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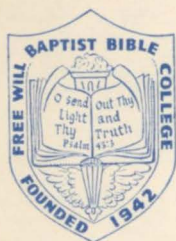
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THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Moderator being absent the house was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. A. Claxton. After singing by the choir had a united prayer and then devotional service, led by Rev. J. A. Claxton, after which had preaching by Rev. L. R. Crumb. Then adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. House called to order by the Assistant Moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Chas. Kinsey and then proceeded to business as follows:

Called for church letters and received the following:

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH—Bro. Joseph Lemley, Bro. J. D. Adams, Rev. Chas. Kimsey, pastor, Sister Ola Brown, church clerk, post office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH—Bro. Frank Aust, Sister Bettie Wooten, Bro. W. L. Loyd, Rev. Chas. Kimsey, pastor, Sister Bettie Wooten, clerk, post office, Panama, Oklahoma.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH—Bro. M. C. Adams, Bro. Elger Holley, Estel St. Clair, Sister McAdams, Sister Irene St. Clair, Sister Evelyn Gilstrap, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Nettie Venoble, clerk, post office, Stigler, Oklahoma, route 2, box 17.

OAK GROVE CHURCH—Sister McCullor, Bro. T. M. Dobson, Sister Head, Bro. J. H. Young, Rev. R. P. Sanders, pastor, Sister Blanch Lumsden, clerk, post office, Bokoshe, Oklahoma.

HOYT CHURCH—Sister Susie Holdridge, Bro. Munroe Gideon, Sister Maggie Cravens, Rev. J. A. Claxton, pastor, Sister Maggie Cravens, clerk, post office, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

PRAIRIE VIEW CHURCH—Bro. W. H. Stone, Bro. W. L. Hampton, Bro. J. W. Lewis, Sister Beulah Herald, alternates, Sister Ethel Turner, Bro. Clarence Peck, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Bro. Clarence Peck, clerk, post office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

PRAIRIE GROVE CHURCH—Bro. Jim Martin, Bro. Elbert Dudley, Bro. Alex Honeycutt, Sister Guy Dudley, Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor, Sister Dovie Honeycutt, clerk, post office, Stigler.

ROCKY POINT CHURCH—Sister Jessie Kirkland, Bro. Jack Apple, Bro. Jordon Akins, Bro. Meb Atkinson, Sister Martha Atkinson, Rev. O. D. Wickham, pastor, Bro. Jack Apple, clerk, post office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH—Sister Aldridge, Bro. and

Sister Southern, Bro. Charles Partain, Rev. L. B. Clark, pastor, Bro. C. E. Partain, clerk, post office, Bokoshe, Oklahoma.

PERRY CHURCH—Bro. J. W. Brock, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Della Roberts, Sister Nellie Lafave, Sister Bessie Keith, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Laura Arnold, clerk, post office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

BUFFINGTON CHURCH—Bro. J. M. Patton, Sister Lela Patton, Sister Nellie Black, Sister Susa Standifer, Sister Mona Standifer, Sister Sallie Stanlifer, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Josie Patton, clerk, post office, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

ROYAL OAK CHURCH—Bro. Will Floyd, Bro. W. J. Nance, Sister Nettie Pitchford, Rev. P. A. Stankewitz, pastor, Sister E. D. Nance, clerk, post office, Tahona, Oklahoma.

BLAINE CHURCH—Sister Londonia Duncan, Sister Scroggins, Sister Myrtle Loveless, Rev. O. D. Wickham, pastor, Sister Orvie McIntosh, clerk, post office, Blaine, Oklahoma.

Moved and seconded we receive the letters from the various churches and seat the delegates. Motion carried and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the moderator. Then called for new churches and received the following:

OAK RIDGE CHURCH—Bro. T. H. Winn, Sister Nancy Chastain, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Cleo Chastain, clerk, post office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

PANAMA CHURCH—Bro. J. L. Lamb, Sister Jessie Lamb, Sister Earlin Kuney, Sister Agnes Bice, Rev. Barb Hickman, pastor, Sister Minnie T. Smith, clerk, post office, Panama, Okla.

Motion made and seconded we receive the new churches and seat the delegates. Motion carried and delegates seated by right hand of fellowship.

Then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. O. D. Wickham was chosen moderator, Rev. J. A. Claxton, assistant moderator, Bro. J. C. Smith, clerk, Bro. Leo Garland, assistant clerk.

Next the rules of order was read from the chair. Moved and seconded we adhere strictly to the rules of order as read. Motion carried. Next the appointment of a devotional committee. Bro. A. Kirkland, Bro. Jack Kimsey, Bro. B. Robertson was selected as the committee. Then moved and seconded we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per adjournment at 2 o'clock. House called to

order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Rob McAlvain. Then proceeded to business.

