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Treasurer ----- Bro. T. O. Dunn, Maysville

The next Session of the Dibble Association will meet with The First Free Will Baptist Church, S. W. 30th and South Young Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September 1953.

Introductory Message to be delivered by Eld. L. E. Ward, Alternate, Eld. Earl Scroggins.

First Quarterly Meeting: East Sulphur Church, Sulphur.

Second Quarterly Meeting: Dibble Church, Dibble.

Third Quarterly Meeting: Lindsay Church, Lindsay.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting: Pauls Valley Church, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

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 insure 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. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular sessions of the Associations.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call Church in Conference.

2. Call for peace of the Church.

3. Call visiting brethren to seats in council.

4. Reading minutes of previous session.

5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.

7. Are any sick or in distress?

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Evening

Congregation came together with singing, "A way Over Yonder," led by Eld. Arthur Hearn with Sis. Ethel Davis at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Luther Hudson followed with a song, "Wonderful Saviour" and another prayer by Eld. Arthur Hearn. Special Song, "When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way," by Arthur Hearn, Opal Hearn, Luther Hudson and Bryan Stacey.

Devotional service was conducted by Eld. Lonnie Ward and most everyone had a good testimony to offer which added to the spiritual uplift of the service. Eld. B. T. Kirby, pastor of The First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, brought the introductory message, using for a subject, "What We Preach." His message was most inspiring and made us stop and think how careful we should be in our preaching.

Benediction prayer by Eld. J. R. Hall.

Friday Morning Session

Services was started by a song led by Bro. Bryan Stacey and prayer by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Moderator then took charge and called for the letters from the various churches to be presented and read. The following churches were represented and their letters

read: Lindsay Church; Pauls Valley Church petitioned for membership in their letter; Bryant Church; Bridge Creek Church; Hawkins Church; Iron Chapel Church; Blanchard Church; Dibble Church; First Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and East Sulphur Church. Motion carried to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was extended to each delegate as the song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," was sung by the congregation and led by Arthur Hearron.

Devotional scripture, Psalms 26, was read by Elder Sherman Webb with prayer by Eld. Scott, pastor of Central Avenue Church, Okla. City, who was a visiting minister.

Election of Officers

Moderator ----- Eld. B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City
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Treasurer ----- Bro. T. O. Dunn, Maysville
Orphanage Treasurer ---- Bro. Luther Hudson, Chickasha

Prayer, Eld. E. E. Morris, pastor of Capital Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Okla. City, a visiting minister.

Motion carried that the Moderator be empowered to appoint all committees and he proceeded to appoint a Committee on Divine Services. The following were appointed: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Dibble Church, chairman; Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard Church, host-pastor; Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Bryant Church; Bro. Lester Gibson, Bridge Creek Church; and Sis. Hattie Bell, First Church. This committee reported that Eld. Scott, pastor of Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City, bring the eleven o'clock message. Motion carried to adjourn business session until 1:30 p. m. Benediction prayer by Eld. B. T. Kirby.

Eleven O'clock Services

Services started by singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" led by Eld. Arthur Hearron with Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Devotional services conducted by Eld. B. V. True, pastor of the Dibble Church. Special song, "I Remember the Time," by Arthur Hearron, Luther Hudson, Bro. O'Donnell and Sis. Nettie Hudson.

Eld. Scott used for a subject, "Qualifications for Discipleship" ; Scripture Text, "If any man would follow

me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Wonderful message of inspiration, brought in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction and Grace prayer for the noon refreshments by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell.

Friday Afternoon

Congregation came together with a song, led by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Sis. Inez Bagwell, at the piano.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Carl Holcomb, using for a scripture reading, Ephesians 4:13. Prayer by Bro. Ellis Stanford.

Petitionary letters called for and there was none. Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint all committees; Resolutions Committee: Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, chairman, Bro. Luther Hudson, T. O. Dunn and Eld. Bob Kirby members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. Bill DaVoult, chairman, Eld. J. R. Hall, Sis. Mattie Jones, Ida Gibson and Sis. O'Donnell members.

TEMPERANCE: Sis. Alice Wilson, chairman, Sis. Mills, Thelma Gamble, Margie Wells and Dorothy Kirby, members.

LEAGUE: Bro. Dalton Underwood, chairman, Sis. Russell Wells, Lillian Murray, Florence Roberts and Inez Bagwell, members.

OBITUARY: Bro. Lee Hawkins, chairman, Bro. Ruell Smith, Sis. Alta Gibson, Maggie Roath and Mildred Drennan, members.

