

Minutes

Hopewell No. 2 Association

FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES

59th Annual Meeting

1991

MINUTES OF THE
59th ANNUAL MEETING
HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
1991

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Loray Spurgin	5 Years
Myrl Kellett	4 Years
Ralph Mullins, Sr.	3 Years
Beryl Blair	2 Years
Troy Lewellen	1 Year

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Ralph Mullins, Sr.	5 Years
Dugan McDonald	4 Years
Ed Staggs	3 Years
Harvey White	2 Years
Myrl Kellett	1 Year

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Ronnie Hayes 5 Years
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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
November 9-10, 1990
Countryside

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

Bro. Dugan McDonald called the meeting to order.
Bro. LoRay Spurgin opened in prayer.

Bro. Terry Pierson led "O Worship the King", "O Say But I'm Glad", "Whosoever Meaneth Me", and "He Is Able to Deliver Thee" with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Don Zickefoose and following the prayer requests, Bro. Myrl Kellett led in prayer.

Special singing: Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson "Tears Will Stop This Side of Heaven" and Sis. Cathy Little "Touch Through Me."

Bro. Steven Robinson brought the evening message, "This Charge Has Been Committed Unto You" from Ephesians 4:11-16, I Timothy 1:11-17, II Timothy 4:1-4, Romans 1:15-16, and John 3:3.

The invitational song was "I Surrender All" led by Bro. Terry Pierson with Sis. Diann Pierson at the piano.

November 10, 1990, 9:30 a.m., Business convened with Bro. Dugan McDonald calling the meeting to order. "Amazing Grace" was led by Bro. Ralph Mullins with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Rob Rooker.

Bro. Dugan McDonald brought a devotional from John 1:1 that the Written Word is the Bible and the Living Word is Christ. We should honor, hear, heed, and hold on to the Word.

Letters were called for and read and received from 8 churches.

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

Motion carried to receive the Minutes as read.

Motion carried to receive the Petitionary Letter from Midway that Bro. Bill Holder go before the Credential Board for a License to Preach. Motion carried to receive the Petitionary Letter from Lawton that Bro. Rob Rooker's License to Preach be extended one year.

Other letters were read from Jim & Shirley Combs, Lynn Midgett, and Lonnie & Anita Sparks.

Appointed to the Divine Committee were Bro. Don Zickefoose, Sis. Dolores Gillespy, and Bro. Harold Boerstler.

Bro. Dugan McDonald, our delegate to the General Board, gave a report on the State Meeting.

The Rules of Order were read by Bro. Beryl Blair.

The Divine Committee selected Bro. Beryl Blair as the morning speaker.

Visitors were invited to be seated in Council.

Appointment of Committees as follows with first person listed as chairman: Resolution: Bro. J.W. Craft, Sis. Cathy Little, Bro. John Truax. Obituary: Sis. Elsie Garrett, Sis. Nadene Nix, Sis. Sharon Holder. Temperance: Bro. Bill Holder, Sis. Fern Harris, Bro. Ronnie Hayes.

Motion carried to receive Treasurer's Report by Sis. Susie Robinson with a balance on hand of \$35.86.

Unfinished Business: Motion carried to invite Bro. Connie Cariker as Association Evangelist August 5-9, 1991 and that Bro. Paul Carter be the Alternate Evangelist. Amended motion carried to pay evangelist \$300 plus love offerings and that this be a perpetual motion.

Motion carried to recommend that each church give \$50 to pay the 1991 Evangelist.

Motion carried to take love offering fro Bro. Dugan McDonald for serving as 1990 Associational Evangelist. A love offering of \$170 was received.

Motion carried to ajourn business until 1:00 p.m. for worship service and lunch.

The 11 a.m. Worship Service was conducted by Bro. Dugan McDonald. Bro. Keith Bunch led in prayer. Bro. Ralph Mullins led "He Lives", "He Touched Me", and "No Tears In Heaven" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano.

Special singing: Bro. Don Zickefoose "How Great Thou Art" and "Because He Lives" and Sis. Margie Carter "Glory To The Lamb."

Bro. Beryl Blair brought the message entitled, "This Shall Be a Sign Unto Us" from I Samuel 14:9-10, Exodus 3:2-6, Isaiah 7:10-16, John 3:14-15, John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16, and Hebrews 12:1-2.

