

Minutes

*Hopewell
No. 2 Association*

FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES

58th Annual Meeting

1990

MINUTES OF THE
58th ANNUAL MEETING
HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

1990

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Myrl Kellelt.....	5 Years
Ralph Mullins, Sr.....	4 Years
Beryl Blair.....	3 Years
Troy Lewellan.....	2 Years
J. W. Craft.....	1 Year

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Dugan McDonald.....	5 Years
Ed Staggs.....	4 Years
Harvey White.....	3 Years
Myrl Kellelt.....	2 Years
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"PRIORITIES OF THE HEART"

LOVE FOR GOD / FAMILY / OTHERS / THE LOST

October 27, 1990 at Midway, 9:30 a.m.
January 12, 1991 at Countryside, 9:30 a.m.
April 13, 1991 at Midway, 9:30 a.m.
July 27, 1991 at Countryside, 9:30 a.m.

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District Youth to meet December 15, 1990
at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church, Comanche.

"Make a joyful noise unto the
Lord, all ye lands. Serve the
Lord with gladness; come before
his presence with singing."
Psalm 100:1,2

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

November 10-11, 1989

Lone Grove

November 10, 1989, the Hopewell #2 Association convened for the regular business at Lone Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Beryl Blair called the meeting to order.

Bro. Ralph Mullins led the singing "O Say, But I'm Glad", "I'll Fly Away", "When We All Get to Heaven", and "Victory in Jesus" with Sis. Ronna Atchley at the piano.

Bro. Dugan McDonald led in prayer followed by an altar of prayer.

Special singing: Brandi Gardner "Angels Step Back"; Brian Gardner "We're Gonna Rise" and "When I Get Carried Away"; and Bro. Don Zickefoose "Thank You Lord For Your Blessings" and "One Day at a Time".

Bro. Keith Bunch brought the evening message, "The Views of a Mature Christian" from Philippians 3:12-15.

The invitational song was "Just As I Am" with the benediction by Bro. Paul Carter.

November 11, 1989, 9:30 a.m., Business convened with Bro. Beryl Blair calling the meeting to order. "I'll Be Listening" and "Standing on the Promises" were led by Bro. Ralph Mullins with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Letters were read from 8 churches.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Right hand of fellowship was given while Bro. Ralph Mullins led "When We All Get to Heaven" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Motion carried to receive Minutes as read.

Motion carried to receive the Petitionary Letter from Lawton that Bro. Rob Rooker's license to preach be extended one year.

Other letters were received from Home Missions Department; Dennis and Carol Teague; Ernie and Jean Deeds; and Shirley Combs.

Rules of Order read by Bro. Dugan McDonald.

Visitors were invited to seat in Council.

Appointment of Committees as follows:

Divine Committee: Sis. Myrtle Norton, Bro. Gilbert Gardner, Sis. Dolores Gillespy.

Resolution Committee: Bro. Harold Boerstler, Sis. Joyce Combs, Bro. Don Zickefoose.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Marjorie Carter, Sis. Lois Gilbert; Sis. Lynnette Ashley. Temperance Committee: Bro. Loray Spurgeon, Bro. Tom Dudley, Bro. John Truax.

Bro. Myrl Kellett was chosen as the morning speaker.

Motion carried to receive the Treasurer's Report of \$212.39 balance on hand given by Sis. Sheila Rooker.

Motion carried to receive the Campground Report by Bro. Rob Rooker that the forms are ready for cement to be poured to extend the stage area of the tabernacle.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:00 p.m. for worship service and lunch. Bro. Dale Howell prayed the benediction.

The 11 a.m. Worship Service was conducted by Bro. Beryl Blair. Bro. Harvey White led in prayer.

Bro. Ralph Mullins led "I Love to Walk With Jesus", "When All of God's Singers Get Home", "When Morning Comes", "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder", and "Heaven's Jubilee" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Bro. Arley Atchley led in prayer.

Special singing: Michelle Blair "Thank You for Giving to the Lord"; Sis. Cindi Staggs, Sis. Marjorie Carter, and Sis. Diann Pierson

"Beulahland"; and Bro. Don Zickefoose "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" and "Praise Him."

Bro. Myrl Kellelt brought the message from Galatians 5:1 and Ephesians 6:10-17 entitled, "Liberty and Power and the Doctrine of Christ."

Bro. Ralph Mullins led the invitational song, "Just As I Am" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Bro. Dugan McDonald closed in prayer.

Business resumed at 1:00 p.m. with singing "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms" and "The Glory Land Way" led by Bro. Terry Pierson with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Bro. Keith Bunch led in prayer.

Bro. Dugan McDonald brought the afternoon devotional entitled, "The Inspiration of the Bible".

Unfinished Business: Motion carried to have Bro. John Beverly as the afternoon evangelist and Bro. Bob Lee Thomas as the evening evangelist during Youth Camp with District Youth paying support for Bro. Beverly.

Motion carried to have Youth Camp June 17-22, 1990.

Motion carried to appoint a 3-man committee to investigate Keyboard prices and bring results to next Quarterly Meeting. The Committee will be Sis. Marjorie Carter, Bro. Terry Pierson, and Bro. Don Zickefoose.

New Business: None

Executive Board: No Report

Credential Board: No report

Committee Reports: Motion carried to receive the Resolution Committee Report to pray for unity; talk up churches instead of down; help the needy; and to pray that the people will tear down the wall in Germany.

Motion carried to receive the Obituary Committee Report - Midway (Linda Bussy's father and Alan Millers grandmother); Countyline

(Bertha Schuller & Jess Gillespy); and Stobtown (Dena McClennahan's grandfather and Edith Robert's mother). After a moment of silence Bro. Ed Staggs concluded in prayer.

Motion carried to receive Temperance Committee Report that temperance training (in all areas of life) should begin early in the home and church and we accept this responsibility God has given us.

Miscellaneous Business: Motion carried that cooks have the right to buy all the groceries for campground. Amended motion carried that this will be for this camp year only.

Motion carried to have those present ask their churches for their opinion about forming a District Youth Association and bring results to next Quarterly Meeting.

General Board Member Report given by Bro. Ralph Mullins.

Announcements: November 19, 1989 - Home Missions Sunday. January 27, 1990 - Ministers and Deacons Meeting at Countryside. November 17, 1989 - Youth Fellowship at Comanche. November 14, 1989 - Women's Auxiliary at Lone Grove will have a Pre-Thanksgiving service. November 18, 1989 - Benefit Singing at Stobtown at 7 p.m. for Charles Denney family.