FINANCE: Bro. Ellis Stanford, chairman, Sis. Opal Kirby, Francis Wilson, Bro. Belton Lee and Edd. Howeth, members.

HOME MISSIONS: Sis. Boyd Lee, chairman, Sis. Jennie Clagg, Zora Mills, Mattie Bowser and Florence Roberts members.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Eld. B. F. Stacey, chairman, Eld. Carl Holcomb, Bro. Arch Mills, Dormie Mills and Eld. Aubrey Nance, members.

Special request for Eld. E. A. O'Donnell to sing, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Motion carried to recess for 15 minutes. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Hall.

Called to order by the moderator and unfinished business called for. There was none. The committee on Divine Services reported that Eld. E. A. O'Donnell would bring the evening message.

New business was called for and the committee on Sunday Schools made their report. Motion carried to accept report as read and retain committee. Treasurer's report was read and motion carried to accept report as read. League committee made their report and motion carried to accept report and retain committee.

Obituary committee made their report and motion carried to accept report, and to stand in silent prayer, concluded by audible prayer led by Bro. Jack Hopkins; committee to be retained.

Motion carried to donate \$200.00 from the treasury to the Pauls Valley Church to aid them in their efforts to carry on a new work at that place.

Motion carried to adjourn until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Benediction prayer by Eld. Bryan Stacey.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregation came together by sing, "Can He Depend On You" and "He's the Lilly of the Valley," led by Eld. Arthur Hearron with Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano. Prayer by Eld. Carl Holcomb.

Devotional service was conducted by Eld. Walter Jennings, using for a scripture reading Rom. 12-15, Prayer by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell.

Committee on Divine Services reports Eld. Carl Holcomb will bring the 11:00 o'clock message.

Eld. Frank Lee was selected to meet with the State Board for the coming year as a member of the General Board.

Motion carried to adjourn for the 11:00 o'clock service. Bro. Richard Clagg prayer the prayer of benediction.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Congregation came together by singing, "Death Will Never Knock on Heaven's Door," led by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Eld. Arthur Hearron. A special song was arranged by Bro. Luther Hudson, assisted by Sis. Nettie Hudson, Eld. Arthur Hearron and Eld. E. A. O'Donnell with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Rev. Carl Holcomb, pastor of the Pauls Valley church

brought the message reading for a scripture text, Jer. 8: 13-15 and Heb. 1: 1-3.

He brought a wonderful message, being inspired by the Holy Spirit. Benediction prayer by Eld. L. E. Ward. Thanksgiving prayer for the noon refreshments was prayed by Eld. V. B. True, pastor of the Dibble Church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and "I'll Live in Glory." Prayer by Sis. Nettie Hudson. Bro. Earl Scroggins read the devotional scripture, using James 1: 1-22. Prayer by Bro. Lee Hawkins.

The first order of business was selecting a place for the next session of the Dibble Association. The First Free Will Baptist Church, located on the corner of S. W. 30th and So. Young's Blvd. in Oklahoma City. Eld. L. E. Ward was selected to bring the introductory message; Bro. Earl Scroggins, alternate.

First Quarterly Meeting meets with E. Sulphur church 506 E. Talequah, in Sulphur, Okla., Eld. Bob Kirby to preach; alternate, Eld. R. S. Webb. Second Quarterly Meeting will be with the Dibble Church, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell to bring the message; Eld. Arthur Hearn, alternate. Third Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Lindsay Church, Lindsay, Okla., Eld. B. T. Kirby to bring the message; Eld. Aubrey Nance, alternate. Fourth Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Pauls Valley Church, Pauls Valley, Okla., Eld. Walter Jennings to bring the message; Eld. Bryan Stacey, alternate.

Motion carried to pick up the resolution which was introduced by Eld. Clay Richey in the morning session. Motion carried to accept it as read. (Resolution had been tabled for the afternoon session.)

Committee on Home Missions made their report. Motion carried to accept the report and retain the committee.

Committee on Credentials examined Bro. Earl Scroggins and found him sound in the doctrine and ready for ordination as requested in the Bridge Creek letter.

Orphanage report read and motion carried to accept it as read.

Finance Committee report read and motion carried to accept it and retain the committee.

Motion carried to accept Resolution No. 1 with amendment. (See Resolutions.)

Motion carried to accept Resolution No. 4. (See Re

solutions.)

Motion carried that Church Clerks and Ass't Clerks have a standing vote in all Associating Meeting and quarterly Meetings.

Resolution of Thanks to the Blanchard Church for their hospitality to this session of the Association read, and motion carried to accept it.

