$1.50 a

month; served 2 sales; served 2 charitable dinners; sent out a number of sympathy and get-well cards. Received \$105.60; Paid out \$70.09; Balance in treasury, \$35.51.—Pres. Sister Alta Gibson, Sec. Sister Annie DaVault.

Dibble:—We are glad to report that Dibble has an active Home Mission. We have 18 working members, meet one day each month at the church.

We have served 9 sale dinners the past year; paid Pastor \$36; paid out for evangelistic work \$10; paid out for needy and sick \$20; sent 90 sick and sympathy cards; quilted 2 quilts for Orphan's home, also sent them some towels, cup towels, pillow cases, and pot lifters; paid \$75 on Butane plant for church. Have in the treasury at present time \$94.50.

Pray for us that we will ever do God's will.—Pres. Sister Maggie Roberts, Sec & Treas. Sister Vicie Hopkins.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1945-1946

Balance in Treasury at close of Association 9-8-45	\$405.42
Pledges received for 1945-1946	195.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$600.42</b>
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Paid out to Association Clerk	\$5.00
Paid for State Minutes	10.00
Paid for Dibble Association Minutes	32.00
Paid out for Church letter forms	1.50
Paid Rev. Coggins, Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	20.00
Paid 9-8-45 Orphan's Home	123.00
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Received from six churches for minute funds	60.00
4—\$100.00 Government Bonds	400.00

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$868.92</b>
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—Treasurer Bro. Jack Hopkins

## PLEDGES FOR THE ASSOCIATION 1946

Rev. Clay Richey	5.00
Bro. Jack Hopkins	10.00
Rev. S. R. Russell	5.00
Rev. Albert McReynolds	1.00
Bro. W. J. Price	10.00
Bro. T. O. Dunn	10.00
Bro. Richard Clagg	5.00
Bro. Marvin Hawkins	5.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission	5.00
Capital Hill Home Mission	5.00
Dibble Ladies Home Mission	5.00
Bridge Creek Home Mission	5.00
Bryant Ladies Home Mission	5.00
Bro. Mac Clagg	5.00
Bro. Bill DaVault	5.00
Capital Hill League	5.00
Sister Mattie Jones	1.00
Rev. L. A. Lawson	10.00
Rev. Arthur Hearn & Wife	10.00
Bro. Jess Clagg	3.00
Bro. Charlie Mannings	5.00

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.; Rev. Denver Wymn, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Nance, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Albert McReynolds, Alex, Okla.; Rev. I. W. Yandell, 2336 S.W. 39th, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Staggs, 1038 Meridan, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. Author Hearn, 4601 Melrose, Route 7, Box 29, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. John Bean, 1621 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. S. R. Russell, 2522 S.W. 31st, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. L. A. Lawson, 522 S.W. 12th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. F. A. McCage, 1504 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. R. C. Hampton, 129 S. Draper St., Shawnee, Okla.; Rev. A. A. Williams, Route 2, Ardmore, Okla.; Rev. E. E. Morris, 4203 Ash St., Ada, Okla.; Rev. Reford Wilson, Lexington, Okla.; Rev.

W. A. Hearron, 1302 West 13th, Sulphur, Okla.; Rev. Will Bean, Box 486, Ripley, Okla.; Rev. B. C. Munkus, Route 3, Box 105, Norman, Okla.; Rep. Rex Weatherman, Ringling, Okla.

### DELEGATES

Bryant:—Bro. Jess Clagg, Sister Mary Lu Clagg, Sister Beulah Joe Hawkins.

Bridge Creek:—Bro. Clarence Kelly, Bro. A. W. Kelly, Sister Annie DaVault.

Dibble:—Bro. Cash Roberts, Bro. Marlin McGee, Bro. Harry Hopkins.

Capital Hill:—Sister Opal Hearron, Sister Mosie Beal, Sister Alice Detweiler.

Hawkins:—Sister Opal Joy, Sister Inez Bagwell, Bro. Albert McReynolds.

Iron Chapel:—Sister Mary Lee, Sister Jeannine Hudson, Sister Hazel Lee.

### DEACONS

Bro. Martin Clagg, Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Bro. Richard Clagg, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. C. H. Mannings, Bro. W. H. DaVault, Bro. K. C. Bowser, Bro. Ed Nichols, Bro. G. A. Troutt, Bro. Cecil Gibson, Bro. H. C. Mehurin, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. D. E. Mills, Bro. A. E. Mills, Bro. A. F. Ward, Bro. A. W. Harrell, Bro. Orie Myers, Bro. Charlie Perrin, Bro. A. J. Kensey, Bro. Tilford Davis, Bro. A. R. Beal, Bro. T. J. Blackburn, Bro. W. R. Hudson, Bro. Otha Light, Bro. Omar Pearson, Bro. Carl Smithen, Bro. Jess Joy, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. Russell Wells, Bro. Warren Michener, Bro. C. S. Maynard.

### CHURCH CLERKS

Dibble—Sister Maggie Roberts, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.; Bridge Creek—Sister Mary Voyles, Route 1, Blanchard, Okla.; Iron Chapel—Sister Nettie Hudson, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.; Bryant—Bro. Elmer Moore, Lindsay, Okla.; Hawkins—~~Sister Mary Joy~~, Alex, Okla.; Capital Hill—Sister T. J. Blackburn, 2341 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

SISTER D. ARTHUR WILSON, ALEX. OKLA.

## 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 this Association pay the clerk and assistant clerk \$5 each at every annual meeting.

1938, No. 3, 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.

### 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.

## 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 Saviour 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 be-

comes 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 15:6; 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 administered 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

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.

