

**MINUTES**  
Of The  
**FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
Of The  
**DIBBLE ASSOCIATION**  
**CHURCH OF GOD**  
DENOMINATED  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

---

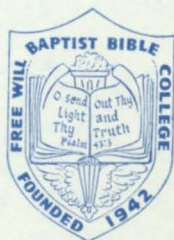
**HELD WITH BRYANT CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 6 and 7, 1951**

---

The next Annual Session of this Association  
Will Convene With  
**BLANCHARD CHURCH**

---

Beginning Thursday Night Before The  
Second Sunday in September  
**1952**



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. John H. West

---

---

---

# MINUTES

Of The

**FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**

Of The

## **DIBBLE ASSOCIATION CHURCH OF GOD**

**DENOMINATED**

## **FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**Held with the Bryant Church, beginning, Thursday**

**Evening, September 6, 1951**

### **OFFICERS**

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Eld. B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City  
Assistant Mod. \_\_\_\_\_ Eld. J. R. Hall, Dibble  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Opal Hearron, Oklahoma City  
Ass't. Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Irene Stanford, Newcastle  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. T. O. Dunn, Maysville

The next Session of the Dibble Association will meet with the Blanchard Church, Blanchard, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1952.

Introductory Message to be delivered by Eld. B. T. Kirby, Alternate, Eld. Arthur Hearron.

## **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 reflection 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 sessio

5. Unfinished business

6. New business

7. Are any sick or in distress?

8. What has been done for the support of the Ministry and other incidental expenses?

9. A call for confession
10. Invitation for members
11. Adjournment

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by the Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates
5. Election of officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council
9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Reports of Committees
13. Miscellaneous business

## **\*PROCEEDINGS\***

The Dibble Association met with the Bryant Church Thursday evening, September 6, 1951, continuing until Saturday afternoon, September 8, 1951.

### **Thursday Evening**

Congregation came together with singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by the Moderator, Eld. Clay Richey, and prayer by Eld. J. R. Hall and Eld. B. T. Kirby.

Special song by Bro. Luther Hudson, Sister Nettie Hudson, Eld. Clay Richey and Eld. B. F. Stacey, with Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Moderator introduced Eld. L. E. Ward of the Dibble Church who brought the Introductory Message. Text used, Gen. 3:10, "I Hear Thy Voice." A very inspiring message was delivered, which started our Association off to become one of our best in years. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. B. F. Stacey.

### **Friday Morning**

House called together by Moderator, opened by singing, "A Wonderful Time," led by Eld. Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City, and Sister Inez Bagwell, from the Hawkins Church, at the piano.

Prayer by Eld. Wade Jernigan, pastor of the Norman Church, who was a visiting Minister.



Devotional, conducted by Eld. J. R. Hall, Pastor of the Dibble Church, using for a scriptural reading, Ephesians, 6th chapter, and leading in prayer. Song, "Worthy of Praise," was led by Eld. Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City.

Church letters were called for and the following Churches reported with letters: Iron Chapel, East Sulphur, Blanchard, Bryant, First Church of Oklahoma City, Bridge Creek, Dibble and Hawkins.

Motion carried to accept the letters and to seat the delegates. While singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by Eld. Arthur Hearron, the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all.

#### **Election of Officers—**

Moderator ----- Eld. B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City

Ass't. Moderator ----- Eld. J. R. Hall, Dibble

Clerk ----- Sis. Opal Hearron, Oklahoma City

Motion carried to extend a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers.

Ass't. Clerk ----- Sis. Irene Stanford, Newcastle

Petitionary letters called for—there was none.

Motion carried for the Title Reverend to be discontinued and since the title Elder is according to the Bible, our ministers shall be called Elder.

Committee on Divine Services was appointed, and they reported Eld. Wade Jernigan, a visiting Minister bring the eleven o'clock message and Eld. L. E. Ward, to be in charge of the Devotional Services.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Benediction by Eld. E. E. Morris, a visiting Minister.

#### **Eleven O'clock Services**

Congregation came together for the Eleven O'clock Services by singing, "While the Years Roll On," and "Glory to His Name," led by Bro. Luther Hudson, with Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Prayer by Eld. Sunday, a visiting minister.

Special song arranged by Eld. Arthur Hearron, "All Upon the Alter." Eld. Clay Richey, Sister Nettie Hudson, Bro. Luther Hudson and Bro. Jord. Price did the singing, with Sister Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Devotional Service conducted by Eld. L. E. Ward. A good spiritual service was enjoyed by those present.

Eld. Wade Jernigan, a visiting minister from Norman, brought the message, using for a text Eph. 6:13. His subject was, "The Whole Armor of God." The message was very good.

Benediction by Eld. Followill, a visiting minister from Norman.

### Friday Afternoon

Congregation came together by singing, "I'm a Millionaire," led by Eld. Arthur Hearron, with Sister Margie Roberts at the piano. Eld. W. A. Hearron was in charge of the devotional and read for a scripture, Psalms 1. Prayer by Eld. L. E. Ward.

Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint the Committees. (Due to the weather being rainy, only the Resolution Committee was appointed.)

Motion carried to suspend regular business, and attend only to the important business that must be cared for, as the weather was such as to possibly hinder some from coming back for another day.

Motion carried to make all the work of the Quarterly Meetings the regular work of the Association, since those who compose them are the members of the Dibble Association.

Motion accepted to go to Blanchard for the next Yearly Session, with Eld. B. T. Kirby bringing the Introductory Message.

First Quarterly Meeting in December, 1951, will meet with the Dibble Church. Introductory Message by Eld. Frank Lee.

Second Quarterly Meeting will be at the Hawkins Church with Eld. J. R. Hall bringing the Introductory Message.

Third Quarterly Meeting will be at Iron Chapel Church with Eld. W. A. Hearron bringing the Introductory Message.

Delegates selected for the State Association are: Sis. W. A. Hearron, Sis. Vicie Hopkins and Sis. Anna DeVault. Alternates: Sis. Opal Hearron, Sis. Wanette Browning and Sis. Tommie Allen. Delegate to the National Association, Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Moderator declared a short recess to give the various committees time to work out their reports. Committee on Divine Services announced Eld. Arthur Hearron would bring the evening message and Eld. Frank Lee to have charge of the Devotional Services.

Resolution No. 1: "Be it resolved: that the Dibble Association pay our Clerk \$25.00 and the Assistant Clerk \$10.00 for their services." Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2: "Be it resolved: that the Dibble Association endorse the National Home Mission Program." Motion carried.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 A. M. Saturday morning. Benediction, Bro. T. O. Dunn.

### Friday Evening Services

Services started by singing, "Death Will Never Knock On Heaven's Door," led by Bro. Calvin Moore, with Eld. Arthur Hearron at the piano. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Hearron. Song, "I'm a Millionaire." Prayer by Bro. Dalton Underwood.

Devotional services conducted by Eld. Bryan Stacey. Special song by Eld. Clay Richey, Sis. Jewel Richey, Eld. Bryan Stacey and Oneta Stacey. Duet by Eld. Arthur Hearron and Wife.

Message by Eld. Arthur Hearron, using for a text Psalms 90:12. Benediction by Eld. Clay Richey.

### Saturday Morning

Congregation came together by singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Eld. Arthur Hearron and Sis. Francis Wilson at the piano. Prayer by Eld. E. A. O'Donell.

Devotional services conducted by Eld. Clay Richey, reading Phil. 2:1-15 for a scripture and prayer by Eld. Richey.

### Committee Reports

**COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:** "After having examined Bro. R. S. Webb and Bro. Bob Kirby, we have found them sound in doctrine and worthy to be ordained to preach the Gospel."

Motion carried to accept the report and retain committee.

**HOME MISSION COMMITTEE:** Motion carried to accept their report and retain the committee. (See reports on another page.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Motion carried to accept the Sunday School Committee report and retain the committee. (See reports on another page.)

**COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE:** Eld. W. A. Hearron will conduct the Devotional Services and Eld. Bob Kirby will bring the Eleven o'clock message. Eld. E. A. O'Donell will follow him.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 P. M. Benediction by Bro. Richard Clagg. A short recess.



### Eleven O'clock Services

Congregation came together by singing, "Can He Depend on You?" Led by Eld. E. A. O'Donell with Sis. Gale Mitchner at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Ellis Stanford. Another song, "My Journey Shall End," led by Eld. E. A. O'Donell. Eld. W. A. Hearron led a very spiritual devotional service. A quartette composed of Eld. Arthur Hearron, Eld. E. A. O'Donell, Eld. Bob Kirby and Sis. Opal Hearron sang, "I'm Redeemed," with Sis. Katherine Thompson at the piano.

Eld. B. T. Kirby brought the morning message, using for a text, John 4:35, followed by Eld. E. A. O'Donell, who sang a solo, "When I Make My Last Move." Benediction by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

### Saturday Afternoon

Congregation came together singing, "What A Gathering That Will Be," led by Eld. E. A. O'Donell, with Sis. Katherine Thompson at the piano. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Da Vault. Another song, "There'll Be No Sorrow There." Devotional read by Sis. Essie Hearron, using for a scripture Psalms 7. Prayer by Sis. Essie Hearron.

Resolution No. Three read and accepted. (See resolutions.)

Resolution No. Four, read and accepted. (See resolutions.)

Resolution No. Five, read and accepted. (See resolution.)

Motion carried to place in the Minutes No. One, which was passed by the Fourth Quarterly Meeting at the Blanchard Church which reads as follows: "Be it resolved that the Dibble Association endorse the action of the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church, in Blanchard, Oklahoma, in placing a mortgage on their Church Property for \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars) to be paid at the rate of \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) per month, at 6% interest to Rev. W. F. Lee, of Lindsay, Oklahoma, payments to be paid to the First National Bank of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Signed, Rev. Clay Richey, Moderator of the Dibble Association. W. A. Hearron, Chairman of Resolutions Committee."