Motion carried to discharge all committees, except those who are appointed to hold office for the Associational Year.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the First Free Baptist Church in Oklahoma City on Thursday night, before the second Sunday in September, 1953

An old fashioned handshake was enjoyed by all present as Bro. Roy Roberts led a song entitled "If We Never Meet Again This Side of Heaven." Benediction prayer by Eld. B. T. Kirby.

(Note) "In behalf of the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church, we take this means of expressing our appreciation to each of you for your presence during your stay with us throughout this session of the Dibble Association. Also we wish to thank the sister churches for assisting us with the lunches. Your stay with us has made us most happy and your fellowship with us has strengthened us. We bid each of you God's speed on your Christian journey and welcome you back with us at any time." Eld. Clay Richey, pastor.

RESOLUTIONS

NO.1 — Be it resolved: That chapter 1, section under title, "Church Organization," be printed in our Associational Minutes. (Article No. 5 in the Constitution covers this phase of church organization.)

NO. 2 — "I move you Sir: That all motions and resolutions of the Dibble Association, prior to this session of the Association, of 1952, become null and void, and of no further effect, except the Standard Laws, and resolutions, namely The Constitution, and By Laws, Rules of Order, and Articles of Faith, and Rules and Regulations governing the Executive Board, and Associational Treasurer, Clerk, Orphanage Treasurer, and other offices which are a permanent part of the Associational Body, such as Ministers, Deacons, and Those who are delegated the authority to act as, and have a voice in each associational

or Quarterly Meeting. And that all resolutions adopted at future sessions of the Association, or Quarterly Meetings be in effect only during the Associational year, unless they be carried forward, and printed in the minutes from year to year. Prayerfully submitted, Eld. Clay Richey."

(This was tabled from Saturday mornings session until the afternoon session of the same day, and was then adopted.)

NO. 3 — Be it resolved: That we pay our Associational Clerk \$25.00, and the Assistant Clerk \$5.00 for the work involved in getting the manuscript of the minutes ready for the printer. Chairman, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

League Committee:

We, your Committee on Leagues, are glad to report there are 8 active Leagues in the Dibble Association. We feel that the League does a wonderful job of training our YOUTH in helping them to take their place in the Lord's work, and pray for Divine guidance in the lives of our young people, that they may be encouraged to do more for the Glory of God, and helping spread the Gospel of Christ.

Dalton Underwood, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, find that all the Churches in the Dibble Association have good Sunday schools and the total number enrolled is as follows: Bridge Creek, 25; First Church, 195; Pauls Valley, 32; Dibble, 65; Blanchard, 46; Bryant, 47; Lindsay, 34; East Sulphur, 40; Iron Chapel, 64; and Hawkins 45, making a total of 582. We further recommend that each of our churches use Free Will Baptist Literature, if at all possible, and all teachers make preparation to teach by study of their lessons, to make our work more interesting, and increasing our number.

Bill DaVoult, Chairman

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, your committee on Obituaries find that the "Grim Reaper" has called from our number the following: Bryant Church, Bro. Josh Keeler; First Church, Sis. Cassidy; Bridge Creek, Bro. Ed Nichols, and Sis. Sarah Scroggins; Dibble Church, Bro. and Sis. Hampton, and the young son of Rev. and Sis. J. R. Hall; Hawkins Church, Bro. Jimmy Davis, Sis. Ann Davis and Bro. Jack Davis; East

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Sulphur, Sis. Hill, Bro. House, and Sis. Penny. Since we keenly feel the loss of these loved ones, yet we know it was Heaven's gain, and should make us have a greater determination to be at all time ready when it comes our time to leave the walks of man. May God in His infinite mercy grant to those who are left behind the comfort of His Spirit to ease the heart aches and help them in their hour of need.

Lee Hawkins, Chairman

HOME MISSIONS:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, find that eight of our churches have Home Missions with 72 active members. Knowing the great work these good Sisters can accomplish through this medium of service, we pray that all of the churches may report their interest in this phase of Christian service through active Home Missions.

Mary Lee, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We, your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following report: Value of Church Property, \$62,000.00; Paid Pastors, \$6,341.14, Evangelists, \$1,773.70; Building and Repairs, \$7,379.19; Publications, \$616.90; Incidentals, Home Missions, etc., \$2,219.30; Minutes, \$110.00 and Orphanage, \$246.64.

We have audited the books of the Orphanage Treasurer and Associational Treasurer and found them to be correct.

Ellis Stanford, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON CREDITIALS:

After having examined Bro. Earl Scroggins, we have found him sound in the doctrine and worthy to be ordained to preach the Gospel.

