

# MINUTES

OF THE

## TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GOD

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Convened with Rocky Point Church, Thursday Night, before the Third Sunday in September, A. D., 1917.

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Elder T. M. Arnold	- -	Moderator
Elder H. Jones,	-	Assistant Moderator
Elder J. W. Hays,	- -	Clerk
Elder J. F. Peck,	-	Assistant Clerk

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The next Association will be held with Mountain View Church, and will convene on Saturday night before the first Sunday in Sept., 1918.

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Rev. S. G. Frazier was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

### **PREAMBLE OF CHURCH CONFERENCE**

1. Song and prayer.
2. Call Church into conference.
3. Invite visiting Brethern and Sisters to seats in conference.
4. Read minutes of last conference and take up all unfinished business.
5. Call for peace of church answering by giving the right hand of fellowship.
6. Invitation for members.
7. Is any member sick or in distress?
8. New business.
9. Motion to adjourn.

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### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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1. Read letters from the churches.
  2. Election of officers.
  3. Reception of new members.
  4. Invitation to visiting brethern to take seats.
  5. Call for correspondence.
  6. Appointments of committees.
  7. Call for report of committees.
  8. Miscellaneous business.
  9. Appointments of correspondence.
  10. Time and place of holding the next session.
  11. Election of ministry to preach the introductory.
  12. Adjournment of the association.
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## MINUTES

Minutes of the 10th Annual Session of the Eureka Association of the Church of God, denominated the Free Will Baptist Church, was convened with Rocky Point Church Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1917. Moderator in the chair. Devotional service by G. W. Oliver. No business attended to.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Friday morning 8:30 a. m.

Met as per adjournment.

Scripture reading by T. M. Arnold; prayer by Elder S. G. Frazier.

Business.

Election of officers. Elder T. M. Arnold, moderator; Elder H. Jones, assistant moderator; J. W. Hays, Clerk; J. F. Peck, Assistant Clerk.

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## DELEGATES SEATED

Church letters called for and the following received:

Rucker—C. W. Edwards, C. P. Riley and J. H. Gre n.

Harmony Grove—Luther Crump, Wm. Norris and J. W. Weaver.

Mountain View—Thos. Bryant, Luther Kincade, Sister Mac Southern.

Prairie Grove—John Anderson, James Martin, Luvenia Martin.

Cass Church—A. M. Robins, Harrison Allen, B. F. Harwell, A. N. Brown.

Shady Grove—Grason Nicholas, Thomas Wooton.

Perry—C. L. McNight, Clyde Utterback, Florence Utterback.

Panama—O. D. Wickum, John Hickman, Johan Williams.

Rocky Point—A. Kirkland, Sister Kirkland, F. L. Thomason, J. C. Smith.

Oak Grove—Willis Mayfield.

Royal Oak—Henry Darneal, Willie Bobo.

Prairie View—Sister Florrie Peck, Della Roberts, Bro. W. L. Roberts.

Eureka—W. S. Kirkes, O. W. Speer.

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried to meet at 2:30.

Stand was filled at 11 o'clock by Elder H. Jones from Luke 13-24.

## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Met as per adjournment; moderator in chair.

Reading by Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Frazier.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL—M. T. Barnes, May Southern, Gertie Kinsey, Florra Peck, Delia Roberts, J. C. Nuby, C. L. McNight.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES—F. L. Thompson, J. C. Keith, P. C. McCullar, W. P. Bofo, A. p. Kinsey, H. C. Darnell, B. W. McCullar.

COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS—W. M. Southern, J. L. Bryant, H. Jones, F. R. Vermillion, L. R. Crumb, R. D. Allen.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS' CHARACTERS—J. H. Green, C. L. Kirkes, L. R. Alvain, J. A. Martin, A. N. Brown, G. C. Nichols, John Anderson.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION—W. B. Thomas, G. W. Oliver, J. B. Hickman, W. W. Mayfield, A. Kirkland, G. Pinnell, W. R. Oller.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE—E. P. Riley, J. D. Adams, and W. L. Roberts.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30 o'clock Saturday a. m.  
Preaching 8 p. m. by Elder J. C. Nuby, theme "The Church."

Met as per adjournment; scripture reading by Moderator; prayer by A. N. Brown.

#### Business.

Consolidation of the two Association, McGee Robert: writing with the Eureka Name of the Association tabled until the next Association.

Preaching 11 o'clock Saturday, a. m. by Elder J. C. Nuby. Theme: "The Church." Concluded by S. G. Frazier.

Motion to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your committee on resolutions submit the following report:

1st. Resolved that the proposition of the McGee-Roberts Association to consolidate the Eureka and Roberts McGee Associations be accepted.

2nd. That this delegation including those present from the McGee-Roberts Association elect at this session an able minister to take the field as an evangelist covering the territory now embraced by the boundaries of the two associations aforesaid.

3rd. That each church elect a treasurer and that every member of the respective churches comprising this association contribute to the treasury according to the Scripture for the support of the ministry, the worthy poor the widows and orphans, 1 Cor. 16:2 and 2Cor. 9:7.

