

MINUTES
OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Union Association
OF THE
Free Will Baptists
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



AUGUST 18, 1962

When Convened With
THE SAYRE CHURCH

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. Seating of delegates
5. Appointment of Pulpit Committee
6. Miscellaneous business
7. Adjournment
8. Short recess
9. Introductory sermon

Saturday Afternoon

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

MORNING SESSION

The Union Association met in regular session at the Sayre Church on August 18, 1962. The session opened with singing led by Rev. Clyde Hamar.

Rev. N. R. Smith led in a word of prayer.

Rev. Joe Payne brought the morning devotion taken from the first chapter of Acts.

Minutes of the last Quartely Meeting were read and accepted.

Church letters were called for and the following responded: Guymon, Clinton, Antioch, Sayre, Pleasant Valley; Enid; Webb, Prairie Bell, Weatherford and German Church. Church letters were read and a motion carried that we accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

Paul Epperly, Fern Crispin, and Russell Rayner were selected to serve as the pulpit committee.

Rev. Major Followell gave a report on the progress of the

work at Altus.

Report of the pulpit committee was given. Rev. N. R. Smith and Rev. Don Jones were selected to bring the eleven o'clock messages. Motion carried that we adjourn for a short recess.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Raymond Allen.

The morning worship service opened with singing led by Rev. Clyde Hamar.

Rev. Tommy Roberts led in a word of prayer.

Rev. N. R. Smith and Rev. Don Jones brought the eleven o'clock messages.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Major Followell.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Clyde Hamar.

Rev. Clifford Schimmels brought the devotional and led in a word of prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

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

Shirley Roberts reported on her activities at the National Free Will Baptist College.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A report of the Credentials Board's recommendation was read and accepted.

Motion carried that the Ministers' Report not be read orally, but be printed in the minutes.

Motion carried that a place for permanent resolutions be placed in the minutes.

Motion carried that the Association pay \$45 for the next three months for the Altus Church rent.

Motion carried that the Association order 100 treatises from the State office.

Moved and seconded that the next quarterly meeting be held at Guymon the first Saturday in November, the following Quarterly meeting at Prairie Bell the first Saturday in February, and the next quarterly meeting at Antioch.

The Yearly Association will be held at Webb Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August.

Joe Payne was elected for the three year member on the

Mission Board.

Clarence Shepherd was elected as the five year member on the Credentials Board.

Roy Shepherd was elected as the five year member on the Resolutions Board.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd was elected as the five year member on the Executive Board.

Election of officers was as follows:

Moderator—Don Jones.

Assistant Moderator—Raymond Allen.

Clerk—Clifford Schimmels.

Assistant Clerk—Beulah Klein.

Treasurer—Carroll Crispin.

Reporter—Fern Crispin.

Motion carried that the Association give Rev. Clarence Shepherd a vote of thanks for his work as moderator.

Motion carried that we give the Sayre Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Motion carried that we give all outgoing officers and board members a vote of thanks.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Joe Payne.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Don Jones, Guymon, Okla.
Assistant Moderator	Raymond Allen, Sayre, Okla.
Clerk	Clifford Schimmels, Watonga, Okla.
Assistant Clerk	Beulah Klein,, Butler, Okla.
Treasurer	Carroll Crispin, Putnam, Okla.
Reporter	Fern Crispin, Putnam, Okla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Clarence Shepherd, 5 Year	Clinton, Okla.
Audie Rice, 4 Year	Guymon, Okla.
Paul Epperly, 3 Year	Webb
Roy Shepherd, 2 Year	Arapaho, Okla.
Homer May, 1 Year	Clinton, Okla.

