

# MINUTES

—of the—

## Fourth Annual Session

—of the—

## Old Eureka Association

(Since Division from the Roberts McGee  
in 1924)

—of—

## The Church of God

### DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTIST

Convened with the Panther church, on Friday  
night before the first Sunday  
in September 1928.

The next session of this association will be held  
with the Perry church, four miles north  
of Stigler, Okla., on Thursday night  
Before the first Sunday in  
September 1929.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev.  
Barb Hickman; Rev. L. R.  
Crumb, Alternate.

### OFFICERS

Rev. T. O. Barnes.....	Moderator
Rev. C. E. Kennedy.....	Asst. Moderator.
Davis La Fave.....	Clerk.
Clifford Tricket.....	Asst. Clerk.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

3. Those who speak shall arise 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 subject 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 meetings of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day, or other equivalent devotional exercises.

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.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Called to order by Moderator.
3. Letters called for and adopted.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Electing officers.
6. Reading rules of order.
7. Petitionary letters.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. New Business.
11. Report of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Song by the choir. House called to order by Moderator, Elder T. O. Barnes. Testimony services conducted by Bro. Andy Brown. One hundred and sixty-five testimonials were given during the service. Preaching services were then conducted by Rev. Bart Clark, text Second Kings 5:11.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at nine o'clock on Saturday morning. Dismissed by Elder C. E. Kennedy.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song by choir. House called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

Motion made and carried that we enter into the business session to transact any business that might come before the house.

The Moderator called for church letters and received the following:

Murry Spur—Sister Lillie Childress, Sister Thelma Childress, Bro. Albert Schrader. Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Lucy King, Church Clerk; Post office, Spiro, Oklahoma.

Cross Road—Bro. Venable, Sister Venable, Bro. Emmett Thompson, Sister Emmett Thompson, Bro. McAdams, Sister McAdams; Alternates, Bro. and Sister Mosby, Sister Perry, Bro. Robinson; Rev. Barb Hickman, pastor, Bro. E. F. Arnold, Church Clerk; Post office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

Oak Ridge No. 1—Sister Delea Lee Master, Sister Dixon, Sister Fowler, Bro. Lee Master; Alternates, Bro. Fowler, Sister Lee Master; Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Eva Robins, Church Clerk; Post office, Stigler,

*Oklahoma*  
Oklahoma.

Mt. View—Bro. Lindsey Southern, Bro. Comur Tanklsey, Rev. Townson, Bro. Loyd Penson, Sister Mary Southern, Sister Edith Southern, Sister Townson; Rev. Barb Hickman, pastor, Sister Pearl Bill, Church Clerk; Post office, Shady Point, Oklahoma.

Panther—Bro. Sam Rawell, Bro. Pinnell, Bro. Daugherty, Bro. Gibson, Bro. Brassfield; Rev. Barb Hickman, pastor; Sister Lemley, Church Clerk; Post-office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

Shady Grove—Sister Ethel Brown, Sister Ella Lunsford, Bro. Hurshel Brown, Bro. Grayson Nicholes; Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Ethel Brown, Church Clerk; Post office, Panama, Oklahoma.

Royal Oak—Sister Effie Graham, Sister Nance. Bro. Sanders, Bro. Bill Stankewitz, Sister Nettie Stankewitz; Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Nettie Stankewitz, Church Clerk.

Perry—Bro. Sam Henderson, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Nellie LaFave; Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor; Sister Etta Peck, Church Clerk; Post office, Stigler, Oklahoma

Christian Grove—Bro. Underwood, Sister Ruby Underwood, Bro. Al Johnson; Rev. L. B. Clark, pastor; Sister Willie Ataway, Church Clerk.

Rocky Point—Bro. Jack Apple, Sister Lottie Apple, Sister Irene Robertson, Bro. J. W. Browning, Sister Martha Adkinson; Rev. Barb Hickman, pastor; Sister Ruby Hartwick, Church Clerk; Post office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

Prairie View — Bro. L. T. Turner, Sister Ethel Turner, Sister Alice Trickett; Altenate, Bro. Virgil Florence; Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor; Clifford Trickett, Church Clerk.

