

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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## OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

(SINCE THE DIVISION FROM ROBERTS McGEE  
IN 1924)

## THE CHURCH OF GOD

DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTIST.

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Convened with the Lone Elm Church, on Thursday  
night before the first Sunday in Sept. 1930.

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The next Session of this Association will be held with  
the San Bois Church, 2 1-2 miles west of Lequire, Okla.,  
on Thursday night before the first Sunday in Sep-  
tember, 1931, A. D.

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Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. T. M.  
Arnold; Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Alternate.

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### OFFICERS,

Elder, H. O. Turner, .....	Moderator
Elder, C. E. Kennedy, .....	Assistant Moderator
Dovie LaFave, .....	Clerk
Etta Peck, .....	Assistant Clerk

## 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 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. 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

House called to order by Rev. T. P. Wood. Singing by the Choir prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

Testimony services conducted by Bro. C. C. Garland. Many testimonies were given in. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Arnold. Text found in 15 chapter of John. Many souls were saved during the services.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn to meet at 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song by the choir, House called to order by Rev. J. A. Mathis. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Dudley.

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

Rev. H. O. Turner was nominated moderator pro tem.

The moderator called for church letters and received the following from the old church.

1. Panthor..... Bro. Tony Moore, Sister Allen, Sister Bessie Greenmyer, Sister Viola Greenmyer, Rev. B. E. Hickman, Paastor, Sister S. A. Lemley church clerk, Post Office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

2. Rocky Point—Bro. Walker, Sistr Waalker, Sister Effie Cole, Bro. Browning, Sister Polly Anderson, Rev. B. E. Hickman Pastor, Sister Polly Anderson church clerk, Post Office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

3. Prairie Grove—Bro. Alex Honeycutt Jr. Sister Rosemary Honeycutt, Sister Jewel Hamilton, Bro. Oscar Groves, Rev. T. O. Barnes pastor, Sister Dovie Honeycutt church clerk, Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

4. Lone Elm—Bro. E. C. Clyma, Bro. Luther Brigance, Sister E. C. Clyma, Rev. T. P. Wood, pastor, Bro. Clayburn Shepherd church clerk, Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma

5. Prairie View—Sister Pearl Turner, Bro. J. M. Lewis, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor, Bro. V. C. Trickett church clerk, Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

6. Ironbridge—Sister Zelma Brown, Sister Ruby Davis, Sister Chambrs, Bro. David Cherman, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Pastor, Sister Rose Brown, Church Clerk, Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

7. Murry Spurr—Bro. Lester King, Bro. Troy McKenzie, Sister Clyde Martin, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor, Sister Lillie Childres, church clerk, Post Office, Spiro, Oklahoma.

8. San Bois—Sister Alice Wilson, Sister Maggie Burgess, Sister Lola Hail, Sister Nettie Goins, Bro. Hanford Powell, Bro. Dillard Hail, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Lottie Burgess, Church Clerk, Post Office, Kinta, Oklaahoma.

9. Perry—Bro. F. C. Mount, Bro. George Edwards, Bro.

John Byrd, Sister Etta Peck, Alternates, Bro. Arthur Booth, Sister Mount, Bro. J. C. Wolverton, Bro. George Davis, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Pastor, Sister Delia Roberts, Church Clerk, Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

10. Buffington Church—Bro. Will Butler, Sister Vergie Brewer, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Maggie Buttler, Church Clerk, Post Office, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

11. Cross Roads Church—Bro. J. W. Robinson, Bro. Ed Arnold, Sister J. A. Venable, Bro. Gene Mosby, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor, Sister Ethel Mosby, Church Clerk, Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

12. Oak Ridge Church—Sister Bell Dixon, Bro. Miles Warlick, Sister Eva Robinson, Rev. B. E. Hickman, Pastor, Sister Eva Robins, Church Clerk, Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

13. Christian Grove—Sister Manley, Sister Evans, Bro. John, Rev. L. B. Clark, Pastor, Sister Willie Ataway, Church Clerk, Post Office, Bonanza, Arkansas.

14. Woody Church—Bro. Clyde Boren, Sister Carmen Boren, Sister Addie Rinnick, Sister Beatrice Burson, Sister Beulah Williams, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Pastor, Sister Maggie Schrimisher, Church Clerk, Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

15. Royal Oak—Bro. Hanna, Sister Lila Manna, Sister Earlene Darneal, Sister Ruby Sanders, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor, Sister Nettie Stankwitz, Church Clerk, Post Office, Williams, Oklahoma.

Motion made and carried that we received letters of the Oak Churches and seat the delegates. Moderator called for the letters from the new churches and received the following.

1. Short Mountain Church—Sister Mary Davis, Bro. M. E. Alstatt, Sister Ollie Maxwell, Alternates, Sister Vilion Ridenour, Sister Thelma Saurhand, Rev. R. P. Sanders Pastor, Bro. J. B. Black, Church Clerk, Post Office, Cartersville, Oklahoma.

