

MINUTES

Of The

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Dibble Association

Denominated

Free Will Baptist

Convened at the Dibble Association Camp Ground
September 9, 1972

1972-1973 Officers

Moderator.....	Rev. Rue Dell Smith
Ass't Moderator	Rev. Dugan McDonald
Clerk.....	Barbara Cox
Treasurer	Connell Howeth

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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: Robert Grider (5 yrs.), John Ballard (4 yrs.), James Cook (3 yrs.), Jim Watson (2 yrs.), Allen Straughn (1 yr.).

CREDENTIAL BOARD: L. C. Webber (5 yrs.), Elmer Steelman (4 yrs.), Joey Howeth (3 yrs.), E. J. Reid (2 yrs.), Dugan McDonald (1 yr.).

C.T.S. BOARD: Robert Grider (5 yrs.), Rue Dell Smith (4 yrs.), Kathy Reid (3 yrs.), James Cook (2 yrs.), Dale Lane (1 yr.).

MISSION BOARD: Don Bryan (3 yrs.), Dormie Mills (2 yrs.), Joey Howeth (1 yr.).

1972 COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION

Robert Grider
Rue Dell Smith
Jim Watson

OBITUARY

Jim Stacey
Mary Webber
Zora Mills

TEMPERANCE

L. C. Webber
Kathy Reid
Dugan McDonald

CHURCH PASTORS

Blanchard
Bridge Creek
Brockland
Chickasha
Dibble
Duncan
Hawkins
Iron Chapel
Lindsay
Purcell

Rev. Ronnie Liles 403 NW 53rd, Lawton, 355-8097
Rev. Robert Grider 1405 S. 8th, Chickasha 224-1359
Rev. John Ballard 108a-5A Rt. 3, Blanchard
Rev. Dugan McDonald 2609 Beech, Duncan 255-1789
Rev. Donald Bryan 1404 Oakcrest, Norman 364-8312
Rev. Gerald Wells General Delivery, Washington
Rev. Joey Howeth 704 SW 3rd, Lindsay 756-4202
Rev. Rue Dell Smith 9th & Pierce, Purcell 527-2231

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bridge Creek

Rev. Vernon Stephens

Blanchard

Chickasha

Rev. Lonnie Johnson

1313 Montana, Chickasha

224-3742

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell

304 E. 5th, Holdenville

Hawkins

Rev. Elmer Steelman

422 Almar Dr., Chickasha

224-3377

Rev. Frank Wiley

3408 SE 19th, Del City

Lindsay

Rev. Bill Frost

Box 142, Lindsay

756-2105

DISTRICT CLERKS

Barbara Cox . . . 528 Country Club Road, Chickasha224-5884
Fredda Davis . . . Box 727, Purcell

DISTRICT TREASURER

Conal Howeth . . . 801 N. 3rd, Purcell

CHURCH CLERKS

Blanchard	Mae Montague	172, Blanchard	73010
Bridge Creek	Pearl Corley	Rt. 2, Blanchard	73010
Brockland	Archie Fleming	1002 Arlington, Lawton	73501
Chickasha	Barbara Cox	528 Country Club Rd., Chickasha	73018
Dibble	Zora Mills	Rt. 2, Blanchard	73010
Duncan	Kathy Reid	407 N. 9th, Duncan	73055
Hawkins	M. H Pearson	Rt. No. 3, Blanchard	73010
Iron Chapel	Bessie Wells	Rt. 2, Blanchard	73010
Lindsay	Jimmie Killian	407 Francis, Lindsay	73052
Purcell	Gladys Straughn	309 W. Jefferson, Purcell	73080

1973 State General Board Member.....Rev. Rue Dell Smith

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 Baptist met at the Camp Grounds Saturday Morning, September 9, 1972.

SATURDAY MORNING: The service was opened with congregational singing led by Sis. Evelyn Bryan, with Sis. Kathy Reid at the piano. Opening prayer by Rev. Robert Grider.

Rev. Clarence Hearron brought a devotional using 1 Cor. 3:1-16, "We Are Laborers Together With God".

The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Hearron called for letters to be turned to the Clerk. Letters from ten churches were read and accepted.

Seating of delegates by prayer from the Moderator.

Rules of order read by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Joey Howeth.

Visitors recognized.

CHURCH

DELEGATES

Blanchard	Jim Stacy, Allen Riffel, Denna Riffel
Bridge Creek	Dave Corley, Mary Stubblefield
Brockland	Billie Bailey, James Cook, Hazel Liles
Chickasha	Deanna Grider, Alta Gibson, Inez Bagwell
Dibble	Maggie Roberts, Cash Roberts, Margret Ballard
Duncan	Marjorie Carroll, Bobby Brake, Delbert Morrison
Hawkins	Evelyn Bryan, Shirley Pearson, Tony Pearson
Alternates	Jackie Drennan, Linda True, Ginger True
Iron Chapel	Charlie Wells, JoAnne Hays, Edith Wells
Alternate	Don Stephens
Lindsay	Sis. Frost, Sis. Howeth, Peggy Howeth
Purcell	Mary Webber, Fredda Davis, Ella Marcum

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Rev. John Ballard, and discussed item by item. It was approved as read.

