

# **MINUTES**

Of The

## **FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**

Of The

**Dibble Association**

**Church of God**

**Denominated**

# **Free Will Baptist**

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Held at the Association Camp Ground

Near Dibble, Oklahoma

SEPTEMBER 11 - 12 - 13, 1958

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The next Annual Session of The Dibble

Association Will Convene at The Camp

Ground Dibble, Oklahoma

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Beginning Thursday Night Before The

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**SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 1958.**

Moderator .....	Rev. B. T. Kirby Okla City Okla
Ass't Mod .....	Rev. J. R. Hall Midwest City Okla
Clerk .....	Mrs. Alma York Dibble Okla
Ass't Clerk .....	Mrs. Inez Bagwell Alex Okla
Treasurer .....	Bro. Luther Hudson Chickasha Okla
Historian .....	Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, 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 1959.

All Quarterly meetings will be held at the Association camp grounds.

First Quarterly meeting will be in November Introductory speaker, Rev. G. E. Judd Alternate speaker Rev. Lois Steel.

Second Quarterly meeting will be in March Introductory speaker Rev. Oma Viles, Alternate speaker Rev. Lester Maynard.

Third Quarterly Meeting will be in May Introductory speaker Rev. Lois Steele, Alternate speaker, Rev. B. T. Kirby.

## **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 11, 1958, continuing until Saturday afternoon, September 13, 1958.

#### **Thursday Evening**

Services were opened with singing "Beautiful City" led by Rev. Aruthur Hearron, with Sis Louise Batson at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Aubrey Nance.

Message was delivered by Rev. John Alsup. Subject Temptation. Prayer by Rev John Alsup. The Scripture was taken from the 4th Chapter of St. Matthew.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Charles Flynn.

### Friday Morning Session

Services were called to order with singing, "Rescue The Perishing" led by Rev. Aruthur Hearron. Sis Inez Bagwell at the piano.

Rev. Oma Viles had charge of the Devotional Scripture Hebrews 12, 18-24. Prayer by Rev. Viles.

Divine Service Committee appointed by the Moderator, Rev B. T. Kirby. They are as following, Bro. Bill Da'Vault, Bro. Lonnie Roberts, and Sis. A. F. Wells.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship extended while singing "Stepping in The Light". With Rev. Aruthur Hearron leading and Sis Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Divine service report read and accepted.

Motion carried to set aside the regular order of business and call for Petitionary letters. Petitionary letter from the Midwest City Baptist Church read.

Motion carried to receive the Midwest City Church in full fellowship to the Dibble Association. Right hand of fellowsrip given the delegates by Moderator Rev. B. T. Kirby.

### Election Of Officers

Mod. _____	Rev. B. T. Kirby
Ass't Mod _____	Rev. J. R. Hall
Clerk _____	Mrs. Alma York
Ass't Clerk _____	Mrs. Inez Bagwell
Treasurer _____	Bro. Luther Hudson
Historian _____	Rev. Clay Richey

Recess declared by Moderator, Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Earl Judd.

### Eleven O'clock Service

Service was called to order with singing "Have You Really Been A Friend To Him." led by Rev. B. T. Kirby, and Sis. Maggie Roberts at the piano, followed with "Where Could I Go", led by Rev. Aruthur Hearron. Prayer by Rev. Clay Richey.

Rev. True had charge of the Devotional Service. The Scripture read from the Thirteenth Chapter of St. Luke.

Special song arranged by Bro. Luther Hudson, with Sis Inez Bagwell, Rev. O'Donnell, Rev. Hearron and Bro. Hudson singing "Tomorrow May Mean Good bye." with Sis Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Rev. Charles Flynn delivered the morning message. Scripture Second Timothy 4th chapter verse 6 to 8 Text, "What Testimony I Leave." Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Dormie Mills.

Blessing asked for the noon meal by Rev. J. R. Hall.

### **Friday Afternoon Session**

Services were opened with singing "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder" led by Bro. Luther Hudson with Sis Inez Bagwell at the piano. The Devotional was read by Rev. John Alsup from First Corinthians Second chapter. Prayer by Rev. Alsup.

Rules Of Order read by the Moderator, Rev. B. T. Kirby.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seat with us in Council, and Right hand of Fellowship given by Assistant Moderator Rev. J. R. Hall.