Horn Chapel—Sister Jennie Horn, Bro. J. H. Barton, Sister Ellen Byers; Elder C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Cherry Horn, Church Clerk; Post office, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Panama—Sister Alta Long, Sister Sarah Bice, Bro. Tom Williams; Elder C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Ollie Bice, Church Clerk.

Prairie Grove—Bro. Mack Smith, Sister L. J. Smith, Bro. Elbert Dudley, Sister Guyola Dudley; Elder T. O. Barnes, pastor; Sister Guyola Dudley, Church Clerk; Post office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

Motion made and carried that we receive the letters of old churches and seat the delegates. We extended the right hand of fellowship to all the churches.

Letters from new churches were called for and received the following:

San Bois—Bro. Hanford Powell, Sister Alice Wilson, Sister Neoma Spessard, Sister Hester Qualls, Bro. Jess Cross, Sister Cross, Sister Robbie Perkins; Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Bro. Riddle, Church Clerk; Post office, Kinto, Oklahoma.

Oak Ridge No. 2—Sister Jessie Pendleton, Sister Minnie Dunn; Elder L. B. Clark, pastor; Sister Effie Dalton, Church Clerk.

Lone Elm—Bro. Chester Brand, Bro. Ulen Berry, Bro. Clayborn Shepherd, Bro. Gene Medlock, Sister Dortha Medlock, Sister Ida Clyma; Elder T. M. Arnold, pastor; Sister Floridia Scroggins, Church Clerk; Post office, Keata, Oklahoma.

Woody—Sister Bulah Williams, Sister Eula Wilkins; Elder B. E. Hickman, pastor; Bro. E. O. Williams, Church Clerk; Post office, McCurtain, Oklahoma

Iron Bridge—Bro. Altus Spence, Sister Hazel Spence, Bro. Arvel Spence, Bro. Richard Burson; Elder T. M. Arnold, pastor; Sister Bertha Burson, Church Clerk; Post office, Keota, Oklahoma.

Motion was made and carried that we receive the letters of the new churches and seat the delegates by right hand of fellowship.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:

Elder T. O. Barnes, Moderator; Elder C. E. Kennedy, Assistant Moderator; Sister Dovie LaFave, Clerk; Bro. C. Trickett, Assistant Clerk. nThe rules on order were then read by the Moderator, Elder T. O. Barnes. Motion made and carried that we adhere strictly to the rules of order and all of the business transactions.

A call for corresponding delegates was extended. In response, we received and seated Bro. J. M. Musgraves from Grand River Association; Bro. Smith and daughter from Gaines Creek Association.

A devotional committee was appointed by the Moderator. Those appointed were: Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Lemley.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The business session was followed by a short intermission, after which preaching services were conducted by Elder C. E. Kennedy, text, James 4:14.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at two o'clock. House called to order by Moderator. Then proceeded to the appointment of various

committees.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Sister Jossie Patton, Sister Ollie Bice, Sister Cherry Horn, Sister Minnie Dunn, Sister Nettie Stankwitz.

Committee on Finance—Bro. Jimmie Maxwell, Bro. Bens Johnes, Bro. Jess Cross, Bro. Andy Brown, Bro. R. S. Faine.

Committee on Temperance—Bro. E. S. Gregory, Bro. Jack Kinsey, Sister Jennie Horn, Sister Sarah Bice, Sister Ella Launsford.

Committee on Query and Request—Bro. W. L. Roberts, Rev. H. O. Turner, Bro. J. M. Scott, Rev. John Anderson, Rev. W. J. Nance, Sister Nellie LaFave, Sister Laura Arnold.

Committee on Minister's and Deacon's Characters—Bro. Will Stankwitz, Bro. B. H. Perryhouse, Bro. J. H. Standridge, Rev. Sanders, Bro. Will Floyd.

Committee on Minister's Credentials—Rev. O. D. Wickham, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. R. P. Sanders, Bro. Ben Hickman, Rev. Barb Hickman.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—Sister Bulah Williams, Sister Ethel Turner, Bro. R. E. Nolen, Sister Bill Dixon, Bro. Emmett Thompson.

Committee on Obituaries—Sister Alice Wilson, Sister Mary Southern, Sister Ellen Byers, Sister Scott, Sister Fowler, Sister Shepherd, Sister Robbie Perkins, Sister T. M. Arnold, Sister Florida Scroggins.

