

1959

MINUTES

OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
Union Association
OF THE
Free Will Baptists
OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA



AUGUST 15
1959

WHEN CONVENED WITH
THE CLINTON CHURCH
Custer County

OFFICERS

Moderator	Clarence Shepherd
Assistant Moderator	Clyde Hamar
Clerk	Pauline Shepherd
Assistant Clerk	Fern Shepherd
Treasurer	Carroll Crispin
Reporter	Fern Crispin

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday Morning — 10:00 O'clock

1. Devotional
2. Reading of the minutes of last association.
3. Call for Church letters.
4. Invitation to any and all visiting brethren to be in our council.
5. Appointment of Pulpit Committee.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Adjournment.
8. Short recess.
9. Introductory sermon.

Saturday Afternoon

1. Devotional Service.
2. Reading of minutes of morning session.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Minister's Report.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. Selection of place where the next association will be held.
7. Extending a vote of thanks.
8. Election of Officers.

MORNING SESSION

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists met in regular session on August 15, 1959, at the Clinton Church. Opened by singing led by Bro. Russell Rayner.

Rev. Clyde Hamar brought the morning devotion using as his scripture the 27th chapter of Psalms.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read and accepted. Church letters were called for and the following responded: Webb, Clinton, Pleasant Valley, Enid, Sayre, Prairie Belle and Guymon.

Church letters were read and a motion made and seconded that we accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

Invitation was extended to all visiting brethren to say anything that might benefit the Association.

Motion made and seconded that the moderator be given the power to appoint the pulpit committee. Sister Fern Crispin, Bro. Kenneth Hawkins, Bro. Tommie Ford, Bro. John Holly, and Bro. Audy Rice were selected for the pulpit committee.

Motion made and seconded that we have a resolution committee.

Motion made and seconded that the moderator be given the power to appoint the resolution committee. Bro. Ernest Walker, Albert Adair and Clyde Hamar were selected for the resolution committee.

Report of the pulpit committee was given. Rev. N. R. Smith, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Rev. Corey Cheshire, Guymon, Oklahoma, were selected to bring the eleven o'clock messages.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jasper Burnell.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

The morning worship opened by singing, "The Glory Land Way," led by Bro. Russell Rayner.

Rev. Bowser led in a word of prayer.

Rev. N. R. Smith and Rev. Corey Cheshire brought the eleven o'clock messages.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jimmie Nichols.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened by singing led by Russell Rayner. Rev. Johnny Jones led in a word of prayer.

Minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

Rev. N. R. Smith gave a report on the State Sunday School work.

Motion made and seconded that we discontinue the practice of each church sending \$10.00 with their church letter to every Quarterly Meeting and in its place let each church send \$25.00 once each year to the Annual Yearly Meeting and that this money be used to pay for the printing of the minutes and as State delegates fees.

Motion made and seconded that we receive the resolution to send 50 percent instead of 75 percent of the Union Association's money to the State Board.

Motion made and seconded that we table the above motion until the next Quarterly Meeting.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn for a short recess.

Dismissed in prayer by Paul Epperly.

The Business session opened by a special song from the Sayre church.

Report of the allocation committee was given. The allocation committee having studied the question of allocating funds to different boards of the Association recommended as follows:

- 1..That we continue having only one general fund and that one treasurer continue checking on this account.
2. That any board of Association needing financial assistance make their request to the Association while in regular conference if possible and if not convenient to do so, then make their request to the Executive Board of Union Association.

Motion made and seconded that we accept the allocation committee's report.

Report of the Credentials Committee was given. The Credentials Committee met with Rev. Corey Cheshire and after seeing his ordination papers we wish to recommend him to this body as a minister in good standing and have full fellowship in the Union Association.

Motion made and seconded that we accept Rev. Corey Cheshire into full fellowship in the Union Association.

The credentials committee also met with Rev. Clifford Schimels. Rev. Schimels, having answered all the questions as required by the committee to their satisfaction, was reported to be found sound in faith and in agreement with the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist faith.

Motion made and seconded that we accept Rev. Clifford Schimels in full fellowship in the Union Association.

Minister's reports were read and accepted. Rev. Clyde Hamar, Rev. Jasper Burnell, Rev. Jimmie Ray Nichols, Rev. Clarence Shepherd, Rev. Earl Gwinn, Rev. Paul Bowser, and Rev. Ross Hamar responded.

Motion made and seconded that this body extend the license of Chad Russ to preach the gospel until he can meet with the credentials committee.

