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Moderator	-----	Elder Arthur Hearron
Assistant Moderator	-----	Elder L. B. Steele
Clerk	-----	Sister Nora Lee Corley
Assistant Clerk	-----	Sister Billie Bailey
Treasurer	-----	Elder Elmer Steelman

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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, 1963. Elder Arthur Hearron speaker, Elder Perry Argo alternate.

First Quarterly meeting will be December. Introductory speaker, Elder Roger Harwell. Alternate, Elder Ira Smithy.

Second Quarterly meeting will be in March. Introductory speaker Elder Ruedell Smith, Alternate, Elder Perry Argo.

Third Quarterly meeting will be in June. Elder L. B. Steele speaker, Alternate Elder Denver Wynn.

## 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. 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 session of the Association.

### **FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE**

1. Call Church in Conference.
2. Call for peace of the church.
3. call visiting brethren to seats in council.
4. reading minutes of previous session.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Are any sick or in distress?
8. What has been done for the support of the Ministry and other incidental expense?
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 of 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 Association met at the Camp Ground Thursday evening September 6, 1962 continuing until Saturday afternoon Sept 8, 1962.

## THURSDAY EVENING

Came together with singing, opening song "A Soul Winner For Jesus" led by Elder Arthur Hearron. Sister Ozella Smith at the Piano. Prayer by Bro. Lonnie Johnson. Following prayer by Elder L. B. Steele, Devotional by Elder A. A. Copeland. Scripture, Hebrews 12th chapter. Special song: Rendered by Elder Arthur Hearron and wife Opel, Elder Elmer Steelman and Elder Ruedell Smith. Song: "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". Sister Ozella Smith at the piano. After special one stanza of "Amazing Grace" following with united prayer. Elder Elmer Steelman brought the evening message. Scripture 2nd Chronicles 2nd chapter. Subject: "Dedication" Seven churches represented. Dismissed by Elder Roger Harwell.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Came together with singing. Elder Arthur Hearron leading song. "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus" Devotional reading read by Elder Ira Smithy. Song led by Elder Arthur Hearron. Sister Ozella Smith at the Piano. Reading of Church Letters. Read as follows: Bryant, Iron Chapel, Hawkins, Dibble, Brockland, Blanchard. Motion carried to accept letters as read and Seat Delegates.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator Elder Arthur Hearron. Assistant Moderator Elder L. B. Steele. Clerk Sister Nora Lee Corley. Assistant Clerk Sister Billie Bailey. Treasurer, Elder Elmer Steelman.

Report of Committee on Devine Services. Elder Jem Haas brought the 11 o'clock message. Song leader Bro. Orville Romine. Elder Perry Argo, Devotional.

## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together with singing, led by Elder Orville Romine Devotional by Elder Perry Argo. Scripture, Psalms Chapter I verse 37. Prayer by Elder Perry Argo. Special song by bro. Orville Romine, Elder Elmer Steelman, Sister Maggie Roberts Elder Ruedell Smith.

Elder Jim Haas brought the 11 o'clock message, scripture Psalms 106 chapter, 23rd verse. Thought, "Stand in the Gap". Motion made and second to express our appreciation to the out going officers for the work they have done this past year. Dismissed in prayer by Elder A. A. Copeland.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together with singing, led by Bro. Orville Romine. Prayer by Elder Ruedell Smith.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Motion carried to appoint a business committee. Bro. Bill DaVoult chairman, Bro. Richard Clagg, Bro. Lawrence Branch Bro. Dormie Mills.

Devine service Committee, Bro. Dormie Mills, Sister Ruth Haas, Elder Ira Ross, Bro. Lawrence Branch, Bro. Fred Drennon.

Credential Committee — Elder Ruedell Smith, Elder Jim Haas, Elder Perry Argo, Elder Elmer Steelman, Bro. Lawrence Branch.

Resolution committee — Sister Retha Haas, Sister Eva Howeth, Sister Anna DaVoult, Sister Ola Smithy, Sister Ozela Smith.

