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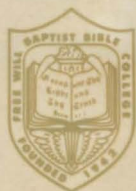
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## RULES OF ORDER

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 seat 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. Motion made and last 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 association.

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order by moderator.

2. Letters called for and adopted.

3. Right hand of fellowship.

4. Electing officers.

5. Reading rules of order.

6. Petitionary letters.

7. Introductory sermon.

8. Invite visiting brethren to seat in council.

9. Appointment of committees.

10. New business.

11. Report of committees.

12. Miscellaneous business.

## THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song by the choir. House called to order by the moderator, Elder T. O. Barnes. Testimony services conducted by Bro. Jimmie Maxwell. Preaching services conducted by Rev. W. J. Nance. Text: Proverbs 8:4.

Motion made and carried to meet again at 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song by the chair. House called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder J. M. Roberts.

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

Morning reading by Elder T. O. Barnes, 91st Psalms of David. Prayer by Rev. R. D. Allen.

The moderator called for Church letters and received the following from the old churches:

1. Rocky Point—Sister Lottie Apple, Bro. Jack Apple, Pastor, Rev. B. E. Hickman, Sister Ruby Hartwick, church clerk. Post Office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

2. Prairie Grove—Sister Jennie Smith, Sister Jewel Honeycutt, Sister Ruby Honeycutt, Sister Nettie Colbert, Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor, Sister Ula Dudley, church clerk. Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

3. Whoody—Bro. Author Burson, Sister Beulah Williams, Sister Beatrice Burson, Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor, Sister Maggie Schrimsher, church clerk. Post Office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

4. Panthar—Bro. Alva Morgan, Bro. Carl Pinnell, Bro. Tony Mare, Sister Ona Greenmyer, Sister Mae Fritzgerald, Sister Bessie Greenmyer, Rev. B. E. Hickman, pastor, Sister L. A. Lemley, church clerk.

5. Horn Chapel—Sister Ellen Byers, Sister Jennie Horn, Bro. Carl Watts, Sister Mary Sanders, Bro. Opie Cantrell, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor, Sister Cherrie Horn, church clerk. Post Office, Vian, Oklahoma.

6. Sansbois—Sister Ruby Warren, Sister Esther Qualls, Bro. Dubert Qualls, Sister Emma Oaks, Sister Ida Hale. Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Emma Oaks, church clerk. Post Office, Kinta, Oklahoma.

7. Perry—Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Callie Bryant, Bro. Frank McQuilliams, Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor, Sister Delia Roberts, church clerk. Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma, Route 1.

8. Oak Ridge—Bro. Miels Warlick, Bro. Clarence Fowler, Sister Bell Dixon, Sister Rossie Fowler. Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor. Sister Eva Robins, church clerk. Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

9. Prairie View—Bro. Jim Lewis, Bro. Willie Wilson, Bro. Lester Turner, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor. Bro. Clifford Trickett, church clerk. Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

10. Cross Road—Bro. Wright, Bro. McAdams, Bro. Venable, Sister Scantlin, Sister Wright, Sister Arnold and Este St. Clair, Bro. Mosby, Bro. Edgar Holley, Sister Mosby, Sister Robinson, Sister Holley, Rev. B. E. Hickman, pastor. Bro. Ed Arnold, church clerk. Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

11. Murry Spur—Sister Thelma Childress, Sister Clyde Martin, Bro. W. J. King, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor, Sister Lillie Childress, church clerk. Post Office, Spiro, Oklahoma.

12. Lone Elm—Bro. Mathess, Sister Mathess, Bro. Cleburn Shepherd, Rev. R. D. Allen, pastor. Sister Florida Scroggin,

church clerk. Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

13. Panama—Sister Sarah Bice, Bro. Tom Williams, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor. Bro. Charley Johnson, church, clerk. Post Office, Panama, Oklahoma.

14. Christian Grove—Sister Ruth Evans, Sister Annie Manly, Rev. L. B. Clark, pastor. Sister Willie Ataway, church clerk.

15. Iron Bridge—Bro. Orval Spence, Bro. Mont Watley, Sister Imogene Chambers, Sister Ola Brown, Sister Clara Harp, Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor.

16. Royal Oak—Bro. Ab Hanna, Sister Lila Hanna, Sister Earlene Darneal, Sister Alta Stankwitz. Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor. Sister Nettle Stankwitz, church clerk.

