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OFFICERS

Moderator	_____ Eld. Arthur Hearron, Okla. City
Ass't Mod.	_____ Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Chickasha, Okla.
Clerk	_____ Sis. Alma York, Dibble, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk	_____ Sis. Inez Bagwell, Alex, Okla.
Treasurer	_____ Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.

The next session of the Dibble Association will meet at the Camp Ground, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in Sept. 1956.

Introductory message to be delivered by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Eld. B. T. Kirby, alternate.

First Quarterly Meeting — First Church, Okla. City, with Rev. Arthur Hearron to bring the Introductory Message, Eld. I. W. Yandell, alternate.

Second Quarterly Meeting — Iron Chapel Church, with Rev. Carl Waddle to bring the Introductory Message, Rev. Denver Wynn, alternate.

Third Quarterly Meeting — Lindsay Church, with Eld. Charles Buck to bring the Introductory Message, Eld. B. T. Kirby, alternate.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting — St. Clair Church, with Eld. L. E. Ward to bring the Introductory Message, Eld. Clay Richey, 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.
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

The Dibble Association met at the Camp Ground Thursday evening, September 8, 1955, continuing until Saturday afternoon, September 10, 1955.

Thursday Evening

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Eld. B. T. Kirby. Song service directed by Bro. Luther Hudson. Song, "Ring Out the Message." Prayer by Eld. Clay Richey.

All the ordained Ministers and Deacons were called into the Alter for Prayer. There were 16 Ministers and 12 Deacons.

Ministers — Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. B. T. Kirby, Rev. Will Bean, Rev. Ira Smithey, Rev. Aubrey Nance, Rev. Julian Hawkins, Rev. Frank Lee, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. Carl Waddle, Rev. Perry Argo, Rev. Walter Jennings, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. John Alsop, Rev. R. W. Buck and Rev. J. B. Ledbetter.

Deacons — Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. C. T. Berkely, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Arthur Browning, Bro. W. H. DaVoult, Bro. Buck Roath, Bro. Arch Mills, Bro. Dormie Mills, Bro. Richard Clagg, Bro. T. O. Dunn and Bro. Charlie Manning.

A very Spiritual Devotional Service was enjoyed by everyone present.

Service. Rev. L. E. Ward, chairman; Bro. Browning, Bro. service. Rev. L. E. Ward, chairman; Bro. Browning, Bro. Arch Mills, Bro. W. H. DaVoult, and Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Quartet arranged by Rev. Arthur Hearron, with Bro. and Sis. Luther Corley and Rev. and Sis. Arthur Hearron. Song "When He Looked Down and I Looked Up," with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Message of the evening was brought by Eld. L. E. Ward, who helped in the organization of the Dibble Association. We felt we were honored by having this Man of God preach the first sermon at our New Camp Ground. Text, St. John 2-5, "What So Ever He Saith Unto You, Do It." Everyone enjoyed the message.

Adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Walter Jennings.

Friday Morning Session

Services were opened with singing "Working For A Crown," directed by Bro. Luther Hudson. Prayer by Ell. E. E. Morris. Rev. Julian Hawkins read the devotional, Psalms 4. Prayer by Rev. Scott Jones.

Church letters called for and the following churches reported: Bridge Creek; First Church, Okla. City; Bryant; Iron Chapel; Blanchard; Dibble; Hawkins; Lindsay; St. Clair Church, Okla. City, and Chickasha. Motion carried to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given them while singing, "Glory To His Name," directed by Bro. Luther Hudson.

Election Of Officers

Moderator	-----	Eld. Arthur Hearron, Okla. City
Ass't Mod.	-----	Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Chickasha, Okla.
Clerk	-----	Sis. Alma York, Dibble, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk	-----	Sis. Inez Bagwell, Alez, Okla.

Committee on Divine Service met and they selected Eld. Scott Jones to bring the 11:00 o'clock message and Bro. Luther Hudson, song leader and Rev. E. E. Morris to lead the Devotional Service.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. I. W. Yandell.

Eleven O'Clock Services

Service was opened with singing led by Bro. Luther Hudson, Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Capital Hill Church, Okla. City, led a very spiritual devotional service.

Special song "Have Faith In God", sung by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Sis. Inez Bagwell, Bro. Luther Hudson, Rev. Arthur Hearron with Sis. Alma York at the piano.

Eld. Scott Jones brought the message, "The Mobilization of Our Forces, and An All Out Offensive." Luke 10:1-3.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. C. T. Berkely.

Friday Afternoon Session

Came together by singing, led by Bro. Luther Hudson with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Luther Hudson.

Devotional scripture read by Bro. J. B. Ledbetter.

Quartet arranged by Lonnie Lee Roberts, Sis. Inez Bagwell, Sis. Maggie Roberts, Bro. Lonnie Lee Roberts, Sis. Alma York with Bro. Arthur Hearron at the piano. Song, "When God Dipped His Love In My Heart."

Petionary letters asked for, there were none. The rules of order were read by moderator Rev. Arthur Hearron. Visiting Brethren invited to seat with us in council.

Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed all committees. Motion and second to have a recess for committee work. Came together by singing "Oh, I Want To See Him", led by Rev. Arthur Hearron with Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Report of Credential Committee and Divine Service was read and accepted. Reported Eld. Clay Richey was to bring the evening message. Rev. Elmer Steelman to conduct the Devotional Service and Bro. Lonnie Lee Roberts to be in charge of the song service.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Saturday. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Will Hudson.

Committees Appointed

DIVINE SERVICE: Eld. L. E. Ward, chairman, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. A. E. Mills, Bro. W. H. DaVoult and Bro. T. O. Dunn.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Eld. I. W. Yandell, chairman, Eld. Elmer Steelman, Bro. C. T. Berkley, Bro. A. C. Walters and Bro. Ellis Stanford.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sis. Anna DaVoult, chairman, Sis. Opal Kirby, Sis. Amy Manning, Sis. Jewel Richey and Sis. Mattie Jones.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Sis. Nettie Hudson, chairman, Sis. Edith Allen, Sis. Winnie Alsup, Sis. Louise Jackson and Sis. Dovie Yandell.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE: Sis. Alta Gibson, chairman, Sis. Mable Roberts, Sis. Ruth Hawkins, Sis. Jane Walters and Sis. Leona Fields.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sis. Mabelle Cash, chairman, Sis. Ola Smithey, Sis. Nadine Mitchell, Sis. Ella Jarman and Sis. Lizzie Dunn.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Sis. Hattie Bell, chairman, Sis. Neva Pearson, Sis. A. E. Mills, Bro. Charlie Manning and Bro. Allie Ward.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Sis. Essie Buck, chairman, Bro. Omar Pearson, Sis. Eva Howeth, Sis. Juanita McReynolds and Sis. Pearl Wynn.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Bro. Frank Lee, chairman, Bro. C. L. Hudson, Bro. Ira Smithey, Bro. Clay Richey and Bro. John Alsup.