"Just As I Am" was the invitational song and Bro. Harvey White dismissed in prayer.

Business resumed at 1:10 p.m. with "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" led by Bro. Ralph Mullins and Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. Ed Staggs led in prayer.

Bro. Bill Holder gave a devotional on "A Sanctified Life" from II Cor. 6:14-18, I Cor. 6:9, II Cor. 6:14, and II Timothy 4:3-4.

New Business: Motion carried to table selection of Youth Camp Evangelist to February meeting so churches can bring their recommendations at that time.

District Newsletter Editor, Ronnie Hayes, reported cost of Newsletter \$10 a month per church, instead of \$20.

Reports: Motion carried to receive Credential Board recommendation that Bro. Bill Holder be issued a License to Preach for one year.

Motion carried to receive Executive Board Report listing the duties of the Campground Board and that these duties be placed in the Association Minutes yearly. The duties are as follows:

YOUTH CAMPGROUND BOARD OF HOPEWELL #2

1. This Board shall be composed of (5) five members, who are members of local Churches and in good standing with the Church and Association. They shall be elected at the discretion of the Association.
2. The duties of this board, shall be available to "assist" the elected Youth Camp Directors in planning, co-ordinating and conducting the yearly Youth Camp.
3. This Board shall prepare a Standing Order of Rules for the campers of Youth Encampment, to be approved by the Association in February. These rules being subject to change with a yearly re-evaluation, approved by the Association.
4. This Board, with the Youth Camp Directors, will prepare a schedule for Youth Encampment to be approved by the Association in February. This schedule subject to change with a yearly re-evaluation, approved by the Association.
5. This Board, along with the Youth Camp Directors, will oversee the purchasing of food and supplies for Youth Camp. The Head Cook should be consulted, making a list of necessary items, and invited to assist in the purchasing.
6. If at anytime a Youth Camp Evangelist, for any reason is not available, this Board, with the Youth Camp Directors, have the authority to replace him.
7. This Board should re-assess the Youth Camp fees yearly and advise the Association of necessary changes.
8. This Board will instruct the Association yearly of necessary standards to meet the State Health inspection.
9. This Board will select their own officers, such as Chairman (if One-Year Man is not present), Treasurer, etc., and will act as Caretaker of the Campgrounds, responsible for turning on and off utilities, etc. (The Board is to be notified of intended use of Grounds at any time).
10. This Board will oversee the upkeep of the Hopewell #2 Campgrounds, advising the Association of necessary repairs, promoting financial support and labor for said enterprises.
11. This Board shall keep an accurate record of all Meetings, decisions, and work done, funds received and disbursed and shall make a report in writing at each meeting of the Association. All records shall be available to the Association at its request.

Motion carried to receive Campground Board Report by Ronnie Hayes with a balance on hand of \$352.58 and there will be a work day November 17, 1990 to winterize the campground.

Motion carried to receive Resolution Committee Report to recommend that each church set aside \$1 (one) per week to send to the Association General Fund.

Motion carried to receive Obituary Committee Report of the deaths of Otto Potter (Countryside) and Ernest Prestidge (Lawton). There was a moment of silence followed by prayer by Bro. Ralph Mullins.

Motion carried to receive Temperance Committee Report to recommend to the churches to have an event scheduled on Halloween night to keep our children from involvement with wordly activities and to have events following football and basketball games on Friday and Saturday nights for our children.

There was no Miscellaneous Business or Election of Officers.

Announcements: December 15, 1990 District Youth at Grace, 9:30 a.m.; January 12, 1991 District Auxiliary at Countryside at 9:30 a.m.; February 8-9, 1991 Quarterly Meeting at County Line, Friday evening speaker Bro. Paul Carter; November 17, 1990 at Healdton th Breshear Family Singing.

Motion carried to adjourn and dismissal prayer by Bro. Harold Boerstler.

