

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

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**1948**

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
of the  
Forty-First Session

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Convened at  
**DIBBLE CHURCH**

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Held with Dibble Church beginning Thursday evening,  
September 9th, 1948:

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Rev. Arthur Hearron Oklahoma City, Okla.
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. L. E. Ward Blanchard, Okla.
Clerk .....	Sister Vicie Hopkins Blanchard, Okla.
Assistant Clerk .....	Sister Roxie Claunch Blanchard, Okla.
Treasurer .....	Bro. Jack Hopkins Blanchard, Okla.

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The next annual session of this Association will convene with the Bryant Church beginning Thursday evening preceeding the second Sunday in September which will be the 10th of September, 1949.

Introductory message to be delivered by Rev. John Bean.

## **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 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.

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## - PROCEEDINGS

The Dibble Association met with the Dibble Church Thursday evening, Sept. 9, 1948, continuing until Saturday afternoon of the 11th.

### Thursday Evening

House was called to order by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey.

Opened by singing, Lord Send Me, led by Rev. Clay Richey, Sis. Camilla Ray Smith at the piano.

Other songs, When the Redeemed Are Gathering In, Anywhere is Home.

Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus.

Special quartet, Sis's. Rose Mary and Jeanine Hudson, Camilla Ray and Fay Smith, sang Halleluah What a Savior, Look for the Silver Lining, with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Hearron.

Rev. Arthur Hearron brought the Introductory Message. Lesson was read from Ezekiel 38, "Whom the Lord

Choses to Carry His Word are to Prophecy."

Rev. L. E. Ward assigned visitors to homes.

Dismissed by Rev. Clay Richey.

### **Friday Morning**

House called together by Assistant Moderator.

Opened with singing His Way with Thee.

Prayer by Rev. John Bean.

Scripture read by Rev. L. E. Ward Romans 12:1-6.

Prayer by Rev. Clay Richey.

Church letters were called for and read as follows: Bridge Creek, Hawkins, Iron Chapel, Dibble, Bryant, verbal report was given by Capital Hill Church, pastor Rev. E. E. Morris so that the delegates might be recognized.

Motion carried that we accept letters as read.

Ass't. Moderator gave the right hand of Christian fellowship to delegates.

### **Election of Officers**

Moderator, Rev. Arthur Hearn, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla.

Ass't. Moderator, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.

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

Ass't. Clerk, Sis. Roxie Claunch, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

Treasurer, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

Petitionary letters were called for. Petitionary letter was read from the Pleasant Grove Church.

Motion carried that we table this letter until later.

All visiting brethren are invited to sit in council with us.

### **Appointment of Committees**

Divine Committee: Rev. L. E. Ward, Bro. Cecil Gibson, Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Resolution Committee: Bro. Bill Da Vault, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. Arlton Dosier, Bro. Lonzo Bryant, Bro. Russel Wells.

Sunday School Committee: Sis. E. E. Morris, Bro. Arthur Browning, Sis. Mary Lue Clagg; Sis. Louis Dosier.

Temperance Committee: Sis. W. W. Hunt, Sis. Alta Gibson, Sis. Arthur Browning.

League Committee: Sis. Nettie Hudson, Sis. Jane Pierson, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, Bro. Sherman Webb.

Report of Divine Committee: Rev. E. E. Morris to bring the morning message. Rev. Will Bean to conduct the devotional services. Rev. I. W. Yandell to bring the evening message; Rev. John Bean to take charge of devotional

service. Rev. Arthur Hearron to lead the song service.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Vard Woods.

Recess.

Came together singing, Some Glad Day, I'm Not Ashamed.

Prayer by Rev. W. F. Lee.

Bro. Wilson was corresponding representative from Oklahoma Ass'n. Sis. W. A. Hearron was corresponding representative from center Ass'n.

Rev. Will Bean had charge of devotional service. A very spiritual service was enjoyed by all.