Friday Evening Session

Opened with group singing, led by Bro. Lonnie Lee Roberts with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Followed with a quartet by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Sis. Opal Hearron, Bro. Marvin Dixon, and Rev. Arthur Hearron, with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. They sang "Lord Lead Me On."

Group singing followed, then prayer by Rev. Carl Waddle. Followed with a quartet from Blanchard with Rev. Clay Richey, Bro. and Sis. Knox Bowser and their daughter, Charlotte, with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. The song was, "Let Me Live Close To Thee." Then a quartet from Dibble, with Bro. Lonnie Lee Roberts, Bro. Luther Corley, Sis. Maggie Roberts and Sis. Alma York with Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano. The song was, "I'm Bound For The Kingdom."

Devotional scripture read by Rev. Elmer Steelman, scripture taken from Psalms, 86 chapter. Prayer by Rev. Steelman.

The evening message was brought by Eld. Clay Richey using a text found in Issiah 21:11-12. "Watchman, What of the Night?"

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lester Maynard.

Saturday Morning Session

Opened with group singing, led by Eld. Arthur Hearron. Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano. Prayer by Eld. Ira

Smithey. Followed with group singing "Do You Ever Think To Pray." Directed by Eld. Arthur Hearron.

Motion carried that the Association give a standing vote of thanks to Eld. and Mrs. Arthur Hearron and the building committee and others for their efforts in building the Tabernacle.

Camp ground finance report was read and motion carried to accept the treasury report of finances on the building of the Tabernacle. Association treasurer report was read and motion carried to accept the report and retain the treasurer, Bro. T. O. Dunn. Report of the orphanage clerk was read and motion carried to accept the report and retain the clerk, Bro. C. L. Hudson. The obituary report was read and accepted with a moment of silent prayer oral prayer by Eld. Carl Waddle. Report of Temperance committee was read and motion carried to accept the report.

Motion made and carried to pay Sis. Irene Stanford \$25.00 for clerk work for last year. Motion carried to pay assistant clerk \$10.00 for last years work. Sis. Nettie Hudson was the assistant. Motion carried to pay the clerk, S's. Alma York \$25.00 and the assistant clerk, Sis. Inez Bagwell, \$10.00 for this year.

Excused for a ten minute recess. Came together with singing led by Eld. E. A. O'Donnell with Eld. Arthur Hearron at the piano. Divine Service committee reported Eld. I. W. Yandell would bring the morning message. Eld. Bob Kirby to be in charge of the singing and Eld. W. A. Hearron to lead the devotional service.

Motion carried to dismiss until 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Julian Hawkins.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Opened with singing led by Eld. Bob Kirby with Eld. Arthur Hearron at the piano. Prayer by Eld. B. T. Kirby. Devotional by Eld. W. A. Hearron.

Eld. I. W. Yandell brought the morning message; Text . . . "The Downs and Ups of a Spiritual Life."

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. C. T. Berkely.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Opened with group singing with Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano. Prayer by Bro. W. H. DaVault.

Committee reports on Finance, Home Mission, Sunday School and League read and accepted.

Motion carried to receive the Resolutions report.

Resolution number one adopted and motion carried to have the fellowship meeting the first Saturday night of each month.

Motion carried to have a fellowship meeting in October at the St. Clair Church, Oklahoma City.

Motion carried to vote at each fellowship meeting where the next meeting would be held.

Motion carried for the Association to have a building committee. Motion carried to retain last years committee.

Motion carried for Association to meet at the Camp Ground next year.

Motion carried for Eld. E. A. O'Donnell to bring the introductory message. Eld. B. T. Kirby will be the alternate speaker.

First Quarterly Meeting will be held in October at the First Church in Okla. City. Eld. Arthur Hearron will bring the introductory message. Eld. I. W. Yandell will be the alternate.

Second Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Iron Chapel Church. Introductory message will be brought by Eld. Carl Waddle. Eld. Denver Wynn the alternate.

Third Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Lindsay Church. Introductory message by Eld. Charles Buck, alternate, Eld. B. T. Kirby.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be held with the St. Clair Church. Introductory message by Eld. L. E. Ward. Eld. Clay Richey, alternate.

Motion carried to accept the credential report concerning Rev. Charles Buck.

Motion carried to have cards printed for each Minister stating he is a member of the Dibble Association. This is a job for the executive board.

Resolution number two adopted to give thanks to the First Church for their generosity in giving benches and other articles to the camp ground.

Motion carried to give thanks to the Lindsay church for so graciously giving up the association so it could be held at the Camp Ground. Motion carried to dismiss all committees who served during this session of the association.

A quartet sang "My God Is Real", (by special request). Three generations were represented in this quartet, they were as follows, Bro. and Sis. Luther Hudson, Sis. Inez Bagwell and little Linda Bagwell. Eld. Arthur at

the piano.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next association, which will be held on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September 1956. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Thomas Browning.

CHURCH LETTERS

BRYANT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Lizzie Dunn, Bro. Jess Clagg, Sis. Amy Manning. Alternates Sis. Lettie Moore, Sis. Vernessa Clagg, Sis. Morene 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, 2. Number baptized, 2. Number dismissed by letter, 3.

Number excluded by their request, 2. Resident members, 78. Non-resident members, 10. Total membership, 88. 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 Auxiliary, fair. Auxiliary membership, 12. Value of church property, \$4,000.00. Amount for Evangelistic work, \$246.00. Amount for building and repairs, \$1782.00. Amount for incidentals, \$141.45. Amount for Youth Camp, \$100.00. Amount for Orphanage, \$25.00. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Amount for State Delegate, \$5.00. Pastors name and address for coming year; Eld. Perry Argo, Norman, Okla. Deacons: Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.; Bro. R. E. Clagg, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. C. H. Manning, Lindsay, Oklahoma and Bro. M. A. Clagg, Lindsay, Oklahoma.

We recommend Bro. M. A. Clagg as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year. We elected Sis. Amy Manning as delegate to the State Association.

