

**THE
DIBBLE ASSOCIATION
CHURCH OF GOD
DENOMINATED
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1947

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Fortieth Annual Session

CONVENED AT
Bridge Creek Church

**MINUTES
OF THE
FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
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Held with the Bridge Creek Church beginning Thursday evening, Sept. 11, 1947.

OFFICERS

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

The next annual session of this Association will Convene with the Dibble Church, beginning Thursday evening preceding the second Sunday in September, which will be the 9th of September, 1948.

Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri

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 ensure 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. The 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

The Dibble Association met with the Bridge Creek Church, Thursday night September 11th, 1947. continuing until Saturday afternoon, the 13th.

Thursday was League Day and all the Leagues met and put on a program.

THURSDAY EVENING

Opened by singing, "Some Glad Day"; "Won't It Be Wonderful There"; "In The Morning of Joy"; followed with prayer by Rev. W. A. Hearron. Rev. S. R. Russell

brought the message, "The Accusation of Men". Luke 19:8. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Clay Riekey.

FRIDAY MORNING

Congregation called together by singing, "An Old Account Was Settled". Rev. Arthur Hearron led and Sis. Mary Voyles at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Thomas Browning. Another song, "Are You Washed in the Blood"; prayer by Rev. L. E. Ward.

Rules of Order were read. Called for church letters to the Association.

Letters from the following churches were read: Bridge Creek, Capital Hill, Bryant. Congregation stood while singing, "I'll Be Satisfied"; the right hand of Christian fellowship was given and delegates seated. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Hearron.

Letters read and delegates seated from Hawkins, Iron Chapel, and Dibble Churches.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Metrose, Okla. City, Okla.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Clay Riekey, Blanchard, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Vicie Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla.

Right hand of fellowship was given our visiting brother, Rev. W. A. Hearron, and an invitation to seat in council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Divine Service Committee

Bro. Tilford Davis, Bro. Cecil Gibson, Bro. Lee Hawkins.

Resolution Committee

Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. Ed Nicholas, Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Bro. Russell Wells, Bro. Jack Kinsey, Bro. C. L. Hudson, and Bro. R. E. Clagg.

Finance Committee

Bro. Charlie Wells, Sis. Adah Ward, Sis. S. R. Russell, and Bro. Omar Pearson.

Devine Service Committee decided for Rev. John Bean to bring the message at the 11 o'clock service.

Recess was declared.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called to order by singing, "I'll Make It My Home".
Prayer by Rev. Frank Lee. Song, "Some Glad Day".

Welcome was given Rev. Virgil Bradford, representative of our Orphans' Home.

Rev. Ira Smithy took charge of the devotional services followed by Rev. John Bean, using 1st John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, the Holy Ghost; and these three are one." He gave us such a spiritual message that we all wanted to live closer to God and to let the Holy Spirit guide us in all our earthly walks.

While singing, "Take the Name of Jesus With You", all gave Rev. Bean their hand in appreciation.

Dismissed by Rev. Arthor Hearron.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Came together by singing, "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In", Rev. Arthur Hearron leading and Sis. Mary Voyles at the piano. Prayer by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Devotional read by Rev. Frank Lee from Phillipians the 2nd chapter.

COMMITTEES

Home Mission

Sis. Roxie Claunch, Sis. Fay I. Delman, Sis. Davis, Sis. Matthews.

Temperance

Sis. Glenn Andrews, Sis. Gertie Matthews, Sis. Lottie Moore.

League

Bro. Thomas Browning, Sis. Adah Ward, Sis. S. R. Russell.

Orphanage

Bro. Ray Gibson, Bro. De Arthur Wilson, Bro. Ermin Johnson, Rev. Frank Lee.

Sunday School

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. Bill Da Vault, Bro. Elmer Moore, Rev. S. R. Russell.

Obituary

Rev. Ira Smithy, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. S. R. Russell, Bro. Knox Bowers, Rev. John Bean.

Rev. Bradford gave us a report of his work as Field Representative of our Orphans Home. After which, the Moderator called for a song while an offering was taken up for the Home followed by a prayer of thanks by Rev. Clay Ricky. The offering, was \$36.03.

RECESS

Came together singing, "I Know Somebody's Listening". Prayer by Rev. Frank Lee.

A partial report of the Resolution Committee was given at this time.

Resolution No. 1 passed. (See reports).

