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**OFFICERS**

Moderator

REV. EUAL GORMAN  
219 S. 6th, Healdton, Okla.

*Carl Shivers*  
*Rt 3 - Duncan*

Assistant Moderator

REV. CARL SHIVERS  
Rt. 3, Duncan, Okla.

*Ray Weatherman*  
*1713 Thow Dr -*

Clerk

VIVIAN LEWIS  
615 Douglas Blvd.  
Ardmore, Okla.

Asst. Clerk

VELMA McAFFREY  
Sulphur, Okla.

Treasurer

C. C. HIGGINS  
Rt. 1  
Sulphur, Okla.

*Bill Wm. Hall.*

Asst. Treasurer

OCIE HIGGINS  
Sulphur, Okla.

*Ardene Hall*

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session Will Convene  
Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1958.

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

### Executive Board

|                              |              |                 |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <del>Bro. N. C. Ballew</del> | <del>1</del> | <del>year</del> |
| Bro. Gilbert Pixley          | 1            | 2 years.        |
| Bro. Marlin Bevins           | 2            | 3 years.        |
| Bro. Othal Kyle              | 3            | 4 years.        |
| Bro. A. L. McAffrey          | 4            | 5 years.        |
| <i>Julian Hawkins</i>        | 5            |                 |

### Credential Board

|                               |   |        |
|-------------------------------|---|--------|
| <del>Bro. C. C. Higgins</del> | 3 | years. |
| 1. Bro. Noah Smith            | 2 | years. |
| 2. Bro. Eual Gorman           | 3 | years. |
| 3. <i>A. L. McAffrey</i>      |   |        |

### Board of Trustees

|                               |   |        |
|-------------------------------|---|--------|
| Bro. John Woods               | 1 | year.  |
| Bro. Carl Shivers             | 2 | years. |
| <del>Bro. James Cearley</del> | 3 | years. |
| <i>Ref. Weatherman</i>        | 2 |        |
| <i>E. J. Reid</i>             | 3 |        |

### Roll of Ministers

|                               |                                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rev. G. W. Hanks              | Lone Grove, Okla.                    |
| Rev. T. Maynard               | Comanche, Okla.                      |
| Rev. J. O. Hudson             | Clemscot, Okla.                      |
| Rev. Ward Fellobaum           | Box 63, Ratliff City, Okla.          |
| Rev. A. L. McAffrey           | 1302 W. 13th, Sulphur, Okla.         |
| Rev. J. H. Hill               | 1319 E. 1st, Sulphur, Okla.          |
| Rev. J. P. Lewis              | 20 E. Telequah, Sulphur, Okla.       |
| Rev. Rex Weatherman           | 711 2nd. N. W. Ardmore, Okla.        |
| Rev. Noah Smith               | Box 398, Healdton, Okla.             |
| Rev. Gilbert Pixley           | 301 S. 1st. Duncan, Okla.            |
| Rev. Willis Dunlap            | 307 Oak, Duncan, Okla.               |
| <del>Rev. James Cearley</del> | <del>Box 724, Ardmore, Okla.</del>   |
| Rev. O. H. Foust              | 108 S. Mill St. Ardmore, Okla.       |
| Rev. L. T. Woodall            | 317 N. 'A' Duncan, Okla.             |
| Rev. Julian Hawkins           | 2616 'B' Ave. Lawton, Okla.          |
| Rev. Eual Gorman              | 219 S. 6th, Healdton, Okla.          |
| Rev. Bill Ritter              | Ringling, Okla.                      |
| <del>Rev. L. A. Shull</del>   | <del>707 Davis, Ardmore, Okla.</del> |

### Licensed Ministers

|                              |                                          |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <del>Rev. Kieth Stover</del> | <del>1009 Jefferson, Lawton, Okla.</del> |
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*Deacons = 2 -*

*All Committees*

# PROCEEDINGS

## Thursday Night Services

The body was called to order by Rev. A. L. McAffrey, moderator of 1957.

Song service led by Bro. M. M. Bevins with Sister Evelyn Gorman at the piano, prayer by Bro. T. C. Baker of Sulphur.

A testimony service was enjoyed by every one.

Duet number "Something Got Hold of Me" by Bro. and Sister Gorman. After unity prayer, Rev. Ward Fellobaum brought the introductory message using Pro. 14:12 as Text.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. James Cearley.

## Friday Morning Service

Opened with song "Stand Up For Jesus" led by Bro. Gorman, with Sister Velma McAffrey at piano.