Done by order of Bryant Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 28 day of August, 1955. Moderator, Eld. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Jennie Clagg, route 4, Lindsay, Oklahoma.

BRIDGE CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Edith Allen, Sis. Anna DaVoult, Sis. Alta Gibson, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of Religion,

ion, good; members received this year, 7; number dismissed by letter, 1; resident members, 38; non-resident members, 36; total membership, 74; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 35; number of officers, 4; condition of League, good; League membership, 35; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxiliary membership, 12; value of church property, \$2,000; amount paid pastor, \$240; amount for Evangelistic work, \$75; amount for buildings and repairs, \$1082; amount for incidentals \$46.80; amount inclosed for minutes, \$10; amount for State Delegate, \$5. Pastors name and address for coming year, Eld. Aubrey Nance, Okla. City, Okla. Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. Aubrey Nance, Eld. Earl Scroggins, Eld. Cephus Long. Deacons, Bro. C. R. Gibson, Bro. W. H. DaVoult.

We recommend Bro. W. H. DaVoult as member of the Executive Board for the coming year and Sis. Edith Allen as delegate to the State Association.

We regret to report the loss to Sis. Ramona (Freeman) Huffman of her infant son.

Done by order of Bridge Creek Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 28 day of August, 1955. Moderator, Eld. Aubrey Nance, Okla. City, Ok'a. Clerk, Sis. Mary Voyles, route 3, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

ST. CLAIR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Ola Smithey, Sis. Juanita McReynolds, Sis. Dovie Yandell, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your Godly deliberations. State of Religion, good; members received this year, 31; number baptized, 4; number dismissed by letter, 5; resident members, 45; total membership, 45; number tithers, 4; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 75; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 5; condition of League, good; League membership, 30; condition of Auxiliary, fair; Auxiliary membership, 8; value of church property, \$3500; amount paid pastor, \$1400; amount for Evangelistic work, \$114; amount for building and repairs, \$903.12; amount for incidentals \$100; amount for publications, \$39.50; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10; amount for State Delegate, \$5.00.

Pastors name and address for the coming year: Eld

Ira Smithey, Okla. City, Okla.

The church recommends Rev. George Pettijohn be examined for ordination to preach the Gospel.

Bro. Denver Wynn was elected to serve on the Executive Board for the coming year.

Bro. Thomas Browning was elected as delegate to the State Association.

Ministers belonging to our church: Eld. I. W. Yandell, Eld. D. C. Wynn, Eld. Albert McReynolds, Eld. George Pettijohn, Eld. Ira Smithey. Deacons: Bro. Tillford Davis, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Arthur Browning and Bro. Weldon Donathan.

Done by order of the St. Clair Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 7 day of September, 1955. Moderator, Eld. Ira Smithey, So. Agnew, Okla. City, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Pearl Wynn, 3720 S. W. 40, Okla. City, Okla.

LINDSAY FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH —
To the Dibble Association when convened at the Camp Grounds. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Maud Branch, Sis. Louise Jackson, Sis. Mattie Jones. Alternates, Bro. Tom Jackson, Sis. Grace Cheek and Sis. J. O. Bullock, 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, 17; number baptized, 4; number dismissed by letter, 6; number dismissed by request, 2; resident members, 63; non-resident members, 6; total membership, 69; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 70; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 10; condition of League, good; condition of Home Mission, good; members of Home Mission, 12; value of church property, \$20,000; amount paid pastor, \$750.18; amount for Evangelistic work, \$155.02; amount for building and repairs, \$1528.28; amount for incidentals, \$169.16; amount for Camp Ground, \$20; amount for education, \$71.07; amount for Orphanage, \$39; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10; and for State Delegate, \$5.00.

Pastors name and address for the coming year, Eld. Carl Waddle, 1207 S. W. 51 St., Okla. City, Okla.

Remarks. We recommend Bro. W. F. Lee as a member of the Executive Board. We recommend Bro. Tom Jackson as our delegate to the State Association.

We wish to report a very successful Vacation Bible School, which began the 13th of June and continued for two weeks. Preparation for the school began as early as February. Several of the ladies made a house to house survey of the town taking Church Census and personally inviting people to the Bible School. Just prior to the first day, teachers and children alike participated in a down town parade with signs and banners announcing the beginning of the school. The Lord wonderfully blessed every effort. We had an enrollment of 80 and we feel that much lasting good was accomplished.

We pray that God will richly bless in this Association and ask that each of you pray for the continued growth of the Lindsay Church.

Ministers belonging to our church: Eld. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla. and Eld. Carl Waddle, Okla. City, Okla.

Deacons in our church: Bro. C. T. Berkley, Lindsay, Okla.; Bro. A. R. Beal, Maysville, Okla.; Bro. Richard Hill, Elmore City, Okla. and Bro. Burnette Lunsford, Lindsay, Okla.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church, assembled in conference this 24 day of August, 1955. Moderator, Eld. Carl Waddle, 1207 S. W. 51 St., Okla. City, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Richard Hill, route 3, Elmore City, Oklahoma.

BLANCHARD CHURCH — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Ruth Hawkins, Sis. Ella Jarman, Sis. Jewel Richey, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion, good; members received past year, 4; number dismissed, 6; number deceased, 1; total membership, 58; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 53; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4; value of church property, \$10,000; paid pastor, \$720; paid evangelist, \$215; enclosed for minutes \$10; State Delegate, \$5. Pastors name for coming year, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

We recommend Bro. Knox Bowser as a member of the Executive Board for the coming year. Bro. Lenord Wilson has been set up for Deacon. We recommend Sis. Beualh Jo Smith as a delegate to the State meeting.

We began a revival meeting October 31, 1955 with Bro. Bob Duncan as Evangelist. We invite all churches

to be with us.

We invite the Second Quarterly Meeting to convene at our church. Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla. and Eld. Bryan Stacy, Blanchard, Okla.

Done by order of Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 5 day of Sept. 1955. Moderator, Eld. Clay Richey. Clerk, Mattie Bowser.