Home Mission Committee — Sister Grace Chapman, Sister Nadine Mitchell, Sister Jean Stevens, Bro. Jackie Barham, Sister Maud Branch.

Finance Committee — Bro. Manual Pearson, Sister Lizzy Bashara, Sister Mattie Haley, Sister Mattie Jones.

Temperance Committee — Myrl Kellett, Bro. James Jarrell, Bro. Orville Romine, Elder A. A. Copeland.

League Committee — Bro. Vernon Stevens, Sister Myrtle Bridges, Bro. C. E. Howeth.

Sunday School Committee — Bro Luther Hudson, Bro. Fred Drennon, Bro. Ira Ross, Sister Mabel Roberts.

Obituary Committee — Elder Ira Smithey, Sister Mahalia Ladd, Bro. Mack Clagg.

Dismissed for recess. Prayer by Bro. Mack Clagg.

Came together with singing, "Camping In Canaan's Land". Prayer by Elder Orville Romine.

Motion carried to accept the work of the Quarterly meetings for the past year.

## Unfinished Business

Unfinished business called for. The number one resolution that was tabled to have the quarterly meeting beginning Friday nights before the second Sunday in the given months. December, March and June. Question called for. Motion carried to accept the work of the Quarterly meetings, including the resolution that was tabled. Motion carried to adopt resolution No. one to constitution. Special song. "I'll Carry The Load" led by Bro. Luther Hudson. Meeting adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. C. E. Howeth.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Opened with singing "Hilltops Of Glory" led by Elder Steelman. Prayer by Bro. Buck Roath, Devotional reading by Bro. Lonnie Johnson, John 15th chapter. Special song "I Firmly Promise You" rendered by Bro. Luther Hudson, Elder Elmer Steelman, Elder Arthur Hearron and Sister Nora Lee Corley, Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Also another special rendered by Elder L. B. Steele's family song: "He Knows" Elder Arthur Hearron at the Piano. Message brought by Elder Ira Smithey, scripture Ezra 8th chapter 23rd verse. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Arthur Hearron.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together with singing "O I Want To See Him" directed by Bro. Arthur Browning, Sister Ozella Smith at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Jack Barham, Phillippians 4:19. Prayer by Br. Myrl Kellett. New Business called for. A report given on the Free Will Baptist College at Oklahoma City by Bro. L. B. Steele. Dismissed for 10 minute recess. Came together with song, "He Set Me Free" led by Bro. Buck Roath, Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. First Order of Business was New Business Resolution No. 2 that was tabled from 3rd Quarterly meeting was read and discussed. Also Resolution No. 3 was read and discussed. Motion carried to adopt the same. Dismissed for recess by Elder Lonnie DeVault.

## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services opened with singing "I'll Live In Glory" Led by Bro. Buck Roath with Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Prayer by Elder Ira Smithey. Special song. "Until Then" by Elder Ruedell Smith and wife Ozella. Devotional reading by Bro. Myrl Kellett. Psalms 67th chapter. Prayer by Bro. Richard Clagg, Message brought by Elder Roger Harwell, Scripture, Romans 1 Chapter 14th through 17th verse. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Clifton Stump.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Buck Roath led song "I'm Not Ashamed," Sister Maggie Roberts at the piano. Elder A. A. Copeland gave the devotional, 2nd Timothy. Prayer by Bro. Arthur Browning.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

-We your Credential Committee having examined Bro. Orville Romine and having found him sound in doctrine, recommend that his home church use their prerogative in ordaining Bro. Romine. Chairman Elder Ruedell Smith.

## **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

We resolve that resolution No. 1 concerning Quarterly meetings be adopted into our constitution. Resolution No. 2 we resolve to adopt resolution No. 2 into constitution which concerns the Co-op Plan. No. 3 we resolve to give each quarterly meeting equal power and authority to make rules and laws.

