

Minutes  
Of The  
FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
Of The  
Dibble Association  
DENOMINATED  
Free Will Baptist

● ●  
Convened at the Dibble Association Camp Ground  
September 7, 8, 9, 1967  
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1967-68 OFFICERS

Moderator	_____	J.C. Morgan
Ass't Moderator	_____	Clarence Herron
Clerk	_____	Martha N. Langford
Ass't Clerk	_____	Ronnie Ballard
Treasurer	_____	Dormie Mills

The next session will meet at the Dibble Association Camp Ground on Thursday night before the second Sunday of September 1968. Scheduled speaker, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell and Rev. L. B. Steele, Alternate.

First Quarterly meeting will begin Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in December. Scheduled Introductory Speaker is Rev. Ronnie Ballard and Rev. Joey Howeth, Alternate.

Second Quarterly meeting will begin Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in March. Scheduled Introductory Speaker is Rev. Richard Foster and Rev. Leon Koonce, Alternate.

Third Quarterly meeting will begin Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in June. Scheduled Introductory Speaker is Rev. Perry Argo and Rev. L. B. Steele, Alternate.

#### BOARD MEMBERS

**Executive Board:** E. A. O'Donnell (5 yrs.); E. E. Jenkins (4 yrs.); Dorme Mills (3 yrs.); Fred Mills (2 yrs.); J. C. Morgan (1 yr.).

**Credential Board:** Richard Foster (5 yrs.); Elmer Steelman (4 yrs.); E. E. Jenkins (3 yrs.); L. B. Steele (2 yrs.); J. C. Morgan (1 yr.).

**Sunday School Board:** Phillip Steele (3 yrs.); Fred Mills (2 yrs.); Joey Howeth (1 yr.).

**CTS Board:** Dale Lane (3 yrs.); Ronnie Ballard (2 yrs.); Lonnie Roberts (1 yr.).

**Mission Board:** Elmer Steelman (3 yrs.); L. B. Steele (2 yrs.); Richard Foster (1 yr.).

#### 1967 COMMITTEES

Obituary Committee	Divine Services Committee	Temperance Committee	Resolution Committee
Mattie Bowser		Ella Jarman	Ed Jenkins
Eula Steele	J. O. Bullock	Peggy Howeth	Vicie Hopkins
Mary	Sue Jenkins	Linnie Allen	Richard Clagg
Stubblefield	Dale Lane		Wayne Bales
			Mahala Ladd

#### CHURCH PASTORS

CHURCH	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S ADDRESS
Blanchard	Rev. Clarence Herron	604 SW 8th Moore, Okla.
Bridge Creek	Rev. Richard Foster	1536 SE 47th Terrace, Okla. City
Brockland	Rev. E. E. Jenkins	403 NW 53rd, Lawton, Okla.
Bryant		
Chickasha	Rev. J. C. Morgan	1405 S. 8th Chickasha, Okla.
Dibble	Rev. L. B. Steele	Blanchard, Okla.
Hawkins	Rev. Joey Howeth	Route 1 Purcell, Okla.
Iron Chapel		
Lindsay	Rev. Elmer Steelman	704 SW 3rd, Lindsay, Okla.
St. Clair	Rev. Leon Koonce	3517 S. Woodward, Okla. City

#### OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

Blanchard	Rev. Bryan Stacy	Blanchard, Okla.
Chickasha	Rev. E. A. O'Donnell	Box 583, Chickasha, Okla.
	Rev. Clifton Stump	1701 Ariz., Chickasha, Okla.
	Rev. V. B. True	Tuttle, Okla.
	Rev. Donnie Johnson	101 Colorado, Chickasha, Okla.
Lindsay	Rev. Frank Lee	303 E. Creek, Lindsay, Okla.
St. Clair	Rev. Lester Maynard	3202 SW 27th, Okla. City

## DISTRICT CLERKS

Martha N. Langford, Clerk 3802 Bell Avenue Lawton, Oklahoma 73501  
Ronnie Ballard, Ass't Clerk 108 SW 36, Apt. 5 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## DISTRICT TREASURER

