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**OFFICERS**

Moderator ..... Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard  
Assistant Mod. .... Rev. B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City  
Clerk ..... Sis. Vicie Hopkins, Blanchard  
Assistant Clerk ..... Sis. Evelyn Taylor, Blanchard  
Treasurer ..... Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell

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Introductory Message to be delivered by—REV. L. E. WARD.

## **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, deacons, church clerks, and assistant clerks 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

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## \*PROCEEDINGS\*

The Dibble Association met with the Dibble Church Thursday evening, September 7, 1950, continuing until Saturday afternoon, September 9.

### Thursday Evening

Congregation came together with singing, "I Can Tell You the Time," Bro. C. W. Roath leading and Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. C. L. Hudson. "Can He Depend on You?" "Hide Me, Rock of Ages." Prayer by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Special by quartet, "Jesus Paid it All," sang by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. Clay Richey, Sis. Mattie Bowser, Sis. Oneta Stacy, with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Rev. Bryan Stacy conducted a very spiritual devotional.

Quartet composed of Rev. Clay Richey, Bro. and Sis. C. L. Hudson, and Rev. Arthur Hearron sang, "I'm A Millionaire."

Prayer by Rev. L. E. Ward.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Frank Lee. Rev. Lee brought a good message. His subject was "Good Works:" his scripture, Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Arthur Hearron.

### Friday Morning

House was called together by Moderator Rev. Clay Richey. Congregational singing, "I'm In the Glory Land Way." Prayer by Rev. W. A. Hearron. Rev. L. E. Ward had charge of the devotional services, reading Ephesians 4:1-15. Congregation sang "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Church letters were called for and read as follows: Bryant; Bridge Creek; First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; Blanchard; Iron Chapel; Dibble, East Tahlequah; Sulphur; Bethel F.W.B. Church of Ada.

Motion carried to accept the letters and to seat the delegates. While singing "Love Lifted Me," right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all.

#### Election of Officers—

Moderator.....Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma  
Assistant Mod. ....Rev. B. T. Kirby, Okla. City, Oklahoma  
Clerk.....Sister Vicie Hopkins, Blanchard, Oklahoma  
Assistant Cl. ....Sis. Evelyn Taylor, Blanchard, Oklahoma

Petitionary letters were called for, none. Rules of Order read by Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey. All visiting brethren are invited to seat in council. Right hand of Christian fellowship extended by Assistant Moderator, Rev. B. T. Kirby.

#### Appointment of Committees—

Divine Committee: Rev. Arthur Hearron, Bro. Art Michener, Bro. Charlie Manning, Bro. W. M. Dighton, Bro. C. L. Hudson.

Resolution Committee: Rev. W. A. Hearron, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Rev. L. E. Ward, Bro. W. H. DaVault, Rev. Walter Jennings, Bro. Arthur Browning, Rev. John Alsup.

Sunday School Committee Sis. Mattie Bowser, Sis. B. T. Kirby, Sis. Linnie Allen, Sis. Jennie Clagg, Sis.

Florence Roberts, Sis. Hannah Dunlap, Sis. Maud Dighton, Sis. Nora Lee Corley.

Temperance Committee: Rev. W. F. Lee, Bro. Lee Alsup, Sis. Maggie Roath, Sis. Essie Hearron, Bro. Heston Estes, Sis. Mary Lee, Bro. Tommie Hartline, Sis. Hattie Bell.

League Committee: Sis. Pearl Gibson, Sis. Alice Howard, Bro. Less Gibson, Rev. W. L. Dunlap, Bro. Dalton Underwood, Bro. Orville Roberts.

Obituary Committee: Bro. Dormie Mills, Bro. Alonzo Bryant, Sis. Anna DaVault.

Finance Committee: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Rev. Bryan Stacy, Bro. Lee Hawkins.

Home Mission Committee: Sis. Maggie Roath, Sis. Mary Lee, Sis. Opal Kirby, Sis. Hannah Dunlap, Sis. Maud Dighton, Sis. Jennie Clagg, Sis. Linnie Allen, Sis. Anna DaVault, Sis. Anderson.

Report of Divine Committee: Rev. B. T. Kirby to bring the message and Rev. L. E. Ward to have charge of the devotional service.

Recess.