RESOLUTION BOARD

Roy Shepherd, 5 Year	Arapaho, Okla.
Clyde Hamar, 4 Year	Weatherford, Okla.
Joe Payne, 3 Year	Enid, Okla.
Clifford Schimmels, 2 Year	Watonga, Okla.
Melvin Batson, 1 Year	Webb

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Clarence Shepherd, 5 Year	Clinton, Okla.
Earl Guinn, 4 Year	Clinton, Okla.
Melvin Batson, 3 Year	Webb
Eddie Klein, 2 Year	Butler, Okla.
Raymond Allen, 1 Year	Sayre, Okla.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Joe Payne, 3 Year	Enid, Okla.
Oran Loudermilk, 2 Year	Enid, Okla.
Chester Hicks	Webb

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Clifford Schimmels	Watonga, Okla.
Rev. Earl Guinn	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. Joe Payne	Enid, Okla.
Rev. Elmo Smith	Clinton, Okla.
Rev. Don Jones	Guymon, Okla.
Rev. Bill Williams	Weatherford, Okla.
Rev. <u>Clyde</u> Hamar	Weatherford, Okla.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Raymond Allen	
Sermons Delivered	180
Conversions	3
Weddings	2

Funerals	2
Money Received	\$1,560.00
Rev. Melvin Batson	
Sermons Delivered	102
Money Received	\$2,283.50
Quarterly Conferences Attended	4
Minister's Conferences Attended	1
Miles Traveled	15,000
Rev. Clyde Hamar	
Miles Traveled	6,000
Sermons	90
Funerals	7
Money Received from Funerals	\$20.00
Money Received from Weatherford	\$846.89
Baptisms	3
Rev. Don Jones	
Miles Traveled	10,023
Sermons Delivered	78
Salary Received	\$1,750.00
Moving Expense	\$125.00
Traveling Expense	\$23.85
Conversions	8
Rededications	18
Quarterly Conferences Attended	1
Written Report to Minister's Conference	1
Number Baptized	4
Rev. Joe E. Payne	
Sermons Delivered	131
Miles Traveled	35,000
Money Received	\$2,263.95
Weddings	1
Funerals	1
Rev. Clifford Schimmels	
Sermons Delivered	90
Miles Traveled	4,500
Rev. Clarence Shepherd	
Miles Traveled	5,000
Revivals	1
Sermons Delivered	90
Funerals	3

Salary Received	\$3,060.00
Rev. Bill Williams	
Sermons Delivered	41
Miles Traveled	6,210
Money Received from Prairie Bell	\$887.00

FINANCIAL REPORT AUG. 19, 1961 to AUG. 18, 1962

Church	Co-op Fund	College Fund	Missions
ANTIOCH	1st 18.02		
	2nd 42.29		
	3rd 12.34		
	4th 40.44		
	Year \$113.09		
CLINTON	1st 71.76		
	2nd 136.79		
	3rd 60.32		
	4th 128.40		
	Year \$397.27		
ENID	1st		13.48
	2nd 10.51		21.00
	3rd		23.24
	4th		12.36
	Year \$10.51		\$70.08
GERMAN	1st 6.05	6.00	5.00
	2nd	9.00	
	3rd	9.00	
	4th 22.82	12.00	
	Year \$28.87	\$36.00	\$ 5.00
GUYMON	1st	11.00	36.60
	2nd		
	3rd 50.00		
	4th		
	Year \$50.00	\$11.00	\$36.60

PLEASANT VALLEY	1st	54.06
	2nd	92.22
	3rd	61.51
	4th	95.79

Year \$303.58
Offering for Youth Camp: 39.40

PRAIRIE BELL	1st	48.53	9.00	
	2nd	74.30	6.00	25.00
	3rd	81.43	6.00	
	4th	67.19	9.00	

Year \$271.45 30.00 \$25.00

SAYRE	3rd	31.85
	4th	20.00

Year \$51.85

* WEATHERFORD	1st	42.02
	2nd	42.86
	3rd	41.31
	4th	45.07

Year \$171.26

WEBB	1st	38.00	117.00
	2nd	59.00	107.00
	3rd	39.00	
	4th	.86.00	

Year \$222.00 \$224.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS
Co-op Fund

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
Co-op Fund

1st quarter	-----	\$278.44	1st quarter	\$208.83
2nd quarter		457.97	2nd quarter	343.48
3rd quarter		377.76	3rd quarter	283.32
4th quarter		505.71	4th quarter	379.20

