

MINUTES

of the

ROBERTS MCGEE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1962



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
62nd ANNUAL SESSION



Held With

FANSHAWE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

September, 1962

Association was centralized at the Fanshawe Free Will Baptist Church beginning on Thursday night preceding the second Sunday in September, 1963.

MINUTES
OF THE
62nd ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ROBERTS McGEE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With
Fanshawe Free Will Baptist Church

September, 1962



Association was centralized at the Franshawe Free Will Baptist Church beginning on Thursday night preceding the second Sunday in September, 1963.

DELEGATES ENROLLED

Heavener . . . Bro. & Sis. Finley; Bro. & Sis. Miller; Martha Runtou. Alternate - Jane Houze.
 Salonia . . . Rev. Bert Bell, Rev. H. Blankenship.
 Red Oak . . . Mary Paschall, Kate Adams, Wanda Muse. Alternates - Linda Straup, Doris Cole, Fannie Paschall.
 New Harmony . . . Maggie Yandell, Willie B. McCann, Marilyn McCann.
 Sugar Loaf . . . Pearl Humphries, Beth Sanders
 Pleasant Valley . . . Nora Didway, Bertha Dorey, Maggie Powell, Johnnie Dorey.
 Fanshawe . . . Pearl Holderfied, Violet McCause, Bertha Branscum.

MINUTE MONEY

Salonia Church	\$ 5.00	Red Oak Church	\$ 10.00
Pleasant Valley Church	15.00	Heavener Church	5.00
New Harmony Church	10.00	Sugar Loaf Church	10.00
Fanshawe Church	5.00	TOTAL	\$ 60.00
State Minute Money			\$ 26.40
Delegates elected to go to the State Association . . . Rev. W. T. Daniel, Orvel Yandell, Maggie Yandell.			

OPENING SESSION

The Roberts McGee Association of Free Will Baptists met at Fanshawe, Oklahoma, with our regular worship service. Services began with congregational singing led by Linda Stroup., Pianist, Marilyn McCann, Prayer by Bro. Hosea Didway.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. Buddy Biggs.

Special song "Because of Him", by Linda Stroup and Doris Cole; pianist Beverly Rider.

Rev. W. T. Daniel brought the message. Subject, "The Gospel of Peace". Scriptures: Rom. 10-14, 15; Rom. 1-16; Gal. 1:8,9, Rev. 14-6,7.

Benediction by Bro. W. Dorey, Jr.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Past Moderator Rev. Walter Flickenger.

The congregation sang, "Gloryland Way", and "I'm satisfied With Jesus", directed by Marie Daniel.

Prayer by Rev. Joe Weldon.

Letters called for, read, received and delegates seated, with seven Churches represented.

Election of officers.

Moderator . . . Rev. W. T. Daniel

Assistant Moderator . . . C. McCann

Clerk . . . Maggie Yandell

Assistant Clerk . . . Marie Daniel

An oral report was given from Eureka Ass'n. by Lessie Bailes. Other delegates representing were Mrs. Ortho Williams, Rev. Robert Carter.

The delegates were welcomed and given hand of fellowship.

Rules of order were read by the moderator, Rev. W. T. Daniel.

The moderator and assistant moderator was given power to

appoint the committees.

Committees:

Devotional: Orvil Yandell, Kate Adams, Ed McCause.

Resolution: Willie B. McCann, Rev. W. Dorey, Sr., Beth Sanders.

Obituary: Mary Paschall, Nora Didway, Julia Finley

Temperance: Pearl Holderfield, Rev. Joe Weldon, Maggie Powell.

Sunday School: Wanda Muse, Willie B. McCann, Ed McCause.

Finance: Johnnie Dorey, Orvil Yandell, Bertha Dorey.

Report of Devotional Committee was read. Mary Paschall to lead devotional and Rev. Robert Carter to bring the eleven o'clock message.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Services opened with congregational singing, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus", "Looking For A City", directed by Marie Daniel with Nora Didway as Pianist.

Rev. W. T. Daniel read II Tim. 3:1-17.

Prayer by C. McCann.

Sunday School Committee report was read, accepted and the committee discharged.

Time was set to begin evening services at 7:30 p.m. and morning services at 9:30 a.m.

The clerk read her report and it was accepted.