Congregation came together singing, "Victory in Jesus," with Rev. E. A. O'Donnell leading, Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris. Another song, "The Footsteps of Jesus."

Rev. L. E. Ward held a very spiritual devotional service. Special quartet composed of Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Bro. and Sis. Luther Hudson sang "Heaven," Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Rev. B. T. Kirby brought a spiritual message enjoyed by all. His subject, "What soever a man soweth." We should show more spiritual or brotherly love.

Congregation stood dismissed with prayer by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Bro. Hearron also asking the blessing of our noon day meal which was served at the church.

### Friday Afternoon

House called together singing, "Heavenly Sunlight," Rev. E. A. O'Donnell leading, Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Hooper. Another song, "Hide Me, Rock of Ages."

Motion carried that we accept the work of the Quarterly Meetings.

Recess.

Came together singing, "I'm In the Glory Land Way." Special song by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, "When I Make My Last Move," Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

The committee appointed at the Fourth Meeting to decide on Resolution No. 1 at the Third Quarterly Meeting that the Association sponsor a school each year for the Superintendents and Sunday School teachers of the Association was rejected by the Committée. Motion carried that the report be accepted.

Report of the Association Treasurer was read. Motion carried that we accept the Financial Report of the Association Treasurer, Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Motion carried that we retain Bro. T. O. Dunn as Association Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Report of Orphans Home Treasurer, Bro. C. L. Hudson, was read. Motion carried that we accept the report of Orphans Home Treasurer.

Motion carried that we retain Bro. C. L. Hudson as Orphans Home Treasurer for ensuing year.

### **Association and Quarterly Meetings—1950**

The Association for the coming year will meet with the Bryant Church. Rev. L. E. Ward will bring the introductory message.

First Quarterly Meeting will be held with the First Church, Oklahoma City. Introductory message by Rev. Clay Richey. Alternate, Rev. L. E. Ward.

Second Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Dibble Church. Introductory message by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Alternate, Rev. L. E. Ward.

Third Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Blanchard Church. Introductory message by Rev. B. T. Kirby. Alternate, Rev. L. E. Ward.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Bridge Creek Church. Introductory message by Rev. W. A. Hearron.

Report of Divine Committee: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell to bring the evening message. Bro. Buck Roath will have charge of the devotional.

Special song, "Precious Memories," dedicated to Rev. Clay Richey. He was converted in the Association 17 years ago and preached his first sermon at the Association on following day. Quartet was composed of Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Bro. and Sister Luther Hudson.

Motion carried that we take an offering for Rev. B. C. Munkus and family. Rev. Munkus has been bed-fast for several months and was very ill at this time. Collection was \$67.55.

Prayer by Rev. Clay Richey.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bryan Stacy.

### Friday Evening

Congregation came together with singing. Had a good crowd and many good singers: songs, "The Last Mile of the Way," "Wonderful Story of Love," "Oh, That Will Be Glory," "Death Will Never Knock on Heaven's Door," and "Some Day." Prayer by Rev. L. E. Ward.

Special quartet, "I Can Tell You the Time," sang by Bro. and Sis. Luther Hudson, Rev. Arthur Hearron, and Bro. Jurd Price, Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Special, "I'll Sail Away Home Some Sweet Day," by Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Sis. Nettie Hudson, and Bro. Roy Roberts.

Duet, "Wonderful Things I've Found," Rev. and Sis. Bryan Stacey. Quartet, "Delivered from the Hands of Pharaoh," Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Rev. Arthur Hearron, and Rev. Clay Richey. Solo, "When I Make My Last Move," by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Bro. C. W. Roath had charge of the devotional which was very spiritual.

Quartet, "Looking for A City," by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Sis. Bryan Stacey, Bro. Roy Roberts, and Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell brought the message. Subject, "His Train Filled the Temple," Isaiah 6:1.

Altar call was made while singing "What Will Your Answer Be?"

Assignment of homes to visitors was made.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Hooper.

### Saturday Morning

House was called together by the Moderator, opened with singing, "Royal Telephone," Rev. Clay Richey leading, Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Sam Pypas.

Devotional by Rev. Lonnie DaVault, reading I John 3 1-7. Song, "Hide Me, Rock of Ages," Rev. E. A. O'Donnell leading, Sis. Winnie Faye Alsop at the piano.