Dormie Mills Route No. 2 Blanchard, Oklahoma

## CHURCH CLERKS

Blanchard	Mattie Bowser	Blanchard, Oklahoma
Bridge Creek	Pearl Wynn	Gen. Del. Blanchard, Oklahoma
Brockland	Archie Fleming	1 N. 27th, Lawton, Okla, 73501
Bryant	Jennie Clagg	Rt. 2, Lindsay, Okla.
Chickasha	Inez Bagwell	1307 S. 9th, Chickasha, Okla.
Dibble	Zora Mills	Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.
Hawkins	Manuel Pearson	Rt. 3, Blanchard, Okla. 73010
Lindsay	Fay Bray	Rt. 3, Lindsay, Okla.
St. Clair	Opal Joy	916 SE 34th, Okla. City, Okla.

## STATE BOARD MEMBER — 1968

Rev. E. E. Jenkins

## 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. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

## 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. Petitionary letters called for.
6. Reading Rules of Order.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New Business.
11. Reports of committees
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Election of officers.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Association met at the Camp Ground Thursday evening, September 7, 1967.

**THURSDAY EVENING:** First meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "Standing on the Promises" led by Rev. Clarence Herron. Call for letters, 9:30 set as time to gather the following day. Devotional was rendered by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, from Col. 3:8. The evening message was given by Rev. J. C. Morgan from Acts 20:28-32 (Spiritual nourishment; Realize responsibility; Preach and teach to strengthen and purify.)

**FRIDAY, September 8, 1967:** Meeting opened by Moderator, Rev. J. C. Morgan. Prayer was led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Sister Billie Bailey appointed Clerk in Clerk's absence. Sister Pat Beck appointed Ass't Clerk in Assistant Clerk's absence. Congregational singing of the following songs led by Rev. Elmer Steelman accompanied by Sister Vicie Hopkins on the piano, "Love Lifted Me" and "Standing on the Promises."

Morning Devotion was given by Rev. Ed Jenkins from Ephesians 2:1-10.

Reading of letters and seating of delegates approved. Hand of fellowship given to delegates by Moderator and Ass't Moderator. Delegates named in letters are listed below. Statistical report compiled from church letters is listed elsewhere in these proceedings. No letter received from Iron Chapel.

Church	Delegates
Blanchard -----	Anna Davoult, Ella Jarman and Sylvia Oglesby
Bridge Creek -----	Linnie Allen, Mahala Ladd and Ronnie Ballard (Alternates — Jean Stevens, Jacqueline Foster and Mary Stubblefield)
Brockland -----	Sue Jenkins, Billie Bailey, and Ralph Tate (Carol Jean Langford, Alternate.)
Bryant -----	Lena Clagg, Weeta Clagg and Gary Clagg
Chickasha -----	Wayne Bales, Dale Lane and Lila Faye Morgan
Dibble -----	Rose Mary Whitehead, Sister Dean Roberts, and Nadine Mitchell (Alternates — Vicie Hopkins, Sister L. B. Steele and Lillie Mae Rogers).
Hawkins -----	Peggy Howeth and Will Goyme
Lindsay -----	J. O. Bullock, Maud Branch and Vida Turman
St. Clair -----	Sister Alfa Koonce, Stephen Koonce and Theres- sa Koonce.

Divine Service Committee named.

All visitors extended a welcome by the Moderator and Ass't Mo-



derator.

Temperance, Resolution and Obituary Committees named.

Report of Divine Services: The following will deliver the sermons for the meeting; 11 o'clock Friday — Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Friday night — Rev. L. B. Steele. Saturday morning — Rev. Ed Jenkins.

Rev. Elmer Steelman led in the dismissal prayer for the recess.

The 11:00 a.m. worship service was opened with singing "Wonderful Words of Life," "Blessed Assurance" and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" led by Rev. Steelman; followed by prayer led by Bro. Scott Jones. The morning message was brought by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell using the scripture Psalms 130:3.

