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Assistant Clerk Sister Alinta Young
Treasurer Rev. J. C. Morgan

The next session will meet at the Dibble Association Camp Ground on Thursday night before the second Sunday of September 1966. Program will be planned at a later date.

First Quarterly meeting will begin Friday night before the second Sunday in December.

Second Quarterly meeting will begin Friday night before the second Sunday in March.

Third Quarterly meetig will begin Friday night before the second Sunday in June.

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, Associational clerks and elected delegates, 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. Alterations 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

Thursday evening, September 9, 1965. Service opened by singing "Home Of The Soul" led by Rev. Elmer Steelman. Sister Linda Bagwell at the piano. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Williams. Special song, "Angels Rock Me To Sleep" Rev. and Sis. Arther Hearron, Bro. Luther Corley and Bro. Lonnie Roberts. Psalms, Chapter 9 read by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Rev. Don Smith brought the evening message, Matt. 7:13-14, Hebrews, 12:1-2. Program for the association read by moderator. Theme "Pressing Toward The Marw". Song "The Land Of Perfect Day" directed by Rev. Elmer Steelman. Song "Amazing Grace" Rev. Elmer Steelman directing. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Arther Hearron.

FRIDAY MORNING

September 10, 1965 — Service opened at 9:30 a.m. with song "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus" directed by Rev. Orvel Romine. Prayer led by Rev. E. E. Jenkins. Rules of order read by moderator. Ten Church letters were read, motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. Delegates given the right hand of fellowship while singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm" directed by Rev. Orvel Romine.

Election of officers, Moderator, Rev. E. E. Jenkins. Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. D. Williams, Clerk Rev. Orvel Romine, assistant clerk Sis. Alnita Young. Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Morgan.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Message from state headquarters by Rev. N. R. Smith, state executive secretary. Song "Joy Unspeakable" directed by Rev. Orvel Romine. Special song by Rev. and Sis. Hearron, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell and Bro. Luther Hudson, "Oh The Glory Did Roll". Devotion by Rev. J. D. Williams, Psalms 98:1-4. Message by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell "The Prize". Dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "I'll Live On" directed by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Committees were appointed by moderator and assistant moderator.

Resolution committee, Rev. Frank Young, Chairman, Bro.

Dormi Mills Bro. Joey Howeth.

Credential, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chairman, Rev. J. C. Morgan, Bro. J. M. Alsup.

Sunday School, Sis. Maggie Roberts, Sister Nettie Hudson, Sis. John Thomason.

Finance, Rev. J. C. Morgan, Bro. Richard Clagg, Bro. Wal-
kins.

Obituary, Bro. Orville Roberts, Sis. Black and Sis. Alta Gib-
son.

Temperance, Bro. C. E. Howeth, Sis. Lennie Allen, Sis. Bridges

Mission, Sis. Evelyn Taylor, Sis. Sue Jenkins, Sis. Bessie
Wells.

Motion carried to adopt the program used today into our
regular meetings. Nominations were open for a Mission Board,
nominated were Rev. Frank Young, Rev. Orvel Romine, Rev.
J. D. Williams, Rev. E. E. Jenkins and Rev. John Ballard.
Motion carried to cease nominations. Motion carried to table
this item until a later time in the session. Motion carried to
retain the present program committee and supplement those
that have left the association. Motion carried to take item
number two off the table to reassign its cooperational spend-
ing so that the association keeps 50 percent and sends 50 per-
cent to the state association. Motion carried to accept the work
of the quarterly meeting of the past year. Motion carried to
adjourn until Sat. morning.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Called to order by Rev. J. D. Williams, singing led by Bro.
Bob Followell, songs, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"
and "It Want Be Very Long" Sis. Nadine Followell at the
piano. Prayer by Rev. L. A. Yandell. Testimony service led by
Rev. J. D. Williams, Special singing by the first Okla. Assoc-
iation youth choir. Directed by Bro. Bob Followell. Message by
Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of O.B.C. "The High Calling Of
God" Philippians 3:8-14. Dismissed by singing "Amazing
Grace".

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened by singing "Joy Unspeakable" directed by
Bro. Charles Hampton, Linda Bagwell at the piano. Scripture
reading by Rev. J. D. Williams. 1 Cor. 3:1-6.

Motion carried that we receive the credential committee's
report. Report as follows, we your credential committee re-
commend that Bro. Richard Foster be ordained to preach the
gospel wherever he is called. No. 2 That Bro. Joey Howeth be
licensed to preach. No. 3. We recommend that Bro Vernon
Stephens license be extended for another year.

