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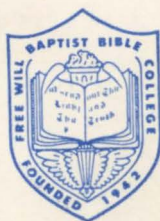
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RULES OF ORDER

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

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

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question, "shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

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

ORDER of BUSINESS

1. House called to order by the moderator.
2. Letters called for and adopted.
3. Righthand of fellowship given.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Reading of Rules of Order.
6. Petitionary letters.
7. Introductory sermon.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. New business.
11. Report of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous business.

Officers Of The Oklahoma State Association

Moderator, Elder I. W. Yandell	Non, Okla.
Asst. Moderator, Eld. W. E. Dearmore.	Wanette Okla.
Clerk, Winne McLain	Wewoka, Okla.
Asst. Clerk, Eld. B. F. Rogers	Tulsa, Okla.

Executive Board

Melvin Bingham, Chairman	Tulsa, Okla.
M. M. McKee, Clerk,	Sulphur, Okla.
E. E. Morris	Blanchard, Okla.
H. E. Staires	Drumright, Okla.
E. A. O'Donnell	McLoud, Okla.

Home Mission Officers

W. E. Dearmore, President	Wanette, Okla.
Mae Graham, Sec. Treas.	Drumright, Okla.

State Evangelist

Sadie Fincher,	Box 244 Drumright, Okla.
O. D. Wickham,	Durham, Okla.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the annual session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist, Oct. 19-22, A. D. 1937.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Eld. B. F. Rogers. Devotional was conducted by Eld. W. E. Dearmore. A special number in song, "He Bore it All".

The introductory message was brought by Elder H. E. Staires. His subject was, "A Sure Foundation." The wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

A Temporary Committee on Divine Service was appointed by moderator. Dismissed by Elder Sadie Fincher.

Wednesday Morning Session

Meeting opened with singing. Sister Mae Graham led in prayer. Devotional services was conducted by Elder Wilbur Underwood. House was called to order by moderator. Letters from various associations called for, read, accepted and delegates seated as follows: First Mission, Canadian, Hopewell No. 2. Eureka, Dibble, First Oklahoma, and Hopewell. A verbal report of Southern Association was accepted. A song was sung and an old fashioned handshake was given. All visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats in council with the association as advisory members.

Welcome address was given by Dr. T. A. Terrill of Wirt, Oklahoma. Response by Dr. I. W. Yandell.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Elder Walter Brown would bring the message at 11 o'clock hour.

The election of officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Moderator, I. W. Yandell.

Asst. Moderator, W. E. Dearmore.

Clerk, Winnie McLain.

Asst. Clerk, B. F. Rogers.

Statistician, E. A. O'Donnell.

Rules of Order were read and conference adjourned until 1 o'clock.

11 O'Clock Service

Song services was conducted by Elder W. E. Dearmore. A special song was "Since I've Born Again." Eld. Walter Brown brought a wonderful message.

Dismissed by Eld. O. P. Westbrook.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

After the song service Eld. Melvin Bingham conducted

Devotional service by reading a portion of Revelation 2.
Followed with prayer by Eld. Bingham.

Minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service.....F. A. McCage, A. W. Gardener,
C. C. Garland.

Resolution.....Melvin Bingham, E. A. O'Donnell, E.
E. Morris, B. C. Munkus,

Finance.....W. E. Dearmore, Drew Marchant, Luther
Hudson, M. L. Bonds, J. O. Hudson.

Sunday School.....Mathis Chism, Florence Marken,
Mrs. I. W. Yandell

Temperance.....J. H. Burr, J. H. Prock, Sadie Fincher.

Music.....O. D. Wickham, B. F. Rogers, M. L. Bond
E. A. O'Donnell, Mary Wagonseller.

Obituary.....G. W. Hanks, J. C. Hill, Wilber Under-
wood.

Mission.....Gleneria Staires, Hattie Newman, Mae
Graham, Shay Richey.

League.....H. E. Staires, W. V. McPhail, T. J. Knight.

Ministerial Standing.....George Cosper, Boyd Lee,
Mrs. Luther Hudson.

Prayer Meeting.....Eltra Dalton, Si Tipton, Paul
Pursell.

