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MINUTES

Of The

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Dibble Association

Denominated

Free Will Baptist

Convened at the Dibble Association Camp Ground
September 8, 1973

1973-1974 Officers

ModeratorRev. Joe Blair
Ass't ModeratorRev. John Staggs
ClerkBarbara 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: James Aksup (5 Yrs.), Jack Craven (4 Yrs.), John Ballard (3 Yrs.), James Cook (2 Yrs.), James Cox (1 Yr.).

CREDENTIAL BOARD: Dugan McDonald (5 Yrs.), Jack Richey (4 Yrs.), Elmer Steelman (3 Yrs.), Joey Howeth (2 Yrs.), E. J. Reid (1 Yr.).

C.T.S. BOARD: Dale Lane (5 Yrs.), John Staggs (4 Yrs.), Rue Dell Smith (3 Yrs.), Kathy Reid (2 Yrs.), James Cook (1 Yr.).

MISSION BOARD: Joey Howeth (3 Yrs.), Rue Dell Smith (2 Yrs.), Dormie Mills (1 Yr.).

CAMP GROUND MAINTENANCE BOARD: Dormie Mills (3 Yrs.), Deward Hudson (2 Yrs.), Bill Frost (1 Yr.).

1973 COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION

James Cook
Joe Blair
Harvey Howeth

OBITUARY

Gladys Straughn
Fran McDonald
Clara Staggs

CHURCH PASTORS

Brockland	Rev. John Staggs 403 NW 53rd, Lawton, 355-8097
Chickasha	Rev. Joe Blair 1405 S. 8th, Chickasha 224-1359
Dibble	Rev. John Ballard 108a-5A Rt. 3, Blanchard 222-0866
Duncan	Rev. Dugan McDonald 2609 Beech, Duncan 255-1789
Hawkins	Rev. Wilbur Schultz 2 - 4921 So. Drexel OK. 685-632
Iron Chapel	None
Lindsay	Rev. Joey Howeth 704 SW 3rd, Lindsay 756-4202
Purcell	Rev. Rue Dell Smith Rt. 1, Purcell 527-2231
United Free	
Will Baptist	
of Blanchard	Rev. Jack Craven P.O. Box 158, Blanchard 485-2669

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

Chickasha	
Rev. Lonnie Johnson 1313 Montana, Chickasha	224-3742
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell 807 N. Burns, Holdenville	379-3662
Rev. Elmer Steelman 422 Almar Dr., Chickasha	224-3377
Rev. Jack Richey Rt 2, Box 252, Chickasha	224-2119

Lindsay	
Rev. Bill Frost Box 142, Lindsay	756-2105

United, Blanchard
Rev. Vernon Stephens, Blanchard

DISTRICT CLERKS

Barbara Cox . . . 528 Country Club Rd., Chickasha . . . 224-5884
Fran McDonald . . . 2609 Beech, Duncan . . . 255-1789

DISTRICT TREASURER

Conal Howeth . . . 801 N. 3rd, Purcell . . . 527-6405

CHURCH CLERKS

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, Marlow 73055
Hawkins	M. H. Pearson Rt. 3, Blanchard 73010
Iron Chapel	Bessie Wells Rt. 2, Blanchard 73010
Lindsay	Leon Morris, 701 S.W. 3rd, Lindsay 73052
Purcell	Gladys Straughn 309 W. Jefferson, Purcell 73080
United FWB	
Blanchard	Vicie Hopkins Box 595, Blanchard, 73010

1974 State Board member . . . Jack Richey

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 8, 1973.

Saturday Morning: The services opened with congregational singing, followed in prayer by Rev. John Staggs.

Rev. Jack Richey brought the morning devotion from 1 Cor. 13.

The Moderator, Rev. Rue Dell Smith called for letters to be turned into the District Clerk. Letters from eight churches were read. A motion was made to accept these letters as read with the exception of the changes that needed to be made in the delegates.

There was a call from the Moderator for Pettitionary letters. There was none.

The delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship from the moderator and assistant moderator. Rules of order were read by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Dugan McDonald.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Church

Brockland John Reid, James Cook, Clara Staggs
Chickasha Evelyn Taylor, Alta Gibson, Braunetta Overby
Dibble Maggie Roberts, Cash Roberts, Margret Ballard
Duncan Marjorie Carroll, Fran McDonald, Harvey Howeth
Hawkins Bruch Lee, Eunice Lee, Robert Watkins
Lindsey Jerry Howeth, Lester Grumbles
United, Blanchard Lucile Craven, Shelia Anderson, Sis. Montaque
Purcell

Delegates

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Conal Howeth. It was accepted as read. An offering was taken in the amount of \$45.41.

A motion was made to bring the amended motion tabled at the last meeting from the table. The amended motion was: To insure the camp ground property after repairs had been made, and to use any money collected from insurance for repairs only. This motion had been tabled to let the Executive Board investigate the cost of insurance, and bring a report to the annual meeting. A motion was made to retable this motion since the Executive Board did not have their report on it.