Resolution No. 2 passed. (See reports).

Motion carried that Rev. Clay Rickey pick out and buy the cow for the Association and send it to the Orphans' Home.

Divine Service Committee reports that Rev. Bradford is to fill the pulpit for the evening service. Rev. L. E. Ward is to have charge of the devotional services, and Rev. Arthur Hearnon to have charge of the singing.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Lee Hawkins.

FRIDAY EVENING

Bro. Arthur Hearnon had charge of the song service.

Rev. W. A. Hearron held the devotional. Rev. Bradford brought the message, "The Touch of the Master's Hand". Dismissed by Bro. Cephas Long.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called together by the Moderator, singing, "It's So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Jack Hopkins.

Rev. L. E. Ward had charge of the devotional which was found in 1st John 3:1-6, followed by prayer by Bro. Richard Clagg.

Motion carried that this body accept all the business of the Fifth Sunday Meetings of the past year.

Capitol Hill and Dibble asked for the next Association. It was voted that Dibble would get the next Association.

Rev. Arthur Hearron to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. L. E. Ward to be alternate.

The First Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Iron Chapel Church. Rev. L. E. Staggs will preach the introductory Message.

The Second Fifth Sunday Meeting will be at Bryant. Introductory Message by Rev. John Bean. (Later in the Minutes you will find that this Quarterly Meeting goes to the Capitol Hill Church at Oklahoma City).

The Third Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held at Hawkins. Rev. Clay Rickey will bring the Introductory Message.

Motion carried that the Moderator be endowed with power to appoint the delegates to the State Association.

Delegates appointed as follows. Bro. Lee Hawkins, Bro. Thomas Browning, Sis. S. R. Russell.

Report of the Divine Service Committee that Rev. Clay Rickey would bring the morning message.

Dismissed by Bro. Cephas Long.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together singing, "Some Glad Day When Jesus Comes". Prayer by Bro. Omar Pearson. Rev. John Bean held a very spiritual devotional.

Bro. and Sis. C. L. Hudson, Bro. W. J. Price, and Rev.

Arthur Hearron sang a special, "He Watches Me". Rev. John Bean wrote a poem for the Association. The title was "My Savior", and he gave it at this time.

Rev. Clay Riekey delivered a very good message on, "The Establishment of the Kingdom".

Dismissed by Rev. John Bean.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Afternoon session opened by singing, "Sing the Wondrous Stars"; "After the Shadows", with Rev. Haerron leading and Bro. Harry Hopkins at the Piano. Prayer by Bro. W. J. Price.

Devotional read by Rev. S. R. Russell from Romans 10: 1-15.

A card of thanks was read from Rev. E. E. Morris and family for the letter of sympathy the Dibble Association sent them because of their bereavement over the loss of their daughter, Betty.

REPORTS

Report of the Ladies Home Mission was read.

Motion carried that we receive the report and discharge the committee.

Report of the Temperance Committee was read, received, and committee discharged.

Report of the Sunday School was read, received, and committee discharged.

Report of League Committee was read, received, and the committee was discharged.

Obituary report was read. (See reports). Motion carried that we accept the report and discharge the committee.

The Executive Board was appointed as follows: Chairman, Rev. Arthur Hearron; Members, Rev. C. L. Hudson, Rev. Clay Riekey, Rev. John Bean, Rev. L. E. Ward. They were elected by acclamation.

The Financial Report was read, received, and the committee was discharged.

Report of Orphanage Treasurer, Bro. C. L. Hudson,

was read. (See reports). Report accepted.

Bro. C. L. Hudson was re-elected Treasurer of the Orphans' Home for the coming year.

Report of the Association Treasurer, Bro. Jack Hopkins, was read and accepted.

Bro. Hopkins was re-elected as Treasurer.

RECESS

Called to order by singing, "There's a City Four Square", with Bro. Arthur Hearron leading and Bro. Harry Hopkins at the piano.

Reports of ministers were read as follows: Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. Clay Rickey, Rev. A. D. McReynolds, Rev. Denver Wym, Rev. S. R. Russell, and Rev. W. F. Lee, Reports accepted.

Bryant Church said that they would be willing to forfeit their pleasure of having the second quarterly meeting, to the Capitol Hill Church. Motion to this effect was carried.

Resolution No. 3 was adopted. (See reports).