Education.....George McLain, Will Hudson, Minnie
Tipton.

Publication.....W. D. McCready, D. L. Baine, W. H.
Carter, W. E. Dearmore, Jack Hopkins, Mrs. Charlie
Truitt, Hazel Howell.

Dismissed 1 hour for committee work. Called together
with singing

Committee on Divine service reported that Eld. Paul
Pursell would conduct praise service and Elder Clay
Richey would bring the message at the night service.

Report of Sunday School committee read and accept-
ed.

Report of Temperance committee read and accepted.

Report of Mission committee read and accepted.

By motion conference adjourned.
Dismissed by Elder W. H. Carter.

Wednesday Night Service

Opened with singing led by Bro. M. L. Bonds. Several special numbers in song were sung.

Paul Pursell conducted the Praise Service. Old time shouting was heard through out the service. Elder Clay Richey brought a message which was enjoyed by all, using as his subject "A Lamb Slain From the Foundation of the World." The text was Rev. 12-8. One soul was saved.

Dismissed by Elder G. W. Hanks.

Thursday Morning Session

After the song service Elder W. H. Carter led the Devotional by reading Galations 6. followed by prayer by Elder. W. H. Carter.

Resolution No.1 was read and adopted.

Clerk's report was read and accepted.

Report of State Evangelists was read and accepted.

Report of executive board was read and accepted.

The new executive board elected E. A. O'Donnell; M. M. McKee, E. E. Morris, Melvin Bingham and H. E. Stairs.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Elder Hattie Newman would conduct the praise service and Elder Melvin Bingham bring the message at the night service.

By motion adjourned for 11 O'clock service.

Dismissed by Elder O. D. Wickham.

11 O'Clock Memorial Service

Opened with singing. Two special numbers in song were "Old Daniel Prayed" and "I Just Can't Keep From Crying Sometime." Elder E. E. Morris brought a wonderful message on "Immortality of the Soul." Scripture les-

son was 1 Thessalonians 4. Dismissed by prayer.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Opened with singing. Elder B. C. Munkus conducted devotional by reading 1st chapter of Romans. Prayer by Elder Earlin Haskins.

Report of Mission President was read and accepted.

Elder W. E. Dearmore was elected President of Home Mission for ensuing year.

Report of State Sec.-Treas was read and accepted.

By motion the money in the Home Mission Treasury was given to Sister Hattie Newman for her work of the past year.

Sister Mae Graham was elected as Sec. - Treas. for ensuing year.

Resolution No.2 was read and adopted.

Elder Sadie Fincher and Elder O. D. Wickham were elected State Evangelists for ensuing year.

Resolution No.3 was read and adopted.

The next annual session of Association was placed at Dibble. Elder F. A. McCage was elected to bring the introductory sermon with Elder Melvin Bingham as alternate. Elder B. F. Rogers was elected to bring the memorial sermon with Elder G. W. Hanks as alternate.

By motion each minister was given a few minutes to speak to the body as God should lead.

By motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning. Dismissed by Elder F. M. Wood.

Thursday Night Service

Opened with singing. Devotional service was conduct-

ed by Elder Hattie Newman. Many wonderful testimonies were given. Elder Melvin Bingham brought a wonderful message using as his text Act 28-15.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Elder I. W. Yandell would bring the message at 11 o'clock service Friday morning.

Dismissed by Elder B. F. Rogers.

Friday Morning Session

Opened with singing. Prayer by Elder John Newberry. Elder W. E. Dearmore read Matthew 3 for the scripture lesson. Prayer by Sister Winnie McLain. Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Report of committee on Music was read and accepted.

Report of committee on league was read and accepted.

Report of committee on Publication was read and accepted.

A permanent committee on Publication was elected as follows: W. E. Dearmore, B. F. Rogers and M. M. McKee.

Delegates to Western General Association were W. V. McPhail, Melvin Bingham, W. E. Deamore, B. F. Rogers, B. C. Munkus, H. E. Staires, Jack Hopkins, Mrs. Mae Graham, Mrs. W. V. McPhail, and Mrs. H. E. Staires.