Motion carried to accept Sunday School report, report as
follows: We find that all churches have active Sunday Schools.
There are around 500 in attendance. We pray that next year
the attendance will be much greater.

Motion carried to adopt the Resolution committee report one item at a time. This report consist of 12 items. Let the following be resolved: 1. That the elected officers hold office through the association and the election of officers be the last item of business on the docket. Motion carried.

2. That all ordained ministers coming into the association be examined and radification of their credentials depending on a letter in good standing from their association from which they came. Motion carried.

4. That the examination for deacons and ministers be more ridged, and that a set of examination questions for ministers and suggested qualification (for preparations for the ministry) be adopted by this association. (Separate and apart from this resolution it is suggested that this questionnaire and qualification be presented to the association by the credential board) Motion carried.

5. hat the constitution be revised and that a study be made by the executive board and a report presented to the association. Motion carried.

6. That there be a ministers conference each year preceeding the annual conference. Motion carried. Amendment to item 6: That this meeting be the Friday night before the association on the following Thursday. Motion carried.

7. That all boards be elected by the association to include the executive mission, Sunday School, Credential, C.T.S. and that each board consist of five members to serve 5,4,3,2 and 1 years. Therefore one new member to be elected each year. Motion carried.

8. That each board present a report to each quarterly meeting and annual meeting, Motion carried.

9. That the C.T.S. board study the possibility of a different location and date for the C.T.S. camp, and that they present this report to this body at the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried.

10. Let it be resolved that we give \$100 dollars (\$100.00) from our treasure to O.B.C. to be applied to the Oct. 3, 1965 Harvest Day offering. Motion carried.

11. That article 11 of cur constitution be interpreted to include quarterly meetings as well as annual. Motion carried.

Sat. Morning Worship Service

Opened by singing "He Loves Me So". Rev. Charles Hampton directing, Special by Sis. Linda Bagwell "I Have Found A Hiding Place". Morning message by Rev. Lloyd Plunket, "In Christ Jesus".

Sat. Afternoon Service

Motion carried to accept mission report; report as follows: We find only three churches in our association who are supporting either home or foreign missions programs. We urge each church to adopt the mission program.

Motion carried to accept temperance committee report; report as follows: We the temperance committee would like to continue the temperance already in our minutes and that we abide by it.

Motion carried to accept obituary committee report. We report the following. There have been five deaths in our association the past year: Bro. W. E. Nun, Sis. Bertha Nichols, Sis. Media Ward, Bro. Ledbetter and Bro. Denver Wynn.

Motion carried to accept finance committee report. Money received for minutes and delegate's fees: Bridge Creek, \$10.00; Hawkins, \$15.00; Blanchard, \$15.00; Chickasha, \$15.00; Lindsay \$20.00; Brockland, \$10.00; Iron Chapel \$10.00; St. Clair \$15.00; Dibble \$20.00; and Bryant \$10.00.

Motion carried to accept treasurer's report as an analysis. Amount brought forward \$138.85. Total receipts \$1,419.11. Total expenditures \$680.97. Balance in treasury \$876.99. Annual report by Rev. Elmer Steelman.

Motion carried to elect the following members as our executive board, Bro. Dormie Mills, Rev. Frank Young, Rev. J. C. Morgan, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell and Bro. Chester Bailey.

Motion carried to elect the following members as our credential board: Rev. Orvel Romine, 5 yrs.; Rev. J. D. Williams 4 yrs.; Rev. J. C. Morgan, 3 yrs.; Rev. E. E. Jenkins, 2 yrs.; Bro. Bill Davault, 1 yr.

Motion carried to elect the following as our mission board: Rev. Frank Young, 5 yrs.; Rev. Orvel Romine, 4 yrs.; Rev. J. D. Williams, 3 yrs.; Rev. E. E. Jenkins, 2 yrs.; Rev. John Ballard 1 yr.

Motion carried to elect the following members as our Sunday School board: Bro. Vernon Florence, 5 yrs.; Bro. Buck Roath, 4 yrs.; Bro. Joey Howeth, 3 yrs.; Bro. Fred Mills, 2 yrs.; Bro. Jim Stacy, 1 yr.

