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Ass't Mod. ----- Eld. E. A. O'Donnel, Chickasha, Okla.
Clerk ----- Sis. Alma York, Dibble, Okla.
Ass't Clerk ----- Sis Inez Bagwell, Alex, Okla.
Treasurer ----- Bro. T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.

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The next session of the Dibble Association will meet  
at the Camp Ground, on Thursday night before the second  
Sunday in September 1957.

Introductory message to be delivered by Eld. Perry  
Argo. Eld. Clay Richey, Alternate.

First Quarterly meeting — Chickasha Free Will Bap-  
tist Church, with Eld. Arthur Hearron to bring the Intro-  
ductory message. Eld. Lonnie Ward, Alternate.

Second Quarterly meeting — Dibble Church, with  
Eld. Rue Dell Smith to bring the Introductory message.  
Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Alternate.

Third Quarterly meeting — Hawkins Church, with  
Eld. L. E. Ward to bring the Introductory message. Eld.  
Ira Smithy, 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 confesson
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 6, 1956, continuing until Saturday afternoon, September 8, 1956.

#### **Thursday Evening**

Services were opened with singing "Let Him In", led by Bro. Luther Hudson, with Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Eld. Perry Argo.

Rev. Lonnie Ward led the alter prayer, with the ordained ministers and deacons assembled at the alter.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Elmer Steelman. A special song was arranged by Bro. Luther Corley with Bro. Luther Ward, Bro. Luther Hudson and Sister Nora Lee Corley singing "When I Leave This World." Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Reverend E. A. O'Donnell gave the introductory message using Ezekiel 22:30. Text "Stand In The Gap."

#### **Divine Service Committee Appointed**

This committee was appointed by the moderator and they were as follows; Bro. E. A. Mills, chairman, and Bro. Bill DaVault, Bro. Omar Pearson, Bro. Bob Alexander, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Richard Clagg, and Bro. Allie Ward as members.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Luther Ward.  
Adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning.

### Friday Morning Session

Services were opened with singing, "I Want To Know More About My Lord", led by Eld. Arthur Hearron. Sister Inez Bagwell at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Thomas Browning and song, "I Don't Want To Get Adjusted To This World."

Elder Ira Smithey read the Third Chapter of Titus for the Devotional Scripture. Prayer by Elder Smithey.

Church Letters called for and the following churches reported: Hawkins, Bryant, Chickasha, Blanchard, Dibble, Lindsay, Iron Chapel, Bridge Creek and St. Clair Church, Oklahoma City. Motion carried to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given them while singing "It Will All Be Glory By and By," led by Bro. Luther Hudson with Sister Inez Bagwell at the piano.

### Election Of Officers

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

Motion carried to retain Bro. T. O. Dunn as Associational Treasurer.

Bro. Luther Hudson elected as Orphanage Treasurer.

Committee on Divine Service met and they selected Elder Scott Jones to bring the 11:00 o'clock message and Bro. Luther Hudson as song director, and the Devotional services were conducted by Elder Lonnie Ward.

Visiting Brethren invited to seat with us in council.  
Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 o'clock.  
Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bill DaVault.

### Eleven O'Clock Service

Service was opened with singing "Let Me Live Close To Thee," led by Bro. Luther Hudson with Sister Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. John Alsup. Special song, "When God Dipped His Love in My Heart," sung by Sis. Alma York, Sis. Nora Lee Conley, Sis. Inez Bagwell, and Sis. Maggie Roberts with Bro. Arthur Hearron at the piano.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Elder L. E. Ward. Special song, "I'm Free Again," by Bro. Luther Hudson, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Elder E. A. O'Donnell, Elder Arthur Hearron and Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Elder Scott Jones delivered the morning message, using unconditional surrender. Text " I Will Go," Gen. 24:15 & 16.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder I. W. Yandell.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnel asked the blessing for the food.

#### Friday Afternoon Session

Services were called to order with singing, "Do You Ever Think To Pray," led by Bro. Luther Hudson with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Elder Frank Lee read the devotional scripture from St. John, 1st Chapter. Prayer by Elder Frank Lee.

Petionary Letters called for. There were none.

Rules of order were read by the moderator, Elder Arthur Hearron.

#### Appointment Of Committees

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:** Rev. Frank Lee, Chairman, Bro. Dormie Mills, Rev. Ira Smithey, Bro. Charlie Manning, and Bro. Ellis Stanford.

**YEARLY CREDENTIAL EXAMINING COUNCIL:** Rev. I. W. Yandell, chairman, Bro. Omar Pearson, Bro. Luther Hudson, Bro. Richard Clagg, Rev. Lonnie Ward.

**HOME MISSION:** Sis. Anna Da Vault, chairman, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, Sis. Lorene Drennen, Sis. Bernice Steelman, Sis. Francis Wilson.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sis. Nettie Hudson, chairman, Sis. Alta Gibson, Sis. Amy Manning, Sis. Beulah Swanson, Sis. Myrtle Bridges.

**TEMPERANCE:** Sis. Mattie Jones, chairman, Sis. Rachel Wells, Sis. Claudia Cox, Sis. Louise Jackson, Sis. Davie Yandell.

**OBITUARY:** Sis. Grace Chapman, chairman, Sis. Jean Turner, Sis. Winnie Alsup, Sis. Maud Branch, Sis. Ella Jarman.

**LEAGUE:** Sis. Maggie Roberts, chairman, Sis. Alpha Nichols, Sis. Neva Pearson, Bro. Jess Clagg, Bro. Orville Roberts, Bro. Henry Hedrick.