Committee on Resolutions—Bro. Summers, Bro. Adkinson, Bro. Darty, Bro. W. F. Kinsey, Bro. Jess



Venable, Bro. Jimmie Spence.

Committee on Home Mission—Sister Ula Wilerkins, Bro. J. C. Smith, Bro. Rufus Johns, Sister Molly Townson, Sister Lottie Burgess, Sister Hester Qualls, Sister Effie Grayson, Bro. Tom Williams, Bro. Townson, Bro. Tanksley, Bro. W. M. Gibson.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Bro. Powell, Bro. Lee Master, Bro. J. H. Greenwire, Sister Lemley, Bro. Gyton, Sister Clyma, Bro. L. E. Riddle, Bro. E. A. Powell, Sister Neoma Spessard, Bro. Lindsey Southern, Bro. W. M. Burgess, Sister Delia Lee Master, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. B. Roberson.

Report of last years' Clerk was read and accepted.

Report of Obituary Committee was read and accepted and the committee discharged.

Motion was made and accepted that we adjourn the business session until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES.

Song by the choir. Testimony service conducted by Sister Laura Arnold. One hundred and thirty-eight testimonies were given during this service. Preaching services conducted by Rev. H. O. Turner, followed by Rev. T. M. Arnold. Several souls were saved. Services dismissed by Rev. L. R. Crumb.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song by the choir. Prayer by Elder L. R. Crumb. Testimony services conducted by Sister Josie Patton. Memorial services conducted by Rev. W. J. Nance. Duets by Bro. and Sister Stankwitz.

Adjourned to meet again at 3:00 p. m.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song by the choir. Preaching services by Elder R. P. Sanders. Text found in eleventh chapter of Hebrews. After services were called and four souls were saved. Then three deacons were ordained: Bro. L. R. Horn, Bro. J. M. Scott and Bro. W. M. Burgess. Presbytery Elder C. E. Kennedy, Rev. H. O. Turner and Rev. W. J. Nance.

Services were dismissed by Bro. Scott. Adjourned to meet at 7:30 Sunday night.

### SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES.

Singing by the choir. Vote was taken that Communion services be omitted and have revival meeting. Testimony services conducted by Sister Cherry Horn and Elder T. O. Barnes. Followed by preaching services conducted by Rev. O. D. Wickham. Text found in Sixth chapter of Isaiah.

Adjourned to meet again on Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9:00 o'clock the house was called to order by the Moderator reading the 3rd chapter of Colossians.

Prayer by Bro. W. L. Roberts.

Motion made and carried that we enter conference. Rules of order were then read again by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fifth Sunday meetings were read. Motion made and carried that the associational body accept the report of the executive committee of the Fifth Sunday meetings.

Call for committee reports was extended and received the following:

Committee on Sabbath Schools—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows:

It is the duty of the Free Will Baptists to teach Free Will Baptist literature for the purpose of supporting our own publishing house. For we know we have Bible doctrine. We believe that our Sunday School teachers should be Christians. We urge that all our Free Will Baptists be more zealous in Sunday School work in the future, realizing that Sunday School is the life of the church.

Sister Cherry Horn, 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 of any kind. That we should use our efforts to get rid of whiskey and its makers, when it occurs in our observation, by communicating 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 card parties, checker games, Church swimming pools, Sunday Ball games of any kind, and that we abstain from all habits that disqualify us for the service for the Lord.

Sister Ella Lunsford, Chairman.

Committee on Query and Request—We, your committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows:

We request that the subject concerning communion and feet washing, which was passed in the Fifth Sunday meeting be thoroughly discussed in this sitting of the Association.

We also request this body take steps to raise money to purchase a tabernacle for this association.

We further request that the Fifth Sunday meeting discuss the question of women teaching or preaching as mentioned First Timothy, 2:11:12.

Sister Laura Arnold, Chairman.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—We, your committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows:

That we recommend the Bible to be used as our discipline and only infallible rule of our doctrine, faith and practice and urge 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, Deacons and lay members teach and practice our Church covenant.