2. Rocky Ford—Sister Brown, Sister Iva Tripp, Rev. John Tripp, Pastor, Sister Iva Tripp, Church Clerk, Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

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

The Right hand of fellowship was extended to both Old and new churches.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Rev. H. O. Turner, moderator, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, assistant moderator, Sister Doovie LaFave, Clerk, Sister Etta Peck assistant Clerk.

Then the rules of order were read by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner.

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. C. D. Greer, Bro. J. C. McConn, Bro. Dave Johnson, Bro. John Bill, Bro. Edd Dunn, Bro. George Doyle of the Roberts-McGee Association.

A Devotional ommittee was appointed by the moderator. Those appointed were: Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Jack Kinsey, Bro. Clayburn Shepherd.

As Rev. J. W. Posey and Rev. J. R. Stoughton were absent, Rev. C. E. Kennedy was nominated by the association to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Alternate.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The business session was followed by a short intermission after which preaching services were then conducted by Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Bro. W. L. Roberts.

The aassistant moderator then read a lesson from 1st Cor. 13:13.

Then preceeded to the appointment of the committees.

1. Committee on Sabbath Shools—Sister Delia Roberts, Sister S. A. Lemley, Sister Ida Hail, Rev. J. A. Mathis, Bro. George Edwards, Sister Eva Robins.

2. Committee on Temperance—Bro. W. L. Roberts, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Sister Minnie Gilstrap, Sister Maxwell, Bro. S. Sanders, Sister Dee Arnold.

3. Committee on Query and Request—Rev. Tom Anderson, Rev. J. C. Dudley, Rev. T. P. Wood, Bro. O. E. Williams, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Zelma Brown, Sister Bonnie Cook.

4. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—Bro. F. C. Mount, Bro. Author Booth, Bro. Floyd Davis, Bro. J. M. Livesay, Bro. C. D. Greer, Bro. Clayburn Shepherd, Sister Jewel Hamilton, Bro. Hanna.

5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Credentials—Rev. J. E. Smith, Bro. W. M. Burgess, Rev. John Tripp, Bro. A. F. Hanna, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. J. A. Mathis.

6. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Sister Jessie Hollins, Bro. Will Floyd, Bro. Earnest Davis, Bro. Al Johnson, Sister Carmen Brown.

7. Committee on Obituaries—Sister Nellie LaFave, Bro. M. R. Warlick, Bro. C. C. Garland, Sister Pearl Turner, Sister Lila Hanna, Sister Alice Wilson.

8. Committe on Resolutions—Bro. Ed Arnold, Bro. W. L. Roberts, Rev. G. B. Robertson, Bro. Will Stunkwitz, Bro. Clyde Brown, Bro. Harford Powell, Bro John Ryd.

9. Committee on Home Mission—Sister Nettie Stankwitz, Bro. J. C. Wolverton, Bro. J. A. Black, Bro. J. B. Black, Sister Maggie Burgess, Sister Darneal.

10. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Rev. Bart Clark, Rev. Chas. Kinsey, Bro. Will Buttler, Rev. J. C. Dudley, Sister C. C. Garland.

11. Committee on Finance—Rev. G. B. Robertson, Rev. Bart Clark, Bro. H. D. Allen.

Called for the report of the corresponding delegates and received the following: Rev. H. O. Turner reported from the Grand River Association.

Motion made and carried that we receive the report of the last years Associational Clerk.

Motion made and carried that the moderator request the Clerk to not print in the minutes what has been done in regard to the consolidation of the Robrts M'Gee Association.

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

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner, Singing by the Choir, Testimony Services were conducted by Sister Laura Arnold, Preaching Services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Arnold. Many souls were saved.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner, Singing by the Choir, Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner. Rev. C. E. Kennedy made a short talk explaining the meaning of the Church Treaty.

Motion made and carried that we adopt the Church Treaty.

Called for the various reports and received the following:

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

It is the duty of the Freewill Baptist to teach Freewill Baptist Literature for the purpose of supporting our own publishing house. For we know we haave the Bible Doctrine. We believe that our Sunday School Teachers should be Christians, and we also urge that they should adhere to this adoption.

REV. J. A. MATHIS, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance: We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the old report without any amendment.

Old Report: We, your Committee on Tempeerance beg leave to report as follows:

Temperance implies that we should be free from intoxicating drinks of any kind. That we 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 Services, such as some deceivers of our country are now doing to an excess and there by 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 from the service of the Lord.

SISTER DEE ARNOLD, Chairman.

Committee on Query Request—We, your committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows: We endorse the old report and by the request of the fifth Sunday Meetings Resolution No. 3 of our minutes be reconsidered.