HAWKINS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Dibble Association Camp Ground, September 8-9-10, 1955. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Inez Bagwell, Sis. Clara Standridge, Sis. Jane Walters, alternates, Bro. L. D. Bagwell, Sis. Neva Pearson, Sis. Alice 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 dismissed by letter, 2; number deceased, 3; resident members, 22; non-resident members, 43; total membership, 95; number of Sunday School classes, 5; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 7; number of League classes, 4; League membership, 40; Auxiliary membership, 20; amount paid pastor, \$795; amount for Evangelistic work, \$100; amount for building and repairs, \$41; amount for incidentals, \$193; value of church property, \$5,000; amount for orphanage home, \$100; amount for publications, \$52.94; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10; amount for State Delegate, \$5. Pastor for coming year, Eld. Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Okla. City, Okla. Eld. Hearron is the only minister belonging to our church. Deacons, Bro. Omar Pearson, Bro. Robert Davis, Bro. Roy True, Bro. Ben McClure, Bro. Arlton Doshier.

We send as State Delegate, Bro. A. C. Walters and Eld. Arthur Hearron as a member of the Executive Board.

Done by order of the Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 4 day of September 1955. Moderator, Bro. Robert Davis. Clerk, Bro. A. C. Walters, Blanchard, Okla., route 4.

We request the First Quarterly Meeting to be held with the Hawkins Church.

DIBBLE FREE WILL BAPTIST — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Nadine Mitchell, Sis. A. E. Mills, Sis. Alma York, the alternates, Sis. Maggie Roberts, Sis. Nora Lee Corley and Sis. Mable Roberts, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid in your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion, good; members received this year, 7; number baptized, 3; number dismissed by letter, 4, resident members, 68; non-resident members, 90; total membership, 158; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 108; average number of pupils, 85; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 6; condition of League, good; League membership, 60; condition of Auxiliary or Home Mission, good; value of church property, \$4500; amount paid pastor, \$910; amount for Evangelistic work, \$155; amount for building and repairs, \$51.03; amount for incidentals, \$265; amount for Coop. fund, \$29.49; amount for publications, \$25.00; amount for orphanage, \$120; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10. Pastors name and address for coming year, Eld. Julian Hawkins, Blanchard, Okla.

Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. Julian Hawkins, Blanchard, Okla.; Eld. L. E. Ward, route 4, Blanchard, Okla. Deacons, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Dibble, Okla.; Bro. A. E. Mills, route 2, Blanchard, Okla.; Bro. Dormie Mills, Star Route, Alex, Okla.; Bro. C. W. (Buck) Roath, Dibble, Okla.

Done by order of Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 20 day of August, 1955. Moderator, Eld. Perry Argo, Norman, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Zora Mills, Star Route, Alex, Okla.

Remarks. Bro. C. W. (Buck) Roath was ordained a deacon July 2, 1955. We recommend Eld. L. E. Ward as member of the Executive Board for the coming year.

Bro. Cash Roberts was selected as a delegate to the State Association. Amount enclosed for State Delegate, \$5.

CHICKASHA CHURCH — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Sam Medlin, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Bro. Elmer Steelman, alternates Sis. Leona Fields, Sis. E. A. O'Donnell and Bro. Sam Pylas, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid

you in your Godly deliberations.

Members received this year, 14; number dismissed by letter, 8; number excluded, 2; resident members, 46; non-resident members, 10; total membership, 56; enrollment in Sunday School, 51; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 5; value of church property, \$3500; amount paid pastor, \$905; amount for Evangelistic work, \$100; amount for building, repairs and loan, \$1424.07; amount for incidentals, \$121.71; amount for publications, \$30.62; amount for orphanage, \$15.26. Pastors name for coming year, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell.

Remarks: We recommend Bro. Luther Hudson to the Executive Board also as State Delegate.

Deacons in our church, Bro. A. C. Paddock, Bro. Will Hudson, Bro. Allie Ward, Bro. Jess Joy, Bro. Luther Hudson and Bro. Otho Light.

Enclosed for minutes, \$10.00 and for State Delegate, \$5.00.

Done by order of Chickasha Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 6 day of September, 1955. Moderator, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Chickasha, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Virginia Smith, 1323 Iowa, Chickasha, Okla.

IRON CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH —
To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Maybell Cash, Sis. Eva Howeth, and Sis. Winnie Alsup. Alternates Bro. Charlie Wells, Sis. Alma Jean Moore, Sis. Barbara Howeth, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good; members received this year, none; number dismissed by letter, 1; number excluded, 2; resident members, 32; non-resident members, 48; total membership, 80; condition of Sunday School, good; enrollment in Sunday School, 60; average number of pupils, 43; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 4; condition of League, good; League membership, 15; condition of Auxiliary, good; Auxiliary membership, 9; value of church property, \$6,000; amount paid pastor \$165; amount for Evangelistic work, \$103; amount for building and repairs, \$80; amount for incidentals, \$110.12; amount for Youth Camp, \$55; amount for publications, \$40.78; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10; amount enclosed for State Delegate, \$5.00.

Pastors name and address for coming year: Eld. Walter Jennings, 2212 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla. Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. John Alsup, route 2, Purcell, Okla. Deacons belonging to our church, Bro. Warren Michener Sumerton, Arizona; Bro. Russell Wells, route 4, Lindsay, Okla. and Bro. Lee Alsup, route 2, Purcell, Okla.

The Iron Chapel Church is asking for the Second Quarterly Meeting. We recommend Bro. Russel Wells as member to the Executive Board. We elected Sis. Winnie Alsup as the State Delegate.

Done by order of the Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist assembled in conference this 20 day of August, 1955. Moderator, Bro. Russell Wells, Lindsay, Okla., route 4. Clerk, Sis. Mary Lee, route 2, Purcell, Okla.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Okla. City, Okla. — To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds, September 8, 9, 10. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Hattie Bell, Sis. Essie Buck, Sis. Opal Kirby, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. State of Religion, good; baptized, 16; dismissed, 17; number deceased, 2; total membership, 240; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 179; number of officers, 10; number of teachers, 31; value of church property, \$20,000; paid Evangelist, \$125; building and repair, \$4,000; enclosed for minutes, \$10; enclosed for State Delegate, \$5.00.

We wish the Association to examine Bro. Charles Buck for ordination to preach the Gospel.

Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. Walter Jennings, 2212 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla.; Eld. Bob Kirby, 2217 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla.; Eld. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla. Pastors name and address for coming year, Eld. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S. W. 31 Street, Okla. City, Okla.