The report of the League Day at the Association was given by Vice President, Bro. Sherman Webb. Motion carried that we accept the report of the League program and enter it in our minutes.

Report of Orphanage Committee was read, accepted, and the committee discharged.

Resolution No. 4 read and accepted.

Note of thanks from the Bridge Creek Church. Motion carried that it be accepted to go on record.

Motion carried that all committees be discharged.

Motion carried to stand and sing, "If We Never Meet Again", and adjourn untill Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1948 which will be September 9.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Clay Rickey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution—

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that this Association give the Treasurer power to purchase a table and chairs for the Association to be the property of the Association and to be kept by the Clerk for the use of the Clerk and

Moderator.

Chairman, Bro. Jack Hopkins

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that the Association buy 1 good young dairy cow and give it to the Orphans' Home.

Chairman, Bro. Jack Hopkins

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved that hereafter the Association and Quarterly Meetings be asked for, from the floor.

Chairman, Bro. Jack Hopkins

Resolution No. 4. Be it resolved that this body give a token of thanks to the Bridge Creek Church by rising to our feet because of the splendid hospitality shown this body during this 40th session of the Dibble Association.

Chairman, Bro. Jack Hopkins

We, the Bridge Creek Church, wish to express our sincere thanks to our Sister Churches for their aid during this session of the Association. We pray God's blessings on each of you.

Clerk, Mary Voyles

Pastor, Rev. Arthur Hearron

Finance—

We, your Committee on Finance, are glad to report that all six churches have paid ten dollars each for the Association's minutes.

Donation to the Orphans' Home, \$36.03.

Chairman, Bro. Charlie Wells

Obituary—

We, your Obituary Committee, are sad to report the deaths of our friends: Dibble Church reports the deaths of Sis. Ruby Jewell Kunhart, Sept. 2, 1947; Sis. Mollie Moore, Sept. 3, 1947; Sis. Tiny Bowls in Jan. 1947. Capitol Hill reports the deaths of Sis. Bessie Beas and the infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Owen Pinkston. The Bryant and Bridge Creek Churches report no deaths.

Chairman, Rev. L. E. Ward

Sunday School—

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, are glad to report that all our churches have active Sunday Schools.

Average Attendance, Bryant, 45; Bridge Creek, 30; Dibble, 65; Iron Chapel, 38; Capitol Hill, 60; Hawkins, 28.

All Sunday Schools except one gave one Sunday's collection each month to our Orphanage.

We pray that each church will continue this good work.

Chairman, Bro. Marvin Hawkins

Temperance—

We, the Temperance Committee, wish to report as follows: We ask the Associations to go on record as being strong against all intoxicating beverages and that we use our influence and vote against them or anyone connected with them for any office. We recommend that we do not patronize any business that sells intoxicants.

Chairman, Sis. Glennie Andrews

League—

We, the Committee on Leagues, report that every church in our Association has as active league.

Membership: Bridge Creek, 30; Hawkins, 20; Capitol Hill, 20; Bryant, 20; Dibble, 60; Iron Chapel 20.

We pray that our leagues will grow and prosper for the cause of Christ.

Chairman, Bro. Thomas Browning

Orphanage—

We, your Orphanage Committee, beg to report that our Orphanage is progressing nicely at this time. We urge that each church set up its own financial plan for the support of this Godly institution.

Chairman, Rev. W. F. Lee

Home Mission—

We, your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that we find all our churches have active Home Mission organizations. The reports of each of these is as

follows:

Chairman, Sis. Roxie Claunch
Home Mission Reports of the Churches

Bridge Creek — We have 12 active members, bought 3 flowers for funerals, bought 7 pots flowers for sick, quilted 3 quilts for needy, served 4 sales, paid pastor, \$25.00 paid evangelist, \$20.00; paid out for repairs, \$105.00.

Pray for us that we will do more in the future.

President, Sis. Alta Gibson
Sec. Sis. Annie Da Vault

Hawkins — We are glad to report that we have an active Home Mission of 9 members. For the last 6 months we have made 2 quilts (sold one), made 150 sick calls, sent 4 sympathy cards, and bought 3 gifts for the sick,

Amount made \$25.83.....

Amount paid out 17.82.....

Amount in Treasury \$ 8.01

We desire your prayers that we may do more for the Lord the coming year.