Various associations pledged the following amounts for minutes of Western Association:

1st. Oklahoma \$2.00, Hopewell No. 2 \$2.00 (paid), Hopewell \$1.50, Canadian \$1.00 (paid).

Statisticians report was read and accepted.

Committee elected for purchasing press were E. E. Morris, F. M. McCage, and Jack Hopkins.

Report of Obituary committee read and accepted.

By motion the State of Oklahoma asked for the next session of the Western General Association. Executive

board to name place for it.

By motion the body requested that the Articles of Faith be placed in minutes.

Report on Ministerial Standing read and accepted.

By motion clerk was asked to write J. O. Owens and O. C. Deskins demanding their credentials. By motion adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder O. P. Westbrook.

11 O'Clock Service

Opened with singing. Prayer by Elder J. M. Smithey. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Arnold. Committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. W. V. McPhail conduct the praise service and Eld. E. A. O'Donnell bring the message at the night service.

Eld. I. W. Yandell brought a wonderful message Friday at the 11 o'clock hour, sub., "Millennium," theme, "happenings at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dismissed by Eld. E. E. Morris.

Friday Afternoon

Opened with singing.

By motion a verbal resolution was made; "that in all future sessions of the State Association the committee on Divine Service select ministers from each subordinate association to bring the messages.

A resolution of thanks was voted to the Wirt Church, Hopewell Association No. 2., and the Missionary Baptist Church, and all others who helped to make this meeting a success.

Corresponding Messengers elected to represent us in the Texas State Association were J. L. Tatum, E. A. O'Donnell, W. E. Dearmore, W. V. McPhail, Mrs. McPhail.

By motion a resolution was made that the State Executive Board ask First Mission Executive Board to adjust the trouble in Oklahoma City church immediately.

By motion all committees were discharged.
\$ 5.00 was given for 500 extra minutes.
motion! to adjourn until the next annual session.
Dismissed by Eld. I. W. Yandell.

Moderator, I. W. Yandell.
Clerk, Winnie McLain.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution No. 1- Be it resolved that we adopt the Rules of Order read in this Association.

Resolution No. 2- Be it resolved that each subordinate association be required to send a letter with their elected delegates or alternates, and without said letter no member be allowed a voice in the association. Furthermore that hereafter no delegate be supplied at the sitting of the association, also that we strictly adhere to article 3 on page 62 of our Treatise.

Resolution No.3 Be it resolved that any Minister undermining another Minister and offering to take his church without pay and failing to preach the Bible and the doctrine of tithing shall be investigated.

Obituary-We find that God in his infinite wisdom has called from our midst the following: 20 from First Mission; 16 from Eureka; 3 from Hopewell no.2; 1 from

Hopewell; 4 from First Oklahoma; 4 from Canadian; 2 from Dibble.

We express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved for we believe our loss was Heaven's gain. We know He does all things well.

Mission:

We submit the following report. We find so many churches do not have a home mission work. We recommend that each church have one, and that the pastors boost it; for we believe the sheep will follow the shepherd. We believe a good rally once a month will boost any church for the mission work is a good way to reach lost souls and to advance the Kingdom of God.

Temperance:

We believe that the majority of crimes are caused, either directly or indirectly by the use of intoxicating liquors. We, as a body of Free Will Baptist, stand against it and we do not patronize any business who handles it; for we feel it is an enemy to men, women and children. It deprives them of the necessities of life. We pray earnestly that the good people of our country will consider the danger and work against its very appearance.

Sunday School.

We your committee on Sunday School submit the following: We find the Sunday Schools in fine condition. We think that Free Will Baptist Literature should be used and all officers and teachers should be members of a Free Will Baptist Church. We believe that every member of the church should insist on sending their children to Sunday School. If they object find their reason and appoint a committee to see them if they can be of any helpful or beneficent service

in getting those children to Sunday school. If in need of clothes or sick help them for "now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three but the greatest of these is charity." We feel this is a great necessity for it means the foundation of our rising generation which will be our leaders of tomorrow.