Bro. Dugan McDonald, Moderator
Lynne Truax, Clerk

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
1ST QUARTER 1990
AUG/SEPT/OCT
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	HILLS- DALE	CAMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTRY- SIDE	105.00	30.00					10.00	65.00
COUNTY LINE	121.95	28.17					9.39	84.39
EAST SIDE DUNCAN	75.00							75.00
GRACE	75.00							75.00
LAWTON	244.00	101.00					34.00	109.00
LONE GROVE	307.75	139.65					46.55	121.55
MIDWAY	695.00		124.00	124.00	62.00	186.00	62.00	137.00
STOBTOWN	208.00		90.00				28.73	90.00
TOTALS	1832.43	298.82	214.00	124.00	62.00	186.00	190.67	756.94

BALANCE ON HAND, AUG. '1, 1990	89.22
INCOME FROM CHURCHES	1832.43
OFFERING FROM AUG. MEETING	6.70
SUB-TOTAL	1928.35
LESS EXPENSES	1892.49

SHEILA ROOKER	15.50
STATE DELEGATE FEES	280.00
OG&E	114.37
WATER	44.00
REV. DUGAN MCDONALD (STATE DELEGATE)	100.00
CAMPGROUND FUND	190.67
WRIGHT-WAY PRINTERS (100 MINUTES)	250.00
STATE GIVING	884.82
U.S. POST OFFICE (STAMPS)	5.00
FIRST COMMUNITY BANK (CHECKS)	8.13

BALANCE ON HAND, OCT. 31, 1990	35.86
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SUSIE ROBINSON, TREASURER

Susie Robinson

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
February 8-9, 1991
County Line

February 8, 1991, the Hopewell #2 Association convened for the regular business at County Line Free Will Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Dugan McDonald called the meeting to order.

"Amazing Grace", "I've Never Been Sorry", and "Glad Reunion Day" were led by Bro. Ralph Mullins with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano.

Special singing: County Line Singers "Stroll Over Heaven With You"; Bro. & Sis. Harold Robinson "Under His Feet"; Bro. Marshall Robinson "My Brand New Home"; Bro. Don Zickefoose "Just Any Day Now"; and Sis. Margie Carter "I Feel That Something Good Is About to Happen."

Bro. Beryl Blair led in prayer.

There was fellowship while Bro. Ralph Mullins led "Victory in Jesus" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano.

Bro. Paul Carter brought the evening message entitled "We're In A Battle" from I Samuel 17:22-26, I Peter 5:8, and Revelations 3:20. Bro. Bill Holder closed in prayer.

February 9, 1991, 9:30 a.m., Business convened with Bro. Dugan McDonald calling the meeting to order.

Bro. Don Zickefoose led "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. There was prayer by Bro. Rob Rooker.

Bro. Dugan McDonald brought a devotional entitled "Spiritual Exercise" from I Timothy 4:7-8.

Bro. Dugan McDonald appointed Sis. Wanda Kellett as Assistand Clerk for this session.

Letters were called for, read, and received from 6 churches. (Countryside and Lone Grove did not send letters).

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

Motion carried to receive the Minutes as read.

Motion carried to receive the letters of information from Bro. Connie Cariker, Bro. Charles Bigger, and Bro. Wade Jernigan and accept the letters of resignation from Bro. Paul Carter from Youth Camp Board and Bro. & Sis. Steve Robinson from Campground Board and Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the District with hand of applause for their labors in the Lord in Hopewell #2 Association. Motion carried to refer letter from Bro. Lewis Howell about his ordination papers to the Credential Board.

Motion carried to dispense of the Divine Committee for this session only and that Bro. Steve Robinson be the morning speaker since he is leaving for pastorate at Guyman, Oklahoma.

Bro. Berton Perry, State Mission Director, was recognized and gave update on news and needs in State Missions.

Rules of Order were read by Bro. Beryl Blair.

Visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Appointment of Committees as follows with the first person listed as chairman: Resolution: Bro. Don Zickefoose, Sis. Vali Hayes, Sis. Dolores Gillespy; Obituary: Sis. Joyce Combs, Sis. Fern Harris, Sis. Sharon Holder; Temperance: Bro. Ralph Mullins, Sis. Michele Blair, Bro. John Truax.

Motion carried to receive Treasurer's Report given by Bro. Steve Robinson with a balance on hand of \$87.81.

Motion carried to receive Association Newsletter report given by Sis. Wanda Kelleltt with a balance on hand of \$71.91 and to encourage churches to send information to Bro. Ronnie Hayes.