Offering in the amount of \$41.71 received for the General Fund.

Rev. Donald E. Bryan, of the Hawkins Church was accepted, and seated into the Association.

Bro. Webber dismissed in prayer for a short recess.

REPORTS

Resolution Committee: Be it resolved that a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution for Dibble Association, and be it resolved that there be a quarterly Youth Retreat at the Dibble Association Youth Camp, be it resolved that a Youth Council be established to administer this retreat, composed of: Pastors of participating churches, three elected teenagers, and the CTS Board.

CTS BOARD REPORT: The CTS Board, comprised of Dale Lane, Chairman, James Cook; and Kathy Reid, clerk; wish to report a spiritual and successful 1972 summer Youth Encampment. Bro. Dale Smith, our evangelist, inspired all of us to live closer to the Lord. Bro. Rue Dell Smith was our director. Enrollment consisted of 80 campers, and 10 workers. We appreciate the dedicated efforts put forth by our teachers and all who made this camp possible.

Recommendation: The present CTS Board would like to recommend that two (2) new board members (preferably Pastors) be added to our three (3) member board.

TEMPERANCE REPORT: In these times of modern fashions, we the temperance committee would ask that the parents be examples by dressing moderately, abstaining from strong drink, drugs, and ungodly participations. 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: L. C. Webber.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Our officers for the coming year are as follows: Billie Bailey, President, Barbara Cox, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer—Mary Cook; Missions Study—Floy Reid; Missions Prayer—Diane George; Missions Action—Kathy Reid; Field Worker—Marjory Carroll. We had four meetings during the year with 52 members enrolled. Cash on hand \$33.36 with paid outs as follows: State Project, \$209.10, National Project, \$18.38, Home Missions, \$141.22, Foreign Missions, \$231.95, District Projects, \$396.99: Total disbursements, \$997.64.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT: We the Obituary Committee are sad to report the passing of the following 14 members of our Association Churches. Duncan, Bro. John Kiser, Dibble, Rev. Perry Argo, and Sis. Mabel Roberts, Purcell, Bro. J. D. Baker, Blanchard, Bro. Bryan Stacey, Bridge Creek, Sis. Mahalda Ladd, Bro. Earl Scroggins, Sis. J. S. Gordon, Chickasha, Bro. Luther Hudson, Bro. Mack Clagg, Hawkins, Sis. Lou Drennan, Bro. Will Goyne's, Chairman, Mary Webber.

Services reconvened with congregational singing led by Bro. Jim Watson.

Bro. L. D. Bagwell led in prayer.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by the President Billie Bailey. It was received as information.

A motion carried to add two new members to the CTS Board. They are: five year man, Rev. Robert Grider, four year man, Rev. Rue Dell Smith. Sis. Katy Reid was re-elected to the three year position.

Three Teenagers were elected as a Youth Council to administer to the Youth Retreats. They were: Dana Richie, Lester Grumbles and Kim Watson.

The Mission Board Report was given orally by Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Chairman. The Mission Board recommended that the Association have a Mission Conference the week preceding the Spring Quarterly Meeting and that a Missionary bring the message at the Spring Quarterly Meeting. The Mission Board recommended that our Association extend its Home Missions support into Kansas to Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Emporia, Kansas, for \$50 per month. A motion carried to accept the report. An amendment was made for a time limit of one year be put on the support for Rev. Clyatt. A motion carried to this effect.

A General Board member was elected for the State Meeting, being Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

The morning Worship service began with congregation singing, and prayer by Bro. Jim Stacy. Rev. Dugan McDonald brought the morning message from Acts 13:42, "Antioch Beachhead".

Temperance report was given and accepted.

Obituary Committee Report was given and accepted, with memorial prayer led by Rev. Rue Dell Smith.

Dismissed.

**DIBBLE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORTS
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS STATEMENT
September 1971-September 1972**

Balance, September 1971

\$ 1,357.80

RECEIPTS—Churches
Youth Camp

\$12,241.76
520.58

Campground Rental	75.00	
CTS Offering	15.34	
Transfer from Chickasha Bank	250.00	
Miscellaneous	4.20	
Assn. Offerings	209.11	13,315.99
Total Available for Disbursement		\$14,673.79

DISBURSEMENTS

State Assn.	12,071.42	
State Convention Expenses	1,056.10	
Duncan FWB Church, tele. Miss. Conf.	20.50	
Electricity	62.16	
Supplies	27.67	
Treasurer Fee	110.00	
Clerk Fee	20.00	
Caretaker Fee	120.00	
National CTS	26.40	
Gas	12.00	
Youth Camp Expenses	472.49	
Hillsdale Yearbook Ad	50.00	
Minutes	125.00	
Bank Charges	7.00	14,180.74
Balance, September 5, 1972		493.05