Motion carried to elect the following members as our C.T.S. board: Rev. J. C. Morgan, 5 yrs. Bro. Bob Black, 4 yrs. Bro. Lonnie Roberts, 3 yrs. Bro. John Ballard 2 yrs.; Bro. Don Smith 1 yr.

Motion carried that the five year man be temporary chairman for the first meeting of the board he is on, and before ninety days are up and at this meeting elect a permanent chairman and clerk.

Motion carried to adjourn.

CHURCH LETTERS

BLANCHARD CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of delegates: Sis. Sallie Rodgers; Sis. Myrtle Bridges; Sis. Lizzie Brashara.

Period of time covered in this report: From Sept. 1964 to Sept. 1965.

Church and address, Blanchard, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address, Mattie Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.

Names and address of ordained ministers: Rev. Jack Caren-der, Blanchard, Okla. and Rev. Byron Stacy, Blanchard, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons, 2.

Auxiliaries in church, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, and Prayer meeting. Church owns parsonage.

STATISTICS: Church membership 34; Resident 30; Non-re-sident, 4.

Members Dismissed: Deceased 2. Sunday School Enrolment 20; Woman's Auxiliary membership 14.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total offerings received \$2,974.74; General Offerings \$2,374.78; Building Fund, \$600.00.

Spent for local causes — Pastor's salary: \$650.00; Evange-listic work: \$170.00; Bldg. and Repair: \$357.89; Literature, 76.95; Miscellaneous: \$503.27; Other: \$1,440.00. Total local expenditures: \$3,198.11.

Value of church property \$15,000.00; Value of parsonage pro-perty \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$15.00.

BRIDGE CREEK CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Sis. Edith Allen, Sis. Linnie Allen, Sis. Alpha Nichols, Sis. Mahalia Ladd. Alternate, Sis. Callie Havron Alternate, Sis. Mary Stubblefield. Alternate.

Time covered in this report: From June 11, 1965 to Sept. 10, 1965.

Church and address, Bridge Creek Blanchard, Okla. Pas-tor's name and address, Rev. John Ballard, 1231 S.W. 51st Oklahoma City, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Sis. Jean Stephens, Rt. 2 Blanchard, Okla.

Number of licensed ministers, 1. Number of ordained dea-cons, 2. Auxiliaries in church, Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meeting.

STATISTICS: Church Membership 31. Members Received 5. By Letter, 5.

Sunday School Enrollment, 35. League Enrollment 25. Wo-man's Auxiliary membership 12.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total offerings received \$1,941.90 Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary, \$1,206.00; Evangelistic work, \$70.00; Literature, \$76.00. Total local expenditures, \$3,294.25.

Spent for outside causes: Associational projects \$15.00. Total outside expenditures, \$15.00. Value of church property, \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$10.00.

BROCKLAND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Sis. Sue Jenkins, Sis. Charlene Fleming, Sis. Carol Sellers; Alternates, Bro. Alton Sellers, Sis. Martha Langford and Sis. Billie Bailey.

Period of time covered in this report: From Oct. 1 1964 to Sept. 1, 1965.

Church address, Brockland Free Will Baptist, 6515 Maple, Lawton, Okla. Pastor's name and address Rev. Edward Jenkins, 403 North 53rd St. Lawton, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address, Archie Fleming No. 1 North 27th St. Lawton, Oklahoma.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Jim Franklin, 406½ Arlington, Lawton, Okla. Number of licensed deacons 1. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, League Church owns parsonage.

STATISTICS: Church membership, 36, Resident, 26, non-resident, 10. Members received, 2, by letter 2. Members dismissed 5, by letter, 4; excluded, 1. Sunday School Enrollment 76. League Enrollment, 35, Woman's Auxiliary membership, 9.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total offerings received \$9,430.62 General Offerings, \$4,580.62; Building Fund, \$4,850.00

Spent for local causes, Pastor's salary \$1,866.13; Evangelistic work, \$130.29; Bldg. and Repair, \$9,254.91; Literature \$132.31. Total local expenditures — \$11,383.64.

Spent for outside causes — Foreign Missions \$34.12.

Value of church property, \$15,000.00 Value of parsonage property, \$11,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc, \$10.00; State Delegate fee \$5.00.

BRYANT CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Bro. Joey Howeth, Sis. Lena Clagg, Bro. C. E. Howeth; Alternates: Sis. Eva Howeth, Sis. J. L. Ross Sister Peggy Howeth. Period of time covered in this report: From September 1964 to September 1965.