Quartet by Sis. Fay Smith and three Hudson Sisters, Rose Mary and Jeannie Hudson, Inez Bagwell, Hand in Hand with Jesus, with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Rev. Morris brought us a good message; Scripture, II Peter 3:18, "Grow in Grace". He told us how we should grow in grace by growing down, up, and out.

While singing, Jesus is Calling, an altar call was made to the unsaved. Bro. and Sis. Bob Morton gave their hearts to God and gave a wonderful testimony. Sis. Morton is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Da Vault.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

### Friday Afternoon

Came together singing, Anywhere is Home, God Put a Rainbow in the Clouds.

Prayer by Bro. Bob Alexander.

Another song, Love Took it Away.

Rev. Ira Smythe read the scripture from I Peter 4.

Prayer by Rev. Will Bean.

### Committees

Business Committee elected as follows: Rev. I. W. Yandell, Rev. B. C. Munkus, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. John Bean, Bro. Mac Clagg.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Tommy Wilson, Sis. John Alsup, Sis. Hazel Webb.

Finance Committee: Bro. Cecil Gibson, Bro. Bill Da Vault, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. Marvin Hawkins.

Orphan's Home Committee: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. Cash Roberts, Bro. Daulton Underwood, Bro. Elmer Moore, Bro. Bill Da Vault.

Home Mission Committee: Sis. Alta Gibson, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Sis. Hazel Webb, Sis. Lois Dosier, Sis. Mary Lue Clagg.

Recess.

Came together singing, A Soul Winner for Jesus.

Rev. Rex Weatherman, Supt. of Orphan's Home gave a short talk about our children and the Home. We also had talks from Rev. Vard Woods, Sis. W. A. Hearron, Rev. J. H. Burr, Rev. W. A. Hearron told how wonderful our Home and children are also their appreciation of Rev. and Sis. Weatherman.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Weatherman.

### Friday Evening

Congregation came together with singing I Know Somebody's Listening, Love Lifted Me, What Wonderful Love. Rev. Arthur Hearron leading, Ss. Robert at the piano.

Quartet composed of Bro. and Sis. Hudson, Bro. Bob Kenedy, Rev. Arthur Hearron sang, What-a Savor, Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Rev. John Bean held a very spiritual testimonial service which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. I. W. Yandell brought an inspiring message, "Repent and be converted". Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." The Christian must be faithful, endure, conquer. To the conqueror there shall be the new name, new raiment no hunger, nor death.

While singing There is a Fountain Filled with Blood, congregation shook hands with Rev. Yandell in appreciation.

Homes were assigned to visitors.

Dismissed by Rev. B. C. Munkus.

### Saturday 9:30 A. M.

Congregation came together singing In the Morning of Joy, Rev. Arthur Hearron leading song, Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. B. J. Peters.

Rev. Ralph Hamton had charge of the devotional; read scripture from I Corinthians 13, followed by prayer.

Report of the Business Committee in regards to the petitionary letter from the Pleasant Grove Church was read. (See Reports).

Motion carried that the report be accepted.

Report of the Temperance Committee was read.

Motion carried that we accept the report and retain the Committee.

Recess.

Came together with singing I Would Not Miss It Would You?

Report of Dvne Committee: Rev. John Bean to bring morning message, Rev. W. F. Lee to have charge of the devotional service, Bro. C. L. Hudson to lead song service. Resolution No. 1 was read.

Motion carried we adjourn until preaching hour.

Dismissed by Rev. L. E. Staggs.

Came together singing Sin Can Never Enter There.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Burr.

Song; Will the Circle be Unbroken.

Rev. Frank Lee held a very spiritual devotional.

Rev. John Bean brought the morning message, "Lost Opportunity".

Congregation sang Anywhere Is Home and gave Rev. Bean hand shake of appreciation.

An altar call was made and Sis. S. Harrell Konopinski gave her heart to God.

### Saturday Afternoon

Came together singing I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian, Rev. E. E. Morris leading, Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano.

All stood and repeated the Lord's prayer.

Moderator asked that Resolution No. 1 be reread.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 1 be accepted.