Old Report: 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 BONNIE COOK, Chairman.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—We, your committee on Books and Periodical beg leave to report as follows: We endorse the Old Report.

Old Report—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 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.

BRO. WILL FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows; We endorse last years report.

Old Report—That each Minister and Deacon impress and insist that each member of this Association to abstain from worldly lust, and carnal care, 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. Anyone guilty of such things should make acknowledgments to the church.

Be is 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 Free Will Bap-

tist be opened to all ministers in good standing with the Association; Be it further resolved that our young ministers be liscened 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 aassociation speaking disrespectfully of one another any one found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charges, and dealt wiith as may be deemed necessary.

Be it resolved, that we recommend our ministers to not vary from the regular customs of the Free Will Baptist in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore advise moderatör 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 Evangelistic work, it shall be the duty of each Church to assist him in the work and this Association shall empower the moderator and clerk with the Authority to furnish the Evangelist with recommendations if he is found worthy.

Resolve 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 peopl 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 graace separate and apart from regeneration or conversion.

REV. BART CLARK, Chairman.

Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters: beg leave to report as follows; that we find grievences between Rev. T. O. Barnes and Rev. L. R. Crumb.

BRO. A. F. HANNA, Chairman.

Committee on Home Mission—We, your committee on Home Mission beg leave to report as follows; That we endorse last years report, and recommend that each church should form a Ladies Aid Society to help furnish the Mission Board with aid money when in need that each aid do its duty.

SISTER NETTIE STANKWITZ, Chairman.

Committee on Resolution—We, your committee on Resolution beg leave to report as follows;

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



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

Resolution No. 3. We recommend that our churches pay their pastor a reasonable amount for their labor.

Resolution No. 4. Be it resolved that this body grant the moderator and clerk the power to have the minutes printed where they can get the cheapest and 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 minister's Record and from County ministers Record showing that we do not endorse them as Free Will Baptist Ministers.

BRO. ED. ARNOLD, Chairman.

Committee on Minister's Credentials—We, your committee on minister's Credentials beg leave to report as follows: We find all Credentials Orthodox.

BRO. W. M. BURGESS, Chairman.

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

1. Panthar Church .....	\$2.50
2. Rocky Point .....	\$2.50
3. Rock Ford .....	\$2.50
4. Short Mountain .....	\$2.50
5. Perry .....	\$5.60
6. Royal Oak .....	\$2.50
7. Woody .....	\$2.50
8. Christian Grove .....	\$2.50
9. Cross Roads .....	\$2.85
10. Buffington .....	\$2.50
11. Oak Ridge .....	\$2.50
12. San Bois .....	\$3.00
13. Murry Spurr .....	\$2.50
14. Ironbridge .....	\$3.00
15. Prairie View .....	\$2.50
16. Lone Elm .....	\$2.50
17. Prairie Grove .....	\$2.50
Total .....	\$47.45

REV. G. B. ROBERTSON, Chairman

Committee on Obituaries—We, your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows; We are sorrow because of the loss of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ as follows, Sister Daisy Maynard of Buffington church; Sister Arvie Jones of Royal Oak church; Bro. Charley Shepherd of Lone Elm church; Sister Sallee of Rocky Point church; Infant son of Bro. A. B. Wallen, Infant son of Sister Lottie Langham, Bro. Floyd Goins of Woody church,

Sister Bond, Prairie View church; Sister Marie Shepherd, Ironbridge church; Sister Ellen Byers, Horn Chapel church; Infant son and daughter of Sister Nettie Stankuritz of Royal Oak church.

SISTER NELLIE LaFAVE, Chairman.

Report of Home Mission Treasurer—I beg leave to report as follows; I have received from the Buffington church, \$2.75; from the Woody church, .50; from the Perry church, \$4.75; total, \$8.00.

Total \$8.00 for the purchasing of a tabernacle.

BRO. W. M. LaFAVE, Chairman.

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

Amount collected for Minutes \$52.75 for the year of 1929.

Remaining balance of last year, \$5.50; total at the beginning of the associational year was \$58.25; publishing expenses, \$32.50; postal charges, .30; clerk salary, \$5.98; ministers' dacons' credentials, .40.

By request of the Moderator Rev. T. O. Barnes we paid Elder John Anderson to aid in sickness, \$5.00. Total spent \$44.18, after deducting total expenses \$44.18 from \$58.25 we have the remaining balance of \$14.07.

I have copied last year's Minutes on the Record Book.

DOVIE LaFAVE, Clerk.

Motion made and carried to give the remaining \$14.07 to the clerk of the association.

Called for ministers' reports and received the following:

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 89 sermons; witnessed 93 conversions; 23 funerals; married 13 couples.