### **Delegates to State Association:**

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association. They were Bro. and Sis. Jurd Price and Bro. Dalton Underwood.

**Delegate to the National Association:** Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a delegate to be recommended to the National Association. Bro. T. O. Dunn was appointed.

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

### **Executive Board—**

Chairman, Rev. Clay Richey; Rev. Frank Lee, Rev. B. T. Kirby, Rev. W. L. Dunlap, Bro. Russell Wells, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Bro. Thomas Browning.

**Report of Divine Committee:** Rev. Lonnie DaVault will conduct the devotional and Rev. W. A. Hearron will bring the message.

Recess.

Class song, "You'll Reap Whatsoever You Sow," Rev. Arthur Hearron leading, Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Quartet, "I'll Have A New Life," Bro. Roy Roberts, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, and Rev. Arthur Hearron. They also sang, "I Made A Covenant With My Lord."

Rev. Lonnie DaVault held a very spiritual devotional.

Rev. W. A. Hearron brought a very uplifting message to us all. Text, II Corinthians 5:1, "For we know, that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. L. E. Ward.

### **Saturday Afternoon**

Congregation came together singing, "While the Years, Roll On," Rev. Arthur Hearron leading, Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Dunlap. Special, "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone," by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Resolution No. 1 (see reports) was read. Motion carried that Resolution No. 1 be adopted.

Resolution No. 2 was read. Motion carried that Resolution No. 2 be adopted.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Russell Wells from Iron Chapel Church to be on Executive Board. Motion carried to elect Rev. E. A. O'Donnell from Bethel Church of Ada. Motion carried to elect Bro. Thomas Browning from the Bridge Creek Church.

### **Minister's Reports—**

Minister's reports were read as follows: Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. B. T. Kirby, Rev. H. H. Easterwood, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. W. A. Hearron, Rev. W. F. Lee, Rev. Clay Richey. Motion carried that the reports be accepted.

### **Report of Committees—**

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

Home Mission Committee report was read. Motion carried that the report be accepted and retain the committee.

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

Congregation stood in silent prayer for the bereaved ones followed by prayer by Moderator Rev. Clay Richey.

League Committee Report was read. Motion carried that the report be accepted and to retain the committee.

Resolution No. 3 was read. Motion carried that we accept Resolution No. 3.

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

Motion carried that we extend hand of appreciation for the kindness of our Assistant Clerk in giving the \$5.00 paid her to be used for typing of the minutes for publication.

Motion carried that all committees be discharged.

Motion carried that we give our Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey a standing vote of thanks for his untiring efforts to make this Associational Session a success.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet next year with the Bryant Church.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Clay Richey.

# REPORTS

## Resolutions:

### Resolution No. 1

Be it resolved that the Treasurer pay the \$5.00 heretofore given to the Assistant Clerk, for the typing of the Minutes for publication. Rev. W. A. Hearron, Chairman.  
Resolution No. 2

Be it resolved that our Constitution be changed so that one member from each church in the Association be on the Executive Board. Rev. W. A. Hearron, Chairman.  
Resolution No. 3

Be it resolved that this Association extend to the Dibble Church and community our heart felt thanks for the fine way they cared for us during our stay with them. Rev. W. A. Hearron, Chairman.

### Resolution No. 4

We, the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church, wish to extend to this body our heart felt thanks for your stay with us. We feel that your presence 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. Arthur Hearron  
Clerk: Bro. Sherman Webb

## Report of Orphan's Home Treasurer:

Dibble Church and Sunday School .....	\$120.00
Dibble League .....	22.50
Bryant Church and Sunday School (Christmas offering and money for hot lunches included)....	115.50
Iron Chapel .....	70.00
Bridge Creek Church .....	45.00
Hawkins Church .....	29.87
Money sent from individuals—	
Jack Hopkins .....	35.00
Marvin Hawkins Christmas offering .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith Christmas offering....	50
Jess Clagg Christmas offering .....	1.00
Rev. W. F. Lee Christmas offering .....	25.00
Sis. Tommy Wilson's pledge to Orphan's Home	5.00
Bryant Church .....	12.00
Dibble Association .....	25.00