**COMMITTEE ON LEAGUES:** Motion carried to accept report of League Committee and retain them. Motion carried to print report of League Work in Minutes.

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:** Motion carried to accept report and retain them.

**ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE:** Motion carried to accept report and retain them.

**OBITUARY COMMITTEE:** Report accepted and committee retained. (Congregation stood in a moment of silent prayer in memory of those dead.) Prayer concluded by Eld. Arthur Hearron.

Motion carried to retain Bro. T. O. Dunn as Treasurer of the Dibble Association.

Bro. Luther Hudson was re-elected as Orphanage Treasurer.

Motion carried to give Eld. B. T. Kirby a vote of confidence in his work to make this one of our very best sessions of the Dibble Association.

Motion carried to accept Resolution No. Six, and dismiss all the committees.

Motion carried to adjourn to the Blanchard Church on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in Sept., 1952.

Benediction by Eld. Clay Richey.

### **Committees Appointed**

#### **DIVINE SERVICES:**

Eld. W. F. Lee, Chairman

Bro. W. H. DaVoult

Sis. Boyd Lee

Sis. Nadine Mitchell

Bro. Thomas Browning

#### **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:**

Eld. W. A. Hearron, Chairman

Bro. C. L. Hudson

Bro. W. H. DaVoult

Bro. T. O. Dunn

Bro. John Andrews

Eld. Clay Richey

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Sis. Florence Roberts, Chairman

Sis. Hattie Lewis

Sis. Wills

Sis. Mattie Bowser

Sis. Inez Bagwell

#### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:**

Eld. W. F. Lee, Chairman

Sis. Nadine Mitchell

Sis. Tommie Allen

Bro. Rudell Smith

Sis. Winnie Alsop

#### **LEAGUE COMMITTEE:**

Sis. Vicie Hopkins, Chairman  
Eld. Walter Jennings  
Sis. Wanette Browning  
Bro. Elmer Moore  
Celia Wilson

#### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE:**

Sis. Tommie Wilson, Chairman  
Sis. Dorothy Kirby  
Sis. Thomas Browning  
Sis. Boyd Lee  
Bro. Jack Hopkins

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Eld. Arthur Hearron, Chairman  
Bro. Thurman Owens  
Sis. Anna DaVoult  
Sis. Hattie Bell  
Sis. Bonnie Lee

#### **HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE:**

Sis. Essie Hearron, Chairman  
Sis. Inez Bagwell  
Bro. Arthur Browning  
Bro. Chas. Manning  
Sis. Irene Stanford

#### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:**

Eld. W. A. Hearron, Chairman  
Eld. Clay Richey  
Eld. W. F. Lee

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Home Missions:**

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg to report: We find 7 Churches who have active Home Missions, all doing a good work, with a total of 77 members.

Sis. Essie Hearron, Chairman

##### **Sunday Schools:**

We, your committee on Sunday Schools beg to report: There are active Sunday School work in all the Churches of the Dibble Association, with an average attendance of 461. Bryant, 45, Hawkins, 35, Blanchard, 41, Bridge Creek, 25, Dibble 50, First Church Oklahoma City, 180, East Sulphur, 40, and Iron Chapel, 45. We recommend that all churches use Free Will Baptist Literature if at all possible and all teachers prepare their lessons.

Sis. Florence Roberts, Chairman

### **Committee On Temperance:**

We, your Committee on Temperance beg to report, "Wine is a mocker: strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby, is not wise." (Prov. 20:1) We ask the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of the Dibble Association to abstain from all forms of intoxicating liquors, and to use our influence and vote against any one favoring the repeal of our State Prohibition Laws: that we will not patronize any place of business that sells beer, or any other beverage that is intoxicating.

Eld. Frank Lee, Chairman.

### **Committee on Obituary:**

We, your committee on Obituaries, are sad to report the following deaths of our friends: Sis. Billie Kunhart, Dibble, Bro. George Trout, Blanchard, Sis. Sarah Nunnely Iron Chapel, Sis. Lillie Toombs, and Sis. H. N. Jones, First Church, Oklahoma City.

Sis. Tommie Wilson, Chairman

### **League Committee:**

We your committee on Leagues beg to report: There are 6 active Leagues in the Dibble Association. We feel that League work is important to train our young people in Church work and Doctrine, and they need to be encouraged in this work by we who are older members of the various churches. (Complete Yearly report will be found on another page.)

Sis. Vicie Hopkins, Chairman

### **Resolution Committee:**

We your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following:

Resolution No. 1: (Carried forward from the Fourth Quarterly Meeting held with the Blanchard Church, 1951.) Be it resolved: That the Dibble Association endorse the action of the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church in Blanchard, Oklahoma, in placing a mortgage on their Church Property in the amount of \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars), to be paid in monthly payments of \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) at the rate of 6% interest to Eld. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Oklahoma, payments to be made to the First National Bank of Lindsay, Oklahoma. (Elder Clay Richey, Moderator.)