Report of Home Mission was read.

Motion carried that we accept the report and retain the Committee.

Report of Finance Committee was read.

Motion carried that we accept the report and retain the Committee.

Report of League Committee was read.

Motion carried that we accept the report and retain the Committee.

Report of the Sunday School Committee was read.

Motion carried that we accept the report and retain the Committee.

Report of the Orphan's Home Treasurer was read.

Motion carried that we accept the report and retain Bro. C. L. Hudson as Ass't. Treas. of Orphan's Home for another year.

Motion carried that the Ass'n. give Rev. Clay Richey authority to buy a good male for the Orphan's Home to



be paid for by the Ass'n.

Motion carried that we give Rev. Clay Richey a vote of confidence for his good work as a member of the Orphan's Home Board.

Report of Treasurer of the Dibble Ass'n., Jack Hopkins, was read.

Motion carried that the report of the Ass't. Treasurer be accepted and retain Bro. Jack Hopkins as Treasurer for ensuing year.

Motion carried that we give Bro. Jack Hopkins vote of confidence for his work on Orphan's Home Board and as Ass't. Treasurer.

Report of the Obituary Committee was read.

Motion carried that the report be accepted and the Committee be retained.

Congregation stood in minute of silent prayer in memory of the deceased of our Ass'n. followed by prayer by Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Motion carried to elect the Executive Board.

Executive Board: Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. Clay Richey, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. Russell Wells, and Bro. Bill Da Vault.

Delegates to the Ass'n.: Bro. Sherman Webb, Sis. Alice Wilson, and Bro. Lonzo Bryant.

### **Association and Quarterly Meetings**

The Ass'n. for the coming year will be held with the Bryant Church. Introductory Message by Rev. John Bean.

The First Quarterly will be held at Hawkins Church. Introductory Message by Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Second Quarterly meeting will be at Bridge Creek Church and Rev. L. E. Ward will bring the Introductory Message.

Third Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Iron Chapel Church. Rev. Frank Lee will bring the Introductory Message.

Ministers reports were read as follows: Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. L. E. Staggs, and Rev. W. F. Lee.

Motion carried that reports be accepted.

Resolutions No. 2 and 3 read.

Motion carried that the resolutions be accepted and vote of appreciation be given our Moderator and Ass't. Moderator.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet again on Thursday night before the second Sunday in Sept. which will be Sept. 10, 1949.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Mac Clagg.

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—

##### Resolution No. 1.

Whereas the National Association has so modified and changed the rules, regulations and Articles of Faith of the Original Free Will Baptists and whereas the said National Association has created boards and committees that usurp, absorb, and deprive the churches of all subordinate Association thereby depriving all local churches of their inherent independence, and whereas they have so corrupted the original Articles of our Faith that all loyal, orthodox Free Will Baptists have taught and operated under through the past centuries thereby becoming Latitudinarians to the extent that any doctrine may (and is being) preached in the name of the Free Will Baptist. To wit: That the Devil is now "bound", no general judgment, and that the Lord's Supper may be taken at any hour of the day, and whereas

The National Association has accepted monies and other assistance from the State Association of the Free Will Baptists but have so jeremiaded through their boards and other manipulations that the Free Will Baptists of Okla. and other states have had no consideration from the National Association.

Therefore be it resolved that we the representatives of the Dibble Association request that the State Association of Free Will Baptists sever all connection with the National Association thereby declaring a nonfellowship with the National Association.

And that we adopt the Treatise of 1832 for inspection and correction if needed.

Be it resolved that the Dibble Association go on record as being opposed to the revision made in the National Treatise at the last National Association and that we recommend to the State Association that the State of Oklahoma reject the revision and continue to be

governed by the present treaty.

Bro. Bill Da Vault, Chairman  
Bro. Jack Hopkins  
Bro. Arlton Dashier  
Bro. Russell Wells  
Bro. Lonzo Bryant

### **Resolution No. 2.**

We wish to express our thanks to the Dibble Church for their hospitality during our stay with you. May the Lord's blessing be yours.