**FINANCE:** Bro. Russell Wells, chairman, Elder John Alsup, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Sis. Jennie Clagg, Sis. Zora Mills, Sis. Mary Lee.

A ten minute recess was declared by the moderator.

Come together with singing, "Jesus Is The One," led by Elder Arthur Hearron with Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Special songs, "Ring the Message Out," and "Tomorrow May Mean Good Bye," arranged by Bro. Luther Hudson, Sis. Alma York, singing soprano, Sis. Nettie Hudson, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, alto, Sis. Inez Bagwell, Elder E. A. O'Donnell, tenor, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Elder Arthur Hearron, bass, and Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Resolution number one read.

Motion carried to table the resolution until Saturday's session.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with Prayer by Bro. Ellis Stanford.

#### Friday Evening Service

Service was opened by singing, "What a Gathering That Will Be," led by Bro. Luther Corley with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Elder Aubrey Nance.

Special song, "Have Faith In God," with Sis. Alma York, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, Bro. Marvin Dixon, Bro. Luther Hudson, with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

A special song, "Better than Gold or Silver," by Sis. Alma York, Sis. Nora Lee Corley, Sis. Opal Hearron and Sis. Maggie Roberts with Rev. Arthur Hearron at the piano.

Bro. Luther Corley directed a song, "The Lilly of the Valley," with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Bro. Buck Roath conducted the devotional service.

Rev. I. W. Yandell delivered the evening message. His text "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4-18.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Carl Waddle.

#### Saturday Morning Session

Services were opened with singing, "Heavens Jubilee," directed by Bro. Marvin Dixon, accompanied by Rev. Arthur Hearron and followed with singing, "Lord Lead Me On," directed by Bro. Nixon with Sis. Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Rev. John Alsup read the devotional scripture taken from the third chapter of Second Peter. Prayer led by Rev. Alsup.

Resolution number one read and accepted.

Associational treasurers report read and accepted.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Orphans Home Treasurer. Motion carried to accept the report from the temperance committee. The report from the executive board read and accepted.

A fifteen minute recess was declared by the moderator

#### **Saturday 11 O'Clock Service**

Service was opened by singing, "Living By Faith," led by Bro. Marvin Dixon with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Earlin Haskin followed by a song, "My Redeemer," led by Bro. Dixon.

A quartet with Bro. Luther Hudson, Sis. Opal Hearron, Rev. Arthur Hearron and Rev. E. A. O'Donnell sang, "Well Done My Child", with Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano. Followed with group singing, "Sunlight," and a women's quartet with Sis. Alma York, Sis. Maggie Roberts, Sis. Rosalee Smith, and Sis. Inez Bagwell singing, "I'm Free Again" with Rev. Hearron at the piano. Followed with Sis. Mary Voiles singing, "In The Shadow Of The Cross," with Sis. Roberts at the piano.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Will Hearron of Sulphur, Okla. Rev. Rue Dell Smith delivered the morning message. His text was from the third chapter of Second Peter.

Dismissed with Prayer by Rev. Perry Argo. Bro. Thomas Browning asked the blessing for the noon meal.

#### **Saturday Afternoon Session**

Services were opened with singing, "I've Got That Old Time Religion," with Rev. Arthur Hearron leading and Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Rev. Perry Argo read the devotional scripture, St. John 7:6 & 8.

Bro. Lee Alsup led in prayer.

Motion carried to receive the League report.

Motion carried to receive the Sunday School report.

Motion carried to receive the reports on Home Mission.

Motion carried for the Executive Board to take care of the plans for Camp Meeting — pertaining to Resolution No. 1.

Bro. Bill Da Vault was elected caretaker of the camp grounds during the Camp Meeting.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 2.

Motion carried for the Executive Board to manage the extra programs of the Camp Ground.

Motion carried to accept Resolution No. 3, concerning



appointing one lady from each church to plan meals for the association. The following committee was appointed by the moderator: Iron Chapel, Sis. Mary Lee, chairman. Dibble, Sis. Nora Lee Corley; Blanchard, Sis. Francis Willson; Bridge Creek, Sis. Alta Gibson; Bryant, Sis. Jennie Clagg, Hawkins, Sis. Lorene Drennan; Lindsay, Sis. Louise Jackson; Chickasha, Sis. Nettie Hudson; St. Clair, Sis. Jennie Browning; and First Church, Sis. Opal Kirby.

Resolution No. 4 read and adopted.

Resolution No. 5 read and adopted.

Resolution No. 6 read and adopted.

Motion carried to accept the Finance report.

Motion carried to accept the Obituary report with a moment of silent prayer for the dead and bereaved. Closing prayer by Bro. Marvin Dixon.

First Quarterly meeting will be at the Chickasha Church. Rev Arthur Hearron speaker. Rev. Lonnie Ward alternate.

The Second Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Dibble Church. Rev. Rue Dell Smith will be the speaker. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, the alternate.

The Third Quarterly Meeting will be at The Hawkins Church. Rev. L. E. Ward speaker and Rev Ira Smithey alternate.

The next Association will be at the camp ground. Rev. Perry Argo will be the Introductory speaker, and Rev. Clay Richey, alternate.

