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RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects and 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 sessions of the Associations.

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 Bryant Church Thursday evening September 8, 1949, continuing until Saturday afternoon, the 10th.

Thursday Evening

House was called together by the Moderator, Rev. Arthur Hearron. Opened with singing; prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus. Because of rainy weather Rev. John Bean didn't get here for the introductory message. Rev. Arthur Hearron was appointed to bring the message. Scripture was read from Galations 6:1. "Brethren, if any man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." He brought a good message enjoyed by all present on, "Christian Duty to Church."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. F. Lee.

Friday Morning

House called together by moderator. Opened with singing "I Am Satisfied With Jesus", prayer by Rev. L. E. Ward. Devotional reading by Rev. L. E. Staggs. Second John, 8th to 13th verses. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Church letters were called for and read—Sister Mattie Lee Bowser acting Assistant Clerk; Letters read as follows: Iron Chapel; Dibble; Bryant; and Bridge Creek. Motion carried that the letters be received and delegates seated. While singing "The Glory Land Way", Sister Faye Ruth Hawkins at the piano and Rev. E. A. O'Donnell leading, right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to delegates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.

Clerk, Sister Vicie Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla.

Assistant Clerk, Sister Irene Stanford, New Castle, Okla.

Called for petitionary letters, none. Reading of the rules of order by the Moderator. Visiting brethren invited to seat in Council with us. Asst. Moderator extended the Christian hand of fellowship to visitors.

Committees

Divine Committee: Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Bro. Bill Davault, Bro. Knox.

Resolution Committee: Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. L. E. Staggs, Bro. Ellis Stanford, Bro. A. E. Mills, Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Sunday School Committee: Sister Mabel Roberts, Bro. Dalton Underwood, Bro. Thomas Browning.

Temperance Committee: Rev. W. F. Lee, Sister Arthur Browning, Bro. Lonnie Roberts.

League Committee: Sister Thomas Browning, Bro. Phillip Clagg, Sister Hazel Webb, Bro. Jimmie Davis.

Obituary Committee: Bro. Lonzo Bryant, Rev. L. E. Staggs, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Ellis Stanford, Bro. Lonnie Roberts, Sister Joda Thomas.

Finance Committee: Bro. R. E. Clagg, Bro. Russell Wells, Bro. A. E. Mills.

Report of the Divine Committee: Rev. E. E. Morris to bring the 11 o'clock message.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Arthur Hearron.

House called to order, opened by singing "I'll Be Satisfied Where the Soul Never Dies." Sister Faye Ruth Hawkins at the piano, Rev. Arthur Hearron leading. Prayer by Rev. W. F. Lee.

Rev. J. O. Hudson lead the devotional service. He closed by having the congregation stand and sing 2 verses of Rev. Coggins favorite song, "I Live On."

Special quartet composed of Sister Mattie Lee Bowser, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Hearron and Bro. Luther sang, "Blessed Rock of Ages" with Sister Faye Ruth Hawkins at the piano.

Rev. E. E. Morris brought a good spiritual message from Hebrews 12, text "Things Which Cannot Be Shaken."

Congregation stood and sang "How Firm A Foundation", and shook hands with Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Arthur Hearron, and Rev. J. O. Hudson.

Friday Afternoon

Session opened by singing "I Feel Like Traveling On". Sister Faye Ruth Hawkins at the piano, Rev. E. E. Morris leading. Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus. Rev. Rex Weatherman read the devotional from Psalms 117.

Motion carried that we accept the work of the quarterly

meetings for the past year.

Delegates with letter from the Hawkins Church arrived and the letter read. Motion carried that we receive the letter and seat the delegates. Christian hand of fellowship was extended by Asst. Moderator, Rev. L. E. Ward. (See report on resolutions.)

Resolution No. 1 was read, motion carried that Resolution No. 1 be accepted.

Resolution No. 2 was read and discussed, motion carried that we accept the resolution.

ASSOCIATION AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS—1950

The Association for the coming year will meet with Dibble Church. Rev. W. F. Lee will bring the introductory message. Alternate, Rev. L. E. Ward.

First Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Hawkins Church. Introductory message by Rev. L. E. Ward.

Second Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Bryant Church. Introductory message by Rev. L. E. Staggs.

Third Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Bridge Creek Church. Introductory message by Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Iron Chapel Church. Introductory message by Rev. Clay Richey.