Bro. Bill Da Valt, Chairman

### **Resolution No. 3.**

We the Dibble Church wish to give our sincere thanks for your presence and cooperation during the Association. We especially want to thank the sister churches for their aid. We pray God's blessings on each of you.

Rev. L. E. Ward, Pastor

Sis. Maggie Roberts, Clerk

### **FIANCE COMMITTEE—**

We, your committee on fiance are glad to report that each church sent \$10.00 for minute funds.

Churches have paid out the following: Hawkins, \$195.00, Iron Chapel, \$150.00, Bridge Creek, \$436. Bryant, \$600.60, Dibble, \$742.81, Capital Hill, \$1,142.00.

Chairman, Bro. Cecil Gibson

### **OBITUARY—**

We your committee on obituary are sad to report the following deaths of our friends: from Dibble Church, Sis. Grace Campbell of Walla Walla, Washington. Bridge Creek, Sis. Pearl Stacy. Iron Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weeks Baby.

Chairman, Sis. Tomie Wilson

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL—**

We your committee on Sunday School are glad to report that all our churches have active Sunday Schools. Our Association has an average attendance of 250 pupils in Sunday Schools.

Chairman, Sis. E. E. Morris

### **LEAGUE—**

We your committee on League report that five out of our six churches in our Association have active Leagues.

Membership: Hawkins, 40; Iron Chapel, 20; Bridge Creek, 35; Capital Hill, 30; Dibble, 60.

We pray that our Leagues will grow and prosper for

the cause of Christ.

Bro. Sherman Webb, Chairman

### **TEMPERANCE—**

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

Sis. Laura Hunt, Chairman

### **BUSINESS—**

We, your committee beg to report that after investigating, we find that the Hawkins Church was not in peace at the time of the Conference; therefore the letters they granted were out of order being inconsistent with the Free Will Baptist Usages. Therefore we recommend that the Executive Board of the Dibble Association meet with the Hawkins Church and to notify all of those who were lettered out and that reconciliation be made and the Hawkins Church be in Peace before the letters be considered valid.

Rev. K. W. Yandell, Chairman

### **HOME MISSION—**

We your committee on Home Mission beg to report that all our churches have active Home Mission organizations. The report of these are as follows:

Sis. Alta Gibson, Chairman

#### **Bridge Creek—**

To the Dibble Association. We have made garments and sold \$53.00; paid pastor, \$1.00; bought flowers, \$10.25; paid evangelist, \$10.00; other expenses, \$15.00; pray we will do more in the future.

Pres. Sis. Alta Gibson

Sec'y., Sis. Annie Da Vault

#### **Bryant—**

We are happy to report that we have an active Home Mission. We have 14 active members.

The past year we have made \$51.14 and spent \$30.80. We gave \$5.00 to the Association and \$10.00 to the Orphans' Home; carried in treasury \$14.79 from last year; we have in treasury at this time \$20.22.

Pray for us that we will do more for Christ and His

cause this ensuing year.

Pres., Sis. Jennie Clagg  
Sec'y., Sis. Morene Clagg

### Hawkins—

We are glad to report an active Home Mission of 13 members. We meet once a month for business and more often for work. Since Sept. 12, 1947 we have brought 21 gifts for sick, \$41.68, bought material for orphans' clothes, \$16.36; bought other sewing needs, \$7.24; bought one wreath of flowers, \$3.00; bought material and made clothes for needy family, \$8.00; groceries for 5th Sunday meeting, \$4.87; sponsored one box supper, \$76.11; made and sold 20 aprons, 6 scarves, 2 pair pillow cases, 2 quilts, and quilted 4 quilts.

Made 23 garments and sent to the Orphans Home; canned 120 qts. of food for the sick; cooked 3 broom corn dinners; did one laundry for the sick; sent 35 get well and sympathy cards.

Amount in Treasury beginning of year .....	\$ 3.01
Amount made during year .....	160.93
Amount spent during year .....	81.16
Amount now in treasury .....	\$ 79.77

Pray for us that we may grow to do more good work for the Lord.