B. F. Stacey, Chairman

HOME MISSION REPORTS

Iron Chapel:

Our Home Mission has 8 active members. We have quilted 24 quilts, had a Thanksgiving Supper and gave our pastor and family a grocery shower. Have helped one needy family and spent \$31.41 on Evangelistic work. Pray for us that our work will be pleasing to the Lord.

Sis. Winnie Alsop, Pres., Sis. Mary Lee, Sec. and Tres.

Bridge Creek:

Our Home Mission has 11 active members. We meet twice a month to help members with their work. Sent 35

"get-well" cards, made 30 sick calls, paid our pastor \$16., paid \$12.12 for the church, \$10.00 for flowers for funerals, quilted 3 quilts, served one public sale and gave one needy family \$41.00. We have on hand at this time \$59.26. We are enclosing \$5.00 for the Association Pledge.

Sis. Nichols, Pres., Alta Gibson, Sec. and Treas.

Dibble:

We are glad to report that we have an active Home Mission of 15 active members. We have a business meeting once each month. Have quilted 8 quilts, sold Chore Girls and Christmas Cards, and served one public sale dinner. Have bought flowers for the sick; paid for keeping the church building cleaned, and have sent 53 sick and sympathy cards. Have material bought for kitchen cabinet and have in the treasury \$27.53. Pray for us that we may be ever humble and faithful to do more for the Lord.

Sis. Josie Mills, Pres., Vicie Hopkins, Sec. and Treas.

Bryant:

We have an active Home Mission with 12 members. We have quilted and sold two quilts and have one more for sale. Have quilted a number of quilts for others and paid our pledge of \$5.00 to the association. Our other expenses are \$9.84.

Sis. T. O. Dunn, Pres., Sis. R. E. Clagg, Sec. and Treas.

Lindsay:

We have an active Home Mission of 12 members. We have made and sold 4 quilts, also a number of pillow cases. We have had one supper. We paid \$400.00 on our church building fund. Now have \$60.00 in the treasury. Pray for us that next year might be even more prosperous in the Lord.

Sis. Nancy Robbins, Pres.

Blanchard:

We are glad to report a good Home Mission with 14 active members. Total amount received, \$208.70. Paid the Association \$5.00, bought 11 funeral sprays, bought kitchen cabinet, stove and rug for kitchen. Had two food sales, quilted one quilt, paid \$100.00 to church on the building, gave one quilt to family who had home burned. Pray for us.

Sis. Evelyn Taylor, Sec. and Treas.

East Sulphur:

We have collected \$52.63, spent \$47.48, on various church

ch activities. Also \$100.00 on relief to the needy. Have read 310 Bible chapters, visited 101 sick. Have on hand \$5.10.

Sis. Hannah Dunlap, Sec. and Treas.

MINISTERS REPORT

Report of Eld. Sherman Webb:

I have preached 111 sermons, witnessed 4 conversions, baptized 2, married 1 couple, helped organize 1 church. Miles traveled, unknown, amount received, \$300.00. Have been called to pastor the Lindsay church for the coming year. Pray for me that I might be more useful in the work of the Lord for the year ahead.

Rev. Sherman Webb

Report of Eld. Carl Holcomb:

I have traveled approximately 2,500 miles, preached 287 sermons, received \$1,458.00, organized 1 church, preached 2 funerals, and witnessed 87 conversions. I am called to pastor the Pauls Valley Church for the coming year. Pray for me that the Lord will use us to His glory during the year ahead.

Rev. Carl Holcomb, 805 W. Paul Ave., Pauls Valley, Okla.

Report of Eld. Clay Richey:

I pastored the Blanchard Church full time this year. Witnessed 9 conversions, preached 137 sermons, baptised 5, preached 21 funerals, married 11 couples, ordained 2 ministers to preach the Gospel, ordained 2 Deacons. assisted in the organization of 2 new churches. Received \$580. Am Called to pastor the Blanchard Church full time for the coming year. I covet your prayers for the coming year that I will be more useful in the Lord's service.

Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla., P. O.
Box 97, Telephone No. 33.

Report of Eld. W. F. Lee:

I have preached 60 sermons, pastored one church one-half time, assisted in 3 revivals, helped organize 1 church, traveled approximately 1,000 miles. Pray for me and the Church that we both may prosper spiritually in the Lord.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla., P. O. Box 61

Report of Eld. Arthur Hearron:

Miles traveled, unknown, number of conversions, 12, number baptized, 8, members received, 18, funerals, 5. Pastored one half time at two churches, first and third Sundays at Hawkins, second and fourth Sundays at Bridge Creek. Am called to pastor these two churches for the

coming year. Pray for us in our efforts to help further the Cause of Christ, to aid the Faithful and reach the Lost.

