

MINUTES

Of The

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Dibble Association

Denominated

Free Will Baptist

Convened at the Dibble Association Camp Ground
September 10, 11, 12, 1970

1970-1971 officers

Moderator	Rev. Jack Richey
Ass't Moderator	Rev. Joe Conn
Clerk	Mona Richey
Assistant Clerk	Lila Fae Morgan
Treasurer	Rev. J. C. Morgan

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Quarterly sessions of the Dibble Association will meet at the Camp Grounds beginning on Saturday morning before the second Sunday in the months of December, March and June. The annual session will meet beginning on Friday night before the second Sunday in the month of September.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Gayle Gardner (5 yrs.), Jim Watson (4 yrs.), Orville Hood (3 yrs.), E. A. O'Donnell (2 yrs.), Clarence Hearron (1 yr.).

CREDENTIAL BOARD: Orville Hood (5 yrs.), Jack Richey (4 yrs.), Clarence Hearron (3 yrs.), Bill DaVoult (2 yrs.), Elmer Steelman (1 yr.). 794-6515

C. T. S. BOARD: Dale Lane (3 yrs.), Kathy Reid (2 yrs.), Ronnie Liles (1 yr.).

MISSION BOARD: Joey Howeth (3 yrs.), J. C. Morgan (2 yrs.), Leon Koonce (1 yr.).

1970 COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION	OBITUARY	TEMPERANCE
J. C. Morgan	Vicie Hopkins	Eunice Lee
Gayle Gardner	Billie Bailey	Marjory Carroll
Orville Hood	Tonie Ledford	Mary Stubblefield
Cash Roberts		
Elmer Steelman		

CHURCH PASTORS

Blanchard	Rev. Clarence Hearron	604 SW 8th, Moore	794-6515
Bridge Creek	Rev. Joe Conn	514 Jackson, Blanchard	485-2763
Brockland	Rev. Ronnie Liles	403 NW 53rd, Lawton	355-8097
Chickasha	Rev. J. C. Morgan	1405 S. 8th, Chickasha	224-4135
Dibble	Rev. Orville Hood	5505 S. Penn, Okla. City	681-8452
Duncan	Rev. Jack Richey	2609 Beech, Duncan	255-1789
Hawkins	Rev. Elmer Steelman	422 Almar Dr., Chickasha	224-3377
Iron Chapel			
Lindsay	Rev. Joey Howeth	704 S.W. 3rd, Lindsay	
Purcell	Rev. Gayle Gardner	N. 9th & Pierce St., Purcell	
St. Clair	Rev. Leon Koonce	3517 S Woodward, Ok. City	685-5712

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

Blanchard	Rev. Bryan Stacy	Blanchard	485-2517
Chickasha	Rev. Lonnie Johnson	1313 Montana, Chickasha	
Blanchard	Rev. Paul Myer	Austin, Texas	
Bridge Creek	Rev. Vernon Stephens	Blanchard	
	Rev. Bill Wallace	Tuttle	
Chickasha	Rev. E. A. O'Donnell	304 E. 5th, Holdenville	
Dibble	Rev. Perry Argo	Rt. 3, Norman	531-7609
St. Clair	Rev. Lester Maynard	3502 S.W. 27th, Okla. City	685-5606

DISTRICT CLERKS

Mona Richey	2609 Beech, Duncan	255-1789
Lila Fae Morgan	1405 S. 8th, Chickasha	224-4135
Rev. J. C. Morgan	1405 S. 8th, Chickasha	224-4135

CHURCH CLERKS

Blanchard	Mattie Bowser	Blanchard	73010
Bridge Creek	Rearl Corley ^{Phillips}	Rt. 2, Blanchard	73010
^{n Bailey} Brockland.	Archie Fleming ^{Steele}	1002 Arlington, Lawton	73501/608 E. Ave.
Chickasha	Inez Bagwell	1307 S. 9th, Chickasha	73018
Dibble	Zora Mills	Rt. 2, Blanchard	73010
Duncan	Sue Watson	509 Alice Dr., Duncan	73533
Hawkins	Manuel Pearson	Rt. 3, Blanchard	73010
Iron Chapel	Bessie Wells	Rt. 2, Blanchard	73010
Lindsay	Neva June Bullock	Rt. 1, Lindsay	73032
Purcell	Gladys Straughn	309 W. Jefferson, Purcell	73080
St. Clair	Opal Joy	916 SE 34th, Okla. City	73129

1971 State General Board Member Rev. Gayle Gardner

STANDING MOTIONS

All ordained ministers coming into the association be examined and ratification of their credentials depending on a letter in good standing from the association 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 association be examined by said questionnaires. 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, 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 cooperative plan.