Chairman — Elder Jim Haas

## **HOME MISSION REPORT**

We the Home Mission Committee wish to report eight churches active in Home Mission work and one Auxiliary.

Chairman Grace Chapman

## **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

No. 1 We recommend the temperate use of all things good, and the total abstinence from all things harmful. No 2 We recommend that a more modest dress be observed by both women and men. No. 3 A more temperate use be made of Television. No. 4 Be more temperate in our social activities. No. 5 more family devotions and encourage family alters.

## **LEAGUE REPORTS**

The League Committee would like to report that the Dibble Association has five active Leagues present at the 1962 yearly meeting. Bro. Bob Mantooth held revival that was well attended. We would like to encourage each League to remember the League Ralleys and attend them regularly.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Many things could be mentioned, but we have agreed that nothing will do more good than more devotion to the Sunday School by all that attend. We believe that it is possible for the lost to be brought to Christ through Sunday School work.

Chairman — Bro. Luther Hudson

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We the Obituary Committee report deaths from our Association. We feel they are our loss, but heaven's gain. Deaths as follows, Bro. George Bashara, Bro. Albert Isbell, Sister Jessie Bullock, Sister Alice Wilson, Bro. Dearthur Wilson, Bro. John Claunch and Grandmother Davis.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

Bro. Bill DaVoult gave oral report from the floor.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the committee on finance submit the following report.  
Total financial statement of all churches combined.

Pastor's Salaries	\$12,383.00
Evangelistic	1,082.00
Bldg. Repairs	2,271.00
Literature	513.00
Arizona Mission	256.00
Insurance	294.00
Miscellaneous	426.00
Other expenses and special offerings	545.00
Church property	141,000.00
Education	140.00
Publication	24.00
Association Projects	50.00
Parsonage Rent	480.00
Parsonage Value	11,250.00

## TREASURERS REPORT

Total received at association 1961	580.00
Bro. Jack Hopkins	10.00
Oklahoma Electric Co-op	2.32
St. Clair Church	15.00
St. Clair Church	15.00
Rev. L. B. Steele	5.00
First Church Home Mission	15.00
Lindsay Church	15.00
St. Clair Church	15.00
Rev. Jim Haas	25.00
Brockland Church	74.63
Brockland Church Church	28.44
McClain County Farm Mutual	16.75
St. Clair Church	15.00
Elder Elmer Steelman	25.00
Brockland Church	32.45
Elder L. B. Steele	5.00
Brockland Church	24.13
Brockland Church	37.85
Elder Ruedell Smith	100.00
Elder Elmer Steelman	25.00
Brockland Church	32.39
Elder L. B. Steele	15.00
Bryant Church	6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,134.96</b>

## EXPENDITURES

Fidelity Bank and Trust Co. ....	318.00
Rev. B. J. Kirby .....	12.72
Oklahoma State Association .....	40.00
Blanchard News .....	72.50
Oklahoma Freewill Baptist .....	1.39
Ramsey L. P. Gas Co .....	22.04
Okla. Farm Mutual Ins. ....	19.77
McClain County Farm Mutual .....	6.00
Oklahoma Electric Co-op .....	15.00
Oklahoma Free Will Baptist .....	7.46
National Association of Free Will Baptists .....	7.46
Oklahoma Free Will Baptist .....	5.68
Oklahoma Electric Co-op .....	8.00
Oklahoma Free Will Baptist .....	18.86
Sister Maggie Roberts .....	25.00
Sister L. B. Steele .....	15.00
Oklahoma Free Will Baptist .....	6.48
Oklahoma Free Will Baptist .....	1.30
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>602.66</b>

### Analysis:

Balance brought forward .....	112.63
Total receipts for 1962 .....	1134.96
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	1247.59
Total Expenditures for 1962 .....	602.66
Total in treasury .....	644.93

Prayerfully submitted this 8th day of September 1962.