Resolution No. 2: Be it resolved that knowing the need and straightened circumstances of our beloved Bro. B. C. Munkus, a retired minister of the Gospel and wishing to let him know that we think kindly of him: Therefore we the Dibble Association pay him \$5.00 per month

as a love offering. (This was carried forward from our Quarterly Meetings and adopted at the Yearly Meeting of the Dibble Association. Since then Eld. B. C. Munkus has passed on to his reward.)

Resolution No. 3: Be it resolved: That each Sunday School in making their report to the Association, give the number on their roll, also their average attendance.

Resolution No. 4: Be it resolved: That resolutions passed hereafter in the Quarterly Meetings be carried in our Dibble Association Minutes.

Resolution No. 5: Be it resolved: That we give our heartfelt thanks to the Bryant Church for the grand way they have entertained this Session of the Dibble Association, and may we give thanks to Almighty God for the fellowship and the harmony which has prevailed throughout the entire Session of this Body.

Eld. W. A. Hearron, Chairman

#### Report of Orphanage Treasurer of Dibble Association:

##### Amounts Received from the Different Churches:

Dibble Church and Sunday School. \$10. monthly	\$120.00
Dibble League. \$2.50 monthly for 7 months	17.50
Iron Chapel. \$5. monthly for 8 months	40.00
Bridge Creek. \$5. monthly for 10 months	50.00
Bryant. \$9. monthly while school was going on,	
\$5. after school was out. In March on Orphanage	
Day, collected \$23.20	116.20
Hawkins Church and Sunday School	23.21

Thanking each Church for their contribution to support our Orphanage at Ringling—total \$366.91

Bro. C. L. Hudson, Treasurer

##### Report of Association Treasurer:

Amount brought forward	\$418.64
Collected for minutes	90.00
Association pledges paid	143.50

Total \$652.14

##### Amount paid out:

Sis. Hopkins, Clerk, and typing	\$10.00
State Association	25.00
Sis. Hopkins, for Letter Blanks	2.90
Free Will Baptist Gem, for Minister and Deacon	
Certificates	3.00
Eld. B. T. Kirby, for Blanchard Church	175.00

Nan H. Tucker, Flowers for Bro. Jord Price	3.57
Bro. Munkus, for 11 months at \$5. per month	55.00
Blanchard Church	200.00
Free Will Baptist Gem, for minutes	87.90
Balance of cash on hand	\$89.77

Total paid out \$562.37

4—\$100.00 Bonds \$400.00  
Collected on pledge 7.50

Total \$497.27

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Treasurer

### Finance Committee Report:

We your Committee on Finance beg to report the following: property value and amount spent by all the churches to carry on their work for the past year:

Pastoral Work	\$5,845.00
Evangelistic Work	904.84
Incidentals	1,251.48
Publications	820.00
Minutes	80.00
Church Property	48,500.00
Building and Repairs	2,905.29
Foreign Missions	70.00
Education	176.00

Total \$60,553.30

Arthur Hearron, Chairman

### CHURCH LETTERS

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

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bryant Church: We send as delegates our beloved Sister Hattie Bell, Sister Dorothy Kirby and Sister Hallie Lewis, 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, 76; number baptised, 10, dismissed by letter, 18, number excluded, 2, number deceased, 1, resident members, 295, non-resident members, 61, total membership, 356. Condition of prayer meeting, good, condition of Sunday School, good. Number of officers, 38. Average number of pupils, 295. Condition of League, good, membership, 80. Value of Church Property, \$15,000. Amount paid Pastor, \$4,160.00.

Amount for Evangelistic Work, \$110.00. Amount for building and repairs, \$2,000.00. Amount for incidentals, \$510.00. Amount for Foreign Missions, \$70.00. Amount for Education, \$171.00. Amount for Publications, \$700.00. Amount enclosed for Minutes, \$10.00.

Names and addresses of Ministers belonging to our church; Walter Jennings, Robert S. Kirby. Deacons; Albert Fatheree, John Andrews, Bill Andrews, Sherman Pullen, Jack Johnson, C. L. Stewart, Bill Lewis, Geo. Gidion and Dock Creel.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church assembled in regular conference this 5th day of Sept. 1951. Moderator, Rev. B. T. Kirby, R. S. Kirby, Clerk, 2212 S. W. 31st. St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Remarks: We request that Bro. R. S. Kirby be examined to preach the Gospel. We request the next Yearly Meeting. Church recommends Bro. B. T. Kirby, as member of the Executive Board.

#### **Dibble Church—**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved: Sister Florence Roberts, Sister Hazel Webb, and Sister Nadine Mitchell, 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, 7; number baptised, 2; number dismissed by letter, 8; number deceased, 1; resident members, 185; non-resident members, 40; total membership, 225; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 50, number of officers, 8; condition of League, good; League membership, 40; condition of Auxiliary, good; membership, 40; value of Church property, \$4,000.; amount paid Pastor, \$505.; amount for Evangelistic work, \$229.; amount for building and repairs, \$4.18; amount for incidentals, \$75.00; amount for Education, \$5.00; amount for publications, \$10.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. J. R. Hall, Blanchard, Oklahoma, Route 2. Amount paid to Orphanage, \$120.00; League paid \$30.00. Ministers belonging to our church: Eld. Arthur Hearn, 4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City; Eld. L. E. Ward, Route 2, Blanchard; and Eld. J. R. Hall, Route 2, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Route 2, Blanchard; Bro. A. E. Mills, Route 2, Blanchard; and Bro. Dormie Mills, Star Route, Alex, Oklahoma.



