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OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Eld. B. T. Kirby, Okla. City.  
Assistant Mod. ----- Eld. Arthur Hearron, Okla. City  
Clerk ----- Sis. Irene Stanford, Newcastle, Okla.  
Ass't. Clerk ----- Sis. Nettie Hudson, Chickasha, Okla.  
Treasurer ----- Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.

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The next session of the Dibble Association will meet with the Lindsay Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1955.

Introductory message to be delivered by Eld. L. E. Ward, Eld. B. T. Kirby, alternate.

First Quarterly meeting — Blanchard Church, with Eld. Bob Kirby to preach the message. Eld. I. W. Yandell alternate.

Second Quarterly meeting — Bridge Creek Church, with Eld. I. W. Yandell to bring the message. Eld. Arthur Hearron, alternate.

Third Quarterly meeting — Iron Chapel Church with Eld. Arthur Hearron to bring the message. Eld. Charles Buck, alternate.

## **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.

## **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

Opened by singing, led by Eld. Arthur Hearron, Eld. Bob Kirby, Bro. Luther Corely and Bro. Luther Hudson. Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Devotional service led by Eld. John Alsup. Message delivered by Eld. Arthur Hearron. Closed by prayer.

### Friday Morning Session

Association was called to order by the Moderator Eld. B. T. Kirby. Songs, "Glory to His Name" led by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell. Sis. Francis Wilson at the piano.

Devotional reading was by Eld. John Alsup, reading the Twenty Third Psalm. Prayer by Eld. L. E. Ward.

Church letters called for and the following churches reported: Bridge Creek; First Church, Okla. City; Bryant Church; Iron Chapel; Blanchard; Dibble; Hawkins; Lindsay and Chickasha. Motion carried to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given them while singing "Just Over in the Glory Land", led by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell.

### Election Of Officers

Moderator ----- Eld. B. T. Kirby, Okla. City.  
Asst. Moderator ----- Eld. Arthur Hearron, Okla. City.  
Clerk ----- Sis. Irene Stanford, Newcastle, Okla.  
Asst. Clerk ----- Sis. Nettie Hudson, Chickasha, Okla.  
Asso. Treasurer ----- Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.

A committee on Devine Services was appointed as follows: Jack Hopkins chairman, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. Russell Wells, Bro. Jess Pullen and Bro. Luther Hudson. They selected Eld. E. A. O'Donnell to bring the message and the Devotional Service to be conducted by Eld. L. E. Ward. Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock.

### Eleven O'Clock Services

Congregation came together by singing "It is Love", led by Eld. B. T. Kirby with Eld. Arthur Hearron at the piano. Other song, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". Prayer by Eld. L. Perry Argo. A short Devotional service was led by Eld. L. E. Ward. Another song, "I'll Fly Away," "Heavens Jubilee" was sung by a quartet composed of Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Eld. Arthur Hearron, Sis Maggie Roberts and Sis. Inez Bagwell, with Sis. Francis Wilson at the piano.

Eld. E. A. O'Donnell brought the message, using John 4:22 for a text. Eld I. W. Yandell completed the sermon preaching on the Holy Spirit. Dismissed for noon by T. O. Dunn.

### Friday Afternoon Session

Came together by singing, led by Eld. Arthur Hearron. Songs "Sunlight", and "Standing on the Promises". Devotional Scripture read by Eld. Perry Argo, reading Romans 2: 1-7. Prayer by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell.

Petitionary letter asked for, opened for discussion and letter from St. Clair Church, Okla. City, accepted. Delegates were seated.

### Appointment Of Committees

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:** Eld. Frank Lee chairman, Eld. L. E. Ward, Eld. Bryan Stacy, Eld. I. W. Yandell, Bro. Bill DeVault.

**TEMPERANCE:** Sis. Winnie Alsup, chairman, Sis. Alice Wilson, Sis. Alma York, Sis. Joy Thomson and Sis. Wanette Browning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sis. Nettie Hudson, chairman, Sis. Louise Batson, Sis. Cestes Wells, Sis. Essie Buck, and Sis. Edith Allen.

HOME MISSION: Sis. Nadine Mitchell, chairman, Sis. Buna Lee, Sis. Mattie Jones, Sis. Corene Michener and Sis. Inez Bagwell

LEAGUE: Bro. Bob Hawkins chairman, Bro. Charles Buck, Sis. Luvelma Medlin, Sis. Linnie Allen and Sis. Faye Reed.