\$1,619.88 \$1,214.83

College Fund		College Fund	
1st quarter	\$143.00	1st quarter	143.00
2nd quarter	122.00	2nd quarter	122.00
3rd quarter	15.00	3rd quarter	15.00
4th quarter	30.00	4th quarter	30.00
	\$310.00		\$310.00
Missions		Missions	
1st quarter	\$55.08	1st quarter	55.08
2nd quarter	46.00	2nd quarter	46.00
3rd quarter	23.54	3rd quarter	23.54
4th quarter	12.36	4th quarter	12.36
Special Offerings			
Film-Y-Rally	\$21.86		\$136.98
State quarter	42.04		
For Youth Rally	39.40	Youth Camp	612.01
Retraction from Loan		Rental for Altus	135.00
Commission	1,300.00	Gift to Weatherford	500.00
Interest on Loan	136.00	10 % for Missions	50.00
Enrollment at Youth		Printing Minutes	78.40
Camp	113.00	Special Offering	63.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,958.02	TOTAL	\$3,101.11
Money on hand,			
Aug. 19, 1961	54.72	TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,012.74
		TOTAL	
TOTAL	\$4,012.74	EXPENDITURES	3,101.11
BALANCE ON HAND AUGUST 18, 1962		\$911.63	

ANTIOCH CHURCH

To the Yearly Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma, on August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Ethel Renison, Darlene Renison, Marguerite Edgar.

Alternates: Linda Higgins, Karen Shepherd, Sister Bill Watt.
 Period of time covered in this report: From May 5 to July 29
 Church: Antioch.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Earl Guinn, 318 South 18th, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. D. L. Shepherd, Route 1, Custer, Oklahoma.

We have asked Brother Guinn to serve as our pastor for another year.

We have painted the seats and re-done the floors since the last meeting; we have also painted the exterior of the church and purchased new song books.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, and Prayer Meeting.

Church Membership	34
Resident	32
Non - resident	2
Sunday School Average Attendance	32
Total Offering Received	\$990.86
Pastor's Salary	720.00
Visiting Preachers	25.00
Cooperative Plan	115.00
Foreign Missions	50.24
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

CLINTON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma, August 18, 1962: :

Delegates: Russell Rayner, Leta Bell Rayner, Zelma Davis.

Alternates: David Davis, Jane Earles, and Sue Earles.

Period of time covered in ahis report: From August 18, 1961 to August 18, 1962.

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

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Clarence Shepherd, 1124 Blackstone, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Mattie Hutchison, Neptune Park, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Name of Ordained Minister: Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

We have called Rev. Clarence Shepherd for the coming year.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Men's Fellowship, Prayer Meeting.

Number of Ordained Deacons	4
Church Membership	44
Members Received	7
By Letter	5

By Statement of Faith	2
Sunday School Enrolment	95
Total Offerings Received	\$4,926.13
General Offerings	3,976.16
Paid on Air Conditioner Unit	949.97
Pastor's Salary	3,060.00
Evangelistic Work	125.00
Cost of Air Conditioner Unit	1,754.00
Literature	146.30
Advertising for Revival	31.15
Visiting Preachers	120.00
Janitor	180.00
Cooperative Plan	394.97
Foreign Missions	33.97
Value of Church Property	13,000.00
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

ENID CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma, on August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Oren Loudermilk, Charles Neal, Floyd Cooper.

Alternates: Betty Payne and Ruby Neal.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 1, 1961, to August 1, 1962.

Church and Address: First Free Will Baptist, 128 West Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Joe E. Payne, 118 West Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Virginia Loudermilk, 307 East Randolph, Enid, Oklahoma.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers: Rev. Joe E. Payne, 118 West Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma; Rev. Don Drake, 617 West Illinois, Enid, Oklahoma.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, GTA, Master's Men, and Prayer Meeting.