The afternoon meeting was opened by singing "Send the Light." Bro. Scott Jones gave the devotional using the scripture Matt. 22:34-42.

Call for election of treasurer. Bro. Dorme Mills elected by acclamation.

Call for reports. Executive report given by Rev. J. S. Morgan approved as read. Credential Committee report given and received as read (Rev. Steelman, chairman). Youth Camp CTS report given by Bro. Dale Lane with recommendations accepted, including the revival in connection with the encampment. Motion for acceptance of CTS report amended to accept an offering of \$25 from the CTS for the purpose of assisting in the expense of including this report in the Association minutes. Temperance Committee report given by Chairman Ella Jarman accepted. Obituary Committee report given by Chairman Mattie Bowser accepted and all stood for prayer in remembrance of those that have gone on to meet the Lord.

Motion made that duties of all boards be inserted in all minutes. Seconded and passed.

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded and passed.

SATURDAY, September 9, 1967. The meeting was opened by Moderator Rev. J. C. Morgan, with prayer by Sister Sue Jenkins. Sangs, "I'll be Satisfied" and "Beautiful Robes" were led by Rev. Elmer Steelman.

Rev. N.R. Smith, Okla. State Exec. Secretary gave the morning devotion from Colossians, Chapter 1 in which he stressed that "The gospel of truth brings forth fruit" and "Faith in Christ and love of the saints will bring forth unity."

Rules of order read by the Moderator, Rev. J. C. Morgan.

State report was given by Rev. N. R. Smith, Okla. State Exec. Secretary in which he outlined the upcoming events of the State Meeting to begin on the 16th of October at Ada with the General Board meeting on that date. The theme for the State Meeting will be "Retaining Our Heritage" and Rev. Smith called for prayers, especially for the worship services as he reminded us our main objective is the "Preaching of Christ", every day of the year.

The St. Clair church letter was presented, accepted and delegates seated. Delegates were welcomed by Rev. Steele.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell reported for OBC announcing a gift from one individual in the Dibble Association of \$1000.00 for the college. Announced the Bible Conference on November 8-9-10. School at OBC starting next week. Last year there were 25 in the dormitories and expect at least 37 this year. Must make plans for expansion to provide the facilities for our young people. Long range tentative plans call for expansion of facilities for up to 1000 students. Dr. O'Donnell reminded us of Harvest Day, October 15 and stated that equally important was continuous giving throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report given by Rev. John Ballard was accepted.

Meeting recessed with prayer by Rev. Clarence Herron.

Morning worship opened with singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus", led by Rev. Elmer Steelman followed by "He Loved Me So." Special song "How About Your Heart" was sung by Sue Steelman, Karen Turman and Gail Bray. Prayer led by Rev. Koonce.

The "Memorial Service Message" was brought by Rev. Ed Jenkins and was dedicated to all those on their "journey" and those of our loved ones who have gone onto their "journey". Rev. Jenkins sang a special song entitled "I'm Too Far Upon My Journey" preceding the message which was dedicated to: Sister Mary Joy, Brother A. Paddock, Sister Effie O'Donnell, Brother Jack McGrew, Brother Lewis Mowdy, Sister Elizabeth Janz. Brother Wise, Rev. John M. Alsop. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Spirit."

Morning worship service concluded with congregational singing of "Just As I Am." Prayer was led by Rev. John Ballard.

P.M. SERVICE convened with prayer by Bro. Morris. Song, "What a Gathering That Will Be" was led by Rev. John Ballard with Miss Bray at the piano. Special song, "For God So Loved" was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Leon Koonce, with Stephen Koonce at the piano.

The afternoon devotional was rendered by Rev. Elmer Steelman from Psalms 26.

Mission Board Report as given by Rev. Ed Jenkins was accepted. Resolution Committee report given by Rev. E. E. Jenkins accepted.

Bro. Dale Lane shower the American flag presented to the Dibble Association and following discussion concerning honor to the American and Christian flags and the use of same a motion was made to erect a flag pole on the youth camp for flying of the flag(s). Motion accepted.