FINANCE: Bro. Dormie Mills, chairman, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Sherman Pullen, Eld. John Alsup and Bro. Mack Clagg.

OBITUARY: Eld. Walter Jennings chairman, Sis. Clara Standridge, Sis. Frankie Light, Sis. Dovie Yandell and Sis. Frances Wilson.

RESOLUTION: Eld. Aubrey Nance chairman, Bro. Andy Clagg, Bro. Arch Mills, Bro. Allie Ward and Sis. Pullen.

Unfinished business was called for. A general discussion of the Camp Ground was held.

New Business: Motion and second to elect Bro. C. L. Hudson by acclamation for a delegate to State Association. Eld. E. E. Morris made a report from the National Association. The Business Committee report was read and accepted. Motion and second that we take a 15 minute recess. Came together by singing, "I'll Have a New Life", led by Eld. Bryan Stacy, Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Resolution number one read and accepted. Report on Camp Ground was made. Motion made and seconded that we accept the report. Motion carried. Temperance Committee report was read. Motion carried to accept the report and retain the Committee. League Committee report was read and motion carried to accept the report and retain the committee. Home Mission report was read and motion carried to accept the report and retain the committee. Sunday School report was read and motion made to accept the report and retain the committee. Committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. Clay Richey would bring the Friday night message. Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday morning.

### Friday Evening Service

Opened by group singing. Prayer by Eld. Denver Wynn. Devotional service conducted by Eld. Arthur Hearron. A special quartet was arranged by Bro. Luther Hudson. It was composed of Bro. Luther Hudson, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Sis. Inez Bagwell and Bro. Luther Corely. They sang "Jesus Gave His All". Linda Bagwell sang a solo, "He'll Take Care of You". The evening message was delivered by Eld. Clay Richey using Rev. 14:6 for a text. Dismissed by Eld. Aubrey Nance.

### Saturday Morning Session

Came together by singing. Eld. Arthur Hearron directed class songs "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian." Sis. Inez Bagwell played the piano. Eld. Denver Wynn gave the Devotional Reading, the Twenty Third Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Sam Pybas. Obituary report read and motion made to accept the report and retain the committee. Resolution number two was made. Motion carried to accept the resolution. Camp Ground fund report was read. Motion carried to receive the report and retain the committee. Divine Service committee reported that Eld. B. T. Kirby was to bring the morning message. Eld. Lonnie Ward to conduct the Devotional service. Orphan's Home Treasure report was read. Motion made and carried to accept the report as read. Motion made and carried to elect Bro. C. L. Hudson by acclamation for another year as Associational Orphan's Home Treasurer. Motion made and carried to adjourned until one thirty o'clock. Dismissed by prayer by Eld. Denver Wynn.

### Eleven O'Clock Services

Came together by singing "I've Got That Old Time Religion In My Heart" and "Just Over In The Glory Land", led by Bro. C. L. Hudson with Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano. Prayer by Eld. John Alsup. Another song, "Just One Way to the Gate". A special song, "I've Been Waiting", by Bro. and Sis. Hudson, Sis. Inez Bagwell and Eld. Arthur Hearron. Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Linda Bagwell sang "You've A Beautiful Story to Tell", with Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano. A very spirited Devotional Service was conducted by Eld. L. E. Ward. Eld. B. T. Kirby brought the message, using for his subject, "Our Refuge". Dismissed for the noon meal by Eld. I. W. Yandell.

## Saturday Afternoon Session

Came together by singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by Bro. Thomas Browning with Sis. Melvin Batson at the piano. Scripture reading by Eld. Arthur Hearron reading Psalms I. Prayer by Eld. Bryan Stacy. Finance report read, motion carried to accept the report as read. Motion made to elect Bro. T. O. Dunn by acclamation for Associational Treasurer for next Associational Year. Motion carried.

Next Association to be at the Lindsay Church. Eld. Lonnie Ward to bring Introductory Message with B. T. Kirby for alternate.

First Quarterly Meeting to be at the Blanchard Church. Eld. Bob Kirby to bring the Introductory Message with Eld. I. W. Yandell for alternate.

Second Quarterly Meeting to be at the Bridge Creek Church. Eld. I. W. Yandell to bring the Introductory Message with Eld. Arthur Hearron for alternate.

