

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
Union Association
OF THE
Free Will Baptists
OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA



AUGUST 17, 1960
When Convened With
THE GUYMON CHURCH
Texas County

Officers

Moderator	-----	Clarence Shepherd
Assistant Moderator	-----	Raymond Allen
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 20, 1960, at the Guymon Church. Opened by singing led by Bro. Chad Russ.

Bro. Clarence Shepherd led in a word of prayer.

Bro. Clifford Schimmels brought the morning devotional using as his scripture the 5th chapter of John.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read and accepted. Church letters were called for and the following responded: Webb, Pleasant Valley, Clinton, Enid, Sayre, Prairie Bell, Guymon, and German Church. Church letters were read and a motion made and 2nd 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.

Sister Fern Crispin, Audy Rice, and Paul Epperly were selected for the pulpit committee.

Motion made and 2nd that we have a standing Resolution Committee.

Bro. Jasper Burnell was elected for the 5 year member on the Resolution committee.

Bro. Clifford Schimmels was elected for the 4 year member on the Resolution committee.

Bro. Melvin Batson was elected for the 3 year member on the Resolution committee.

Bro. Raymond Allen was elected for the 2 year member on the Resolution committee.

Bro. Chad Russ was elected for the 1 year member on the Resolution committee.

Report of the pulpit committee was given. Bro. Raymond Allen to be followed by Bro. Clifford Schimmels were selected to bring the eleven o'clock messages.

Motion made and 2nd that we adjourn the business session until 1:30.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Chad Russ.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

The morning worship service opened by singing led by Bro. Chad Russ.

Bro. Melvin Batson led in a word of prayer.

Rev. Raymond Allen and Rev. Clifford Schimmels brought the eleven o'clock messages.

Dismissed in prayer by Jasper Burnell.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened by singing led by Bro. Chad Russ.

Bro. Melvin Batson brought the devotional and led in a word of prayer.

Minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

Carroll Crispin gave the treasurer's report. It was read and accepted.

Minister's reports were read and accepted. Raymond Allen, Melvin Batson, Clifford Schimmels, Chad Russ and Clarence Shepherd responded.

Motion made and 2nd that we receive the resolution made by the resolution committee concerning the change in the constitution in which the moderator shall have the power to call all the Association in conference by notifying each church ten days prior to conference and he shall have 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 his decisions shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church.

Motion made and 2nd that we adopt this above resolution concerning the constitutional change.

Pauline Shepherd was elected to serve as a State Delegate

Clarence Shepherd was elected to act as a member of the General Board for the year of 1961.

Motion made and 2nd that everyone bring their lunch for the first day of the Youth Camp, to begin the following Monday at Roman Nose State Park.

Moved and 2nd that the next Quarterly Meeting be held at Antioch the first Saturday in November, the following Quarterly Meeting at Webb Church the first Saturday in February, and the next Quarterly Meeting at German Church the first Saturday in May. The Yearly Association will be held at Enid Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August.

Paul Epperly was elected for the Executive Board member for 5 years.

Jasper Burnell was elected for the 3 year member on the Home Mission Board.

Fern Crispin was retained as reporter.

Carroll Crispin was retained for treasurer.

Fern Shepherd was retained as assistant clerk.

Pauline Shepherd was retained as clerk.

Raymond Allen was elected for the assistant moderator.

Clarence Shepherd was retained as moderator and given a vote of thanks for his work.

Motion made and 2nd that we extend the host church a vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Motion made and 2nd that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Paul Epperly.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Clarence Shepherd, Clinton, Okla.
Assistant Moderator	Raymond Allen, 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

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

RESOLUTION BOARD

Jasper Burnell, 5 year	Elk City, Okla.
Clifford Schimmels, 4 year	Clinton, Okla.
Melvin Batson, 3 year	Webb
Raymond Allen, 2 year	Sayre, Okla.
Chad Russ, 1 year	Guymon, Okla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Clifford Schimmels	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Earl Gwinn	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Raymond Allen	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.
Rev. Chad Russ	Guymon, Okla.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Jasper Burnell, 3 year	Elk City, Okla.
Kenneth Hawkins, 2 year	Clinton, Okla.
Ralph Hutchinson, 2 year	Clinton, Okla.