Devotional reading from I Peter, 1st chapter by Bro. O. H. Foust, prayer by Rev. Ernest Harrison of Allen, Oklahoma.

Letters called for and read from following churches, Healdton, Ardmore, Duncan, Santa Fe, Clemscot, Stobtown and Sulphur.

Motion carried to accept the letters, the delegates were seated with a hand shake and the song, "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord."

### Officers Were Elected As Follows:

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Moderator        | Rev. Eual Gorman  |
| Ass't. Moderator | Rev. Carl Shivers |
| Clerk            | Vivian Lewis      |
| Ass't. Clerk     | Velma McAffrey    |
| Treasurer        | C. C. Higgins     |
| Ass't. Treasurer | Ocie Higgins      |

Motion carried that moderator and ass't moderator appoint all committees for this session.

### Those Appointed As Follows:

|                |                                                    |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Divine Service | Shirley Christian, Earline Greco, Vada Fletcher.   |
| Resolutions    | Claudine Armstrong, Alice Spergin, Violet Smith.   |
| Sunday School  | Bro. M. M. Bevins, Ella Mae Stout, Johnie Gilmore. |
| League         | Gertrude Long, Lassie Belle Stanley, Artie Gibson. |

Temperance ----- Leota Holohiki, Bessie Talley, Dora Winters.  
Obituary ----- Jewel Barnes, Alvis Rose Christian, Emlie Palmer.  
Education ----- Bro. N. C. Ballew, Rev. O. H. Foust, Avo Lowther  
Examining committee for this session Rev. A. L. McAffrey, Rev. Ward  
Fellobaum, Rev. James Cearley.

Rules of order read by moderator.

Rev. A. L. McAffrey was elected as Associational Parliamentary.

Rev. Rex Weatherman was elected as a member of General Board of the State Association.

Letter read from the Minister's and Deacon's Conference: motion carried to accept report and minutes be printed in district minutes.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dean Thompson.

Divine service was opened with song "Take the Name of Jesus with You" led by Sister Ona Lee Cearley.

The Rev. E. M. Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, brought the morning message, subject—"The Perfect Example", Text—Romans 8:9.

Dismissed by Rev. O. H. Foust.

### Friday Afternoon

Opened with song led by Bro. McAffrey with Sister McAffrey at piano.

Devotional reading and prayer by Bro. Dean Thompson, reading Psalms 86.

Rev. Earnest Harrison from the State Sunday School Board gave a short talk on "Sunday School Progress."

Motion carried that Associational Clerk serve as Historian to send news and history to state paper.

Motion carried that we give the Credential Board authority in writing to have James F. Minors Ministers Credentials annulled.

The Woman's Auxiliary report read and accepted.

Motion carried that we accept the report given by the Chairman of Board of Trustees.

Motion carried that we accept the report from Youth Camp directors as read.

Motion carried to accept the obituary report as read

and stand a moment in silent prayer. Audible prayer voiced by Bro. Ward Fellobaum.

Treasurers Report was read and accepted by motion and seconded.

Motion carried that the League Board elect teachers and sponsors for youth encampment and promote work in the league throughout the Association.

Motion to adjourn business until 9:30 Saturday morning.

### Saturday Morning Service

Called to order by Moderator, after song prayer by Bro. Rex Weatherman, devotional reading by Bro. L. T. Woodall, also prayer by Bro. Woodall.

Letter read from the Lawton Church, accepted, and delegates seated with hand shake by moderator.

Motion by Bro. Carl Shivers to accept Virginia Miller from Duncan as alternate. Letter read from Lawton Church requesting examination of Bro. Chester Baily for Deacon: (See Reports.)

Motion carried that we discontinue the paying for feeding of delegates at quarterly meetings.

Motion carried that we pay evangelist \$100.00 (one-hundred dollars) for revival and that not given by churches be taken from general fund.

Motion carried to table electing of youth evangelist until later.

Motion carried to begin youth encampment, Wed., Aug. 13—Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, before the associational meeting begins Aug. 21, 1958.

Motion accepted, Bro. Dean Thompson bring the introductory message at 1958 annual conference.

Motion received to bring discussion for electing Gen. Supt. for camp grounds to floor. (tabled until later.)

A rising vote of thanks given to Sis. Vada Fletcher, Bro. O. H. Foust, Bro. Herman Green, Bro. Floyd Carrol, Bro. and Sister Gorman and Bro. and Sister Cearley.