Elder Elmer Steelman

Motion carried to accept reports as read and dismiss all committees except standing committees. Everyone stood in silent prayer followed by audible prayer by Elder Jim Haas, in reverence to those who have gone on to their reward.

Bro. Bill DaVoult made motion and second by Bro. Richard Clagg that each church in the association pay \$50.00 yearly to the upkeep of the camp ground. Motion carried. Treasurers report called for and given by Elder Elmer Steelman. Motion carried to accept the report and complimented Elder Steelman on his good report. Motion carried to give the business committee authority to draw on funds as they deem necessary to repair property.

Motion carried to show appreciation to the ladies for the good food that was served.

Motion carried to adjourn association to meet Thursday night before the second Sunday in September 1963. Dismissed in prayer by Elder Arthur Hearron.

## CHURCH REPORTS

### LINDSAY LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Camp Ground near Dibble on September 7, 1962.

We send as delegates Sister Maud Branch, Sister Mattie Jones, Sister Lucy Newby. Number of licensed minister 1.

Number of ordained deacons 5, Church membership 73. Resident 65, non-resident 8. Members received 11. By profession of faith 3, by letter 5. By statement of faith 3. Deceased 1. Sunday School enrollment 102.

Pastor's Salary \$60.00 per week.

Total outside 16.00. Value of church property 40,500.00. Value of parsonage property 6000.00. Member of Executive Board, Elder Roger Harwell.

Moderator, Elder Roger Harwell

Clerk, Sister Neva Joe Bullock

Ministers belonging to our church, Elder Frank Lee, Elder Gene Womack and Elder Roger Harwell.

### IRON CHAPEL CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground September 7-8-9, 1962.

We send as our beloved delegates, Sister Winnie Alsop, Sister Rachael Wells and Bro. OBryant whom we pray you to seat with you in our Godly deliberations.

State of Religion, good. Members received 2. Dismissed none. Average attendance in Sunday School 20. paid pastor 470.00. Paid evangelist 156.00. Insurance on building \$50.00 Inclosed for minutes \$10.00. Deacons, 3. Ministers 1.

Moderator Elder A. A. Copeland

Clerk Sister Bessie Wells

### DIBBLE CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Camp Ground near Dibble on September 7-8-9, 1962.

We send as delegates Sister Nadine Mitchell, Sister Earlene Sharp and Sister Nora Lee Corley, Alternates Bro. Cash Roberts, Sister Mabel Roberts and Bro. Orville Roberts.

Number of ordained ministers, 2. Number of ordained Deacons 6. Church membership 124. Resident 60. non-resident 64. Dismissed 1. By Letter 1. Sunday School enrollment 104. League enrollment 45. Pastor's salary 35.00 per week. Evangelist \$150.00. Building and repair \$28.51. Literature \$45.00. Miscellaneous 156.82 other, 55.00. Insurance 124.66 per year. Arizona Mission 48.00. Value of church property \$9,500.00 amount enclosed for minutes \$15.00. Pastor Elder Perry Argo Norman. Clerk Zora Mills.

Names of Deacons: Bro. Jack Hopkins, Dibble. Br. A. E.

Mills, Dibble, Bro. Dormie Mills, Alex, Okla. Bro. Buck Roath Dibble, Bro. Lonnie Roberts, Dibble, Bro. Luther Corley, Dibble.

We recommend Bro. Buck Roath as our member to the executive Board. Sister Nadine Mitchell delegate to State Association.

Ministers belonging to our church, Elder Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City, Elder Perry Argo, Norman Oklahoma.

#### HAWKINS CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Camp Ground near Dibble on Sept. 7-8-9, 1962. List of delegates, Bro. Vernon Davis, Sister Jane Davis, Bro. Manual Pearson, Sister Imogene Pearson. Pastor's name and address, Elder Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose, Okla City. Clerk name and address Bro. Harold Drennon Alex, Okla. Star Route.