Eld. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane,
Okla. City, Okla., Phone ME 8-3572

CHURCH LETTERS

First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City—

To the Dibble Association yearly meeting of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Blanchard Church: We send as delegates our beloved Sister Hattie Bell, Sister Dorothy Kirby and 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, 43; number baptized, 9; number dismissed by letter, 7; number excluded, 0; number deceased, 0; resident members, 331; non-resident members, 70; total membership, 401; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 184; number of officers, 39; condition of League, good; League membership, 65; value of church property, \$20,000; amount paid pastor, \$4,160.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$85.00; amount for building and repairs, \$1,500.00; amount for incidentals, \$500.00. amount for publications, \$303.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$15.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Eld. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla. Ministers belonging to our church: Walter Jennings; Robert S. Kirby, Oren T. White and B. T. Kirby. Deacons: Albert Fatheree, Sherman Pullen, Bill Andrews, John Andrews, Ted Ballard and Doc Creel.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference, this 10 day of September, 1952. Moderator, Eld. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla., R. S. Kirby, 2204 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla., Clerk.

Remarks: We would appreciate one of the Quarterly meetings.

Lindsay First Free Will Baptist Church—

To the Dibble Association yearly meeting of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Blanchard Church: We send as delegates our beloved Sisters, Grace Cheek, Mattie Jones and Thelma Gamble, 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, 20; number baptized, 2; number dismissed by letter,

4; resident members, 26; total membership, 26; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 34; number of officers, 6; condition of League, poor; condition of Home Mission, good; value of Church property, \$10,000.00; amount paid pastor, \$257.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$235.10; amount for building and repairs, \$4,891.45; amount for incidentals, \$400.96; amount for piano, \$150.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; amount for Orphanage, \$32.00; total church indebtedness, \$2,000.00; total on hand, \$606.55.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Eld. R. S. Webb, Lindsay, Okla. Names and addresses of ministers: R. S. Webb, Lindsay, Okla. and W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Oklahoma. Deacons: C. F. Berkley, Lindsay, Okla., and Richard R. Hill, Maysville, Oklahoma.

Done by order of Lindsay First Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference, this 20th day of August, 1952. Moderator, R. S. Webb, Lindsay, Okla.; Mrs. Richard Hill, Box 622, Maysville, Okla., Clerk.

Remarks: We recommend Bro. W. F. Lee as a member of the Executive Board.

Bryant Free Will Baptist Church—

To the Dibble Association Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Blanchard Church: We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Dalton Underwood RueDell Smith, and Sister Frances Wilson, 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, 4; number baptized, 3; number dismissed by letter, 10; number excluded, 0; number deceased, 1; resident members, 84; non-resident members, 14; total membership, 102; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 47; number of officers, 8; condition of League, good; League membership, 30; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxiliary membership, 12; value of church property, \$3,000.00; amount for Evangelistic work, \$246.50; amount for incidentals, \$231.72; amount for foreign Missions, \$15.00; amount for publication, \$6.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. Frank Lee, Lindsay, Oklahoma. Deacons belonging to the church: Bro. R. E. Clagg, Lindsay, Okla., Bro. T. O. Dunn, Maysville, Okla., Bro. C. H. Manning, Norman, Okla., Bro. M. A. Clagg, Lindsay, Okla., and Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Done by order of Bryant Free Will Baptist Church, assembled in conference this 24th day of August, 1952. Moderator, Eld. Frank Lee, Lindsay, Okla., Sis. Jennie Clagg, Lindsay, Oklahoma, Clerk.

Remarks: We recommend Bro. Marvin Hawkins as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year.

Pauls Valley Free Will Baptist Church—

To the Dibble Association Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Blanchard Church. We send as delegates our beloved Sisters: Lillian Murray, S. C. Nation and Nona Halcomb, 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, 15; number baptized, 4; resident members, 15; total membership, 15; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 32; number of officers, 5; condition of League, in process of organizing; Auxiliary membership, 0; value of church property, \$6,500.00; amount paid pastor, \$205.94; Amount for Evangelistic work, \$110.00; amount for building and repairs, \$363.51; amount for incidentals, \$61.62; amount for Home Missions, \$25.00; amount for publications, \$26.12; amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Eld. Carl Halcomb, 805 W. Paul, Pauls Valley, Okla. Ministers in our church, Eld. Carl Halcomb. Deacons: Bro. George Knatt, Rt. 1, Elmore City, Okla., and Bro. Beal, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Done by order of Pauls Valley Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference, this 7th day of September, 1952. Moderator, Eld. Carl Halcomb, 805 W. Paul, Pauls Valley, Okla., Sister George Knatt, Rt. 1, Elmore City, Oklahoma, Clerk.