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

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 24 sermons; directed 7 funerals; married 6 couples; witnessed 40 conversions; baptised 24; organized one church with 11 charter members; received into this church 28 members. Pray for me that I may do more next year.

REV. R. P. SANDERS, Milton, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka Association when convened with the Lone Elm Church: Since I came back into the Association in April, I have preached 96 sermons; 1 week at Christian Grove; received nothing; 1 week at Horn Chapel Church, received \$1.25; preached 1 week at Midland, received \$1.00; preached 2 weeks at Cross Road, received \$18.50; total, \$20.75. My expenses have been \$76.00. I have accepted Cross Road Church for next year.

REV. C. E. KENNEDY.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 18 sermons; traveled 150 miles; have received from the Home Mission \$35.00. I appreciate it. I asked the prayers of

God children: **REV. JOHN ANDERSON, Stigler, Okla.**

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 49 sermons; married none; funerals, none; helped in one revival meeting at Sans Bois; 1 revival meeting at Lone Elm; have witnessed 56 conversions. I hope to do more next year.

**REV. J. A. MATHIS, Weatherford, Oklahoma.**

To the members of the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 100 sermons; pastored 3 churches; conducted 4 funerals; married 7 couples; witnessed 120 conversions; received 93 into the church; baptised 72. I earnestly beg the prayers of all God's children.

**REV. W. J. NANCE, Tahona, Oklahoma.**

I beg leave to report as follows: I have held 3 revival meetings; preached 27 sermons, witnessed 6 conversions; married 2 couples; traveled 500 miles; received for my labor \$7.50. **REV. TOM ANDERSON, McCurtain, Okla.**

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 75 sermons; witnessed 20 conversions; baptised none; married 1 couple; traveled 200 miles.

**REV. B. H. PEEVYHOUSE, Stigler, Oklahoma.**

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator; singing by the choir; prayer by Bro. Andy Brown.

Motion made and carried that we give the Moderator power to appoint the delegates to the Grand River and Gaines Creek Association.

The following delegates were appointed to the Grand River Association: Sister Delia Roberts, Dovie LaFave, Sister Etta Peck, Bro. Andy Brown, Rev. G. B. Robertson.

Gaines Creek delegates: Rev. John Anderson, and Bro. W. M. Burgess.

The Fifth Sunday meetings were then located as follows: 1st, Royal Oak; 2nd, Cross Road; 3rd, Perry; fourth, Rocky Point.

Motion made and carried that we send the next session of the Association to Sans Bois church 2 one-half miles west of Lequire, Oklahoma.

Motion made and carried that Rev. T. M. Arnold preach the introductory sermon. Rev. C. E. Kennedy, alternate.

Motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee to write a letter of appreciation to the Lone Elm church and surrounding communities which was read by the Assistant Moderator.

Rev. G. B. Robertson and Bro. M. E. Alstatt were then ordained.

Ordaining Council: Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. H. O. Turner and Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn this session of the Eureka Association to meet again at Sans Bois church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1931, A. D.

The Association was dismissed by the Moderator.

### T. P. WOOD OUR MINISTERS

COWLINGTON, OKLA

1. Rev. R. D. Allen ..... Spiro, Oklahoma.
2. Rev. T. M. Arnold ..... Lawton, Oklahoma.
3. Rev. Tom Anderson ..... McCurtain, Oklahoma.
4. Rev. John Anderson ..... McCurtain, Oklahoma.
5. Rev. T. O. Barnes ..... Quinton, Oklahoma.
6. Rev. L. R. Crumb ..... Stigler, Oklahoma.
7. Rev. L. B. Clark ..... Spiro, Oklahoma.
8. Rev. J. C. Dudley .....
9. Rev. B. E. Hickman ..... Stigler, Oklahoma.
10. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse ..... Keota, Oklahoma.
11. Rev. W. J. Nance ..... Tahona, Oklahoma.
12. Rev. J. R. Stoughton ..... Cartersville, Oklahoma.
13. Rev. R. P. Sanders ..... Milton, Oklahoma.
14. Rev. G. B. Robertson ..... Stigler, Oklahoma.
15. Rev. H. O. Turner ..... Stigler, Oklahoma.

### JOHN TRIP CONSTITUTION

KEOTA, OKLA

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 experienced 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 Treas-

urer, 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 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 mad it.

8. The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the association in porportion 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 cooperate 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

3. We believe that God created man good, and gave him 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 aall 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. 11:23, 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 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 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 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 same 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."

## CHURCH LETTER

Post Office .....

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 .....

Sunday School .....

Prayer Meeting .....

Meeting Days .....

We paid our pastor, Rev. ....

Called Rev. .... as our

pastor ensuing year. Ordained as deacons .....

Resident Members .....

Non-Resident Members .....

Total Membership .....

Received into the church .....; By

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.