Resolution No. 3 was read. Motion carried to accept for discussion. Motion carried that Association accept resolution No. 3.

Motion carried that the Executive Board be endowed with power to draw on the Association Treasury for \$200 for each new church organized in the Association.

Recess

Rev. W. F. Lee was named to bring the evening message.

Motion carried to adjourn until 10 a. m. Sat., Sept. 10th.

Dismissed by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Friday Evening

Had a good song service with many good singers present. Prayer by Bro. C. L. Hudson. Quartet sang "This Old Time Religion Just Suits Me." Bro. and Sis. C. L. Hudson, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. Clay Richey singing, with Sister Faye Ruth Hawkins at the piano.

Rev. W. F. Lee asked that the congregation sing "The Old Rugged Cross." His text was "You Are Bought With A Price." Brought a good message and asked Rev. B. C. Munkus to conclude with a talk on the "Resurrection."

Saturday

Congregation came together singing "I Am Going That Way." Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano, Rev. Clay Richey leading. Prayer by Bro. Richard Clagg. Devotional led by Rev.

Arthur Hearron, reading Psalms 1.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Delegates elected to go to State Association—Bro. Sherman Webb, Bro. Phillip Clagg, Bro. Jimmy Davis. Motion carried that Sister Vicie Hopkins be sent as alternate.

Delegate to National Association—Bro. T. O. Dunn was elected delegate to the National Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Executive board: Chairman Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. W. F. Lee, Bro. Russell Wells, Rev. L. E. Staggs, and Bro. Knox Bowser.

On first vote Bro. Jack Hopkins, Rev. Arthur Hearron and Bro. T. O. Dunn withdrew their names in favor of Bro. Russell Wells, Rev. L. E. Staggs and Bro. Knox Bowser so that each church might be represented.

This was made a motion and carried.

Divine Committee report—Rev. H. H. Parsons, jr. was to bring the morning message.

Business was dismissed until afternoon.

House called together by singing "Perfect Submission." Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano and Rev. Arthur Hearron leading. Prayer by Rev. Arthur Hearron. Another song, "You'll Reap Whatsoever You Sow." Rev. and Sister Arthur Hearron sang "I Am Waiting For the Boatman To Come."

Rev. H. H. Parsons, jr. brought the morning message which we all enjoyed. He was ordained in this Association and had not been with us for several years. His text was Deuteronomy 33:29, "Who Is Like Unto Thee." Topic: "Why Be A Christian?" Congregation sang "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul" and gave Rev. Parsons a hand shake of appreciation.

Saturday Afternoon

A good song service was enjoyed. Rev. H. H. Parsons, jr. at the piano and Rev. Arthur Hearron leading. Prayer by Bro. Russell Wells.

Devotional was read by Rev. Clay Richey, from Philipians 3:1-16.

Resolution No. 4 was read. Motion carried that we accept the resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

League Committee report was read. Motion carried that we accept the report and retain the committee.

Obituary Committee report was read. Motion carried that we receive the report and retain the committee.

Congregation stood for a minute of silent prayer followed by prayer by the Moderator in behalf of the bereaved ones.

Temperance Committee report was read. Motion carried to accept the report and to retain the committee.

Home Mission committee report was read and approved. Motion carried to receive the report and retain the committee.

Financial Committee report was read. Motion carried to accept the report and to retain the committee.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Reports of Minister read as follows: Rev. H. H. Easterwood, Rev. Arthur Hearn, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. W. F. Lee, Rev. L. E. Staggs. Motion carried to accept the reports.

REPORT OF ORPHAN'S HOME TREASURER

Report of the Orphan's Home Treasurer, Bro. C. L. Hudson was read. Motion carried that the report be accepted and approved. Motion carried that we give Bro. Hudson a vote of appreciation for his work of the past year and reelect him Orphan's Home Treasurer for the coming year.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION TREASURER

Report of the Association Treasurer was read. Motion carried that the report be accepted. Bro. Jack Hopkins was reelected Association Treasurer. Bro. Jack Hopkins asked to resign as Association Treasurer since he had held this office for 27 years. Motion carried that the resignation be regretfully accepted. Bro. T. O. Dunn was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

While singing "I Feel Like Traveling On", pledges and donations were made for Association expenses.

Resolution No. 5 was read. Motion carried that we receive the resolution.