Remarks: We are asking for the Association to help us with financial help if at all possible. We are asking for the third quarterly meeting. We recommend Bro. Rube Beal for the Executive Board.

Bridge Creek Church—

To the Dibble Association Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Blanchard Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: L. J. Gibson, Sister Ida Gibson, and Sister Alta Gibson, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; members received this year, 1; number baptized, 1; number dismissed by

letter, 8; number deceased, 2; resident members, 40; non-resident members, 39; total membership, 79; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 25; number of officers, 6; condition of League, fair; League membership, 25; condition of Auxiliary, fair; Auxilliary membership, 11; value of church property, \$2,000.00; amount paid pastor, \$232.25; amount for Evangelistic work, \$72.75; amount for building and repairs, \$40.00; amount for incidentals, \$43.00; amount for foreign missions, \$13.00; amount for publications, \$24.79; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Okla. City, Oklahoma. Names and addresses of ministers in our church: Eld. Denver Wynn, Okla. City; Eld. Cephas Long. Licensed: Bro. Earl Scroggins. Deacons: Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. C. R. Gibson, Bro. Arthur Browning, Bro. Will Jervis, and Bro. Audro Troutt.

Done by order of Bridge Creek Church assembled in conference, this 23rd day of August, 1952. Moderator, Eld. Arthur Hearron, and Sister Mary Voyles, Rt. 3, Blanchard, Okla., Clerk.

Remarks: We recommend Bro. Earl Scroggins as a Minister of the gospel to be ordained as such. We ask for the 1953 Association or the third quarterly meeting. We also request that Bro. Thomas Browning act as delegate to the State Association. We recommend Bro. Thomas Browning on the executive board.

Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church—

To the Dibble Association Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Blanchard Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: J. E. Wilson, Belton Lee and Lee Hawkins, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; members received this year, 20; number baptized, 5; number dismissed by letter, 3; resident members, 64; non-resident members, 1; total membership, 65; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 46; number of officers, 6; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxilliary membership, 14; value of church property, \$10,000.00; amount paid pastor, \$480.00; amount for Evangelistic work, \$220.00; amount for incidentals, \$692.73; amount for State Executive treasure, \$25.00; amount for home missiions, \$21.00; amount for orphanage, \$20.00; amount for publications, \$43.95; amount enclosed

for Dibble Association, \$25.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Ministers in our church: Eld. Clay Richey; Eld. Ernest Staggs, Oklahoma City; Eld. Aubury Nance, Okla. City; Eld. B. F. Stacy, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. Bill DeVault, Blanchard; Bro. Ellis Stanford, New Castle; and Bro. K. C. Bowser, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Done by order of Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference, this 8th day of September, 1952. Moderator, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, and Sister Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Oklahoma, Clerk.

Remarks: We recommend Bro. Ellis Stanford as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year. We recommend Bro. J. E. Wilson as delegate to the State Association. We include five dollars for the State Association.

Iron Chapel Church—

To the Dibble Association Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Blanchard Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sister Marjory Wells, Sister Cestas Wells, and Bro. Edd Howeth, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; members received this year, 3; number baptized, 2; number dismissed by letter, 2; number excluded, 2; number deceased, none; resident members, 34; non-resident members, 52; total membership, 86; condition of Sunday School good; average number of pupils, 40; enrollment, 64; number of officers, 6; condition of League, good; League membership, 50; condition of Auxiliary, good; membership, 8; value of church property, \$3,000.00; amount paid pastor, \$179.00; amount for Evangelistic work, \$162.55; amount for incidentals, \$19.56; amount for foreign missions, \$10.13 amount for home missions, \$25.00; amount for publications, (S. S. literature, etc.) \$31.88; amount of budget money paid, \$50.15; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. Clyde Argo, Moore, Oklahoma.

Ministers belonging to the church, Eld. John Alsup, Purcell, Okla. Deacons: C. L. Hudson, Chickasha, Lee Alsup, Purcell, Russell Well, Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Warren Michner, State of Arizona.

Done by order of the Iron Chapel Church, assembled in conference this 6th day of September, 1952. Moderator,

Eld. Clyde Argo, Moore, Oklahoma, Clerk, Mary Lee, Blanchard, Oklahoma, Rt. 2.

Remarks: This church has plans underway to build a new church building, size 30 x 60 feet. This church is asking for the 3rd Quarterly Meeting. We recommend Bro. Russell Wells as a member of the Associational Executive board, and to represent us at the State Association.

Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church—

To the Yearly Meeting of the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Blanchard, Oklahoma, Church. We send as delegates, our beloved Sisters, Alice Wilson, Inez Bagwell and Mildred Drennan, 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, 4; number baptized, 4; number dismissed by letter, 4; number deceased, 3; resident members, 40; non-resident members, 42; total membership, 82; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 35; number of officers, 7; condition of League, good; League membership, 60; average attendance, 45; amount paid pastor, \$281.95; amount for Evangelistic work, \$101.50; amount for foreign missions, \$16.00; amount for orphanage, \$26.64; amount for publications, \$46.11; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; amount paid on Associational pledge, \$15.00; total amount spent, \$580.34.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Okla. City, Oklahoma. Deacons: Bro. Roy True, Alex, and Bro. Alton Dozier, Amber, Oklahoma. On trial for Deacons: Bro. Robt. Davis Blanchard, and Bro. Ben McClure, Alex, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Hawkins Church, assembled in regular conference this 7th day of September, 1952. Eld. Arthur Hearron, moderator, Sis. Evelyn Davis, clerk.

Remarks: We would like to have the first Quarterly Meeting. We also recommend Robt. Davis to represent us as a member of the Associational Executive Board, and at the State Association.

East Sulphur Church—

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Blanchard Church, at Blanchard, Okla., September 11, 1952. We send as delegates, Sister E. A. O'Donnell and Sister Essie Hearron, whom we pray you to receive, to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received this year, 10; dismissed, 3; deceased, 3; total membership 30; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 4.

Financial report: Paid evangelist \$103.00; building and repairs, \$510.80; publications, \$24.00; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Eld. W. A. Hearron 506 E. Talequah, Sulphur, Eld. Jon Lewis, 309 E. Talequah, Sulphur, and E. A. O'Donnell, Stonewall, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the East Sulphur Church assembled in regular conference this 7th day of September, 1952. Eld. W. A. Hearron, moderator, Sis. V. D. Finley, clerk.

Remarks: We have two more payments to make on our church building, with enough money in the treasury to pay in full.

Names of our deceased members: Sister Hill, Sister Penny, and Bro. House.

We recommend for a member of the Associational Executive Board, Bro. E. A. O'Donnell and also wish him to represent us as a delegate to the State Association.

Dibble Church—

To the Dibble Association Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Blanchard Church. We send as delegates our beloved Sisters: Josie Mills, Maggie Roberts and Florence Roberts, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received this year, 3; number baptized, none; number dismissed by letter, 8; number excluded, 1; number deceased, 2; resident members, 48; non-resident members, 125; total membership, 173; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 65; number of officers, 8; condition of League, good; League membership, 45; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxiliary membership, 30.

Financial report: Value of church property, \$4,000.00; amount paid pastor, \$545.00. amount for Evangelistic work \$145.00; amount for incidentals, \$145.00; amount for publications, \$25.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; amount paid to orphanage, \$150.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year, Eld. V. B. True, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ministers belonging

to our church: Eld. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Eld. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Okla. City, Okla., and Eld. J. R. Hall, State of California. Deacons: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Bro. A. E. Mills, Rt. 2, Blanchard, and Bro. Dormie Mills, Alex, Oklahoma.

Done by order of the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in regular conference this 16th day of September, 1952. Eld. V. B. True, moderator, Sister Zora Mills, Clerk, Alex, Oklahoma.

Remarks: We recommend Eld. L. E. Ward as a member of the Association Executive Board, and to represent us as delegate to the State Association.

Report of Association Treasurer:

Amount brought forward	\$97.27
Amount received for minutes	90.00
Amount received for Bro. Munkus	11.00
Pledges paid	300.00
Total	\$498.27

Amount paid out:

Sis. Stanford, Assistant Clerk	\$10.00
Sis. Opal Hearron, Clerk	25.00
Bro. Munkus	11.00
For State Minutes	25.00
Associational Minutes	85.00
Flowers for Bro. Munkus	5.00
Lindsay Church	200.00
F. W. B. Gem, (letter forms)	1.80
F. W. B. Gem (ordination blanks)	2.90
Total	\$365.70

Balance in Treasury	\$132.57
4 War Bonds (\$100.00)	400.00

Total \$532.57

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Maysville, Okla., Treasurer

Report of Orphanage Treasurer of Dibble Association:

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Blanchard Church, September 11, 1952. I beg to report funds received from the various churches in the Association as follows:

Dibble Church, \$10.00 per month	\$120.00
Dibble League, \$2.50 per month	30.00
Bryant Church, \$5.00 per month	60.00
Bryant Church, (for school lunches) \$4.00 per mo.	36.00
Bryant Church Christmas Gift	3.30

Bridge Creek	50.00
Hawkins Church	34.60
Total	\$330.90

I wish to thank each of these churches for their support to this worthy cause, and our prayer is that the Lord will bless them in their efforts.