Done by the order of the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in regular conference this 18th day of August, 1951. Moderator, Arthur Hearron, Clerk, Sis. Zora Mills, address, Alex, Oklahoma, Star Route.

Remarks: We the Dibble Church request the ordination of Bro. Sherman Webb, if after he has been examined by the Association and found worthy to take upon himself the Preaching of the Gospel. We recommend Eld. L. E. Ward, as member of the Executive Board.

#### Bridge Creek Church—

To the Dibble Association, when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Edith Allen, Sis. Jennie Browning and Sis. Wanette 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, 9; number baptised, 2; number dismissed by letter, 4; resident members, 47; non-resident members, 40; total membership, 87.

Condition of Sunday School, good; condition of prayer meeting, good; average number of Sunday School pupils, 30; number of officers, 7; condition of League, good; average membership, 15; condition of Auxilliary, good; Auxilliary membership, 8; value of Church property, \$2,000.00; amount paid Pastor, \$138.00; amount for Evangelistic work, \$112.35; amount for building and repairs, \$37.11; amount for incidentals, \$37.35; amount for publications, \$16.00; amount for minutes, \$10.00. Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. Arthur Hearron, Okla. City, Oklahoma.

Names of ministers belonging to our Church, Eld. Denver Wynn, Oklahoma City and Spike Scroggins, (licensed) Blanchard, Oklahoma. Deacons: Ed. Nichols, Cecil Gibson, Thomas Browning, Arthur Browning, Audra Truet and Will Jervis.

Done by order of Bridge Creek Church assembled in conference this 25th day of August, 1951. Moderator, Arthur Hearron, Clerk, Mary Boyles.

Remarks: We request the Dibble Association to renew Bro. Earl Scroggins license for one year. Bro. Thomas Browning was selected to serve as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year.

### **Bryant Church—**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved Bro. Elmer Moore, Bro. Ruedell Smith and Bro. Thurman Owens, 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, 7; number baptised, 5; number dismissed by letter, 5; resident members, 106; non-resident members, 6; total membership, 112; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 65; number of officers, 8; Auxiliary membership, 12; value of Church property, \$3,500.; amount paid Pastor, \$499.00; amount paid Evangelist, \$178.50; amount for incidentals, \$220.65; amount for publications, \$15.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastors name and address for the coming year, Eld. Frank Lee, Lindsay, Oklahoma. Ministers: Eld. Frank Lee. Deacons: T. O. Dunn, Maysville, Oklahoma, M. A. Clagg, Lindsay, Oklahoma, Marvin Hawkins, Lindsay, Oklahoma, C. H. Manning, Norman, Oklahoma, and R. E. Clagg, Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Bryant Church assembeled in conference this 17th day of August. Eld. Frank Lee, Moderator, Jennie Clagg, clerk, Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Remarks: We recommend Bro. T. O. Dunn as a member of the Executive Board, for the coming year.

### **East Sulphur Church—**

To the Dibble Association when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Laura Wilson, Sis. Flora Batson and Sis. Essie Hearron whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; members received this year, 3; resident members, 29; condition of Prayer Meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; number of pupils, 62; number of officers, 5; value of Church property, \$9,000.00; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxilliary membership, 13; amount paid Pastor, none; amount for building and repairs, \$864.00; amount for publications, \$42.57; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, W. A. Hearron, 506 E. Talequah, Sulphur, Oklahoma. Ministers belonging to our church, Willis Dunlap and A. A. Green. Deacons: Lewis Batson and W. H. House.

Done by order of East Sulphur Church assembled in conference this 2nd day of September, 1951. W. A. Hearron Moderator and Sister Earl Fisher, clerk.

Remarks: Willis Dunlap will fill the second Sunday in each month as the Assistant Pastor. Virgil Owens, Sunday School Superintendent. Our recommendation for a member of the Executive Board is Sister Laura Wilson, Hickory, Oklahoma.

#### Iron Chapel Church—

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bryant Church, we send as delegates our beloved Bro. Boyd Lee, Sis. Winnie Alsup and Sis. Cestas Wells. Alternates: Sis. Bonnie Lee, Sis. Marjorie Wells and Bro. Chas. Wells, 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, number deceased, 1; number dismissed by letter, 2; resident members, 32; non-resident members, 54; total membership, 86; condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 45, number of officers, 6; condition of League, good; League membership, 50; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxiliary membership, 7; amount paid Pastor, \$180.00; amount for Evangelistic work, \$120.00, amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Clyde Argo, Moore, Oklahoma, Route 2. Names of ministers belonging to our church, Eld. John Alsup, Purcell, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. C. L. Hudson, Chickasha, Oklahoma, Bro. Russel Wells, Lindsay, Oklahoma, Bro. Lee Alsup, Purcell, Oklahoma and Bro. Warren Michner.

