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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading rules of order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Reports of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

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OFFICERS

Moderator	Elder L. P. King
Ass't Moderator	Elder A. E. Keeney
Clerk	Bro. Boyd Ramer
Ass't Clerk	Sis. Iva Smith

Association was centralized at Fanshawe Free Will Baptist Church beginning on Thursday night preceding the second Sunday in September, 1955.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Services opened by singing "Love Lifted Me;" prayer by Bro. Edd McCause. Another song, "I Am Satisfied With Jesus," was sung followed by prayer led by Eld. A. E. Keeney.

Devotional service was conducted by Sister O. D. Wickham. Eld. J. C. Newby brought a wonderful message on "The Church." Scripture readings were Psalms 72 Chapter and Isaiah 2nd and 35th Chapters. Eld. L. P. King followed on the same subject and gave a good talk. Dismissed by Elder O. D. Wickham.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord," led by Bro. Boyd Ramer. Prayer was led by Eld. F. M. Wright. Another song, "Standing On The Promises." Moderator L. P. King read as Scripture Text Romans 3-12 and Matthew 7-12. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Yandell. Motion was made to receive all letters and seat the delegates. Visiting delegates from Rich Mountain Association, Eureka Association and Arkansas Association were also seated. Motion was made to receive a petitionary letter from the Heavener Church and seat the delegation in our association. The following officers were elected: Eld. L. P. King, moderator; Eld. A. E. Kenney, assistant moderator; Bro. Boyd Ramer, clerk, and Sister Iva Smith, assistant clerk.

Divine Service Committee: Bro. J. A. Rash, Bro. James Brewer, Bro. Leonard Yandell, Sister Minnie Daniel and Sister Eva Hubbard.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Eula Hunt, Sis. Johnnie Dorey, and Sis. Bertha Revis.

Ministers and Deacons Committee: Bro. Edd McCause, Bro. W. R. Oller and Bro. R. O. Daniels.

Temperance Committee: Sis. Edna Aust, Sis. Willie B. McCann and Sis. Viola Harlow.

Business Committee: Eld J. C. Newby, Eld. F. M. Wright and Bro. C. McCann.

Finance Committee: Sis. Jane Howze, Sis. Ruth Davlin, and Sis. Ileen Newby.

Resolutions Committee: Sis. Esther Cash, Sis. Fannie Oller, Sis. Susie Goodson, Bro. J. R. Rash nad Bro. Harve Dehart.

Home Mission Committee: Sis. Esther Ramer, Sis. Elsie Welch, and Sis. Belle Brewer.

Query and Request Committee: Bro. Leonard Yandell, Bro. Perry Brown and Bro. J. A. Rash.

Sunday School Committee: Bro. W. R. Rash, Sis. Allie Taylor and Bro. A. F. Hanna.

Business adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY 11 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SESSION

Came together singing "Amazing Grace," directed by Bro. W. R. Rash. Followed by "Kneel At The Cross" and "There Is A Fountain." Prayer led by Eld. A. E. Keeney. Devotional services conducted by Bro. C. McCann with a wonderful response in testimonies. Eld. W. M. Guinn of the Arkansas Association brought the message on "The Holy Spirit." Scripture reading Romans 8 Chapter, verses 1 to 9; John 16-8, Revelations 3-11, Joel 2-28, Acts 2nd Chapter and 1st Corinthians 12-13.

Fellowship handshake while singing "I Am Bound For The Promised Land." Dismissed by Bro. Edd McCause.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by moderator Eld. L. P. King. Singing directed by W. A. Rash; "Victory In Jesus." Prayer by Eld. F. A. McCage. Another song, "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand." Special quartet by Eld. O. D. Wickham, Eld. F. A. McCage, Eld. W. M. Guinn and Bro. W. R. Oller, "Hand In-Hand With Jesus."