Bro. C. L. Hudson, 308 Idaho, Chickasha, Okla., Treas.

September 11, 1952, I received a personal check from an individual from the Dibble Church for \$25.00, which makes a total of \$358.90.

MINUTES OF THE CALLED SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, SEPTEMBER 27, 1952

The Executive Board met at the Pauls Valley Church. Members present were Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. Frank Lee, Bro. Marvin Hawkins, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Carl Holcomb and Bro. Ellis Stanford.

The Board met after church services. Motion carried to make Bro. Ellis Stanford, secretary.

Motion carried to send \$50.00 to the State Association to pay fee from 10 churches in the Dibble Association at \$5.00 per church.

Motion carried that the Board unanimously voice their approval, and commendation to the Church at Pauls Valley and their pastor, for the splendid hospitality shown us. We foresee a good opportunity for a good healthy growth and see evidence of much work and effort on the part of the church in their building program.

Motion carried to adjourn and dismissal prayer by Eld. B. T. Kirby.

LEAGUE YEARLY REPORT

The Dibble Association League Rally met at Hawkins Church. Eld. Bob Kirby brought the morning message. He made an appeal to we who are more experienced in Christian work to offer more encouragement to our young people in their efforts. A wonderful message.

Following a basket dinner, which was enjoyed by all present, the league entered into their business session at 1:30 p. m. and elected the following officers: Eld. Arthur Hearron, sponsor; Eld. B. T. Kirby, assistant; Eld. Bob Kirby, president; Eld. Sherman Webb, assistant; Sister Ann Davis, financial secretary; Sister Mary Clagg, corresponding secretary.

The Yearly Program and Attendance Banner was won

by the Bridge Creek League.

Bryant Church was selected as the next meeting place for the League Rally. At the count, there was 110 present.

Arthur Hearron, Sponsor

Mary Clagg, Corr. Sec.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Eld. J. R. Hall; Norman, Oklahoma
Eld. Cephas Long; Santana, Kansas
Eld. W. F. Lee; Lindsay, Oklahoma
Eld. R. S. Webb; Lindsay, Oklahoma
Eld. Orin I. White; Oklahoma City, Okla.
Eld. Brian Stacy; Blanchard, Oklahoma
Eld. Aubrey Nance; Wheatland, Oklahoma
Eld L. E. Staggs; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Eld. John Alsup; Rt. 2; Purcell, Oklahoma
Eld. L. E. Ward; Rt. 2; Blanchard, Oklahoma
Eld. John Lewis; 308 E. Talequah; Sulphur, Okla.
Eld. R. S. Kirby; 2204 S. W. 31; Okla. City, Okla.
Eld. Clay Richey; Box 97; Blanchard, Oklahoma
Eld. E. A. O'Donnell; Rt. 2; Stonewall, Oklahoma
Eld. Carl Holcomb; 805 W. Paul; Pauls Valley, Okla.
Eld. Denver Wynn; 3140 S. W. 26; Okla. City, Okla.
Eld. B. T. Kirby; 2212 S. W. 31; Oklahoma City, Okla.
Eld. W. L. Dunlap; 606 E. Talequah; Sulphur, Oklahoma
Eld. W. A. Hearron; 506 E. Talequah; Sulphur, Oklahoma
Eld. Walter Jennings; 2212 S. W. 31; Oklahoma City, Okla.
Eld. Arthur Hearron; 4601 Melrose Lane; Okla. City, Okla.

CHURCH CLERKS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Jennie Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.—Bryant Church
Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.—Blanchard Church
Mrs. Richard Hill, Maysville, Okla.—Lindsay Church
Mrs. V. D. Finley, Sulphur, Okla.—E. Sulphur Church
Mrs. Zora Mills, Alex, Okla., Star Rt.—Dibble Church
Mary Lee, Blanchard, Okla. Rt. 2—Iron Chapel Church
Evelyn Davis, Rt. 4, Blanchard, Okla.—Hawkins Church
R. S. Kirby, 2204 S. W. 31, Okla. City, Okla.—First Church
Mary Voyles, Rt. 3, Blanchard, Okla. Bridge Creek Church
Mrs. Geo. Knott, Elmore City, Okla.—Pauls Valley Church

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 presented 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 accounta-

bility 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.