Done by order of Iron Chapel Church assembled in conference this 2nd day of September, 1951. Moderator Clyde Argo, Clerk, Sister Mary Lee, Purcell, Oklahoma.

Remarks: We have selected Bro. Russell Wells to serve as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year. We are also asking for the Third Quarterly Meeting.

#### Hawkins Church—

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bryant Church. We send our beloved Sister Tommie Wilson, Sister Celia Ann Wilson and Sister Inez Bagwell, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your Godly Deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 3; number baptised, 1, number dismissed by letter, 3; number who requested their names be removed from the church rolls, 5; resident members, 43; non-resident members, 42; total membership, 85; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils, 35; number of officers,

6; condition of League, good; League membership, 28; condition of Auxilliary, fair; Auxilliary membership, 14; amount paid pastor, \$246.50; amount for Evangelistic work, \$163.00; amount for incidentals, \$65.18; amount for publications, \$23.60; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; total amount spent, \$526.28.

Name of Pastor for the coming year and his address: Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. Arlton Doshier, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Done by order of Hawkins Church assembeled in conference this 26th day of August, 1951. Moderator, Joe Blair, Lexington, Oklahoma, Clerk, Sister Evelyn Davis, Blanchard, Oklahoma, Route 4. Remarks: we have select-ed Sister Tommie Wilson to serve as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year. We also would like to have the Second Quarterly Meeting.

#### **Blanchard Church—**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bryant Church. We send as delegates our beloved Sisters, Irene Stanford, Anna DaVoult and Jewel Richey, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 15; number baptised, 6; number deceased 1; resident members, 47; total membership, 48; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 41; number of officers, 3; condition of Auxilliary, good; Auxilliary membership, 16; value of Church Property, \$15,000.00; amount paid Pastor, \$200.00; amount for Evangelistic Work, \$50.; amount for incidentals, \$342.00; amount for publications, \$13.52; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church: Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Eld. B. F. Stacey, Blanchard, Oklahoma; and Eld. L. E. Staggs, Oklahoma City, Okla. Deacons: Bro. Bill DaVoult, Blanchard, Oklahoma; Bro. Knox Bowser, Blanchard, Oklahoma and Bro. Ellis Stanford, New Castle, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Blanchard Church assembled in conference this 20th day of August, 1951. Eld. Clay Richey, Moderator; Clerk, Sister Mattie Lee Bowser, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Remarks: We recommend Bro. Ellis Stanford, as a member of the Executive Board for the Coming year.

## HOME MISSION REPORTS

### Bryant:

We have an active Home Mission of 16 members. We have made and sold one quilt; sold a number of pillow cases; paid \$5.00 on Church Insurance and \$5.00 to the Association. Pray for us that we may be useful in the Lord's work. Sister Lottie Moore, president. Sister Eunice Bryant, secretary.

### Dibble:

We of the Dibble Home Mission are happy to report an active Home Mission. We have about 12 members. We have quilted 14 quilts; sent 75 cards to the sick and bereaved; made 300 sick calls; paid \$50.00 for the upkeep of the Church; and \$5.00 for other expenses. We meet once a month in our business meeting. Pray for us that we might do a greater work for the Lord. Sister Roxie Claunch, president. Sister Narine Mitchell, secretary.

### Iron Chapel:

We have an active Home Mission of 7 members. Each member pays twenty-five cents per month into the treasury and also pays her birthday offerings to help carry on Home Mission work. We have received \$29.30 in pledges since the last Association, also \$2.45 in birthday offerings, \$24.00 for quilts and served on public sale dinner and cleared \$35.55. We had in the treasury at the beginning of this year \$6.00, which makes a total of \$97.08 in the treasury at this time. We have paid Associational pledge, \$15.00, Church pledge, \$5.00, \$15.00 for flowers, \$27.00 for Evangelistic work, and \$29.48 for incidentals, which makes a total of \$91.48 paid out, leaving a balance of \$5.60 in the treasury. Pray for us that we may have a better report next year. Sister Winnie Alsup, president. Sister Mary Lee, secretary.

### East Sulphur:

We submit the following report for our Home Mission work: new members, 13; sick calls, 200; for flowers, \$7.00; garments for needy, \$20.00; Church fan, \$46.00. We sold 4 quilts, \$32.00; one quilt top, \$2.00. Get well cards, 50c, making a total of \$107.50. Bought Church clock, \$2.64, a grand total of \$110.14. Gave to the church, \$68.00 and have a balance on hand of \$2.22. Pray that our efforts may be greater for the next year. Sis. Hannah Dunlap, president. Sis. Essie Hearron, secretary.

### **Bridge Creek:**

We have an active Home Mission of 10 active members. We quilted 3 quilts, served 2 sale dinners, paid Pastor, \$12.00, bought two funeral sprays, sent several get well cards and helped the needy \$25.00. We have a balance in the treasury of \$73.53. Pray that our efforts may be better for the coming year. Sister Edith Hartline, secretary and treasurer.