Motion made and seconded that Roy Shepherd be elected for the 5 year member on the Executive Board.

Rev. Clifford Schimels was elected for the one year member on the Home Mission Board.

Kenneth Hawkins was elected for the three year member on the Home Mission Board.

Motion made and seconded that Clarence Shepherd fill out the unexpired term for the General Board member in place of James Murray and also continue as member in the year 1960.

Brother Clarence Shepherd was elected moderator.

Brother Clyde Hamar was elected as Assistant moderator.

Pauline Shepherd was elected as clerk.

Fern Shepherd was elected as the assistant clerk.

Carroll Crispin was elected as the treasurer.

Moved and seconded that the next Quarterly Meeting be held at Pleasant Valley the first Saturday in November, the following Quarterly Meeting at Sayre Church the first Saturday in February, and the next Quarterly Meeting at Prairie Belle. The Yearly Association will be held at Guymon Church Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in August.

Sister Fern Crispin was elected for our Associational Reporer.

Motion made and seconded that we pay our State delegates fee out of our Associational treasury.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Clifford Schimels.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Clarence Shepherd, Clinton, Okla.
Assistant Moderator	Clyde Hamar, Sayre, Okla.
Clerk	Pauline Shepherd, Clinton, Okla.
Assistant Clerk	Fern Shepherd, Arapaho, Okla.
Treasurer	Carroll Crispin, Putnam, Okla.
Reporter	Fern Crispin, Putnam, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Roy Shepherd, 5 years	Arapaho, Okla.
Homer May, 4 years	Clinton, Okla.
Clarence Shepherd, 3 years	Clinton, Okla.
Ernest Walker, 2 years	Clinton, Okla.
Paul Epperly, 1 year	Webb

HOME MISSION BOARD

Kenneth Hawkins, 3 years	Clinton, Okla.
Ralph Hutchinson, 2 years	Clinton, Okla.
Clifford Schimels, 1 year	Arapaho, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Clifford Schimels	Arapaho, Okla.
Rev. Earl Gwinn	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Corey Cheshire	Guymon, Okla.
Rev. Clyde Hamar	Sayre, Okla.
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Ross Hamar	Arapaho, Okla.
Rev. Johnny Jones	Putnam, Okla.
Rev. Paul Bowser	Weatherford, Okla.
Rev. Fred Kirby	Enid, Okla.
Rev. Jasper Burnell	Elk City, Okla.
Rev. Elmo Smith	Elk City, Okla.

STATE DELEGATES

Clinton	Mattie Hutchinson
Pleasant Valley	Mary Schimels
Prairie Belle	Tressie Jones
Webb	Rochelle Gore
Enid	Joyce Becker
German	Eddie Klein
Sayre	Tommie Ford

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Clyde Hamar

Miles Traveled	4,800
Sermons	101
Funerals	3
Weddings	2
Money received for weddings	\$5.00
Ministers Conferences Attended	2
Ministers Retreats Attended	1
Quarterly Meetings	3
Money received from Sayre	\$1,543.95

Rev. Clarence Shepherd

Miles Traveled	6,500
Sermons preached	100
Money received:	
Antioch	\$300.00
Prairie Belle	\$540.50
Clinton	\$150.00
Haskell, Revival	\$100.00
Two Weddings	\$5.00

Rev. Earl Gwinn

Sermons preached	72
Salary received	\$1,400.00
Miles Traveled	2,652

Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	100
Commencement Addresses	1
Funerals	3
Ministers Conferences attended	1
District League Rallies attended	4
Salary from Webb	\$1,300.00
Gifts for Funerals	\$25.00

Rev. Jasper Burnell

Sermons preached	40
Miles traveled	3,200
Money received	\$340.00

Rev. Elmo Smith

Sermons preached	72
Funerals	2
Baptisms	3
Revivals	2
Miles traveled	7,385
Received	\$415.00

Radio Time and Expense:

Paid \$176.00 for radio time.

Mailed out eight hundred cards and bulletins.

Paid out \$30.00 for three cent stamps.

Paid out \$77.27 for 12 hundred foot rolls of tape.

Paid \$108.00 for tape recorder.

Paid \$15.50 for floor mike and stand.

Paid \$60.00 for HiFi record player.

Paid \$23.64 for records.

Paid \$17.98 for auto-card-o-matic machine.

Paid \$8.50 for Hectograph and supplies.

Paid \$115.32 for gas and oil to and from church only.