Appointment of Committies by the Assistant Moderator are as following:

**DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE;** Bro. Lonnie Roberts, Bro. W. H. Da'Vault, Sis A. F. Wells.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE;** Rev. Earl Judd, Rev. Lois Steel, Rev. John Alsup, Bro. Luther Hudson, Bro. W. W. Hunt,

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE;** Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. Aruthur Hearron, Rev. Oma Viles, Rev. Bob Kirby, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

**HOME MISSION COMMITTEE;** Sis. Amy Manning, Sis Jennie Browning, Sis. Louise Jackson, Sis Josie Mills, Sis Lydia Russell.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE** Bro. Fred Drennan, Sis. Cestas Wells, Bro. Keeney, Sis. Oliver Chapman, Bro. Henry Hedrick.

**LEAGUE COMMITTEE;** Bro. Bob Hooker, Sis. Doleeta Viles, Sis Maybelle Cash, Bro. Don Bagwell, Bro. Luther Corley.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE;** Rev. Frank Lee, Sis Oglesby, Bro. John Dee Cox. Sis Linda Largent, Sis W. A. Hearron.

A special song "Oh What A Savior" by Sis Nora Lee Corley, Sis Maggie Roberts, Sis Louise Batson, Sis Inez Bagwell. With Bro. Arthur Hearron at the piano.

Rev. Clay Richey gave an oral report on the progress of the writing of the History of the Dibble Association.

Motion made that the Association accept the works of the Quarterly Meetings during the 1957 and 1958 association year.  
Motion carried.

A 15 minute recess was declared by the Moderator Rev. B. T. Kirby.

House was called to order by singing "Sweeping Through The Gate", led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, with Sis Maggie Roberts at the piano.

Motion carried to adjourn the business session until 9 o'clock Saturday. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

### **Friday Evening Service**

Services were called to order by singing "Where Milk and Honey Flows" led by Bro. Lonnie Roberts, with Sis Inez Bagwell at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Sam Pybas.

Special song by Rev. Arthur Hearron and Mrs. Arthur Hearron singing "The Things I Can Not Do Alone", with Sis Inez Bagwell at the piano.

The Devotional was conducted by Rev. B. T. Kirby Special song "I'm One Of His Own" by Sis Alma York, Sis Maggie Roberts Sis Nora Lee Corley, Sis Inez Bagwell, with Sis Louise Batson at the piano.

Rev. J. R. Hall delivered the evening Message Scripture Second Chronicles 18 - 12-13. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Hall.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. L. D. Bagwell.

### **Saturday Morning Session**

Services were called to order with singing "Jesus Is Holding My Hand" led by Rev. Arthur Hearron, with Sis Maggie Roberts at the piano. Followed with singing "I Love My Savior Too.

Devotional Scripture was read by Rev. Rue Dell Smith from the 14th chapter of Acts. Prayer by Rev. Oma Viles.

Divine service committee excused by Moderator.

Motion made and second to empower executive board to have power to build rest rooms; drinking fountains, and improve tabernacle. Motion carried.

Divine service report read motion carried to receive report. Credential Committee report read and accepted concerning the letter of recommendation presented by Rev. Oma Viles. This letter will be on permanent record in the association record book.

Resolution Committee report number one read. Motion made and second to receive report Motion carried.

Report of recommendation read from Resolution committee,

Motion made to table the report and be the first item of business afternoon. Motion Carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn business session until 1:30 O'clock Motion carried. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

### Eleven O'clock Service

Services were called to order with singing "Standing on the Promises" led by Rev. Steele with Sis Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Bro. T. O. Dunn.

Rev. Scott Jones conducted the Devotional Service. Rev. Hoague delivered the morning message, Scripture read from the Colossians third chapter 24 25 verse. Text "We Deal With God". Prayer by Rev. Hoague.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. B. T. Kirby.

### Saturday Afternoon Session

Services were opened with singing "Draw Me Nearer" led by Rev. B. T. Kirby with Sis Leila Maynard at the piano.

Devotional was read from the book of Luke by Rev. Walter Jennings., with prayer by Rev. Frank Lee.

First item of business was concerning the recommendation of the Resolution committee about the barracks tabled during the morning session. Motion made to ammend the motion to let the executive board see about the barracks and bring report to the first quarterly meeting Motion did not carry.

Report on Sunday School read and accepted.

Temperance report read and accepted

Finance report read and accepted..

Treasurers report read and accepted

League Committee report read and accepted.

Credential Committee report number 2 read and accepted.

Home Mission committee report read and accepted.

Motion carried for next Dibble Association to meet at the Camp Ground in September on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday.

Motion made and second to have Quarterly meetings at the camp grounds. Motion carried.

Rev. G. E. Judd was elected to be introductory speaker at the first Quarterly meeting in November.  
Rev. Lois Steele was elected to be the alternate.



Rev. Oma Viles was elected to be the introductory speaker at the second Quarterly meeting in March. Rev. Lester Maynard was elected to be the alternate.