Sister Jossie Patton, Chairman.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements—We, your committee on Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows:

We endorse the report of last year with the exception of the last resolution.

Be it resolved, that all Free Will Baptist Ministers make a report of their success to the Association.

We also further request that the Association omit the appointment of the ministers and deacons credentials unless necessity demands.

Be it resolved that the doors of all church property belonging to the Free Will Baptist be open to all ministers in good standing with the Association; be it resolved that our young ministers be licensed to preach one year before being ordained.

Taking into consideration surrounding circumstances and seeing the necessity of the rule governing the ministry, be it resolved, the Association forbids its ministers, deacons and lay members of the several districts of the Association speaking disrespectfully of one another and any one 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 Baptists in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore, advise Moderators of the churches, impress upon the churches the great necessity of observing all rules of the Association.

Be it further resolved, that any Elder taking an 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 is 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 offenses shall be due the church acknowledgement or shall be considered by the body as a stranger, as these evil causes may cause 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 the second work of grace, separate and apart from regeneration or conversion.

Sister S. A. Lemley. Chairman.

Committee on Minister's and Deacon's Characters—We, the committee on Minister's and Deacon's Characters beg leave to report as follows:

That we find that all ministers and deacons are in good standing to the best of our knowledge. No complaint given to us at the present.

Bro. Will Floyd, Chairman.

Committee on Home Mission—We, your committee on Home Mission beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that each church appoint at least three, as a committee to collect and cooperate with the

Home Mission Board. With one acting treasurer and corresponding secretary.

Bro. J. C. Smith, Chairman.

Committee on Resolutions—We, your committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

We adopt last years' report with these recommendations:

Resolution No. 1. Resolved that we change the time of meeting back as it once was to meet on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, instead of Friday night before the first Sunday in September.

Resolution No. 2—Resolved that the moderator of this session appoint a committee to find out what property is owned by the Free Will Baptists and have it printed in our minutes.

Resolution No. 3.—We further recommend that this Association have placed in our minutes our stand for God and his plan of salvation, and Christ as our Mediator between God and man, first Timothy 2:5. Against Romanism and all its powers. Not as a political question but as protection of our own faith and order.

Bro. Summers, Chairman.

#### OLD REPORT.

As it is a law that no church is entitled to the Association unless asked for in their letter; we recommend that no church be granted the Association unless their deacons and delegates reside until the business

session is over, unless unavoidably hindered.

Be it resolved, that any church or churches verbally asking for the same be granted it upon the vote of the body.

Bro. Jack Kinsey, Chairman.

Committee on Minister's Credentials—We, your committee on Minister's Credentials beg leave to report as follows:

After examination, we find all the minister's credentials orthodox.

Rev. L. B. Clark, Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

Cross Road .....	\$ 3.00
Perry .....	5.00
Panthor .....	2.50
Buifington .....	4.00
Oak Ridge No. 2.....	2.50
Shady Grove .....	2.50
Prairie Grove .....	2.50
Oak Ridge No. 1.....	2.50
Rocky Point .....	2.50
Lone Elm.....	3.60
Royal Oak .....	3.25
Mt. View .....	2.50
Iron Bridge .....	2.50
Woody .....	2.50
Prairie View .....	2.50



Panama .....	3.00
Horn Chapel .....	2.20
San. Bois .....	2.50
Murry Spur .....	2.50
Christian Grove .....	2.50
Total .....	\$55.55

Bro. Jim Maxwell, Chairman.

Committee on Obituaries—We, your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows:

We sorrow because of the loss of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Sister Ethel Mathis of Lone Elm Church, Bro. Sam Kurkus of Oak Ridge Church, Sister Virgie Snow of Perry Church, Sister Laura Williams of Royal Oak Church, Bro. Joe Springs and J. J. Atwood of Panama Church, Sister Eliza Adams, Sister Ellen Wiles and Sister Laura Willingham of Shady Grove Church, Bro. Jim Hartgrave of San Bois Church, Baby of Otha and Erleb Williams of Whooey Church, Bro. Will Hampton of Prairie View Church, Sister Sarah Mucculla of Mt. View Church, Sister Adline Brazeal, Sister Eva Alexander, Bro. Hicks, Sister Addie Owens, Sister Night, Bro. Night, Bro. Mack Smith, Sister Lizzie Logan of Prairie Grove Church.