Church and address, Bryant. Pastor's name and address, Rev. Orvell Romine, P.O. Box 632, Maysville, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Sis. Jennie Clagg, Rt. 2 Lindsay, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Orvel Romine, Maysville, Okla.; Rev. Charles Hampton, Norman, Okla. Number of licensed ministers, 1. Number of ordained deacons 2

Auxiliaries in church, Sunday School, League and Prayer Meeting.

Members Received, 4; by letter, 4; by statement of faith 1.

Members Dismissed, 8; by letter 8.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total offerings received, General Offerings, \$1,755.70.

Spent for local causes — Pastor's salary \$865.00; Evangelistic work, \$118.54; Bldg. and Repair, \$271.97; Advertising (radio programs, etc) \$105.00; Miscellaneous, \$123.48; Other \$3.12.

Spent for outside causes — Cooperative Plan or Unified Program \$153.17. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$10.00.

CHICKASHA CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Sis. Alta Gibson, Sis. Braunita Overby, Sis. Nettie Hudson. Period of time covered in this report: From September 1, 1964 to Sept. 1, 1965.

Church and address: Chickasha, 16th and Ariz. Chickasha, Okla. Pastor's name and address, Rev. J. C. Morgan, 1405 S. 8th St. Chickasha, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Sis. Inez Bagwell, 1701 Ariz. Chickasha, Okla. Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chickasha; Rev. Clifton Stump, Chickasha; Rev. Donnie Johnson, Chickasha, Rev. V. B. True, Tuttle, Okla; Rev. A. A. Copeland, Moore, Okla and Rev. Elmer Steelman, Chickasha, Okla. Number of ordained deacons, 5. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League and Prayer Meeting. Church owns parsonage.

STATISTICS: Church membership 128, Resident 71; Non-resident, 57. Members Received, 27; By profession of faith, 3; By letter, 16; By statement of faith, 8. Members Dismissed 6. By Letter, 6. Sunday School Enrolment 75; League Enrolment 25, Woman's Auxiliary membership 13.

FINANCIAL REPORT — Total offerings received \$4,213.18 Building Fund, \$677.03. Spent for local causes — Pastor's salary, \$2024.40; Evangelistic work, \$160.00; Bldg. and Repair \$7,700.00; Literature, \$124.16; Miscellaneous \$72.67; Other \$61.00. Spent for outside causes — Home Missions \$25.84. Education, \$170.33. Associational projects, \$15.00. Value of church property, \$25,000.00. Value of parsonage property \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$15.

DIBBLE CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Sis. Maggie Roberts, Sis. Mabel Roberts, Sis. Orville Roberts. Period of time covered in this report: From Sept. 1964 to Sept. 1965.

Church and address, Dibble, Dibble, Okla. Pastor's name and address, Rev. J. D. Williams, Rt. 3 Norman, Okla. Clerk's name and address Zora Mills, Star Route, Alex, Okla. Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Perry Argo, Rt. 3 Norman, Okla. Number of ordained deacons, 5. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League and Prayer Meeting.

Church Membership, 110, Resident, 70; Non-resident 40. Members Received, 7; By letter 4; By statement of faith 3. Members Dismissed, 2; By letter 1; Deceased, 4. Sunday School Enrolment, 41; League Enrolment 25.

FINANCIAL REPORT — Total offerings received, \$2,327.49 Building Fund, \$50.00. Spent for local causes — Pastor's salary \$1,436.50; Evangelistic work, \$175.000; Literature, \$58.01; Miscellaneous \$66.21; Other \$100.00. Total Local Expenditures 2,003.45. Spent for Outside Causes — Cooperative Plan or Unified Program, \$101.74; Education \$56.00. Total outside expenditures, \$157.74. Value of church property \$9,500.00 Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$20.00.

HAWKINS CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Bro. Richard Barbee, Bro. Bob Watkins, Bro. Silas Trammell, Sis. Mildred Drennon, Alternate, Sis. Bessie Trammell, Alternate, Sis. Bob Watkins. Period of time covered in this report: From Sept. 1964 to Sept. 1965.

Church and address, Hawkins, Alex, Okla. Pastor's name and address, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, 1305 Ohio Ave. Chickasha, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Manueal Pearson, Rt. 3 Blanchard. Number of ordained deacons, 5. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League and Prayer Meeting.

STATISTICS — Church Membership, 80. Members Received 3. By Letter, 2. By Statement of faith 1. Members Dismissed, 5; By letter 4, Deceased 1. Sunday School Enrolment, 50, League Enrolment, 35.