President, Sis. Alice Wilson

Bryant — We have 13 members, have paid out \$34.66 for upkeep of church, have paid out \$54.16 for sickness and other expenses. Amount received \$14.39; total in Treasury, \$16.34. We have kept no record of sick calls.

Pray for us that we will be more instrumental in the hands of the Lord.

President, Sis. Ruth Hawkins
Sec.-Treas., Sis. Beulah Clagg

Dibble — We are glad to report that we have an active Home Mission with 16 active members. We meet once a month. Paid pledge to Association, \$5.00; paid for heating stoves for basement, \$15.00; paid pastor, \$18.00; paid for care of the church, \$48.00, paid for pajamas for children at Orphans' Home, \$12.00; total \$148.00. Have sold cards and chore girls to help our Treasury, have sent 75 sick and sympathy cards, and 245 sick calls.

Pray for us that we may do more for our Master the ensuing year.

President, Sis. Roxie Claunch
Sec.- Treas. Sis. Vicie Hopkins

Iron Chapel —

Money in Treasury last Ass'n.	\$71.23
2 dinners at farm sales	29.14
Total	\$100.37

Disbursements

Pies & cakes for Quarterly Meetings	\$6.00
Christmas gift for Bonnie Lee	3.75
Pot flowers for Sister Rickey	1.50
Pies & cakes for Ass'n.	6.00
Paid pledge to church	20.00
Total	\$37.25
Balance in Treasury	\$63.12

We have 15 members in our Mission; pray for us that we may grow to do more good in the work of the Lord.

President, Sis. Nettie Hudson

Capitol Hill — We wish to report on Home Mission as follows: Flowers purchased for the sick and funerals the past year, 50; quilts made, 25. The mission has been inactive the past three months due to the heat but we will meet again Sept. 18. We also sponsored a Vacation Bible School and we're glad to report it was a success.

We need your prayers.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

Report of Rev. Denver Wym — I have preached 50 sermons. I preached at Iron Chapel and Bridge Creek once each month. Pray for me that I will do more the coming year.

Rev. Denver Wym

Report of Rev. L. E. Ward — I have preached 50 sermons, about 25 funerals, performed 12 marriages, and received \$12.50. Pray for us.

Rev. L. E. Ward

Report of Rev. A. L. McReynolds — I have preached 18 sermons, and helped in one revival.

Pray that I may do more this ensuing year.

Rev. A. L. McReynolds

Report of Rev. Clay Rickey — I have preached 161

sermons, 8 revivals, witnessed 27 conversions, preached 7 funerals, married 5 couples, and received \$731.45. I am called to pastor 2 churches next year.

Pray for me that I may be a better pastor next year.
Rev. Clay Riekey, Box 97, Blanchard, Okla., Phone, 33.

Report of Rev. W. F. Lee — I have preached 20 sermons, witnessed 1 conversion, baptized none, traveled about 300 miles, performed 1 marriage, and received about \$25.00.

I have appointments for 3 Sundays a month for the next year. Pray for me that I may get my business in shape so I can devote all my time to the Ministry.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.

Report of Rev. S. R. Russell — I have not pastored any churches the past year; I had full time the first 9 months, but at the present time, I only have one regular appointment. I have preached 75 sermons, received around \$100.00, preached one funeral, baptized, none; married one couple. I desire your prayers that I may do more this year.

Rev. S. R. Russell, 2733 S. W. 31, Okla. City, Okla.

Report of Rev. Aurthor Hearron — Miles traveled, 4,880; sermons, 198; churches pastored, 2 (one half time); revivals held, 3; conversions witnessed, 46; baptized, 18; marriages performed, 12; additions to church, 28; amount received, \$388.00.

I have full time work next year and pray God for strength to do my best for Him.

Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Metrose Li., Okla. City, Okla.

CHURCH REPORTS

Hawkins—

Letter from Hawkins Church to the Association when convened with the Bridge Creek Church Sept. 11, 1947. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. De Aurthor Wilson, Sis. Inez Bagwell, Sis. and Francis Walker, 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, 3; number baptized, none; number dismissed by letter, 14;

resident members, 34; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 25; number of officers, 6; condition of league, good; league membership, 50; condition of Home Mission, fair; Home Mission membership, 9; amount paid pastor for 6 months, \$60.00; amount paid for Evangelistic work, \$63.00.

Ministers belonging to church, Rev. L. E. Staggs, Rt. 1, Blanchard, Okla.