Pres., Sis. Alice Wilson  
Sec'y.-Treas., Inez Bagwell

### Iron Chapel—

Home Mission report since last Association. We have 16 members; served dinners for 2 farm sales making \$45.00; gave Rev. I. W. Yandell \$5.00; paid pastor, \$20.00; gave Fred and Wynona Weeks, \$5.00; bought pies and cakes for Association \$3.00; have in treasury, \$44.93.

Pres., Sis. Nettie Hudson

### Dibble—

We are glad to report that Dibble has an Active Home Mission with 17 working members. We never missed a meeting last year and had several called meetings; paid for keeping church clean, \$48.00; paid out for varnish and paint, \$21.50; 2 hot plates, \$15.40; other expenses, \$5.40; served 2 sale dinners sold cards and chore girls; also have agency for flowers from Thomas Floral at Lindsay; have made 2 quilts to sell and 3 quilts for family that lost their home by fire.

Have made 266 sick calls; sent 53 sick and sympathy

cards to sick and bereaved. Pray for us that we will do God's will.

Pres., Sis. Roxie Claunch  
Sec'y.-Treas., Sis. Vicie Hopkins

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### MINISTERS' REPORTS

#### Report of Rev. Arthur Hearron—

I have traveled 5,000 miles; held 3 revival meetings, preached 262 sermons, witnessed 45 conversions, performed 8 marriages, no funerals, money received \$589.00, baptized 16.

Will pastor half time at Bridge Creek and also half time at Dibble next year. I desire your prayers.

Rev. Arthur Hearron      Phone 63572  
4601 Melrose  
Okla. City, Okla.

#### Report of Rev. L. E. Ward—

Sermons preached, 87; baptized, 1; funerals preached, 6; marriages performed, 2; conversions witnessed, 11; members received in church, 13; money received, \$394.25.

I pastored Dibble Church full time last year.

Pray for us that God will bless us this year.

Rev. L. E. Ward

Rt. 4, Box 230

Blanchard, Okla.

#### Report of Rev. Clay Richey—

I have preached 168 sermons, held 4 revivals, baptized 11, witnessed 37 conversions, married 9 couples, preached 8 funerals. I am called to pastor Bryant Church for the next year. Money received \$738.50 for support of the ministry.

Pray for me that I will be more successful in the Lord's work in the next year.

Rev. Clay Richey

Box 97      Phone 33

Blanchard, Okla.

#### Report of Rev. W. F. Lee—

I have preached 26 sermons, baptized none, money received \$38.60; marriages performed, none; miles traveled, unknown; filled 2 appointments. Pray for me.

Rev. W. F. Lee

Box 6

Lindsay, Okla.

### **Report of Rev. L. E. Staggs—**

I have pastored the Hawkins Church three-fourths time the last year; witnessed 3 conversions, baptized 5, performed 2 marriages. Pray that I may be a more profitable servant this ensuing year.

Rev. L. E. Staggs  
Rt. 1 Phone 201  
Blanchard, Okla.

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## **CHURCH LETTERS**

### **DIBBLE—**

Letter from Dibble Church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Dibble Church Sept. 10, 1948. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Cash Roberts, Sis. Hazel Webb, and Sis. Jane Pierson whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 12; baptized, 10; dismissed, 3; deceased, 1; total membership, 212; condition of Sunday School, good; average no of pupils, 70; No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$384.25; paid evangelist, \$201.06; foreign mission, \$27.50; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Ministers belonging to church: Rev. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Done by order of the Dibble Church assembled in conference this 14th day of August, 1948.

We have called Rev. Arthur Hearnon pastor for half time this ensuing year. Pray for us.