Bro. and Sis. Jurd Price .....	50.00
Jack Hopkins .....	10.00

Total .....\$664.37

Bro. C. L. Hudson, Treasurer

#### Report of Association Treasurer

Received of Bro. Jack Hopkins .....	\$ 441.48
Four \$100 bonds at maturity .....	400.00
Pledges collected .....	112.66
Collected today for minutes .....	90.00

Total .....\$1,044.14

Paid out for year 1949-50—

Rev. Weatherman, for Orphan's Home .....	25.00
Sister Vicie Hopkins, Clerk .....	5.00
Sis. Irene Stanford, Assistant Clerk .....	5.00
Bro. Jack Hopkins, State Minutes .....	25.00
Dibble Association Minutes .....	60.00
Record Book for the Association .....	5.50

Total .....\$ 125.50

Grand Total (\$1,044.14 less \$125.50) .....\$ 918.64

Treasurer, Bro. T. O. Dunn

#### Pledges to the Association:

Rev. Frank Lee .....	\$25.00
Bro. T. O. Dunn .....	10.00
Sister Jones .....	5.00
Bro. Alonzo Bryant .....	5.00
Rev. B. T. Kirby .....	10.00
Bro. Dodd Taylor .....	5.00
Bro. Bill DaVault .....	10.00
Bro. Richard Clagg .....	5.00
Bro. C. L. Hudson .....	10.00
Bro. Jess Clagg .....	1.00
Bro. Jack Hopkins .....	10.00
Sister Gordia Price .....	5.00
Bro. Dalton Underwood .....	5.00
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell .....	10.00
Dibble Home Mission .....	5.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission .....	5.00
Bethel Home Mission, Ada .....	5.00
Bryant Home Mission .....	5.00
Bridge Creek Home Mission .....	5.00
East Sulphur Home Mission .....	5.00

**Report:**

We, the committee appointed to represent the churches of the Dibble Association, report. We have discussed the Sunday School Resolution and reject it; further recommend that all business pertaining to Sunday School be placed in the hands of the Sunday School Committee, and we will assist them if they desire us to do so.

Chairman, Rev. W. A. Hearron

**Report of Temperance Committee:**

"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; to use our influence and vote against repeal of the prohibition laws of Oklahoma; to vote against any one favoring repeal; that we do not patronize any business that sells beer or any other beverage that is intoxicating.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman

**Home Mission:**

We, your committee on Home Mission, find that all churches have Home Missions with the exception of one church.

The report of these are Bryant, Dibble, Iron Chaple, Blanchard, Bethel Church of Ada, East Tahlequah Sulphur, Bridge Creek.

Sister Mary Lee, Chairman

**Obituary:**

We, your committee on Obituary, are sad to report the following deaths of our friends: Bro. Harry Nunnally, of Iron Chapel Church; Grandmother Fletcher, of Oklahoma City; Bro. Add Logan, of Bryant.

Bro. Dormie Mills, Chairman

**Sunday School:**

We, your committee on Sunday School, are glad to report that all churches have active Sunday Schools. Our Association has an average attendance of 426. Bryant, 44; Iron Chapel, 25; Bridge Creek, 30; Blanchard, 35; Dibble, 60; Bethel, 40; East Tahlequah, 36; First Church,

Oklahoma City, 176. We recommend all churches use Free Will Baptist Literature as far as possible and all teachers prepare their lessons.

Sister Mattie Bowser, Chairman

**League Committee:**

We, your committee on League, report that each church with the exception of one, have active Leagues. Each League sponsored a Youth's Revival. The Leagues went together and sponsored a League Revival at the Blanchard Church. Dibble Youth's Revival had 2 conversions; Blanchard, 1; and First Church of Oklahoma City had 35. League membership: Blanchard, 35; Dibble, 50; Bridge Creek, 30; First Church, 75; East Tahlequah, 16; and Bethel, 15.

Sister Pearl Gibson, Chairman

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**HOME MISSION REPORTS**

**Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Ada:**

Condition, good; members, 10; had 3 rummage sales; 2 baked sales; sold a number of quilts; and took in \$800.

Sister Mable Lewis, Secretary

**Bryant:**

We have an active Home Mission of 16 members. Amount taken in and paid out unknown. We have assisted in serving at Quarterly Meetings and Associations, and visited the sick. Pray for us that we will do more in the ensuing year.