Sister Jane D. Arnold, Chairman.

#### REPORT FROM HOME MISSION TREASURER

I beg leave to report as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year, \$49.35.  
 Loaned to Bro. O. D. Wickham, \$25.00. Paid to Elder J. W. Yandell for Evangelistic work, \$24.35.  
 Total \$49.35.

Bro. W. M. LaFave, Treasurer.

## REPORT FROM LAST YEARS' CLERK.

To the members of the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

Amount collected for Minutes.....	\$42.50
Remaining balance of last year.....	20.78
Total at the beginning of the Association year	63.28
Expense for Minutes of the Eureka Association	37.00
For State Minutes .....	3.00
For a ledger .....	3.50
Total.....	\$43.50

After deducting \$43.50, price of Minutes and ledger, from \$63.28 we then have the remaining balance of \$19.78.

Davie LaFave, Clerk.

Called for Minister's reports—Received the following:

To the most honorable Eureka Association, I beg leave to report:

I have preached 100 sermons, witnessed 65 conversions, baptized 33 married three couples, conducted 15 funeral services and have pastored three churches.

Rev. W. J. Nance, Shady Point, Okla.

To the Eureka Association, I beg leave to report as follows:

I have pastored 2 churches, held 2 revival meetings, witnessed 5 conversions, baptized 4, received into the church 5, conducted 4 funeral services, married two couples and have preached 48 sermons.

Rev. R. P. Sanders, Milton, Okla.

~~John Cross, Sister Robbie Perkins; Rev. L. R. Church,~~

To the Eureka Association, when convened with Panthor Church, I beg leave to report as follows:

I have pastored 2 churches this year and 3 part of the time, preached 123 sermons, witnessed 45 conversions, baptized 28, married 2 couples. Received for my labor from Horn Chapel Church \$17.50. Panama Church, Royal Oak Church have received for revival work from Horn Chapel Church \$14.20.

I have accepted Horn Chapel and Buffington Church for the coming year.

Elder C. E. Kennedy, Sallisaw, Okla.

To the Eureka Association, I beg leave report as follows:

I have preached 52 sermons witnessed 52 confessions, married 2 couples, traveled 1600 miles, received for my labor \$11.41.

Rev. Tom A. Anderson, Stigler, Okla.

To the Eureka Association, I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 41 sermons, helped and assisted in 1 revival meeting, witnessed 30 conversions, traveled 450 miles. Received for my labor \$10.00.

I have done so little that I ask the prayers of the Association that I may be able to do more in the next year.

Rev. John Anderson, Stigler, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows:

I have pastored 4 churches, received into the church 82, baptized 44, held 5 revival meetings, witnessed 111 conversions, preached 113 sermons, conducted 15 memorial services.

Received from Rocky Point Church.....	\$102.20
Received from Cross Road Church .....	100.34
Received from Panthor Church.....	63.97
Received from Mt. View Church.....	23.25
Received for Evangelistic work.....	40.57
Total.....	330.33

I have four churches for the ensuing year, Cross Road, Rocky Point, Panthor and Woody.

Pray for me.

Rev. Barb E. Hickman, Stigler, Okla.

To the Eureka Association, Greetings: I beg leave to report as follows:

Report since the first Saturday night in May. I have preached 84 sermons, organized one new church, reinstated one with 42 addition, assisted Rev. H. A. Turner in one revival at San Bois, had 123 conversions, 97 additions to the church.

I received for my work from the Board \$60.00, from public donation \$36.29, total \$96.29.

I have baptized 97 and witnessed 184 conversions.

Elder T. O. Barnes, Quinton, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 96 sermons, conducted 15 funeral services, married 10 couples, organized 1 church, witnessed 38 conversions, and baptised 16. Received in different Free Will Baptist Churches 26.

Rev. L. B. Clark, Spiro, Okla.

I beg to report as follows:

I have pastored 1 church, I have preached 130 sermons, held 1 revival meeting and helped in 2 others,

witnessed 130 conversions, baptised 79, helped to organize 1 church, also helped to reinstate 1 church at Iron Bridge, conducted 18 funeral services, married 7 couples. Have received for my year's work \$48.00, my expenses have been \$47.74.