We recommend Eld. B. T. Kirby as member of the Executive Board, and Sis. Opal Kirby was elected for State Delegate.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 7 day of September, 1955. Moderator, Eld. B. T. Kirby, Okla. City, Okla. Clerk, Eld. Bob Kirby, Okla. City, Okla.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOME MISSION REPORT — We your committee on Home Mission find that eight of the Churches have active Home Missions, with 84 active members. Home Mission work is a great asset to the churches. We pray that the coming year will be a great year for our labor. Much good work has been accomplished by Home Missions. Pray for us that we may do more for the cause of Christ. Sis. Essie Buck, chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT — We your committee on Sunday School find that all Churches in the Dibble Association have good Sunday Schools. The total membership is as follows: Bridge Creek, 35; Blanchard, 53; First Church, 175; Bryant, 35; Iron Chapel, 45; Lindsay, 70; Dibble, 85; Chickasha, 40; Hawkins, 40; and St. Clair, 50. Total 628.

We recommend that each Church use Free Will Baptist literature and try to make our work more interesting and increase our attendance. Sis. Anna DaVault, chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT — (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 that the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of the Dibble Association to abstain from all forms of intoxicating beverages and 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 — as far as possible. Sis. Nettie Hudson, chairman; Sis. Edith Allen, Sis. Dovie Yandell, Sis. Louise Jackson, and Sis. Winnie Alsop, members.

OBITUARY REPORT — We your Obituary Committee are sad to report the deaths of our friends, Sis. Jsdia Thomas, Bro. Jeff Drennan and Sis. Nanny McKamie of the Hawkins Church. Sis. Ella Moore of Blanchard. Sis. Goldie Andrew and Sister Betty Myers of Okla. City. The infant son of Sis. Ramona Huffman of Bridge Creek. Sis. Maybell Cash, chairman.

LEAGUE REPORT — We your League Committee report there are eight Churches that have active Leagues. A total membership about 308. Sis. Alta Gibson, chairman.

CREDENTIAL REPORT — Report No. 1. We your committee on Credentials find upon examination of Bro. Charles Buck of the First Church, Okla. City, Okla., that he is sound and approve his ordination for the Ministry. Eld. W. F. Lee, chairman.

Report No. 2. We your committee on Credentials find upon examination of Bro. John Pettijohn of the St. Clair Church, Okla. City, Okla., satisfactory for ordination for the Ministry. Eld. W. F. Lee, chairman.

FINANCE REPORT — The meeting held this morning of the Finance Committee of the Dibble Association gives the following report:

Church	Valuation	Building Repair	Paid Pastor	Evangelist
First Church	\$20,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$	\$125.00
Bryant	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 17.82	\$	\$246.00
St. Clair	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 903.12	\$1,400.00	\$114.00
Hawkins	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 541.00	\$ 795.00	\$100.00
Dibble	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 51.03	\$ 910.00	\$155.00
Iron Chapel	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 165.00	\$103.00
Lindsay	\$20,000.00	\$1,528.00	\$ 750.00	\$155.02
Blanchard	\$10,000.00	\$	\$ 720.00	\$215.00
Bridge Creek	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,082.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 75.00
Chickasha	\$ 3,500.00	\$1,424.00	\$ 905.00	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$78,500.00	\$9,627.32	\$5,885.18	\$1,338.02

Bro. Bob Hooker, chairman.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL ORPHANAGE

TREASURER — Churches sending offerings for the Orphanage are as follows:

Dibble Church -----	\$120.00
Lindsay Church -----	46.00
Primary Department of the Lindsay Church ----	40.00
Bryant Church -----	135.00
Chickasha Church -----	15.26
Hawkins Church -----	100.00
Bridge Creek Church -----	60.00
Dibble League -----	22.50

\$538.76

Your Bro. in Christ, Bro. C. L. Hudson.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER

September 9, 1955

Sept. 11, 1954 amount brought forward	\$291.43
Collected for minutes	100.00
Collected for Delegates (State)	45.00
Frank Lee	\$10.00
Anna DaVoult	10.00
B. T. Kirby	10.00
Bob Kirby	10.00
Otho Light	10.00
Thomas Browning	10.00
C. T. Berkley	10.00
R. E. Clagg	10.00
Bridge Creek Church	10.00
Bryant Church	10.00
St. Clair Church	10.00
Sis. Mattie Jones	5.00
Ellis Stanford	10.00
T. O. Dunn	10.00
Jack Hopkins	10.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission	5.00
First Church Okla. City	25.00

Total in Treasury \$611.43

Amount Paid Out of Associational Fund

For State Delegates	\$45.00
For Associational Minutes	85.00
Ellis Stanford for Stationary	6.00

Total Paid Out	\$136.00
Amount Collected	\$611.43
Final Amount in Camp Ground Fund	\$ 47.49

Total	\$658.92
Amount Paid Out	\$136.00

Now in Treasury \$522.92

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Treasurer

REPORT OF TREASURER ON CAMP GROUND FUND

September 9, 1955

Brought Forward Sept. 11, 1954	\$430.45
Rev. Clyde Argo	10.00
Iron Chapel Church	7.00
Rev. Arthur Hearron	85.00

Luther Corley	25.00
Cash Roberts	25.00
Rev. Frank Lee	25.00
Rev. B. T. Kirby	25.00
T. O. Dunn	25.00
Ellis Stanford	25.00
Anna DaVoult	25.00
Bryant Church	100.00
Collection at League Rally	10.00
Lindsay Church	10.00

Total \$827.45

AMOUNT PAID OUT OF CAMP GROUND FUND

Okla. Electric Co-op. Deposit on Lights	\$ 10.00
L. B. Mitchell for Cement	10.00
Dillard Garage for Welding	32.00
Okla. Electric Co-op for Inspection	2.50
Okla. Electric Co-op for Two months bill	4.00
Carey Lumber Company	600.00
DaVoult Plumbing Fixtures	122.98
Okla. Electric Co-op for Two months bill	4.00

Total Paid Out \$785.48

Refund on Cement Blocks	\$3.52
Refund on Cement	\$2.00

Total Refund \$5.52

Amount Collected	\$827.45
Amount Paid Out	\$785.48

Difference \$ 41.97

Plus Refund on Cement and Blocks \$ 5.52

Amount Left in Fund and Carried
in the Assistant Treasurer Report \$ 47.49

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Treasurer

ASSOCIATION PLEDGES FOR CAMP GROUND

T. O. Dunn	\$50.00
Ellis Stanford	25.00
Frank Lee	50.00
Eva Lee	25.00
C. T. Berkley	25.00
W. H. DaVoult	25.00
Opal Hearron	50.00

E. A. O'Donnell	10.00
Jack Hopkins	10.00
Nettie Hudson	10.00
Lennie Allen	10.00
Richard Clagg	10.00
Charlie Manning	10.00
Thomas Browning	10.00
Denver Wynn	5.00
Lucky Howeth	5.00
Ada Moore	5.00
Dibble Home Mission	5.00
Bryant Home Mission	5.00
Bridge Creek Home Mission	5.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission	5.00
St. Clair Home Mission	5.00
Hawkins Home Mission	5.00
Mattie Jones	5.00
Amy Manning	6.61

MINISTERS REPORTS

REPORT OF ELD. CLAY RICHEY — I have preached 161 sermons, ordained one Minister to the Gospel, ordained one Deacon to the Church, married 9 couples, preached 17 funerals, witnessed 17 conversions, received \$920.00. Pray for me that I'll be more prosperous in the Lords work and more influencial with the Church, and more useful in my Association and instrumental in leading the lost to Christ. Prayerfully submitted, your Bro. in Christ, Eld. Clay Richey.