Number of licensed ministers one. Number of ordained deacons, four. Members received in church 7. Members dismissed 2. Deceased 3. Sunday School enrolment 80. League enrolment 50. Pastor's salary \$1300.00. Evangelistic work \$150. Literature \$100.00. Foreign Missions \$88.00. Value of Church 9,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, \$10.00.

#### BLANCHARD CHURCH LETTER

To The Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Camp Ground on Sept 6 through 8th 1962. We send as delegates Sister Lizzie Bashara, Sister Anna DaVoult, Sister Myrtle Bridges, Moderator, Elder D. C. Wynn, Clerk Sister Mattie Bowser. Number of ordained ministers 2. Number of ordained deacons 2. Church membership 37. Resident 26 non-resident 11. Members received 5. Members dismissed 1. Deceased 2. Sunday School enrolment 20. Women Auxiliary Membership 14. Pastor's salary 520.00. Building and repair \$182.05. Literature and members \$50.47. Utilities \$140.74. Flowers 14.56. Total expenditures \$907.82. Value of Church property \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes \$15.00

#### BRIDGE CREEK CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Dibble Camp Ground on Sept. 6-7-8. List of delegates, Bro. Vernon Stephens, Bro. Henry Rider and Bro. Les Gibson, The alternates are Sister Mahalia Ladd, Sister Vernon Stephens and Sister Gibson. Moderator's name and address, Elder

L. B. Steele, Box Blanchard, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Sister Edith Allen, Rt. 1 Blanchard. Number of licensed ministers 1. Number of ordained deacons -. Church membership 36. Members received 4 by letter, 2. By statement of faith 2. Members dismissed 1, by letter 1. Sunday School enrolment 48. Women's Home Mission 12. Total given in the church \$1586.74. Pastor's salary \$735.00. Evangelistic work \$75.00. Literature \$95.58. Janitor \$104.00. Total local expenditures, \$100.58. Foreign Mission \$120.00 Value of Church \$8,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes \$10.00

## BRYANT CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Camp Ground on Sept. 6-7-8. List of delegates Bro. C. E. Howeth, Sister Eva Howeth, Bro. Ray Clagg, Alternates, Sister J. L. Ross, Sister Betty Clagg, Sister Lena Clagg. Pastor's name and address, Elder Elmer Steelman, Chickasha. Clerk's name and address, Sister Jennie Clagg Route 2 Lindsay, Okla. Number received 2. Members dismissed 6. Pastor's salary 1020.00. Evangelistic work \$100.00. Miscellaneous \$140.41. Associational projects \$50.00. Value of church property \$7500.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes \$10.00

## ST CLAIR CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Camp Ground near Dibble on Sept. 6-7-8 1962.

We send as delegates our beloved Sister Mattie Haley, Sister Jennie Browning and Sister Ola Smithy, period of time covering from Sept. 1961 to Sept. 1962.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers, Elder Ira Smithy 4309 S. Agnew, Okla. City. Roe Lewis, 3801 SW 27th, Albert McReynolds, 1165 SE 22nd Oklahoma City, R. C. Swanson 707 N Walnut, Okla. City.

Number of licensed ministers, 1. Number of ordained deacons 3. Church membership 48, resident 47 non-resident 1, members received 4 by profession, 2 by statement, 2 members dismissed, 1 by letter 1 Exclusion. Sunday School enrolment 50. Woman's Auxilliary membership 8. Total offerings \$1410.37. Pastor's salary 1,135.00. Evangelistic work \$50.00. Building and repair \$40.00. Literature \$73.62. Miscellaneous \$9.55. Total local expenditures \$1,460.37. Value of church \$10,000.00 Amount enclosed for minutes \$15.00. Executive Board member Bro. Roe Lewis, Pastor Elder Ira Smithy, Clerk Sister Clair Thilkel.