4th. That twenty-five percent of all the money received by the treasurers of the respective churches be transmitted by said treasurers to the treasurer of this Association for the support of our evangelist and that a full and complete record of the receipts and disbursements of all such funds be kept by the treasurers of the churches and also by the treasurer of this Association and fully reported at each succeeding session of this Association.

5th. That our ministers give more and fuller instructions to deacons regarding their duties in looking after and administering unto the needs of our ministers, the worthy poor and the widows and orphans.

6th. That ministers and especially pastors of churches be required to keep a complete record of all articles of value of whatsoever kind that are contributed to them and include same in their annual reports when tendering the same to the Association.

G. W. OLIVER, Chairman.

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We, your committee on Obituaries beg to report as follows: We sorrow with feeling of great loss over the death of our dear departed brothers and sisters to-wit: Brother G. W. Turner, Bro. Bill Turner of Rocky Point; Brother Vermillion, Sister May Vermillion of Oak Grove; Sister Allen, Bro. J. L. Keith of Perry; Bro. G. W. Sutton, of Sans Bois.

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While we greatly miss them and mourn their loss we would not recall them for we feel they passed away in a living faith and are now happy in the Glory Land, where the weary are at rest. We feel that our loss is Heavens' gain for Jesus said "Blessed are they that die in the Lord, yea henceforth saith the Spirit they shall rest from their works do follow them and we should take courage and live as Jesus said.

J. C. Smith, A. J. Kinsey, F. L. Thomason, W. P. Bobo,  
B. W. McCullar, P. C. McCullar, H. C. Darneal, Com.

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We, your committee on minister's characters and credentials submit the following report: After due consideration we find that all our preachers in good standing, but one, we would ask that his home church take Bible steps, which is to go to him as it has not been done.

A. N. BROWN, Chairman.

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We, your committee on Sabbath School beg leave to report the following: That it is the duty of each Church to maintain a Sabbath School, and that we, as the Church of God Recommend union as a basis for all the people of God. To do the will of our Father in Heaven that we unite all of our efforts to keep all of our children in Sabbath School; that it may be the means of bringing them to Christ. We earnestly request all of our ministers and deacons to do all they can to hold a lively Sabbath School and prayer meeting in all of our churches.

M. T. BARNES, Chairman.

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We, your committee on amendments beg leave to report as follows: We believe that baptism and communion and foot washing is divine ordinance and must be observed by the people of God.

HIRAM JONES, Chairman.

Committee on Finance report: We, the committee on finance find that the following churches have paid the amount below:

Eureka church-----	\$ 2.40
Rocky Point -----	2.50
Mountain View Church -----	2.50
Prairie View Church -----	3.00
Panama Church -----	3.55
Perry Church -----	4.80
Oak Grove -----	2.10
Shady Grove -----	3.00
Carr Church -----	2.25
Harmony Grove Church -----	2.50
Rucker Church -----	2.00
Royal Oak Church -----	2.50
Plain View Church -----	2.50
<b>TOTAL-----</b>	<b>\$35.20</b>

Committee on divine service. Preaching 11 o'clock by Elder H. Jones, conclusion by Elder T. M. Arnold.

8:30 p. m.

Preaching by J. C. Nuby. Concluded by S. G. Frazier.

Saturday 11 o'clock: Preaching by Elder J. C. Nuby, concluded by Elder R. D. Allen.

8:30 p. m. Preaching by Elder L. R. McAlvare.

#### MINISTER'S REPORTS

##### TO THE EUREKA ASSOCIATION. GREETING:

I beg leave to submit the following report: I have preached fifty sermons; have preached one funeral; witnessed fifteen conversions; received five in the church; married two couples; traveled 150 miles; pastored one church; received \$80.00 for pastorage work.

ELDER JOE SMITH.

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TO THE EUREKA ASSOCIATION. GREETING:

I beg leave to submit the following report: I have preached eighty-one sermons; traveled 560 miles; witnessed twenty-six conversions; baptised three; received four in the church; received \$.42 collection.

ELDER G. W. OLIVER.

TO THE EUREKA ASSOCIATION. GREETING:

I beg leave to submit the following report: I have preached one hundred fifteen sermons; twenty-seven funerals; married sixteen couples; preached seven doctrine sermons; helped ordain one preacher; ordained four deacons; received in the church, fifty-six; baptised twenty-eight; witnessed sixty-eight conversions; traveled 1326 miles; received for pastorage work \$37.90; received for evangelist work \$28.00, total received \$65.90.

F. O. BARNES, Evangelist.

TO THE EUREKA ASSOCIATION. GREETING:

I beg leave to submit the following report: I have preached seventy-five sermons; traveled two hundred fifty miles; witnessed one hundred fifteen conversions; taken in church, thirty-five; baptised thirty; received \$25.

ELDER T. M. ARNOLD.

TO THE EUREKA ASSOCIATION. GREETING:

I have witnessed about one hundred ten conversions and I have eighty additions to the church; have held three meetings and helped in one; pastored three churches; I have married two couples; preached a funeral and received about \$50.

TO THE EUREKA ASSOCIATION. GREETING:

I beg leave to submit the following report: I have preached about sixty-five sermons; preached nine funerals; witnessed about seventy conversions; baptised nineteen; married six couples.