Prayer requests for Michelle Blair's mother, Countyline Church, Bro. Denney's son, and Sis. Fran McDonald.

Motion carried to ajourn and meeting was dismissed in prayer.

Moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair
Lynne Truax, Clerk

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
1ST QUARTER 1989
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - July 31, 1989	\$ 396.01
Total Income From Churches	2,292.98
Sub-Total	2,688.99
Less Expenses	2,476.60

Water Department	\$ 129.50
OG&E Electric	210.61
State Giving	1,256.50
Campground Fund	235.49
State Dues	280.00
Postage & Copies	14.50
Ralph Mullins - Delegate	100.00
Wright-Way Printing (100 Minutes)	250.00

Balance on Hand - October 31, 1989	\$212.39
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HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
1989
August, September, October

Church	Total	State Co-Op	FM + HM + SM	Hills- dale	Camp- ground	Gen. Fund
Countryside	155.00	80.00			15.00	60.00
County Line	145.72	77.43				68.29
Eastside Duncan	32.00				32.00	
Grace	125.00	35.00	50.00			40.00
Lawton	75.00	35.00				40.00
Lone Grove	554.09	296.32			87.42	170.35
Midway	927.45	35.00	520.95	236.80	47.35	87.35
Stobtown	278.72	35.00	135.00		53.72	55.00
Other	00.00					
TOTAL	2292.98	593.75	705.95	236.80	235.49	520.99

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
February 9-10, 1990
Grace

February 9, 1990, the Hopewell #2 Association convened for the regular business at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Beryl Blair called the meeting to order. There was singing, special singing, prayer, and the message was brought by Bro. Rob Rooker.

February 10, 1990, 9:30 a.m., Business convened with Bro. Beryl Blair calling the meeting to order. Bro. Don Zickefoose led "Sweet By and By" and "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" with Sis. Vali Robinson at the piano. Bro. Arley Atchley led in prayer.

Letters were called for and read from 8 churches.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates while Bro. Ralph Mullins led "What A Friend" with Sis. Vali Robinson at the piano.

Letter from Bro. Connie Cariker was read concerning Roll Call Sunday.

Appointed to the Divine Committee were Sis. Delores Gillespy, Sis. Elsie Garrett, and Sis. Alice Spurgen, and they chose Bro. Arley Atchley as the morning speaker.

There were no Petitionary Letters.

Bro. Dugan McDonald read the Rules of Order and visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Further Committee appointments as follows: Resolution: Bro. J. W. Craft, Sis. Judy Zickefoose, Sis. Pat Vanbebber. Obituary: Bro. Ralph Mullins, Sis. Joyce Combs, Sis. Cora Dobbins. Temperance: Bro. Keith Bunch, Sis. Wanda Kellett, Bro. John Truax.

Motion carried to receive the Treasurer's Report given by Sis. Sheila Rooker with a balance on hand of \$235.89.

Motion carried to receive Campground Report by Bro. Rob Rooker with a balance on hand of \$1219.13.

Bro. Blair reported on the Minister's and Deacon's meeting at Countryside and expressed appreciation.

Unfinished Business: Discussion on the purchase of a keyboard for the campground and will further discuss this item in the afternoon.

Motion carried to adjourn until 10:50 a.m. for the morning service and until 1:00 p.m. for business. Bro. Rob Rooker closed in prayer.

The Morning Worship service was conducted by Bro. Beryl Blair.

Bro. Don Zickefoose led in singing "When the Saints Go Marching In", "I'll Fly Away", and "I've Never Been Sorry" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano. Bro. Loray Spurgeon led in prayer.

Special Singing: Bro. Harold & Sis. Vali Robinson, "Crown Him King"; Countyline Singers, "Stroll Over Heaven"; Sis. Michelle Blair, "Thank You For Giving to the Lord"; and Bro. Don Zickefoose, "He's Coming Again" and "Green Pastures".

Bro. Arley Atchley brought the message entitled "A Timely Advice" from Ephesians 5:15 & 16, II Corinthians 6:2, and Hebrews 9:27.

Bro. Ralph Mullins closed in prayer.

Business resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. & Sis. Carter recognized as delegates and were extended Right Hand of Fellowship by Bro. Beryl Blair.

Motion carried to purchase \$950 keyboard described by Sis. Marjorie Carter.

Discussion on the formation of a District Youth Association.

Reports: No report from the Executive Board.

Resolution: Motion carried that we establish a Local Mission Fund supported by asking the churches for 1% of their income and further resolved that the Fund be administered by the Executive Board. Motion carried that this money only be used for local missions (Hopewell #2 established churches or to build new ones).

Motion carried that all Association meeting locations be decided by alphabetical order as Minister's and Deacons meetings are determined.

Obituary: Grandmother of Sis. Ronna Atchley. There was a moment of silence and thankfulness and Bro. Dugan McDonald concluded in prayer. Temperance: Motion carried to accept committee report item by item: 1. Motion carried to practice faith to deny self and commit our lives to study, prayer, and daily devotions. Faith to worship God in full surrender to the will of the Father. 2. Motion carried to practice abstaining from all conformity to the world system. Practicing the walk of Christ in the Light of the Word. 3. Motion carried that we as Christians make it our chief business to find ways to monitor proposed changes to the laws or laws being made in our local, state, and federal governments so that we may find God's will being done on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

Bro. Rob Rooker gave the Youth Director report confirming Bro. John Beverly as the afternoon evangelist and Bro. Bob Thomas as the evening evangelist. Bro. Rooker requests more volunteers to teach and to council.

No Miscellaneous Business.

No Election of Officers.

Announcements: February 22, 7:30 p.m.
Bro. Hank Murray from Carlsbad, New Mexico,
will be at Grace. February 21, Bro. Hank
Murray will be at Midway. March 25, Roll Call
Sunday.

Motion carried to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

Bro. Keith Bunch closed in prayer.