Third Quarterly Meeting to be at the Iron Chapple Church. Eld. Arthur Hearron to bring the Introductory Message with Bro. Charles Buck for alternate.

Motion made and carried that we elect 5 men on Executive Camp Ground Building Board. They were Eld. Arthur Hearron chairman, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. Russell Wells, Bro. Bill Da Vault and Eld. B. T. Kirby.

Motion made and carried that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Dibble Church for the wonderful entertainment and feeling of hospitality shown the Dibble Association during the current session.

Motion made and carried that we discharge all committees except the standing committees and adjourn until the next Association when convened with the Lindsay Church on the Thursday night before the Second Sunday in September 1955.

Dismissed by Eld. Arthur Hearron.

## CHURCH LETTERS

HAWKINS—State of Religion, Good; members received this year 5; number baptized; 4; number dismissed by letter, 6; resident members, 48; non-resident members, 49; total membership, 97; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 55; number of officers, 5; condition of League, good; League membership, 45;



value of church property, \$5,000. amount paid pastor, \$905; amount for Evangelistic work, \$125.00; amount for incidentals \$279.08; amount for visiting ministers, \$20.00; amount for Orphans Home, \$75.00; amount for publications, S. S. Lit., etc., \$71.25; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00;

Pastors name and address for coming year, Eld. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. Arthur Hearron, and Eld. Richard Barbee. Deacons belonging to our church, Bro. Ben McClure, Bro. Roy True, Bro. Robert Davis, Bro. Omer Pearson, and Bro. Arlton Doshier.

Done by order of the Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church assembled in Conference, this 5th day of September, 1954. Remarks: We recommend Bro. Robert Davis as member of the Executive Board. We enclose \$5.00 as our fee.

CHICKASHA CHURCH—We send as delegates our beloved, Sis. W. B. Hysan, Sis. Leana Fields, Sis. Uvella Medlin, Sis. Nettie Hudson, and Sis. Frankie Light as alternate, whom we pray you to seat to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Chickasha Free Will Baptist Church was organized February 10, 1954, with 31 charter members. Members received 21; baptized, 14; total membership, 52; condition of Sunday School good: paid pastor, \$665.00; paid evangelistic work, \$155.00; paid orphanage, \$79.06; paid camp ground, \$50.00; paid on property, \$970.00; paid out misc. expenses, \$578.87; value of church property, \$3,500.00

Pastors name and address for coming year, Eld. Lester Maynard, Oklahoma City, Okla. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Names of ministers belonging to our Church: Eld. Albert McReynolds. Names of Deacons belonging to our Church: Bro. Luther Hudson, Bro. A. C. Paddock, Bro. Otho Light, Bro. Allie Ward, Bro. Will Hudson, and Bro. Jess Joy.

Done by order of the Chickasha Free Will Baptist Church assembled in regular conference this 7th day of September, 1954.

Eld. Lester Maynard, Moderator; Sister Virginia Smith, Clerk.

**IRON CHAPEL** — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as Delegates our beloved, Sis. Cestas Wells, Sis. Winnie Alsup, and Sis. Corene Michener. Alternates, Bro. Boyd Lee, Bro. Charley Wells, and Bro. Walter Wells whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your Godly deliberations. State of Religion, good; members received this year, 6; number baptised, 5; number dismissed by letter, 3; number excluded, none; number deceased, none; resident members, 33; non-resident members, 53; total membership, 86; number of tithers, none; condition of Prayer Meeting, none; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 60; average number of pupils, 45; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4; condition of League, good; league membership, 40; condition of Auxiliary good; Auxiliary membership, 7; value of church property, \$6,000; amount paid pastor, \$180.00; amount for Evangelistic work, \$171.00; amount of building and repairs, \$64.09; amount of incidentals, \$177.24; amount of youth camp, \$57.00, amount for publications, \$32.21; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.

Pastors name and address for the coming year: Eld. Clyde Argo, R. 2. Moore, Okla. Ministers belonging to our church; Eld. John Alsup, Purcell, Okla. Deacons belonging to our Church: Bro. Lee Alsup, Purcell, Okla., Bro. Russell Wells, Lindsay, Okla., and Bro. Warren Michener, Somerton, Ariz.

Done by order of Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Church assebled in conference this 4th day of September, 1954. Moderator: Russell Wells as Executive Board member from our church.