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

Rental of camp grounds be only to Christian Organizations. There is a minimum rate of a \$50.00 fee for use of the grounds and facilities if less than two days, or \$25.00 per day for indefinite number of days, or \$100.00 per week. An additional \$50.00 fee be charged to insure that the buildings and grounds will be left in the same shape and condition as when rented. Fees be paid in advance of the use with other temporary use being granted as determined by the property manager (Dormie Mills).

Executive Board serve as program committee for quarterly and annual meetings, including selecting of the speakers.

At each quarterly meeting when Treasurer presents report that a special offering for the Association be taken at this time.

PROCEEDINGS

The Dibble Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Camp Grounds Thursday evening, September 10, 1970.

THURSDAY EVENING: The service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Gayle Gardner. Opening prayer led by Rev. J. C. Morgan. Special song "He Washed My Eyes with Tears", rendered by Bro. Buster Sparks. Another special given by Rev. and Mrs. Joe Lee entitled, "The Man Up There". The evening message was given by Rev. Joe Lee using Romans 9:1-3. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Joey Howeth.

FRIDAY MORNING: September 11, 1970. The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Buster Sparks with Shirley Gardner at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. J. C. Morgan.

The morning devotion was led by Rev. Orville Hood from Jeremiah 8:18-22.

The Moderator, Rev. Jack Richey, called for letters to be turned to Clerk. Letters from 10 churches were read and accepted. Motion that Joey Howeth be named temporary Asst. Moderator in the absence of the Assistant. Motion that Lila Fae Morgan act as Asst. Clerk in absence of the clerk. The Moderator and Assist. welcomed delegates. Delegates named in church letters are listed elsewhere in these proceedings.

CHURCH

DELEGATES

Blanchard	May Montague, Myrtle Bridges, Sylvia Ogelsby
Bridge Creek	Sandra Conn, Rena Rider, Mary Stubblefield
Alternates	Mary Wallace, Mildred Cagle, Elaine Rider
Brockland	Billie Bailey, Martha Langford
Chickasha	Lila F. Morgan, Euthona Ledford, Evelyn Taylor
Dibble	Nora Lee Corley, Vicie Hopkins, Cash Roberts
Duncan	Marjory Carroll, Walter Barnes, Mandy Barnes
Hawkins	Eunice Lee, Sis. Ivy Willoughby, Adene Conder
Alternates	Bruce Lee, Mildred Barbee, Bess Trammell
Iron Chapel	Not reporting
Lindsay	Sis. Ross, Sis. Warden, Sis. Howeth
Purcell	No Delegates
St. Clair	Alfa Koonce, Teresa Koonce, Bonnie Pierce
Alternate	Leila Maynard

Asst. Moderator read the rules of order. Visiting Brethren were recognized and invited to sit with us in council. The Moderator introduced Rev. Homer Young, State Executive Secretary who gave a report from the State office. Bro. James Murray gave a report for the National Foreign Mission Board. Committees were appointed (listed elsewhere). Dismissed for short recess.

Morning worship service opened with congregational singing led by Buster Sparks. Prayer by Bill DeVault. Special song by mens quartet "Oh the Glory Did Roll". Rev. Gayle Gardner brought the morning message using the scripture, Ezekiel 3:8-22. Behind the Closed Door. Closing prayer by Rev. Homer Young.

Afternoon session called to order by the Moderator. Rev. Gayle Gardner led the singing. Rev. Lynn Wood gave a report of Oklahoma Bible College. Motion carried to accept the Credential Board report as following: The Credential Board recommends that Ralph Tate's license be renewed for one year. Motion to accept Resolution as follows: Be it resolved that the district youth camp be held in June as early as possible. So long as it does not conflict with schools or State youth

camp. Motion to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lynn Wood.