Bro. Beryl Blain, Moderator
Lynne Truax, Clerk

-- CAMPGROUND FUND --

Balance on Hand - February 10, 1990 \$1219.13

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
2ND QUARTER
1989 1989 1990
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - October 31, 1989	\$ 212.39
Total Income From Churches	1,427.87
Sub-Total	1,640.26
Less Expenses	1,404.37
Water Department	\$107.25
OG&E	86.69
State Giving	989.32
Campground Fund	221.11
Balance on Hand - January 31, 1990	\$ 235.89

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
1989 1989 1990
November, December, January

Church	Total	State Co-Op	FM + RM + SM	Hills- dale	Camp- ground	Gen. Fund
Countryside	75.00	45.00			15.00	15.00
County Line	86.43	25.25			26.60	34.58
Eastside Duncan	00.00				32.00	
Grace	00.00					
Lawton	00.00					
Lone Grove	271.98	148.36			49.47	74.15
Midway	793.13		401.57	234.14	78.71	78.71
Stobtown	201.33		135.00		51.33	15.00
Other	00.00					
TOTAL	1427.87	218.61	536.57	234.14	221.11	217.44

(Note - County Line State Co-Op paid to Campground Fund in error - Correct in February)

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

May 4-5, 1990

Countryside

May 4, 1990, the Hopewell #2 Association convened for the regular business at Countryside Free Will Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Bro. Beryl Blair called the meeting to order.

Bro. Terry Pierson led "When We All Get to Heaven", "He Keeps Me Singing", and "The Lily of the Valley" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Bro. Keith Bunch led in prayer.

There was an altar of prayer.

Specials were Sis. Norton "He's Alive", Bro. & Sis. James Waldrep "The Old Account Was Settled", Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson "God on the Mountain", and Bro. Don Zickefoose "Family Bible", "Because He Lives", and "The Lovely Name of Jesus."

Bro. Don Zickefoose brought the message "The Dominion of Satan" from Matthew 7:13,14; Luke 13:24-28, and Rev. 21:1-8.

Bro. Terry Pierson led the invitational song "Jesus Is Calling" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Bro. Loray Spurgeon closed in prayer.

May 5, 1990, 9:30 a.m. Business convened with Bro. Beryl Blair calling the meeting to order.

"How Great Thou Art" and "Power in the Blood" were led by Bro. Don Zickefoose with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Troy Lewellan.

Letters were read and received from 7 churches.

Motion carried to seat the delegates.

Right hand of fellowship was given while Bro. Ralph Mullins led "Joy Unspeakable" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Appointed to the Divine Committee were Bro. Troy Lewellan, Sis. Pat VanBebber, and Bro. John Truax.

Motion carried to receive the minutes.

Petitionary Letter received from Midway that Bro. Paul Carter be examined for license to preach.

The Divine Committee selected Bro. Dugan McDonald to be the morning speaker.

Other letters were read from Hillsdale College and Bro. Ken Stevens from Vinita.

Rules of Order were read by Bro. Dugan McDonald.

Visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Appointment of Committees as follows:

Resolution: Bro. Don Zickefoose, Bro. Gilbert Gardner, and Sis. Delores Gillespy. Obituary: Bro. David Waldrep, Sis. Alice Spurgin, and Sis. Cora Dobbins. Temperance: Bro. Dale Howell, Sis. Nadine Nix, and Sis. Oma Gillespy.

Motion carried to receive Treasurer's Report given by Sis. Frances Lewellan with a balance on hand of \$223.47.

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business: Motion carried to allow livestock grazing in campground to help with grass and weed control.

Reports: Executive Board: Bro. Ralph Mullins reported that the Executive Board had not met since last District Meeting.

Campground Board: Bro. Harold Boerstler gave report of need for help to pave cement for platform in tabernacle with date to be set later. The keyboard has been purchased and is at Midway Church.

Youth Director: No report.

Motion carried to dismiss for Worship Services at 10:50 am and Business at 1:15. Prayer was given by Bro. Ralph Mullins.

The Morning Worship services were led by Bro. Beryl Blair and opened in prayer by Bro. Arley Atchley.

Bro. Don Zickefoose led "At Calvary" and "Sweet By and By" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Special Singing was Sis. Kathy Little "He's Coming Back", Sis. Karen Bunch "The Lighthouse", Sis. Kim Robinson "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy", and Bro. Don Zickefoose "Someone to Care" and "Praise Him."

Bro. Dugan McDonald offered the pulpit to Bro. Connie Cariker, the State Executive Secretary, and Bro. Cariker brought the message from Psalms 85:6 on the Principals of Revival.

Following special prayer for Bro. Ed Staggs, the benediction was offered by Bro. Keith Bunch.

Business resumed at 1:15 a.m. with Bro. Don Zickefoose leading "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Bro. Jimmy Howell brought a devotional from Matthew 9:37,8 entitled "Pray the Lord of the Harvest".

Bro. Connie Cariker presented to the Association a report on the state work and a request for support in Co-operative giving.

The Credential Board recommended that Bro. Paul Carter be licensed to preach.

Motion carried to receive Resolution Committee Report that we pray to get prayer back in the schools.

Motion carried to receive the Obituary Committee Report - Countyline (Jewell McCulley) and Grace (Inamae Vanbebbber). There was a

moment of silence and Bro. Myrl Kellett concluded in prayer.

Motion carried to receive Temperance Committee Report that we need to be more concerned about the morals of our nation, city, and homes. Pray that prayer will be put back into schools where it belongs.

Announcements: June 17-24 Youth Encampment. July 28 - Ministers & Deacons Meeting. August 6-10 - Association Revival. August 10-11 - Annual Business Meeting. Bro. Arley Atchley will preach the Memorial Service.

Motion carried to have Campground Board bring to the next meeting an outline of duties, obligations, or authority they expect to have from this body.

May 19 - Youth Executive Committee to meet 7:30 at Grace. May 12 - Tripp Family at Christian Life Cathedral, between Duncan and Comanche. May 6 - Noble Church to be in their new building. Bro. Connie Cariker will begin Revival Services there at 7 p.m. that evening.

Motion carried to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. with benediction by Bro. Paul Carter.