Moderator, Rev. L. E. Ward  
Clerk, Sis. Maggie Roberts

### **Hawkins—**

Letter from Hawkins Church to the Association when convened with the Dible Church Sept. 10, 1948. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Arlton Dosire, Sis. Lois Dosier, Sis. Tommie Wilson whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 5; baptized, 5; dismissed, none; died, none; resident members, 42; condition of Sunday School, good; average No. of pupils, 30; No. of officers, 3; No. of teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$110.00; paid evangelist, \$75.00; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; names of ministers belonging to our church,

Rev. L. E. Staggs.

Names of deacons belonging to church: Bro. Carl Smithen, Lemita, Calif. Bro. Omar Pearson, Pocasset, Okla.

Pastors name for coming year Rev. Charles L. Sapp, 2938 S. W. 27th St., Okla. City, Okla.

Remarks: We send our brethren Bro. Arlton Dosier and Bro. Robert Allen which we wish to be ordained as deacons.

Done by order of the Hawkins Church assembled in conference this 21st day of August, 1948.

Rev. L. E. Staggs, Moderator  
Sis. Inez Bagwell, Clerk

### **IRON CHAPEL—**

Letter from the Iron Chapel Church to the Dibble Association when convened with Dibble Sept. 10, 1948. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sis. John Alsup, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, Sis. Nettie Hudson 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, 4; died, none; total membership, 40; condition of Sunday School, fair; No. of officers, 3; No. of teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$80.00. Enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Ministers belonging to church, Rev. John Alsup, Purcell, Okla. Rev. John Nullaly, Lexington, Okla.

Dore by order of the Iron Chapel Church assembled in conference this 5th day of Sept., 1948.

Rev. Clay Richey, Moderator  
Sis. Leo Jackson, Clerk

### **BRIDGE CREEK—**

Letter from the Bridge Creek Church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Dibble Church Sept. 10, 1948. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Arthur Browning, Sis. Arthur Browning and Bro Calvin Haggard whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberation.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 7; baptized, 5; dismissed, 2; died, 1; total membership, 51; condition of League, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average No. of pupils, 30; No. of officers, 5; No. of teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$200.00; paid evangelist, \$90.00; Home Mission, \$53.00; bulding and repairs, \$50.00; education, \$11.00; publication, \$16.00; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; paid to Orphanage, ....67.00.



Ministers belonging to church, Rev. Cephas Long, Tuttle, Okla., Rev. Denver Wun, Tulari, Calif.

Remarks: Regret to report the death of Sis. Pearl Stacy.

We send as alternates, Sis. Annie Da Vault, Sis. Pearl Johnson, Sis. Alta Gibson.

Pastor's name, Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla.

Done by order of the Bridge Creek Church assembled in conference this 7th day of August, 1948.

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

### **BRYANT—**

Letter from the Bryant Church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Dibble Church Sept. 10, 1948. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Daulton Underwood, Sis. Mary Lue Clagg, Bro. Lonzo Bryant whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 7; baptized, 7; dismissed, 2; died, none, total membership, 97; condition of Sunday School, good; average No. pupils, 45; No. of officers, 4; No. of teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$314.00; paid evangelist, \$208.60; home mission, good, building and repairs, \$68.00; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; Orphans' Home, \$41.16.

Ministers belonging to church, Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.

Pastor's name for coming year, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla., Box 97.

Done by order of the Bryant Church assembled in conference this 22nd day of August, 1948.

Rev. Clay Richey, Moderator  
Bro. Elmer Moore, Clerk

### **CAPITAL HILL—**

Letter from Capital Hill Church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Dibble Church Sept. 10, 1948. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Bill Hunt, Sis. Laura Hunt, Sis. Audrey Morris whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion good; members received this year, 30; baptized, 4; dismissed, 9; died, none; total membership, 74; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average No. of pupils, 50; No. of offi-

cers, 7; No. of teachers, 5; paid pastor, \$420.00; paid evangelist \$111.00; building and repairs, \$500.00; for education, \$75.00; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Ministers belonging to church, Rev. Clyde Rutledge, California, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Okla. City, Okla. Rev. Ira Smithey, 4315 S. W. 39, Okla. City, Okla. Rev. I. W. Yandell, 2337 S. W. 39, Okla. City, Okla. Rev. J. E. Bean, Capital Hill Post Office Box 4244, Okla. City, Okla.