Motion carried to give Saturday evening and Saturday night of each quarterly meeting and association the Young Peoples League. Bro. Boyd Ramer was elected Director of Leagues. Motion was made and passed to centralize all quarterly meetings and League Rallies with the Association at Fanshawe. An enjoyable talk was given by Eld. F. A. McCage on State Association work. Business adjourned until 9:00 o'clock A. M. Saturday morning. Dismissed by Bro. J. R. Rash.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened by singing "I Am Thine O Lord," directed by Eld. Carl Pugh. Prayer by Bro. Bob Bales. Songs, "Standing On The Promises," "I'm A Millionaire" and "What A Gathering That Will Be," directed by Eld. Carl Pugh. Songs, "All Upon The Altar" and "I'll Live In Glory," directed by Eld. O. D. Wickham. Devotional service conducted by Eld. C. M. Woodruff. Eld. F. A. McCage of the Eureka Association brought a wonderful message. Scripture reading Timothy 2nd Chapter Verses 1 through 5. An altar call was made while singing "Standing Outside," with no response. Dismissed by Bro. James Brewer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together singing "I'll Fly Away," directed by Bro. W. A. Rash. Prayer by Bro. W. R. Oller. Song, "Precious Memories," led by Bro. W. A. Rash. Scripture reading Romans 8th Chapter by Eld Bobby Pendergraff.

Eld. J. E. Yandell was elected representative to meet with the General Board of State Association. Motion made to recognize the Executive Board. Bro. Boyd Ramer was elected on Executive Board for 5 yr. term. Eld. L. P. King for 4 yr. term. Eld. A. E. Keeney for 3 yr. term. Bro. R. O. Daniel for 2 yr. term. Eld. J. E. Yandell for 1 yr. term. Business adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY 11 O'CLOCK SESSION

Service opened by singing "Lord Build Me A Cabin," followed by "I'm Going That Way" and "Amazing Grace," directed by Bro. W. A. Rash. Eld. Bobby Pendergraff conducted the devotional service. Special solo, "Crying In The Chapel," by little Marylyn McCann. Eld. A. E. Keeney brought an awakening message. Scripture reading Acts 20 Chapter, Verses 25 through 29 and Romans 16 Chapter, Verses 17 through 20. Dismissed by Eld. H. Blankenship.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "Work For The Night Is Coming," directed by Bro. W. R. Oller. Prayer by Eld. H. Blankenship.

Motion carried to amend our Constitution as provided by the Resolution Committee. Eld. J. E. Yandell was elected our Associational Evangelist for the ensuing year. Motion made and carried to sing "Precious Memories" and stand one minute in silent prayer in memory of our deceased members. Motion carried to render our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Fanshawe Church for their fine hospitality shown during our stay here. Motion carried to adjourn until one year from now. Dismissed by singing "God Be With You."

MINUTE MONEY SENT BY EACH CHURCH

Spring Hill	\$8.00	Heavener	7.00
New Harmony	8.00	Red Oak	8.00
Sugar Loaf	7.00	Fanshaw	9.50
Pleasant Valley	8.00	Salonia	5.00
Bennington	8.00	TOTAL	\$68.00

Eld. J. A. Wilson **ORDAINED MINISTERS** *Poteau, Okla.*

Eld. J. C. Newby,	Fanshawe, Okla.
Eld. J. E. Yandell	Rt., Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. Tom Anderson	Fanshawe, Okla.
Eld. Wilford Dorey, Sr.	Poteau, Okla.
Eld. Arthur E. Keeney	Heavener, Okla.
Eld. Charles Flynn	Shady Point, Okla.
Eld. Bobby Pendergraff	Shady Point, Okla.
Eld. Lonnie Dugan	Poteau, Okla.
Eld. H. Blankenship	Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. L. P. King,	Wister, Okla.
Eld. Thomas Billy	Rt. 2., Poteau, Okla.
Eld. Bert Bill	Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. Bobby Daniel	Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. John Hilburn	Red Oak, Okla.

Eld. J. M. Wright **ORDAINED DEACONS** *Poteau, Okla.*

Fanshawe Church: Bro. Ed McCause, Bro. J. A. Rash and Bro. J. R. Rash.

Spring Hill Church: Bro. R. O. Daniel and Bro. Monroe Carauthers.

New Harmony Church: Bro. Cornelius McCann, Bro. Boyd Ramer, Bro. W. R. Oller and Milt Watkins.