**BRYANT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**—To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sister Joy Thomason, Bro. Vernon Thomason, Bro. Bob Hawkins, and Bro. Andy Clagg, 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, number baptized, none; number dismissed by letter, 7; number excluded, none; number deceased, 1; resident members, 79; non-resident members, 10; total membership, 89; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 65; average-number of pupils, 35; number of officers, 4; number of teachers,

5; condition of League, good; League membership, 20; condition of Auxilliary, good; Auxilliary membership, 12; value of Church property, \$4,000; amount for evangelistic Work, \$246; amount for building and repairs, \$719.12; amount for incidentals, \$107.06; amount for Orphanage, \$25.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00;

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

Done by order of Bryant Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 21st day of August, 1954. Moderator: Eld. W. F. Lee. Clerk: Sis. Jennie Clagg. We recommend Bro. M. A. Clagg as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, OKLA. CITY  
—To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved Sister Pullen, Sister Buck and Brother Buck whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberation. State of Religion, good; members received this year, 28; number baptized, 14; number dismissed by letter, 18; resident members, 241; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 186; number of officers, 9; number of teachers, 30; condition of League, good; League membership, 70; value of Church property, \$20,000; amount for building and repairs \$3,000; amount for incidentals \$550.; amount for publications \$470; amount enclosed for minutes \$10.;

Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Eld. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31st. Okla. City.

Ministers belonging to our church: Eld. Walter Jennings, Eld. Bob. Kirby, Eld. Oren White. Deacons belonging to our church; Bro. Sherman Pullen, Bro. Doc. Creel, Bro. Lewis Batson, Bro. Ted Ballard, Bro. Albert Fatheree.

Done by order of First Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 7th. day of September 1954. Moderator: Eld. B. T. Kirby, Okla. City. Clerk: Eld. Bob Kirby.

Remarks: We ask that Bro. Charles Buck be examined for license to preach the Gospel for one year. We have selected Eld. B. T. Kirby to serve as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year.

**BRIDGE CREEK** — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved, Sis. Linnie Allen, Sis. Ida Gibson, Sis. Edith Allen, 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, 1; number dismissed by letter, 8; number deceased, 1; resident members, 33; non-resident members, 37; total membership, 70; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 30; average number of pupils, 24; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 4; condition of League, good; League membership, 30; Auxiliary membership 9; value of Church property, \$2,000; amount paid pastor, \$315.00; amount for Evangelistic Work, \$150.00; amount for building and repairs \$80.00; amount for incidentals \$59.05; amount for youth camp, \$30.00; amount for publications, S. S. Lit. etc. \$25.00; amount for Orphanage, \$50.00; amount of budget money paid \$5.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10; state delegate, \$5.00;

Pastors name and address for the coming year: Eld. Aubrey Nance, R. 9, Box 590, Okla. City, Okla. Ministers belonging to our church; Eld. Aubrey Nance, and Eld. Cephas Long. Deacons, Bro. C. R. Gibson, and Bro. Will Jervis.

Done by order of Bridge Creek Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 29th day of August, 1954. Moderator Eld. Aubrey Nance, Okla. City, Okla. Clerk: Sis. Mary Voyles, R. 3, Blanchard. Okla.

We recommend Bro. C. R. Gibson as our Executive Board member.

**LINDSAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH** — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved Bro. L. M. Batson, Sis. Mattie Jones, and Sis. Louise Batson. Alternates: Sis. Ethel Whisnhunt and Louise Jackson, 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, 13; num-

ber baptized, 4; number dismissed by letter, 2; number excluded, none; resident members, 54; non-resident members, 2; total membership, 56; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 52; number of officers, 4; number of teachers and assistants, 8; condition of Leagues, good; condition of Home Mission, good; Home Mission membership, 12; value of Church property, \$17,500; amount paid pastor, \$573.43; amount for evangelistic work, \$91.67; amount for building and repairs \$3,304.11; amount for incidentals, \$390.16; amount for camp ground fund, \$50.00; amount for Bible College, \$24.75; amount for orphanage, \$54.00; enclosed for minutes, \$10.00; amount for advertisement, \$20.20. Total Church indebtedness, \$2,615.00.

Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Eld. Carl Waddle, 1207 S. W. 51st. Okla. City, Okla. Ministers belonging to our church: Eld. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla., Eld. Carl H. Waddle, Okla. City, Okla. Deacons belonging to our church: Bro. C. T. Berkley, Lindsay, Bro. A. R. Beal, Maysville, Okla., and Bro. Richard R. Hill, Elmore City, Okla. R. 3.

Done by order of The Lindsay Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 18th day of August, 1954. Moderator: Eld. Jerry S. Rhoades. Clerk: Sis. Hill. We recommend Eld. W. F. Lee, as a member of the Executive Board.

BLANCHARD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sis. Buna Lee, Sis. Sue Lee, and Sis. Francis Wilson, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberation. State of Religion, good; members received this year, 8; number dismissed by letter, 8; resident members, 64; non-resident members, 2; total membership, 66; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 57; average number of pupils, 43; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4; condition of Home Mission, good; membership, 12; value of church property, \$10,000; amount paid pastor, \$620.00; amount for orphanage \$103; amount enclosed for minutes \$10; amount enclosed for State Delegate \$5;

Pastors name and address for the coming year, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla. Ministers belonging to

our church, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Eld. Bryan Stacy, Blanchard, and Eld. L. E. Staggs, Okla. City. Deacons belonging to our Church, Bro. Ellis Stanford, Newcastle, Okla., Bro. Knox Bowser, Blanchard, Okla., Bro. Bill DaVault, Blanchard, Okla..

Done by order Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 30th, day of Aug., 1954. Moderator, Eld. Clay Richey. Clerk: Sis. Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla. Remarks: We recommend Sis. Buna Lee as a delegate to the State. We gave one ice box, two stoves and clothing to the Childrens home valued at \$200. Eld. Clay Richey is our member of the Executive Board.

DIBBLE FREE WILL BAPTIST—To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We send as delegates our beloved: Sis. Alma York, Sis. Nadine Mitchell, and Sis. Faye Reed. Alternates: Sis. Maggie Roberts, and Sis. Wilma Dean Roberts, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of Religion. good; members received this year, 5; number baptized, 2; number dismissed by letter, 7; number deceased, 2; resident members, 70; non-resident members, 113; total membership, 183; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 108; average number of pupils, 85; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 6; condition of League, good; League membership, 50; condition of Auxiliary or Home Mission, fair; auxiliary membership, 12; value of church property, \$4,500.00; amount paid pastor, \$740.00; amount for evangelistic work, \$130.00; amount for building and repairs, \$174.27; amount for incidentals, \$402.63; amount for youth camp, \$67.00; amount for education, \$10.00; amount for orphanage, \$120; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.;

Pastor's name and address for the coming year: Eld. Perry Argo, Norman, Okla. Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla. R. 4. Deacons: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla., Bro. Arch Mills, Blanchard, Okla., Bro. Dormie Mills, Alex, Okla., Star Route.

Done by order of Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference, this 14th day of August, 1954. Moderator: Eld. Perry Argo. Clerk: Sis. Zora Mills.

Remarks: We recommend Eld. L. E. Ward as member of the Executive Board for the coming year.

**ST. CLAIR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**—To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church. We petition to be received into your Association. We send as delegates our beloved: Sis. Dovie Yandell, Sis. Wanette Browning, and Sis. Jennie Browning, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

We were organized July 13, 1954, by Eld. I. W. Yandell, Eld. D. C. Wynn and Eld. Ira Smithey, and assisted by deacons, Bro. Arthur Browning, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. A. J. Kinsley, and Bro. J. D. Alexander. The number went in as charter members, 20.

Average attendance in Sunday School, 35; ordained ministers: Eld. Ira Smithey, Eld. I. W. Yandell, Eld. D. C. Wynn. Deacons: Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Arthur Browning, Bro. A. J. Kinsey, Bro. J. D. Alexander. Amount enclosed for minutes \$10.

Name of pastor for the coming year: Eld. Ira Smithey, Okla City.

Remarks: We select Eld. D. C. Wynn to serve as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year. Moderator: Eld. Ira Smithey. Clerk: Sis. Pearl Wynn.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:** We, your Business Committee recommend that this Association elect five men as a building committee for the camp ground. The treasurer of this Association to be one of the members and said committee to report to each quarterly meeting and the next Association.

We, your committee on Business recommend that Bro. Charles Buck be licensed to preach the Gospel.