Motion carried to give the ladies of the Dibble Association a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality and the preparing and serving of the food.

Associational pledges called for and accepted.

Motion carried to discharge all committees other than permanent committees.

Motion carried to pay Association clerk \$25.00 and assistant clerk \$10.00

Motion carried to adjourn until the next Association in September 1957.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Carl Waddle.

#### Committee Reports

LEAGUE COMMITTEE — We your committee on League are glad to report that seven churches out of nine have active Leagues. Bryant Church has an average attendance of 30; Bridge Creek, 46; Dibble, 50; Iron Chapel,

30; Hawkins, 25; St. Clair, 30; and Lindsay, 40. Sis Maggie Roberts, Chairman.

**OBITUARY REPORT** — We your committee on Obituary are sad to report the death of the following Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Dibble, Sis. Dovie Claunch; Bro. Eddie Franklin, Bro. Leon Nickles, and infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Stan Ward; Hawkins Church, Sis. Mollie Gaynes; Blanchard Church, Bro. K. C. Bowser; Lindsay Church, Sis. Maude Keeler; Chickasha Church, Sis A. C. Paddock, Sis. Myrtle Grisham, and husband of Sis. Eakes. Sis. Grace Chapman, Chairman.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT** — Each Church in our Association have good active Sunday Schools. Average membership of each church are as follows: St. Clair, 69; Dibble, 79; Chickasha, 54; Blanchard, 51; Iron Chapel, 40; Hawkins, 63; Bridge Creek, 43; Bryant, 43; and Lindsay, 79. Total average 521.

No report was received from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. We recommend that each church use Free Will Baptist Literature and try to make our work more interesting. Sis. Nettie Hudson, Chairman.

**TEMPERANCE REPORT** — We your Temperance Committee ask that we abstain from the use of any intoxicating beverage. "Wine is a Mocker, Strong drink is raging, and who so ever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20-1. Being temperate in the way we talk and live daily, For whatsoever we sow, that shall we also reap." Gal. 6-7. Sis Mattie Jones, Chairman.

**REPORT of the orphanage Treasurer of Dibble Association** — To the Forty-eighth Annual Session of the Dibble Association, I report as follows: Bridge Creek, \$60.00; Bryant, \$118.50; Chickasha, \$122.69; Dibble Church, \$120.00; Dibble League, \$37.00; Hawkins, \$100.00; Lindsay, \$165.00. Total \$723.19. We wish to thank those who have supported this worthy cause. Your Brother in Christ, C. L. Hudson, Treasurer.

# FINANCE REPORT —

| Church       | Val.      | Paid     | Pas. Bldg. & Rep. | Educ.  | Evan.    |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| Bryant       | \$ 4,000. | 330.00   | 4.75              | 29.20  | 199.50   |
| Blanchard    | \$10,000. | 720.00   | 1,439.55          |        | 170.00   |
| Iron Chapel  | \$ 3,000. | 220.00   |                   | 44.31  | 184.00   |
| Hawkins      | \$ 3,500. | 862.50   | 210.00            | 59.72  | 100.00   |
| Bridge Creek | \$ 2,500. | 510.00   | 570.00            | 37.00  | 90.00    |
| Lindsay      | \$20,000. | 962.29   | 1,442.00          | 129.30 | 104.85   |
| Chickasha    | \$15,000. | 1,300.00 | 10,998.42         | 50.00  | 50.00    |
| St. Clair    | \$ 5,000. | 1,660.00 | 3,058.80          |        | 100.00   |
| Dibble       | \$ 4,500. | 1,125.00 | 9.13              | 35.00  | 150.00   |
| Totals       | \$67,500. | 7,689.79 | 18,636.76         | 384.53 | 1,148.85 |

Bro. Russell Wells, Chairman.

REPORT of EXECUTIVE BOARD — The Dibble Association Executive Board met May 10 at Blanchard. Members present were, Bro. L. E. Ward, Arthur Hearron, W. F. Lee, Luther Hudson, Bryan Stacy, M. A. Clagg and T. O. Dunn. The meeting was opened by Rev. Arthur Hearron, moderator. Prayer by Rev. Ward.

A discussion on running the floor of the Tabernacle and boxing in the sides. Motion carried to postpone this idea for lack of funds.

Motion carried to seal the two rooms and pulpit overhead with sheetrock. Bro. T. O. Dunn was given the authority to buy material for same. The time set to do this was Saturday May 19.

Motion carried that we heartly endorse Bro. Bobby Hooker for Ordination as Deacon before he goes into the U.S. Armed Service.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Luther Hudson, Bro. T. O. Dunn, Clerk.

Report of Associational Treasurer of Camp Ground Funds  
September 6, 1956. Money paid into Camp Ground Fund.