Unfinished Business: Motion carried to accept recommendation from Midway that Bro. Bob Thomas be the 1991 Youth Camp Evangelist. Motion carried to select Bro. John Beverly as the Alternate Youth Camp Evangelist.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:00 p.m. for worship service and lunch.

The 11 a.m. Worship Service was conducted by Bro. Dugan McDonald. Bro. Myrl Kelleltt led in prayer. Bro. Don Zickefoose led "I'll Be Satisfied", "Victory In Jesus", and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. Keith Bunch prayer.

Special singing: Michelle Blair "The Lighthouse" and Bro. Don Zickefoose "He Paid The Cost" and "Homecoming In Heaven For Me."

Bro. Steve Robinson brought the morning message from Revelations 2:4 and Romans 10:1 entitled "The Power of, Against, and To the Church."

Dismissal prayer was offered by Bro. Harold Boerstler.

Business resumed at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by Bro. J. W. Craft. Bro. Ralph Mullins led "Heaven's Jubilee" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. Beryl Blair prayed.

Bro. Berton Perry brought a devotional from the 96th Psalm entitled "Showing Salvation."

New Business: Motion carried to receive Credential Board Report that the letter from Bro. Lewis Howell be received and be referred to the Lone Grove Church for their information and approval.

Motion carried to receive the Executive Board Report that the Treasurer's books were examined and found in order.

Motion carried to receive Resolution Committee Report to take more interest in the repair work and upkeep of the churches in our Association and the Youth Camp.

Motion carried to receive Temperance Committee Report to recommend that our pastors give much consideration to

preaching against intemperance and drug addiction and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.

Motion carried to receive Obituary Committee Report of the deaths of Sis. Cora Dobbins (County Line) and Sis. Rhoda Buttram, charter member of First Free Will Baptist Church, Lawton. There was a moment of silence and then prayer by Bro. Ralph Mullins.

Motion carried to receive Campground Board Report with a balance on hand of \$927.07. Motion carried to recommend to each church that each church help raise \$250 by May 1, 1991, for repairs at campground. The contribution can be money/materials/services or raise as much as possible.

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

Motion carried to receive a love offering for the project at the Enid Church. \$75.10 was received.

Elections: Bro. Don Zickefoose was elected the 4-Year Man on the Campground Board. Bro. Beryl Blair was elected the 2-Year Man on the Campground Board. Motion carried to elect Sis. Vali Hayes as the Treasurer and Bro. Ronnie Hayes as the Assistant Treasurer.

Bro. Dugan McDonald asked for prayer and encouragement for the youth to be more active in the Youth Association. Their next meeting will be at Lone Grove on March 16, 1991 and the clerk was instructed to contact the Lone Grove Church about that meeting.

Announcements: March 16, 1991, Youth Association at Lone Grove, 9:30 a.m.; March 31-April 3, 1991, Revival at First, Lawton, with Bro. Connie Cariker. Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and thereafter at 7:30 p.m.; April 13, 1991, District Auxiliary at Midway, 9:30 a.m.; April 27, 1991, Minister's & Deacon's Meeting at County Line, 7:30 p.m.; May 3-4, 1991, Quarterly Meeting at Eastside Duncan. Friday evening speaker, Bro. Myrl Kellett, 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Bro. Don Zickefoose led "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano while there was a fellowship for Bro. Steve and Sis. Susie Robinson. Bro. Harold Robinson prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Bro. Dugan McDonald, Moderator
Lynne Truax, Clerk

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
2ND QUARTER 90-91
NOV/DEC/JAN
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	HILLS- DALE	CAMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTRY- SIDE	156.00	45.00		81.00			15.00	15.00
COUNTY- LINE	86.78	52.07					17.36	17.35
EAST SIDE DUNCAN								
GRACE								
LAWTON	154.00	92.40					30.80	30.80
LONE GROVE	295.75	177.46					59.15	59.14
MIDWAY	973.94		194.75	194.75	97.47	292.03	97.47	97.47
STOBTOWN	132.66		90.00				27.66	15.00
TOTALS	1799.13	366.93	284.75	275.75	97.47	292.03	247.44	234.76