Publication.... We submit as our report the following: We recommend that the association employ Elder E. A. O'Donnell to print the state minutes. We further recommend that the Association endorse "The Gospel Truth" as our church organ for the State. Also that our brotherhood patronize Brother O'Donnell with all our printing.

Ministerial Standing- We your committee on ministerial standing submit the following: we find that J. O. Owens has been charged with unchristian conduct, and heresy, and he is not a member of any association in the state. The Canadian association asked that the state association deal with him. O. C. Deskins has been charged with unchristian conduct. We ask the association to take this in charge.

Music- We beg leave to report that we feel the inefficiency of gospel singing in our churches and we recommend that each church have at least one singing school annually to promote better gospel singing.

League.... We beg leave to report that we see the need of encouraging our young people. We urge that each church have a league or a young people's work.

Finance.... We beg leave to report as follows:

Amount paid in for minute money.... 1st Mission \$5.00
Eureka \$4.00, Hopewell \$3.50, 1st Oklahoma \$5.00,
Canadian \$4.00, Hopewell No.2 \$5.00, Dibble \$3.00
Non Church \$1.00. Total 30.50 plus 5.00 col. equal \$35.50.

REGISTRY

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| 1. E. A. O'Donnell, | McLoud, Okla. |
| 2. M. M. McKee, | Sulphur, Okla. |
| 3. Geo. McLain, | Wewoka, Okla. |

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ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS

ASSOCIATIONS	Members	CHURCHES	Ministers	Value Prop.	Pd. Pastors	Pd. Evangelist.
First Mission	2000	29	49	\$ 34,886.00.	\$ 5,795.10.	\$ 782. 11.
Canadian	771	15	21	\$ 2,000.00		
Hopewell No. 2.	478	10	13			
Eureka	1200	27	25			
Dibble	376	7	12	\$ 3,050.00		
1st. Oklahoma	500	8	22	\$ 10,000.00.	\$ 722.12.	\$ 126.20.
Hopewell	385		12			
Unreported: Southeastern, Center, Gaines Creek, Grand River, Washita, Roberts McGee.						
Verbal report, Southern.						

4. J. L. Tatum, Durant, Okla.
5. Wilber Underwood, Tulsa, Okla.
6. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.
7. W. D. McCready, Boley, Okla.
8. E. P. King, McLoud, Okla.
9. J. H. Prock, Tulsa, Okla.
10. Sadie E. Fincher, Drumright, Okla.
11. Hattie Newman, Drumright, Okla.
12. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla.
13. G. W. Hanks, Wilson, Okla.
14. J. O. Hudson, Clemscott, Okla.
15. W. V. McPhail, Denison, Texas.
16. J. H. Burr, Comanche, Okla.
17. W. E. Dearmore, Wanette, Okla.
18. Thos. J. Bradley, Okemah, Okla.
19. J. C. Hill, Tamaha, Okla.
20. T. J. Knight, Healdton, Okla.
21. Amy Chaudoin (licensed), Healdton, Okla.
22. B. F. Rogers, Tulsa, Okla.
23. Cleo Dalton (licensed), Denison, Texas.
24. Eltrie Dalton (licensed), Denison, Texas.
25. I. W. Yandell, Non, Okla.
26. E. E. Morris, Blanchard, Okla.
27. Paul Pursell, Wewoka, Okla.
28. H. O. Turner, Stigler, Okla.
29. J. T. Champion, Okemah, Okla.
30. F. A. McCage, Wirt, Okla.
31. Drew Marchant, Oilton, Okla.
32. O. D. Wickham, Durham, Okla.
33. W. H. Carter, Wewoka, Okla.
34. Walter Brown, Wewoka, Okla.
35. O. P. Westbrook, Okemah, Okla.
36. Earlin Haskins, Stratford, Okla.
37. D. McGehee, Ada, Okla.
38. Gene Chance, Countyline, Okla.
39. John Newberry, Clemscott, Okla.
40. J. W. Smithy, Davis, Okla.
41. J. m. Arnold, Walters, Okla.

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Articles Of Faith

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Presever, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the 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, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and become a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obediences until death.

9. ELECTION. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all; the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility or universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. 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 will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