Deacons, Bro. Omar Pearson, Pocassett, Okla.; Bro. Carl Smithen, 1819 256th St. Lomita, Calif.

Done by order of the Hawkins Church assembled in conference this 7th day of September, 1947.

Moderator, Rev. L. E. Staggs, Rt. Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Sis. De Author Wilson, Chickasha, Okla.

Bridge Creek—

Letter from the Bridge Creek Church to the Association when convened with the Bridge Creek Church the 11th day of Sept., 1947. We send, as delegates, our beloved brethren: Bro. Ray Gibson, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Ervin Johnson, and, as alternates, Bro. Bobby Wym, Sis. Alene Johnson, and Sis. Jaye Gibson 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 dismissed by letter, 0; number excluded, 0; number deceased, 0; resident members, 60; non-resident members, 40; total membership, 100; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 30; number of officers, 6; condition of league, good; league membership, 30; amount paid Orphans' Home, \$78.00; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership, 10; value of church property, \$1,500.00; amount paid pastor, \$148.00; amount for Evangelistic work, \$90.00; amount for building repair, \$80.00; amount for incidentals, \$45.00; amount for Home Missions, \$268.38; amount for publications, \$15.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Name and address of the pastor for the coming year, Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Metrose lane, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ministers, Rev. Denver Wym, and Licensed Bro. Cephas Long.

Deacons: Bro. W. H. Da Vault, Bro. G. A. Trout; Bro. K. C. Bowser; Bro. Cecil Gibson; Bro. Will Jervis; Bro. Audra Trout.

Done by order of Bridge Creek Church assembled in conference this 23rd day of August, 1947.

Moderator, Rev. Arthur Hearron,
Clerk, Sis. Mary Voyles

Bryant—

Letter from Bryant Church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bridge Creek Church Sept. 11, 1947. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sis. Lottie Moore, Sis. Fay Idleman, and Bro. Lee Hawkins whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 8; resident members, 64; non-resident members, 26; total membership, 90; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 45; number of officers, 8; value of church property, \$1,600.00; amount paid pastor, \$316.45; amount for Evangelistic work, \$171.00; amount for incidentals, \$394.50; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; Pastor for coming year, Rev. Clay Rickey, Blanchard, Okla.

Ministers' names: Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla. Deacons: Bro. R. E. Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. Malcom Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. C. H. Manning, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla. Done by order of Bryant Church assembled in conference this 16th day of August, 1947.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Rickey, Blanchard, Okla.
Clerk, Bro. Elmer Moore, Lindsay, Okla.

Iron Chapel—

Letter from the Iron Chapel Church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bridge Creek Church Septem 11th, 1947. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Charlie Webbs, Sis. Dona Hudson, Sis. Leo Jockson whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; members received this year, none; baptized, none; dismissed, none; died, none; total membership, 70; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 38; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$150.00; paid Evangelist, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$20.00; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.... Ministers: Rev.

John Nunnally, Washington, Okla. Rev. John Allsup, Purcell, Okla.; Deacons: Bro. C. L. Hudson, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. R. C. Wells, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Warren Michener, Arizona; Bro. C. S. Maynard, Purcell, Okla. Paster's name, Rev. Clay Rickey, Blanchard, Okla.

Done by order of the Iron Chapel Church assembled in conference this 7th day of Sept., 1947.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Rickey, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Bro. Leo Jackson, Blanchard, Okla.

Capital Hill—

To the Dibble Association when convened with the Bridge Creek Church Sept. 11, 1947. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sis. S. R. Russell, Sis. Billie Davis, and Sis. Glennie Andrews whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 8; baptized, none; dismissed, 4; died, none; total membership, 66; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 60; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 6; condition of league, good; average number of pupils, 20; condition of Home Mission, good; average number of attendance, 15; paid pastor, \$420.00, paid evangelist, \$118.00; building and repairs, \$625.00; for education, \$75.00; for publication, \$9.00. Ministers: Rev. Burl True, Rev. John Bean, and Rev. S. R. Russell. Pastor's name, Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Metrose, Okla. City, Okla.

Done by order of the Capital Hill Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 6th day of August, 1947.