BALANCE ON HAND, NOV. 1, 1990	35.86
INCOME FROM CHURCHES	1799.13
WRIGHT-WAY PRINTERS (REFUND)	37.50
OFFERING FROM NOV. MEETING (EVANGELIST)	170.00

EXPENSES:		SUB-TOTAL	2042.49
REV. DUGAN MCDONALD	170.00		
COPIES	7.00		
WATER	102.50		
OG&E	110.81		
STATE GIVING	1316.93		
CAMP GROUND	247.44		
TOTAL EXPENSES	1954.68		
		LESS-EXP.	1954.68

BALANCE ON HAND, FEB. 8, 1991	87.81
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SUSIE ROBINSON, TREASURER

Susie Robinson

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

May 3-4, 1991
Eastside Duncan

May 3, 1991, the Hopewell #2 Association convened for the regular business at Eastside Duncan Free Will Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Dugan McDonald called the meeting to order. There was singing, special singing, prayer, and the evening message was brought by Bro. Myrl Kellett. The meeting was closed with prayer.

May 4, 1991, 9:30 a.m., Business convened with Bro. Dugan McDonald calling the meeting to order.

"I Want to Know More" was led by Bro. Ralph Mullins with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Prayer was offered by Bro. Harvey White.

Bro. Dugan McDonald admonished the Association about the Church Covenant and his remarks were concluded with prayer.

The right hand of fellowship was given while "Leaning ON the Everlasting Arms" was led by Bro. Ralph Mullins with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano.

Motion carried to receive the Minutes as read.

Sis. Wanda Kellett was appointed as the Assistant Clerk for this session.

Motion carried to receive the Petitionary Letters from Midway that Bro. Ronnie Hayes and Bro. David Watson be examined by the Credential Board for Ordination as Deacons and from Eastside Duncan that Bro. Don Zickefoose be examined by the Credential Board for Ordination to Preach the Gospel.

The Credential Board was excused to examine Bro. Don Zickefoose for Ordination to Preach.

Letter from Oklahoma Christian Education Board about competition for youth in the state was read and received as information. Received as information was regarding a telephone call from Bro. John Beverly confirming his being Youth Camp Evangelist for June 9-14, 1991.

Rules of Order were read by Bro. Beryl Blair.

Sis. Vali Hayes led in singing "O How I Love Jesus", "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus", "Down On My Knees", and "Blessed Assurance" with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. Beryl Blair called for a Testimony Service.

Visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Motion carried to accept Credential Board report that Bro. Don Zickefoose be Ordained to Preach. (Credential Board - Bro. Ralph Mullins, Bro. Myrl Kellett, Bro. Harvey White, Bro. Dugan McDonald, and Bro. Ed Staggs).

Appointment of Committees: Divine: Motion carried that Divine Committee be waived for this meeting only and that Bro. Beryl Blair preach the 11:00 a.m. service as an Ordination Service for Bro. Don Zickefoose. Resolution: Bro. John Truax, Chairman, Bro. Troy Lewellen, Sis. Melba

Gofort; Obituary: Sis. Alice Spurgin, Chairman, Bro. Darryl Robinson, Sis. Oleta Womack; Temperance: Bro. Gilbert Gardner, Chairman, Bro. David Watson, Sis. Barbara Davis.

Motion carried to adjourn until 11:00 a.m. Worship and resume business at 1:15 p.m. with dismissal prayer by Bro. Ralph Mullins.

The Morning Worship services were led by Bro. Dugan McDonald and opened with singing "Amazing Grace", "I've Never Been Sorry", and "Come and Dine" led by Bro. Ralph Mullins and Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Prayer was offered by Bro. Keith Bunch.

Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Zickefoose were asked to be seated on the front pews as honorary guests.

Special Singing: "Bless the Lord Who Reigns In Beauty" the County Line Singers; "Calvary Covers It All" Bro. and Sis. Harold Robinson; and "The Family of God" by Sis. Vivian Lewis.

The message was brought by Bro. Beryl Blair entitled "Ordained For a Purpose in This Life" from Jeremiah 1:4-14, John 17:17-19, I Peter 3:15, and II Cor. 10:4-6.