Bro. Dale Lane presented the plans for the building expansion for youth camp which were a result of a benefactor donating the funds for material for an initial building and challenging the Association to extend the building into a dormitory on one end up to 60 feet. The buildig is to be built by the young people with the help of the adults. Motion accepted (with Bro. Lane to accomplish thanks for Association) to include extension of the dormitory on the end up 60 feet (approx. \$12000) as an Associational project.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS — 1967-68:** Moderator, Rev. J. C. Morgan; Ass't Moderator, Rev. Clarence Herron; Clerk, Martha N. Langford; Ass't Clerk, Ronnie Ballard; (Treasurer, Bro Dorme Mills was elected on the preceding Friday).

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES:** Executive Board, E. A. O'Donnel (5 yrs); Credential Board, Rev. Richard Foster (5 yrs.) and Rev. Ed Jenkins (3 yrs.) Sunday School, Bro. Phillip Steele; CTS, Bro Dale Lane (3 yrs) and Bro. Ronnie Ballard (2 yrs.); Mission Board, Rev. Elmer Steelman (3 yrs) and Rev. Richard Foster (1 yr.) elected to offices indicated.

1968 General Board Member: Rev. E. E. Jenkins elected by acclamation.

Introductory (and alternate) speakers named for next annual meeting and quarterly meetings for the year.

Pledges were received for 1967-1968.

Meeting adjourned.

## REPORTS

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance forward	80.55	Disbursements:	
Monies received:		Supplies	3.75
Co-op	238.83	Utilities	31.15
Home Missions	299.98	Minutes	80.00
Foreign Missions	653.55	OBC	695.52
OBC	695.52	Missions	953.53
Delegate Fees	155.00	Co-op	119.41
Minutes Fees	80.00	Building Material	90.23
Pledge	170.00	Table & Chairs	25.00
State Delegate Fees	15.00	Piano	75.66
Sunday School Course	13.10	State Delegate Fees	15.00
General Offering	30.47	Sunday School Course	13.10
	2431.45	Clerk	25.00
Balance	146.56	Ass't Clerk	15.00
		Insurance	52.54
		Maintenance	90.00
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### PLEDGES, 1967-1968

Ronnie Ballard	20.00	Richard Foster	15.00
Vicie Hopkins	15.00	Richard Clagg (gen. fund)	10.00
Hawkins Church	10.00	Lindsay	10.00
Lizzie Brashear	5.00	Phillip Steele	10.00
Bridge Creek CTS	10.00	Bro. & Sis. Dorme Mills	20.00
Chickasha CTS	25.00	L. B. Steele	20.00
Ella Jarman	5.00	Brockland CTS	10.00
Young People-Chickasha	100.00	Sister M. A. Clagg	10.00
Total \$295.00 designated for CTS building project except as indicated.			

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

This board has taken care of most of the business for the year including purchasing of table and chairs for clerks, purchase of a piano for the association, and of a dining table. Some work was done on the shower facilities and Back Stops and other recreational improvements completed. Also the needed corrections and revisions of the minutes for the association were taken care by this board.

Chairman, E. E. Jenkins

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Credentials Committee met in January 1967. Examined Brother Vernon Stephens to be ordained as Minister. All voted to ordain Brother Stephens as Minister of the Gospel.

Chairman, Elmer Steelman

### CTS REPORT:

Balance in Treasury 9-8-67 was \$381.40. Appreciation goes out to all concerned with the camp this year. Thanks to our cooks and helpers in Youth Camp 1967. Thank God for the souls that moved in camp. There were eleven that came to the altar and two rededications. Camp Evangelist was Rev. Lynn Wood, Director was Rev. John Ballard, Asst. Director was Rev. J. C. Morgan, Athletic Director was Bro. Wayne Bales and Secretary Sister Linda Bagwell. Teachers were as follows: Rev and Mrs. L. B. Steele, Rev. Jenkins, Sister Morgan, Rev. Ballard, Bro. Lane, Sister Kniss and Sister Cox. There will be a youth revival

