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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FIRST SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF THE**  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH**  
**OF**  
**OF GOD,**

*Convened at Holdenville, Okla.;*  
*December 1, 1909*

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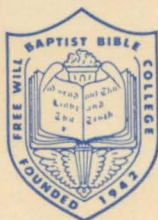
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**J. E. YANDELL, M**<sub>ODERATOR,</sub>  
**O. K. DAVIS, A**<sub>SSISTANT MODERATOR</sub>  
**I. W. YANDELL, C**<sub>LERK</sub>  
**J. D. KIMBROUGH, T**<sub>REASURMAN</sub>

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The Second Session Will Convene at  
Holdenville Oklahoma, Dec. 1, 1910.



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
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# MINUTES



Of the first annual session of the State Association of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist.

Met in convention at Holdenville, Oklahoma, December the 1, 1909, with Elder J. D. Kimbrough, Moderator, protem and I W. Yandell, Clerk, protem. After singing: "How Firm a Foundation" and prayer by Elder O. K. Davis, proceeded to call for correspondence from the several Associations, and the followidg Associations responded:

The Roberts-McGee Association. Eld, J. D. Kimbrough, delegate.

South Canadian Association. Eld. J. S. Smith, delegate

Dibble Association. Eld. O. K. Davis. delegate.

Canadian Association. Eld. W. L. Hudgens and Bro. B. J. Davis, delegates.

Eurica Association Elders J. C. Hunnicut J. L. Keeth, Bros. U. H. Baker and G. W. Nichols, delegates.

Grand River Association. Eld. J. W. Mayes, delegate.  
Southern. I. W. Yandell, delegate.

The delegates being seated went into permanent organization by electing Eld J. E. Yandell Moderator, O. K. Davis Assistant Moderator; and I. W. Yandell Clerk; Eld J. S. Smith Corresponding Secretary; Eld. J. D. Kimbrough Treasurer.

Eld J. S. Smith was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion made and carried to appoint a committee to draft a Constitution. The following were appointed:

O. K. DAVIS, J. D. KIMBROUGH.  
J. L. KEITH, I. W. YANDELL.  
Bro. B. J. DAVIS.

The report of committee on the Constitution was tabled until the afternoon session.

Motion and carried to adjourn till 1:30 p. m., closing with prayer by the Moderator.

Regular preaching services at 11 o'clock by J. D. Kimbrough.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. S. Smith. The scripture lesson read: 1st division of the Psalms Text, Rev. 6:17. Eld. Smith preached a very enthusiastic discourse which was heartily indorsed by the brethren. The subject was concluded by I. W. Yandell.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment, after singing, prayer by brother B. J. Davis, proceeded to business after reading and discussing the Constitution a motion was made to adopt the it, which carried and the committee discharged.

Motion made to adopt the Articles of Faith as published by the Roberts-McGee Association, with Articles 18 and 19 amended. Motion carried.

Rules or Order introduced by J. D. Kimbrough were adopted—see Rules.

Motion made and carried to put out a State Evangelist. And I. W. Yandell was elected as State Evangelist.

Motion made and carried that this body empower O. K. Davis as General Independent Evangelist, with credentials signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Motion made to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. Carried.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION—Dec. 2

Met pursuant to adjournment, by singing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing;" prayer by Eld. J. W. Moyer.

The following committee were appointed on Bill of Arrangements: Elders O. K. Davis, Sabe Loftland, J. L. Keith, J. D. Kimbrough and W. L. Hudging. The committee retired and after deliberation returned and reported. See Bill of Arrangements.

Motion made and carried that each church send in funds at once, to the Treasurer for the printing of minutes.

Motion made and carried that the State Association form a Stock Company for the purpose of establishing a printing plant, to be run in the interest of the Free Will Baptist of the State of Oklahoma; and that (\$5 00.) five dollars will be a share, and any one may take as many shares as they wish.

Motion made and carried that the respective churches send to the Clerk a copy of the minutes of last Association so as to enable the Clerk to make a statistical report.

Motion made and carried that the bond of the Treasurer be \$1,000; and a bond accepted by the Moderator and Clerk will be acceptable bond.

Motion made and carried to have the minutes out by the first of March, 1910.

Motion made and carried that we pay our Evangelist, I. W. Yandell, \$75 00 per month for his services for evangelistic work in the State of Oklahoma.

Motion made and carried that the pastors of the respective churches in the subordinate Associations, take up collections monthly for State Missions, and that each member be requested to pay one dollar per annum for State Missions.

Motion made and carried that we have a Ministers School, of two days duration, at Red Oak, Oklahoma, to begin the first Monday in February, 1910; and that all Ministers be requested to attend

Motion made and carried to tender our thanks to the pastor and members of Holdenville for the courtesies and kindness toward us in giving us the use of their house and proffered homes during our stay in their midst.

I. W. Yandell tendered his resignation, as Clerk, and W. R. Oller was duly elected.

Motion made and carried that we hold our next session at Holdenville, Oklahoma, December 1, 1910.

Motion made and carried to adjourn till next session as stated above.

ELDER I. W. YANDELL, MODERATOR.

" O. K. DAVIS, Ass't MOD.

I. W. YANDELL, CLERK. J. D. KIMBROUGH TREAS.

### BILL OF ARRANGEMENTS

Committee on arrangements report as follows:—

We, your committee, beg leave to report, That we publish a religious paper in the interest of the Free Will Baptist in the State of Oklahoma, and that we employ our Evangelist to sell stock, to be turned over to the Treasurman, of our State Association, who shall collect all monies on subscribed stock, and whenever the Evangelist takes a collection for State Missions, he shall receipt the Treasurer of the church where the collection is made Each church shall collect for State Mission and send it to State Treasurer; also regular ordained Ministers shall have authority to take collections for State Mission, and further suggest, That the proposed paper shall not carry any secular advertisements except on religious books or educational matter. And that Elder J. W. Phelps be the Editor elect of said paper.