Motion received that clerk send Bro. Herman Green

letter of thanks for electrical work done on camp ground.

Motion carried to give League Board authority to appoint kitchen supervisor for 1958.

Motion carried that we pay for tents used for girls dormitory on camp grounds.

Motion received to for moving of kitchen from home home mission funds.

Motion received that we put wire around Tabernacle to keep out stock.

Adjourned for worship service.

### 11:00 O'clock Memorial Service

Opened with congregation singing "Bringing in the Sheaves". Prayer by Bro. C. C. Higgins, song, "At the Cross". Obituary read, prayer offered by Bro. L. T. Woodall in memory of the deceased.

The memorial message was delivered by Rev. Ward Fellobaum, text from Job 14:1-16. Closed with song, "No Tears in Heaven" and hand shake by all.

### 1:30 P. M.

This session was opened with prayer by Rev. James Cearley. Reports read from examining committees and accepted. (See reports.)

Rev. Gilbert Pixley and Rev. Eual Gorman were elected as Associational evangelists for next year.

Rev. A. L. McAffrey was elected for General Supt. of Youth Camp for 1958 with Rev. L. T. Woodall to assist.

Motion carried to not have caretaker for next year.

Motion carried to insure campground kitchen.

Motion accepted that Board of Trustees work in conjunction with Treasurer to insure these buildings.

Motion carried that Board of Trustees plot out land for Dormitories and other buildings.

Motion carried that this board make up rules and by-laws to present to this body, governing the plotting of camp grounds, concerning cabins and other buildings, (amendment) and present it to this body in the next quarterly

meeting.

Motion accepted to pay Bro. and Sister Gorman \$20.00 (twenty dollars) for expenses.

Motion carried that League Board make arrangements to pay cook for 1958.

Motion accepted to adjourn.

Next quarterly meeting to be held at Ardmore church Nov. 22, 1957.

## REPORTS

### LEAGUE REPORT

We recommend that each church have a League, organized according to the rules given in F. W. B. League manual, with all officers being Free Will Baptist.

We urge that all Leaguers strive to be present at the District and State rallies.

We urge that our pastors and older people give more support and put more effort to help our Leaguers to attend these rallies.

We also recommend that our League report be included in the District Minutes.

Gertie Long—Chairman

### *Sunday School Report*

We wish to report an average attendance of 404.

We also recommend that all teachers be true Free Will Baptists and study the lesson so to be prepared to teach God's Holy Word correctly.

The S. S. Board

### *Temperance Report*

We recommend that all church members cooperate with pastors and the Governor to do away with the evil of intoxicating beverages and be temperate in all things.

Leota Holokahi—Chairman

### *Obituary Report*

We are sorry to report the passing from this life the



following loved ones: Bro. Walter Roberts and Bro. G. C. Keeton of Ardmore, Sister Barton and Bro. Matlock of Sulphur, Bro. Vess Rozell, Santa Fe, Bro. Chester Brent and Bro. Paul Hudson of Clemscot. Though we miss them we feel our loss is Heavens gain.

Jewell Barnes—Chairman

### *Examining Committee*

We the examining committee for this session have examined Bro. Chester Baily and have found him sound in Doctrine and Faith and recommended him for ordination as a Deacon.

Rev. Cearley, Rev. Fellobaum, Rev. McAffrey—Committee

We the examination committee have examined Bro. L. T. Woodall for ordination to preach the Gospel and find him sound in Faith and Doctrine and recommend him for ordination.

Rev. Cearley, Rev. Fellobaum, Rev. McAffrey—Committee

### **Women's Auxiliary Report**

The Women's Auxiliary of Hopewell No. 2 met for their annual meeting July 12, 1957, at the F. W. B. church at Santa Fe. Services opened by singing "I Must Tell Jesus". Devotional by Sis. Grace Holder. Opening prayer Bro. Euell Gorman. Churches reporting were as follows—Stobtown, Ardmore, Duncan, Sulphur and Santa Fe.

Rev. Jim Clearly brought the morning message. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Ballew.

Afternoon session opened with group singing: Prayer led by Sis. Myrtle Shivers. Declamation was given by Charlene Long, Duncan G. T. A. member. Talks were given by Sis. Shivers, Sis. Cleo Spurgin and Sis. Nora Winters entitled "Our Home and Our Church."