on the 16th and 17th at Chickasha with Rev. Lynn Wood. An American flag was presented for the Dibble Camp Ground. Will need a flag pole between now and camp. Recommendations included our choice of evangelist as follows: a. Lynn Wood, b. Jerry Rhodes, c. Dan Farmer, and d. Gale Gardner. Number in attendance in you th camp this year was 52 children and 11 adults totalling 63. Recommended that 2 of our young people attend CTS Board Meets. Elected were Pat Beck and Earl Jenkins. Director of CTS Dale Lane. We voted to send \$25.00 toward printing of minutes to insert proceedings of youth camp in minutes. Chairman Bro. Dale Lane.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We are sad to report the passing of our loved ones from the following churches:

Chickasha—Sister Mary Joy, Bro. A. Paddock and Sister Effie O'Donnell

Dibble—Bro. Jack McGrew and Lewis Moudy

Brockland—Sister Elizabeth Janz

Lindsay—Brother Wise

Iron Chapel—Rev. John Alsup

Chairman Sister Mattie Bowser

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

We the Temperance Committee with love urge all members of the Association to be temperate in ll things. To love one another as Christ loved us, that the cause of Christ might be utmost in our hearts and minds. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth ni him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Chairman Ella Jarman

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. Be it resolved "The Rules of the Youth Camp be printed in the minutes."
2. Be it resolved "The Executive Board and Clerk prepare a letter form for the quarterly meeting with only the information needed."
3. Be it resolved "The Treasurer of the CTS be a member of the CTS Board."

Resolutions acted upon, and accepted, as individual items.

Chairman E. E. Jenkins

#### MISSION BOARD REPORT:

We are pleased to report the good results of the Missionary Conference in October of 1966. A total giving to Home and Foreign Missions was \$953.53 during the year as compared to the year before of \$560.71. We are pleased with the cooperation of each church and look forward to this year's conference. Missionaries Sparks and Shockey will be with this year for the conference from Oct. 6 through 8. Meetings will be held at the following churches:

Friday, Oct. 6 — Chickasha Sparks; Bryant and Iron Chapel, Shockey.

Saturday, Oct. 7 — Blanchard and Bridge Creek, Sparks; Lindsay and Hawkins, Shockey.

Sunday, Oct. 8 — Brockland, Sparks; St. Clair, Shockey

All churches will come together Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8, at the Dibble church for a Grand Rally with both speakers present.

Chairman E. E. Jenkins



## STANDING MOTIONS

All ordained ministers coming into the ass'n be examined and ratification of their credentials depending on a letter in good standing from their ass'n from which they came.

Credential report adopted item by item: 1. Accept questionnaire. 2. Use said questionnaire. 3. That all candidates be on trial for one year. 4. All ministers coming into the ass'n be examined by said questionnaire. 5. To put questionnaire into minutes with amendment that they be printed each year.

There be a ministers conference each year preceding the annual conference.

Each board present a report to each quarterly and annual meeting.

5 year man be temporary chairman for the first meeting of the board he is on, and before 90 days are up, and at this meeting elect a permanent chairman and clerk.

We resolve to give each quarterly meeting equal power and authority to make rules and laws.

The Dibble Association have an annual Missionary Conference and the planning of this conference be in the hands of the Mission Board.

Dispense with the printing of complete church letters in the church minutes and only a statistical report be printed.

Motion to adopt co-operative plan.

Read only the names of the delegates from the quarterly meetings.

## RULES OF THE YOUTH CAMP

All campers will register when entering camp with \$5.00 registration fee supplied by camper or sponsored by church.

Each camper to bring cots, bedding and toilet articles.

Children under nine need a parent to register for stay in camp.

No registered camper can leave the camp without permission of the Director. This includes the campers desiring to spend the nights at home, they must report in and out each time to the director.

All campers will conduct themselves in a Christian manner at all times.