REPORT OF ELD. W. F. LEE — I have preached 78 sermons, pastored one Church half time, assisted in two revivals. Witnessed 8 conversions, baptized 2, received 2 into the Church, married 3 couples, miles traveled unknown. Money received about \$0.00. I have no church to pastor for the next year. I covet your prayer, Eld. W. F. Lee, P. O. Box 61, Lindsay, Okla.

REPORT OF ELD. L. E. WARD — I have preached 40 sermons, married 4 couples, preached 8 funerals, received \$50.00. Received 4 into the Dibble Church. Eld. L. E. Ward, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Arthur Hearron, Chairman; Bro. Knox Bowser, Bro. Russel Wells, Rev. B. T. Kirby, Bro. W. H. DaVoult, Bro. M. A. Clagg, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. Denver Wynn, Rev. W. F. Lee, Bro. Luther Hudson, Bro. T. O. Dunn.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Eld. Carl Waddle; 1207 S. W. 51 St.; Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. W. F. Lee; Lindsay, Okla.

Eld. I. W. Yandell; Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. D. C. Wynn; 3720 S. W. 40 St.; Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. Ira Smithey; South Agnew; Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. L. E. Ward; Route Two; Blanchard, Okla.

Eld. Aubrey Nance; Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. Cephas Long; Grand Prairie, Texas

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

Eld. Walter Jennings; 2212 S. W. 31 St.; Okla. City

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

Eld. John Alsup; Route Two; Purcell, Okla.

Eld. Clay Richey; Blanchard, Okla.

Eld. Bryan Stacy; Blanchard, Okla.

Eld. Albert McReynolds; Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. George Pettijohn; Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. Julian Hawkins; Blanchard, Okla.

Eld. E. A. O'Donnell; 510 So. Third; Chickasha, Okla.

Eld. Elmer Steelman; Rural Route; Chickasha, Okla.

Eld. Bob Kirby; 2217 S. W. 31 St., Okla. City, Okla.

Eld. Earl Scroggins

CHURCH CLERKS

Lindsay—Sis. Richard Hill; Route 3; Elmore City, Okla.

St. Clair—Sis. Pearl Wynn; 3720 S. W. 40; Okla. City

Dibble—Sis. Zora Mills; Star Route; Alex, Okla.

Chickasha—Sis. Virginia Smith; 1323 Iowa St.; Chickasha

Bridge Creek—Sis. Mary Voyles; Route 3; Blanchard

Bryant—Sis. Jennie Clagg; Route 4; Lindsay, Okla.

Hawkins—Bro. A. C. Walters; Route 4; Blanchard, Okla.

First Church—Bro. Bob Kirby; 2217 S.W. 31 St.; Okla. City

Iron Chapel—Sis. Mary Lee; Route 2; Purcell, Okla.

Blanchard—Sis. Mattie Bowser; Blanchard, Okla.

HOME MISSION REPORTS

BLANCHARD FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION REPORT: We have a very active Home Mission with fourteen members. We meet the first and third Tuesday nights of each month. We have served three sale dinners and have served lunch in several homes where death has occurred.

We paid \$100 on a new piano for the Church, also several flowers for the sick. We have in our treasury \$50.14. Our treasurer is Sis. Evelyn Taylor, our president

is Sis. Oneta Stacy. Pray for us that we'll be more useful to the Lord and a blessing to our Church. Prayerfully submitted; Oneta Stacy, President; Evelyn Taylor, Treasurer.

HAWKINS HOME MISSION REPORT: We have a very active Home Mission with fifteen members. We meet once a month for Business Meetings and once a week during winter months to quilt.

We bought blinds and lights for our Church and paid \$110 to the Church Building fund. Sis. Inez Bagwell, President; Sis. Joyce Drennan, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1 — We think that all Churches should carry on with fellowship meetings and also have 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. Submitted by Eld. Clay Richey.

No. 3 — We the undersigned respectively submit for your consideration the following document.

Resolve That: Whereas we feel the need of a closer fellowship of Gods people, and a better understanding one of another and whereas we believe that for the good of the entire association we need to know more about what is being preached and taught in our churches, and whereas few of us spend enough time being about our Fathers business and many who are beginning their ministeral work need more time in the pulpit, and need the fellowship of their fellow ministers:

We members of the Dibble Association revive the practice of having a fellowship meeting to be held each month rotating from one church to another. Signed: Rev. I. W. Yandell, chairman; Bro. Ellis Standford; Rev. Elmer Steelman; Bro. C. T. Berkley and Bro. A. C. Walters.

No. 4 — Be it resolved that the Association give the First Church of Okla. City a standing vote of thanks for their generosity in giving benches and other articles for the Camp Ground. Rev. I. W. Yandell, chairman.

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.

CHURCH HISTORIES

CHICKASHA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — The Chickasha Free Will Baptist Church was organized February 10, 1954, with 31 members. Eld. E. E. Morris of Okla. City acted as Moderator.

Church property was purchased at sixteenth and Arizona. Rev. Lester Maynard of Okla. City was elected pastor of the church, serving until January 4, 1955. January 9 until March 15 the church invited visiting ministers each Sunday. On March 15, 1955, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell was elected pastor.

Since organizing we have witnessed 14 conversions, baptized 14, we have had 36 additions to the church. Eight have been dismissed by letters, two have been dismissed by their own request. Total membership to date 57.

Valuation of church property debt free. The church is in the process of planning for erecting a new church building. We now have \$255 in the Church Building Fund. Pastor, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell; Clerk, Sis. Virginia Smith.

LINDSAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lindsay, Okla. was organized on September 23, 1951 at a service conducted under a tabernacle which had been erected on the gin lot. This organization marked the close of a revival which had been conducted by Rev. J. R. Hall and Rev. R. S. Webb.

The ten charter members are: Sis. Maggie Worden, Sis. Mattie Jones, Sis. Grace Cheek, Sis. Lawana Hill and Sis. Hazel Webb, Bro. W. F. Lee, Bro. C. T. Berkley, Bro. William V. Burkleo, Bro. Richard Hill and Rev. R. S. Webb.

Bro. Frank Lee officiated in the organization. Having been called into conference the church elected Rev. Sherman Webb as the pastor, also elected a clerk, board of Deacons and a building committee. The organization service was concluded by a prayer of consecration offered by Rev. Clay Richey.

The church began having services in the home of Sis. Mattie Jones, while efforts were being made to secure a place of worship.

On October 1 a building was rented on North Main in Lindsay. We cleaned out the building scraped the beer advertisements off the windows and bought a heating stove. Then with a borrowed pulpit, altar, seats and a piano we began to keep house for the Lord.

The first of March we lost possession of this building and began having services in the home of our pastor, Rev. R. S. Webb.

In the mean time a building fund had been set up and at church conference in December, 1951, Bro. Frank Lee presented the church with a contract, the terms of which are as follows: at which time the church would appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 in its building fund, Rev. Lee offered to present the church with the deed and abstract to a lot for a proposed building site . . . free of debt. In just two months from this time a building was purchased north of Lindsay at Payne and was moved onto the lot which Rev. Lee had given the Church, on South Main and work was got under way to remodel it.

In July, 1952 a mortgage was given for \$2000.00 to complete the reconstruction of the now existing auditorium, pastor study and two class rooms. In September, 1953 \$1500.00 was borrowed to build an additional two rooms to serve as a parsonage — but eventually to be used as class rooms.

Rev. Webb continued to serve the church as pastor from its organization in September, 1951 until August 1, 1954 at that time Rev. Carl Waddle assumed the pastoral duties here.

It was December 19, 1951 the church voted to petition the Dibble Association for membership.

The growth of the church has not been exceptionally rapid but it has been very consistant for which we are thankful.

From ten charter members the church has grown in a little less than four years to a total membership of 69. We have one of the nicest locations for a church in our city, with ample building facilities to meet the present needs. The church indebtness has been reduced to the sum of \$1553.00.

We feel that the greatest growth has been the spiritual growth resulting from our many experiences with one another and with God in connection with Church work.

Through all the trials, labor, mistakes and anxiety, God has blessed beyond all expectations. As we look back over the past four years and then look ahead to the future, our hopes are just as great and our faith just as steadfast with regard to the future as they were that September 23, 1951. For we have learned without doubt. (Whatever the need of the hour, God will supply.)

HAWKINS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — The history of the Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church has been compiled as accurately as possible from the records which are available at this time. Many of the older records are lost or incomplete and most of the information concerning the early history must be secured from those who are still living and had a part in the beginning of this work.

The Hawkins Church was organized in August, 1908, by Rev. J. T. Colleps who was called as the first pastor. The church clerk was Bro. DeArthur Wilson. Deacons were Bro. N. E. Wilkins. There were 36 charter members and as far as can be ascertained at this time, only four of them survive. They are Bro. DeArthur Wilson, Sis. Alice Wilson of the Hawkins community, Sis. Mahaley Gayne of Alex, and Sis. Ida Thomas of Chickasha.

The pastors may not be listed in order they served, but the following Brethren served as pastors, some of them for several terms. Rev. J. T. Colleps, Rev. Donnavan, Rev. W. A. Hearron, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. B. C. Munkis, Rev. I. W. Yandell, Rev. J. H. Burr, Rev. W. M. Coggins, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. Earnest Staggs, Rev. L. A. Lawson, Rev. Charles Sapp, Rev. Bailey Thompson, Rev. Joe Blair and the present pastor, Rev. Arthur Hearron.

The following Brethren have been Deacons in the Hawkins Church: N. E. Wilkins, Luther Hayes, Tom Willson, W. H. Caldwell, George Grisham, M. C. Gayne, W. C. Jarvis, Gene Russell, Carl Smithen, Will Hudson, J. Q. Moore, J. L. Pearson, C. O. Light, Arlton Dosier, Roy True, Jimmie Davis, Robert Davis and Ben McClure.

The following clerks have served the church: Bro. DeArthur Wilson, Sis. Alice Wilson, Sis. Essie Hearron, Bro. W. E. Campbell, Sis. Ella Hayes, Bro. J. Q. Moore, Sis. Mittie Wendell, Bro. N. C. Drennan, Sis. Birdie Drennan, Sis. Fannie Smithen, Sis. Mary Joy, Sis. Linnie Allen, Sis. Inez Bagwell, Sis. Evelyn Davis, and Bro. A. C. Walters who is the present clerk.

This Church was definitely established on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ. Today it is one of the strongest churches of our Association, with a zeal to work and a vision of what can be done. The present pastor is the grandson of the first pastor and the son of the second pastor which is an unusual feature in this church. His father also was in the organization of the Dibble Association.

This church has weathered the storms and trials of almost half a century and the Devil has certainly tried to destroy it, but through it all, there has always been those who are faithful to our Lord who have carried on.

But the one thing that stands out foremost in the life of the Hawkins Church is the fact that the members have always saw the need of work in their home community and have served as the refining influence in the lives of the neighbors and friends surrounding.

There is never any trouble or tragedy in the neighborhood but the Church is the first to help or sympathise and they will go to any means in self denial and sacrifice for one another. The spirit of brotherhood is strong and regardless of faith or creed, they have always recognized first of all the importance of men and women finding Christ. That is the Spirit that has caused this work to stand the storms and that is the Spirit that will endure as long as this Church prospers.

May the richest blessing of God rest upon the Church of Hawkins and may some of the things given in this short history be helpful to others who are serving the Lord. We need your prayers and certainly we are always remembering our sister churches in our prayers, that the blessings of our Lord will smile upon you and that we may all go forward for the cause of Christ and the spreading of his Kingdom. Rev. Arthur Hearron, Pastor. Bro. A. C. Walters, Clerk. Bro. Robert Davis, Bro. Ben McClure, Bro. Roy True, Bro. Cmar Pearson and Bro. Arlton Dosier, Deacons.