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount brought forward September 10, 1955 | \$ 47.49 |
| Rev. E. A. O'Donnell                      | 10.00    |
| Bro. Ellis Stanford                       | 25.00    |
| Bro. Bill DaVault                         | 25.00    |
| Bro. T. O. Dunn                           | 50.00    |
| Rev. Frank Lee                            | 50.00    |
| Bro. C. T. Berkley                        | 25.00    |
| Bro. Jack Hopkins                         | 10.00    |
| Bro. R. E. Clagg                          | 10.00    |
| Bro. Charley Manning                      | 10.00    |

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| Bro. Luther Hudson           | 10.00     |
| Sis. Linnie Allen            | 10.00     |
| Bro. Thomas Browning         | 10.00     |
| Rev. Denver Wynn             | 5.00      |
| Sis. Ada Bell Moore          | 5.00      |
| Iron Chapel Home Mission     | 5.00      |
| Bro. Lucky Howeth            | 5.00      |
| Sis. Mattie Jones            | 5.00      |
| Dibble Home Mission          | 5.00      |
| Bryant Home Mission          | 5.00      |
| Bridge Creek Home Mission    | 5.00      |
| St. Clair Home Mission       | 5.00      |
| Sis. Amy Manning             | 6.61      |
| Hawkins Home Mission         | 5.00      |
| Sis. Tommie Allen            | 10.00     |
| General Geographical Co.     | 10.00     |
| Bonds Cashied                | 400.90    |
| Returned on insurance        | 5.08      |
| Sis. Mary Voiles             | 12.50     |
| Lindsay Girl Scouts          | 10.00     |
| Rev. and Sis. Arthur Hearron | 50.00     |
| Total Collected              | \$ 864.68 |

Amounts paid out of Camp Ground Funds:

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|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Sept. 13, 1955 — Carey Lumber Co.      | \$717.78 |
| Sept. 17, 1955 — Purcell Lumber Co.    | 3.11     |
| Nov. 5, 1955 — Okla. Electric Coop.    | 4.00     |
| Jan. 5, 1956 — Okla. Electric Coop.    | 4.00     |
| Jan. 9, 1956 — Insurance on Tabernacle | 28.87    |
| Jan. 30, 1956 — Okla. Electric Coop.   | 2.00     |
| May 15, 1956 — Purcell Lumber Co.      | 44.15    |
| July 2, 1956 — Okla. Electric Coop.    | 2.27     |
| Sept. 6, 1956 — Okla. Electric Coop.   | 4.00     |
| Total paid out                         | \$810.18 |

Balance in Camp Fund \$36.50

Bro. T. O. Dunn, Treasurer.

Report Of Associational Treasurer, Sept, 6, 1956

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| Amount brought forward 9-10-55 | \$475.43 |
| Collected for minutes          | 100.00   |
| Collected for State Minutes    | 50.00    |
| Total Collected                | \$625.43 |

Amount paid out of funds:

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sis. Irene Stanford clerk to Sept. 10, 1955 | \$ 25.00  |
| Sis. Nettie Hudson, assistant clerk         | 10.00     |
| Sis. Alma York, present clerk               | 25.00     |
| Sis. Inez Bagwell, assistant clerk          | 10.00     |
| State Delegates                             | 50.00     |
| Free Will Baptist Gems Supplies             | 1.00      |
| Thomas Tribune (printing of minutes)        | 98.00     |
| Free Will Baptist Press (supplies)          | .85       |
| Total paid out                              | 219.85    |
| Balance in Association Fund                 | 405.58    |
| Balance in Camp Ground Fund                 | 36.50     |
| Total Balance and Cash On Hand              | \$ 442.08 |
| Bro. T. O. Dunn, Treasurer.                 |           |

### HOME MISSION REPORTS

The Free Will Baptist Church of Lindsay has an active Home Mission with 14 active members. Home Mission ladies have raised a \$300.00 fund for Baptistery.

The Hawkins Home Mission has 20 active members who have been working to help with funds to do some redecorating on our church building. Our ladies made quilts, aprons, pillow cases, and pot lifters, and sold them. Also quilted many quilts. Two public sales were served by the Home Mission. They bought venetian blinds for the church, and \$200.00 was turned to the building committee. Sis Lorene Drennan, Chairman.

The St. Clair Church has a Ladies Home Mission, with an average attendance of 10, who meet once each month for a business meeting. Money received, \$416.13; paid out, \$404.92; now in treasury, \$11.21. Sis. M. E. Dixon, Treasurer.

The Dibble Home Mission has 15 active members who meet once each month for business.

We answer roll call with the number of sick calls we made during the month. We quilted three quilts the past year, sealed one class room in the basement, sold chore girls, received commission on selling flowers and the Daily Oklahoman. We have \$98.45, in the treasury. Sis. Alma York, president, Sis. Vicie Hopkins, sec.-treasurer.

The Iron Chapel Home Mission has 10 active members. Our Home Mission hasn't met and worked since March 20—because most of the ladies are working, but we plan to meet soon and start quilting.

We have received from pledges, birthday offerings and quilting, \$57.03, and paid evangelist work, \$36.50; incidentals \$15.41; and on flowers \$6.00. We paid Associational Pledge of \$5.00 for 1956.

We of the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Mission are happy to report an active Home Mission of 14 members. We meet on Tuesday night after the first and third Sundays of each month for Bible study and prayer. We have held two food sales, served two sale dinners, and have served lunch in several homes where death has occurred. We have turned to the Church treasurer \$10.00. Also bought flowers for different occasions. We now have in our treasury \$113.90. Pray for us that we may do greater work for the Lord next year. Sis. Sylvia Oglesby, president, Sis. Mary Burleson, sec. & treas.

The Bryant Church has an inactive Home Mission at the time of the Association.

The Brige Creek and First Free Will Baptist Churches do not report Home Missions. Sis. Anna DaVault, chairman.