Rev. Lois Steele was elected to be the introductory speaker at the third Quarterly meeting in May Rev. B. T. Kirby was elected the alternate.

Rev. B. T. Kirby was elected to be the introductory speaker at the next Association. Rev. Denver Wynn was elected the alternate speaker.

Motion made to let our letters read \$5.00 fee to seat state delegate instead of state minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made for those delegates to vote as a body. Motion carried.

Obituary Committee report read and accepted with a moment of silent prayer and an audible prayer by Rev. Lester Maynard.

Motion made for executive board to be considered as an Evangelist committee for a revival at some time next year. Motion carried.

Motion made that each church pay \$15.00 for expense of revival. Motion carried.

Motion made to dismiss all committees except standing committees. Motion carried.

Motion made to elect a member to the General Board. Motion carried. Rev. B. T. Kirby elected.

Motion made and second to adjourn until next association. Motion carried.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. L. A. Vanhorn a visiting brother from Ada.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE** — We the Sunday School Committee report every church in our Association has an active Sunday School. Average attendance of each church are as following Hawkins 65, Dibble 70, Chickasha 70, Bridge Creek 39, Lindsay 75, St. Clair 45, Iron Chapel 25, Blanchard 40, Bryant 40, First Church 185, Midwest City 50, Total average attendance 704, an increase of 69 over last years total. Bro. Lonnie Johnson Chairman.

#### HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT — We the Home

Mission Committee find that six churches out of the eleven have active Home Missions. We pray Gods blessings on them. Five have no local Home Missions because of lack of local workers. The churches that have Home Missions are as following: St. Clair, Lindsay, Hawkins, Dibble, Blanchard, Iron Chapel. Sis Amy Manning Chairman.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT — We the Obituary Com

mittee are sorry to report the death of five members of the Dibble Association, Bridge Creek Bro. Arie Scroggins. Chickasha, Bro. Will Hudson, First Church, Bro. O. T. Johnson and Bro. Pete Lawson. Dibble Rev. Lonnie Ward. Bro. Fred Drennan Chairman

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT — We your Com-

mittee on Temperance believe in being Temperant in all things pertaining to Christian living. Temperant in our criticism showing Charity toward all people. Temperant in our attitude toward our family and neighbors seeing good in all people. Considerate of other churches and their efforts to reach the lost. Temperate in our judging the personal habits of others being sinful because we think so and finally to abstain from the very appearance of evil and its effect upon us in our failures in responsibility to our fellowman and to God and his church. Bro. Dormie Mills Chairman

#### LEAGUE COMMITTEE REPORT — We the officers of the

Dibble Association League offer the following for your approval.

On Sept 1st we started a youth revival at the Dibble Camp ground. That revival ended on Wed. Sept 10th we are very happy to report that the revival was very successful the number of conversions was 23. We hope and Pray that this meeting was an inspiration to every one that attended.

Our Finance throughout the revival and to this date are as following;

Bank Balance at or near the beginning of the revival	\$302.53
League pledges and offerings	\$166.88
Last Revival night offering	\$ 63.80
Total	\$533.21

Paid for public address system	\$193.50
Balance	\$339.71
Paid Evangelist	\$200.00
Balance	\$139.71

Unpaid Bills	
Camp ground sign lettering	\$14.00
Light Bulbs	\$ 2.41
Light Bulbs	\$ 1.10
Repair Material	\$ .96
Welding and Material	\$10.00
Total Unpaid	\$28.47
Bank Balance	\$111.24

We sincerely hope that this report meets with your approval and that by it you can see that our league work is a progressive thing. We thank you as a group and as an individual for the support you have given us thus far. Yours in Christ Bob Hooker, President, Melvin Batson Vice President, Betty Bagwell, Rec. Secretary, Juanita Mills Sec Treasurer, League Committee Bro. Bob Hooker Chairman.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS — No. 1** We your Committee recommend that Rev. Oma Viles be received into our fellowship and accepted as an ordained Minister, to carry on the work of pastor Evangelist or such other work as becomes a true minister of Christ. Rev. Clay Richey Chairman.

**No. 2 —** We the Credential Committee beg leave our report as following; That we request that this body adopt articles three of section two Page 55 in our treaties pertaining to "the business of the yearly meeting or association. Submitted by Rev Arthur Hearron.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT —** We recommend that each pastor join the church he pastors. G. E. Judd Chairman.