Rev. Buddy Biggs was chosen for our general board member.

Rev. W. T. Daniel was chosen to bring the memorial message at the next session 1963 with Rev. Paul Wilson as alternate.

FRIDAY 11 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Services began with singing, "Where the Soul Never Dies", directed by Marie Daniel. Prayer by Rev. W. Dorey, Sr. Another song, "I'll Be Satisfied".

Devotional by Mary Paschall, reading Gal. 5:22.

Rev. Robert Carter brought the message, reading various scriptures, Rev. 3:10,11; I Cor. 10:12; Rev. 12:12; St. John 14:16; I John 4:3; Matt. 16:23; James 1: 12 - 15.

The congregation sang, "Any Where Is Home, directed by Marie Daniel.

Benediction by Rev. Walter Flickenger.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Friday night services - Pearl Holderfield to lead devotional and Rev. Walter Flickenger to bring the message.

Bro. Hosea Didway was elected to the executive board for five years.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Quarterly Meetings are to begin on Friday night before the 5th Sunday of each quarter.

Pleasant Valley - 1st Meeting

New Harmony - 2nd Meeting

Sugar Loaf - 3rd Meeting

Red Oak - 4th Meeting

Business adjourned till Saturday, A.M.

*Sept.
Dec.*

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Services opened with singing led by Rev. Paul Wilson with Beverly Rider as Pianist.

A united prayer led by Rev. J. E. Collier.

A song "Heavenly Sunlight", led by Linda Stroup.

Pearl Holderfield led devotional.

Many testimonies were given to glorify God.

A solo by Marilyn McCann, "It's My Desire", also Carl Pugh sang, "Smiling Thru Tears".

Rev. Walter Flickenger brought the message, topic was, "Endurance", Gal. 5:1; Eph. 6:11-18.

Benediction by Rev. Buddy Biggs

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference called to order by Moderator Rev. W. T. Daniel.

Bro. Buster Dorey led the congregation in song service.

Devotional, I Cor. 3:11 by Rev. J.D. White.

Additional letters called for. Salonia presented their letter.

The Moderator presented Rev. N. R. Smith, our State Executive Secretary. A wonderful and enlightening talk was given on our state work.

Rev. Paul Wilson was appointed on Resolution Committee as replacement for Sis. Beth Sanders.

Delegates to attend Quarterly Meetings in Eureka Association:

1st Meeting - Nora Didway and Rev. Joe Weldon at Murray Spur.

2nd Meeting - Rev. W. T. Daniel, Marie Daniel at McCurtain.

3rd Meeting - Rev. W. T. Daniel, Man McCann at Porum.

4th Meeting - Cornelius McCann, B. McCann at Panama.

Recessed 10 minutes.

SATURDAY 11 O'CLOCK MEMORIAL SERVICE

Services opened with congregational singing conducted by Rev. Paul Wilson; pianist, Irene Wilson.

Special song by Linda Stroup and Marilyn McCann.

A quartet number by Rev. Carl Pugh, Rev. Paul Wilson, Marilyn McCann and Edna Doyle.

Obituary read and committees discharged.

Rev. W. Dorey brought the memorial message. Scriptures: St. John 14:18,19,27; II Cor. 5:6; I Cor. 15:53,54,55; Titus 3:5; Titus 2:11.

Prayer by Rev. Joe Weldon

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing led by Linda Stroup with Marilyn McCann as pianist.

Prayer by Hosea Didway.

Business session:

Resolution reports called for, read and accepted - See reports.

The executive board was excused to take care of special business.

The Moderator excused himself and appointed Rev. Paul Wilson as proxy, also Rev. Buddy Biggs as proxy for C. McCann.

Temperance report was read and accepted. The committee was discharged.

Rev. Paul Wilson led the congregation in singing, "Hallelujah We Shall Rise".

A solo by Rev. Paul Wilson entitled "Old Time Preacher Man".

A quartet number by Linda Stroup, Marilyn McCann, Carl Pugh, and Paul Wilson entitled, "No Place To Hide".

Motion was made and carried that each church send \$5.00 to pay our general board members fee to the State Association. Those who have paid are as follows: Fanshawe, Red Oak, Pleasant Valley, New Harmony and Rev. Dorey, Sr., \$1.00.