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:** Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (Proverbs 20: 1). We, your Committee on Temperance ask the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of the Dibble Association to abstain from all forms of intoxicating liquors, and beverages; to use our influence and vote against repeal of the prohibition laws of Oklahoma; to vote against anyone favoring repeal, and that we do not patronize any business place that sells

beer or any other beverage that is intoxicating. Sis. Winnie Alsup, chairman.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** We, your Committee on Sunday School find that all the Churches in the Dibble Association have good Sunday Schools and the total membership is as follows: Bridge Creek 30, First Church 186, Dibble 108, Blanchard 57, Bryant 65, Lindsay 52, Iron Chapel 60, Hawkins 55, Chickasha 52, St. Clair 35, making a total of 670. 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 increase our attendance. Sis. Nettie Hudson, chairman.

**HOME MISSIONS:** We, your Committee on Home Missions find that six churches have active Home Missions with 64 members. The Home Mission as we all realize do a great work for the Church. We pray that the coming year will find all the Churches reporting an active Home Mission in their church. This year we are happy to report that fifty quilts have been quilted and the money spent on upkeep of the church. Pray for us that we may do more for the cause of Christ. Sis. Nadine Mitchell, chairman.

**OBITUARIES:** We, your Committee on obituaries find that the "Grim Reaper" has called from our number the following: Dibble Church, Bro. High Sharp and Bro. Bill Allen; Bridge Creek, Bro. Audrey Trout; Bryant, Bro. Elmer Moore. Eld. Walter Jennings, chairman.

**LEAGUE:** We, your Committee on League beg to submit the following report. We find that seven out of our ten Churches have active Leagues with an average attendance as follows: Bryant, 20; Dibble, 50; First Church, 60; Iron Chapel, 40; Lindsay, 12; Hawkins, 45; Bridge Creek 30; making a total of 257 average attendance in Leagues throughout the Association. "Suffer little children to come to me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven," (Luke 18:6). "Bring up a child in the way he ought to go and he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22: 6-7). Let us give our children work in the Church and stand behind them in their efforts, with our prayers. We believe that the League is a training place in the church to give our youth their place of service for the cause of Christ. We pray that all our churches will



get behind our efforts in League work, since it fills a great need in helping our boys and girls in their Christian efforts. Bro. Bob Hawkins, chairman.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report: Value of church property, \$69,000; amount paid pastors, \$3,333.43; amount spent for evangelists, \$933.67; amount spent for incidentals, \$1,965.22; amount spent for publications, \$628.66; amount paid to orphanage, \$442.00; amount spent on building and repair, \$7,277.50; amount paid to Youth Camps, \$209.00; amount paid to Bible College, \$24.75. Also, we hereby find the treasurers financial report and records to be correct and in good order. D. E. Mills. chairman.

#### REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL ORPHANAGE

**TREASURER:** To the 46th Annual Session of the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Dibble Church at Dibble, Oklahoma.

Bryant Church and Sunday School .....	\$120.00
Dibble Church and Sunday School .....	120.00
Hawkins Church and Sunday School .....	75.00
Lindsay Church and Sunday School .....	49.00
Chickasha Church .....	79.06
Dibble League .....	30.00
Bridge Creek Church and Sunday School .....	50.00
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	\$523.06

We earnestly beg that each church in the Association give a greater amount of support to this worthy cause in the coming year. Your Brother in Christ, Orphanage Treasurer, C. L. Hudson.

#### REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER

Amount brought forward 1953 .....	\$171.83
Collected from Pledges .....	150.00
Collected for State Minutes .....	40.00
Collected for Minutes .....	90.00
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	\$451.83
Amount Spent .....	\$160.40
Balance In Association Account .....	\$291.43

Amount Paid out:	
Opal Hearron -----	\$25.00
Irene Stanford -----	5.00
State Minutes -----	40.00
Thomas Tribune Printing Minutes -----	85.00
Expense and Postage -----	1.10
Free Will Baptist Gem Letter Head -----	1.80
Free Will Baptist Gem -----	2.50
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	\$160.40
Grand Total in Bank -----	\$721.88
4, \$100.00 Bonds -----	400.00
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	\$1,121.88

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Treasurer

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Meeting Number One, Oklahoma City, Okla. September 12, 1953. The Executive Board met as dated. Present were Eld. B. T. Kirby, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Eld. Frank Lee, and Bro. Browning. Bro. T. O. Dunn was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Date set for 10:00 a. m. Sept. 15th, to meet  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of Dibble Y, to see to buying 10 acres of ground for our Camp Ground. Eld. B. T. Kirby, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Clerk.