#### Divine Service Committee Reports

Friday Morning 11 O'clock Service  
 Rev. Charles Flynn Message  
 Rev. True Devotional  
 Rev. Arthur Hearron Song Leader  
 Friday Evening Service  
 Rev. J. R. Hall Message

Rev. B. T. Kirby      Devotional  
 Bro. Lonnie Roberts      Song Leader  
 Saturday Morning 11 O'clock Service  
 Rev. Houge      Message  
 Rev. Scott Jones      Devotional  
 Rev. Lois Steel      Song Leader

### Finance Committee Report

Lindsay	\$3,084.81	\$30,500.00
Iron Chapel	744.78	5,000.00
St Clair	1,660.12	8,000.00
Bridge Creek	1,355.30	4,000.00
First Church	6,150.00	30,000.00
Chickasha	2,283.03	14,000.00
Dibble	1,986.15	9,500.00
Hawkins	1,708.71	6,000.00
Bryant	1,163.01	4,000.00
Blanchard	2,137.86	10,000.00
Total Expenses	\$22,273.77	
Total Church Value		\$121,000.00

### Treasurers Report

Offerings Dibble Church	158.38
Hawkins	44.00
Bryant	33.67
Iron Chapel	61.40
First Church	50.00
St. Clair	70.00
Chickasha	31.75
Lindsay	60.00
Ellis Stanford Pledge	50.00
Dibble Home Mission Pledge	5.00
Offering Taken 7-21-58 L. E. Ward Memorial	61.90
Bryant Church L. E. Ward Memorial	10.00
St. Clair Church L. E. Ward Memorial	10.00
Hawkins Church L. E. Ward Memorial	10.00
Iron Chapel Church L. E. Ward Memorial	5.00
TOTAL	\$1,466.26
Less Expenditures	\$1,094.30
Balance In Treasure	\$ 371.96

I wish to thank the churches and each individual for their cooperation in this very worthy cause. I feel as an association we have made a wonderful progress in this years work in the developing of our camp grounds hoping our continuing success will be greater in the year ahead. Your Treasurer C. L. Hudson

### The Expenditures

Inez Bagwell	\$15.00
Alma York	25.00
State Association	50.00
D. A. Mills	16.00
Okla. Electric	4.00
Blanchard News For Minutes	72.50
Okla. Mutual Insurance	23.79
Okla. Electric	8.00
Printing Checks	1.50
Alma York (Letter Forms)	2.50
Flowers For L. E. Ward Funeral	3.50
Okla. Electric	4.00
Da'Vault Plumbing and Electric	260.89
Okla. Electric	4.00
Quillin Windows	68.60
Okla. Electric	4.00
Carey Lumber Co.	60.93
C. W. Maddy	161.50
Swanson Propene	9.18
Carey Lumber Co.	204.45
C. W. Maddy	65.00
Cary Lumber Co	1.30
Da'Vault Plumbing and Electric	23.66
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,094.30</b>

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### Ministers Reports

Report of Rev. Clay Richey for Associational year of 1958. I have preached 155 sermons, 10 Funerals, Performed 9 Marriages. Baptized 4, Witnessed 32 conversions. Money received \$450.00. Was called to pastor the Dibble church for the next year. Pray for me that I will be more useful in the Lords work this next year than I have ever been. Prayerfully Submitted, Rev. Clay Richey.

Members of the executive board. Rev. B. T. Kirby, Moderator, First Church Lindsay church not given, St. Clair Bro. M. C. Henry Chickasha church not given Blanchard Rev. Clay Rich-

ey. Bryant Bro. R. E. Clagg. Bridge Creek Bro. W. H. Da'Vault  
 Dibble, Bro. Dormie Mills, Hawkins not given. Iron Chapel Rev  
 D. C. Wynn Midwest City Bro. W. W. Hunt.

### STATE DELEGATES

Bridge Creek	Sis Anna Da'Vault
Dibble	Sis Nora Lee Corley
Hawkins	Bro. Richard Barbee
Iron Chapel	Sis Cestas Wells
First Church	Sis Opal Kirby
Bryant	Sis Amy Manning
Blanchard	Not Given
Chickasha	Not Given
St. Clair	Sis Opal Hearron
Lindsay	Not Given
Midwest City	Bro. W. W. Hunt

### CHURCH CLERKS

Lindsay — Sis Neva June Bullock, Lindsay Okla.  
 St. Clair — Sis Clara Threlkeld, 2306 S.W. 25th Okla City  
 Chickasha — Sis Virginia Smith 1323 Iowa Ave Chickasha Okla  
 Blanchard — Sis Mattie Bowser Blanchard, Okla  
 Bryant — Sis Jennie Clagg, Route Four Lindsay, Okla.  
 First Church — Rev. Bob Kirby, 1605 S.W. 68th Okla. City Okla  
 Iron Chapel — Sis Mary Lee Route Two Purcell, Okla.  
 Hawkins — Bro. Richard Barbee  
 Dibble — Sis Zora Mills Dibble, Okla.  
 Bridge Creek — Sis Mary Voyles, Route One Blanchard Okla.  
 Midwest City, — Sis Cleo Evans.