## CHICKASHA CHURCH LETTER

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground near Dibble Sept. 6-7-8, 1962 We send as delegates our beloved Brothern, Bro. Orville Romine, Sister Grace Chapman Sister Ozella Smith, whom we pray you to seat with you in your Godly deliberations. State of Religion good. Members received this year 3, baptized 2, dismissed 11. Total membership 97. Condition of prayer meeting fair. Average of Sunday School pupils 75. Number of Officers 4, Teachers 6. Paid pastor \$1,780.00. Pair evangelist \$230. For flowers 38.10. Building and repair 2,034.75, For education 139.91 for publication \$24.00. Enclosed for minutes \$10.00 Paid for pastor's house rent \$480.00.

Ministers belonging to our church, Elder Ruedell Smith 1714 Arizona, Chickasha, Elder E. A. O'Donell, 1305 Ohio, Chickasha, Elder Clifton Stump, 725 Ill. Chickasha, Okla.

We ask that Bro. Orville Romine be examined for ordination to preach. Other ministers belonging to our church, Rev. Lonnie Johnson, 1820 Idaho, Chickasha, Elder A. A. Copeland 1608 18th Chickasha, Okla. Bro. L. D. Bagwell, Executive Board member. Value of church property \$32,000.00. Pastor Elder Rue Dell Smith, Clerk Sister Inez Bagwell

## BROCKLAND CHURCH LETTER

To The Dibble Association Meeting of Free Will Baptist meeting near Dibble Sept. 7-8, 1962.

We send as delegates our beloved Sister Billie Bailly Bro. Jackie Barham, Bro. James Jarrell, Alternates, Sister Bertha Haas, Sister Ruby Hassell and Bro. Myrl Kellett, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations. Pastor's name and address, Elder Jim Haas, 403 North 53rd St. Lawton, Oklahoma. Clerk, Sister Wanda Kellett 2603 A Ave. Lawton. Number of ordained deacons, 1 Chester Bailly 1608 E Avenue, Lawton. Church membership 34 Number received the past year, 14, by baptism 5, by letter 6 by statement 2, others baptised 11, Number of conversions 22. Sunday School enrolment, 102. Women's Auxiliary 15. Honorary members of Auxiliary, 6. Average attendance in Sunday School 56. Record attendance, 83. Total offerings \$3,743.89. General offering, \$3,254.25. Special offerings for building and mis., \$489.64. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$483.56. building payments, \$1821.00. Literature \$148.38. Misc. \$1,009.31. Revivals \$171.00. Total expenditures \$3633.25. Spent for outside causes, Cooperative Plan. \$197.50. Value of church build-

ing, \$8,500.00. Value of church parsonage \$1,1250.00. Motion carried to send Bro. Myrl Kellett to the Association meeting for examination to receive minister's license. Fee for minutes \$10.00. State Minutes \$5.00. State Delegate, Sister Reatha Haas, Executive member, Elder Jim Haas.

### CHURCH PASTORS

Dibble — Elder Perry Argo, Route 3 Norman, Okla.  
Blanchard — Elder Denver Wynn, Blanchard, Okla.  
Chickasha — Elder Ruedell Smith, 714 Arizona, Chickasha  
First Church — Elder B. J. Kirby 2212 SW 31st, Okla. City.  
IronChapel — Elder A. A. Copeland Chickasha  
Brockland — Elder Jimmy Haas, 403 53rd, Lawton  
St. Clair — Elder Ira Smithy 4309 S. Agnew, Okla. City.  
Hawkins — Elder Arthur Hearron 4601 Melrose, Okla, City  
Bryant — Elder Elmer Steelman, Rt. 2 Chickasha  
Bridge Creek — Elder L. B. Steele — Box 96, Blanchard  
Lindsay — Elder Roger Harwell 704 SW 3rd, Lindsay

### CHURCH CLERKS

Dibble — Sister Zora Mills, Star Route, Alex, Okla.  
Blanchard — Sister Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.  
Bridge Creek — Sister Edith Allen, Blanchard, Okla.  
Bryant — Sister Jenny Clagg, Rt. 2 Lindsay, Okla.  
Chickasha — Sister Inez Bagwell 1701 Arizona, Chickasha  
First Church — Bro. Robert Kirby, 1605 SW 68 Okla. City.  
Iron Chapel — Sister Bessie Wells Rt. 1 Purcell, Okla.  
Brockland — Sister Wanda Kellett 2603 A Ave. Lawton.  
St. Clair — Sister Clara Threldkeld 35135 St. Clair, Okla City.  
Hawkins — Bro. Harold Drennon, Alex, Okla.  
Lindsay — Sister Neva Jo Bullock — Lindsay, Okla.

### MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Elder Ruedell Smith — 1714 Arizona, Chickasha  
Elder E. A. O'Donnel — 1305 Ohio, Chickasha, Okla.  
Elder Clifton Stump — 715 Utah, Chickasha, Okla  
Elder A. A. Copeland — 1608 18th Chickasha  
Elder Lonnie Johnson — 1826 Idaho, Chickasha, Okla  
Elder Orvil Romine — 725 Ill, Chickasha, Okla.  
Elder B. J. Kirby — 2212 SW 31st Okla. City.  
Elder — Robert S. Kirby 1608, 68th Oklahoma City.  
Elder J. W. Ferguson 2433 SW 31st Okla. City.  
Elder Charles Buck — 2508 SW 24th Okla. City.  
Elder Walter Jenninys — 3917 SW 24th, Okla. City.  
Elder L. B. Steele — Box 96 Blanchard, Okla.

Elder Denver Wynn — 208 S. Main Blanchard Okla.  
 Elder Bryan Stacy — 221 Van Buren, Blanchard, Okla.  
 Elder — Roger Harwell 7048 W 3rd Lindsay, Okla.  
 Elder Gene Womack — Lindsay, Okla.  
 Elder W. F. Lee — Lindsay Okla.  
 Elder Elmer Steelman — Rt. 2 Chickasha, Okla.  
 Elder G. E. Judd — Rt. 12 Box 579 Okla. City  
 Elder Ira Smithy — 4309 S Agnew, Okla. City  
 Elder Roe Lewis — 3821 SW 27th Okla City  
 Elder Albert McReynolds — Okla. City.  
 Elder Jim Haas — 403 N 53rd Lawton, Okla.  
 Elder John Alsup — Rt. 1 Purcell, Okla.  
 Elder Arthur Hearron — 4601 Melrose, Okla. City.  
 Elder Perry Argo — Route 3, Norman, Okla.

### Board Members

Bro. Buck Roath, Dibble, Okla.  
 Elder Roger Harwell, 7048 W 3rd, Lindsay, Okla.  
 Elder Bryan Stacy, Blanchard, Okla.  
 Bro. Tommy Allen, Bridge Creek, Rt. Blanchard  
 Elder Elmer Steelman, Rt. 2 Chickasha, Okla.  
 Bro Roe Lewis 3821 SW 27th Okla. City.  
 Bro. L. D. Bagwell, Chickasha, Okla.  
 Elder Jim Haas 403 N 53rd Lawton, Okla.  
 Elder B. J. Kirby 2212 SW 31st Okla. City, Okla.

### RESOLUTIONS

**MEMBERSHIP** — Be it resolved that we amend Art. 1 to read all ordained Ministers, deacons, church clerk, and association clerks shall comprise the membership of the association.

**OFFICERS** — Art. 4. The association shall have a moderator, assistant moderator, a clerk, assistant clerk, a treasurer and an executive board composed of one member from each church in the association.

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 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.

## CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denotinated 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 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.

Art.12. Be it resolved that our Quarterly Meeting begin Friday nights before the Second (2nd) Sunday in the given months December, March and June.

Art. 13. Be it resolved that the Dibble Association pay co-operatively of all moneys taken in except those ear-marked otherwise. Allocate 75 percent, District 25 percent State to be put in the yearly association constitution and be carried from year to year.

## 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, in finitely 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-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 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.