Officers elected were as follows: President, Osie Higgins, Rt. 1, Sulphur; Vice president, Marjorie Carroll, Rt. 3, Duncan; Youth chairman, Violet Swaffer, 101 E. Elm, Duncan; Study chairman, Vivian Lewis, 615 Douglas Blvd., Ardmore; Program chairman, Myrtle Shivers, Rt. 3, Dun-

can; Benevolence chairman, Myrtle Ballew, box 351, Ringling; Recording secretary, Violet Smith, 511 Pine, Duncan; Corresponding secretary, Gertie Long, 506 Pine, Duncan; Treasurer, Cora Gillmore, Rt. 1, Loco, Okla.; Assistant treasurer, Onalee Cearly.

Meetings will be held second Friday in October, January, April and July. We send as State Delegate Sis Marjorie Weatherman, Sis. Ona Lee Cearly, Sis. Velma McAffrey, Violet Swaffer, Sis. Marjory Carroll.

### Womens Auxiliary Annual Report

|                                                 |    |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number on roll at beginning of year .....       | 79 |
| Present enrollment .....                        | 83 |
| Number new members .....                        | 15 |
| Number lost .....                               | 11 |
| Average attendance .....                        | 53 |
| Number youth organizations .....                | 3  |
| Total membership .....                          | 51 |
| Number Declamation contests .....               | 1  |
| Number vacation Bible schools .....             | 3  |
| Number libraries .....                          | 2  |
| Number study courses held .....                 | 16 |
| Reading circles .....                           | 3  |
| Number Daily Bible readers .....                | 29 |
| Number weeks of prayer conducted .....          | 10 |
| Number family altars .....                      | 27 |
| Number making soul winning efforts .....        | 35 |
| Number souls won .....                          | 5  |
| Number active in community mission .....        | 55 |
| Number subscribers to F. W. B. papers .....     | 35 |
| Number articles written for publication .....   | 21 |
| Number tithers at beginning of year. ....       | 37 |
| Number tithers as result of study courses ..... | 3  |
| Present tithers .....                           | 40 |

### FINANCIAL REPORT

|                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Co-Laborer .....                               | \$43.61  |
| Tithes .....                                   | \$18.79  |
| Total gifts to Missions .....                  | \$33.01  |
| Cash gifts to aged ministers .....             | \$10.00  |
| Convention dues .....                          | \$10.80  |
| Amount spent for literature .....              | \$38.33  |
| Total amount spent for church activities ..... | \$985.52 |
| Amount sent for Home Missions Tent .....       | \$30.00  |

VIOLET SMITH  
511 Pine

Duncan, Okla.  
Recording Secretary

### **Minister's and Deacon's Report**

The Ministers and Deacon conference of Hopewell Association No. Two of Free Will Baptist met for their annual conference at Healdton Free Will Baptist Church January 5th, 1957, with nineteen (19) Ministers and Deacons present.

Singing directed by Bro. Pixley. Prayer by Bro. Guinn.

The evening message was brought by Bro. Julian Hawkins from 21st Chapter of Isa.

Officers were elected as follows: Bro. Eual Gorman, moderator; Bro. J. O. Hudson, Asst. Moderator, and Bro. Marlin Bivens, Clerk.

#### *Pulpit Committee*

Bro. N. C. Ballew, Bro. C. C. Higgins, Bro. John Woods, Bro. Doris Beers, and Bro. Jay Crisp.

#### *Examining Committee*

Bro. McAffrey, Bro. N. C. Ballew, Bro. John Woods.

Motion made and carried to issue new Minister's and Deacons' cards the 1st of January each year.

We have held four district conferences this year. The second conference was at Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church. March 3rd with 24 ministers and deacons present. The third conference was held at Wilson Free Will Baptist Church May 4th with nine (9) present. The Fourth conference was held at Ardmore Free Will Baptist Church with thirteen (13) present.

This done by the Ministers and Deacons conference this day of Augst 3rd, 1957.