STATE DELEGATES

Clinton	Russell Rayner
Pleasant Valley	Mary Schimmels
Prairie Bell	Carroll Crispin
Webb	Eva Hicks
Enid	Oran Loudermilk
German	Eddie Klein
Sayre	Tommie Ford
Guymon	Audie Rice

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Clarence Shepherd:

Miles traveled	6,000
Sermons preached	100
Baccalareate	1
Weddings	2
Revivals	1
Money received from Clinton Church	\$2,705.00
Money received from Haskell Church	\$75.00

Rev. Clifford Schimmels:

Sermons preached	100
Money received	\$2,660.00
Quarterly Conferences attended	4

Rev. C. B. Russ:

Sermons preached	25
Miles traveled	800
Money received	\$110.00

Rev. Melvin Batson:

Sermons preached	80
Miles traveled	5,000
Money received	\$500.00

Rev. Raymond Allen:

Sermons delivered	175
Revivals held	1
Weddings	2
Miles traveled	7,500
Ministers conferences attended	1
Quarterly Conferences attended	4
Money received	\$1,380.00
Love offerings (approximate)	\$100.00

Rev. Jasper Burnell:

Sermons preached	25
Miles traveled	1,336
Money received	\$90.00

Rev. John Elmo Smith:

Sermons preached	147
Funerals	4
Graveside Services	1
Revivals	1
Miles traveled	17,206
Money received	\$735.00
Weddings	2

FINANCIAL REPORT — 1959-1960

Balance brought forward August 20, 1960	\$594.82
Received in church letters	98.00
Late fees and money for minutes	20.00
Home Missions—earmarked	30.00
Foreign Missions—earmarked	118.42
Cooperative total	1,518.87
Clinton	377.55
Enid	252.61
German	50.00
Guymon	138.00
Pleasant Valley	288.57
Prairie Bell	266.39
Webb	145.75
Total	\$2,380.11
Miscellaneous	11.11
Total	\$2,391.22
Expenses	1,958.61
Total on deposit	432.61

Disbursements:

Oklahoma State Association Cooperative	\$1,224.38
Foreign Missions	118.43
Oklahoma State Delegates fee	30.00
Home Mission	30.00
Linderer Printing Co.	56.00
Oklahoma Loan Commission	500.00
Total	\$1,958.61
Money taken in during year	2,391.22
Disbursements	1,958.61
Total on deposit	\$432.61

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists held their first Youth Camp at Roman Nose Park, near Watonga, August 22nd through August 25th, 1960, with 108 registering.

God blessed us during the entire week and there was a wonderful spirit of reverence and love. Four young boys were saved and one young girl rededicated her life to Christ. We enjoyed many blessings from the special singing and the wonderful messages.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd acted as director and Rev. Melvin Batson as assistant director. Rev. Bob Duncan and fourteen year old Ricky Duncan served as the Evangelists. The theme of the camp was OUTDOORS WITH CHRIST, with the 9, 10 and 11 year old group studying GOD OF WONDERS and the young teens studying GOING WITH CHRIST. Teachers included Rev. Duncan, Fern Duncan, Rev. Batson, Louise Batson, Mary Schimmels and Florence Epperly.

There were nine enrolled in the 9, 10, 11 year old group and seventeen in the teenage group, making a total of 26 youth enrolled.

Cooks included: Eva Hicks, Mattie Holley, Mattie Hutchinson, Rochelle Gore, and Pauline Shepherd. Everyone enjoyed the good meals that were served.

Many who could not attend the entire week drove over for a part of the service.