Reports of Divine Service Committee. Friday 11 o'clock services: song leader, Bro. Luther Hudson; devotional, Rev. L. E. Ward; message, Rev. Scott Jones. Friday Evening Service: song service, Bro. Luther Corley; devotional, Bro. Buck Roath; message, Rev. I. W. Yandell.

Saturday 11 o'clock Services: song service, Bro. Marvin Dixon; devotional, Rev. Will Hearron, Sulphur; message, Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

### MINISTERS REPORTS

Report of Rev. Clay Richey for Associational year 1955 and 1956. — I've pastored the Blanchard Church full time, held two revival meetings, preached two church dedications, ordained one Minister, preached eleven funerals, performed 5 weddings ceremonies, witnessed 7 conversions, received \$900.00 in money. Miles traveled unknown. I have been called to pastor the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church next year. Prayerfully submitted — Rev. Clay Richey.

Report of Rev. Julian Hawkins — I pastored The Dibble Church full time, during which time 16 visiting Ministers filled the pulpit during the Sunday Services, several others on Wednesday nights, number of profes-

sions witnessed, 17; number received into Church, 11; number baptized, 8; sermons delivered, 104; wedding ceremonies performed, 2; funeral services conducted, 1; funeral services assisted in, 6; revivals conducted, 1; revivals assisted in, 1; vacation Bible School conducted, 1; miles traveled (all phases of the work), 2300; money received (all phases of the work), \$1,281.34. Received other highly appreciated considerations. Much spiritual and other assistance was given us. Called to pastor the Lawton Church full time next year. This marks the close of our first pastoral work. Please continue to pray for us as we enter into a new and larger field. We hope to enjoy our ministry in Hopewell No. 2 Association as much as we have the past year in the Dibble Association. Rev. Julian Hawkins.

#### ASSOCIATION PLEDGES

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Bro. T. O. Dunn       | \$25.00 |
| Bro. Ellis Stanford   | \$25.00 |
| Bro. Bill DeVault     | \$25.00 |
| Bro. Dormie Mills     | \$25.00 |
| Bridge Creek Church   | \$25.00 |
| Hawkins Church        | \$25.00 |
| St. Clair Church      | \$25.00 |
| Rev. Rue Dell Smith   | \$10.00 |
| Bro. Thomas Browning  | \$10.00 |
| Rev. Frank Lee        | \$10.00 |
| Bro. Jack Hopking     | \$10.00 |
| Bro. Richard Clagg    | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Opal Hearron     | \$10.00 |
| Rev. Denver Wynn      | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Claudia Cox      | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Alma York        | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Cassie Lee Nance | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Nora Lee Corley  | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Francis Wilson   | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Bernice Steelman | \$10.00 |
| Bro. Jurd Price       | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Nettie Hudson    | \$10.00 |
| Sis. Rosalee Smith    | \$10.00 |
| Bro. Russell Wells    | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Amy Manning      | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Jocie Mills      | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Lorene Drennon   | \$ 5.00 |

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| Sis. Léona Ward          | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Ada Bell Moore      | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Mona Turner         | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Alta Gibson         | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Beulah Swanson      | \$ 5.00 |
| Bro. Mac Clagg           | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Mahalle Ladd        | \$ 5.00 |
| Bro. Jess Clagg          | \$ 5.00 |
| Bro. Henry Hedrick       | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Mattie Jones        | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Ella Jarman         | \$ 5.00 |
| Sis. Inez Bagwell        | \$ 5.00 |
| Iron Chapel Home Mission | \$ 5.00 |
| Bryant Home Mission      | \$ 5.00 |
| St. Clair Home Mission   | \$ 5.00 |
| Dibble Home Mission      | \$ 5.00 |

#### MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Arthur Hearron, Hawkins Church, Chairman.  
 Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chickasha Church, assistant chairman.  
 Bro. T. O. Dunn, Bryant Church. Bro. Buck Roath, Dibble. Rev. D. C. Wynn, St. Clair. Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard. Rev. W. L. Lee, Bro. W. H. Da Vault, Bridge Creek. Bro. Russell Wells, Iron Chapel.

#### STATE DELEGATES

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| Iron Chapel  | Sis. Winnie Alsup     |
| Bridge Creek | Sis. Anna DaVault     |
| Hawkins      | Sis. Opal Hearron     |
| Blanchard    | Sis. Jewel Richey     |
| St. Clair    | Bro. Thomas Browning  |
| Bryant       | Sis. Amy Manning      |
| Dibble       | Sis. Alma York        |
| Chickasha    | Sis. Bernice Steelman |
| Lindsay      | Sis. Lula Berkley     |

#### CHURCH CLERKS

Lindsay — Sis. Richard Hill, Route 3, Elmore City.  
 Chickasha — Sis. Virginia Smith, 1323 Iowa, Chickasha.  
 Dibble — Sis. Zora Mills, Star Route, Alex. Okla.  
 Bryant — Sis. Jennie Clagg, Route 4 Lindsay, Okla.  
 St. Clair — Sis. Pearl Wynn, 3720, S.W. 40th, Okla. City.  
 Blanchard — Sis. Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.  
 Hawkins — Bro. A. C. Walters, Route 4, Blanchard, Okla.  
 Bridge Creek — Sis. Mary Voyles, Route 3 Blanchard.  
 Iron Chapel — Sis. Mary Lee, Route 2, Purcell.



#### MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. John Alsup, Route 2, Purcell, Okla.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.