Number of Licensed Ministers	2
Number of Ordained Deacons	1
Church Membership	89
Resident	72
Non-Resident	17

Members Received	36
By Profession of Faith	16
By Letter	10
By Statement of Faith	10
Members Dismissed	7
By Letter	4
Excluded	3
Sunday School Enrolment	163
League Enrolment	75
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	16
Total Offerings Received	\$5,274.74
General Offerings	\$5,274.74
Pastor's Salary	2,263.95
Evangelistic Work	158.94
Building and Repair	1,458.74
Literature	610.73
Miscellaneous	215.41
Rent	450.00
Total Local Expenditures	5,157.77
Foreign Missions	80.89
Orphanage	10.00
Total Outside Expenditures	90.89
Value of Church Property	15,000.00
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

GERMAN CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre Church on August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Sarah Shelton, Clara Ford and Ruth Addington.

Alternates: Son Shelton, Ovada Kauk and Otto Kauk.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 19, 1961 to August 18, 1962.

Church and Address: German Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name: Rev. J. Elmo Smith.

Clerk's Name and Address: Beulah Klein, Butler, Oklahoma.

Name of Ordained Minister: Rev. J. Elmo Smith.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, and League.

We are sending Bros. Son Shelton, Otto Kauk and Griffie Klein to be examined to serve as deacons of the church.

Number of Ordained Deacons	2
Church Membership	49
Resident	42
Non - resident	7
Average Sunday School Attendance	38
League Enrolment	20
Total Offerings Received	\$1,144.46
General Offerings	816.46
Building Fund	328.00
Insurance	59.68
Pastor's Salary	637.50
Revival	57.00
Gifts and Flowers	19.11
Literature	103.88
Pastor's Expense to National	62.55
Miscellaneous and Furniture	92.61
Gas Pipe	20.00
Painting the Church	53.00
Utilities	52.90
Total Local Expenditures	1,158.23
Cooperative Plan	28.87
Okiahoma Bible College	30.00
Associational Projects	25.00
Missionary	14.51
Total Outside Expenditures	98.38
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

GUYMON CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre on August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Mary Gotcher, Sharon Rice, and Altha Keifer.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 1, 1961 to July 31, 1962.

Church and Address: Free Will Baptist, 1502 North Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Don Jones, 1411 North Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Fred Keifer, 406 East 18th,
Guymon, Oklahoma.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers: Rev. Don
Jones, 1411 North Beaver, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary,
GTA, YPA, Master's Men and Prayer Meeting.

Number of Licensed Ministers	1
Number of Ordained Deacons	2
Church Membership	70
Resident	67
Non - resident	3
Members Received	26
By Profession of Faith	21
By Letter	5
Members Dismissed	18
By Letter	14
Excluded	4
Sunday School Enrolment	101
League Enrolment	50
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	17
Total Offerings Received	\$9,756.62
Pastor's Salary	3,640.00
Evangelistic Work	300.00
Building and Repair	47.97
Literature	274.36
Advertising	48.72
Miscellaneous	456.00
New Pews, Pulpit, Communion Table, 2 Chairs	1,514.00
Total Local Expenditures	6,281.45
Cooperative Plan	50.00
Foreign Missions	262.05
Home Missions	262.05
Oklahoma College	40.00
National Bible College	83.00
Total Outside Expenditures	697.10
Value of Church Property	20,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	11,500.00
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre Church on August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Doris Shepherd, Mattie Shepherd, and Mary Schimmels.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 19, 1961 to August 18, 1962.

Church and Address: Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Arapaho, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Clifford Schimmels, 1015 North Burford, Watonga, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Fern Shepherd, Arapaho, Okla.

Name of ordained Minister: Rev. Clifford Schimmels.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School.

Number of Ordained Deacons	3
Church Membership	26
Sunday School Enrolment	45
Butane	\$ 10.00
Electricity	26.98
Evangelistic Work	100.00
Pastor's Salary	2,000.00
Youth Camp	39.40
Literature and Bible School	188.96
Pastor's Trip to National	100.00
Gifts	50.88
Insurance	19.80
Paid Pastor for Keeping Evangelist	20.00
Total Local Expenditures	2,556.02
Cooperative Plan	298.83
Foreign Missions	44.20
Home Missions	25.00
Total Outside Expenditures	368.03
Amount Enclosed with Letter for Minutes	25.00

PRAIRIE BELL CHURCH

To the Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma, August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Linda Beth Cline, C. C. Crispin, Bertha Haggard.