Churches represented during the camp were: Clinton, Webb, Pleasant Valley, Prairie Bell, Sayre and Lenora.

We closed with everyone feeling the camp had been a blessing to them and praying that we have a bigger and better Youth Camp next year.

GUYMON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Guymon Church on August 20, 1960:

We send as delegates: Naomi Rice, Inez Russ, and Altha Keifer.

Delegate to the State Association: Audie Rice.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959 to August 20, 1960.

Church and address: 1502 N. Beaver, Guymon, Okla.

Pastor's address: Rev. J. B. Flecker, 1411 N. Beaver, Guymon, Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Fred Keifer, 1210 N. Roosevelt, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Number of ordained deacons:	3
Church membership	46
Resident	32
Non - resident	14
Members received	11
Members dismissed	4
Sunday School enrollment	53
League enrolment	32
Total offerings received	\$5,997.52
Pastor's salary	\$2,615.00
Evangelistic work	\$175.00
Literature	100.00
Advertising	\$30.00
Miscellaneous	\$732.42
Loan	\$2,152.80
Total local expenditures	\$5,805.22
Cooperative Plan	\$192.30
Total outside expenditures	\$192.30
Value of church property	\$14,000.00
Value of parsonage property	\$12,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$25.00

GERMAN CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Guymon Church on August 20, 1960:

We send as delegates: Sarah Shelton, Clara Ford and Faye Kauk. As alternates: Son Shelton, Otto Kauk, Eddie Kauk and Norma Kauk.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959, to August 20, 1960.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Arthur Klein, Butler, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons	2
Church membership	36
Resident	27
Non - resident	9
Average Sunday School attendance	35
Average Sunday School enrollment	45
Total offerings received	\$768.60
General Offerings	\$624.60
Building fund	\$145.00
Visiting preachers	\$211.00
Literature	\$66.17
Miscellaneous	\$6.62
Propane and Electricity	\$41.00
Seats	\$170.00
Total local expenditures	\$494.79
Cooperative Plan	50.00
Care	\$3.04
Associational projects	\$25.00
Flowers	\$10.84
Gifts	\$17.50
Total outside expenditures	\$106.38
Amount enclosed with letter	\$25.00

CLINTON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Guymon Church on August 20, 1960:

We send as delegates: Jessie Earles, Jane Earles, and Mattie Hutchinson. As alternates: La Dana Hawkins, Kenneth Hawkins and Dean Adams.

Delegate to the State Association: Russell Rayner.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959, to August 20, 1960.

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

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

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

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Rev. Clarence Shepherd and Rev. Earl Gwinn.

Number of ordained deacons	3
Church membership	34
Members received	8
Members dismissed	2
Sunday School enrollment	74
Total offerings received	\$7,318.54
General offerings	\$3,767.92
Building Fund	\$3,550.62
Pastor's salary	\$2,705.00
Evangelistic work	\$100.00
Building	\$3,655.59
Literature	\$77.84
Cooperative Plan	\$377.55
Foreign Missions	\$52.00
Value of Church property	\$7,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$25.00

WEBB CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Guymon on August 20, 1960:

We send as delegates: Albert Badley, Louise Batson and Rochelle Gore. As alternates: Florence Epperly, Mae Gore and Dessie Stephenson.

Delegate to the State Association: Eva Hicks.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959, to August 20, 1960.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Melvin Batson, Rt. 1, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Eva Hicks, Rt. 2, Camargo, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Ross Hamar, Arapaho, Oklahoma.

Number of licensed ministers -----	2
Number of ordained deacons -----	2
Church membership -----	45
Resident -----	24
Non - resident -----	2
Members received -----	4
Members dismissed -----	1
Sunday School enrollment -----	45
League enrollment -----	39
Total offerings received -----	\$3,136.71
General offerings -----	\$2,271.71
Building Fund -----	\$936.70
Pastor's salary -----	\$1,702.30
Evangelistic work -----	\$236.00
Building and repair -----	\$936.70
Literature -----	\$84.36
Miscellaneous -----	\$258.05
Total local expenditures -----	\$3,217.41
Cooperative Plan -----	\$161.30
Total outside expenditures -----	\$161.30
Value of church property -----	\$7,500.00
Value of parsonage property -----	\$1,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter -----	\$25.00

ENID CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Guymon Church on August 20, 1960:

We send as delegates: Oran Loudermilk, Hobart Sturgill, and Driscilla Cox.