Rev. Eual Gorman, Moderator  
Bro. M. M. Bivens, Clerk

### **Statistics Hopewell No. 2 1956-57**

CHURCHES REPORTING ----- 8

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| RESIDENT MEMBERS .....           | 744          |
| MINISTERS .....                  | 19           |
| DEACONS .....                    | 35           |
| PAID PASTORS .....               | \$18,439.51  |
| PAID EVANGELIST .....            | 1,080.64     |
| BUILDING AND REPAIR .....        | 7,613.54     |
| PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE ..... | 334.86       |
| COOPERATIVE FUND .....           | 1,590.63     |
| MISCELLANEOUS .....              | 5,010.49     |
| INCIDENTALS .....                | 1,594.65     |
| TOTAL EXPENSES .....             | \$35,724.32  |
| VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY .....   | \$156,000.00 |

#### INCOME FROM AUG. 1956 TO AUG. 1957

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| BALLANCE ON HAND AUG. 1956 ..... | \$122.57 |
| GENERAL FUND .....               | \$293.77 |
| CAMP GROUND FUND .....           | \$564.79 |
| HOME MISSIONS .....              | \$251.30 |
| WILLIAMSON (CARETAKER) .....     | \$ 42.00 |
| DISBURSEMENTS                    |          |
| GENERAL FUND .....               | \$302.58 |
| CAMP GROUND .....                | \$475.53 |
| STATE (COOP.) .....              | \$721.66 |
| WILLIAMSON .....                 | \$ 42.00 |
| BAL. IN GENERAL FUND .....       | \$113.76 |
| BAL. IN CAMP GROUND FUND .....   | \$131.60 |
| TOTAL .....                      | \$245.36 |

#### Resolutions Passed in Quarterly Meetings

- Resoulution No. 1     Be it resolved that lesson No. 4, page No. 17 in Advance (1st) Quarterly for 1957 be brought before body for discussion.
- Resolution No. 2     Be it resolved that present finance committee be dismissed since their mission has been ful-

filled.

Resolution No. 3 Be it resolved that this Quarterly meeting recommend that each church pay the expenses of their pastor to the State Ministers Institute.

Resolution No. 4 We recommend that this body give Ocie Higgins a love offering upon resignation as clerk, for her faithful work.

Resolution No. 5 Be it resolved that preparations be made for a youth camp, also to determine whether or not to have it this summer.

Resolution No. 6 Be it resolved that this Quarterly meeting of Hopewell No. 2 of Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma empower the Credential Committee with the authority to have annulled the credentials of Russell D. Allen and James F. Minor.

### Resolutions Passed at Annual Meeting

Resolution No. 1 Be it resolved that our associational treasurer be the home mission treasurer also.

Resolution No. 2 Be it resolved that we the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist pay 10 percent cooperative to the District Association and this Association pay 10 per cent to the State Association.

Resolution No. 3 Be it resolved that any church of this association that by-pass this association to the State, this amount be held in our associational treasurer to be used in this Association.

Resolution No. 4 Be it resolved that we of Hopewell No. 2 of Free Will Baptist request the State association send minutes only to the Association clerks.

Resolution No. 5 We the Sunday School Board recommend to every local S. S. the teachers training program recommended by the State S. S. Board.

Resolution No. 6 Be it resolved that we elect an Associational League Board of 5 members one for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years, and

one for 5 years.

Resolution No. 7      Be it resolved that the Hopewell No. 2 Association recommend to the State Association that monies received from selling the children's home be divided equally among the Associations of the State of Oklahoma.

Resolution No. 8      Be it resolved that any member of this Association that is elected to office be present at time of election at annual or quarterly meetings.

Resolution No. 9      We the Education Committee recommend that all licensed ministers attend all associational quarterly meetings and State conference, unless provisionally hindered.

## CHURCH REPORTS

### From Lawton Church

Letter from the Lawton Church of God denominated Free Will Baptist when convened with Hopewell No. 2 Association at the Camp Ground.

We send as delegates as follows: Sister Grace Lee, Sister Billie Bailey and Brother Walter Collins. Alternates: Sister Alice Collins, Sister Vivian Williamson and Brother Chester Bailey whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year are as follows: 2 by letters of recommendation, 2 by statement and 1 by profession in faith to be baptized, total 5. No. dismissed by letter 2. Resident members 28, non-resident members 6. Total membership 34.

Condition of Sunday School, good. Number enrolled, 70. Average attendance, 35. Number officers, 2. Number teachers, 4.

Condition of Prayer Meeting, good.

Condition of League, good. No. enrolled, 20. Average attendance, 12.

Enclosed you will find \$3.00 for minutes and \$5.00 for feeding delegates. \$10.00 for Associational Revival.

### *Finance Report*

Paid Pastor, \$1091.99; paid Evangelist, \$14.98; building and repair, \$1265.00; publication and literature, \$58.49; Incidentals, \$288.59 and Miscellaneous \$165.91.