17. Buffington—Bro. Eugene Colter, Sister Lela Patton, Bro. Will Butler, Bro. Jim Patton, Bro. Frank Calter. Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor. Sister Maggie Butler, church clerk. Post Office, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Motion made and carried that we receive the letters of the old churches and seat the delegates.

The moderator called for letters from new churches and received one.

Badger Lee—Sister Josephine Brooks, Sister Cherokee McCoy, Sister Marie Smith, Rev. J. W. Posey, pastor. Sister Edna Adair, church clerk. Post Office, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Motion made and carried that we receive the letter of the new church and seat the delegates.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Elder T. O. Barnes, moderator; Rev. J. W. Nance, assistant moderator; Dovie LaFave, clerk; Cherrie Horn, assistant clerk.

Then the rules of order were read by the moderator, Elder T. O. Barnes. Motion made and carried that we adhere strictly to the rules of order in all of the business transactions.

A call for corresponding delegates was extended. In response, we received and seated Bro. J. M. Musgraves, Elder J. M. Roberts, Rev. Jimmie Musgraves, Rev. Hoose of Grand River association.

A devotional committee was appointed by the moderator. Those appointed were: Bro. Luther Roberts, Bro. L. R. Horn, Bro. A. L. Honeycutt.

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

The business session was followed by a short intermission, after which preaching services were then conducted by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Nance. The moderator then read the 12th chapter of 1st Cor, then proceeded to the appointment of the committees.

1. Committee on Sabbath Schools: Sister Etta Peck, Sister Emma Oaks, Bro. W. J. Stankewitz, Bro. E. J. Smith, Bro. Jimmie Maxwell.

2. Committee on Temperance: Bro. Ben Hickman, Bro. B. Robertson, Bro. Atha Williams, Bro. Edd Arnold, Sister Jennie Horn.

3. Committee on Query and Request: Rev. Tom Anderson, Rev. H. O. Turner, Sister Nellie LaFave, Bro. C. C. Garland, Sister Laura Arnold.

4. Committee on Deacons and Ministers Characters: Bro. Carl Watts, Bro. Clifford Trickett, Bro. Frank McQuilliams, Bro. Alva Morgan, Bro. C. M. Pinnell.

5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Credentials: Rev. L. B. Clark, Elder J. M. Roberts, Rev. J. N. Musgraves.

6. Committee on Books and Periodical: Sister Josephine Brooks, Sister Cherokee McCoy, Bro. W. J. King, Sister Jennie Smith, Bro. Everett Clark, Sister Jewel Honeycutt, Sister Lila Hanna, Sister Ruby Honeycutt, Sister Velma Childress, and Bro. J. E. Smith.

7. Committee on Obituaries: Sister Earlene Darnell, Sister Nettie Standewitz, Sister Ona Gunmyer, Sister Ruth Evans, Sister Ola Brown, Sister Anderson, Sister Imogene Chambers, Sister Clara Harp, Sister Beulah Williams.

8. Committee on Resolutions: Rev. R. D. Allen, Rev. W. J. Nance, Rev. J. H. Green, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Bro. J. M. Scott, Bro. Musgraves and Bro. Sisk.

9. Committee on Home Missions: Sister Alta Stankewitz, Sister Burgess, Sister Mae Fitzgerald, Sister Rowell, Sister Martin, Sister Alice Wilson, and Sister Maggie Burgess.

10. Committee on Bill of Arrangements: Bro. Jimmie Maxwell, Bro. Andy Brown, Rev. J. W. Posey, Bro. Harrison Aleen, Bro. J. A. Venable, Bro. O. Wright, Rev. Dudley, Rev. J. A. Anderson, Bro. Burgess, Bro. Booth, Bro. Charlie Edwards and Bro. J. H. Colter.

Called for the report of the corresponding delegates and received the following:

Rev. Anderson reported from the Gaines Creek association.

Brother Luther Roberts reported from the Grand River association.

Motion made and carried that we receive the report of the last year's association clerk.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn the business session to meet again at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

### FRIDAY, NIGHT SESSION

Song by the choir. Testimony services conducted by Sister Laura Arnold. Many testimonies were given during the services. Preaching services were then conducted by Rev. R. D. Allen. Several souls were saved.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Elder T. O. Barnes. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Bro. Musgraves.