Pleasant Valley Church: Bro. Wilford Dorey.

Sugar Loaf Church: Bro. Perry Brown, Bro. Tom Warren and Bro. Frank Baird.

Salonia Church: Bro. Norman L. Stephens.

Red Oak Church: Bro. Mack Pierce, Bro. Bob Ramer, Bro. James Brewer and Bro. Homer Adams.

Bennington Church: Bro. Jess Moon, Bro. Floyd Pendergraff and Bro. George Williams.

Heavener Church: Bro. G. W. Howze and Bro. Harve Dehart.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Fanshawe: Church: Miss Susie Wolf, Fanshawe, Okla.

Spring Hill Church: Mrs. Ruthie Vinson, Rt. 1, Monroe, Okla.

New Harmony Church: Mrs. Willie B. McCann, Red Oak, Okla.

Pleasant Valley: Mrs. Myrtle Hill, Poteau, Okla.

Sugar Loaf Church: Mrs. Esther Warren, Rt. 2, Poteau, Okla.

Salonia Church: Mrs. Myrtle Shepard, Red Oak, Okla.

Red Oak Church: Mr. James Brewer, Red Oak, Okla.

Bennington Church: Mrs. Iva Smith, Shady Point, Okla.

Heavener Church: Mrs. Pauline Keeney, Heavener, Okla.

MEETING DAYS AND PASTORS OF EACH CHURCH

Red Oak: First Sunday and Sunday night, Eld. Barb Hickman, pastor.

Pleasant Valley: First and Third Sunday and Sunday nights, Elder. Carl Pugh, Pastor.

Bennington: First and Third Sundays and Sunday nights, Eld. Charles Flynn, pastor.

Heavener: Full time, Eld. Arthur E. Keeney, pastor.

Sugar Loaf: First Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, Eld. J. C. Newby, pastor.

Spring Hill: Full time, Eld. L. P. King, pastor.

Fanshawe: Second Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, Eld. Carl Holcomb, pastor.

New Harmony: Fourth Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, Eld. J. C. Newby, pastor.

DELEGATES ENROLLED

New Harmony: Bro. Leonard Yandell, Sis. Vermell Thornburg and Sis. Willie B. McCann.

Fanshawe: Bro. J. W. Branscum, Bro. Orbey Newby and Sis. Bertha Branscum.

Spring Hill: Sis. Ruthie Vinson, Sis. Jane Vinson and Sis. Ann Hacker.

Sugar Loaf: Sis. Eva Hubbard, Sis. Mary Harlow, Sis. Trudy Garrett and Sis. Viola Harlow.

Heavener: Sis. Eula Hunt, Sis. Myrtle Keeney and Sis. Allie Taylor.

Bennington: Sis. Edna Aust, Sis. Susie Goodson and Sis. Orabell Moon.

Pleasant Valley: Sis. Johnny Dorey and Sis. Elsie Welch.

Red Oak: Eld. John Hilburn, Sis. Esther Ramer, Sis. Hilburn, Sis. Belle Brewer and Sis. Bertha Revis.

Eureka Association: Bro. Lonnie Long, Bro. A. F. Hanna and Bro. H. D. Shepherd.

Rich Mountain Association: Bro. and Sis. W. A. Rash.

Arkansas Association: Eld. and Sis. W. M. Guinn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Obituary:

We, your committee, wish to report that the following Brethren have departed this life, our loss is Heaven's gain. Bro. Felix Gulick and Sis. Gulick of Pleasant Valley Church; Sis. Effie Yandell and Bro. Oliver Guyton of New Harmony Church; Sis. Cora Campbell of Heavener Church; Bro. Elbean Habor and Sis. Effie Barkley, helper of Bennington Church. Signed—Sis. Bertha Revis, Sis. Johnnie Dorey and Sis. Eula G. Hunt.

Sunday School:

We, your Sunday School committee, beg to recommend that all teachers be Christians and Free Will Baptist as long as they are available. Also to use Free Will Baptist literature. Signed—Sis. G. W. Taylor, Bro. W. A. Rash and Bro. A. F. Hanna.