Moderator, Arthur Hearron

Clerk, Sis. Opal Hearron

Dibble—

Letter from Dibble Church to the Association when convened with the Bridge Creek Church the 11th of Sept., 1947. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sis. Roxie Chaunch, Sis. Adah Ward, Sis. Gertie Matthews whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, none; baptized, none; dismissed, one; died, 3; total num-

ber of members, 245; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 65; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4; paid Rev. L. A. Lawson while pastor, \$253.50; paid Rev. Rickey while pastor, \$26.50; paid Evangelist, \$62.76; Foreign Missions, \$7.50; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Ministers: Rev. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Clay Rickey, Blanchard, Okla.

We have no pastor for the coming year.

Done by order of the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference his 30th day of August, 1947.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Rickey
Clerk, Sis. Maggie Roberts

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE TREASURER

Record of Bro. C. L. Hudson, Treasurer of the Orphanage of the Dibble Association.

Money received from the different churches since last Association and sent to Sis. Ethel Armstrong:

Sept. 29, 1946	\$ 98.75
Nov. 29, 1946	61.58
Dec. 27, 1946	44.55
March 25, 1947	53.31
June 5, 1947	42.05
Sept. 12, 1947	74.05
Total	\$379.32

The amount each church sent in: Dribble, \$120.00; Iron Chapel, \$42.14; Bryant, \$54.26; Hawkins, \$76.83; Bridge Creek, \$81.99. Money given by other than the Churches, \$4.10.

The second quarterly meeting voted to buy a good milk cow which cost \$135.00; other cattle given by individuals, \$60.00, making a total of \$578.42.

Signed, Bro. C. L. Hudson

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION TREASURER

Balance in Treasury Sept. 9, 1946	\$168.92
Pledges received in 1946 & 1947	115.00
Total	\$583.92

Disbursements for 1946 & 1947

For State minutes	10.00
For Association Clerk	5.00
For Assistant Clerk	5.00
Rev. B. C. Munkus for eye treatment	25.00
Rey Nunnary (11-14-46) for minutes	58.50
Cow for Orphans' Home	135.00
Total disbursements	\$238.50
Balance	\$345.42
Receipts September 13, 1947	
Received from church minute funds	60.00
Received from Bro. Elmer Moore	5.00
Received from Bro. & Sis. A. A. Anderson	5.00
4 \$100 Government Bonds	400.00
Total	\$470.00
Grand total	\$815.42
Signed, Bro. Jack Hopkins	

PLEDGES TO ASS'N. FOR 1947 & 1948

Rec. Clay Rickey	\$ 5.00
Sis. Roxie Claunch	1.00
Bro. Jack Hopkins	10.00
Bro. Bill Da Vault	10.00
Rev. S. R. Russell	10.00
Rev. Frank Lee	10.00
Rev. Sis. Arthur Hearron	10.00
Bro. R. E. Clagg	5.00
Sis. Adah Ward	5.00
Sis. Nettie Hudson	5.00
Sis. Glennie Andrews	5.00
Bro. Marvin Hawkins	5.00
Bro. Lee Hawkins	5.00
Rev. John Bean	5.00
Sis. S. R. Russell	5.00
Sis. Pearl Wym	5.00
Bro. & Sis.	5.00
Bro. Cecil Gibson	5.00
Dibble Home Mission	5.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission	5.00
Bridge Creek Home Mission	5.00
Sis. Mattie Jones	4.00

Sis. Jewell Rickey	5.00
Rev. L. E. Ward	5.00
Rev. A. L. Mc Reynolds	5.00
Sis. Gertie Matthews	1.00
Sis. Mary Voyles	2.50
Bro. Cephas Long	1.00
Bryant Home Mission	5.00
Bro. Ed Nichols	1.00
Sis. Ida Gibson	1.00
Sis. Effie Peters	1.50
Sis. Tommy Wilson	2.00
Bro. Omar Pearson	1.00

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla; Rev. Denver Wym, Blanchard, Okla. Rev. L. E. Ward, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla. Rev. Clay Rickey, Box 97, Blanchard, Okla. Phone, 33. Rev. Albert Mc Reynolds, Alex, Okla. Rev. I. W. Yandell, 2336 S. W. 39th, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. L. E. Staggs, Rt. 1, Blanchard, Okla. Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Metrose Lane, Oklahoma City; Okla. Rev. John Bean, 1621 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. S. R. Russell, 2733 S. W. 31st, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. Burl True, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. Ira Smithy, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. J. M. King, Oklahoma City, Okla.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, Okla.