A committee of appreciation was then appointed by the Moderator as follows: Sister Dixon, Bro. Micles Warlick, Sister

Mosby, Sister Lemley, Bro. Ben Hickman, Bro. J. M. Lewis, Elder T. M. Arnold and Bro. McAdams.

Called for committee reports were 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 Baptist to teach Free Will Baptist literature for the purpose of supporting our own publishing house. For we know we have the Bible doctrine. We believe that our Sunday School teachers should be Christians. We urge that all our Free Will Baptist be more zealous in Sunday School work in the future, realizing that Sunday School is the life of the church.—**SISTER ETTA PECK, 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 observations, 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 the highest Bible sense, with all card parties, checker games, church swimming pools, Sunday Ball Games of any kind, and we abstain from all habits that disqualify us for the service of the Lord.—**BRO. E. F. ARNOLD, Chairman.**

**Committee on Query and Requests:** We, your committee on Query and Requests beg leave to report as follows: We request that this body request that each church of this association assess each member 25c for the purpose of purchasing a tabernacle for this association.—**SISTER LAURA ARNOLD, Chairman.**

**Committee on Books and Periodicals:** We, your committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: That we take 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 to take a Free Will Baptist paper. We recommend that all our ministers, deacons and lay members teach and practice our church covenant. We also recommend all our churches to use Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature.—**SISTER THELMA CHILDRESS, 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 following amendment: That each minister and deacon impress and insist that each member of this association to abstain from worldly lust and carnal cares, such as going to dances and play parties and morning picture shows and Sunday ball games, or any such things as would hurt our Christian influence. Any one guilty of such things should make acknowledgement to the church.—**BRO. ANDY BROWN, Chairman.**

Old Report: Be it resolved that all Free Will Baptist Ministers make a report of their success to the association. We also further request that this association omit the appointment of a committee to report on 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 further resolved that our young ministers be licensed to preach one year before being ordained.

Taking into consideration surrounding circumstances and seeing the necessity of a rule governing the ministry, be it resolved, the association forbids its members, 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 our ministers do not vary from the regular customs of the Free Will Baptist in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore, advise Moderator 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 to the church acknowledgements 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 sperate and apart from regeneration or conversion.

SISTER S. A. LEMLEY, Chairman.

Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—We, your committee on ministers and deacons character beg leave to report as follows

That we find all the ministers and deacons are in good standing to the best of our knowledge. All are obeying the Lord's word as far as we know.

BROTHER ALVA MORGAN, Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions—We, your committee on home missions beg leave to report as follows

We endorse last year's report and also recommend that each church enforce last year's report. We also recommend that each church should form a Ladies Aid society to help furnish the Mission Board with aid money when in need.

SISTER ETHEL ROWELL, Chairman.

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

Resolution No. 1.—Be it resolved that this body call in or dismiss the Executive Board.

Resolution No. 2.—Be it resolved that no ministers shall become a member of this association until he becomes a member of some church in this association in good standing.

Resolution No. 3.—Be it resolved that we forbid any of our ministers of asking any part of a salary for any part of a salary for any of their minister work. In so doing we lay aside our old line of Free Will Baptist Doctrine of the Word of God.

Resolution No. 4.—Be it resolved that this body grant the moderator and the clerk the power to have our minutes printed where they can get the cheapest and the best work.

Resolution No. 5.—Be it resolved that we erase ministers names who have surrendered their credentials to the moderator of the association from the ministers record and from the county ministers records, showing we do not endorse them as Free Will Baptist ministers..

REV. H. O. TURNER, Chairman.

Committee on Ministers Credentials—We, your committee on ministers credentials beg leave to report as follows:

We find that Rev. J. W. Posey's credentials orthodox.

REV. L. B. CLARK, Chairman.

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

Panama, \$2.50; Panthar, \$4.00; Buffington, \$2.50; Prairie Grove, \$3.00; Horn Chapel, \$2.50; Iron Bridge, \$2.50; Rocky Point, \$2.50; Murry Spur, \$2.50; Woody, \$3.00; Cross Road, \$2.50; Oak Ridge, \$3.00; Perry, \$5.00; Lone Elm, \$3.00; Royal Oak, \$3.00; Prairie View, \$3.25; Sans Bois, \$3.00; Christian Grove, \$2.50; Badger Lee, \$2.50. Total, \$52.75.