Campers will dress in a Christian manner. Girls wearing dresses unless given special permission by sponsors and then definitely nothing above the knees. Boys will long pants.

Boys will not enter girls camping area, Girls will not enter boys camping area.

Only Christian literature allowed on Camp Ground.

All problems will be taken up with Group Sponsor before going to Director.

Definitely and absolutely no form of tobacco used on the Camp Ground while encampment is in session (This includes worshippers at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.)

Campers will carry out work orders as given by Sponsors and Director.

Campers will be present in all classes and services unless dismissed by Director.

The Association will acquire insurance on all children. The \$5.00 registration fee will cover this item.

Meals served to anyone not registered at the camp will be charged 50 cents.

Campers: BE SURE TO BRING BIBLE, Pencil and Paper.  
C. T. S. BOARD

STATISTICAL REPORT

	BLANCHARD	BRIDGE CREEK	BROCKLAND	BRYANT	CHICKASHA
No. Licensed Ministers -----	0	2	0	0	0
No. Ordained Deacons -----	2	1	1	0	6
Church Auxiliaries					
Enrollment:					
Sunday School -----	24	40	88	yes	85
C T S -----	0	30	36	0	yes
Woman's Auxiliary -----	14	0	9	0	13
Prayer Meeting -----	yes	yes	yes	0	yes
Church Statistics:					
Church Membership -----	32	38	48	16	144
Members Received -----	4	14	10	4	19
Members Dismissed -----	1	8	4	17	8
Financial Report:					
Offerings, General -----	4254.14	2667.53	4689.46	1498.13	7518.28
Bldg. Fund -----	0	0	250.00	0	728.52
Spent — Local Causes:					
Pastor's Salary -----	1200.00	1480.00	1435.57	826.00	4080.00
Evangelistic Work -----	120.00	80.00	93.67	147.23	125.00
Bldg. & Repair -----	2441.52	731.58	3030.87	105.78	2011.01
Literature -----	63.13	79.94	208.99	0	177.25
Miscellaneous -----	451.94	295.38	0	139.98	741.21
Total Local Expenditures --	4276.59	2666.90	4769.10	1218.99	7134.47
Spent — Outside Causes:					
Co-op Plan -----	0	0	15.40	17.83	0
Missions: Foreign -----	0	180.25	106.49	46.56	136.66
Home -----	0	0	0	0	183.92
Education (Including OBC) -----	267.60	88.00	15.11	43.36	234.10
Association Projects -----	0	0	35.00	0	45.00
Miscellaneous -----	0	0	0	15.00	0
Total Outside Expenditure --	267.60	268.25	177.00	119.75	599.68
Property Valuation:					
Church Property -----	15,000.00	0	15000.00	0	25000.00
Parsonage Property -----	10,000.00	0	11000.00	0	1500.00
Value of Association property	15,000.00				

OF CHURCH LETTERS

DIBBLE	HAWKINS	IRON CHAPEL	LINDSAY	ST. CLAIR	TOTAL
0	1		0	0	3
5	5		4	2	26
43	45		62	81	468
30	28		25	18	167
0	0		0	0	36
yes	yes		yes	yes	
70	58		83	55	544
2	3		19	6	81
5	1		5	7	56
5188.12	1602.66		4831.21	1864.10	34113.63
0	0		0	0	978.52
1820.00	980.00		1285.00	1050.00	14156.00
100.00	150.00		164.71	0	980.61
340.00	0		9.00	121.90	8791.66
133.61	42.24		199.16	127.90	1012.22
2532.86	166.30		2951.55	0	7279.22
4906.47	1338.54		4609.42	1299.80	32219.71
180.00	0		0	0	213.23
0	0		40.00	0	509.96
0	0		18.38	0	202.30
25.00	0		10.00	0	683.17
0	0		45.00	0	125.00
0	0		23.21	0	38.21
205.00	0		136.59	0	1771.87
9500.00	7000.00		40500.00	0	112000.00
0	0		6000.00	0	42000.00

NOT REPORTING

## 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.

*Article 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.