Our pledge for the next year is to place one thousand Bibles to those in need.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

August 22, 1958 to August 15, 1959

Balance brough forward August 22, 1958	\$ 686.56
Late delegate and minute fee	15.00
Home Missions	233.00
Foreign Missions (earmarked)	111.13
Letter Forms	1.30
Cooperative Total	1,951.77
Antioch	111.13
Clinton	349.47
Enid	302.03
German	76.12
Guymon	359.13
Pleasant Valley	318.45
Prairie Belle	174.95
Sayre	75.00
Webb	185.49
Miscellaneous Receipts	10.00
Balance Refund from former treasurer	3.32
TOTAL	\$3,012.08
Less Total Dis.	2,417.26
On Deposit August 15, 1959 in First State Bank, Camargo, Oklahoma	594.82

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jimmy Ray Nichols,
Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS

August 22, 1958 to August 15, 1959

Oklahoma State Association Cooperative	\$1,378.79
Oklahoma State Association (earmarked)	
Foreign Missions	111.13
Oklahoma State Association State Delegate Fee	35.00
Oklahoma State Association for Letter Forms	5.20
Linderer Printing Co., Clinton, for 1958 Minutes	56.00
Christmas Gift for State Executive Secretary and wife ..	11.14
National Association Delegate Fee	20.00
Oklahoma Loan Commission	800.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,417.26

ENID CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Sister Freda Goll, Sister Clemmie Kirby, and Sister Helen Sanford.

State Delegate: Joyce Becker.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 1, 1958 to August, 1959.

Church and address: Enid Church, Wabash and Independence.

Pastor's name & address: Rev. Fred Kirby, 118 W. Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Donald Cox, 415 South Quincy.

Number of ordained deacons 2 |

Church membership 38 |

Resident 29 |

Non-resident 9 |

Members received 19 |

Sunday School enrolment 72 |

League enrolment 30 |

Woman's Auxiliary membership 17 |

Total offerings received \$3,308.92 |

Pastor's salary \$110.00 |

Evangelistic work \$70.00 |

Building and repair \$3,768.77 |

Literature \$237.60 |

Advertising	116.16
Miscellaneous	\$38.60
Other	\$9.49
Total local expenditures	\$4,250.62
Cooperative Plan	\$302.00
Foreign Missions	\$111.13
Home Missions	\$50.00
Total outside expenditures	\$463.16
Value of church property	\$15,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$20.00

PRAIRIE BELLE

To the Annual Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Pearl Williams, Bennie Cantrell, Carroll Crispin. As alternates: Irene Cantrell, Fern Crispin and Bertha Haggard.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1958 to August 15, 1959.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, Butler, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Kenneth Cline, Putnam, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. John Jones, Putnam, Okla.; Rev. Paul Bowser, Lookeba, Okla.; Rev. Nelse Williams, Lenora, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons	3
Church membership	40
Sunday School enrolment	23
Total offerings received	\$1,613.58
Pastor's salary	\$570.00
Evangelistic work	\$75.00
Building and repair	\$361.00
Butane	\$10.00
One half of pastor's salary to the National Association	\$35.00
Visiting Preachers	\$205.00
Total local expenditures	\$1,256.50
Cooperative Plan	\$175.29
Quarterly Letters	\$40.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$10.00
Delegate to the State Association	Sister Tressie Jones

WEBB CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Bro. Albert Badley, Bro. John Holley, Bro. Howard Stephenson. Alternates: Sister Frances Badley, Sister Mattie Holley, Sister Dessie Stephenson.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 3, 1958 to August 1, 1959.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Jimmie Nichols, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Sister Eva Hicks, Camargo, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Ross Hamar, Arapaho, Oklahoma; Rev. Jimmie Nichols, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained ministers	2
Number of ordained deacons	2
Church membership	40
Resident	25
Non-resident	15
Sunday School enrollment	51
League enrolment	30
Total offerings received	\$2,015.39
Pastor's salary	\$1,300.00
Evangelistic work	\$10.00
Literature	\$56.00
Miscellaneous	\$456.07
Total expenditures	\$2,000.25
Cooperative Plan	\$177.14
Value of church property	\$6,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$20.00
Delegate to the State Association	Rochelle Gore

CLINTON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Sister Peggy Catlett, Trella May and Robert Shepherd. Alternates: Sister Flössie Walker, Sister Leta Bell Rayner, Kenneth Hawkins.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1958, to August 15, 1959.