Resolution No. 6 was read. Motion carried that we receive the resolution.

Moderator asked that at the next Association Financial report be read on first day of session. Motion carried that we discharge all committees and adjourn to meet next year at Dibble.

Quartet sang "If We Never Meet Again." It was sung by Rev. and Sister Arthur Hearn and Rev. and Sister Clay Richey, with Rev. H. H. Parsons, jr. at the piano.

Solo by Rev. H. H. Parsons jr. "The Last Move For Me" with Rev. Arthur Hearn on the piano.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. H. H. Parsons jr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution Committee: Resolution No. 1: Resolved to stand against repeal. We the Free Will Baptist of the Dibble

Association are opposed to the liquor traffic and go on record as a Church group to the extent that we will not support or patronize any business institution that deals in liquor, beer or any intoxicating drink.

Be it resolved that this resolution be published in all newspapers whose circulation is in any community where our Churches are located. —Rev. Arthur Hearron, Chairman.

Resolution No. 2.

Resolved that we, the Dibble Association, put forth a special effort in evangelistic work and the establishing of new churches, and that we co-operate together to assist financially and prayerfully toward this end.

A special appeal has been made for establishing a church in Blanchard, Okla., and we feel the need of a united effort of our Association in this work. —Rev. Arthur Hearron,

Chairman

Resolution No. 3.

Be it resolved that our rules of order, section 2, be changed to read as follows: "Ministers, Deacons, Church Clerks, and Association Clerk, are invited to seats and allowed to take part in debates on all subjects and vote."

Rev. Arthur Hearron, Chairman

Resolution No. 4.

Be it resolved that each church in the Dibble Association recommend in their church letter to each annual session of the Association, some member of their church, to be placed on the Executive board. —Rev. Arthur Hearron, Chairman

Resolution No. 5.

Be it resolved that we, the Dibble Association, extend to the good people of the Bryant church a vote of thanks for their kindness, hospitality and christian fellowship they have shown us during this session of the Association, and may God's richest grace and spiritual blessings be abundantly bestowed upon them, and may they grow and prosper in the work of the Lord, is our prayer.

Rev. Arthur Hearron, Chairman

Resolution No. 6.

We, the Bryant Free Will Baptist Church, wish to extend to this body our heart felt thanks for your stay with us. We feel that your presence with us will be a blessing to us and hope that we have been a blessing to you. Also we wish to express our thanks to the ladies of the churches for their help with the lunch.

Pastor, Rev. Clay Richey
Clerk, Bro. Bob Hawkins

Obituary: We, your committee on obituary, are sad to report the following deaths of our friends Bro. Carl Mahurin, Oct. 17, 1948, from the Dibble Church and Bro. Herrshel Drennon, from the Hawkins Church.

Bro. Alonzo Bryant, Chairman.

League Committee: We, your committee on league, report that four of our five churches in our Association have active Leagues. We would like to encourage our fifth church to organize a League.

Membership of different Leagues: Hawkins 45, Iron Chapel 15, Bridge Creek 25, and Dibble 50.

We pray that our Leagues will grow and prosper for the cause of Christ. —Sister Hazel Webb, Chairman.

Sunday School Committee: 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 175 pupils in Sunday School. Bryant 50, Bridge Creek 20, Dibble 70, and Hawkins 35.

Chairman, Sister Mable Roberts

Temperance: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1 We, your committee on temperance, ask the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of the Dibble Association to abstain from all forms of intoxicating liquors and beverages and use our influence and vote against repeal of the Prohibition Laws of Oklahoma to vote against anyone favoring repeal. That we do not patronize any business that sells beer, whiskey or any other beverage that is intoxicating.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman.

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

Churches have paid out the following: Bridge Creek \$289.73; Iron Chapel, \$387.00; Dibble, \$605.45; Bryant, \$1323.25; Hawkins, \$575.55. — Chairman, Bro. R. E. Clagg.

Home Mission: We, your committee on Home Mission, beg to report that all churches have active Home Mission organizations. The report of these areas follow:

Sister Lonnie Allen, Chairman.