ELDER L. B. CLARK  
Spiro, Oklahoma.

Met as per adjournment.

Scripture by Moderator; prayer by C. W. Edwards.

Ordination: Ordained one preacher, Bro. Mack Buckner; one Deacon, Bro. W. L. Roberts, Prairie View, Okla.;  
Ordaining council: Elders, T. M. Arnold, T. O. Barnes, H. Jones, and S. G. Frazier.



## CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better church government:

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our union, not exceeding three delegates from each church, and on producing letters shall be entitled to seats.

2. Letters from the different churches are to express the number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letters of recommendation, the number dismissed, excluded, restored and those who have died since the Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened to be denominated the Eureka Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of sundry churches in Oklahoma—the Association having no power to lord over Gods' heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power over the churches reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

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

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

6. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for this purpose.

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

## ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory.—Rom. 1:20; St. John 1:1.
2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are of divine origin and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:15; II Pet. 1:21.
3. We believe that God created man good and gave His holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commands of God, transgressed the law; fell under the just condemnation of same and that man is unable to save himself with his own power. But we see Jesus, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor that he by the grace of God tasted death for every man.—Gen. 1:31; Heb. 2:9.
4. We believe that Christ by his death and suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.—St. John 3:16; Acts 20:21.
5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated or born again if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:35.
6. We believe that infants are in a saved condition and we must be like them in innocency if we are saved.—Luke 18:16; Matt. 18:13.
7. We believe that all regenerated persons must persevere in faith and be faithful to the end if they gain an entrance into the city of God.—Rev. 22:24; Matt. 10:24.
8. We believe that baptism by immersion in water is the apostolic mode; even the burial of the believer in water and Christ obeyed it thus and bids us to follow him.—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16, 18:16; Rom. 6:3-4.
9. We believe that God in His goodness displayed His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by teaching of the Holy Spirit and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price.—John 14:16; II Tim. 2:25.
10. We believe that remission of sin and eternal life are free to all who will accept them.—John 3:16; Pet. 3:9.

11. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and the washing of the saint's feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ are 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 2:30; St. John 13:30.

12. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none are authorized to officiate in the ordinance of baptism only those who are called of God and have been ordained by laying on of hands.—Acts 8:37, first clause 38:30.

13. We believe that each church should have a pastor, deacons and clerk so as to keep house for the Lord accordingly.—Acts 6:1-6; 28:20.

14. We believe that in dealing with disorderly members that reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matt. and other scripture relative to dealing with disorderly members.

15. We believe that it is the duty of each church to assemble together as often as Providence will permit and in commemorating the Lord's death and washing the saint's feet a man should examine himself and so let him eat.—Heb. 10:25; I Cor. 11:28.

16. We believe that the Lord's supper should be observed at night and night only.

17. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to everlasting life, glory and immortality in the presence of God; and the resurrection of the unjust to everlasting shame and punishment from the presence of God.—Matt. 25:41; I Cor. 15:42-45; II Thes. 1:7-9.

18. We believe that the visible church of God as it now exists had its beginning during the personal ministry of Jesus Christ.

19. We believe that every church of God should contribute of his means as the Lord has prospered him in the support of the ministry as the scripture says.—Rom. 10.



## CHURCH COVENANT

Having been bought, as we humble by divine grace truly to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our savior and having obtained justification by faith in his name, we, as members of several churches that constitute the Eureka Association of Free Will Baptists, adopt the following as our Church Covenant:

1. To watch each other in love—to pray for each other as members of a common faith, ever striving to keep the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of each other nor will we persecute or expose the faults of the weak member of our church; but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy. "That we will reprove, reuke and exhort" each other as members of a common brotherhood.

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men especially to those who are of the household of faith—But we should remeber that our relations to each other are closer, and the obligations more binding than that of a common bond of Christian charity. In adopting this Covenant we become as a family and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that the members of a family should feel for each other.

4. We will extend the stated meeting of our church unless we are providently hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means, as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of the church. And we will prefer the service of our own church to that of any other and will pray for our pasor while he is preaching the word of God to us.

5. We will not injure our influence in the house of the Lord by occupying seats among the ungodly and sinners, but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural powers which the Lord hath given us, to praise His holy name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those who pray.

6. We will not be guilty of the sins of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors which is a double sin against the law of God, for in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the law of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking and the words of the inspired apostle which says: "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers and

those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death.

### RULES OF ORDER

1. At every meeting, business shall be opened and conducted by prayer by Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Ministers present are invited to seats are allowed to take part in the debate on all subjects and votes.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question, shall it be discussed? If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any question without special leave of the Moderator.
9. All questions decided by majority of the members present.
10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.
12. In the future sessions of the Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent exercises.
13. The Rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.
14. Alternation may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

After reading and receiving the different reports, where shall the next session of this association be held, was decided Mountain View, three miles southwest of Bokoshe Saturday night, before the 1st Sunday in Sept., Elder S. J. Frazier to preach the introductory sermon; Elder H. Jones, alternate.

T. M. ARNOLD, Moderator.  
J. W. HAYS, Clerk.