BLANCHARD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — On May 7, 1950 a group of Free Will Baptist rented a building in Blanchard, Okla. and began a Revival Meeting, with Rev. Clay Richey as the Evangelist.

On May 21, 1950 the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church was organized in this building with 21 charter members and they called Rev. Clay Richey as pastor. Deacons were Bro. K. C. Bowser, Bro. W. H. DeVault, Bro. G. A. Trout, (now deceased), Minister, Rev. B. T. Stacy.

Charter members — Rev. and Mrs. Clay Richey, Bro. and Sis. K. C. Bowser, Bro. and Sis. W. H. DeVault, Bro. and Sis. Ellis Stanford, Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Stacy, Bro. and Sis. G. A. Bashara, Bro. Williams, Bro. G. A. Trout, Sis. Adabelle Moore, Sis Irene Wade, Bro. and Sis.

Pat Wilbanks, Bro. and Sis. Cogging and Sis. Evelyn Taylor.

We purchased property and built our Church on its present sight and dedicated it on the second Sunday in June, 1951. At the present time we have 58 members. We have an annual Homecoming the second Sunday of June every year, which we hope will continue. Rev. Clay Richey, Pastor. Sis. Mattie Bowser, Clerk. Prayerfully Submitted. Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church.

IRON CHAPEL CHURCH — In 1916 Rev. L. E. Ward and Rev. Clint Munkus organized a Free Will Baptist Church at Iron Chapel School House with 13 members.

Bro. Munkus was the first pastor. Following pastors were Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. B. D. Duniphin, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. Arthur Lee, Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. L. A. Lawson, Rev. H. H. Easterwood, Rev. Clyde Argo and our present pastor, Rev. Walter Jennings. All these ministers pastored in the old school building, except Rev. Jennings and he preached several times before the old building was torn down in the fall of 1952. The present Church building was completed in the spring of 1953.

We have a minister in our church, Rev. John Alsup, who is 78 years of age.

This is as near correct as we can get it for we don't have the old Church books to go by. Present church clerk, Sis. Mary Lee.

ST. CLAIR AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH — St. Clair Ave. Baptist Church was organized by Eld. I. W. Yandell, July 13, 1954. Charter members 19, 5 dismissed by letter. Our total membership is 45. We received 31 members this year, 12 conversions and 5 baptized. We have 3 trustees, 4 Deacons and 5 Ministers. They are as follows: Bro. I. W. Yandell, Bro. Ira W. Smithey, Bro. Denver Wynn, Bro. Albert McReynolds and Bro. John Pettijohn.

Rev. Yandell is the oldest minister belonging to our church. He is 79 years and has been preaching for Free Will Baptist 63 years. Has organized 50 churches during his ministry and assisted in organization of 5 Associations helped organize the State Association and co-organizer of the Western Conference which consisted of Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas which culminated in the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

The oldest lady belonging to our church is Aunt Nanny Johnson. She is 86 years of age. She has belonged to the Free Will Baptist Denomination for 73 years. Pastor, Ira W. Smithey.

BRYANT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. W. A. Hearron organized this Church the third Sunday in July, 1909 with two Deacons, Bro. Joe Thomas and Bro. John Mullins who was ordained a Deacon in 1910. Bro. Hearron was pastor 3 or 4 years then Rev. R. H. Emerson became pastor. The Church was later disbanded.

Rev. Hearron reorganized the Church on July 14, 1925 with two Deacons, Bro. Tom Rogers and Bro. Richard Clagg. Bro. Hearron was pastor four years. Then Rev. Lonnie Ward was pastor four years, followed by Rev. Clay Richey, who was pastor fifteen years. Then Bro. Frank Lee was our pastor four years. Rev. Perry Argo has been called to pastor the Church for the coming year.

In 1952, Sis. Amy Manning gave the Church 2 acres of land ½ miles west of Bryant School House where we built a 28 x 40 foot Church to which we added a 14 x 14 foot Sunday School room in 1953. All are debt free.

We have four deacons as follows: Bro. T. O. Dunn. Bro. R. E. Clagg, Bro. C. H. Manning and Bro. M. A. Clagg. Clerk, Sis. Jennie Clagg.

BRIDGE CREEK CHURCH — Bridge Creek was organized May, 1919, with Eld. W. A. Hearron as Pastor. Bro. Jack Hopkins was Clerk. Other Charter members were Bro. and Sis. G. A. Trout, Sis. Jim Price, Sis. Grace Edson, and Bro. and Sis. Lee Ragsdale.

Ministers preaching their first sermon, Eld. J. O. Hudson, Eld. Arthur Lee, Eld. L. E. Staggs, Eld. Denver Wynn, Eld. Bryan Stacy, Eld. Cephas Long, Eld. Earl Scroggins and Eld. George Taylor.

The Church building was erected in 1930. Dedication services were held the fourth Sunday in April, 1930, with Eld. E. A. O'Donnell bringing the message.

The building was moved to its present location in Blanchard, Okla. June 1955. Eld. Aubrey Nance brought the first sermon.

DIBBLE CHURCH — The Dibble Church was organized in 1906 by Bro. B. D. Duniphi. There are two charter members, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ward, living out of the near 30 members in the organization of the Dibble Church.

Some of the former pastors are as follows: Rev. B. D. Dunlphin, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. W. A. Hearron, Rev. Elzie Yandell, Rev. John Burrus, Rev. I. W. Yandell, Rev. M. T. Holly, Rev. Bill Huddleston, Rev. W. C. Fields, Rev. J. R. Hall, Rev. V. B. True, Rev. Perry Argo, Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. H. H. Parson, Rev. L. A. Lawson, Rev. C. Ballard, Rev. R. H. Emmerson and Rev. Julian Hawkins.

The Dibble Church has furnished the following preachers, Rev. L. E. Ward, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. Garth Pubas, Missionary Baptist, Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. H. H. Parsons Jr., Rev. L. E. Ward Jr., Rev. Roy Ward, Rev. Sherman Webb, Rev. Aubrey Nance, Rev. Wayne York, Missionary Baptist, Rev. Truman Huddleson and Rev. Joe Pate.

Under the pastership of Rev. Clay Richey and his wife, Shay, we out grew the old church building and built our present church building.

The Dibble Church was one of the first Churches in the Dibble Association with 6 churches and has grown to the present 10 churches. It was organized in 1908 on the second Sunday in November. The first churches were Dibble, Hawkins, Golsby, Criner, Colbert and Pleasant Hill.

Charter members now living are Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ward and Bro. A. F. Ward.