Sister Lottie Moore, President  
Sister Eunice Bryant, Secretary

**Sulphur Church:**

Members, 12; we organized July 26; had 2 meetings; made 30 sick calls.

Sister Hannah Dunlap, President  
Sister Brown, Secretary - Treasurer

**Blanchard Church:**

The Home Mission of the Free Will Baptist Church of Blanchard, Oklahoma was organized May 24, 1950,

with 16 charter members. To date, we have quilted 2 quilts; bought one funeral spray and sent six get-well cards; served 2 dinners for bereaved families; paid \$10 on rug for church house. Total received in treasury \$25.02.

Sister Evelyn Taylor, Secretary - Treasurer

#### **Iron Chapel Church:**

Iron Chapel Home Mission has 9 active members. We have \$4.02 in treasure to begin with this year. We pieced and quilted one quilt and sold it; also made other small articles and sold them; quilted 4 quilts for the needy; gave one grocery shower to needy family; \$5 to a sick family; paid \$7 for flowers; paid \$24 on evangelistic work and spent \$9.16 for incidentals. Each member puts her birthday offering into the treasure. Offerings received \$4.29. Amount in treasure at beginning of year, \$4.02. Amount received this year, \$47.16. Amount paid out during the year, \$45.16. We have in treasure \$6. We need your prayers that we may always do the will of the Lord.

Sister Winnie Alsup, President

Sister Mary Lee, Secretary - Treasurer

#### **Bridge Creek:**

We of the Bridge Creek Home Mission are happy to report an active membership of 9. Paid to pastor; \$17.00; paid Evangelist, \$9.00; paid on paint for church, \$50.00; for flowers \$8.16; served 2 sales; quilted one quilt; sent get-well cards; paid \$1.00 on minute funds. Have balance of \$35.49 in treasure.

Sister Edd Nichols, President

Sister Edith Hartline, Treasurer

#### **Dibble:**

Home Mission report since last Association. We have 16 members; served dinner at one sale; quilted 4 quilts for the needy; have sent 60 cards to sick and bereaved; have made 266 sick calls; have paid \$48.00 for keeping church clean; other expenses for the church were \$75.00. We meet once a month for business and have had several call meetings. Pray for us that we will do more for the Lord.

Sister Roxie Claunch, President

Sister Nadine Mitchell, Secretary - Treasurer

## CHURCH LETTERS

### East Sulphur Church—

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist which convened with the Dibble Church at Dibble, Oklahoma, September 7-9, 1950. We send as delegates our beloved brethren, Sister Hannah Dunlap and Sister Essie Hearron, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, good; members received this year, 11; baptized, 4; total membership, 26; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 4; Finances—paid pastor, \$50.00; paid evangelist, \$26.00; home mission, \$20.00; singing school, \$23.00; building and repairs, \$992.30; local expenses, \$59.27; for publication, \$21.99; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. W. L. Dunlap, 1222 W. Tishomingo, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Rev. A. A. Green, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Rev. W. A. Hearron, 5063 E. Tahlequah, Sulphur, Oklahoma. Pastor's name—Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Done by order of East Sulphur Church assembled in conference this 2nd day of September, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. W. L. Dunlap  
Clerk, Bro. Lewis Batson

Pray for us. We are weak. Women's Home Mission, 16 members, just organized in August.

Sister Hannah Dunlap, President  
Sister Kate Brown, Secretary

### Bryant Church—

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Dalton Underwood, Bro. Lee Hawkins, Bro. Alonzo Bryant 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, none; members baptized, none; members dismissed by letter, 4; number deceased, one; resident members, 99; non-resident members, 7; total membership, 106; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 44; number of officers, 8; condition of Home Mission, good; value of church property, \$3,500.00; amount paid pastor, \$272.00; paid for evangelistic work, \$147.00; amount for incidentals,



\$20.50; amount for foreign missions, \$114.00; amount for Orphan's Home, \$147.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Pastor's name for coming year, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Names of ministers belonging to church: Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Oklahoma. Names of deacons: Bro. R. E. Clagg, Lindsay, Oklahoma; Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Oklahoma; Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Lindsay, Oklahoma; Bro. M. A. Clagg, Lindsay, Oklahoma; Bro. C. H. Manning, Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Bryant Church assembled in conference this 19th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.  
Clerk, Sister Jennie Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.