### CHURCH PASTORS

Midwest City Rev. J. R. Hall 111 East Marshall Drive Mid-  
 west City Okla.  
 Bridge Creek — Rev. L. B. Steele Route 2 Lexington Okla  
 Dibble — Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard Okla.  
 Hawkins — Rev. G. E. Judd 2300 S. E. 12th Okla City Okla  
 Iron Chapel — Rev. D. C. Wynn 2233 S.W. 26th Okla City Okla  
 First Church — Rev. B. T. Kirby 2212 S.W. 31th Okla City Okla  
 Bryant — Rev. Elmer Steelman Chickasha Okla  
 Blanchard — Rev. Lester Maynard Okla City Okla  
 Chickasha — Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Okla City Okla  
 St. Clair — Rev. Arthur Hearron 4601 Melrose Lane Okla City  
 Okla  
 Lindsay — Rev. Oma Viles 831 W. Chickasaw , Lindsay Okla.

## MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Rev, Oma Viles 831 W. Chickashaw Lindsay, Okla.  
Rev. L. M. Batson Route one Lindsay, Okla  
Rev. Arthur Hearn 4601 S. Melrose Lane, Okla City Okla.  
Rev. George Pettijohn Okla City Okla.  
Rev. Albert McReynolds 1165 S. E. 22nd Okla City Okla  
Rev. Rue Dell Smith Okla City Okla  
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell 1305 Ohio Ave, Chickasha, Okla.  
Rev. Clay Richey Blanchard, Okla.  
Rev. Bryan Stacy, Blanchard Okla.  
Rev. Lester Maynard Okla City Okla  
Rev. W. F. Lee, Lindsay, Okla.  
Rev. Elmer Staelman ,Chickasha, Okla.  
Rev. B. T. Kirby 2212 S. W. 31st, Okla City Okla.  
Rev. Robert S. Kirby 1605 S. W. 68th Okla City Okla  
Rev. Charles Buck 3000 S. W. 51 Okla City Okla  
Rev. Walter Jennings 3917 S.W. 24th Okla City Okla  
Rev. John Alsup Route Two Purcell, Okla.  
Rev. D. C. Wynn 2233 S. W. 26th Okla City Okla.  
Rev. G. E. Judd 2309 S. E. 12th Okla City Okla.  
Rev. Perry Argo Route Two Norman Okla  
Rev. J. R. Hall 111 East Marshall Drive Midwest City Okla.  
Rev. Carl Waddle Okla City Okla.  
Rev. Earl Scroggins, Newcastle Okla.  
Rev. Aubrey Nance Moore, Okla.  
Rev. L. B. Steele Route Two Lexington Okla

## HOME MISSION REPORTS

Iron Chapel Home Mission Letter — The Iron Chapel church has an active Home Mission with 6 active members. We meet once a week and quilt during the winter and spring months. We have quilted 25 quilts and received \$75.00 for the work. We have taken in \$16.90 in pledges and birthday offerings. We paid \$48.00 on evangelist work. Paid \$5.00 association pledge paid \$5.00 to the Free Will Baptist Mission Board to the new church club. Paid \$23.50 for flowers for sick folks and funerals. We highly recommend Home Mission Work for all churches. Pray for us that we will be more useful in the Lords work. Sis. Winnie Alsup President, Sis Mary Lee Sec.&Treas.

Dibble Home Mission Letter — The Dibble Home Mission Ladies wish to make the following report for the preceding year.

We made garments and sold last year in a Christmas Bazaar, we bought and sold Christmas cards, and black pepper to raise money for our treasury we served lunch at two dairy sales.

We bought sheet blankets for a needy family, who had the misfortune of having their house burned. We pay \$12.00 yearly to the camp ground fund and \$5.00 to Dibble association fund. We also gave \$50.00 to our building fund to help build the new addition to our church. We have in our treasury now. \$104.71. Sis Nora Lee Corley President Sis Faye Reed Sec.