FINANCIAL REPORT — Total offerings received \$1450.21 Spent for local causes — Pastor's salary \$925.00; Evangelistic work, \$80.00; Literature, \$53.50; Miscellaneous \$144.02, Other \$12.00 Total Local Expenditures \$2,953.12. Value of church property \$7,000.00 Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$15.00

IRON CHAPEL CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List Of Delegates: Sis. Clesta Wells, Sis. Lennie Smith, Sis. Rachel Wells. Period of time covered in this report: From Sept. 13, 1964 to Sept. 9, 1965.

Church and address, Iron Chapel, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla. Pastor's name and address, Rev. Don Smith, Purcell, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Bessie Wells, Rt. 2 Blanchard, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Don Smith Purcell, Okla. Rev. J. M. Alsup, Purcell, Okla. Number of licensed ministers 2; Number of ordained deacons, 2. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League.

STATISTICS: Church Membership, 30. Members Dismissed 2, By Letter 2, Deceased 2. Sunday School Enrolment 30, League Enrolment 10.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total offerings received \$652.00. Spent for local causes — Pastor's salary, \$390.00; Evangelistic work \$126.00. Literature \$96.00; Other \$50.00. Value of church property, \$3,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$10.00.

LINDSAY FREE WILL CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Sis. Joy Thomason, Sis. Maud Branch, Sis. Alnita Young, Sis. Jones appointed by pastor to replace Sis. Young. Period of time covered in this report: From Sept. 1964 to Sept. 1965.

Church and address, First Free Will Baptist Lindsay, Okla. Pastor's name and address, Rev. Frank Young, 704 S.W. 3rd Lindsay, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Sis. Fay Bray, Rt. 3 Lindsay, Okla.. Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Frank Lee, Lindsay, Okla. Rev. Jean Womack, Lindsay, Okla. Number of ordained deacons, 4. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, league, Prayer Meeting. Church owns parsonage.

STATISTICS : Church Membership, 77; Resident, 59, Non-resident, 18, Members Received 11, By Profession of faith, 3; By Letter, 8; Members Dismissed, 11, By Letter 9; Deceased 2. Sunday School Enrolment, 97; League Enrolment, 46, Woman's Auxiliary membership, 13.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total offerings received, \$6,146.36 Spent for Local Causes — Pastor's salary, \$2,600.00; Evangelistic work, \$217.85; Literature \$311.09. Total Local Expenditures, \$3,238.94. Spent for Outside causes — Cooperative Plan or Unified Program, \$87.48; Foreign Missions, \$4.00 Education, \$99.29; Associational projects \$20.00. Total outside expenditures, \$228.86. Value of church property \$40,500.00. Value of parsonage property, \$6,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$20.00.

ST. CLAIR CHURCH LETTER —

To the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at the Camp Ground on September 9, 10, and 11.

List of Delegates: Sis. Jackie Foster, Sis. Vickie Joy, Sis. Wanda Black. Period of time covered in this report: From Sept. 1964 to Sept. 1965.

Church and address, St. Clair, 3601 S.W. 39th Okla. City, Okla. Pastor's name and address, Rev. Lester Maynard, 3202 S. W. 27th, Okla. City, Okla. Clerk's name and address, Clara Threlkild, 3513 S. St. Clair St. Okla. City, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Ira Smithy Rev. Bill Giles. Number of licensed ministers, 1. Number of ordained deacons 3. Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League and Prayer Meeting.

STATISTICS: Church Membership, 64; Resident, 63; Non-resident, 1. Members Received, 11; By profession of faith 4; By letter 5; By statement of faith, 2. Members Dismissed, 3; By letter, 3; Sunday School Enrolment, 69. League Enrolment 30.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total offerings received, \$2,475.07; Spent for local causes — Pastor's salary, \$1545.00; Literature, \$115.00; Total Local Expenditures, \$1,660.00. Spent for outside causes — Orphanage, \$180.00. Total outside expenditures, \$180. Value of church property, \$12,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. \$15.00.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. Membership. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or Quarterly Meetings of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church and upon producing letters they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members when presented by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. Name. The members thus chosen and convened in the Yearly Meeting or Association of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, being composed of sundry churches in Dibble Association, the Association having no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power over the churches; reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3 Letters. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration, or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded and those having died since last Association. Churches sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. Officers. The Association shall have a Moderator, a clerk, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board of 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 as 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.