Alternates: Clifford Haggard, Carroll Crispin, and Margie Jones.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 19, 1961 to August 18, 1962.

Church and Address: Prairie Bell Church, Putnam, Okla.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Bill Williams, Thomas, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Mrs. Kenneth Cline, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers: Rev. John Jones, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Number of Ordained Deacons	3
Church Membership	40
Members Dismissed	6
By Letter	5
Deceased	1
Sunday School Enrolment	24
Total Offerings Received	\$1,433.85
Pastor's Salary	887.00
Associational Paper	8.00
Miscellaneous	3.37
Visitors	118.00
Film	53.41
Cooperative Plan	301.57
Total Outside Expenditures	301.57
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

SAYRE CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma on August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Tommy Ford, Brother Enoch, and Sister Turbefill.

Alternates: Sister Shelton, Sister Ford, and Sister Barker.

Period of time covered in this report: From May 1 to Aug. 1.

Church and Address: Sayre Free Will Baptist, 1412 North Second, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Raymond Allen, 802 North Fifth, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Mattie Green, Route 3, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Names of Ordained Ministers: Rev. Raymond Allen.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Number of Ordained Deacons	2
Church Membership	40
Resident	40
Sunday School Enrolment	35
Total Offering Received	\$ 701.09
Cooperative Offerings	30.00
Pastor's Salary	450.00
Building and Repair	211.00
Literature	14.85
Miscellaneous	16.17
Utilities	51.34
Total Local Expenditures	743.36
Cooperative Plan	30.00
Value of Church Property	8,500.00
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00

WEATHERFORD CHURCH

To the Annual Conference of Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre Free Will Baptist Church on August 18, 1962:

Delegates: Elva Smith, Opal Hamar and Tom Anglin.

Alternates: Troy Smith, Sister J. T. Luster, Leona Anglin.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 19, 1961, to August 18, 1962.

Church and Address: First Free Will Baptist Church, 402 North Custer, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Clyde Hamar, 217 West Huber, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Bertha Bourquin, 1002 North Bradley, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers: Rev. Clyde Hamar, 217 West Huber, Weatherford; Rev. Paul Bowser, 623 North Broadway, Weatherford; Rev. Bill Williams, Thomas. Rev. Cleidus Langley, Lenora, Oklahoma.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Number of Ordained Deacons	2
Church Membership	42
Resident	25
Non - resident	17

Members Received	15
By Profession of Faith	8
By Letter	4
By Statement of Faith	3
Sunday School Enrolment	46
Total Offerings Received	\$9,312.03
General Offerings	1,746.01
Building Fund	7,563.02
Pastor's Salary	846.89
Evangelistic Work	235.00
Building and Repair	7,653.68
Literature	83.84
Advertising	12.24
Miscellaneous	145.71
Other	72.02
Total Local Expenditures	9,049.38
Cooperative Plan	171.27
Home Missions	3.00
State Delegate Fee	5.00
Enclosed with Letter	25.00
Total Outside Expenditures	204.27
Value of Church Property	7,950.35

WEBB CHURCH

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma, on August 18, 1962.

Delegates: Albert Bradley, Rochell Gore, May Gore.

Alternates: Florence Epperly, Glenn Gore, Meredith Holly.

Period of time covered in this report: From August 19, 1961 to August 18, 1962.

Church and Address: Webb Free Will Baptist Church.

Pastor's Name and Address: Rev. Melvin Batson, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Clerk's Name and Address: Eva Hicks, Route 2, Camargo, Oklahoma.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers: Rev. Melvin Batson, Route 2, Camargo; Rev. Ross Hamar, Arapaho, Okla.

Auxiliaries: Sunday School. League and Prayer Meeting.