Bro. Dugan McDonald brought the charge from I Timothy 4:12-16. Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Zickefoose came forward and was given the Bible and charged to deliver the Word to the world and to preach the Doctrine of Jehovah God. Bro. Myrl Kellett led the prayer of dedication and hands were laid on Bro. and Sis. Zickefoose. (The Ordained were as follows: Bro. Harvey White, Bro. Beryl Blair, Bro. Dugan McDonald, Bro. Keith Bunch, Bro. Myrl F. Kellett, Bro. Ralph Mullins, and Bro. Ed Staggs).

"I Will Meet You in the Morning" was led by Bro. Ralph Mullins with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Prayer was by Bro. LoRay Spurgeon and then a Hand of Fellowship was given for Bro. and Sis. Zickefoose.

Business resumed at 1:10 p.m. with "I Love to Tell the Story" led by Bro. Ralph Mullins with Sis. Vala Robinson at the piano. Bro. Don Zickefoose led in prayer and gave the Devotional from Luke 21:25-29 and John 3:16 and was presented with his Ordination Papers by Bro. Beryl Blair.

Motion carried to receive Treasurer's Report of \$285.07 given by Sis. Vali Hayes.

Old Business: Bro. Harvey White, pastor of Lone Grove Free Will Baptist Church, brought recommendation from the Church for Bro. Lewis Howell's ordination papers be reissued to replace necessary papers. Motion carried to approve Lone Grove request to replace Bro. Lewis Howell's papers.

Motion carried to accept Credential Board report that Bro. David Watson was found sound in doctrine and recommend he be ordained as Deacon and that Bro. Ronnie Hayes was found sound in doctrine and recommend he be ordained as Deacon.

Bro. Ralph Mullins reported that the Executive Board did not meet.

Motion carried to receive Campground Board Report by Bro. Keith Bunch on the Youth Camp rules and regulations.

Bro. Ronnie Hayes reported on the District Newsletter that he had not received any news in several months. Motion carried to bring news from churches to next meeting and this be put in a Quarterly Newsletter.

Committee Reports: Motion carried to receive Resolution Committee Report that we as churches stand against abortion and against the breaking down of moral standards.

Motion carried to receive Temperance Committee Report that we suggest finding ways to teach our youth to abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol; that our families should have a strong prayer life in our homes; and that prayer in our schools be regenerated. I Thessalonians 5:22 says "to abstain from all appearance of evil."

Motion carried to receive Obituary Committee Report of the deaths of Bro. Ollie Pollard (Midway), Sis. Lois Gardner (Lone Grove), and Sis. Clara Robinson (Eastside Duncan). There was a moment of silence followed by prayer by Bro. Dugan McDonald.

Miscellaneous Business: There will be Association Work days at the Campground on May 11 and June 1 with picnic on the grounds.

No Election of Officers.

Announcements: May 11 and June 1, Ladies and Men Work days at camp; June 9-14, 1991, Youth Encampment; July 27, 1991, Ministers & Deacons Meeting at Eastside Duncan at 7:30 p.m.; August 5-9, 1991, Association Revival at Campground with Bro. Connie Cariker; August 9-10, 1991, Annual Associational Business Meeting at Campground with Friday evening at 7:30 and Saturday morning at 9:30 and the Memorial Speaker will be Bro. Dugan McDonald.

Motion carried to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. with a standing vote of thanks for the host church and concluded in prayer by Bro. David Watson.

Bro. Dugan McDonald, Moderator
Sis. Frances Lewellen, Clerk

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
3RD QUARTER 90-91
FEB/MAR/APR
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	HILLSDALE	CAMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTRYSTONE	25.00	15.00					5.00	5.00
COUNTYLINE	47.55	28.41					9.47	9.47
EAST SIDE DUNCAN	302.00						250.00	52.00
GRACE	524.38	96.00					396.38	32.00
LONE GROVE	665.89	249.53					333.18	83.18
LAWTON	574.05	286.80	96.05				95.60	95.60
MIDWAY	685.38		(WORLD MISSIONS) 137.12	137.12	68.54	205.53	68.54	68.53
STOBTOWN	147.42	50.00					42.42	15.00
TOTALS	2,971.47	675.74	323.17	137.12	68.54	205.53	1,200.59	360.78

EXPENSES:

SUB-TOTAL

ENID BUILDING FUND	75.10
TAYLOR'S OFFICE SUPPLY	17.30
BANK SERVICE CHARGE AND CHARGE FOR CHECKS	11.35
WATER	59.00
OG&E	75.87
STATE GIVING	1,410.00
CAMP GROUND	1,200.59
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,849.31

LESS EXPENSES 2,849.31

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MAY 4, 1991

2,971.47

75.10

3134.38

87.81

2,971.47

75.10

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HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 9-10, 1991
CAMPGROUND

August 9, 1991 the Hopewell #2 Association convened for the Annual Association Meeting at the Campground, Pruitt City, Oklahoma, Friday evening, 7:30pm.