I'll try to do better the next year by the help of the Lord.

Rev. T. M. Arnold, Keota, Okla.

#### Report of Free Will Baptist Church Property:

We, your committee beg leave to report the following property owned by the Free Will Baptists of Eureka Association: Panama 1 house, 1 lot, piano and fixtures, value \$1,000.00. Shady Grove, one acre of land, house and fixtures, value \$750.00. Old Panthor church, 1 acre of land and incomplete house, value \$1,000.00. Lone Elm, 1 acre of land, 1 house, 1 well of water, value \$1,000.00. Cross Road, 1 house 36x50. 1 acre of land, value \$2,000.00.

Bro. Luther Roberts, Chairman.

A report of corresponding delegates was called for, received none.

The Moderator was given power to appoint the delegates to the State, Grand River and Gaines Creek Association.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Association: Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. Ben Hickman, Barb Hickman, and Bro. C. C. Garland.

The following to the Grand River Association: Bro. Luther Roberts and Sister Delia Roberts.

The following to the Gaines Creek Association:  
Rev. Tom Anderson and Rev. W. J. Nance.

The Fifth Sunday meetings were then located as follows: Oak Ridge 1st; San Bois 2nd; Murry Spur 3rd; and Horn Chapel 4th.

Motion made and carried that we send the next session of the Association to Perry Church, 4 miles north of Stigler, Okla.

A committee to report on Free Will Baptist Church property was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Bro. Luther Roberts, chairman of the committee, Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Lemley, Bro. W. M. LaFave and Bro. Ben Hickman.

Motion made and carried that Elder T. O. Barnes should continue the Evangelistic work for the coming year.

Rev. W. J. Nance extended our thanks to Panthor Church for their hospitality and kindness shown to us during the Association.

Motion made and carried that Barb Hickman preach the introductory sermon and alternate Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Motion made and carried to adjourn this session of the Eureka Association to meet again at Perry Church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1929, A. D.

The Association was dismissed by Rev. W. J. Nance.

## OUR MINISTERS.

- Rev. R. D. Allen, Spiro, Okla.  
Rev. T. M. Arnold, Keota, Okla.  
Rev. Tom Anderson, Stigler, Okla.  
Rev. John Anderson, Stigler, Okla.  
Rev. T. O. Barnes, Quinton, Okla.  
Rev. L. R. Crumb, Stigler, Okla.  
Rev. L. B. Clark, Spiro, Okla.  
Rev. J. A. Claxton, Crowdre, Okla.  
Rev. J. C. Dudley, Crowdre, Okla.  
Rev. <sup>B. E.</sup> ~~Ben~~ Hickman, Stigler, Okla.  
Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Sallisaw, Okla.  
Rev. W. J. Nance, Shady Point, Okla.  
Rev. J. R. Stoughton, Cartersville, Okla.  
Rev. H. O. Turner, Stigler, Okla.  
Rev. O. D. Wickham, Stigler, Okla.  
Rev. R. P. Sanders, Milton, Okla.  
Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Stigler, Okla.

## 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 Ass'n having no power to lord it over God's heritage nor to have any ecclesiastic 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 members 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 that 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 it is 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 could 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 the 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 saith, "Look unto me and be saved, all 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 preserve 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 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 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 officers during the good pleasure of same in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthews 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 in sitting fourth the Lord's Supper and washing the Saint's feet or let as many examine himself and so let him eat." I Cor. 11:28, John 13:14.

13. We believe that the sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light, so  
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## CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and having thus obtained justification by Faith in His name, we, as members of several churches that constitute the Gaines Creek 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 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, "Forsake 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."

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.

## LETTER OF DISMISSAL.

This is to certify that..... is a member in good standing of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at....., and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in Church conference this.....day of.....

....., 19.....

....., Pastor ..... Clei

## FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE.

- 1—Call Church Conference.
- 2—Call for peace of Church.
- 3—Call for visiting brethren to seats in Council.
- 4—Reading of Minutes of previous meeting.
- 5—Unfinished Business.
- 6—New Business.
- 7—Are any sick or in distress?
- 8—What has been done for the support of the Ministry and other incidental expenses?

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