Committee: { ELDER S. W. LOFTLAND,  
" W. L. KIETH,  
BROS. B. J. DAVIS,  
" W. H. BAKER.

### CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

FROM long experience, we, the members of the Church of God, (denominated Free Will Baptist) being convinced of the necessity of a combination of associations to perpetuate a union and a communion, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, and for the dissemination of our doctrine and the upbuilding of humanity, the education and support of the ministry, and general oneness of Faith and Practice do, invoke the blessings of Almighty God and the support of the faithful, ordain this Constitution for our associational government.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different subordinate associations in the State of Oklahoma, not to exceed five delegate each, provided all ordained ministers, in good standing, shall be free ex officio

2. Letters from different associations shall express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, recommendation, and have been dismissed, excluded, died or restored. Also time and place of meeting, and the names of the moderator and clerk and their post office address.

3. The members when thus convened shall be denominated the Oklahoma State Association of the Church of God (denominated the Freewill Baptist), and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall have no ecclesiastical power over the association composing this body, reserving the right to withdraw from any association becoming disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and assistant Moderator; a Recording Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. Newly constituted associations may be admitted into the union which shall petition by letter and by delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly may be received by vote of the body and the hand of fellowship extended to them.

6. No question from any association shall come under the consideration of the State Association unless it has first been considered by the subordinate association from which it originated.

7. All motions made and second shall come under the consideration of this association unless withdrawn by the consent of the one making the motion and his second.

8. This association shall endeavor to furnish the subordinate association with minutes of this association in proportion to the number of members in each association, the distribution being at the discretion of the association.

9. It shall be the duty of the recording clerk to keep a file of minutes of each association in a book to be kept for that purpose. The corresponding Clerk shall do the corresponding.

10. The association shall have a fund for her support to be supplied by the members of the various churches composing the subordinate association, each member shall be expected to pay one dollar a year for State Mission which mission includes the needs of the State Association; the money to be collected by the pastors of the respective churches composing the subordinate association and to be sent to the



Treasurer of the State Association, who shall be responsible for all money received by him; no money to be paid out by the Treasurer unless so ordered by the Moderator and Clerk of the State Association.

11. The Treasurer, of the State Association, shall be a bonded Treasurman; the bond not to exceed One Thousand Dollars nor less than Five Hundred Dollars.

12. All money drawn shall be drawn by vouchers signed by Moderator and Clerk.

13. It shall be the duty of this association to see to the union of associations and if any subordinate association fails to represent in the State Association shall inquire the cause.

14. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected before the association adjourns.

15. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular session of the State Association, when the majority present deem it best.

16. Every Article of Faith, Discipline or other confession of religion that militates against the Doctrine of a Condition of salvation, general atonement, the observance of the Divine ordinances as they should be, will be considered unorthodox by this body.

17. Every form of church government that infringes on an ecclesiastical democracy shall be considered unorthodox

## ***RULES OF ORDER.***

At every sitting of the association business shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator and personal reflections shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and second shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at anytime by a majority of the members of the association.

4. If any proposition or motion, under debate, contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and the voted taken.

5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at that time.



6 No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the body

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority present.

8. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

9. At the future session of this association amendments shall be made so as to insure two sermons or other equivalent exercise, if preaching, the chair will announce before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

10. Alterations may be made in these rule at any regular session of the State Association.

### **ARTICLES OF FAITH.**

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory. Rom. 1:20; St. John 1:1.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are of divine origin and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16; II. Pet. 1:21.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave his holy commandments, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commands of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of same, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power. But we see Jesus, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that he by the grace of God tasted death for every man. Gen. 1:31; Heb 2:9.

4 We believe that Christ by his death and suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. St. John 3:16; Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated or born again, if they inherit eternal life. John 3 3 5.

6. We believe that infants are in a saved condition, and we must be like them in innocency if we are saved. Luke 18:16; Matt. 18:13.

7. We believe that all regenerated persons must persevere in faith and be faithful to the end if they gain an entrance into the city of God. Rev. 22:14; Matt. 10:24.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion in water is the apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water, and Christ obeyed it thus, and bids us to follow him. John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; 28:16; Rom. 6:3-4.

9. We believe that God in his goodness displays his power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying his servants by teaching of the Holy Spirit, and by the instruction of his word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. John 14:16; II. Tim. 2:15.

10. We believe that remission of sin and eternal life are free to all who will accept them. John 3:16; Pet. 3:9.

11. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet are divine ordinances and must be observed by the people of God. Matt. 26:26-28; 28:19; John 13:4-15.

12. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none are authorized to officiate in the ordinance of baptism, only those who are called of God, and have been ordained by laying on of hands. Acts 8:37 first clause, 38:30.

13. We believe that each church should have a pastor, deacons, and clerk so as to keep house for the Lord orderly. Acts 6:1-6; 20:28.

14. We believe that in dealing with disorderly members that reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matt, and other scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members.

15. We believe that it is the duty of each church to assemble together as often as Providence will permit and in commemorating the Lord's death and washing the saints' feet—a man should examine himself and so let him eat. Heb. 10:25; I. Cor. 11:28.

16. We believe that the Lord's Supper should be observed at night and night only.

17. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to everlasting life, glory and immortality in the presence of God; and the resurrection of the unjust to everlasting shame and punishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:41; I. Cor. 15:42-45; II. Thes. 1:7-9.

18. We believe that the visible church of God, as it now exist, had its beginning during the personal ministry of Jesus Christ.

19. We believe that every church of God should contribute, of his means as the Lord has prospered him; in the support of the ministry as the scriptures says. Rom. 10.