BRO. J. M. LEMLEY, 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. Bro. John Grebory of Perry church, Bro. Sievley of Cross Road church, Bro. Atkins of Rocky Point church, Sister Jewel Qualls of Sans Bois church, Bro. J. E. Hess, Sister Venie Brown, Sister Annie Hess of Lone Elm church, Sister Joe Mark of Cross Road church.

SISTER NETTIE STANKEWITZ, Chairman.

Report from Home Mission Treasurer—I beg leave to report as follows:

No money was left on hand from last year and have received no Home Mission Aid this year.

BRO. W. M. LAFAVE, Treasurer.

Report of Last Year's Clerk—To the members of the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

Amount collected for Minutes, \$55.55 for the year of 1928. Remaining balance of last year, \$9.78. Total at the beginning of the associational year was, \$65.33. Publishing expenses for minutes, \$47.78. Express charges for minutes, 85c. Clerk's salary, \$10.00. Ministers and Deacons Credentials, \$1.20. Total, \$59.83.

After deducting total expenses \$59.83 from \$65.33 we have the

remaining balance of \$5.50.

I have copied all minutes of this association since division from Roberts and McGee association in 1924 on the Record Book.

SISTER DOVIE LAFAVE, Clerk.

Called for ministers reports and received the following:

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

I have preached 65 sermons, helped in four revival meetings, witnessed 41 conversions, conducted one funeral and married 2 couples, traveled 1,518 miles.

REV. H. O. TURNER, Stigler, Oklahoma.

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

I did all I could as moderator of the association last year. I pastored 1 church, helped in 2 revival meetings, held two revival meetings myself, witnessed several conversions, baptized several. I have been called as pastor of four churches, Prairie Grove, Whoody, Iron Bridge and Perry. If I can I will do more next year.

ELDER T. O. BARNES, Quinton, Oklahoma.

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

I have preached 73 sermons, conducted 20 funerals, married 14 couples.

REV. L. B. CLARK, Spiro, Oklahoma.

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

I have preached 35 sermons, witnessed 14 conversions under my preaching, conducted 1 funeral. Pray for me.

REV. B. H. PEEVYHOUSE, Keota, Oklahoma.

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

I have pastored 4 churches, preached 106 sermons. I have held 2 revival meetings and helped in one revival meeting at Whoody. I received \$7.40 for helping in the revival at Whoody. I conducted 24 funerals, married 13 couples, witnessed 51 conversions, baptized 2. I have traveled 1,876 miles. I have received from the Perry church, \$29.10; from Iron Bridge church, \$14.15; from Prairie View church, \$8.25; from Lone Elm church, \$19.56. Total from my work, \$83.46. My expenses have been \$70.55.

ELDER T. M. ARNOLD, Keota, Oklahoma.

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

I have held 3 revival meetings, preached 38 sermons, and witnessed 73 conversions; baptized 24, preached 1 funeral, helped to organize one church, traveled 800 miles, received for my labor, \$17.92. Pray for me.

REV. TOM ANDERSON, Stigler, Oklahoma.

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

I have preached 17 sermons, helped in 2 revival meetings, witnessed 12 conversions, traveled about 175 miles and received for my labor, \$7.00. I ask the prayers of this association that I may do more next year.

REV. JOHN ANDERSON, Stigler, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka Association when convened with the Perry church—I beg leave to report as follows:

I have pastored 2 churches nearly all the year and 3 churches most all the year, preached 105 sermons, held 2 revival meetings, witnessed 30 conversions, received into the church, 20, baptized 18, conducted 7 funeral services, married 3 couples. Received

for labor from Royal Oak church, \$65.58; from Murry Spur church, \$66.97; from Buck Creek church, \$11.00. Total, \$143.55.

Brethern I see a great work ahead of us so let us do all we can to raise the standard of Christianity. I ask the prayers of all God's children.

REV. W. J. NANCE, Shady Point, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka Association—I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 50 sermons, held 2 revival meetings, helped in 2 revival meetings, baptized 30, witnessed 66 conversions, conducted 1 funeral, married 2 couples, traveled 150 miles, received for my work about \$27.00, organized 1 church at Badger Lee. I have been called to pastor Badger Lee church for the ensuing year. This church pays me \$5.00 a month.