### **Blanchard:**

We of the Blanchard Home Mission report an active membership of 16, paid on Church Building, \$400.00, quilted two quilts, served five sale dinners, bought five funeral sprays, bought pans and towels for feet washing service, and bought an electric coffee maker for our kitchen. We have a balance in the treasury of \$76.42. Pray that the Lord will give us a better year to work in. Sister Jewel Richey, president. Sister Evelyn Taylor, secretary.

## **MINISTERS' REPORTS**

### **Report of Eld. W. F. Lee:**

I have preached 23 sermons; received \$25.00; served as pastor the last month and one-half of 1951. Called to pastor the Bryant Church for the coming year. Assisted in one revival; witnessed four conversions; baptised one; miles traveled, unknown. Pray for me that my pastoral work may be one that pleases God, and will help the Cause of Christ.

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

### **Report of Eld. W. A. Hearron:**

Sermons preached, 186; conversions, 8; baptised, 1; pastored one church three fourths time; traveled 1,300 miles; held two revivals. Pray that the Lord will be pleased with my efforts for the coming year.

Eld. W. A. Hearron, 506 E. Talequah, Sulphur, Okla.

### **Report of Eld. B. T. Kirby:**

Pastored one church full time; witnessed 67 conversions; baptised 11; held 17 funerals; preached 161 sermons; married 22; miles traveled unknown. Pray that I may do more to help the Cause of Christ for the coming year.

Eld. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31, Okla. City, Okla.

**Report of Eld. L. E. Ward:**

Sermons preached, 60; married 12; witnessed 7 conversions; preached 10 funerals; received \$30.00. Pray for me that I may do more in the coming year.

Eld. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.

**Report of Eld. Clay Richey:**

Preached 134 sermons; baptised 12; married 9; witnessed 23 conversions; preached one dedication service; helped ordain one deacon; pastored full time, and am called to pastor the Church at Blanchard for the coming year. Pray for me that I will do the will of God.

Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma

**Report of Eld. Arthur Hearron:**

Preached 176 sermons; traveled 3,000 miles; pastored three-fourths time at Dibble and one-fourth time at Bridge Creek. Conversions, 21; baptised 3; amount received, (pastoral work, \$660.00; Evangelistic \$217.00) \$887.00. Held two revivals and assisted in one. Will pastor one-half time at Bridge Creek, one-half time at Hawkins for the coming year. I desire your prayers that the Lord will bless our efforts for Him.

Eld. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Okla. City

**PLEDGES TO THE ASSOCIATION**

T. O. Dunn	\$10.00
B. T. Kirby	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson	10.00
John Andrews	10.00
Bob Kirby	10.00
Walter Jennings	10.00
First Church	25.00
E. A. O'Donnel	10.00
W. F. Lee	25.00
Thos. Browning	5.00
Dalton Underwood	5.00
R. E. Clagg	5.00
Blanchard Church	25.00
Sister Jones	5.00
Evelyn Taylor	5.00
Sister Moore	5.00
Sulphur Church	10.00
Arthur Hearron	10.00
Bill DaVoult	10.00
Jack Hopkins	10.00



Ellis Stanford	10.00
Bryant Church	25.00
Jess Clagg	5.00
Chas. Manning	5.00
Lonzoe Bryant	5.00
Bro. Owens	5.00
Dibble Home Mission	5.00
Blanchard Home Mission	5.00
Bryant Home Mission	5.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission	5.00
Hawkins and Bridge Creek Home Mission	25.00
	<hr/>
	\$320.00

## MINUTES OF DIBBLE ASSOCIATION LEAGUE RALLY

In Regular Session at Their Yearly Meeting

At the Hawkins Church, July 15, 1951

Opened by singing, led by Eld. Arthur Hearron, and prayer by Eld. L. E. Ward.

Due to the absence of Eld. Sherman Webb, president, and Bro. Ellis Stanford, vice-president, Eld. Arthur Hearron, called the League Business Meeting together and transacted the following business:

Election of officers: Eld. B. T. Kirby was elected League Sponsor for the coming year; Eld. Bob Kirby, was elected president; vice-president, Eld. Sherman Webb; recording secretary, Miss Joyce Hearron; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anne Davis.

Motion carried to discontinue the Program Committee and for each Church to work out their own play on anything pertaining to a religious theme and to bring this to the Rally, to further their own interest and the interest of other young people in the Lord's work.

Eld. Walter Jennings was selected to bring the message at the next League rally, which will meet with the Bridge Creek Church on the Third Sunday in September.

Iron Chapel, Bridge Creek, Hawkins and First Free Will Baptist of Oklahoma City, presented plays and they were all good. The Program Banner was presented to Hawkins Church and the Attendance Banner went to First Church.

When the count was made to determine how many was present, there was from Bridge Creek, 35, Dibble, 11,

Hawkins, 30, First Church, 52, Iron Chapel, 4, and visitors 11, making a total of 145.