### ASSOCIATION PLEDGES

Frank Lee	Paid \$100.00
Anna Da'Vault	\$100.00
G. E. Judd	\$100.00
Arthur Hearron	\$100.00
Ellis Stanford	\$50.00
B. T. Kirby	\$50.00
Luther Hudson	\$50.00
J. R. Hall	\$25.00
L. A. Vanhorn	Paid \$50.00
Oma Viles	\$25.00
Adah Ward	\$25.00
D. P. Cash	\$25.00
Dormie Mills	\$25.00
L. D. Bagwell	\$25.00
Lee Alsup	Paid \$25.00
Mary Voyles	Paid \$25.00
Bob Hooker	\$10.00
Linnie Allen	Paid \$10.00
Marie Hackney	\$10.00
Orval Roberts	\$10.00
Leora Mills	Paid \$10.00
Greta Roath	\$10.00
Henry Hedrick	Paid \$10.00
Sis Thomas Browning	Paid \$10.00
Cestas Wells	Paid \$5.00
Josie Mills	Paid \$5.00
Ella Jarman	Paid \$5.00
Iron Chapel Home Mission	Paid \$5.00



Leona Ward	Paid \$5.00
Lester Maynard	Paid \$10.00
Sis. A. F. Wells	Paid \$10.00
Mattie Jones	Paid \$5.00
Fred Drennan	Paid \$20.00
Dibble Home Mission	\$10.00
Sis, Lois Steele	Paid \$5.00
Sis. Oglesby	Paid \$5.00
Lonnie Roberts	Paid \$30.00
Thomas Browning	\$25.00
Cash Roberts	Paid \$75.00
Bryant Church	\$65.00

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## CHURCH LETTERS

### **Bryant Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds at Dibble Okla. September 11, 12, 13th 1958. We send as delegates our beloved Bro. Henry Hendrick, Sis Amy Manning, Sis Beulah Clagg, Alternates Bro. Bob Smith Bro. Randell Steelman, and Sis Elois Smith, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion, good. Sunday school enrollment 65. Paid Pastor \$780.00 paid Evangelist \$175.00. Building and repair \$126.59 in cidentals \$5.00 ministers belonging to our church Rev. Frank Lee Lindsay Okla. Rev. Elmer Steelman Chickasha, Okla. Pastors name Rev. Elmer Steelman. We elected Sister Amy Manning as delegate to the State Association We recommend Bro. R. E. Clagg as a member of the exective board.

### **Midwest City Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground September 11, 12, 13th 1958. We the Midwest City Church petition this association for Membership We organized into a church on the first day of August 1958 with 32 charter members we now have 37 members. There was 2 members of our state Home Mission Board present at our organization. We are worshipping in a rented building at south east 15th st. and Midwest Blvd. We have called Rev. J. R. Hall as our pastor. We have purchased a home for our pastor at 111 east Marshall Drive in Midwest City. We have witnessed 3 souls being saved during the past month, our Sunday school has an average of 50 in attendance, we arelooking for great things from the lord in Midwest City and also in the Dibble Association.

We send as delegates our beloved Bro. W. W. Hunt, Sis Inez Moss, Sis Lydia Russell whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

We recommend Bro. W. W. Hunt as a member of the executive board. We send as delegate to the state association Bro. W. W. Hunt. We are sending \$10.00 for minutes and \$5.00 for state delegate.

Done by order of the Midwest City Free Will Baptist Church assembled this 28 day of August 1958 Rev. J. R. Hall pastor and Sis Cleo Evans Clerk.

### **First Free Will Baptist Church, Okla City**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the camp Ground Sept 11, 12, 13, 1958. We send as delegates our beloved Sis A. F. Wells, Sis Opal Kirby Sis. Mae Stegelman 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 41, by letter 18, by statement of faith 23. members dismissed 12. Total membership 292. Condition of prayer meeting good condition of Sunday School good average number of pupils 261 league enrollment 65.

Total offerings received \$6,750.00. Total local expenditures \$6,150.00. expenditures \$200.00 Ossociation projects \$150.00 Total outside expenditures \$200.00 Value of church property \$30,000.00. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegate \$5.00

We send Bro. Frank Davis and Bro. Maurice Thompson to be examined for Deacons. Also Bro. J. W. Ferguson to be examined for ordination to preach the Gospel.

We are sorry that God saw fit to call two of our members from his service down here, they are Bro. O. T. Johnson and Bro. Pete Lawson .

Ministers belonging to our church are Rev. Robert S. Kirby, Rev Walter Jennings, Rev. Charles Buck Rev. B. T. Kirby.

Number of licensed ministers 1, number of ordained Deacons 5. We send Sis Opal Kirby as state delegate and Rev. B. T. Kirby as member of the executive board.

Done by order of the First Free Will Baptist church of Okla City Okla Rev. B. T. Kirby pastor and Rev. Robert S. Kirby Clerk.