Number of Licensed Ministers

2

Number of Ordained Deacons	2
Church Membership	30
Resident	28
Non - resident	2
Members Received	8
By Profession of Faith	8
Sunday School Enrolment	45
League Enrolment	30
Total Offerings Received	\$3,168.27
General Offerings	2,989.27
Pastor's Salary	2,271.52
Evangelistic Work	179.00
Literature	72.03
Miscellaneous	171.27
Foreign Missions	208.00
Value of Church Property	8,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	1,000.00
Amount Enclosed with Letter	25.00
State Delegate: Rochell Gore	

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINISTERS PRECEDING ORDINATION

Oral examination and possession of:

1. Holy Bible
2. Treatise
3. Minister's Manual, by Griffith
4. Ministerial Ethics
5. So You Want to Preach, by DeWalt
6. Present to Committee outline of 30 sermons preached in the last year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEACONS PRECEDING ORDINATION

Oral examination and possession of:

1. Holy Bible
2. Treatise
3. Baptist Deacon by Maylor
4. Deacon must give outline of service which he has led in the local church

CONSTITUTION of the UNION ASSOCIATION of the FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From our 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 ordained this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate a 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 such well regulated Free Will Baptist churches who maintain Gospel order and agree with our denominational doctrine and practices: and favor the enterprises that have been endorsed by this association.

Article III

DELEGATES: Voting members of this Association shall be ordained ministers, ordained deacons, Church clerks, and three delegates from each local church, elected by each church and named in the church letter.

Article IV

OFFICERS: The officers of this association shall be, a Moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer to be elected annually at the close of the meeting, and executive board consisting of five members, elected so as to require one to be elected each year. To this board is delegated power to act in behalf of and for this association between conferences. The board shall have power to elect officers for its own government and between conferences fill any and all vacancies which may occur in its own body. The executive board shall sign all deeds, bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers or documents which by this association is become legally bound or held.

It shall be the duty of the board to meet as often as may be necessary.

No meeting of the board shall be legal with less than three members present.

Article V

MEETINGS: Five members from five or more churches shall constitute a quorum, a lesser number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

The moderator shall have the authority to call the association into conference by notifying each church at least ten days in advance of such meeting, and the moderator shall have authority to change the place of a quarterly meeting or yearly meeting if the place previously determined can not provide for said meeting. This shall be done by notifying each church, and if possible at least ten days in advance. A written record shall be kept of all meetings and transactions.

Article VI

QUESTION: No question or resolution from any church shall come under consideration of the association unless it has first been considered in its own church.

Article VII

CREDENTIALS: A credentials board of five members shall be elected so as to require one to be elected each year, this board shall elect officers for its own government. They shall examine all ministers and deacons before they are licensed or ordained by this association and all ministers coming into this association, and make recommendations to the association concerning the examinations.

The association shall not be bound by their decision.

All ministers coming before this board must present to this board for examination his or her credentials, license, ordination, certificate, etc.

The following form must be signed by each and every minister presently a member of this association and every minister coming into this association. All such forms shall be kept by the clerk.

I do hereby solemnly promise upon the official request of this association or its credentials board to surrender all papers, certificates, cards and letters that recognize and/or authorize me to be a minister of this association.

I hereby sign this form on this_____ day of_____
in the year of our Lord_____ before these witnesses.
Witness_____ Chairman _____
Witness_____ Clerk _____
Witness_____ Signature of Minister_____

Before any complaint will be heard against any minister, it must be written and signed by person lodging complaint and presented to the moderator and assistant moderator (if both are present) for consideration.

If the minister to whom the complaint is brough against is not present no final action shall be taken except for discussion, dismissal or recommendation. If such complaint is not dismissed by the association it shall be turned over to the credentials board, they shall as soon as possible examine and interrogate both complaint and minister, and after such course has been followed shall have authority to dismiss the complaint, admonish the minister, refer the decision to the next called or regular meeting of the association, or request the surrender of his paper, etc.

If the minister is present whom the complaint is brought against, after he has answered the complaint, after discussion and prayer, one of three courses shall be taken. Dismiss the complaint, admonish the minister or request his paper, credentials, etc.

Article X

NEW CHURCHES: Any organized Free Will Baptist Church which is scriptural and denominationally sound may be received by petitionary letter and elected delegates.

Article VIII

VOTING: Under no condition at any time shall any member of this association have authority to delegate his or her vote to anyone, and no vote shall be counted from an absent member.

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; 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. Rom. 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. I 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 five 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. The moderator shall have authority to appoint pulpit committees.

7. Motions 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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God in 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.