Rev. Carl H. Waddle, 1207 S.W. 51 St., Oklahoma City.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, 12th and Ohio, Chickasha, Okla.

Rev. Elmer Steelman, Chickasha, Okla.

Rev. Lonnie Ward, Route Two, Blanchard, Okla.

Rev. Julian Hawkins, Dibble, Okla.

Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Oklahoma City.

Rev. Albert McReynolds, Oklahoma City.

Rev. George Pettijohn, Oklahoma City.

Rev. I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City.

Rev. Ira Smithey, 4309 S. Agnew, Oklahoma City.

Rev. D. C. Wynn, 3720 S. 40th, Oklahoma City.

Rev. R. C. Swanson, 1207 Broadway Place, Oklahoma City.

Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

Rev. Bryan Stacy, Blanchard, Okla.

Rev. Arthur Hearn, 4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City.

Rev. Aubrey Nance, Oklahoma City.

Rev. Earl Scogging, Blanchard, Okla.

#### CHURCH LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

##### IRON CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds at Dibble, Okla., Sept. 6-7-8, 1956. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Winnie pray you receive to sit with you and aid you in your Alsup, Sis. Iva Alsup, and Sis. Rachel Wells, whom we Godly deliberations. State of Religion, good, members received this year 3, number baptized 2, number deceased none, number excluded 2, total membership 76, average number at Sunday School 35, number of officers 5, League membership 15, Home Mission membership 10, paid Pastor \$220.00, paid evangelist \$184.50, amount for incidentals \$107.75, value of church property \$3,000.00, amount for publications \$43.31, enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State delegate \$5.00. Names of ministers belonging to our church: Rev. John Alsup, Route 2, Purcell, Okla.; deacons, Bro. Warren Mitchner, Sumerton, Arizona, Bro. Russell Wells, Lindsay, Okla., and Bro. Lee Alsup, Rt. 2, Purcell, Okla.

We recommend Bro. Russell Wells as a member of the Executive Board and we elect Sis. Minnie Alsup as State Delegate.

Done by order of Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this First day of September, 1956.

Rev. Walter Jennings, Moderator, Sis. Mary Lee, clerk.

**HAWKINS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH —**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened at the Camp Ground at Dibble, Okla. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Lorene Drennon, Sis. Claudia Cox, and Sis. Neva Pearson, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good, members received this year 9, total membership 97, condition of prayer meeting fair, condition of Sunday School, good, average number of pupils 54, number of officers 3, number of teachers 6, paid pastor \$862.50, paid evangelist \$100.00, building and repair \$210.00, for education \$59.72, enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for State Delegate \$5.00 paid orphanage \$120.00, League paid to Camp Ground Meeting \$10.00. Ministers belonging to our Church, Rev. Arthur Hearn. Deacons, Bro. Omar Pearson, Bro. Robert Davis, Bro. Roy True, Bro. Arlton Dosier. Deacons on trial are Bro. A. C. Walters and Bro. Robert Watkins.

We regret to report the death of Sis. Mollie Gayne from our Church. Pastors name and address for coming year, Rev. Arthur Hearn, 4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We recommend Rev. Arthur Hearn to the Executive Board, and elect Sis. Opal Hearn as State Delegate.

Done by order of Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church, assembled in conference this Second day of September, 1956.

Rev. Arthur Hearn, Moderator, Bro. A. C. Walters Clerk.

**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 Sister Mona Lee Turner, Sister Buelah Swanson and Sister Jennie Browning, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good, members received past year 29, baptized 2, dismissed 2, total membership 70, condition of prayer meeting good, condition of Sunday School good, average number of pupils 60, number of officers 2, number of teachers 7, paid pastor

\$1660.00, paid evangelist \$100.00, building and repairs \$3058.80, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for State Delegate \$5.00.

Pastors name and address for coming year, Eld. Ira Smithey, 4309 So: Agnew, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. Ira Smithey, Eld. Albert McReynolds, Eld. John Pettijohn, Eld. D. C. Wynn, and Eld. R. C. Swanson. The deacons are Bro. Ace Harrold, Bro. Marvin Dixon, Bro. Tilford Davis, Bro. Thomas Browning, Bro. Arthur Browning, Bro. J. D. Alexander and Bro. Weldon Donathon.

We recommend Eld. D. C. Wynn as a member of the Executive Board. We elected Bro. Thomas Browning as a delegate to the State Association.

Done by order of the St. Clair Free Will Baptist Church, assembled in conference this 5th day of September, 1956.

Eld. Ira Smithey, moderator, Sis. Pearl Wynn, clerk.

#### BLANCHARD 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. Ella Jarmon, Sis. Francis Wilson and Sis. Myrtle Bridges whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good, members received past year, 6 dismissed 2, died one, total membership 59, condition of Sunday School, good, average number of pupils 44, number of officers 2, number of teachers, 5, paid pastor \$720.00, paid evangelist, \$170.00, building and repairs, \$1439.55, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for State Delegate \$5.00. Ministers belonging to our church, Eld. Clay Richey and Eld. Bryan Stacy. Pastors name and address for coming year, Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.

We recommend Rev. Clay Richey as a member of the Executive Board. We send as our State Delegate Sis. Jewel Richey.

We regret to report the death of our beloved Bro. Knox Bowser who was a senior Deacon and a charter member of the Church.

Done by order of the Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 2nd day of September 1956.