Called for corresponding delegates and received Bro. J. C. Smith from Gans Creek association and Bro. and Sister Manley from the Roberts-McGee association. Then proceeded to the appointment of the various committees as follows.

COMMITTEE ON BILL OF ARRANGEMENTS—Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. L.B. Clark, Rev. J. C. Dudley, Bro. Jamie Maxwell.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Sister Nellie Lafave, Sister Nettie Pitchford, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister M. T. Barnes, Sister Minnie Claxton.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Bro. A. J. Kinsey, Bro. F. L. Lovelass, Bro C. C. Garland, Bro. A. Kirkland, Bro. Clarence A. Peck.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—Bro. J. H. Young, Bro. J. T. Davis, Sister Austion, Sister Bessie Keith, Sister Minnie Smith.

COMMITTEE ON QUERRY AND REQUEST—Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. R. P. Sanders, Bro. W. L. Roberts, Sister Agnes Bice, Sister Earline Keeney.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS AND DEACON'S CHARACTERS—Bro. Will Floyd, Bro. Elec Honeycutt, Bro. W. H. Stone, Bro. Jim Patton, Bro. T. M. Southern.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S CREDENTIALS—Rev. T. O. Barnes, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. W. L. Lamb, Bro. J. A. Martin, Bro. E. S. Gregory.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Bro. A. C. Keith, Bro. Jack Apple, Bro. W. J. Nance, Bro. J. F. Peck, Bro. T. F. Head, Bro. J. L. Lamb, Rev. R. L. McAlvain, Bro. J. C. Loyd.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES—Sister M. T. Barnes, Sister Minnie Claxton, Sister M. F. Scroggins, Sister M. L. Dunkin.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—Sister Luther Roberts, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Sister Nancy Chastain, Bro. Wm. Lafave, Bro. B. Robertson, Bro. E. S. Gregory, Bro. J. V. Means, Rev. T. O. Barnes.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS—Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Sister Martha Atkinson, Sister Jessie Kirkland, Sister Mary Southern, Sister Ruth Head.

COMMITTEE ON ORTHODOX FREE-WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE—Rev. J. A. Claxton, Rev. Chas. Kinsey, Rev. John Green, Rev. L. B. Clark, Bro. W. H. Manley, Bro. J. E. Smith, Bro. W. J. Brock, Rev. T. O. Barnes.

Then called for committee reports and received the following:

COMMITTEE ON BILL OF ARRANGEMENTS—We, your committee on bill of arrangements beg leave to report as follows: Taking into consideration the surrounding circumstances and seeing the necessity of a rule governing the ministry, be it resolved, the association forbids its ministers of the several districts of the association speaking disrespectfully of one another and anyone found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charges and dealt with as may be deemed necessary.

Be it resolved that we recommend that our ministers do not vary from the regular customs of the Free Will Baptist in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore, advise moderators of the churches impress upon the churches the great necessity of observing all the rulings of the association.

Be it further resolved, that any Elder taking to evangelistic work that it shall be the duty of each church to assist him in the work and this association shall empower the moderator and clerk with authority to furnish the evangelist with recommendations if he be found worthy.

Resolved, that we forbid the members of our churches from giving, going to or participating in play parties or dances and any found guilty of such offense shall be due the church acknowledgment or shall be considered by the body as a stranger as this evil causes many of our young people to forsake the right way and go off in sin.

Be it further resolved that we forbid any of our ministers or members of our churches of this association preaching sanctification or holiness as a second work of grace, separate and apart from the regeneration or conversion.

Be it resolved, that every member of all respective churches comprising the Eureka association be requested to obey the commandments of God as recorded in 1st Cor. 16:2; 11 Cor 6:7 to lay in store as God has prospered them upon the first day of the week in their homes or churches, so as to be prepared to aid the ministers in publishing the gospel, to help the widows and the worthy poor.

Resolved, that every ordained minister should preach at least four sermons each month if not providentially hindered, and we require that every ordained minister report each year to the association, either by letter or person.

Be it resolved, that every church that calls a minister to the pastoral care should administer to his support as God has prospered them.

Resolved, that our Articles of Faith stand as they are in the old printed minutes.

Be it resolved, that this association recommend that no church shall ordain a minister until he proves himself worthy for a space of twelve months.

Be it resolved, that we ask the association to help us earnestly pray that the Divine Power of God help us to adopt a more firm basis of finance.

Be it resolved that the pastor read the constitution and rulings of the church as often as once each year to the church.