Meeting Number 2, September 15, 1953. We, your Executive Committee met as dated with Eld. B. T. Kirby, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Eld. Frank Lee, and Bro. Thomas Browning present. Made a deal with Bro. O. J. Roberts to buy 10 acres of ground at \$50.00 per acre, located  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of Dibble Y, on State Highway 74. Put up \$100.00 against deed to be approved. Abstract approved and deal closed October 26, 1953. Eld. B. T. Kirby Moderator. Bro. T. O. Dunn, Clerk.

Meeting Number 3. February 6, 1954. We the Executive Board met at the Camp Ground on above date with Eld. B. T. Kirby, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bro. Bill Da Vault and Dormie Mills present and selected plans for the water well, tabernacle, and road. Bro. T. O. Dunn was ordered to buy 6 rolls of barbed wire for fencing camp ground. Eld. B. T. Kirby Moderator. Bro. T. O. Dunn, Clerk.

Meeting Number 4. March 7, 1954, at Dibble Church. We your Executive Board met on date with all members

present. Prayer by Bro. Russell Wells. Motion carried that we give the League authority to pay for installing an electric pump in the well at the camp ground, and pay for the drilling of the well if they will. Motion made and carried that we buy cedar post from Bro. Lee Alsup at 30c each to fence the 10 acres. Motion made and carried that we appoint a building committee to see to the building of a tabernacle on the ground. Eld. B. T. Kirby, Bro. Dormie Mills, and Bro. T. O. Dunn appointed. Date set for 18th. and 19th. of March for fencing camp ground. Eld. B. T. Kirby, Moderator. Bro. T. O. Dunn, clerk.

#### MONEY COLLECTED FOR CAMP GROUND FUND

Frank Lee	\$110.00
Eva Lee	110.00
Jack Hopkins	100.00
Ellis Stanford	100.00
Bill Da Vault	100.00
J. A. Hearron	15.00
Bro. Berkley	100.00
Luther Hudson	50.00
B. T. Kirby	50.00
T. O. Dunn	50.00
Thomas Browning	25.00
Sherman Webb	25.00
Mrs. Pitzer	10.00
Mrs. Corley	10.00
Sis. L. E. Ward	10.00
Sis. Mattie Jones	10.00
R. E. Clagg	10.00
Inez Bagwell	10.00
Arthur Browning	10.00
E. A. O'Donnell	10.00
Jess Clagg	10.00
Mrs. Reynolds	5.00
Ozella Clagg	5.00
Mrs. Anderson	5.00
Mrs. Wynn	5.00
Opal Kirby	5.00
Jennie Clagg	5.00
Mary Peters	10.00
C. W. Roath	25.00
O. J. Roberts	25.00
A. E. York	75.00

C. L. Roberts .....	25.00
W. T. Kiser .....	15.00
Jim Hendrick .....	1.00
Dock Hendrick .....	5.00
Thomas Tribune .....	5.00
Bryant Church .....	50.00
R. S. Kirby .....	25.00
Bro. White .....	1.00
Bridge Creek Church .....	30.00
Lindsay Church .....	50.00
Dibble Church .....	50.00
Iron Chapel Church .....	50.00
Chickasha Church .....	50.00

Total Collected \$1,447.00

#### AMOUNT PAID OUT OF CAMP GROUND FUND

Guarantee Abstract Company .....	\$15.00
Bonded Abstract Company .....	25.00
H. H. Montgomery, Atty. ....	10.00
O. J. Roberts for land .....	500.00
Carey Lumber Co. for toilets .....	35.13
Recording Deed .....	1.00
Barb Wire for Camp Ground .....	44.34
Lee Alsop for posts .....	73.95
H. H. Harwell for drilling well .....	125.25
Orville York for stapels .....	1.50
Vierson and Cockron for post .....	96.36
Carey Lumber Co. for well house .....	88.99
TOTAL SPENT .....	\$1016.55
TOTAL COLLECTED .....	\$1447.00
AMOUNT PAID OUT .....	1016.55
BALANCE ON HAND .....	430.45

T. O. DUNN, Treasurer

#### RESOLUTIONS

No. 1—We think that all churches should carry on with fellowship meetings and also have our community singing with all churches, meeting to sing praises to God. Each Church to take more interest in our Young folk of our Churches. Eld. Aubrey Nance, chairman.