FRIDAY EVENING: September 11, 1970. Services opened with singing led by Rev. Clarence Hearron. Prayer by Ted Ledford. Three specials given by: Rev. Lester Maynard; Rev. & Mrs. Gayle Gardner and Buster Sparks. Prayer by Rev. Jack Richey. Message brought by Rev. Lynn Wood using Romans 1:14-17. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Elmer Steelman.

SATURDAY A.M., September 12, 1970. Morning session opened with congregational singing "Work for the Night is Coming", led by James Sparks. Prayer by Jim Watson. Devotion by Rev. J. C. Morgan from Psalm 126:5-6. Going forth with weeping, bearing precious seed. Moderator called for Board reports. Temperance committee report given and accepted. CTS report approved as read. Obituary committee report given, memorial prayer led by Moderator. Treasurers report approved as read. Offering in the amount of \$62.62 received for General Fund. C.T.S. treasury report given and accepted. Motion to apply \$450.00 on our indebtedness of boys dorm. Motion to leave the securing of campgrounds insurance to the executive board and treasurer. Motion for a committee composed of Chickasha, Lawton and Duncan pastors, with Rev. J. C. Morgan Chairman, work with Executive Secretary on plans for 1971 State Association Convention convening in Lawton. Motion to abolish the Sunday School Board.

REPORTS

TEMPERANCE REPORT: In these times of modern fashions, we the temperance committee would ask that the parents moderate dress; abstain from strong drink, drugs and ungodly participations. Not only stress it but be an example. Romans 12:2 "and be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect, will of God." Chairman: Eunice Lee.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT: We the Obituary Committee are sad to report the passing of the following 9 members of our Association. From Lindsay Brother Raymond Rutledge; from Bridge Creek Bro. L. J. Gibson; from Dibble Sis. Ann Severns; from Purcell Bro. Walter Joplin, Bro. C. E. Howeth and Sis. Pauline Murray; from Duncan Sis. Louise Cooksey, Sis. Annie Newsom and Bro. Jess Bailey.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT: The board served as program committee in selecting speakers for the associational meetings. The board met with the Bryant Church at their request to disband the church and turn their property to the Association. Their balance in treasury was \$57.36, which was designated to be used on the boys dormitory.

MISSION BOARD: The board set a mission conference for March 13-15, 1971 with Jim Combs and Bill Fulcher. Received word from National Foreign Mission department that Lonnie Palmer, Ivory Coast, Africa, and from National Home Mission department that Roger McCarty, Nova Scotia, Canada, are the missionaries with greatest financial needs at present time.

CTS BOARD REPORT: God's blessings were abundantly showered upon our Youth Encampment which was held July 26-31, 1970. We thank God for all the children, sponsors, teachers, and cooks for making this a successful camp. Brother J. C. Morgan was the Director and Bro. John Kirkpatrick was the assistant Director. A total of 30

sponsors and workers, and teachers and 85 children comprised our enrollment. We praise God for the fine spirit of willingness to help which was shown by all concerned. We thank all the churches for their support and labor which made possible a very enjoyable and successful Youth Encampment. Our Evangelist, Rev. Burton Perry challenged each of us to totally commit our lives daily and to find God's direction for our lives. We desire the prayers of our churches that God might so bless that many young boys and girls will yield themselves for a life of service where ever God would have them work. The Director and Evangelist for next year's encampment will be selected by the CTS Board.

Report of the Resolution Committee

WHEREAS: it has been called to our attention that the Lonnie Palmers, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Africa, are in dire financial need, be it

RESOLVED: that this association shall adopt the Palmers as its missionary with each church sending in a monthly offering in the amount as shall be suggested by the mission board.

WHEREAS: there exists a need for everyone to become involved in the missions program, be it

RESOLVED: that each pastor challenge each family in his church to give a monthly offering over and above the tithe to missions, and to it

RESOLVED: that we encourage all mission gifts be channelled through the church treasurer, then to the District Treasurer.

WHEREAS: we consider it our responsibility to extend the Free Will Baptist witness into every area possible, be it

RESOLVED: that we urge the Mission Board to investigate the possibility of establishing a mission church in every town in this association in which it would be feasible.