Be it resolved, that this association forbid any of its members or ministers from tolerating the so-called doctrine of Tongues or Unknown Tongues in any way. Anyone found guilty of such shall be deemed guilty of heresy and shall be due acknowledgements or stand suspended from this body.—REV. L. R. CRUMB, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON QUERY AND REQUESTS—We, your committee on query and requests, beg leave to report as follows: We request that every deacon do his duty in regard to his church in the way of finance and we further request that each church appoint a finance committee for the purpose of supporting the pastors of the various churches, and again we request that Bro. McGee's monument should be taken care of now for the good that he has done for the cause of Christ and again we request that each church send as much as \$2.50 for minute funds and another request that Bro. John Green be ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister of this association.—REV. R. P. SANDERS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: Resolved, that we abstain from holding conference on the Sabbath and that we use every effort to keep a clean house for God. Resolved, that each church elect a committee on Home Missions and said committee work faithful to that cause. Resolved, that we hold communion and feet-washing service at each setting of the association. Resolved, that we abstain from using profane language and use our influence to the honor and glory of God. And that pastors adhere more closely to Home Mission work and that each minister and deacon urge their churches to subscribe sufficient to take care of our Evangelist and any other necessity to advance the cause of Christ. Resolved, that each church use the church let-

ter form printed in our minutes in writing their letters to the association.—REV. T. O. BARNES, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CREDENTIALS—We, your committee on minister's and deacon's credentials beg leave to report as follows: We find all Orthodox.—REV. W. L. LAMB, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—We, your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows: We find that each church has paid the amount opposite their names as follows:

Rocky Point	\$3.00
Prairie View	5.13
Mountain View	2.00
Cross Roads	5.00
Blaine	2.00
Panama	2.00
Shady Grove	1.90
Perry	5.35
Oak Ridge	3.00
Prairie Grove	3.50
Independence	1.00
Buffington	5.00
Hoyt	1.60
Oak Grove	2.55
Royal Oak	2.75

TOTAL \$45.78

—C. C. GARLAND, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ORTHODOX DOCTRINE—We, your committee on orthodox doctrine, beg leave to report as follows: We find everything all right and ask to be discharged.—J. E. SMITH, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—We, your committee on books and periodicals beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the Bible be used as our discipline and the only infallible rule of our doctrine, faith and practice, and urge all our members to use it as such. We recommend that all our members take a Free Will Baptist paper. We recommend that all our ministers and deacons and lay members teach and practice our church covenant. If it is being violated we recommend that this body give the Fifth Sunday Meetings power to deal with our deacons and ministers or lay members when found guilty of this charge.—A. C. KEITH, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES—We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We sorrow the great loss of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to-wit: Brother Virgil Snow, of Perry church, Sister A. E. Howard, of Buffington church, Sister Anna Nance of Prairie View church, Sister Maggie Carlton of Hoyt church, Bro. Edgar Hill, of Prairie Grove church. Though we mourn their loss, but not as those that has no hope and we would not recall them if we could for Jesus said "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, yea, henceforth saith the spirit." They shall rest from their labors and thir works do follow them and we should take courage and lay aside every weight and sin that so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us ever looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.—**SISTER M. T. BARNES**, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS AND DEACONS CHARACTERS—We your committee on ministers and Deacons Characters beg leave to report as follows: We find our ministers all in good standing and deacons walking worthy of their calling.—**BRO. WILL FLOYD**, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—We your committee on Sabbath schools beg leave to report as follows: It is the duty of the Freewill Baptist Church to study and teach the Freewill Baptist literature for the purpose of supporting our own publishing houses We know we have the bible doctrine. We believe our sunday school teachers should be christians. We recommend the sunday school convention as a proper method for all sunday schools and we ask that the next convention be held with Independent Church, second sunday in October, and we ask that every Freewill Baptist sunday school be represented. We realize that our churches are weakening for the lack of attendance in the Sunday school work. We urge that all Freewill Baptist members be more zealous in Sunday school work in the future, realizing that the sunday school is the life of the church.
SISTER NETTIE PITCHFORD, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report as follows: Temperance implies that we should be free from intoxicating drinks, that we should use our efforts to get rid of whisky and its makers when it occurs in our observation by communing with the enforcement officers of our land; that we should not contract indecent habits in our divine service, such as some deceivers of our country are now doing to an excess and thereby the influence of the true gospel is weakened; that we strictly adhere to temperance in its highest

bible sense with all the word implies and that we discourage all card parties, checker games, church swimming pools and that we abstain from all habits that disqualify us for the service of the Lord.—SISTER MINNIE L. SMITH, Chairman.