Bro. Beryl Blair, Moderator
Lynne Truax, Clerk

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
3RD QUARTER 1990
FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - January 31, 1990	\$ 235.89
Total Income From Churches	2,424.10
Sub-Total	2,659.99
Less Expenses	2,436.52

Water Department	\$ 30.00
OG&E Electric	133.43
State Giving	1,097.90
Campground Fund	206.69
Copies & Postage	18.50
Walker Music (Keyboard)	950.00

Keyboard Donations - Ministers & Deacons (\$200); Campground Fund (\$200); Grace (\$50); Midway (\$100); Lawton (\$100); Lone Grove (\$100); Countryside (\$100); County Line (\$50); Pat VanBibber (\$25); Harold & Vala Robinson (\$25); Harold Boerstler (\$50).
Total - \$1,000.00

Balance on Hand - April 30, 1990	\$ 223.47
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HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
1990
February, March, April

Church	Total	State Co-Op	FM + HM + SM	Hills- dale	Camp- ground	Gen. Fund
Countryside	275.00	45.00		100.00	15.00	115.00
County Line	85.97	48.18			(26.60)	64.39
Eastside Duncan	90.00				40.00	50.00
Grace	25.00					25.00
Lawton	100.00					100.00
Lone Grove	420.33	167.44	41.28		55.80	155.81
Midway	799.61		352.79	208.21	69.30	169.31
Stobtown	203.19		135.00		53.19	15.00
Other	425.00					425.00
TOTAL	2424.10	260.62	529.07	308.21	206.69	1119.51

58th Annual Meeting of Hopewell #2 Association
August 10-11, 1990
Campground

August 10, 1990, the Hopewell #2 Association convened for the regular business at 7:30 p.m. at the Campground. Bro. Beryl Blair called the meeting to order.

Bro. Terry Pierson led "Victory in Jesus" and "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the keyboard and accompanied by the Paul Carter family. Bro. Keith Bunch led in prayer.

Special Singing - Bro. Don Zickefoose "One Day At a Time" and "Praise Him" and Bro. & Sis. Darryl Robinson and Cindi Staggs "Jesus, We're Going to Stand For You." The congregation sang "Stand Up For Jesus", followed by prayer by Bro. Beryl Blair. Special Singing - Sis. Karen Bunch "For What Earthly Reason"; Sis. Karen Bunch & Sis. Cathy Little "Walk Around Me, Jesus"; and Sis. Ronna Atchley "The Midnight Cry". The congregation sang "Count Your Blessings" and prayer by Bro. Troy Lewellan.

Bro. Dugan McDonald brought the message from Hebrews 3:1-6 entitled "Consider Jesus."

Bro. Terry Pierson led "Jesus Is Calling" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the keyboard and accompanied by the Paul Carter family. Bro. Bill Holder prayed the Benediction.

August 11, 1990, 9:30 a.m. Business convened with Bro. Beryl Blair calling the meeting to order.

Bro. Ralph Mullins led "Camping in Caanan's Land" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the keyboard followed by prayer by Bro. Paul Carter.

Letters were read from 8 churches.

The right hand of fellowship was given while Bro. Ralph Mullins led "When We All Get

to Heaven" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the keyboard.

The minutes were read and received.

Petitionary Letters were read from First Church Lawton to extend Bro. Don Zickefoose's license to preach for one year, and from Stobtown to accept Bro. Steve Robinson into the Association.

The Rules of Order were read by Bro. Dugan McDonald.

Other letters were read from Missionary Shirley Combs and Bro. Connie Cariker, the State Executive Secretary.

Visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Appointment of Committees as follows:

Resolution: Bro. Paul Carter, Sis. Alice Spurgin, Bro. Joe Hadley; Obituary: Bro. John Truax, Sis. Delores Gillespy, Sis. Cindi Staggs; Temperance: Bro. Loray Spurgeon, Bro. Ronnie Hayes, Bro. J.W. Craft.

Campground Report given by Bro. Rob Rooker with beginning balance of \$1219.13, deposits of \$2594.00, expenses of \$2623.90, with a balance on hand of \$1189.23. The Campground Board recommends that each church appoint a committee to raise funds for repairs for the campground.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. Sheila Rooker with a balance on hand of \$89.22.

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business: Motion carried to print a monthly Associational Newsletter with Bro. Ronnie Hayes as editor to begin in September 1990. Each church to send information and \$20 to cover cost of printing and mailing monthly to Bro. Hayes.

Motion carried to send Harley Files of Amoco Production Company a letter of appreciation for donating cement and other things to campground.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 p.m. for business. Prayer by Bro. Myrl Kellelt.

The 11 a.m. Worship services were led by Bro. Beryl Blair. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Craft.

Bro. Ralph Mullins led "Amazing Grace", "The Old Rugged Cross", and "Cleanse Me" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the Keyboard. Special Singing - Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson "I Keep Coming Back to the Well"; Sis. Cathy Little dedicated "Friends Are Friends Forever" to the Atchley's; and Bro. Don Zickefoose "Zions Hill" and "The Family Bible."

Bro. Dugan McDonald gave the Obituary Report which included Jerry Broyles (Grace), Shorty Thompson, brother of member at Midway, and Terry Christian (Stobtown) and then led in prayer. Bro. Arley Atchley brought the memorial message entitled "Goodby / Hello" from Matthew 16:21,24 and I Peter 2:21-23.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Ralph Mullins.

Business resumed at 1 p.m. with Bro. Ralph Mullins leading "Remind Me, Dear Lord" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the Keyboard. Prayer by Bro. Steve Robinson.

The Credential Board reported they found Bro. Steve Robinson sound in doctrine and that he be accepted into the Association. Members present were Bro. Myrl Kellett, Bro. Ralph Mullins, and Bro. Edward Staggs.

Motion carried to receive the Resolution Committee report that the Standing Campground Board be made a permanent board consisting of 5 members and that the 1-Year man on that Board will be the Chairman. Elected to the Campground Board were Terry Pierson (5-Year Man); Steve Robinson (4-Year Man); Keith Bunch (3-Year Man); Paul Carter (2-Year Man); and Ronnie Hayes (1-Year Man and Chairman). Motion carried that we will not ordain any minister unless the work necessitates it.

Motion carried to receive the Temperance Committee report that we recommend to individuals and families to monitor religious

TV programs and that there be more emphasis on worship in churches and less emphasis on entertainment.

Motion carried to receive an offering to reimburse Sis. Boerstler \$32.90 for newspaper ad of Association Revival.

Motion carried that Campground Board duties be outlined by Executive Board and this will be brought to the next meeting.

Motion carried to have Bro. Jess Gillespy as Posthumous Honorary Member of the Campground Board. Motion carried to call the campground kitchen "Gillespy Hall" and have a plaque placed. Motion carried to name the Tabernacle "Carrol Hall" in honor of Bro. Floyd Carrol and have a plaque placed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Bro. Myrl Kellett was elected as the 5 Year Man on the Executive Board. Bro. Dugan McDonald was elected as the 5 Year Man on the Credential Board. Moderator, Bro. Dugan McDonald, Assistant Moderator, Bro. Beryl Blair. Clerk, Lynne Truax, Assistant Clerk, Sis. Francis Lewellan. Treasurer, Sis. Susie Robinson, Assistant Treasurer, Bro. Steve Robinson. Reporter, Sis. Fran McDonald. 1991 General Board Member, Bro. Myrl Kellett.