Church and address: First Free Will Baptist Church, 14th and Nowahy.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1124 Blackstone, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mattie Hutchinson, Neptune Park, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained ministers	1
Number of ordained deacons	4
Church membership	28
Members received by letter	2
Members dismissed by letter	2
Sunday School enrolment	72
Woman's Auxiliary membership	8
Total offerings received	\$6,979.57
Pastor's salary	\$2,340.00
Lots, Building and repair	\$3,744.59
Literature	\$103.00
Cooperative Plan	\$323.91
Total outside expenditures	\$6,572.24
Value of church property	\$5,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$10.00

We called Brother Clarence Shepherd in May to fill the unexpired Associational Year, then in a regular business conference, we called him for the coming year.

Delegate to the State Association...Sister Mattie Hutchinson

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Sister Elsie Roush, Bro. R. B. Shepherd and Sister Mattie Shepherd. Alternates: Sister Melba Shepherd, Sister Mary Schimels and Pauline Baker.

State Delegate: Mary Schimels. Alternate: Doris Shepherd.

Period of time covered in this report: From August, 1958 to August 15, 1959.

Church and address: Pleasant Valley Church, Arapaho, Okla.

Pastor's name and address: Rex. Clifford Schimels, Butler, Oklahoma.

Church membership	33
Members received by letter	5
Members dismissed by letter	4
Sunday School enrolment	45
Pastor's salary:	
Rev. Guinn	\$1,225.00
Rev. Schimels	\$520.00
Total	\$1,745.00
Evangelistic work	\$150.00
Building and repair	\$341.25
Literature	\$78.81
Total local expenditures	\$2,315.06
Cooperative Plan	\$319.10
Home Missions	\$50.00
Total outside expenditures	\$369.10
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$15.00

SAYRE CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Brother Tommie Ford, Enoch Barker and Eva Barker and alternates Mildred Ford and Opal Hamar. State delegate: Tommie Ford.

Church and address: 211 North 6th St., Sayre, Oklahoma.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clyde Hamar, 1101 N. 5th St., Sayre, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mattie Green, R. R. 3, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons	2
Church membership	46
Resident	45
Non - resident	1
Sunday School enrolment	28
Woman's Auxiliary membership	7
Total offerings received	\$2,948.21
Building fund	\$791.00
Pastor's salary	\$1,543.95
Evangelistic work	\$50.00
Building and repair	\$853.91
Literature	\$49.82
Advertising	\$6.00
Miscellaneous	\$65.30
Cooperative Plan	\$75.00
Home Missions	\$40.00
Value of church property	\$5,300.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$13.00

GERMAN CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Sister Elsie Meeks, Sister Melba Klein, Sister Ovada Kauk. Alternates: Sister Sarah Shelton, Sister Faye Kauk, and Sister Beulah Klein.

State delegate: Eddie Klein.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1958 to August 15, 1959.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Beulah Klein, Rout 1, Butler, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons 2

Church membership	36
Resident	27
Non - resident	1
Members deceased	1
Sunday School enrolment	45
Average Sunday School attendance	36
Total giving in the churches	\$1,175.03
General offerings	\$697.94
Building fund	\$477.09
Visiting preachers	\$291.00
Building and repair	\$2.55
Literature	\$65.58
Miscellaneous	\$61.13
Cooperative Plan	\$76.12
Home Missions	\$45.00
Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.	\$10.00

GUYMON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Clinton Church on August 15, 1959:

We send as delegates: Sister Noima Rice, Sister Inez Russ, Sister Teachie Cheshire. Alternates: Sister Myra Sessions, Sister Hazel Watson and Sister Glenna Rice.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 1, 1958 to August 1, 1959.

Church and address: 1502 N. Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.
 Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clyde Cheshire, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Fred Keifer, 1306 N. Academy, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Corey
Cheshire, 1411 N. Beaver; Rev. Jasper Burnell, Elk City, Okla.

Number of licensed ministers -----	1
Number of ordained ministers -----	4
Church membership -----	41
Resident -----	39
Non - resident -----	2
Members received -----	9
By profession of faith -----	2
By letter -----	5
By statement of faith -----	2
Members dismissed -----	7
By letter -----	2
Excluded -----	5
Sunday School enrolment -----	69
League enrolment -----	45
Total offerings received -----	\$4,935.40
Pastor's salary -----	\$2,295.00
Evangelistic work -----	\$215.00
Literature -----	\$80.00
Advertising -----	\$24.00
Bills -----	\$1,235.77
Total local expenditures -----	\$4,086.90
Cooperative Plan -----	\$316.13
Value of Church property -----	\$20,000.00
Value of parsonage property -----	\$11,500.00
Amount enclosed with letter -----	\$10.00

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptists, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group of churches, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better associational government.