A recess was called for a meeting of the Boards.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: We recommend that the Dibble Association pay \$500.00 each three months on the \$3,000 camp ground loan.

The speaker for Saturday morning at our next Quarterly Meeting will be Rev. Joey Howeth.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We the Obituary Committee are sad to report the passing of the following members of our Association Churches. Dibble, Bro. Anderson, Chickasha, Sis Marie Johnson, Duncan, Sis. Gracie Bingham, United of Blanchard, Sis. Callie Havron, Sis. Mildred Cagle, Lindsay, Sis. Berkel.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: In as much as the Dibble Association is a fellowship of Churches laboring in cooperation to advance the cause of Christ, and whereas Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is our own College, and worthy of our full support, Be it resolved that the Dibble Association of Free Will Baptist adopt a quota of \$9,000 for the calendar year 1974, for Hillsdale.

Be it resolved that the Moderator of this association will not serve on any standing Board of this association but be an ex-officio, or advisory member to all boards.

Be it resolved for the Friday night, and Saturday morning, speakers of the Quarterly Meetings be chosen at the preceeding meeting, and the Saturday afternoon speaker be chosen Saturday morning at the meeting from those present.

MISSION BOARD REPORT: Be it resolved that the Dibble Association continue to support Brother Bob Clyatt with \$50.00 per month, and also to pay him 10c per mile for his expenses here to our Annual Meeting.

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT: We recommend that Bro. John Reid be licensed to preach by this association for one year.

We recommend that Bro. Ronald Morton be approved for ordination to the office of Deacon, in reply to the United Church of Blanchard's request.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Officers for the coming year are: Clara Staggs, President, Anna Baker, Vice President, Billie Bailey, Secretary and Treasurer, Evelyn Taylor, Missions Study, Ozella Smith, Mission Prayer, Martha Langford, Missions Action, Marjory Carroll, Field Worker. Number of active members 34. Membership fees paid, \$65, Home Missions — \$139.64, Foreign Missions — \$83.50, Bible College — \$121.72, National Projects — \$41.06, Youth Camp Projects — \$108.88, Local Projects — \$370.40. Total Disbursements — \$930.20.

CTS REPORT: The Dibble Association Youth Camp enrolled 102 campers this year, with 14 adults commuting to camp, bringing the total enrollment to 116. The camp income consisted of \$160.00 Evangelist Fees from eight churches, \$970.00 camp fees, Consession, \$230.44 Offerings \$141.44, giving a total income of \$1,502.38. Total Camp expenses were \$1,145.34, giving us a balance of \$357.04.

Recommendation: The CTS Board recommends that it be given the authority to establish its own treasury, and use the \$357.04 left from Youth Camp to begin this treasury.

A Family Retreat is planned for November 2nd, and 3rd, at the Camp Grounds, John Staggs will be Director.

Services reconvened with special singing by Bro. & Sis. Jack Craven, and Rev. Jack Richey.

The New Life Singers from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College brought several special numbers.

The morning message was preached by Rev. Bob Clyette, Home Missionary from Kansas. His text was taken from St. John 4:35.

Services were dismissed in prayer for lunch.

Services reconvened with congregational singing led by Bro. Craven with Sis. Smith at the piano, followed in prayer by Rev. Jack Richey.

Special singing was brought by the New Life Singers. An informative, and inspirational talk about the Hillsdale College was given by Bro. Charles Hampton.

The Obituary committee report was given, followed with silent prayer in memorial for those gone on.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given and received as information.

The C. T. S. Report was given by Bro. Rue Dell Smith. A motion was made to give the C.T.S. Board a standing vote of thanks for a job well done, and to give them a separate Bank Account.

The Resolution Committee Report was given and a motion was made to accept this report and adopt it item by item. All items were adopted.

A General Board Member was elected for the State Meeting, being Rev. Jack Richey.

A motion was made that the following resolution be sent in with our District Associational letter to the State Meeting: Be it resolved that no officer or employee in the State Association or its agencies be a member of any standing board.

A motion was made to adopt the recommendation of the State Association for each church to pay \$10 towards the expense of the State Association Meeting.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Deward Hudson.

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 earmarked otherwise. Allocate 25 percent District, 75 percent State, this to be put in the constitution, and carried from year to year.

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORTS RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS STATEMENT September 1972 — September 1973

State Association	\$11,353.56
State Coop	\$2,077.04
Hillsdale	\$6,636.83
Missions	\$5,044.68
Total	\$11,353.56 (State Office)

Disbursements:

State Association	\$11,353.56
Home Missions	682.00
Dormie Mills	120.00
Connal Howeth	120.00
Minutes	125.00
Bunk Beds	260.00
OEC	64.51
Youth Camp	289.67
Supplies	39.53
Ramseys Propane	13.00
Associational Expense	103.19
Total Disbursements	\$15,650.05

Total Cash	\$15,907.96
Total Disbursements	\$15,650.05
NEW BALANCE	\$ 257.91

Balance at beginning of year	\$ 443.05
Church Receipts	15,384.77
Offerings	136.71
Youth Camp	271.50
Total	\$16,236.03
Transfer to Camp fund	328.07

Cash on hand	\$15,907.96
Balance in Camp fund	\$ 2,172.42

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY DIBBLE ASSOC.

FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$ 860.44
HOME MISSIONS	254.29
ANGEL	40.00
ERNIE DEEDS	949.24
A. BILLOWS	25.00
BOBBY CLYATT	1,157.24
KEN EAGLETON	466.61
JOE HAAS	20.00
LONNIE PALMER	1,074.55
EDDIE PAYNE	140.00
LARRY POWELL	115.00
LONNIE SPARKS	421.64
BOBBY POOLE	45.00
MEXICO ACCOUNT	106.00
WILLEY	1.00
NASON	13.00

RULES OF YOUTH CAMP

All campers will register when entering camp with \$10.00 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 Director.

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

Campers will dress in a Christian manner. Girls are to wear dresses no more than two inches above the knees. Girls will not be allowed to wear tank tops, hip huggers, and are to wear only acceptable slacks, and jeans. Boys will not be allowed to wear muscle shirts or cut off pants. T-shirts may be worn for recreation only.

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

The Association will acquire insurance on all children. The \$10.00 registration fee will cover this item.

Meals served to anyone not registered at the camp will be charged 75c.

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

Campers: BE SURE TO BRING BIBLE, Pencil, and Paper.

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.

STATISTICAL REPORT

	BROCK- LAND	CHICKASHA	DIBBLE
NO. ORDAINED MINISTERS	1	3	1
NO. LICENSED MINISTERS			
NO. ORDAINED DEACONS	1	6	4
ENROLLMENT			
Sunday School	59	72	40
C. T. S.	23	30	
Woman's Auxiliary	10	10	
Prayer Meeting		30	
CHURCH STATISTICS:			
Church Membership	55	100	50
Members Received	7	6	12
Members Dismissed	1	3	1
FINANCIAL REPORT:			
Offering General	\$7,060.85	11,682.76	5,756.33
Bldg. Fund			138.00
SPENT *LOCAL CAUSES			
Pastor's Salary	\$1,500.00	5,751.00	2,960.00
Evangelistic Work	346.80	250.00	120.00
Bldg. & Repair	5,229.35	384.00	957.62
Literature	98.62	282.50	197.40
Miscellaneous	34.95	522.91	447.50
Total—Local Exp.	\$7,209.72	7,190.41	4,839.52
SPENT *OUTSIDE CAUSES			
Co-op Plan	163.42	426.78	200.00
Missions—Foreign	1129.50	102.08	
Missions—Home	248.50	102.08	568.47
Education (Hillsdale)	60.00	889.85	250.00
Assoc. Projects			150.00
Miscellaneous			
State & Natl. Projects	19.00		
Total—Outside Exp.	\$1,620.51	1,520.79	1,168.47
PROPERTY VALUATION			
Churches	\$18,000.00	50,000.00	9,500.00
Parsonages	\$15,000.00	15,000.00	
Association			

OF CHURCH LETTERS

DUNCAN	HAWKINS	LINDSAY	PURCELL	UNITED BLANCHARD	TOTAL
1	0	2	1	2	11
	0	0	1	0	1
6	4	2	4	4	31
119	32	50	141	50	563
76	30	35	118		312
15			20		55
48				15	93
200	83	47	130	60	725
11		14	26	6	82
86	32	1	55	2	181
20,895.00	2,342.00	6,490.83	25,389.96	6,589.12	86,206.85
8,500.00			2,468.50	3,000.00	14,106.50
7,410.00	1,148.00	1,030.00	7,540.00	5,040.00	32,379.00
			260.00		976.80
9,000.00	35.00	763.03	4,767.00	243.84	21,379.00
		134.42	760.01	145.33	1,618.28
2,860.00	670.00	2,835.38	402.30	1,111.86	8,884.90
24,270.00	1,818.00	4,762.83	13,729.30	6,541.03	70,360.81
	175.00	325.25	1,589.09		2,879.54
120.00		1,019.50	600.00		2,971.08
60.00			1,675.06		2,654.11
1,250.00	90.00	511.26	3,146.85	65.00	6,262.96
					150.00
110.00		42.29			151.29
60.00			100.00	100.00	279.00
1,600.00	265.00	1,897.30	7,011.00	165.00	15,248.07
\$90,000.00	12,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00	20,000.00	299,500.00
20,000.00		10,000.00	15,000.00		75,000.00
				6,000.00	6,000.00

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, 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

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" (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
Member of Age 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?
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 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

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.

CAMP GROUND MAINTENANCE BOARD: It shall be the duty of this board to see that the upkeep of the camp ground, and its property is maintained.

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