Youth Camp Director, Bro. Terry Pierson, Assistant Director, Bro. Keith Bunch.

Associational Meetings and Speakers for 1990-1991 - Starting time, Friday nights, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

November 9-10, 1990, Countryside, Speaker Bro. Steve Robinson.

February 8-9, 1991, County Line, Speaker Bro. Paul Carter.

May 3-4, 1991, Eastside Duncan, Speaker Bro. Myrl Kellett.

August 9-10, 1991 at Campground, Saturday morning Speaker Bro. Dugan McDonald.

August 5-9, 1991 Associational Revival at Campground.

Churches will bring recommendations for Associational evangelist at next meeting.

Youth Encampment Date was tabled until November meeting.

Motion carried that all annual meetings be held at the Campgrounds.

Motion carried to write letters of appreciation to people going out as officers and Board members.

Announcements: October 15-18, 1990 at Ada - State Associational Meeting. Our General Board Member is Bro. Dugan McDonald. November 9-10, 1990 at Countryside - District Meeting. September 15 at County Line, Youth Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Right hand of fellowship given to Arley Atchley family and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Terry Pierson.

Bro. Beryl Blair, Moderator
Lynne Truax, Clerk

-- CAMPGROUND FUND --

Beginning Balance	\$1219.13
Total Deposits	2594.00
Total	\$3813.13
Less Expenses	2623.90
Balance on Hand	\$1189.23

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
4TH QUARTER 1990
MAY/JUNE/JULY

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - April 30, 1990	\$223.47
Total Income From Churches (Returned from State - Lonnie Palmer \$45)	\$2,404.36
Sub-Total	\$2,627.83
Less Expenses	2,538.61
Water Department	\$ 107.25
OG&E Electric	299.86
State Giving	1,274.00
Campground Fund	812.50
Lonnie Palmer, FM	45.00
Balance on Hand - July 31, 1990	\$ 89.22

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
1990
May, June, July

Church	Total	State Co-Op	FM + HM + SM	Hills- dale	Camp- ground	Gen. Fund
Countryside	200.00	45.00			140.00	15.00
County Line	101.43	60.85				40.58
Eastside Duncan	00.00					
Grace	00.00					
Lawton	525.00	150.00			325.00	50.00
Lone Grove	359.95	185.97			111.98	62.00
Midway	907.74		456.36	270.82	90.28	90.28
Stobtown	193.31		135.00		43.31	15.00
Other	116.93		15.00		101.93	
TOTAL	2404.36	441.82	606.36	270.82	812.50	272.86

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
1990
YEARLY REPORT

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - July 31, 1989	\$ 396.01
Total Income From Churches	8,549.31
Sub-Total	8,945.32
Less Expenses	8,856.01
Water Department	\$ 374.00
OG&E	730.59
State Giving	4617.72
Campground Fund	1475.79
State Dues	280.00
Postage & Copies	33.00
Ralph Mullins - Delegate	100.00
Wright-Way Printing - Minutes	250.00
Walker Music - Keyboard	950.00
Lonnie Palmer - FM	45.00
Balance on Hand - July 31, 1990	\$89.22

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION

1990

Yearly Report

Church	Total	State Co-Op	FM + HM + SM	Hills- dale	Camp- ground	Gen. Fund
Countryside	705.00	215.00		100.00	185.00	205.00
County Line	419.55	211.71				207.84
Eastside Duncan	122.00				72.00	50.00
Grace	150.00	35.00	50.00			65.00
Lawton	700.00	185.00			325.00	190.00
Lone Grove	1606.35	798.09	41.28		304.67	462.31
Midway	3427.93	35.00	1731.67	949.97	285.64	425.65
Stobtown	876.55	35.00	540.00		201.55	100.00
Other	541.93		15.00		101.93	425.00
TOTAL	8549.31	1514.80	2377.95	1049.97	1475.79	2130.80

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Craft	439-6341
Rt. 1, Box 225, Comanche, OK 73438	
David Gardner	657-4430
Star Rt. 107 Astor, Lone Grove, OK 73443	
Royce McClendon	657-8214
Rt. 2, Ardmore, OK 73401	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rob Rooker	357-8755
2512 A Avenue, Lawton, OK 73505	
Don Zickefoose	355-8242
1912 Garfield, Lawton, OK 73501	

ORDAINED DEACONS

Harold Boerstler	255-7015
721 N. 8th, Duncan, OK 73433	
Cleo Chism	353-8482
508 S. 13th, Lawton, OK 73501	
Billy Christian	657-4842
Star Rt. Box 17, Lone Grove, OK 73443	
Forest Cox	444-2484
Rt. 1, Box 46, Ratliff City, OK 73081	
Luther Eason	252-0239
Rt. 5, Box 7E, Duncan, OK 73533	
Dale Howell	657-3836
St. Rt. Box A104, Lone Grove, OK 73443	
Othel Kyle	657-6420
Rt. 3, Box 31, Ardmore, OK 73401	
Troy Lewellan	673-2315
Box 201, Graham, OK 73437	
Ralph Mullins	856-3038
Box 275, Ratliff City, OK 73081	
Marshall Mitchell	657-4252
Rt. 3, Ardmore, OK 73401	
Troy Morris	657-4513
Tr. 3, Box 155, Ardmore, OK 73401	

Terry Pierson	673-2109
Box 6, Graham, OK 73437	
Leonard Robinson	657-4742
Rt. Box 20, Lone Grove, OK 73443	
LoRay Spurgeon	444-2527
Box 842, Velma, OK 73091	
Sam Staggs	
Box 126, Countyline, OK 73025	
Steve Robinson	657-2501

MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Officers and Meetings

Beryl Blair.....	Moderator
Ralph Mullins.....	Secretary/Treasurer

Meetings:

October 27, 1990	7:30 p.m.
January 26, 1991	7:30 p.m.
April 27, 1991	7:30 p.m.
July 27, 1990	7:30 p.m.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Psalms 121:1,2