WHEREAS: this association has been meeting on both Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in the months of Sept., Dec., Mar., and June, for the purpose of transacting its business, and

WHEREAS: the business of this association has proven to be of such a nature as to require only a one day session, and

WHEREAS: the Friday sessions of this business conference have recently been so poorly attended as to restrict the amount of business that might be transacted on that day, and

WHEREAS: it is the desire of this committee that as many members of the association as possible participate in the conducting of its business, and

WHEREAS: Saturday is the day of the week that most of our members can be present for the business session, be it

RESOLVED: that this association hereafter convene, for the purpose of conducting its business, at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning before the second Sunday in the months of Sept., Dec., Mar., and June. Be it.

RESOLVED: A. That the Friday night session of the quarterly meetings (in Dec., Mar., & June) be used for District CTS Rallies with programs planned by the CTS Board.

B. That Thursday night before the annual association be used for District CTS Rally.

C. That Friday night before the annual be used for a district worship service.

WHEREAS: in times past some licensed and/or ordained ministers have been content to be called such without exercising the duties of such, and

WHEREAS: these licensed and/or ordained ministers, showing no intention toward pursuing the ministry to which they profess to have been called, and making no effort to become involved in the ministry, but rather, in fact, publicly pursuing other fields of vocational endeavor, have lowered the prestige and shaded the public image of the ministerial office for those who are honestly pursuing that Heavenly calling, and

WHEREAS: we thus conclude that such ministers maintain their ministerial standing only because of the personal prestige and honor associated with the Divine call, be it

RESOLVED: A. that this assembly charge its credential board to either annually or bi-annually investigate the status of every licensed and ordained minister in the assn.

B. Upon the basis of such investigation, the Credential Board shall classify each minister as (1) ACTIVE (2) RETIRED or (3) SUSPENDED. The Basis of the classification being that if a minister is involved in the ministry, is preparing for the ministry, or is seeking to become involved in the ministry, he shall be classified as ACTIVE. If the minister is retired, he shall be classified as such. If the minister is not actively involved in the ministry, and is not preparing for the ministry, and expresses that he is not willing to accept ministerial responsibility, he shall be placed on suspension and shall be so classified. The classification of any minister shall be changed at such time as his status shall change. The classification of any minister shall not be changed as a result of disability unless the minister shall so request. And be it

RESOLVED: that the classification of any minister shall be subject to review by the assn. upon request by the minister. And be it further

RESOLVED: that suspension of any minister shall terminate his right to a standing vote in this association.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Rev. J. C. Morgan, Treasurer.

Bal. on hand 9-15-69	\$ 557.53	DISBURSEMENTS:	
Offerings at Assoc.	262.44	State Ass'n	
Donations	142.79	Co-op	1,391.39
From CTS	350.00	Missions	2,504.85
Farm Bureau	1.71	OBC	3,167.55
Bryant Church	57.36		7,063.79
Money rec. from churches	8,726.08	Boys Dorm	1,011.03
Total	\$10,097.91	Interest on Dorm	144.67
DISBURSEMENTS	9,946.36	Caretaker	90.00
BALANCE 9-10-70	\$ 151.55	Phone Calls	4.15
Balance due on Boys Dorm	988.97	Virgin Lumber	1,372.70
		Printing of minutes	90.00
		Insurance	114.00
		Electric	3.07
		Plumbing	49.85
		Supplies	3.10
			9,946.36