Article I

NAME: This Association shall be known as the Union Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP: This Association shall be composed of Free Will Baptist Churches who maintain Gospel order and agree with denominational doctrine and practices; and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by this Association.

Article III

DELEGATES: Voting members of the Association shall be ministers, deacons, members of all standing boards, officers and sponsors of the League Rally of Association, Officers of Women's Auxiliary Convention of Association, officers of Sunday School Convention of Association, Church Clerks, and also three delegates from each local church of the Association,

which shall be seated with proper credentials. There must be a quorum of at least three churches present and a written record shall be made of all transactions. No member of the executive board shall delegate authority to any other member of said board to cast his vote for him in anything. The board shall have the power to call all the Association in conference by notifying each church ten days prior to conference and they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or association if the place where said quarterly meetings or associations is to meet is not able to care for the meeting, and their decisions shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church.

Article IV

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer and executive board consisting of five members. The board members to be elected so as to require one to be elected each year. This board is delegated power to act in behalf of and for the Union Association from one meeting to another of said Association, and shall have power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of Union Association. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

To this executive board is further delegated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best and the means on hand may warrant. They shall have power to convey or mortgage any real estate or associational property. This executive board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the next regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control and convey any property entrusted to said Association for any purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case divert it from its original object.

The chairman and treasurer of said executive board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which Union is become legally held. It shall be the duty of this executive board to meet each regular or adjourned session and as often as may be necessary, and any member absenting himself from meetings three times may be dropped from the board and his successor elected. No meeting of the executive board shall be legal unless at least three members are present.

Article V

NEW CHURCHES: Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church (Treatise Page 42, 1957), who desires to unite with Union Association may be received by letter and elected delegates.

Article VI

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

Article VII

CREDENTIALS: When a church desires that one of its members should be examined for license or ordination, it shall be the duty of the council in the examination to find out as nearly as possible if the candidate is qualified.

The candidate is to be examined by a set of questions, if not scripturally and satisfactorily to the approval of the board, they will not be licensed or ordained.

A:

1. Are you in regular church attendance?
2. How many times have you been in church this year?
3. Do you attend prayer meeting?
4. Do you support the church with tithes and offerings?
5. How many have you saved under your ministry?
6. How many times have you preached in the last six months?
7. Do you have regular appointments?
8. How much time do you give to study of the Gospel?
9. What are your convictions and purposes as a minister?

B: REPUTATION:

1. This information shall be learned from delegates from his respective church.
2. As to the report from within and without the church, this should consist of kindness, meekness and love.
3. Is GOD first and above all in your life?

C. DOCTRINE: Consisting of Doctrine:

1. Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. Divine Government and Providence.
3. Primitive state of man and fall.
4. Atonement.
5. Call to the ministry.

Question: How do you know that GOD called you to the ministry?

6. Bible Repentance.
7. Justification and Sanctification.
8. Faith and Regeneration.
9. Perseverance of the saint.
10. Lord's Day.
11. The Church.
12. Tithing.
13. Ordinances of the Gospel.
 - a. Lord's Supper.
 - b. Baptism.
 - c. Feet washing.
14. Death.
15. Second Coming of Christ.
16. The Judgment.
17. Duties of the Minister.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallable Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.
2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God Head of Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 17:1; John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Pho. 5:1-19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification and redemption are by life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. Matt. 25:46.

6. That he that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

7. That baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion. Mark 1:4-9-10; Luke 22:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public worship of God, and that on it, we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy. Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order, those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; 1 Thes. 3:16.

10. 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 singly engage to promote the honor of God. John 13:15; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots accepted. Acts 20:21; Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; 1 Peter 3:21.

12. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him and therefore should be one at His table. 1 Cor. 1:1-11; 27-28, John 17:11.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

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

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

7. Motion made and lost will not be recorded.

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

9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference and we will not seat any minister in this Association who teaches the Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.

12. Each church will be entitled to three delegates and three alternates whose names must be in the church letter.

13. A new minister coming into this Association should meet with the credentials committee and be required to have proper credentials with good standing in the Oklahoma State Association, or from such state body from which he comes before he can be endorsed by this Association.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit." in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principal sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in 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 conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, or its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education, al and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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