Temperance:

We wish to request that we keep our rule more strictly and ask our preachers to preach more often on temperance as we see its need more each day. We believe that temperance means more than alcoholic drink. Eph. 5-18 and 1 Thess. 5-16 through 23. Signed—Sis. Edna Aust, Sis. Viola Harlow and Sis. Willie B. McCann.

Ministers and Deacons Credentials:

We are glad to report as follows: We find no charges against any of our ministers. Signed—Bro. W. R. Oller, Bro. R. O. Daniel and Bro. Ed McCause.

Business Committee:

We recommend that all our churches do their utmost to support Home Missionary Work. We suggest that the question of electing an Associational Evangelist be discussed here. We urge that our Orphans' Home be liberally supported by everyone. Second Report: We recommend that the deacons of each church see that their church finance the evangelist and make a report to the next quarterly meeting. Signed—Bro. C. McCann, Eld. F. M. Wright and Eld. J. C. Newby.

Query and Request:

Beg to report as follows: That this Association call the attention of the Executive Board that it is their duty to visit our Orphans' Home and study the condition of the home. Then report their findings to the State Association when convened with Stigler Church October 18, 1954. Signed—Bro. J. A. Rash, Bro. Leonard Yandell and Bro. W. P. Brown.

Home Missions:

We, your committee, believe that every church should see about the sick and needy members and work for the benefit of our church and community where we live. We would like to see an evangelist sent out into the field to organize more churches. Signed—Sis. Esther Ramer, Sis. Belle Brewer and Sis. Elsie Welch.

Finance: We, your committee, wish to report that we have collected a total of \$68.50 for minutes. Pastoral Work, \$1113.50; Evangelistic work, \$105.00, and the Orphans' Home, \$52.25. Signed—Sis. Jane A. Howze, Sis. Ileen Newby and Sis. Ruth Davlin.

Resolutions:

We, your committee, offer the following resolutions:

No. 1. That we rescind the action of withdrawal therefrom and respectfully ask to be reinstated in the State and National Associations.

No. 2. That we give more time and attention to the religious training of our young people. Also that the youth programs be made a part of each session of this Association by designating a certain period of time for that purpose.

No. 3. That all our churches in the territorial bounds of the Roberts McGee Association be encouraged to participate in and become part thereof, that we may be a united brotherhood.

No. 4. That this association place in our Constitution the following amendments:

(1.) That the Association elect an Executive Board of not less than five members, so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. They are to have power and authority to transact any business that is necessary while the Association is not in conference, such as examining ministers and deacons annually or as deemed necessary and to take care of all associational property and finance.

(2.) That we omit calling our ministers Rev. and call them Elder. Psalms 111-9. Signed—Bro. J. R. Rash, Sis. Fannie Oller, Sis. Susie Goodson and Bro. H. M. Dehart.

Divine Service:

The Divine Service committee reports were read and carried out all through this session of the Association.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Church	No. Members	Paid Pastor
Spring Hill	13	\$139.00
Sugar Loaf	39	270.00
Heavener	26	45.00
Bennington	27	174.00
Pleasant Valley	26	60.00
Red Oak	16	387.00
New Harmony	35	157.50
Fanshawe	51	304.50

Elder L. P. King, Moderator
Boyd Ramer, Clerk

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for 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 bond of peace.

to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of churches and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society.

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LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(By Rev. Wm. Mankin)

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper, and the right is birth-right. "For by one spirit we are all baptized into one body" I Cor. 12:13. This is not water baptism. Again, Christ says, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" John 10:9. "He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and robber" John 10:1. Christ is not water baptism, yet He is "the door." There is but one door, and Christ says He is that door, and he that cometh in at the door should have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthy eateth and drinketh damnation to himself." Not the church but to himself.

It is a personal matter of judging and eating. The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions of Corinth. To judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded.

Now listen to Christ: "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." Matt. 18:6; 1 Cor. 10:30.