Service began with Bro. Don Zickefoose singing "The Lovely Name of Jesus". Pray by Bro. Mryl Kellett. Moderator, Bro. Dugan McDonald welcomed the churches and recognized the visitors. Bro. Marshall Robinson led congregational singing "There Is Power In The Blood" and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" Vala Robinson at the electric keyboard. Marty, Darell and Marlin Robinson accompanied on guitar and banjo. A love offering was taken for Bro. Connie Cariker, Association Revival Evangelist. Prayer by Bro. Ed Staggs. Special singing by Cathy Little, The Youngblood Family, and the Marshall Robinson Family.

Message was brought by Bro. Connie Cariker, entitled Jesus Is Always There, scripture text, Matthew 28:16. Invitational song "Kneel At The Cross" Souls were refreshed and lifes rededicated during the alter service. Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Beryl Blair.

Saturday, August 10, 1991, 9:30am, meeting was called to order by Moderator, Bro. Dugan McDonald. Marshall Robinson led singing "I Heard An Old, Old Story" and "Glory To His Name". Vala Robinson at the electric keyboard.

Letters were read from seven churches delegates acknowledged. Right hand of fellowship given to the delegates while Bro. Don Zickefoose led in singing "Have Thine On Way" with Vala Robinson at the keyboard.

Minutes were read and received. Petitionary letters were read. Request was granted from Progressive Association to recommend Bro. Winfred Lowe be seated in full fellowship in the Progressive Association. A request was granted from Bro. Steve Robinson to be recommended to be seated in full fellowship in the Union Association. Request granted Midway Free Will Baptist Church for Bro. Bill Holder be examined by the Credential Board for ordination to preach the gospel. Grace Free Will Baptist Church notified the association that Kenneth Lewis had been set aside as deacon in their church. Letter from Jim Shepard, President of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Church and a brochure from Joyce Lee were presented as information.

Rules of order were read by Assistant Moderator Bro. Beryl Blair. Visitors were invited to be seated in council.

Appointment of Committees:

Resolution - LoRay Spurgin, Chairman, Marshall Robinson,
Deloris Gillsepy.

Obituary - Alice Spurgin, Chairman, Sharon Holder, Charlene Robinson.

Temperance - Troy Lewellen, Chairman, Gilbert Gardner, Nadine Nix.

Treasurer's report was given by Vali Hayes. Balance on hand was \$265.29, \$216.00 in love offerings given for Bro. Connie Cariker, evangelist.

Report accepted from Executive Board, they had not met since the last quarterly meeting and assume that all is well.

Report accepted from the Credential Board, We the Credential Board find Bro. Bill Holder sound in doctrine and recommend he be ordained to preach the gospel.

Motion carried to continue the Associational Newsletter.

Associational Meeting's and Speakers as follows:

November 8-9, 1991, Grace, Speaker Harvey White

February 7-8, 1992, Lawton, Speaker Bill Holder

May 1-2, 1992, Lone Grove, Speaker Ed Staggs

August 7-8, 1992, 60th Annual Meeting, Campground, Memorial Speaker Beryl Blair.

Motion carried for the Campground Board to draw up a dress code, rules and regulations for Youth Camp. Present them to the Association at the next setting for approval.

The Memorial Worship Service was led by Bro. Beryl Blair. A moment of silent prayer in remembrance of Mildred Towler, Grace Church: Ernest Prestidge, and Rhoda Buttram, Lawton Church was closed by Troy Lewellen. Marshall Robinson led singing "Send The Light", "Are You Washed In The Blood" and "Amazing Grace" with Vala Robinson at the electric keyboard. Special singing by Harold and Vala Robinson and Don Zickefoose. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Craft. The Message was brought by Bro. Dugan McDonald entitled "Spirit of Spirits". Scripture was from John 4:24 and II Cor. 3:17. Service was closed with prayer by Marshall Robinson.