Bryant—We are happy to report that we have an active Home Mission. We have 14 active members. The last year we have made \$80.00, received \$670.00 in donations, spent \$751.00 on remodeling of the church, gave one quilt to the needy, gave \$5.00 to the Association. Pray for us that we will do more the ensuing year. —Pres., Sister Lillian Underwood
Sec. Sister Eunice Bryant

Bridge Creek—We are happy to report that we have an active Home Mission with 12 members, who have quilted and sold \$56.50 worth. Paid \$12.06 for church repairs, \$20.00 to pastor, \$12.00 for flowers, \$5.00 for Evangelist. Amount in treasury is \$32.24.—Pres. Sister Alta Gibson.

Sec., Sister Mattie Lee Bowser

Dibble—We are happy to report that we have an active Home Mission with 12 members. Have made \$100.00, paid out \$4.00 per month for care of church, given showers to needy, at present have \$20.00 in treasury. Pray for us that we may do more for our Lord in the ensuing year.

Pres. Sister Roxie Claunch

Sec., Sister Maggie Roberts

Hawkins Home Mission—We had \$74.77 in Treasury at the last Dibble Association. We have bought 22 gifts, carried two filled baskets for needy families, made two quilts for needy family. Home Mission bought and served lunch for four families, one wreath of flowers. We now have in treasury \$23.14.

Pres., Sister Gracie Walker

Sec. and Treas., Sister Hettie Walters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Bridge Creek—We have an average attendance of 25, spent \$15.96 for literature, paid to the Orphans Home \$20.00, for flowers \$10.00. —Supt. Bro. Arthur Browning

Sec. and Treas. Sister Lennie Allen

Dibble—We had an average attendance of 53, average collections \$5.35, paid out for ministers, \$90.00; paid to orphanage, \$120.00; butane bill, \$16.61; stand for church bell, \$10.00; paid on lawn mower, \$25.00; for flowers, \$22.39.

Supt., Brother C. W. Roath

Sec. & Treas., Sister Gertie Matthews.

REPORT OF ORPHANS HOME TREASURER

To the Dibble Association of the Free Will Baptists when convened with the Bryant Church. We wish to present our report as follows:

Dibble Church and League.....	\$142.40
Iron Chapel Church.....	45.00
Bridge Creek Church.....	26.78
Bryant Church.....	154.79
Hawkins Church and League.....	15.83
Sister Gordie Price.....	25.00
Offering at Quarterly Meeting at Iron Chapel.....	52.00
Drawed on Association Treas. to make \$100.....	48.00

Pledges Paid..... 10.00

Total.....\$539.80

Brother C. L. Hudson, Treasurer

REPORT OF DIBBLE ASSOCIATION TREASURER

Balance brought forward from 1948-49.....\$ 402.53

Four \$100 bonds at maturity..... 400.00

Pledges received for 1948-49..... 220.43

Minute Funds received today 9-10-49 (5 churches)..... 50.00

Total.....\$1072.53

Paid out for year 1948-49:

State Minutes.....\$ 15.00

Association Clerk..... 5.00

Assistant Association Clerk..... 5.00

F W Baptist Gem for church letters..... 1.80

One bull given to Orphanage..... 80.00

Transportation of bull to Home..... 6.25

Voted at Quarterly Meeting at Iron Chapel

to give Orphan's Home..... 40.00

F. W. Baptist Gem, printing Association minutes..... 70.00

Total.....\$231.05

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Sept. 10, 1949 Grand Total.....\$ 841.48

Treasurer, Brother Jack Hopkins

PLEDGES TO THE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Jack Hopkins.....\$10.00

Rev. W. F. Lee..... 10.00

Bro. T. O. Dunn..... 10.00

Bro. Lee Hawkins..... 5.00

Sister Mattie Jones..... 5.00

Bro. Richard Clagg..... 5.00

Bro. Russell Wells..... 5.00

Dibble Ladies' Home Mission..... 5.00

Hawkins Ladies' Home Mission..... 5.00

Bryant Ladies' Home Mission..... 5.00

Bro. Lonzo Bryant..... 5.00

Sister Jinnie Clagg..... 2.50

Rev. Clay Richey..... 5.00

Bro. Dalton Underwood..... 5.00

Bro. Jess Clagg..... 5.00

Collection 5.16

CHURCH LETTERS

Iron Chapel: To the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant Church on Sept. 8, 1949. We send as delegates our beloved brothers, Bro. George Stephens, Bro. Ellis Stanford, Sister Iva Alsup, 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—9, number baptized—5, numbed dismissed by letter—4, condition of Sunday School—good, average number of pupils—45 condition of League—fair, League membership—15, condition of Auxiliary—good; paid for evangelistic work—\$94.00, paid pastor—\$293, enclosed for minutes—\$10.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year: Rev. H. H. Easterwood, 2013 Central, Oklahoma City, Okla. Ministers: Rev. John Alsup, Route 2, Purcell, Okla. Deacons: Bro. Russell Wells, Route 4, Lindsay, Okla., Bro. C. L. Hudson, 308 Idaho, Chickasha, Okla., Bro. Warren Michner, Arizona.