An offering was taken and \$10.24 was received, with a balance on hand of \$17.77, making a total of \$28.01 now in the Treasury.

Eld. B. T. Kirby, League Sponsor for the coming year, asked that the different leagues select three others to represent with their officers their League, and to meet at Dibble Church on Friday Night before the Third Sunday in August, for a Called Session to discuss ways and means to further the League work.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next session at Bridge Creek, the Third Sunday in September.

Eld. B. T. Kirby, Sponsor

Eld. Bob Kirby, President

Miss Joyce Hearron, Secretary.

## **MINUTES OF THE CALLED SESSION OF THE DIBBLE ASSOCIATION LEAGUE RALLY**

Meeting called to order by Eld. B. T. Kirby, League Sponsor. Singing "Can He Depend On You," and prayer by Eld. Sherman Webb.

Motion carried to limit each League Play at each Rally to thirty minutes. Five minutes intermission between each play to give time to set the stage for the next play.

Motion carried to start League Rally at Eleven o'clock as had been done in the past, and Minister selected at the preceeding Rally shall fill the pulpit. (If minister selected fails to be present the pastor of the Host church shall see that some one preaches.)

Motion carried to start League Business Meeting at One o'clock; and after taking care of all business, to take the count of those in attendance. Announcement of the League having the largest number present shall be made at the presenting of the Banners, just before adjournment. Three persons selected by the President and Sponsor shall assist in counting those present.

Motion carried for each League to send some person from their own Congregation to assist in Judging each different Play at the next Rally, even if they do not send a play, and the person selected should be named and the Recording Secretary should know in advance of each

Rally, so it won't be necessary to select Judges at the Rally.

Motion carried for Arthur Hearn to be in charge of the special music, and to arrange quartets, duets, solos, or any musical number to be used during the intermission between each play.

Motion carried for the Host Church to the Rally to only furnish drinks, such as coffee or tea, and all others who come are asked to bring sandwiches to spread at the noon time meal, so it will be possible for the Leagues to enter into their business meeting promptly at one o'clock.

Motion carried for Rev. B. T. Kirby to secure curtains that are shadow proof to be used at each Rally.

Motion carried for the Recording Secretary to send Yearly Report of League work to the Dibble Association when they meet at Bryant Church, Sept. 14-15, 1951, and to contribute \$10.00 to help defray cost of printing the Association Minutes.

Motion carried for League Sponsor to call a session at any time to take care of any business that may help the growth of the League work in the Dibble Association.

Motion carried to adjourn, to meet with the Bridge Creek Church at the next regular Rally, which is the Third Sunday in September 1951.

Rev. B. T. Kirby, Sponsor

Rev. Bob. Kirby, President

Miss. Joyce Hearn, Secretary

#### **MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION**

Eld. W. L. Dunlap; 606 E. Talequah; Sulphur, Oklahoma

Eld. W. A. Hearn; 506 E. Talequah; Sulphur, Oklahoma

Eld. W. F. Lee; Lindsay, Oklahoma

Eld. Clay Richey; Box 97; Blanchard, Oklahoma

Eld. Brian Stacy; Blanchard, Oklahoma

Eld. John Alsup; Rt. 2; Purcell, Oklahoma

Eld. Cephas Long; Santa Ana, Kansas

Eld. H. H. Easterwood; Madria, California

Eld. Walter Jennings; 2212 S. W. 31; Oklahoma City, Okla.

Eld. B. T. Kirby; 2212 S. W. 31; Oklahoma City, Okla.

Eld. E. A. O'Donnell; Rt. 2; Stonewall, Oklahoma

Eld. L. E. Ward; Rt. 4, Blanchard, Oklahoma

Eld L. E. Staggs; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Eld. Arthur Hearn; 4601 Melrose Lane; Okla. City, Okla.

## CHURCH CLERKS

R. S. Kirby; 2212 S. W. 31, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. First Church; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Sis. Dora Mills; Alex, Okla., Star Route, Dibble Church; Sis. Mary Voyles, Blanchard, Okla., Bridge Creek Church; Sis. Jenny Clagg, Lindsay, Okla., Bryant Church; Sis. Earl Fisher, Sulphur, Okla., East Sulphur Church; Sis. Mary Lee, Purcell, Okla., Iron Chapel Church; Sis. Evelyn Davis, Blanchard, Okla., Rt. 4, Box 63, Hawkins Church; Sis. Mattie Lee Bowser, Blanchard, Okla., Blanchard, Church.

## 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 pur-

pose of the donor or donors and in no case divert it from its original object.

The chairman and treasure 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 meeting three times may be dropped from the Board and his successor electd. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be legal unless at least three members are present and 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 privelage to elect their officers and drop the Home Mission rallies.

## CONSTITUTION

From long experience we the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. Membership. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or Quarterly Meetings of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members when present by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. Name. The members thus chosen and convened in the . . . . . Yearly Meeting or Association of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, being composed of 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.

## **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 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. 1 John 2:2.

**8. The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed



from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continued faith and obedience until death. II Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. I Tim. 2:4.

**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 study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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.

Dr. [illegible]