### **Blanchard Church—**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when assembled with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sister Anna DaVault, Sister Pearl Gibson, Sister Evelyn Taylor, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; number baptized, 4; resident members, 31; total membership, 31; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 35; number of officers, 7; condition of League, good; League membership, 35; condition of Home Mission, good; membership, 16; amount for evangelistic work, \$48.00; amount for building and repairs, \$60.00; amount for rent, \$250.00; amount for publication, \$27.17; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year: Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Names of ministers belonging to church: Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Rev. Bryan Stacy, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Names of deacons: Bro. Bill DaVault, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Bro. Knox Bowser, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Bro. G. A. Trout, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 28th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.  
Clerk, Sister Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.

### **Iron Chapel Church—**

To the Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sister Nora Lee Corley, Bro. Lee Alsop,

Bro. Art Michener, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; number dismissed by letter, 5; number deceased, 1; resident members, 28; non-resident members, 64; total membership, 92; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 25; number of officers, 6; condition of League, good; League membership, 15; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership, 9; amount paid pastor, \$180.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$114.00; amount paid to Orphan's Home, \$60.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year: Rev. Clyde Argo, Route 2, Moore, Oklahoma. Names of ministers belonging to church: Rev. John Alsup, Route 2, Purcell, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. Russell Wells, Lindsay, Oklahoma; Bro. C. L. Hudson, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Bro. Warren Michener, Summerton, Arizona.

Done by order of Iron Chapel Church assembled in conference this third day of September, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. H. H. Easterwood, Okla. City  
Clerk, Sister Mary Lee, Route 2, Purcell, Okla.

We covet the prayers of God's people that we may do more for the Lord in the coming year.

### **Bridge Creek Church—**

To the Dibble Association when convened with the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church, we send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. L. J. Gibson, Bro. Tommie Hartline, Bro. Arthur Browning, 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, 5; number baptized, 3; number dismissed by letter, 15; resident members, 42; non-resident members, 40; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 30; number of officers, 7; condition of League, good; League membership, 30; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership, 9. Value of church property, \$1,500.00; amount paid pastor, unknown; amount for evangelistic work, \$76.50; amount for building and repairs, \$110.00; amount for incidentals, \$28.00; amount for Foreign Missions, \$18.00; amount for Home Missions, \$70.16; amount for publication, \$16.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4610 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ministers belonging to our

church: Rev. Cephas Long. Names of deacons: Bro. Ed Nichols, Route 1, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Bro. C. R. Gibson, Route 1, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Bro. Will Jervis, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Bro. Audra Trout, Fresno, Calif.

Done by order of the Bridge Creek Free Will Baptist Church this 26th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Bro. Ed Nichols, Blanchard, Okla.  
Clerk, Sister Linnie Allen, Blanchard, Okla.

We are going to ordain two or three new deacons in the next few weeks.

### **First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City—**

To the Dibble Association when convened with the Dibble Church, we send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sister Hattie Bell, Sister Alice Howard, Sister Opal Kirby, 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, 38; number baptized, 10; number dismissed by letter, 12; number excluded, 2; number deceased, 1; resident members, 248; non-resident members, 52; total membership, 302; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 176; number of officers and teachers, 39; condition of League, good; League membership, 75; value of church property, \$10,000.00; amount paid pastor, \$3,139.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$161.00; amount for building and repairs, \$1,032.54; amount for incidentals, \$354.50; amount for publication, \$536.50; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; pastor's name and address for the coming year: Rev. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City. Ministers: Rev. H. H. Easterwood, Oklahoma City; Rev. Walter Jennings, Oklahoma City; Rev. B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City. Deacons: Bro. Bill Andrews, Bro. C. L. Stewart, Bro. Sherman Pullen, Bro. Jack Johnson, Bro. Doc Creet, Bro. Bill Lewis, Bro. George Giden.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City assembled in conference this 6th day of September, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. B. T. Kirby  
2212 S.W. 31, Okla. City  
Clerk, Bro. Robert S. Kirby  
2294 S.W. 31, Okla. City

Deceased: Grandmother Fletcher.