### **Bridge Creek Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground at Dibble, Okla, Sept 11,12,13th 1958 We send as delegates our beloved Bro. Keeney Sis Steel, Sis. Alta Gibson, alternates Sis Alpha Nichols, Sis Mahalia Ladd, and Sis Cassie Nance, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good. Condition of Sunday School good. Total membership 77. Members received past year 5. members dismissed 1. deceased 1. Sunday school enrolment 48. League enrolment 48 Paid Pastor \$510.00 paid evangelist \$60.00 building and repairs \$101.50 advertising \$14.50 miscellaneous \$64.62 other expences \$64.68 Total local expenditures \$1,355.30. Foreign Mission \$10.00 Association projects \$15.00.

Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegate \$5.00 for Rev Ward Memorial \$10.00

Ministers belonging to our church Rev. L. B. Steele Rev. Carl Waddle, Rev. Aubrey Nance and Rev. Earl Scroggins.

We report the loss of one member Bro. R. S. Scroggins, the father of Rev. Earl Scroggins.

We recommend that Bro. W. H. Da'Vault be our representative on the executive board. We send Sis Anna Da'Vault as our state delegate. Done by order of the Bridge Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

Pastors name Rev. L. B. Steele Route 2, Phone 814F2, Lexington, Okla. Clerk Sis. Mary Voyles.

### **Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground at Dibble Okla. Sept 11, 12, 13th 1958. We send as delegates our beloved Sis Cestas Wells, Sis Maybelle, Cash. Bro. Dorsie Cash alternates Bro. Boyd Lee, Sis Winnie Alsup and Sis Winnie Alsup. 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 2, dismissed 5, church membership 54 Sunday school attendance 25, league enrollment 15, womens auxiliary 6. Paid Pastor \$200.00 Paid Evangelistic work \$184.00 literature \$39.02. Miscellaneous \$74.97. Camp ground fund \$57.00. Paid on Revival at Camp Ground \$10.00 Amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegate \$5.00 We elected Rev Denver Wynn as a member to the executive board, and Sis Cestas Wells as a delegate to the State Association.

Names of Ministers belonging to our Church Rev. John Alsup, and Rev. Denver Wynn. We have 3 ordained Deacons.

Done by order of the Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Denver Wynn Pastor and Sis Mary Lee Clerk.

#### **Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds at Dibble, Okla Sept 11, 12, 13th 1958. We send as delegates our beloved Bro. Fred Drennan, Bro. Don Bagwell, and Bro. W. T. Kiser whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations State of religion good, members received 9 Baptized 5 dismissed 7, total membership 103. Condition of Sunday school Average number of pupils 65, number of officers 3 number of teachers 5 paid Pastor \$1040.00 paid Evangelist \$200.00 Home Mission flowers and gifts for the sick \$115.18. Camp Ground fund \$65.00 Building and repairs \$98.44. for incidentals \$80.31 for publication \$99.78 Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegate \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our Church Rev G. E. Judd.

Envlosed is \$9.00 for the Rev Lonnie Ward memorial. Pastors name Rev. G. E. Judd.

Done by order of the Hawkins Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 3rd day of August 1958.

We send Richard Barbee as a delegate to the state association Rev. G. E. Judd moderator, Bro. Richard Barbee Clerk.

#### **Dibble Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds at Dibble Okla Sept 11 12, 13th 1958. We send as delegates our beloved Sis Bonnie Booker Sis Josie Mills, Sis Nora Lee Corley whom we pray you to receive to it with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of Religion good, members received past year six. Baptized four dismissed one. Died one. Total membership 135. Condition of Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 70. Number of officers three, number of teachers six. Paid Pastor \$990.00 Paid Evangelist \$190.00. Camp Ground Fund \$125.90. Value of Church property \$9,500.00 building and repairs \$2,189.20. For education \$40.60 Miscellaneous expenses. \$415.45 enclosed for minutes \$10.00, for state delegate \$5.00 ministers belonging to our church Eld. Perry Argo. Norman, Okla. Pastors name, Rev. Clay Richey.

We are sorry and sad to report the death of our beloved Bro. Lonnie Ward, who passed away April 7, 1958.

We recommend Bro. Dormie Mills as a member to the executive board. We send Sis Nora Lee Corley as a delegate to the State Association.

Deacons belonging to our church are Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. A. E. Mills, Bro. Dormie Mills, Bro. Buck Roath, Bro. Lonnie Roberts, and Bro. Luther Corley.

Done by order of the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 16 day of Aug. 1958. Rev. Clay Richey Moderator, Sis Zora Mills Clerk.

#### **Lindsay Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds at Dibble, Okla. Sept 11, 12, 13th 1958. We send as delegates our beloved Sis. Doletta Viles, Sis Louise Batson, Sis Louise Jackson Alternates, Sis Mattie Jones, Sis Maud Branch, and Sis Jewell Slaughter 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 21, Baptized 3, total membership 95, condition of Sunday School good, condition of prayer meeting good. Average number of pupils 75, number of officers 2. Number of Teachers 6.