STATE ASSOCIATION DISBURSEMENT ANALYSIS

Hillsdale	5,609.10	
Coop	1,707.76	
Missions		
Angel	40.00	
Billows	273.17	
Calvary	30.00	
Deeds	138.15	
Duncan	1,103.16	
Eagleton	469.15	
East Pakistan	100.00	
Foreign Missions	83.00	
Francis	55.60	
Gage	30.00	
Home Missions	83.00	
Mayhew	20.00	
Missions	20.00	
Nason	96.85	
Palmer	1,872.38	
Payne	5.00	
Perez	50.00	
Powell	55.00	
Robirds	5.00	
Sexton	18.00	
Sparks	167.10	4,714.56
State Delegate Fees		40.00
TOTAL STATE ASSOCIATION DISBURSEMENTS		12,071.42

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, active or retired, 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

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

	BLANCHARD	BRIDGE* CREEK	BROCK- LAND	CHICKASHA
NO. ORDAINED MINISTERS.....	1	1	1	3
NO. LICENSED MINISTERS.....	0	1	1	-
NO. ORDAINED DEACONS.....	3	1	1	6
ENROLLMENT				
Sunday School.....	25	20	64	50
C. T. S.	0	20	34	30
Woman's Auxiliary.....	14	-	12	8
Prayer Meeting.....	yes	yes	yes	yes
CHURCH STATISTICS:				
Church Membership.....	32	27	52	88
Members Received.....	6	1	0	12
Members Dismissed.....	1	5	0	9
FINANCIAL REPORT:				
Offering General.....	5,818.26	3,076.88	7,809.44	10,743.24
Bldg. Fund.....	-	-	-	553.83
SPENT *LOCAL CAUSES				
Pastor's Salary.....	1,900.00	1,555.00	1,551.34	5,471.65
Evangelistic Work.....	260.00	69.35	212.46	-
Bldg. & Repair.....	6,180.05	38.41	5,457.00	396.18
Literature.....	92.25	101.33	124.15	282.50
Miscellaneous.....	181.00	10.08	88.95	571.87
Total—Local Exp.	9,140.45	1,774.17	7,433.90	9,372.57
SPENT *OUTSIDE CAUSES				
Co-op Plan.....	207.89	225.00	312.89	433.07
Missions—Foreign.....	47.50	-	146.00	-
Missions—Home.....	-	-	16.90	-
Education (Hillsdale).....	310.47	112.22	120.00	896.55
Assoc. Projects.....	95.81	-	40.00	-
Miscellaneous.....	-	-	35.00	-
State & Natl. Projects.....	-	-	-	-
Total—Outside Exp.	661.67	337.22	670.79	1,329.62
PROPERTY VALUATION				
Churches.....	20,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	35,000.00
Parsonages.....	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
Association.....	-	-	-	-

CHURCH LETTERS

DIBBLE	DUNCAN	HAWKINS	IRON CHAPEL	LINDSAY	PURCELL	TOTAL
1	1	1	1	2	1	13
0	0	3	-	0	1	6
4	6	4	2	2	3	32
40	114	40	40	30	107	530
15	75	35		30	71	310
-	20	-		-	20	74
yes	yes	-		yes	yes	8
50	286	66	40	30	104	775
5	33	3		4	22	86
3	18	1		2	71	110
4,574.16	16,260.23	2,356.11		7,388.83	24,237.45	82,264.60
139.40		128.00		-	-	821.23
2,055.00	7,020.00	1,145.00	318.00	595.00	5,980.00	27,590.00
20.00	80.00	100.00		100.00	116.00	957.81
93.25	224.00	17.50		-	3,549.00	15,955.39
225.25	430.00	63.57		195.00	681.00	2,195.05
369.49	2,300.00	204.44		600.00	2,368.00	5,153.83
3,137.49	12,974.00	1,764.83		7,443.74	12,694.00	65,735.15
	-	149.00			834.42	2,900.27
60.00	272.00	48.00		738.00	1,407.45	2,937.45
80.50	158.16	-		956.50	1,088.35	1,396.41
150.00	1,826.38	74.00		52.50	1,966.84	5,456.46
47.00	60.00				50.00	292.81
	300.00					335.00
					100.00	100.00
337.50	2,616.54	296.00		1,747.00	5,497.06	13,493.40
9,500.00	55,000.00	7,000.00	3,000.00	37,500	40,000.00	228,000.00
	14,000.00			8,000	14,000.00	66,000.00

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, active or retired, 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 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.

ARTICLE 13. Be it resolved that the Dibble Association pay cooperatively 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.

ARTICLE 14.

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 assembly charge its credential board to either annually or bi-annually investigate the status of every licensed and ordained minister in the association.

B. Upon the basis of such investigation, the Credential Board shall recommend 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.

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. **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. Continuance 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" (1 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 Free Will Baptist Church?
11. How long have you been a Christian?
12. How long have you been a Free Will 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 divine ordinances and should be observed repeatedly?
14. Do you teach and practice these ordinances?
15. Do you practice the ordinances at night?
16. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy?
17. 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?
18. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men?
19. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment?
20. 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 Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will 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 CTS 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.