Delegate to the State Association: Oran Loudermilk.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959, to August 20, 1960.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Fred J. Kirby, 118 West Wabash, Enid, Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Donald Cox, 415 S. Quincy, Enid, Okla.

Church and address: First Free Will Baptist, Independence and Wabash, Enid, Okla.

Number of ordained deacons	1
Church membership	45
Resident	31
Non - resident	14
Members received	23
Members dismissed	16
Sunday School enrollment	99
League enrollment	35
Woman's Auxiliary membership	12
Total offerings received	\$3,453.19
Pastor's salary	\$1,290.00
Evangelistic work	\$150.00
Building and repair	\$1,697.48
Literature	\$228.55
Miscellaneous	\$79.33
Cooperative Plan	\$241.62
Foreign Missions	\$65.00
Total outside expenditures	\$307.04
Value of church property	\$15,000.00

PLEASANT VALLEY

To the Annual Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Guymon Church on August 20, 1960:

We send as delegates: Mary Schimmels, Doris Shepherd, Melba Shepherd. As alternates: Pauline Baker, Mattie Shepherd.

Delegate to the State Association: Mary Schimmels. Alternate: Fern Shepherd.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959, to August 20, 1960.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Clifford Schimmels, 429 S. 25th, Clinton, Okla.

Clerk's name and address: Fern Shepherd, Rt. 1, Arapaho, Okla.

Number of ordained ministers	3
Church membership	25
Members dismissed	7
Sunday School enrollment	45
Pastor's salary	\$2,040.00
Evangelistic work	\$125.00
Rent	\$480.00
Literature	\$100.25
Bible School	\$58.95
Visiting Preachers	\$40.00
Total local expenditures	\$2,844.20
Cooperative Plan	\$273.99
Amount enclosed with letter	\$25.00

SAYRE CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Guymon Church on August 20, 1960:

Delegate to the State Association: Tommy Ford.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959, to August 20, 1960.

Church and address: 1513 North 2nd Street, Sayre, Okla.

Pastor's name and address: Raymond Allen, Sayre, Okla. North Star Route.

Clerk's name and address: Mattie Green, Route 3, Sayre, Okla.

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Raymond Allen and Jasper Burnell.

Number of ordained deacons	2
Church membership	54
Members received	4
Sunday School enrollment	37
Total offerings received	\$639.81
Pastor's salary	\$470.00
Literature	\$9.82
Miscellaneous	\$18.64
Utilities	\$33.63
Value of church property	\$5,300.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$25.00

PRAIRIE BELL

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at the Guymon Church on August 20, 1960:

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

Delegate to the State Association: Carroll Crispin.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 15, 1959, to August 20, 1960.

Pastor's name and address: Elmo Smith, Elk City, Okla.

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

Names and addresses of ordained ministers: Bro. John Jones, Elmo Smith and Paul Bowser.

Number of ordained deacons	3
Church membership	40
Sunday School enrollment	23
Total offering received	\$1,195.29
Pastor's salary	\$670.00
Building and repair	\$93.72
Signs	\$8.00
Song Books	\$27.83
Film	\$10.00
Cooperative Plan	\$278.43
Foreign Missions Christmas	\$40.00
Home Missions	\$30.00
Amount enclosed with letter	\$25.00

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 moderator shall have the power to call the Association in conference by notifying each church ten days prior to conference and he 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 his decision 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 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 Testaments 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. 1:11; 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 a 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 beneficial work.

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 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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