All the foregoing committee reports was adopted as read and the committees discharged.

Then called for miscellaneous business. There being nothing set forth, moved and seconded we adjourn to meet at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Motion carried and was dismissed by Bro. Sanders.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment at 8:30 o'clock. House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Bro. Jimmie Maxwell. Then proceeded to business. Called for committee reports and received the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT—I, your treasurer, of the Eureka Association, beg leave to report as follows: I have on hand \$16.-73 for the purpose of helping to the erecting of a monument at Bro. McGee's grave and have \$19.00 subscribed that has not been paid.—Wm. Lafave, Associational treasurer.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD—Report, as follows: We have made satisfactory settlement with S. G. Frazier as evangelist work done in Eureka and Roberts McGee Association, and full payment has been made. We ask this association receive this report and discharge this board.

These reports received as read and the home mission board discharged.

EVANGELIST'S REPORTS—I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 94 sermons, witnessed 90 conversions, organized 3 churches, organized one ladies aid society, collected from Buffington church \$11.00, from Mountain View church, \$5.00, from Oak Grove church, \$3.50, from Cross Roads church \$2.80, from Royal Oak church \$11.60, from Perry church \$3.00, from Bald Mountain \$3.50, from Panama church \$7.00, from Prairie Grove \$2.00, from Crowder church \$9.00, from Tamaha \$4.10; from Prices' Chapel \$7.65, from Blaine \$20.25, from the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Buffington \$8.00, from the Fifth Sunday Meeing at Perry \$30.00, from Ladies Aid society at Cross Roads \$8.00 and one quilt from Hoyt church \$10.00, Mrs. Claxton quilt \$22.00, from public collection \$35.00. Total \$207.15.—REV. J. A. CLAXTON, Evangelist.

Then called an ordaining council together and ordained Bro. John Green to the ministry of the gospel. The ordaining council was composed of the following: Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. O. D.

Wickham, Rev. T. O. Barnes. Then on motion and second we adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Claxton. Then proceeded to business as follows: Motion made and seconded we appoint a home mission board. Motion carried and the following members appointed: Sister Laura Arnold, chairman, Stigler, Okla., route 1, Bro. A. J. Kinsey, Bro. John Peck, Bro. E. S. Gregory, Bro. F. L. Loveless. Then called for reports of corresponding delegates and received the following from Zion Hope association: Rev. W. L. Lamb, from the state association, Rev. J. A. Claxton from the Roberts-McGee, Rev. O. D. Wickham. Moved and seconded we receive their reports. Motion carried.

Next the appointment of corresponding delegates as follows: To the Grand River association: Bro. H. O. Turner. To Zion Hope, Rev. W. L. Lamb. To the Roberts McGee, Rev. J. A. Claxton. To the Gains Creek association, Rev. O. D. Wickham and Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Then called for minister's reports and received the following: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 27 sermons, witnessed 47 conversions, married 2 couples. This is mighty little, but it is all I have done. Your brother in Christ—REV. J. A. MATHIS, Spiro, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored no church, preached 52 sermons, helped in 3 revivals, witnessed several conversions, pray for me, that I may be a soul winner for Jesus.—REV. J. C. LOYD, Panama, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 60 sermons, baptised 2, held one revival meeting, witnessed 14 conversions, helped in one revival meeting with 12 conversions, held 2 funeral services, organized one Young People's prayer meeting, the Lord being my helper I have done my best and I ask the prayers of all of God's people that I may do more this year. I love God and all of his people and the cause for which Christ died for.—REV. A. A. HOLDRIDGE, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 4 churches, have preached 167 sermons, witnessed 150 conversions, baptised 64, have received from Perry church \$149.05, from Prairie View \$139.46, from Cross Roads \$93.41, from Buffington \$138.50, from Oak Ridge church \$32.10, have preached 5 funerals and have

married 3 couples. Total collections \$552.46.—L. R. CRUMB.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored Hoyt church, have preached 29 sermons, received in the church 4, baptised 2, married 4 couple, received for my work there \$75.00.—REV. J. A. CLAXTON, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

Next the appointment of corresponding delegates to the state association as follows: Rev. T. O. Barnes, Rev. H. O. Turner and Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Next fixing of places for holding the various Fifth Sunday Meetings, the first one to meet with Mountain View church, near Bokoshe, the second one to meet with Royal Oak church, near Panama, the third one to meet with Perry church, 4 miles north of Stigler, the fourth will meet with Panama church at Panama.

Then moved and seconded we put out an Evangelist. Rev. J. A. Claxton was duly elected our Evangelist.