Statistical Report of C

	BLANCHARD	BRIDGE CREEK	BROCKLAND	CHICKASHA	DIBBLE
NO. ORDAINED MINISTERS	3	3	1	3	3
NO. LICENSED MINISTERS	-	-	1	-	-
NO. ORDAINED DEACONS	3	1	1	7	4
ENROLLMENT:					
Sunday School	26	45	46	95	35
C.T.S.	-	40	34	45	20
Woman's Auxiliary	-	-	yes	yes	yes
Prayer Meeting	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
CHURCH STATISTICS:					
Church membership	38	37	50	81	55
Members received	-	8	-	15	3
Members dismissed	-	2	-	6	-
FINANCIAL REPORT:					
Offerings, General	4,004.37	2,692.79	6,789.83	13,550.23	3,899.97
Bldg. Fund	600.00	-	257.49	626.00	1,074.8
SPENT - LOCAL CAUSES:					
Pastors Salaries	1,850.00	1,160.00	855.00	6,629.00	2,080.00
Evangelistic Work	-	30.00	418.84	295.00	140.00
Bldg. and Repair	350.00	177.00	4,447.27	1,268.15	5,637.74
Literature	118.54	130.76	274.89	70.27	400.00
Miscellaneous	1,694.00	192.53	172.85	1,078.30	343.36
Total - Local Exp.	4,007.91	1,690.29	6,168.85	13,032.44	4,055.67
SPENT - OUTSIDE CAUSES:					
Co-op Plan	-	-	55.00	637.74	-
Missions-Foreign	-	100.00	52.83	434.50	200.00
Missions-Home	-	100.00	-	574.35	100.00
Education (Incl. OBC)	521.94	155.00	71.25	975.15	1640.00
Assoc. Projects	45.00	80.00	137.38	299.94	1000.00
Miscellaneous	-	-	74.00	30.00	-
State & Nat'l Projects	-	-	-	65.00	2940.00
Total - Outside Exp.	566.94	435.00	6,390.46	3,016.68	2940.00
PROPERTY VALUATION:					
Churches	15,000.00	6,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	9,500.00
Parsonages	8,000.00	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Association:					

Church Letters

	DUNCAN	HAWKINS	IRON CHAPEL	LINDSAY	PURCELL	ST. CLAIR	TOTAL
	1	4	-	1	1	2	22
	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
	6	4	2	2	7	4	41
	105	40	30	45	177	30	644
	50	30	-	-	90	-	309
yes	-	-	-	-	19	-	54
yes	-	-	-	yes	yes	-	11
	270	45	30	68	146	64	854
	8	4	-	4	41	4	93
	2	-	-	-	7	2	19
16,899.97	2,055.21	-	-	2,043.57	23,346.11	3,456.24	78,331.47
-	-	-	-	2,226.00	-	-	4,780.97
6,630.00	1,300.00	-	-	440.00	4,795.00	1,890.00	27,629.00
335.00	150.00	-	-	-	175.00	20.00	1,563.84
5,638.74	41.29	-	-	61.53	5,211.93	342.66	21,915.33
106.75	106.75	-	-	116.13	1,229.96	93.79	3,189.70
1,135.04	211.06	-	-	970.41	1,393.78	145.39	6,862.04
14,139.08	1,809.00	-	-	3,841.07	12,805.69	2,746.97	61,159.91
397.12	206.96	-	-	-	939.36	-	2,336.18
281.18	-	-	-	70.75	2,208.31	50.00	3,217.57
103.85	-	-	-	-	1,340.30	-	2,128.50
-	-	-	-	-	1,465.10	75.00	4,543.10
100.00	-	-	-	40.00	342.50	100.00	1,244.82
80.00	119.00	-	-	-	-	-	184.00
2,003.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.00
2,003.68	325.96	-	-	110.96	6,295.57	225.00	13,719.17
50,000.00	7,000.00	3,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	6,000.00	229,000.00	
13,500.00	-	-	-	6,000.00	32,000.00	-	95,000.00
							27,000.00

DISTRICT MISSIONARY GIVING:

Lonnie Sparks	304.84	Billows	263.14
Aguirre	55.00	Jones	153.65
Nason	138.37	Bryan	20.00
Fulcher	192.88	Calvary	20.00
Combs	48.40	Haas	65.10
Call-a-thon	9.81	Wilkinson	15.00
Postelwaite	127.33	Gage	118.08
McCoy	299.81	Home Missions	10.00
Eagleton	198.75	Ernie Deeds	148.20
Foreign Missions	33.43	Palmer	70.00
Tom Willey, Jr.	188.61	L. Powell	25.00
		Total	\$2,504.85

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.

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.

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 denomination 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 25 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 the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost: yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

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, one crucified, He is now risen and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

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.

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.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

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 Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul comes a child of God.
3. Continuation in faith and obedience until death.

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.

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

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 ministered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a.).

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."

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in 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 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 or 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

Name	Date	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 quality 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 divine 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

RULES OF YOUTH CAMP

All campers will register when entering camp with 6.50 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 special permission by sponsors and then definitely nothing above the knees. Boys will wear long pants.

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

All problems will be taken up with Group Sponsors 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 the 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. services).

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 \$6.50 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.

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 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.

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