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that Christ is the true faith and His church true order, and that faith is the means by which men belong to the true order. If his is what is meant by the "same faith," we shall not object, we are agreed. But if sect is referred to, we object. As to order, if nothing but Gospel order is meant, very well; but we do not believe that one child of God should dictate just what another may believe or what church he should belong to in order that he may be in the right church, for the visible church is but an organic body of Christians, and placing your name on the best church on earth does not make you a Christian.

The eunich that believed and was baptized what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask, if the eunich were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? No, he is not of the same faith and order, yet he is admitted to heaven, but could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all His people have a perfect right, be he who he may, and when the supper is set, and all of God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's but a sectarian supper. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members, one of another" Rom. 12:5. The way we become one body is being baptized into that body, and, of course this is spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber, and when any one gets into that body in a way he has legal right to all benefits and privileges of that body. "For we being many, are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread" Cor. 10:17.

By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by "we"? It certainly means all Christians of all ages. When we come together, tarry one for another, be of one mind, but let the Word of God control the mind. If it had ever been intended by the Saviour that the supper should be guarded, as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed the judges with power to discern the water baptism and a legal administration, this settles the matter, and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some make a woeful mistake for, after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least of the privileges of any church.

To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right? Some would answer, "If by a legal administrator this is all that is wanting." Is it not purely a personal matter? So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize, and of the applicant to be baptized. When this is done, each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptized at all as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, one acting in faith and the other not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his own act, and not for another. Simon, the sorcerer, "believed and was baptized," and that by a legal administrator, yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims to Christian rights, as this proves to be a personal matter; for we clearly see that the apostle, inspired as he was, did not discover the evil of Simon's heart; neither can we know the heart of man. When we do our duty, it is ours; when the applicant, it is his. So we find that repentance, faith, baptism, and Christian duties all are personally accountable to God and not to man. Various are the opinions of men, and if we use the capacity God has given we do not think we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help.

The Church of Christ is divided into many members, but is one spiritual body and Christ is the head; and they should have the same care for each other that he fleshly body has for its members. Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table? "What God hath jointed together let no man put asunder." Christians do all feel alike if they do not think alike. Should they not commune together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until He should drink it anew in His Kingdom. So assembled at God's table in Heaven, so should we be on earth.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice — Matt. 5:18; II Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation of the same whereby all mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He by the Grace of God, should taste death for every man — Gen. 3:5-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He said: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else" — Matt. 5:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:2-21; Acts 17:30.

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

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God — Deut. 1:39; Mk. 10:14; Luke 18:16.

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

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

9. We believe that God in His Goodness displays His

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

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children—Mk. 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28-29, 20; I Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God, have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerk, chosen by the church and continuing in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority should rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous—Tit. 1:15; Acts 14:23; II Cor. 6:6.

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER

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

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

3. Those who speak shall rise 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 vote of all members present.

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

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

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to 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. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.

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

CONSTITUTION

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

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members when present, by virtue of their office.

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

Art. 3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letters or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

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

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

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

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

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

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

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

Art. 11. EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Association shall elect an Executive Board of not less than five members, so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. They shall have power and authority to transact any business that is necessary while the Association is not in conference, such as examining ministers and deacon annually or as deemed necessary and to take care of all Associational property and finance.

Art. 12. TITLES. We omit calling our ministers Rev. and call them Elder. Psalms 111-9.

Art. 13. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

Resolved, that we earnestly request all of our ministers and deacons and churches composing this Association to cooperate with each other and to assist in every way they can to help their pastor and if an evangelist should visit any destitute place and organize churches, that we urge the people to assist the evangelist so he can go and preach the Word.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Post Office

Date

We, the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist) worshipping at met in conference and elected the following delegates to represent us in Association, when convened with Church, whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your deliberations, to-wit:

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Statistics:

State of Religion

Sunday School

Prayer Meeting

Meeting Days

We paid our pastor, Elder

\$; called Elder

as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Ordained Deacons

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Ordained Ministers

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Licensed Ministers

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Resident Members

Non-Resident Members

Total Membership

Received into the church; by

Confession of Faith

We ask for the next session Fifth

Sunday Meeting. We ask for the next session of the

..... Association

We send \$ Minute Money

Elder Moderator

..... Church Clerk