REV. J. W. POSEY, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka Association—I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 4 churches, witnessed 122 conversions, received into the church, 117, baptized 73, conducted 9 funerals. Received from Panthar church, \$91.31; from Cross Road church, \$78.00; from Woody church, \$60.96; from Rocky Point church, \$46.08. Total, \$276.35.

REV. B. E. HICKMAN, Stigler, Oklahoma.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn until 2:00 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Bro. W. M. LaFave.

Motion made and seconded that the moderator appoint Elder J. M. Roberts and Rev. J. R. Stoughton as a committee to decide on the resolution passed on in the Panama church concerning the revising of the church book.

The moderator was given power to appoint the delegates to the Grand River and Gaines Creek association.

The following delegates were appointed to the Grand River association: Bro. W. M. LaFave, Rev. H. O. Turner and Sister Dovie LaFave.

The following to the Gaines Creek association: Rev. Tom Anderson, Bro. J. M. Scott.

Motion made and carried that we grant Rev. Green a letter in good standing.

The Fifth Sunday meetings were then located as follows: First at Prairie Grove; second at Panthar; third at Badger Lee; fourth at Panama.

Motion made and seconded that we receive Rev. J. W. Posey as a member of this association.

Motion made and carried that we send the next session of the association to Lone Elm church, two and half miles north-east of Keota, Oklahoma.

Motion made and carried that Rev. J. W. Posey preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. R. Stoughton, alternate.

The assistant clerk read a letter of appreciation prepared by a committee, followed by a short talk of appreciation by Elder J. M. Roberts.

Motion made and carried to adjourn this session of the Eureka association to meet again at Lone Elm church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1930, A. D.

The association was then dismissed.

### OUR MINISTERS

Rev. R. D. Allen, Spiro, Oklahoma.  
Rev. T. M. Arnold, Keota, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Tom Anderson, Stigler, Oklahoma.  
Rev. John Anderson, Stigler, Oklahoma.  
Rev. T. O. Barnes, Quinton, Oklahoma.  
Rev. L. R. Crumb, Stigler, Oklahoma.  
Rev. L. B. Clark, Spiro, Oklahoma.  
Rev. J. C. Dudley.  
Rev. B. E. Hickman, Stigler, Oklahoma.  
Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Stigler, Oklahoma.  
Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Keota, Oklahoma.  
Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Panama, Oklahoma.  
Rev. W. J. Nance, Shady Point, Oklahoma.  
Rev. W. J. Posey, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.  
Rev. J. R. Stoughton, Cartersville, Oklahoma.  
Rev. R. P. Sanders, Milton, Oklahoma.  
Rev. H. O. Turner, Stigler, Oklahoma.

### CONSTITUTION

From the long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist church of Christ, being regularly baptized 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 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 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 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 in 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 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 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 sayeth, "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, 1 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, Deut. 1:39.

7. We believe that all Christians must preserve in grace and be faithful to the end of 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, 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. 1 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, John 13:4-14, Matt. 28:19-20, 1 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 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 forth the Lord's Supper and washing the Saint's feet or let as many examine himself and so let him eat. 1 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 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, 1 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, 1 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 thus obtained justification by faith in His name, we, as members of several churches, that constitute the Eureka Association of Free Will Baptist, 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 band 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 nearer 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."

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**CHURCH LETTER**

Post Office \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

We, the Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptist wor-  
shipping 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Days \_\_\_\_\_

We paid our pastor, Rev. \_\_\_\_\_

Called Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ as our  
pastor for ensuing year. Ordained as deacons \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Members \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Resident Members \_\_\_\_\_

Total Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Received into the church \_\_\_\_\_; By  
letter \_\_\_\_\_; By statement \_\_\_\_\_;

Confession of faith \_\_\_\_\_

Deaths \_\_\_\_\_

We ask for the next session \_\_\_\_\_ Fifth  
Sunday meeting. We ask for the next session of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Association. We send \_\_\_\_\_ minute  
money.

Rev. \_\_\_\_\_, Moderator.

\_\_\_\_\_, Church Clerk.