An offering was taken for state minutes total of \$14.40.

Motion was made and carried that each church send \$ 10.00 for finances of state delegates. To be sent to Maggie Yandell before October 15th.

The executive board report was read and accepted.

Business session was adjourned until Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1963 of which Rev. Buddy Biggs was chosen to bring the introductory message and Rev. W. Dorey, Sr., as alternate.

Meeting days of the churches and Pastor.

1. Heavener . . . Rev. W. Dorey, full time.
2. New Harmony . . . Rev. Buddy Biggs, 1st and 3rd Sunday and Sunday night.
3. Salonia . . . Rev. H. Blankenship, 1st and 3rd Sunday and Sunday night.
4. Sugar Loaf . . . Rev. J. E. Collier, full time.
5. Red Oak . . . Rev. W. T. Daniel, full time.
6. Fanshawe . . . No report
7. Pleasant Valley . . . Rev. Jr. Easton.

Church	CHURCH STATISTICS		Paid Pastor
	Res. Members	Non. Resident	
Pleasant Valley	55		\$360.00
Fanshawe			315.00
Red Oak			422.50
Sugar Loaf	30	10	520.00
Salonia	15	40	
New Harmony	21	9	75.00
Heavener	12	16	169.16

REPORTS

Home Mission Board.

We visited the Green Hill Church and helped them to get a pastor. We have visited them since and are happy to report the church is still meeting regularly.

Signed: Rev. Walter Flickenger, Rev. W. Dorey, Sr., Bro. Hosea Didway.

Divine Service:

We the committee on divine services appoint as our devotional leader Sis. Mary Paschall at 11 o'clock and Bro. Carter to bring our morning message.

Friday night devotional leader Sis. Pearl Holderfield and Bro. Walter Flickenger to bring our message.

Signed: Kate Adams, E. D. McCause, Orvel Yandell.

Executive Board Report:

We the executive Board met for the purpose of examining Bro. J. E. Collier in regards to being ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister. We recommend the following - That Bro. J. E. Collier be ordained at his own convenience with his own ordaining council from this association.

Signed: C. McCann, Hosea Didway, Wilfred Dorey, Jr., Orvel Yandell.

Finance Committee Report:

District Minute Money	\$ 60.00
State Minute Money	\$ 26.40

Pastoral Work	\$ 1,861.66
Evangelistic Work	\$ 252.39
Cooperative	\$ 37.97
Building Fund	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 390.98
Building & Repair	\$ 682.00
Literature	\$ 245.37

Signed: Johnny Dorey, Bertha Dorey, Orvel Yandell

Resolution Committee:

No. 1 - Be it resolved we set a regular time to begin each service of the association.

No. 2 - Be it resolved that the moderator of the association be allowed to set in and have an active voice in all business meetings of the executive board.

No. 3 - Be it resolved that each Pastor of each church read and teach Discipline of the church at least three times a year to the organized body or he may ask the deacon to do this.

No. 4 - Be it resolved that each Church send to the associational clerk at each quarterly meeting, 5 or 10 dollars for a fund to meet the needs of our association.

No. 5 - Be it resolved that we, as an association support and finance a teachers training course in this association this coming year.

No. 6 - To keep the Resolution from last year - "In future business transactions not to allow anyone to vote but delegates that are sent from the Churches and Ministers and Deacons from said Association. Visitors from other Associations and Churches are invited to take part in all discussions but not allowed to vote.

Signed: Willie B. McCann, Rev. W. Dorey, Rev. Paul Wilson, Sis. Beth Sanders.

Clerks Report:

Report to Robert McGee Association - The Red Oak First Free Will Baptist Church gave me \$7.59 for Foreign Missions. I deposited the money, then wrote a check for the amount.

I wrote a check for \$19.68 to Rev. Walter Flickenger to pay his way to State Association.

I wrote a check for \$ 23.00 for State Minutes.

I wrote a check for \$60.00 for District Minutes.

We have in treasury - \$225.66

Signed: Maggie Yandell, Association Clerk.

Temperance Committee:

We your committee on Temperance are glad to report, that all our churches are in accord with the Bible on Temperance, as far as we have been able to find out.

We wish to admonish each church and each member to do as the Apostle Paul said, Abstain from all appearances of evil. (1st Thes. 5:22).