Moved and seconded we have 1000 minutes of our minutes printed. Motion carried.

Then received report of devotional committee as follows: Introductory sermon preached Friday at 11 a. m. by Rev. T. O. Barnes. Friday night devotional service conducted by Sister M. T. Barnes, preaching by Rev. R. L. McAlvain. Saturday morning at 11 a. m. preaching by Elder J. E. Yandell. Saturday night, devotional service conducted by Sister Minnie Claxton, preaching by Rev. T. M. Arnold, Sunday at 11 a. m. preaching by Rev. J. A. Claxton, memorial service Sunday night, preaching by Rev. O. D. Wickham.—A. KIRKLAND, chairman.

Moved and seconded we extend to Shady Grove church and community our thanks for what courtesy they shown us during our stay with them and we pray God's blessings upon them, both spiritually and financially.

Then moved and seconded we adjourn to meet with Prairie View church, 8 miles northeast of Stigler, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in August, A. D., 1926. Rev. L. R. Crumb to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. T. M. Arnold, alternate.

REV. O. D. WICKHAM, Moderator, Stigler, Oklahoma.
BRO. J. C. SMITH, Clerk, Indianola, Oklahoma.

On Saturday afternoon we were greeted by Bro. E. M. Bartlett and his quartette boys, who rendered some real quartet singing Saturday evening and also Saturday night. Thanks to the boys and Mr. Bartlett. Come again.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and conducted by prayer by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present invited to seats are allowed to take part in the debate on all subjects and vote.

3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

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 a 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 equivalents shall be provided for.

13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

CONSTITUTION

From the long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptised or upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a 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 Baptists, being composed of sundry churches in the Eureka Association—the association having no power to lord it over God's 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 into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

7. Every motion made and seconded 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, the 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 on 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.

11. Amendments to the Constitution may be made when necessary by a majority of the members present.

Resolved, that we earnestly request all of our ministers and deacons and churches composing this association to co-operate with each other and to assist in every way they can to help further the gospel and that each church should help their pastor and if an evangelist should visit any destitute place and organize churches that we urge upon the people to assist the Evangelist so he can go and preach the word.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory. Romans 1:20 John 1:17, 17:21.

2. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament is the word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Second Timothy 3:16, Matt. 5:18.

3. We believe that God created man good, and gave him Holy Commandments whereby he should live holy but man voluntarily disobeyed the Commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 3:17, Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore, He sayeth, "Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17, Isa. 45:22, Acts 20:20-21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God, if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3, I Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved upon the merits of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11, Mark 10:14. Duet. 1:39.

7. We believe all Christians must persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His Commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14, Matt. 24:13.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode; even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed his humble example to his children and bids us to walk therein. John 3:22, Romans 6:34-45, Matt 28:19-20, Matt. 3:16.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace

in great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. I Cor. 12:13, Eph. 3:7, Rev. 22:17.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and washing the Saint's feet are divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. Mark 14:22-23, John 13:4-14, Matt. 28:19-20, I Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism, only those who have a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who have come under the hands of the presbytery of elders, and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerks chosen by the church, ought to have office during the good pleasure of same and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23, II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when sitting forth the Lord's supper and washing the Saint's feet to let a man "examine himself and so let him eat." I Cor. 11:28, John 13:14.

13. We believe that sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light, so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6:10, I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust; the resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God; the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31, I Cor. 15:42-45, Thes. 1:10, Rev. 20:12-13.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and having obtained justification by Faith in His name, we, as members of the several churches that constitute the Eureka Association of Free Will Baptists, adopt the following as our Church Covenant:

1. To watch over 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 members of our church; but will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy, "That we will approve, rebuke 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 remember 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 attend the stated meetings of our church unless we are providentially 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 our church. And we will prefer the service of our own church to that of any other and will pray for our pastor 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 has 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 sin of Sabbath breaking by making 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 those 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, "For-sake not the assembling of yourself 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. We will adopt the covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

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CHURCH LETTER

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Date.....

We the church of God denominated Free Will Baptist worshipping at....., met in conference and elected the following delegates to represent us in the Eureka Association when convened with.....whom we pray you to seat to aid in all your deliberations, to-wit:

State of Religion

Sabbday School

Prayer Meeting

Meeting Days

We Paid Our Pastor, Rev.

Called Rev.

As our Pastor for Ensuing Year

Ordained as Deacons

Total Membership

Resident Members

Non Resident Members

Received in the Church

By Letter..... By Statement.....

Confession of Faith..... Deaths.....

We ask for the next session..... Fifth Sunday Meeting

We Send..... Minute money.

Rev..... Moderator

..... Church Clerk