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Countryside Box 235 Velma, OK 73091 (405) 444-3530	Keith Bunch Box 235 Velma, OK 73091 (405) 444-3530	Emma Combest Rt. 3, Box 129-B Duncan, OK 73091 (405) 444-2433
County Line Box 236 County Line, OK 73025	Edward Staggs Box 156 County Line, OK 73025 (405) 856-3978	Gearldine Staggs Box 126 County Line, OK 73025 (405) 856-3581
Eastside Duncan 1313 E. Chestnut Box 1413 Duncan, OK 73533 (405) 252-0519	J. W. Craft (Interim Pastor) Rt. 1, Box 225 Comanche, OK 73529 (405) 439-6341	Reba Boerstler 721 N. 8th. St. Duncan, OK 73533 (405) 255-7015
Grace Box 132 Comanche, OK 73529 (405) 439-2311	Beryl Blair 707 Patterson Comanche, OK 73529 (405) 439-2311	Geneva Hughes Rt. 1, Box 307 Comanche, OK 73529 (405) 439-5241
Lawton First 10 South 24th St. Lawton, OK 73505 (405) 355-4668	Myrl Kelleff 2603 A Avenue Lawton, OK 73505 (405) 355-4668	Wanda Kelleff 2603 A Avenue Lawton, OK 73505 (405) 355-4668
Lone Grove Box 325 Lone Grove, OK 73443 (405) 657-3246	Harvey White Box 325 Lone Grove, OK 73443 (405) 657-3246	Mary Beth Bray Rt. 3, Box 31-C Ardnore, OK 73401 (405) 657-4908
Midway HC-63, Box 2400 Healdton, OK 73438 (405) 673-2599	Dugan McDonald HC-63, Box 2400 Healdton, OK 73438 (405) 673-2599	Francis Lewellian Box 201 Graham, OK 73437 (405) 673-2315
Stobtown Rt. 3, Box 154C Ardnore, OK 73401 (405) 657-6295		Ann Christian Rt. 3, Box 134-A Ardnore, OK 73401 (405) 657-2218

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every setting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or whosoever he may request.
2. All standing delegates and elected delegates present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
5. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
6. 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 answer is given from the voting delegation the question shall be dismissed.
7. A ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
8. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.
9. 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.
10. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
11. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
12. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.
13. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
14. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association.
15. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to assure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, and the chair shall announce, just before adjournment, who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
16. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.
17. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by the Moderator
3. Letters called for and read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of the delegates
5. Reading of Minutes
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visitors to seats in council
9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Reports of Boards
13. Reports of Committees
14. Miscellaneous Business
15. Election of Officers

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 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 and dismissed by letter, as other members are, except when they come or go to other denominations, in which case a council of ministers should be called respecting the action.

It is the duty of the church to unite with some Association and represent itself regularly by delegates and letter.

No person shall be a delegate from a church, unless he or she is a member and appointed by the church he or she claims to represent.

CONSTITUTION OF HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group of churches, do hereby ordain this Constitution for our progress and do perpetuate better associational government.

NAME

This Association shall be known as the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma. It shall meet four times each year with August session designated as the Annual Session. Each quarterly conference shall possess the same authority as the Annual Session except for the election of Officers and Board Members.

PURPOSE

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing this District Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may hereafter be, represented therein.

MEMBERSHIP

This Association shall be composed of Free Will Baptist Churches which maintain Gospel order and agree with denominational doctrine and practices; and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by the Association. Voting representation, at any session, shall be as described in Article Four (4) of the By-Laws.

NEW CHURCHES

Any regular organized Free Will Baptist Church desiring to unite with this

Association may do so by presenting a petitionary letter and being examined by the Executive Board of the Association. A majority vote of this Association is necessary for the acceptance of any church into the association.

DISCIPLINE

This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization. Furthermore, if there be any question of discipline, doctrine or practices on the part of an affiliated church, delegates of that church shall not be seated until these questions have been settled to the satisfaction of the Credential Board.

Section 2: Decisions of the Credential Board may be appealed in this manner. All appeals shall come before the body of the Hopewell No. 2 Association.

OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, all whom shall be elected at the annual session.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy occurring between sessions, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next session.

BOARDS

The following standing Boards shall be elected in the Annual Session: Executive Board, Credential Board, Church Training Board, Christian Education Board, Mission Board. Each Board shall consist of five members as to have one member retiring each year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

This Board shall be composed of five members who are members of an affiliated church, in good standing with their church and faithful in attendance and support. They shall be elected at the discretion of this Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to act in behalf of the Association when it is not in session. It shall be bound to carry out the directions of the Association and shall hold itself bound by every consideration of morality and honor to carry out the wishes of this Association and to act under its instructions in whatever technical rights, civil laws and the decisions of courts may give it in certain emergencies. It shall be the duty of this board to sign their signatures to any and all papers concerning properties, indebtedness, bonds, or other legal documents pertaining to the execution of the will of the Association. No member of the Executive Board shall delegate authority to any other member of said Board to cast his vote for him in any matter. The Executive Board shall have the power to call the Association into conference by notifying each church, ten days prior to the conference; and, they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or the annual meeting if the place where said meeting is to be held is unable to care for the meeting. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be held unless there is a quorum present of three members. This Board shall make a full report in writing of its activities at each session.

CREDENTIAL BOARD

The Credential Board shall be composed of five ordained members of this Association who are members of an affiliated church, in good standing with their church and faithful in attendance and support. The Credential Board shall examine ministers for license and ordination. It shall be the duty of this Board to examine all ordained ministers who wish to unite with this association. It shall also be the responsibility of this Board to examine candidates for the office of Deacon who are sent from their churches before this Association. In cases of discipline this Board shall have the authority to labor with the ordained of this association.

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PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

Any church that is a member of the Hopewell No. 2 Association that shall become extinct, or that has or shall cease to function and use its property, shall be taken charge of by this Association, in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma. Every endeavor shall be made by this Association to keep any church from becoming extinct.

VACANCIES

Vacancies shall occur when a member moves from the territorial bounds of this Association or by death, by resignation or by removal from office by this Association. In the event of disciplinary action where charges concerning misconduct, doctrine or practice shall have been lodged against a member of any Board, or officer, his office shall be held in abeyance until such charges shall be concluded or as determined by this Association. All boards shall have power to fill vacancies arising between sessions of this Association. Such appointment shall terminate at the next session of the Association and shall be filled by this Association.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Elected delegates to the last session of the Association shall be retained as standing delegates for special called sessions.