After Noon session convened at 1:00pm at with Bro. Don Zickefoose leading singing "When We All Get To Heaven", Vala Robinson at the Keyboard. Bro. Ed Staggs brought devotion from Eph. 2:13. Prayer by Terry Pierson. Moderator Bro. Dugan McDonald began the business by receiving the committee reports.

Resolution - We recommend the pastors meet with the parents and children who will be attending youth camp, for the purpose of discussing rules and regulation of the camp.

Temperance - We recommend more dedication to our Lord, through our service to him in our churches and association. Request Moderator red Heb. 10:25.

Bro. Wade Journagin selected as evangelist for Associational Revival, August 3-7, 1992, Bro. Myrl Kellelt selected as alternate.

Election of Officers:

LoRay Spurgin, Executive Board Member

Ralph Mullins, Credential Board Member

Marshall Robinson, Campground Board Member

Dugan McDonald, Moderator

Beryl Blair, Assistant Moderator

Frances Lewellen, Clerk

Cathy Little, Assistant Clerk

Vali Hayes, Treasurer

Ronnie Hayes, Assistant Treasurer, although absent due to National Guard Duty.

Wanda Kellelt, Reporter

Terry Pierson, Youth Camp Director

Beryl Blair, Assistant Youth Camp Director

Beryl Blair, 1992 General Board Member

Announcements: October 26, 1991 Minister and Deacon Meeting at
Grace
November 8-9, 1991 First Quarterly Meeting
Grace Church

Prayer Request: Countryside Church and Stobtown Church are
without pastors.
Othel Kyle's grandson seriously injured in
accident, the Lone Grove Church has began
taking a love offering toward his hospital
expenses. Grace Church is in process of making
the decision to purchase another building.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro.
Harvey White.

Dugan McDonald, Moderator
Frances Lewellen, Clerk

HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION
4TH QUARTER 90-91
MAY/JUNE/JULY
TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	RECEIVED	STATE CO-OP	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	HILLSDALE	CRMP GROUND	GENERAL FUND
COUNTRYSIDE	\$525.00	\$60.00					\$445.00	\$20.00
COUNTYLIN	\$138.73	\$59.23					\$17.75	\$67.75
EAST SIDE DUNCAN	\$77.40	\$46.44					\$15.48	\$15.48
GRACE	\$325.31	\$195.19					\$65.06	\$65.06
LOVE GROVE	\$540.96	\$249.58					\$208.19	\$83.19
LEAFTON	\$250.00						\$125.00	\$125.00
HIGHWAY	\$1,169.66		\$178.94	\$178.94	\$89.46	\$268.40	\$189.46	\$284.46
STOBTOWN	\$137.51		\$90.00				\$32.51	\$15.00
TOTALS	\$3,164.57	\$604.44	\$268.94	\$178.94	\$89.46	\$268.40	\$1,098.45	\$655.94

BALANCE ON HAND, MAY 4, 1991
INCOME FROM CHURCHES

\$285.07
\$3,164.57

SUB-TOTAL

\$3,449.64

EXPENSES:

COUNTIE CRUIKER	\$300.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	\$41.00
WATER	\$221.25
OGUE	\$150.47
STATE GIVING	\$1,410.18
CRMP GROUND	\$1,098.45

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3,181.35

LESS EXPENSES

\$3,181.35

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 10, 1991

\$ 285.29

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MINISTERS AND DEACON OFFICERS AND MEETING

Beryl Blair Moderator
Ralph Mullins, Sr. Secretary-Treasurer

Meetings

October 26, 1991	7:30pm
January 25, 1992	7:30pm
April 25, 1992	7:30pm
July 25, 1992	7:30pm

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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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.

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 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 \$55.00 is to be sent to the Annual Session of this Association. (\$20.00 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.

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."—1 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 tolling 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 he 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 licensee 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.

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 Baptists 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 Baptists 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.

Again, please note that Appendix 1 of this booklet contains a sample examination covering this area and the previous one. The examination is much like the one in actual use by one ordaining group in the denomination.