Value of church property, \$4,000.00.

Pastors name and address                      Rev. L. T. Woodall  
317 N. A., Duncan, Okla.

Clerk's name and address                      Grace Lee  
109 S. 6th St., Lawton, Okla.

Names of Deacons: Brother Chester Bailey, 1608 E. Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma and Brother Walter Collins, 1813 Smith Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma.

Names of Ministers: Rev. Julian Hawkins, Ordained, 2616 B. Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma and Rev. Keith Stover, Licensed, 1009 Jefferson, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Done by order of Church assembled in conference this 14th day of August, 1957.

Moderator, Rev. L. T. Woodall  
Clerk, Sister Grace Lee

### **Duncan Church**

To the annual meeting of Free Will Baptists when convened at the Camp Ground of Hopewell No. 2 Association, August 23, 1957.

We send as delegates: Violet Smith, Jewel Barnes, Gertie Long. Alternates: Violet Swaffar, Minnie Watson, Harold Swaffar, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion very good. Members received this year, forty-eight. Number baptized, eighteen. Number dismissed, six. Number died, none. Total membership, one-hundred eighty-six. Condition of Prayer Meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, one-hundred twenty-five. Number of teachers, eight. Paid Pastor, \$3,900.00. Paid association treasurer, \$299.00. Paid Evangelist, \$275.00. Paid for youth encampment expense, \$10.00. Church value, \$58,000.00.

Amount enclosed for minutes and other expense of the association, \$27.00.

We request that Brother L. T. Woodall be approved in this conference for ordination as a minister. The ordination is to be in our Church at a later date.

Sister Pixley is recommended as our delegate to the State Association.

Pastor's name and address: Reverend Gilbert Pixley, 301 South 1st Street, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Done by order of Duncan Church assembled in conference this 7th day of August, 1957.

Gilbert Pixley, Moderator  
D. C. Beers, Clerk

### Ardmore Church

We send as delegates our beloved: Sister Leota Holokohi, Sister Lassie Bell Stanley, Sister Lelia Howell, Sister Earlene Greco, Brother George McCumber and Sister George McCumber.

State of religion, good. Members received by letter, 6; by recommendation or by experience in grace, 22; dismissed, 28; number died, 2; total membership, 102. Condition of prayer meeting, good; of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 100; number of officers, 4; of teachers, 10; paid pastors, \$1861.65; paid evangelist, \$329.00; amount for building and repair, \$1253.17; for incidentals, \$1022.03; value of church property, \$6,000.00; miscellaneous expense, \$1710.13; amount enclosed for tithes, \$119.00.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. James Cearley, 1106 5th. N. E.

Name and address of ministers: Rev. James Cearley, 1106 5th, N. E. and Rev. O. H. Foust, 108 S. Mill.

Names of deacons: Bro. Wayne Howell, Bro. W. S. Rich, Bro. Herman Green, Bro. R. L. Howell, Bro. Mike McCumber, Bro. Buddy Anderson and Bro. Jessie Justice.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference this 5th day of August, 1957.

Rev. James Cearley, Moderator  
Elmer Buck, Clerk



We are also enclosing \$10.00 to pay expense of Association Revival and Recommending Sister Onalee Cearley as State Delegate.

### Healdton Church

Letter from the Church of God denominating Free Will Baptist at Healdton to the annual meeting of Hopewell No. 2 Association when convened at the camp ground.

We send as delegates our beloved Sisters, Ada Drury, L. E. Pool and Artie Gibson. Alternates, Sisters Claudine Armstrong and Wanda Ingram, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in all your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion, Good; members received this year, 6; dismissed, 8; resident members, 60; non-resident, 44; total membership, 104. Condition of Prayer Meeting, good, of Sunday School, good. Average attendance, 46. Number officers and teachers, 8. Condition of league, fair.

Finance: paid pastor, \$3060.00; building and repair, \$798.00; cooperative plan, \$556.35; miscellaneous, \$1201.37; paid evangelist, \$100.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Pastor Rev. Eual Gorman, 219 S. 6th, Healdton and Rev. Bill Ritter, Ringling, Oklahoma.

Deacons: Jay Crisp, Wirt, Marlin Bivens, Wirt, W. A. De Hart, Healdton; J. E. Slate, Healdton; N. C. Ballew, Ringling.

We recommend Bro. N. C. Ballew as delegate to State Association.

Done by order of Church Conference this 7th day of August, 1957.