*Article 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.

*Article 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.

*Article 4. Officers.* The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, a treasurer, and an Executive Board which shall be composed of 5 members serving terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 years.

*Article 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.

*Article 6. Questions.* No questions from any church shall come under the consideration unless it has been first considered in its own church.

*Article 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.

*Article 8. Minutes.* The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

*Article 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.

*Article 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.

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

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

*Article 13.* Be it resolved that the Dibble Association pay co-operatively of all monies taken in except those ear-marked otherwise. Allocate 50 percent District, 50 percent State, this to be put in the constitution and 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.

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3. *Christ.* Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

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5. *The Government of God.* God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

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10. *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.

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.

12. *Perserverance.* All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

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15. *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.

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 resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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### CHURCH COVENANT

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

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observances 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 the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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.

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church

1. Do you have License? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you have license, how long have you carried them? \_\_\_\_\_
3. By what Association were they issued? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many sermons have you preached? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where are you preaching now? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why do you want to be ordained? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ How many times? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is your wife a member of the Freewill Baptist Church? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How long have you been a Freewill Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Is your wife willing that you be ordained? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your Ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
15. If you have belonged to other denominations, give name of each and length of time with each. \_\_\_\_\_
16. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing his work? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Do you tithe to the Church you are a member of? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of a church? \_\_\_\_\_

21. How much education do you have?\_\_\_\_\_
22. Have you had any special training in doctrinal and pastoral  
Theology? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Have you had any courses of study in Homiletics?\_\_\_\_\_
24. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry?\_\_\_\_\_
25. If so, what are your plans?\_\_\_\_\_
26. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry?\_\_\_\_\_
27. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license if this  
committee felt that it was best? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Have you completed the Minister's preparation course?\_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the scripture, the Old and New Testament,  
are the infallible word of God, and the only rule of faith and  
practice? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you believe in the Trinity?\_\_\_\_\_
3. Name the God-Head.\_\_\_\_\_
4. Is salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ?\_\_\_\_\_
5. Name the condition of Salvation.\_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of  
having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?\_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace or Baptism of  
the Holy Ghost, separate and apart from regeneration?\_\_\_\_\_
8. What composes the body of Christ?\_\_\_\_\_
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible Church  
on this earth? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel ordinance?\_\_\_\_\_
11. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism?\_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you believe that immersion is the proper method of water  
baptism? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are di-  
vine ordinances and should be observed repeatedly?\_\_\_\_\_

14. Do you teach and practice these ordinances?\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you practice the ordinances at night?\_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy?\_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close forever and then all will be judged according to their works?\_\_\_\_\_
17. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men?\_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do you believe that Christ at His second coming will close the Gospel dispensation, glorify his saints, and judge the world?\_\_\_\_\_
20. I pledge myself to teach and defend the Freewill Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Freewill Baptist articles of faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTIES OF STANDING BOARDS

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall act in behalf of the association when not in session, and shall present a report to each quarterly and annual meeting of the Dibble Association.

**CREDENTIAL BOARD:** This board shall examine all applicants for ordination as well as ministers and deacons coming into the association. Each applicant shall be examined as to his Christian experience, call to the ministry (or desire to be a deacon) view of Christian doctrine, conviction concerning the denomination, and intentions concerning self preparation. Applicable questionnaires concerning doctrinal beliefs and practices will be completed. The Board shall present a report to each quarterly and annual meeting of the association.

**CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD:** It shall be the duty of this board to plan and assist in every way possible the CTS work throughout the Association. It will also be their responsibility to promote an active C.T.S. work in each church of the association. This board shall present a report to each quarterly and annual meeting of the association.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:** The duties of this board is to actively promote Sunday School work in the association and they shall present a report to each quarterly and annual meeting of the association.

**MISSION BOARD:** It shall be the duty of htsi board to work to promote an active missionary program in and for the Dibble Association. They shall plan the annual Missionary Conference for the association and shall present a report to each quarterly and annual meeting of the association.