Rev. Clay Richey, Moderator, Sis. Mattie Bowser, clerk.

### BRYANT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds. We send as delegates our beloved Bro. Jess Clagg, Bro. Henry Hedrick, and Sister Amy Manning, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good, members received past year, 3, baptized 3, dismissed 6, total membership 85, condition of Sunday School good, average number of pupils 35, number of officers 4, number of teachers 4, paid pastor \$330.00, paid evangelist \$199.50, building and repairs \$4.75, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for State Delegate \$5.00. Ministers belonging to our church; Rev. Rue Dell Smith. Deacons, T. O. Dunn and Bro. R. E. Clagg. Pastors name and address for coming year, Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.

We recommend Bro. R. E. Clagg as a member to the Executive Board. We elected Sis. Amy Manning as a delegate to the State Association.

Other deacons of our church are Bro. C. H. Manning, and Bro. M. A. Clagg. Done by order of the Bryant Free Will Baptist Church, assembled in conference this 26th day of August, 1956.

Rev. Perry Argo, moderator, and Sis. Jennie Clagg, clerk.

### DIBBLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground. We send as delegates our beloved Bro. Orville Roberts, Sis. Nora Lee Corley and Sister Maggie Roberts. State of religion, good, members received this year, 11, baptized 8, dismissed 4, died 4, total membership 160, condition of prayer meeting, good, condition of Sunday School, good, average number of pupils 75, number of officers 3, number of teachers 6, paid pastor \$1125.00, paid evangelist \$150.00, orphans home, \$120.00, other expenses, \$114.77, building and repairs \$9.13, insurance \$51.03, for subscription for "The Promoter" \$9.00, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for State Delegates \$5.00. Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. Julian Hawkins, Dibble, Okla., Rev. Lonnie Ward, Rt. 4 Blanchard, Okla. Pastors name and address for coming year, Rev. Perry Argo, Norman, Oklahoma.

We are sorry to report the deaths of four members of the Dibble Church. They are Sis. Dovie Claunch, Bro. Eddie Franklin, Bro. Leon Nickles and infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Stan Ward.

We recommend Bro. Buck (C. W.) Roath as a member of the Executive Board. We elected Sis. Alma York as delegate to the State Association, Bro. Cash Roberts, alternate.

The Dibble Association is asking for the 2nd, Quarterly Meeting. Done by order of the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 18th. day of August, 1956.

Eld. Julian Hawkins, moderator, Sis. Zora Mills, clerk.

#### CHICKASHA 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. Bernice Steelman, Sis. Nettie Hudson and Sis. Grace Chapman, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good, members received past year 4, baptized 2, dismissed 2, died 1, total membership 61, condition of prayer meeting, good, condition of Sunday School, fair, average number of pupils 45, number of officers 3, number of teachers 6, paid pastor \$1300.00, paid evangelist \$50.00, building and repairs \$10,998.42, for publications \$48.00, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for State Delegate \$5.00. Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell and Rev. Elmer Steelman. Pastors name and address for coming year, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell Chickasha, Okla. We recommend Bro. Sam. Medlin as a member of the Executive Board. We elected Sis. Bernice Steelman as delegate to the State Association.

We ask for the first Quarterly Meeting. Done by order of the Chickasha Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 4th day of September, 1956.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, moderator and Sis. Virginia Smith, clerk.

#### LINDSAY 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. Jean Bunch, Sis. Mattie Jones, and Sis. 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 past year 13, baptized 6, dismissed 7, died 1, total membership 76, condition of prayer meeting, good, condition of Sunday School good, average number of pupils 65, number of officers 4, number of teachers 10, paid pastor \$962.20, paid evan-

gelist \$104.85, value church property \$20,000.00, total indebtedness \$491.00, building repairs and up keep \$1442.79, for education and publications, \$129.30, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for State Delegate \$5.00, paid childrens home \$174.00, miscellaneous expenses \$84.90. Ministers belonging to our Church, Eld W. F. Lee and Eld. Carl Waddle. Deacons are Bro. C. T. Berkley, Bro. L. B. Branch, Bro. Richard Hill, and Bro. A. R. Beal. Pastors name and address for coming year, Eld. Carl Waddle, 1207 S.W. 51 St. Oklahoma City, Okla.

We have an active home mission,\* and also league classes for all ages. We held a two weeks vacation Bible School this summer with excellent results.

We regret to report that Sister Maud Keeler departed this life August 10, 1956. She had been a member of the Lindsay Church since Dec. 11, 1951.

The Church ordained Bro. L. B. Branch as a deacon on Sunday Sept. 2, 1956. We recommend Rev. W. F. Lee as a member of the Executive Board and Sis. Lula Berkley as our State Delegate.

Done by order of the Lindsay Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 15th day of Aug. 1956.

Eld. Carl Waddle, moderator, and Sis. Richard Hill, clerk.