Rev. Eual Gorman, Moderator  
Mrs. P. B. Truitt, Clerk  
Box 457, Healdton, Okla.

### Stobtown Church

The Stobtown Church of God denominated Free Will Baptist, when convened with Hopewell No. 2 Association

at the camp grounds. We send as delegates, Sister Alvis Christian, Sister Shirley Christian and Sister Bessie Talley. Alternates are, Sister Ruth Balthrop, Bro. Ben Brewer, and Sister Ben Brewer.

State of Religion, good; members received by letter, 2; by experience in Grace, 6. Dismissed, 3; total membership, 80; condition of young folks meeting, good; of Sunday School, good; average attendance, 58; number of officers, 8; of teachers, 6. Paid pastor, \$1230.87; paid evangelist, \$100; value of church property, \$3,000; miscellaneous expenses, \$600.

Pastor's name and address:

Rev. Rex Weatherman  
711 2nd. N. W., Ardmore, Okla.

Names of Deacons: Bro. Henry Christian, Bro. James Adams, Bro. Guy Denny, Bro. Troy Morris, Bro. Orbie Butler, Bro. Othel Kyle and Bro. Joe Balthrop.

Ministers belonging to church, Rev. Ward Fellobaum, Box 63, Ratliff City, Oklahoma.

We are sending \$10 for Association evangelist, and \$6 for minutes, \$5.00 for state delegate.

Done in order of church assembled in conference this 7th day of August, 1957.

Sister Ellen Denny, State Delegate.

Rex Weatherman, Moderator  
Ellen Denny, Clerk

### **Santa Fe Church**

Letter from Santa Fe Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptist to the yearly meeting of Hopewell No. 2 Association, when convened at the Camp Ground.

We send as delegates our beloved: Sister Nora Winters, Bro. John Gilmore, and Sister Alice Spurgin.

As alternates: Bro. Bob Winters, Bro. John McIlvain. and Sister Hurst.

State of religion, good; members received by letter, 2; by recommendation or by experience in grace, 2; dismissed, none; number died, 1; total membership, 50; condition of

Prayer Meeting, good; of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 3; of teachers, 5; paid pastor, \$2080.00; paid evangelist, \$50.00; amount for building and repair, \$1854.71; for incidentals, \$150.00; value of church property, \$11,000.00; miscellaneous expense, \$268.45; Corp. Plan, \$260.00; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.00. Amount enclosed for Camp Ground Evangelist, \$10.00.

Pastor's name and address:

Rev. Carl Shivers  
Rt. 3, Duncan, Oklahoma

Name and address of deacons: Bro. Roy Spurgin, Star Rt., Comanche, Okla.; Bro. Floyd Carroll, Rt. 3, Duncan, Okla.; Bro. Less Dunn, Ringling, Okla.; Bro. Charley Cooksey, Duncan, Okla.; Bro. Forest Cox, Rt. 3, Duncan, Okla.; and Bro. Lo Ray Spurgin, Rt. 3, Duncan, Okla.

We recommend Sister Carl Shivers as delegate to the State Association.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference this 17th day of July, 1957.

Rev. Carl Shivers, Moderator  
Sister Clora Gilmore, Clerk

### Clemscot Church

Letter from Clemscot Church of God denominated Free Will Baptist to Hopewell No. 2 Association.

When convened at the Free Will Baptist camp ground, we send as delegates our beloved Sister Vada Fletcher, Bro. Jean Johnson and Sister Ellen Williamson.

Alternates: Sister Paula Johnson, and Bro. and Sister Jim Higgins, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberation.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 4; dismissed by letter, 3; resident members, 85; non-resident, 53; total membership, 138; average attendance in Sunday School, 50; officers and teachers, 6; condition of prayer meeting, good; number died, 2, Bro. Chester Brent and Bro.

Paul Joe Hudson; paid pastor, \$2,400.00; paid evangelist, \$100.00; miscellaneous expenses, \$423.16; literature, \$57.99; cooperative fund, \$227.99; value of Church property, \$6,000.00.

Ministers belonging to our church, Pastor, Rev. J. O. Hudson, Clemscot; Rev. T. Maynard, Comanche, Okla.; and Rev. Noah Smith, Healdton, Oklahoma, Box 398.

Deacons: Bro. E. L. Griffin, Fox, Okla., and Bro. John Woods, Healdton, Box 398.