Done by order of Iron Chapel Church assembled in conference this 18th day of August, 1949.

Moderator, Rev. H. H. Easterwood

Clerk, Sister Irene Stanford

Dibble Free Will Baptist Church: To the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethern, Sister Mable Roberts, Sister Hazel Webb, Bro. Lonnie Roberts; Alternates, Sister Florence Roberts, Bro. Orville Roberts, Bro. Cash Roberts 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—11, number baptized—2, number deceased—1, resident members—180, non resident members—42, total membership—222, condition of prayer meeting—fair, condition of Sunday School—good, League membership—50, condition of Auxiliary—good, Auxiliary membership—15. Amount paid pastor—\$330.00, amount for evangelistic work—\$150.00, amount for building and repairs—\$55.45, amount for incidentals—\$50.00, amount for Home Missions—\$10.00, amount for publications—\$20.00, amount enclosed for minutes—\$10.00. Pastor's name for coming year full time: Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla. Names of ministers belonging to church: Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla., Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla., Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla.. Deacons: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla., Bro. A. E. Mills, Route 2, Blanchard, Okla., Bro. Dormie Mills, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla., Bro. Acey Harrell, Okla. City, Okla., Bro. Bill Da Vault, Blanchard, Okla.

Done by the order of Dibble Church assmbled in con-

ference this 21st day of August, 1949.

Moderator, Rev. Arthur Hearnon
Clerk, Bro. Sherman Webb.

Bryant Free Will Baptist Church: To the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethern, Bro. Alonzo Bryant, Bro. Phillip Clagg, Bro. Dalton Underwood, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion—good, members received this year—11, number baptized—9, resident members 100, non resident members—10, total membership—110. Condition of Sunday school—good, Average number of pupils—50, number of officers—6, value of church property—\$3500, amount paid pastor—\$234.90, amount for evangelistic work—\$196.75, amount for building and repair—\$802.61, amount for incidentals—\$88.99, amount for Home Missions—\$75.11, amount enclosed for minutes—\$10.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year: Rev. Clay Richey, Box 97, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Ministers belonging to church: Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla. Deacons: Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.; Bro. R. E. Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. M. A. Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. Marvin, Lindsay, Okla., Bro. C. H. Mannings, Lindsay, Okla. Done by order of the Bryant Church assembled in conference this 27th day of August, 1949.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey
Clerk, Bro. Robert Hawkins

Hawkins: Letter from Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church to the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethern, Bro. Jimmy Davis, Sister Inez Bagwell, Sister Joda Thomas, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion—good, members received this year—10, number baptized—8, number dismissed by letter—2, number deceased—1, total membership—52, condition of Sunday School—good, average number of pupils—35, number of officers—7, condition of League—good, League membership—45, condition of Auxiliary—good, Auxiliary membership—12, amount paid pastor—\$370, amount for evangelistic work—\$143.51, amount of incidentals—\$39.00, amount for publication, \$23.04, amount enclosed for minutes—\$10.00. Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Rev. L. E. Staggs, Blanchard, Okla. Names of ministers belonging to church: Rev. L. E. Staggs, Blanchard, Okla., Route 1. Deacons: Bro. J. L. Pearson, Pocasset, Okla.; Bro. Carl Smithen, Lornetee, Calif. Done by the order of Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 14th day of August, 1949.