DEACONS

Bro. Malcom Clagg, Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Bro. Richard Clagg, and Bro. C. H. Manning all of Lindsay, Okla; Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla. Bro. W. H. Da Vault, Bro. Bro. K. C. Brown, Bro. Ed Nichols, Bro. G. A. Trout, Bro. Cecil Gibson, Bro. H. C. Mahurin, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. D. E. Mills, and Bro. A. E. Mills, of Blanchard, Okla. Bro. A. F. Ward, Norman, Okla. Bro. A. W. Harrell,

Blanchard, Okla. Bro. Orie Myers, Blanchard, Okla. Bro. A. J. Kensey, Bro. Tilford Davis, Bro. A. R. Beal, of Okla. City, Okla. Bro. Omar Pearson, and Bro. Carl Smithen, Calif. Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. Russell Wells, Blanchard, Okla. Bro. Warren Michener, Arizona. Bro. C. S. Maynard, Purcell, Okla.

DELEGATES

Bridge Creek — Bro. Ray Gibson, Bro. Thomas Brown-
ing, and Bro. Ervin Johnson.

Hawkins — Bro. L. D. Bagwell, Bro. De Arthur Wil-
son, and Sis. Francis Walker.

Capitol Hill — Sis. S. R. Russell, Sis. Billie Davis, and
Sis. Glennie Andrews.

Iron Chapel — Bro. Charlie Wells, Sis. Dona Hudson,
and Sis. Leo Jackson.

Bryant — Sis. Lottie Moore, Sis. Fay Idleman, and
Bro. Lee Hawkins.

Dibble — Sis. Roxie Claunch, Sis. Adah Ward, and Sis.
Gertie Matthews.

CHURCH CLERKS

Bryant — Bro. Elmer Moore, Lindsay, Okla.

Iron Chapel — Bro. Leo Jackson, Blanchard, Okla.

Capitol Hill — Sis. Opal Hearron, 4601 Metrose, Okla.
City, Okla.

Hawkins — Sis. Alice M. Wilson, Care of the Sheriff's
Office, Chickasha, Okla.

Bridge Creek — Sis. Mary Voyles, Rt. 1, Blanchard,
Okla.

Dibble — Sis. Maggie Roberts, Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.

REPORT OF LEAGUE DAY

Bro. Sherman Webb, Vice President, acted for Arthur

Hearron, President, who was absent.

Opened by singing with songs lead by Bro. Harry Hopkins, and with Sis. Jeanine Hudson and Sis. Camilla Smith at the piano. Two special numbers were given, one by the Dibble quartet which consists of: Sis. Wanda Perrin, Sis. Jeanine Hudson, Sis. Camilla Smith, and Sis. Dona Zell Jackson with Bro. Harry Hopkins at the piano. They sang "An Empty Mansion". Sis. Doris Gail and Shirley Michener sang, "Mother and Daddy Are There", with Sis. Doris Gail at the piano. Bro. Thomas Browning lead, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning". Then we were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Harry Hopkins.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Bro. Bill Da Vault. There were only three churches represented and we went into the program. Iron Chapel put on the first program, Bridge Creek was next, and Dibble was third. They were all truly good programs. The judges awarded the banner to Dibble. The attendance from each church was counted and was as follows: Iron Chapel, 13; Bridge Creek, 23; Dibble, 20. Since the Rally was held at Bridge Creek, their attendance didn't count; therefore, the attendance banner went to Dibble also.

We then entered into our business session. All of our officers were retained as follows: Rev. Arthur Hearron, President; Bro. Sherman Webb, Vice President; Bro. Harry Hopkins, Sec.-Treas.; Sis. Inez Bagwell, Cor. Sec. Motion carried that we have our Annual League Day the first Sunday in Sept.

Motion carried that the Sec.-Treas. buy all the banners for our League programs.

Our next League Rally Will be held at Iron Chapel Church on the 3rd Sunday in December; that will be Dec. 21, 1947.

Collection taken up by Bro. Webb, \$4.22; with \$7.35 in the Treasury this makes a total of \$11.57.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Thomas Browning.

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 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 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 anything. 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 it 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 Home Missions 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 Baptists), 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 thererore 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 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 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 to supremely 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.

Psalms 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 grounds 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 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*, is an ordinance teaching humility and is of universal obligation 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 education 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.