### **Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Ada—**

To the Dibble Association when convened with the Dibble Church, we send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Heston Estes, Sister Maud Dighton, Bro. Ed Fenell; alternate, Sister Anderson, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, excellent; members received this year, 3; number baptized, 4; number deceased, 1; resident members, 39; non-resident members, none; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 48; number of officers, 8; condition of League, improving; League membership, 18; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership, 10; value of church property, \$12,000; amount paid pastor, \$300.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$150.00; amount for building and repairs, \$900.00; amount for incidentals, \$180.00; amount for publication, \$25.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; amount paid for radio broadcasting, \$450.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, 516 South Constant, Ada, Oklahoma. Ministers: Rev. Duff Hunt, 706 W. 7, Ada, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. W. M. Dighton, 300 N. Cherry, Ada, Oklahoma; Bro. A. E. Lawhorn, Route 1, Stonewall, Oklahoma; Bro. J. L. Henry, Route 3, Ada, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Ada assembled in conference this 30th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell,  
516 S. Constant, Ada, Okla.  
Clerk, Bro. Austin Henry,  
304 E. 16, Ada, Okla.

We request the 3rd Quarterly Meeting.

### **Dibble Church—**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church, we send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sister Florence Roberts, Sister Maggie Roath, Bro. Orville 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, 16; number baptized, 10; number dismissed by letter, 9; resident members, 187; non-resident members, 42; total membership, 229; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 60; number of officers,

8; condition of League, good; League membership, 50; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership, 15; amount paid pastor, \$670.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$190.00; amount for building and repairs, \$38.44; amount for incidentals, \$66.16; amount for Foreign Missions, \$50.00; amount for publication, \$18.75; amount paid to Orphan's Home—Sunday School paid \$120.00 and League paid \$30.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; pastor's name for coming year: Rev. Arthur Hearn, 4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City. Ministers: Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 4, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Rev. Arthur Hearn, 4610 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City. Deacons: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Route 2, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Bro. A. E. Mills, Route 2, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Bro. D. E. Mills, Route 4, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 16th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. Arthur Hearn, Oklahoma City  
Clerk, Bro. Sherman Webb, R. 4, Blanchard, Okla.

#### **Hawkins Church—**

Letter from Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church to the Dibble Association when convened with Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Bro. Roy True, Sister Inola True, Sister Alice Wilson, 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, 5; number baptized, 4; number dismissed by letter, 5; resident members, 44; non-resident members, 45; total membership, 89; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 35; number of officers, 3; condition of League, good; League membership, 40; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership, 17; amount paid pastor, \$310.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$119.25; amount for incidentals, \$28.50; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Pastor's name and address for coming year: Rev. Joe Blair, Route 1, Lexington, Oklahoma. Ministers: Rev. L. E. Staggs, 2208 S. W. 26, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. Arlton Doshire, Star Route, Alex, Oklahoma.

Moderator, Rev. Bailey Thompson,  
Lexington, Okla.  
Clerk, Sister Evelyn Davis,  
Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.

## MINISTERS' REPORTS

**Report of Rev. E. A. O'Donnell:** I pastored one church straight time; organized one church; built one parsonage; conducted radio program; held 2 revivals; witnessed 40 conversions; baptized 4; traveled 5,000 miles; received \$2,000.00.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell,  
516 Constant, Ada, Oklahoma

**Report of Rev. W. F. Lee:** During the past year I have preached 20 sermons; received \$16.00; miles traveled, unknown; pastored no church; filled one appointment; baptized none; witnessed no conversion. Pray for me.

Rev. W. F. Lee,  
Box 61, Lindsay, Oklahoma

**Report of Rev. H. H. Easterwood:** I have pastored 2 churches, each half time—Iron Chapel and Bridge Creek; I have travelled 4,540 miles; preached 218 sermons, witnessed 21 conversions; money received, \$281.00; baptized 2; one marriage. Pray for us that we will be a more humble servant for the Lord.

Rev. H. H. Easterwood,  
2013 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Report of Rev. W. A. Hearron:** Sermons preached, 290; pastored one church from December 11 until the Association; money received, \$50.00; expenses, \$735.00; miles travelled, 1,500; held two revivals; witnessed 9 conversions; baptized 5.