DISSOLUTION

Should this Association cease to function, all properties and holdings shall go to the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist after all creditors are satisfied and indebtedness cleared.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of members present in writing to the body one day in advance.

BY-LAWS OF HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the Association into conference. In their absence the senior minister, in years, shall call the Association into conference and the body shall elect a moderator to serve for that session.
2. The Clerk of the Association shall have the duty of enrolling the delegates from the churches in this Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein.
3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Association to send a letter to every session of this Association reporting in the same the spiritual condition of the church and the list of delegates. Any church belonging to this Association which shall fail to report itself for one year may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. The voting body of this association shall consist of all Associational Officers and Board Members, all ordained ministers and their wives, all ordained deacons and their wives, local church clerks, and three elected delegates from each church affiliated with this Association.
5. Any standing or elected delegate to this Association who is opposed to the doctrine of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, as set forth in the Treatise, will not be entitled to a seat in conference.
6. A majority of the Churches of this Association shall constitute a quorum, a lesser number shall adjourn until such a quorum is present.
7. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members, but may not vote on any question.
8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member to a Board or Committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
9. All Boards and Committees of this Association shall be paid for travel to and from meetings at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per mile.
10. All Officers and Board Members of this Association must be faithful in attendance and support to their local church. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from their office.
11. A fee of \$75.00 is to be sent to the Annual Session of this Association. (\$40.00 for printing of the minutes and \$25.00 for State Delegate fee, \$10.00 State Association expenses.)
12. The Treasurer of this Association shall be bonded in the amount of \$2,500.00. He is to submit a written report at each session. If a written report is not given a new treasurer will be elected.
13. It shall be the duty of all boards to meet as often as may be necessary and any member absenting himself for three successive meetings may be dropped from the Board and his successor elected.
14. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are infallible rules 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 the 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, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified is our ever-present Saviour and Lord.
4. THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Scriptures assigns to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of all men.
5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining this constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of Grace, not otherwise provided for as highest welfare of man requires.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

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7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God, by His Incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation of faith.
8. **THE WORK OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are:
 1. The Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation.
 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 is renewed by the Holy Spirit; freed from the dominion of sin and becomes 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 WILL**—The Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, 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 the promise of eternal salvation.
13. **BACKSLIDING AND APOSTASY**—A person who has been regenerated or born again and is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin, is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and therefore is a backslider in a lost condition who must repent and be restored to the right relationship with God or be eternally lost.

We recognize, according to Hebrews 6:4-6, that it is possible for a person to get in the condition that he could never return to Christ. This, we believe, is Apostasy; however, we also recognize that a regenerate person can fall into sin, be in a lost condition and still not be an apostate. This person, through repentance, can be reconciled to God.
14. **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 administered to all true believers.
15. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorsed in the Gospel (Matt. 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 has prospered him."—I Cor. 16:2.
16. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from the secular employment and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
17. **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 the resurrection of damnation: then the wicked shall "Go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 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 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 forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, 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 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.

**NATIONAL
GUIDELINE
OF ORDINATION**

**ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY
IN THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION**

PREFACE

This little booklet has been prepared by the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association, and has been approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

It must be clearly understood that this booklet is intended to be descriptive and not legislative. Nobody can set ordination requirements for the denomination as a whole; such ordaining body across the denomination has full liberty to follow whatever practices it chooses.

From time to time, however, various persons engaged in exercising ordaining responsibilities are desirous of knowing what is being practiced abroad in the denomination. For that reason this booklet has been prepared. The Executive Committee trusts that the suggestions and descriptions will be helpful for those who wish help.

PART 1: GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN

Free Will Baptist, committed to doctrine of congregational church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers lies in the local church. In practice, however, some local Free Will Churches work together in the matter of ordination by delegating the authority of ordination to the association of churches in which the local church holds membership. The true source of this authority should never be lost sight of.

THE PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION

In some areas of the denomination, ordination follows a procedure at least similar to the following outline.

1. The individual, acknowledging his call from God, makes known his calling and desire for ordination to the local church of which his is a member.
2. The local church, led by the Holy Spirit to recognize that the individual does, indeed, appear to possess the gift, proceeds to have the candidate "licensed."
 - a. In many areas, the local church grants this "license" directly.
 - b. In other areas, the local church files a petition with the association that this "license" be granted.

Generally, there is no formal examination of a candidate involved for licensing. The request or action of the local church is all that is necessary at this stage. (For this reason, local churches should "license" or request license only after being firmly convinced the candidate has been called by God.)

3. The license issued in the preceding step is in force for a period of one year, and may be annually renewed if the licentiate is not ready for ordination. This renewal must be made by action or request of the local church.
4. Near the end of the licensing year, if the candidate feels he is ready for ordination, he again approaches his local church and signifies this. The local church, if it also feels that the candidate may be ready, now files a petition with the association that the candidate be examined for ordination.
5. Having received petition from the local church, the association's ordaining committee proceeds to "examine" the candidate. In reference to this step in the procedure, it should be noted that the details of the practice differ considerably from one place to another. But the basic practice is the same—Each association has some level of organization (a presbytery, ordination council or committee, etc.) which conducts the examination, and many groups require that a candidate fill out a formal "application" at this stage. This application should cover basic information on the candidate. The national bookstore has application forms for sale.

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6. The ordination committee reports the results of its examination to the association as a whole, and makes recommendations to be acted upon by the association as a body. If a recommendation is made and approved that the candidate be ordained the actual service of ordination soon follows. (In some cases, the committee for examination will recommend some further studies for the candidate before he should be ordained, in which case his license will be renewed until the suggestions are followed and another examination made, or, in some cases, the committee should recommend that the candidate completely withdraw for consideration as an ordained minister, in which case his license should not continue to be renewed.)

It should be noted here that in at least one or two areas, a recommendation for ordination does not have to be approved by the associational body as a whole. Such a practice tends to forget that ordination, after all, is done by the churches, not the ministry.

7. The procedure for setting up the ordination service varies considerably.
 - a. In many associations the same committee that made the examination arranges and conducts the ordination service.
 - b. In some areas, the associational recommendation is directed back to the local church and the local church arranges and conducts the ordination service.
 - c. In some areas, the candidate is permitted to choose some or all of a committee of ministers to arrange and conduct the ordination service.

In all areas, the service is conducted by ministers as the ordained representatives of the churches, and includes the "laying on of hands" as signifying the candidate's to the gospel ministry.