#### BRIDGE CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground at Dibble, Okla. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Alpha Nichols, Sis. Anna DaVault and Sis. Alta Gibson, 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 1, total membership 77, condition of prayer meeting, good, condition of Sunday School, good, average number of pupils 36, number of officers 7, condition of League, good, League membership 46, value of Church property, \$2,500.00, amount paid pastor \$510.00, paid evangelist \$90.00, amount for building and repairs \$570.00, amount for incidentals \$102.33, amount for education \$31.25, amount for publications \$37.00, paid orphans home \$60.00, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for State Delegate \$5.00. Ministers in the Church, Rev. Aubrey Nance and Rev. Earl Scoggins. Deacons, Bro. Bill DaVault, Bro C. R. Gibson, and Bro. Tommie Allen

Pastors name and address for coming year, Rev. Aubrey Nance, 1809 Ina Mae, Oklahoma City, Okla. We recommend Bro. W. H. DaVault to the Executive Board and we send Sis. Anna DaVault as state delegate. We regret to report the death of Sis. Ida Gibsons father, Bro. Taylor, and Sis. Sallie Rogers mother, Sis. Kilmer. Done by order of the Bridge Creek Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 25th day of August 1956.

Rev. Aubrey Nance, moderator, Sis. Mary Voyles, clerk.

### RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. — Since it is common knowledge among pastors and laymen of the Dibble Association that interest in revival meetings in local churches is practically nil, and that to date, all efforts have failed to revive that interest, and in view of the fact that we have a tabernacle that will accommodate a united effort by the churches of this association, also camp grounds adequate to accommodate any number of campers; Be it therefore resolved: That this association make plans for a camp meeting to begin on Thursday night of the week preceeding convening date of the associaton.

Be it further resolved;

That one member be elected from each church to form an Evangelistic committee. That the newly elected Moderator of each session of the Association be the permanent chairman of said Evangelistic Committee, that the Assistant Moderator will automatically be a member to represent his church, that this association shall elect a member from each church with the exception of the church represented by the moderator and his assistant.

It shall be the duty of this committe to arrange for all meetings, exercises and business pertaining to the camp meeting.

Be it further resolved;

That a qualified and competent ground keeper be selected by this association to assist campers to select proper camp sites, so they do not interfere with either traffic or meeting places for service.

That he will have complete oversight of camping, parking and dining facilities.

Also be it resolved;

That the evangelistic committee shall select the evangelist to preach the entire series of services through-out the meeting. Also the committee will select a song leader.

That he shall direct or that he shall select someone to direct in all musical exercises, however he shall have the right to call on whom-so-ever he wishes to assist him in any way to make for a better musical program. This committee shall also select a pianist, and he or she may select anyone they wish to assist them.

Be it further resolved;

That the Evangelistic Committee shall have the endorsement of this Association, to make any rules or by-laws governing this committee as a whole. That they may delete or add to this program at any time they deem necessary, such as adding a daily Bible class, a course in Sunday School teachers training, music or personal evangelism.

Be it also resolved;

That the Evangelistic Committee shall formulate some plan of financing the Camp Meeting; that this plan be worked out (if possible) before adjournment of this association.

Submitted by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Rev. Frank Lee, Chairman.

No. 2. — Be it resolved that a permanent program committee be elected for one year to manage and control all programs and exercises, and activities carried on at the camp ground at any time, except regular meetings set by the association quarterly meetings, camp meetings, etc.

This Committee if elected will have the liberty to accept or reject any application they deem unsuitable for the best interest for the churches.

Furthermore, that no group shall be admitted unless that group be recommended and endorsed by some church which is a member in good standing in the Dibble Association.

Rev. Frank Lee, Chairman

No. 3. — Be it resolved that the moderator appoint a lady from each church to meet sometime before the association to plan and arrange for the lunch each day. First lady to be the chairman and notify the others. This will include plates, drinks, napkins, ice, etc.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman.

No. 4. — Be it resolved that this association empower the camp ground board with the authority to have the commissioner to clear the stumps and brush from camp



ground.

Submitted by Rev. Arthur Hearron.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman.

No. 5. — Be it resolved; that we recommend that each church in the Dibble Association contribute each month (consistently) to a fund for the expense and upkeep of the camp ground. Be it further resolved that a percent of each offering of the church and its Auxiliary organizations be set aside for this purpose and sent to the Associational Treasurer.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman

No. 6. — Be it resolved that no church will ask for a quarterly meeting, who has had one the year before.

Rev. W. F. Lee, Chairman.

No. 2. 1955, — 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 Rev. Clay Richey.

No. 1., 1940; — Be it resolved that we accept Resolution No. 1 of Fourth Quarterly meeting which reads: Be it resolved that Associational Clerks and Church clerks have the right to vote at the Associational and Quarterly meetings.

No. 3 — Be it resolved that this Association elect an Executive Committee with a member elected from each church and that each church recommend a member for Executive Board in their church letter to the Association, with the Moderator of our Association acting as chairman. To this board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the Dibble Association from one meeting to another for said Association, and shall have the power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of Dibble Association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this Executive Board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the Field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall not convey or mortgage any real estate or personal property unless authorized by the Dibble Association. This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property intrusted to said Association for any purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case divert it from its original object.

The chairman and treasure of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which Dibble Association is to become legally held. It shall be the duty of this Executive Board to meet at each regular or adjourned session and as often as may be necessary, and any member absenting himself from the meeting three times may be dropped from the Board and his successor elected. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be legal unless at least three members are present and written record shall be made of all transactions. No member of the Executive Board shall delegate authority to any other member of said Board to cast his vote for him in anything. The Board shall have the power to call all the Association in conference by notifying each Church 10 days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change Quarterly Meetings and Associations if the place where said Quarterly Meeting or Association is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decision shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church. This resolution is to be printed in the minutes each year.

## 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 requiers. 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.