Moderator, Rev. L. E. Staggs
Clerk, Sister Evelyn Davis

Bridge Creek: Letter from Bridge Creek Church to the Association when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethern, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. and Sister Arthur Browning whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion—good, dismissed by letter—3, total membership—48, condition of Sunday School—fair, average number of pupils—20, number of officers—3, number of teachers—4, enclosed for minutes—\$10.00. Ministers belonging to church: Rev. Cephas Long, Kansas. Pastor's name and address for coming year: Rev. H. H. Easterwood, 2013 S. Central, Okla. City, Okla. Done by order of Bridge Creek Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 27th day of August, 1949.
Moderator, Bro. Ed Nicholas
Clerk, Sister Mary Voyles

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Report of Eld. L. E. Staggs: I was called to pastor the Hawkins Church in 1949. Later had to resign on account of ill health. Have been called back to Hawkins Church for half time. Have witnessed 5 conversions, baptized 5, preached 2 funerals. Received approximately \$130.00. Pray that my health may be better and that I may be a more profitable servant for the Lord in the ensuing year.

Eld. L. E. Staggs, Route 1, Blanchard, Okla.

Report of Rev. W. F. Lee: I have not done much preaching this past year. Preached 12 sermons, received about \$12 or \$14. Witnessed 7 conversions. Miles traveled unknown. Pray for me. —Eld. W. F. Lee, Box 61, Lindsay, Okla.

Report of Rev. Clay Richey: I have preached 193 sermons, 13 funerals, performed 8 marriages, ordained 2 ministers to preach the gospel, preached 1 Baculaureate service. Am called to pastor 2 churches for next year, one half time each. Witnessed 41 conversions, baptized 13, miles traveled unknown, money received \$485.50. Pray for me that I will be more successful the next year.—Prayerfully submitted.

Rev. Clay Richey, Box 97, Blanchard, Okla.

Report of Rev. Arthur Hearron: Pastored 2 churches, each half time, Dibble and Bridge Creek. Witnessed 42 conversions, baptized 22, marriages performed 4, no funerals, 26 additions to the church, dismissed 6. Preached 226 sermons, held 3 revival meetings, held 2 singing schools, received \$615.00. Next year will pastor full time at Dibble and desire your prayers for a more prosperous year.

Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose
Oklahoma. City, Okla. Phone 6-3572

Report of Rev. H. H. Easterwood: I have traveled 2,852

miles, held 1 revival meeting, preached 117 sermons, witnessed 30 conversions, baptized 7, money received \$165. Will pastor Iron Chapel half time and also Bridge Creek half time this year. Pray for us that God will bless our work.

Rev. H. H. Easterwood, 2013 S. Central
Oklahoma City, Okla. Phone 3-6753

Visiting Ministers:

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Rev. L. E. Staggs, Route 1, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Cephas Long, Kansas; Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.; Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Clay Richey, Box 97, Blanchard, Okla.; Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla.; Rev. John Alsup, Route 2, Purcell, Okla.

Delegates To The Association:

Bridge Creek Church: Bro. Thomas Browning. Bro. and Sister Arthur Browning.

Hawkins: Bro. Jimmy Davis, Sister Inez Bagwell, Sister Joda Thomas.

Bryant: Bro. Alonzo Bryant, Bro. Phillip Clagg, Bro. Dalton Underwood.

Dibble: Sister Mable Roberts, Sister Hazel Webb, Bro. Lonnie Roberts.

Iron Chapel: Bro. George Stephen, Bro. Ellis Stanford, Sister Iva Alsup.

Church Clerks:

Iron Chapel: Sister Irene Stanford, Route 1, New Castle, Oklahoma.

Bridge Creek: Sister Mary Voyles, Route 1, Blanchard, Okla.

Hawkins: Sister Evelyn Davis, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.

Bryant: Bro. Robert Hawkins, Route 4, Lindsay, Okla.

Dibble: Bro. Sherman Webb, Route 4, Blanchard, 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 \$5.00 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 the power to act in behalf of and for the Dibble Association from one meeting to another for said Association, and shall have the 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 10 days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change Quarterly Meetings or Associations if the place where said Quarterly Meeting or Association is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decisions shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church. This resolution is to be printed in the minutes each year.

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 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 restoration, 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, that 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 end 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. —11 Timothy 3:16.

2. God—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, 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. 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, 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.—1 John 2:3.

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. —11 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 became his elect. 1 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 perseveres in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. —St. John 15:5, 11 Peter 2:20-22.

13. Gospel Ordinances—Baptism or immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility or universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers. Mark 16:15, 11 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 personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3, Ex. 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.

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 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for Church Conference, public worship and 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 everywhere 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.