Done by order of Church Conference this 5th day of August, 1957. Rev. J. O. Hudson, Moderator  
Mrs. John Woods, Clerk Box 398, Healdton, Okla.

### Sulphur Church

To the yearly association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Camp Ground Church at Pruitt City, August 22, 1957. We send as delegates our beloved Sisters; Ella Mae Stout, Avo Lowther, Emily Palmer, Alternates; Sisters Esda Grissom, Emma Crouhorn and Bro. Grover Leming, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

STATISTICS: State of Religion, good; Members Received Past Year, 6; Baptized, 4; Dismissed, 6; Died, 2; Total Membership, 94; Condition of Prayer Meeting, good; Condition of Sunday School, good; Average No. of Pupils, 110; No. of Officers, 4; No. of Teachers, 9 and Average No. League, 35.

FINANCES: Church property valuation, \$35,000.00; Paid Pastor, \$2,815.00; Paid Evangelist, \$111.66; Home Mission, \$120.29; Utility, \$439.18; Building and Repairs, \$1,042.56; For Publication, \$158.38; Association expenses, \$20.00; Insurance, \$134.03 and Miscellaneous, \$202.29.

Ministers Belonging to our church and their addresses: Bro. J. P. Lewis, 20 East Talequah, Pho. 749-R; Bro. J. H. Hill, 1319 East 1st, Phone 749-J; and Bro. John Bullard. Pastor's Name A. L. McAffrey, 1302 W. 13th, Phone 526-W.

Done by order of First Free Will Baptist Church as-

sembled in conference this day of August, 1957.

A. L. McAffrey, Moderator

Beulah Leming, Clerk

Sister Velma McAffrey was appointed State Delegate.

Deaths in Our Church; Sister Barton and Brother N. J. Matlock.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in Divine essence, power and glory—Romans 1:20, 1 John 1:7, John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice—Matt. 5:8, II Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death, crowned with glory, that He, by Grace of God, should taste death for every man—Gen. 3:7-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else"—Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:2-21; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life—John 3:3.

6. We believe that infants are saved by the merits of the Son of God—John 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16.

7. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end, if they inherit eternal life; for blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city—Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; 28:19-20; Romans 6:2-5.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructions of His blessed Word, to go fourth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come—I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and washing of

the Saint's feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children—Mark 14:22; John 3:4-14; Matt. 28:20; I Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerk, chosen by the church and continuing in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to the dealing with disorderly members. In all cases, a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous—Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat"—I Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immorality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God—Gal. 6:10; I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of the damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

## RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections 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 propositions 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 assure 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. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

## GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCHES

The local church is an independent body so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its own business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members.

Persons who give evidence of piety are received to membership by a vote of the church; and if not baptized, on condition of being baptized. If objections are made, they should be stated to the church; and if objections are judged valid, the candidate should not be received into fellowship. The right hand of fellowship is given all persons received by the church.

Persons expelled from sister churches for any cause or for immorality, should not be received until first giving satisfaction.

Letters of dismissal and commendation are granted to members in good standing, by a vote of the church, on their removal from its limits. Ministers are received when they come or go to other denominations, in which case a council or ministers should be called respecting the action.

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Called to order by the Moderator.
2. Called into conference, or vote to go into conference.
3. Call for peace of the church (All who are at peace with God and each other, hold up your right hand.)
4. Visiting brethren invited to seat in council (Visiting members from other Free Will Baptist churches allowed.

5. Reading of minutes of last church conference.
6. Unfinished business
7. New business.
8. Reports of delegates to Association or Quarterly Meeting.
9. Are there any sick or in distress?
10. Support of ministry and other expenses.
11. Call for confession.
12. Invitation for members
13. Adjournment.

## CONSTITUTION

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

Art. 1 MEMBERSHIP—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of a 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 present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME—The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons to be denominated the Hopewell Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS—Letters from the different churches represented 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 of recommendation, by restoration of denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4 OFFICERS—The Association to have a Moderator, a clerk, and a Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES—New 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, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6 QUESTIONS—No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been considered in its own church.

Art. 7 MOTIONS—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.



Art. 8 MINUTES—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in the proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES—The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

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

AMENDMENTS NO. 1—Each ordained minister shall be a member of a church in the bounds of the Association, and if she should hold his letter for a period of three months, when opportunity affords him, he shall surrender his credentials to the quarterly meeting.

## 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 and love to obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world: from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful for one another's happiness and reputation, and to 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 principles 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 and the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.