Pastor's name Rev. E. E. Morris, 2528 S. W. 33.

Done by order of the Capital Hill Church assembled in conference this 4th day of August, 1948.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator

Sis. Opal Hearron, Clerk

### REPORT OF ORPHANS' HOME TREAS.

Support of Orphans' Home by the Churches, Leagues and Sunday School.

Bridge Creek .....	\$ 62.00
Capital Hill .....	53.00
Dibble .....	145.00
Hawkins .....	40.28
Bryant .....	50.90
Iron Chapel .....	60.00
League Rally .....	73.00
Total .....	\$484.18
Dibble Association cow and calf, value .....	165.00
Total .....	\$649.18

Treas., Bro. C. L. Hudson

### REPORT OF ASS'N. TREAS.

Grand Total carried over .....	\$415.42
1 \$100.00 Government Bonds .....	400.00
Pledges received in 1947 and 48 .....	176.00
Received today, Sept. 11, 1948 minute funds .....	60.00
Total .....	\$1051.42

#### Expenses for 1947-48:

State minutes .....	\$ 10.00
Clerk .....	5.00
Ass't. Clerk .....	5.00
Table and chairs .....	17.49
F. W. B. Press, Minutes .....	36.40
One cow and calf .....	150.00
State Treas. to pay Rev. I. W. Yandell to Nat'l. Ass'n. ....	10.00

Total .....	\$248.89
Balance .....	\$802.53
Treas., Jack Hopkins	

### PLEDGES TO ORPHANS' HOME

Bro. W. J. Price .....	\$50.00
Rev. Clay Richey .....	25.00
Bro. Jack Hopkins .....	25.00
Bro. W. W. Hunt .....	25.00
Rev. Arthur Hearron .....	25.00
Bro. T. O. Dunn .....	25.00
Rev. W. F. Lee .....	25.00
Sis. Opal Hearron .....	25.00
Sis. Laura Hunt .....	25.00
Sis. Vicie Hopkins .....	25.00
Bro. Sherman Webb .....	15.00
Bro. Richard Clagg .....	10.00
Rev. L. E. Ward .....	10.00
Bro. M. A. Clagg .....	10.00
Bro. F. J. Testerman .....	5.00
Sis. Tommy Wilson .....	5.00
Bro. Marvin Hawkins .....	5.00
Bro. Dalton Underwood .....	5.00
Bro. Elmer Moore .....	5.00
Bro. Arthur Browning .....	5.00
Bro. A. A. Anderson .....	5.00
Bro. Robert Allen .....	5.00

### PLEDGES TO ASSOCIATION

Bro. T. O. Dunn .....	\$10.00
Rev. W. E. Lee .....	25.00
Sis. Adah Ward .....	10.00
Bro. Jack Hopkins .....	10.00
Rev. Arthur Hearron .....	10.00
Bro. Bill Da Vault .....	10.00
Sis. Alice Wilson .....	10.00
Bro. Cash Roberts .....	10.00
Bro. Frank Kunhart .....	5.00
Sis. Jones .....	5.00
Bro. Mac Clagg .....	5.00
Bro. Richard Clagg .....	5.00
Bro. Marvin Hawkins .....	5.00
Bro. Russell Wells .....	5.00
Bro. Lonzo Bryant .....	5.00

Bro. Dalton Underwood .....	5.00
Bro. C. L. Hudson .....	5.00
Bro. Jess Clagg .....	5.00
Sis. Ada Belle Moore .....	5.00
Bro. F. J. Testerman .....	5.00
Bro. Sherman Webb .....	5.00
Bro. A. A. Anderson .....	5.00
Bro. Walter Ward .....	5.00
Bro. Luther Ward .....	5.00
Rev. Clay Richey .....	5.00
Bro. E. A. Mills .....	5.00
Bro. Cecil Gibson .....	5.00
Bryant Home Mission .....	5.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission .....	5.00
Dibble Home Mission .....	5.00
Bridge Creek Home Mission .....	5.00
Sis. Gertie Matthews .....	5.00
Hawkins Home Mission .....	5.00
Hawkins Home Mission .....	5.00
Sis. Christine Ward .....	5.00
Free Will Offering .....	10.45
Sis. Della Holmes .....	3.00
Sis. Roxie Claunch .....	1.00

### ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Rev. Clyde Rütledge, California; Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla.; Rev. Ira Smithcy, 5315 S. Agnew, Okla. City, Okla.; Rev. I. W. Yandell, 2336 S. W. 39th St., Okla. City, Okla.; Rev. J. M. King, 2600 S. Prospect, Okla. City, Okla.; Rev. John Bean, 122¼ S. W. 25th St., Okla. City, Okla. Rev. E. E. Morris, 2528 S. W. 33rd St., Okla. City, Okla.; Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.; Rev. Celphas Long, Tuttle, Okla.; Rev. Denver Wynn, Tulari, Okla.; Rev. John Alsup, Purcell, Okla.; Rev. John Nunnally, Lexington, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Staggs, Rt. 1, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Ward, Rt. 4, Box 230, Blanchard, Okla.

### VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Vard Woods, Shawnee, Okla.; Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, Okla.; Rev. Will Bean Rt. No. 1, Ripley, Okla.; Rev. J. H. Burr, 103 W. Elam, Durant, Okla.

### DELEGATES

Hawkins: Bro. Arlton Dosier, Sis. Lois Dosier, Sis.

Tommy Wison.

Iron Chapel: Sis. John Alsup, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, Sis. Nettie Hudson.

Bridge Creek: Bro. Arthur Browning, Sis. Arthur Browning, Bro. Calvin Haggard. Alternates: Sis. Annie Da Vault, Sis. Pearl Johnson, Sis. Alta Gibson.

Bryant: Bro. Dalton Underwood, Sis. Mary Lue Clagg, Bro. Lonzo, Bryant.

Capital Hill: Bro. W. W. Hunt, Sis. Laura Hunt, Sis. Audrey Morris.

Dibble: Bro. Cash Roberts, Sis. Hazel Webb, Sis. Jane Pierson.

### **CHURCH CLERKS**

Dibble: Bro. Sherman Webb, Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.  
Capital Hill: Sis. Opal Hearn, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla.  
Bryant: Bro. Elmer Moore, Rt. 1, Lindsay, Okla.  
Bridge Creek: Sis. Mary Voyles, Rt. 1, Blanchard, Okla.  
Iron Chapel: Bro. Leo Jackson, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.  
Hawkins: Sis. Inez Bagwell, Rt., Alex, Okla.

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

1940, No. 1. Be it resolved that we accept Resolution No. 1 of Fourth Quarterly Meeting which reads: "Be it resolved that Associational Clerks and Church Clerks have the right to vote at the Associational and Quarterly Meetings.

No. 2. Be it resolved that this Association pay the Clerk and Assistant Clerk \$5.00 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 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 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 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 and a written record shall be made 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 all the Association in conference by notifying each church ten days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change Quarterly Meetings or Associations if the place where said Quarterly Meetings or Associations 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 Home Missions the privilege to elect their officers and drop the Home Mission Rallies.

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## 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 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 sundry churches in 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 re-sorption or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, 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 consideration 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.

## 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.

II 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 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

I 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.

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, inherits 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 effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation through faith.

I John 2: 2.

8. The Terms of Salvation—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and 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. Continued faith and obedience until death.

II 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.

I Tim. 2:4

10. Freedom of the Will—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

Joshua 24:15.

11. Salvation Free—God desires the salvation of all; the Gospel invites all; and 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 promise of eternal salvation.

St. John 15:6; II 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; II 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 employ-

ments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works, and activities and 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 will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

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## 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 all 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 faithfully to discharge our obligations in reverence 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love endeavoring to keep the unity of 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 every-

where hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions and 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.