Rev. W. A. Hearron,  
506 E. Tahlequah, Sulphur, Oklahoma

**Report of Rev. Clay Richey for Association year:** Have had full pastoral work for the year—Bryant half time, Pleasant Hill Church in the First Oklahoma Association half time until May 1. I am called to pastor Bryant for half time and Blanchard half time for coming year. Have preached 185 sermons; witnessed 46 conversions; baptized 12; preached 12 funerals; performed 11 marriage ceremonies; organized the Free Will Baptist Church at Blanchard, Oklahoma. Pray for me that I might be more useful to God, to the Church, to my brethren and might have more influence with the lost, and may the Peace and Grace of God be with you all. Amen.

Rev. Clay Richey,  
Box 97, Blanchard, Oklahoma - Phone 33

**Report of Rev. Arthur Hearron:** Miles traveled, 28,000; sermons 183; conversions 32; baptized 21; funerals, none; weddings 3; amount received \$850.00; pastored full time at Dibble. Pray for us in our efforts next year.

Rev. Arthur Hearron,  
4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Report of Rev. B. T. Kirby** for year ending September 7, 1950: Churches pastored 1; conversions witnessed 86; baptized 10; funerals 21; sermons preached 140; marriages performed 27. Pray that the Lord will give us and our church a greater work for the coming year.

Rev. B. T. Kirby,  
2212 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Report of Rev. L. E. Ward:** Sermons preached 40; marriage sermons 8; funerals preached 15; witnessed 20 conversions; miles traveled unknown; money received \$50.00. Pray for me that my work may be better another year.

Rev. L. E. Ward,  
Route 4, Blanchard, Oklahoma

#### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Hooper, Stratford, Oklahoma; Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### **Ministers Belonging to the Association:**

Rev. W. L. Dunlap, 1222 W. Tishomingo, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Rev. A. A. Green, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Rev. W. A. Hearron, 506 E. Tahlequah, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Oklahoma; Rev. Clay Richey, Box 97, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Rev. Bryan Stacy, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Rev. John Alsup, Route 2, Purcell, Oklahoma; Rev. Cephas Long; Rev. H. H. Easterwood, 2013 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rev. Walter Jennings; Rev. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rev. Duff Hunt, 706 W. 7, Ada, Oklahoma; Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, 516 S. Constant, Ada, Oklahoma; Rev. L. E. Ward, Route 4, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Rev. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rev. L. E. Staggs, 2208 S. W. 26, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### **Delegates to the Association:**

Dibble Church: Sister Florence Roberts, Sister Maggie Roath, Brother Orville Roberts.

Bethel: Brother Heston Estes, Sister Maud Dighton, Brother Ed Fennell; Alternate, Sister Anderson.

First Church: Sister Hattie Bell, Sister Alice Howard, Sister Opal Kirby.

Bridge Creek: Brother L. J. Gibson, Brother Tommie Hartline, Brother Arthur Browning.

Iron Chapel: Sister Nora Lee Corley, Bro. Lee Alsup, Bro. Art Michener.

Blanchard: Sister Anna DaVault, Sister Pearl Gibson, Sister Evelyn Taylor.

Bryant: Bro. Dalton Underwood, Bro. Alonzo Bryant, Bro. Lee Hawkins.

East Sulphur: Sister Hannah Dunlap, Sister Essie Hearron.

#### **Church Clerks:**

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

Dibble: Bro. Sherman Webb, R. 4, Blanchard, Okla.

Bethel: Bro. Austin Henry, 304 E. 16, Ada, Okla.

First Church: Bro. Robert S. Kirby, 2204 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Bridge Creek: Sister Limmie Allen, R. 1, Blanchard, Okla.

Iron Chapel: Sister Mary Lee, R. 2, Purcell, Okla.

Blanchard: Sister Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.

Bryant: Sister Jennie Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.

East Sulphur: Bro. Lewis Batson, Sulphur, 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 \$5.00 at every annual meeting.

1938—No. 3. Be it resolved that this Association elect an Executive Committee with a member elected from each church and that each church recommend a member for Executive Board in their church letter to the Association, 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 and Associations if the place where said Quarterly Meeting or Association is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decision 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 nine 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 members 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, 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.

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## 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 at 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. I 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. 4:4-6.

**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. Ps. 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, inherit 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, suffering, 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 Saviour 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, 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 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, Judgment 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour 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.

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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and 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.