Paid Pastor \$2,680.00. Paid Evangelist \$100.00. for education \$154.81. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegates \$5.00. Ministers belonging to our church Rev. Oma Viles, Rev. L. M. Batson, Pastors name and address Rev. Oma Viles 831 W. Chickasaw, Lindsay, Okla.

Done by order of the Lindsay Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 13th day of Aug. 1958.

Rev. Oma Viles Moderator and Sis Neva June Bullock Clerk.

#### **Saint Clair Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground at Dibble, Okla. Sept 11, 12, 13th, 1958, We send as delegates our beloved Sis W. A. Hearn, Sis Jennie Browning, Sis Opal Rearron Alternates Sis Wanette Browning. Sis. Clara Threlkeld and Sis. Frances Owens, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good, members received past year 16, by Baptism 5, by letter 7, by Statement of faith 4, members dismissed 12 church membership 81, Sunday school enrollment 40, league enrolment 20, womens auxiliary 10, number of licensed ministers 1, number of ordained deacons 6.

Total offerings received \$3,044.45. paid pastor \$1,480.00. Evangelist work \$100.00 building and repairs \$35.00 literature

\$45.12. Value of church property \$8,000.00 amount enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegate \$5.00 ministers belonging to our church Rev. Arthur Hearron, Rev. George Pettijohn and Rev. Albert McReynolds.

Done by order of the St. Clair Free Will Baptist Church, Rev Arthur Hearron pastor and Sis Clara Threlkeld Clerk.

#### **Chickasha Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground at Dibble Okla Sept 11, 12, 13th, 1958 we send as delegates our beloved Bro. Lonnie Johnson, Sis Oliver Chapman Sis. Linda Largent alternates Sis. Ozella Smith Bro. Kenneth Johnson, Bro. Charles Lamb 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 28, by Baptism 5, by letter 8, by statement of faith 15, condition of prayer meeting good, condition of sunday school good. church membership 79, sunday school enrolment 83. members dismissed 7, deceased 1, Total offerings received \$2,593.98. paid pastor \$1,300.00 for literature \$68.03. loan on building \$900.00 enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegate \$5.00 for outside expenditures, \$10.00 for home mission. Camp Ground \$58.33. Value of church property \$14,000.00.

Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. Rue Dell Smith, and Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Done by order of the Chickasha Free Will Baptist church, Rev. Rue Dell Smith Pastor, and Sis Virginia Smith Clerk.

#### **Blanchard Free Will Baptist Church**

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground at Dibble, Okla, Sept 11, 12, 13th, 1958. We send as delegate our beloved Sis Irene Stanford, Sis Oglesby, Sis. Ella Jarman whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of religion good. Dismissed two. Total membership 58. Condition of Sunday School good, Average number of pupils 40, number of officers 2, number of teachers 5. paid pastor \$1,210.00. Paid Evangelist \$160.00 for incidentals \$445.37. building and repairs \$247.49. for publications \$60.00 enclosed for minutes \$10.00 for state delegate \$5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. Clay Richey, Rev. Lester Maynard Rev. Bryan Stacy.

We recommend Rev. Clay Richey as a member to the executive board. Deacons belonging to our church, Bro. Ellis Stanford, Bro. Marvin Hawkins.

Done by order of The Blanchard Free Will Baptist church assembled in conference this 7th day of Sept. 1958.

Rev. Lester Maynard Moderator and Sis. Mattie Bowser Clerk.

## RESOLUTIONS

No. 1 1956 Be it 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 committee to arrange for all meetings excercises 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 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. 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. 5 1956. 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 precent of each offering of the Church and its Auxiliary organizations be set aside for this purpose and sent to the Association Treasurer.

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 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 Execu-



tive 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 and 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 treasurer 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 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 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.

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## CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denotninated 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 eleven 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 questions 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 discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. Signatures. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if needed, signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the end of the Association.

Art. 11 Amendments. Amendments to this Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

**1. The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. II Timothy 3:16.

**2. God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature at the Creator, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. I Cor. 8:6 Matt 28:19.

**3. Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord. St. John 1:1-12

**4. The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men. St. John 16:7,8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:4-6.

**5. The Government of God.** God exercise a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires. Ps. 22:28; 97:2.

**6. The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Gen 2:17; 3:19

**7. The Work of Christ.** The son of God by His incarnation life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation through faith. 1 John 2:2.

**8. The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continued faith and obedience until death. II Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

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

**Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-con-

trolled, 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 now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice we 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.