No. 2 — Proposed Constitutional Amendment Relative to Executive Board changed to read as follows: "That the Associational Treasurer be a standing member of the Executive Board, and to serve as clerk of the Board." Submitted by Eld. Clay Richey.

No. 3 — The Ladies of the Dibble Church want to thank the Ladies from the other churches for their cooperation in helping out with our lunch.

### MINISTERS REPORT

REPORT OF ELD. W. F. LEE — I traveled about 400 Miles; received no money; preached 56 sermons; baptized none; witnessed 7 conversions; preached three funerals; pastored one church; called to pastor one church for coming year. Eld. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla. P. O. BOX 61, Phone No. 539.

REPORT OF ELD. CLAY RICHEY — Report of Eld. Clay Richey for the Associational year 1954: Pastored Blanchard Church full time; held three revivals; witnessed 7 conversions; preached 147 sermons; married 23 couples; preached 17 funerals; ordained one minister to the Gospel; received \$820.00; miles traveled unknown; called to pastor Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church full time. I covet your Prayers. Eld. Clay Richey.

REPORT OF ELD. D. C. WYNN — I pastored one church part time; helped organize one church; baptized one; performed one marriage; received \$200.00 Pray for us that we might be a more humble servant for the Lord. Eld. D. C. Wynn, 3720 S. W. 40th, Okla. City.

### HOME MISSION REPORTS

THE BLANCHARD FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION: We are glad to report we have an active Home Mission. We meet twice each month on Tuesday night after first and third Sunday. We have 12 members. We furnish sprays for funerals. We made and remodeled clothing and sent to the children home for Christmas. We also sent garments in April. Amount in Treasury \$54.53. Officers for coming year: Mattie Bowser, President, Evelyn Taylor, Secretary.

## **MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION**

Eld. Ira Smithey, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Eld. I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Eld. Jerry S. Rhoades, Lindsay, Okla.  
Eld. Albert McReynolds, Chickasha, Okla.  
Eld. Richard Barbee, Hawkins, Church  
Eld. W. F. Lee; Lindsay, Oklahoma  
Eld. Clay Richey; Box 97; Blanchard, Oklahoma  
Eld. Brian Stacy; Blanchard, Oklahoma  
Eld. Aubrey Nance, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Eld. John Alsup; Rt. 2; Purcell, Oklahoma  
Eld. E. A. O'Donnell; Rt. 2; Stonewall, Oklahoma  
Eld. Orin I. White; Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Eld L. E. Staggs; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Eld. L. E. Ward; Rt. 2; Blanchard, Oklahoma  
Eld. Chphas Long, Grand Prairie, Texas  
Eld. Walter Jennings; 2212 S. W. 31; Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Eld. B. T. Kirby; 2212 S. W. 31; Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Eld. R. S. Kirby, Okla. City, Okla. 2212 S. W. 31st.  
Eld. Arthur Hearn; 4601 Melrose Lane; Okla. City, Okla.  
Eld. D. C. Wynn, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Bro. Charles Buck, (licensed) Okla. City, Okla.

## **CHURCH CLERKS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION**

Sis. Virginia Smith, Chickasha, Okla.  
Sis. Pearl Wynn, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Sis. Zora Mills, Alex, Okla., Dibble Church  
Sis. Jennie Clagg, Lindsay, Okla., Bryant Church  
Sis. Evelyn Davis, Blanchard, Okla., Hawkins Church  
Sis. Evelyn Hill, Maysville, Okla., Lindsay Church  
Sis. Mary Lee, Purcell, Okla., Iron Chapel Church  
Sis. Mary Volyes, Blanchard, Okla., Bridge Creek Church  
Sis. Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla., Blanchard Church  
Eld. R. S. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31st. Okla. City, Okla

## **MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE COMING YEAR:**

Eld. B. T. Kirby, Moderator; Eld. Denver Wynn,  
Bro. M. A. Clagg, Eld. Frank Lee, Eld. L. E. Ward, Bro.  
Russell Wells, Bro. C. R. Gibson, Bro. Robert Davis and  
Eld. Clay Richey, members.

## 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. Admendments 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.