Signed: Rev. Joe Weldon, Pearl Holderfield, Maggie Powell.

Obituary Committee:

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following have departed this life - Sis. Mae Randolph, Sis. Becky Gadwell.

Signed: Julia Finley, Mary Paschall, Nora Didway

Sunday School Committee:

We your committee wish to report the average attendance of the churches - New Harmony 16, Fanshawe 18, Heavener 15, Red Oak 30, Pleasant Valley 59, and Sugar Loaf 35. We recommend that each church put forth a greater effort to get the parents to come and bring their children to Sunday School.

Signed: Wanda Muse, Ed. McCause, Willie B. McCann

Moderator - Rev. W. T. Daniel

Clerk - Maggie Yandell

MINISTERS & DEACONS COVENANT

We promise by the grace of God to love and support our brother minister to the advancement of the Gospel and Glory of God.

We will not be partakers of any sinful amusement, neither shall we conduct ourselves in any manner at any time that will bring reproach on the ministry or hinder God's cause.

We agree to faithfully discharge our obligations and duties, to study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and being called and chosen to the Ministry, we give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We are willing by self denial, to promote the Gospel and by faith, endeavor to "Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We agree to reprove with meekness and to watch over one another in love and affection, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness, reputation, and ministerial success. Seek to strengthen and encourage one another, and at all times promote the success of the church and Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We will at all times hold Christian principles sacred, and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief mission in life to carry God's eternal message to those who are dead in sin, that they may be resurrected by "Saving Grace."

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of Educational and Denominational enterprises, constantly praying and toiling for greater achievement for Christ. May the God of peace sanctify us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The conference shall be called The Minister's and Deacon's Conference of the Robert's McGee Association of Free Will Baptists. It shall be composed of ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing in their respective churches.

Article 11. Officers of this conference shall be composed of a President, Vice-president, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be elected annually at the last session of each calendar year.

Article 111. This conference reserves the right to discipline its membership. All members of this conference should carry credentials of identification endorsed by the President and the Clerk.

Article IV. This conference shall meet at 7:30 o'clock on Friday night at the place where the next quarterly meeting is scheduled to take place. It will meet one month previous to the quarterly meeting.

Article V. This constitution may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

Article I. It is said that before a church call a strange preacher to let the executive board examine him before they call him to preach.

Article II. The clerk or the assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the ministers and deacons into conference. If a quorum is present the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside over the conference. If neither of these are present the senior minister in years shall be in charge.

Article III. Each conference shall be opened by reading a portion of God's word followed by prayer, and each session shall be closed with prayer.

Article IV. Ministers and Deacons wishing to become members of this conference shall present themselves with letters of recommendation from the church of which they are a member. When said letters are accepted by the body in session, the clerk then shall enroll them.

Article V. At each session the Ministers and Deacons shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats there in. In case of questionable representation, the case in question shall be referred to the Credential Committee.

Article VI. No member shall absent himself from the conference during its meeting without permission from the President.

Article VII. When any member of this conference becomes heretical or corrupt in Doctrine or practice, this conference on being appraised of the fact, (1 Tim. 5:19), investigates the matter. After suitable labor and gospel steps have been taken; if unsuccessful, withdraws the hand of fellowship, reports same to their respective church.

Article VIII. All items of business shall be brought before the body by a motion and seconded.

Article IX. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the president by the appellation, "Brother President," but shall not speak further until recognized.

Article X. By two-thirds majority vote of the members present, a decision of the President may be overruled.

Article XI. This conference shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

Article XII. These by-laws may be amended at any regular session by two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

OFFICERS

President. . .Rev. W. T. Daniels
Vice-President. . .W. Dorey, Jr.
Clerk. . .Ed. McCause

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 of the world, from all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and "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 Saviour, 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.

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 conversion of the world.

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 eunuch that believed and was baptized what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask, if the eunuch 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 the 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, marry 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 the 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. 357-17; 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 stubborn 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 light 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 reflection 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. Motion carried to use alternate delegates on committees.
8. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
9. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
10. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.
11. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
12. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.
13. 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.
14. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.
15. 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 Baptist), 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. 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:

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 _____

Ordained Ministers _____

Licensed Ministers _____

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