The Meaning of Ordination

There are some groups that do not practice any kind of official "ordination." Free Will Baptist are not among these, but it should not be inferred that Free Will Baptists believe the "church" gives a man authority to preach. The authority for a man to preach lies solely with God. Free Will Baptist believe in a divinely-called ministry.

Yet the visible church always finds itself called on to pass judgment on the exercise of ALL spiritual gifts, the ministry included. The injunction of the Bible is everywhere "Try the spirits." It is not sufficient that a man gain hearing simply because he says he is called by God and is bringing God's message.

Ordination then, is simply the church's official recognition that a man does indeed possess the gift and calling of God to the ministry and is therefore entitled to be heard as such. As indicated in the previous discussion of ordination procedure, there are really two levels of direct responsibility in ordination; the local church, primary, the associational ordination apparatus, secondary. Both levels should be thoroughly convinced, based on the evidence seen in life, ministry and knowledge, that the candidate has the required gift. And the general public should always be able to rely upon the fact of ordination as a clear sign that many Christians of mature judg-

ment have recognized that the one ordained is gifted and capable to minister. No group responsible for ordination would presume to imply that it is infallible. Candidates genuinely possessing the gift may on occasion be rejected, but although this is true the ordaining councils must not simply decide to ordain anyone just because he desires it.

The Responsibilities of Ordination.

The Candidate who has been ordained continues to have certain responsibilities relating to those who have ordained him, in addition to his obvious responsibilities to the Lord who has called him.

First, he should report regularly to the body with which he holds ordination. Second, he should submit to any call issued by the body for disciplinary purposes. If he shows himself, by conduct or doctrine, to be unworthy or continuing as ordained, he should willingly relinquish his ordination certificate to those who have the authority and having followed the correct procedures—request it.

The Transfer of Ordination

Moving about from one place to another in the denomination often involves transferring ordination from one association to another. A minister in good standing in one association is usually granted confirmation of his ordained status in another association with a minimum of procedural requirements. But caution should be followed so that two definite responsibilities are observed.

- (1) The association from which a minister is transferring has the shared responsibilities to inform the new association if there were any questions at all about the minister's standing, conduct, or doctrine.
- (2) The association to which the minister is transferring should make sure by whatever means are necessary, that the minister has left his former association in good standing, and is worthy by conduct and doctrine, of ordination.

PART II: STANDARDS FOR ORDINATION

Obviously, there is considerable variety within the Free Will Baptist denomination in reference to requirements for ordination. The following outline will deal with the areas generally agreed to be most important.

1. General Qualifications of Character and Conduct

The earlier portion of this booklet has made clear that the primary requirements is that the evidence given in the candidate's life be such as to convince those who observe—both in the candidate's local church and in a broader area that he possesses the gift and calling of God.

Obviously, the official recommendation of the local church should not be given to a candidate unless that recommendation can be fully relied on to mean that the candidate, by sufficient length of time, has given full assurance to the members of the church that he meets the standards of these Biblical lists.

2. The Candidate's Business Relationships

One of Paul's specific requirements is that the ministers "have a good report on them which are without," (1 Tim. 3:7). In reference to this, a matter of great importance is the candidate's financial reputation. The "Ministry" has been blighted by men who do not pay their bills. Every effort should be made to make sure the candidate is scrupulously careful to keep his finances in order.

To aid in achieving this assurance, several Free Will Baptist ordaining groups are now requiring the candidate to submit several credit references, and then perhaps even the credit bureaus are closely checked.

3. The candidate's Ministerial Activities

There have been far too many Free Will Baptist persons ordained as "preachers" who almost never preach or perform any real ministry for which ordination is required. Every effort should be made to be sure the candidate is actually going to be involved in ministerial duties. Indeed, he should already be manifesting ministerial abilities in some degree.

This need has brought more and more of our ordaining groups to follow this practice of only renewing license and not actually ordaining until a candidate actually gets involved in a specific "ministry" like pastoring, regular evangelistic work, missionary labor, or other types of church employment needing ordination. Perhaps this reflects Paul's requirement that the individual to be ordained not be a "novice"—neither immature as a Christian nor in Christian Service.

4. The Candidate's Marital Status

Perhaps one of the touchiest areas in connection with ordination requirements concerns divorce and remarriage. Paul says "the husband of one wife." Most groups do not take this to mean a single man cannot be ordained, but only that if he is married, he must not be a polygamist.

In a few areas, a person divorced and remarried might be ordained, although this is not true in most places. Whether this is right and good is a matter that needs a great deal of careful study across the whole denomination.

5. The Candidate's Sex

Throughout the years, a few women have been ordained to the ministry in the denomination and a few are currently active. The general trend however, has been in the opposite direction; and most areas will not now ordain women.

6. The Candidate's Education

To our knowledge there are no specific educational requirements connected with ordination that are generally followed across the denomination, and probably there never should be. In order to raise the level of Biblical knowledge (see the next section), however, there are a few areas now requiring the completion of certain Bible correspondence courses as a minimum before ordination.

7. The Candidate's Biblical Knowledge

It is absolutely necessary that a minister have a good general knowledge of the word. Therefore, procedures are always in order among ordaining councils that will help them determine the level of Biblical knowledge possessed by the candidate. This is, indeed, one of the main purposes of the examination. When administered well, oral examinations along this line can be sufficient, but the trend now in many areas is to go to some type of written examination covering Biblical knowledge. Such examinations, whether written or oral, should cover (1) knowledge of general Biblical facts and (2) ability to explain basic Biblical concepts. In order to cover these matters well, such examinations have to be carefully planned. And the ordainers should have recommendations about specific studies the candidate can get involved in to prepare him for these examinations—both

before his first examination, and in preparation for a second examination if he fails to satisfy them the first time.

Please note that there has been included an Appendix 1 of this booklet, a sample examination covering this area (and the next). This examination is much like one in actual use by one ordaining group in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

8. The Candidate's Doctrinal Position

Closely related to the previous are (Biblical knowledge) is the matter of the candidate's doctrinal position and understanding. By actual examination (again, either orally or, perhaps better, in writing) the ordainers should be completely satisfied on these counts:

- (1) that the candidate is doctrinally sound and holds a clear-cut position in agreement with basic fundamentals of Christianity;
- (2) that the candidate is denominationally sound and holds a clear-cut position in agreement with the distinctive doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination;
- (3) that the candidate not only knows the right words, but understands and can satisfactorily explain the doctrines involved in the two areas just mentioned.

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