

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## SEVENTH 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 Sans Bois Church, on Thursday  
night before the first Sunday in September, 1931

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The next Session of this Association will be held with the  
Woody Church, 2 miles north of McCurtain, Okla.,  
on Thursday night before the first Sunday  
in September, 1932, A. D.

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Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. J. W. Nance,  
Rev. L. B. Clark, Alternate.

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### OFFICERS

Elder H. O. Turner

Moderator

Elder O. E. Kennedy

Assistant Moderator

Uly. LaFave

Clerk

Edna Beck

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 shall be 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

The house was called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir, had a united prayer, after which devotional services were conducted by Rev. Andy Brown. There were 123 testimonies given during the meeting. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. H. O. Turner. Motion made to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Reading by Rev. H. O. Turner.

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

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

1. Lone Elm—Sister Dorsie Medlock, Sister Mary Tabor, Sister Ella Autry, Bro. Eluis Tabor, and Bro. Guy Autry. Rev. L. R. Crumb, moderator; Bro. Clayburn Shepherd, church clerk.

2. Prairie Grove—Bro. Ralph McMurry, Sister Bobbie McCage, Bro. George Honeycutt, Sister Lillian Honeycutt, Sister Rosemary Honeycutt. Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor; Sister Dovie Honeycutt, church clerk.

3. Cross Roads—Bro. G. R. Stevenson, Sister Scantlin, Sister C. C. Garland. Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Ethalyne Mosby, church clerk.

4. Buffington—Bro. Jean Colter, Sister Lela Patton, Sister Cora Rape. Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Josie Patton, church clerk.

5. Oak Ridge—Bro. Melvin Hodge, Bro. D. A. Robins, Bro. Riley Wallace, Sister Groves, Bro. Norman Woodruff, Sister Inez Robertson, Sister Rosie Fowler. Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Eva Robins, church clerk.

6. Murry Spur—Sister Emma Schader, Irby King, Bro. McKenzie. Rev. J. W. Nance, pastor; Sister Childress, church clerk.

7. Panthor—Sister Ludie Ward, Sister Lizzie Ward, Sister Katie Gibson, Sister Jessie Hollins, Sister Estel Rowell, Sister Ellen Rowell. Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor; Bro. W. Y. Pernell, church clerk.

8. Iron Bridge—Bro. Earnest Bond, Sister Bertie Bond, Sister Zelma Brown, Sister Marie Coburn, Sister Young. Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor; Sister Rose Brown, church clerk.

9. Royal Oak—Sister Lila Hanna, Sister Earleen Darneal, Bro. Dez Brown. Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Nettie Stankwitz, church clerk.

10. Rocky Point—Sister Polly Jordan, Sister Ruby Wal-

ker, Sister Polly Anderson, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Susie Walker, church clerk.

11. Perry—Sister Etta Peck, Sister Nellie LaFave, Sister Lucille Edwards, Sister Delia Roberts, Sister J. M. Livesay, Rev. B. E. Hickman, pastor; Bro. W. J. Snow, church clerk.

12. Prairie View—Bro. Buford Trickett, Bro. Lindsey Lewis, Bro. John Parsons, Rev. Peevyhouse, pastor; Bro. Lindsey Lewis, church clerk.

13. San Bois—Sister Wehunt, Sister Hale, Sister Harris, Bro. Ledbetter, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Alma Bryant, church clerk.

14. Christian Grove—Sister Lidie Kennedy, Sister Cilla Ataway, Rev. L. B. Clark, pastor; Sister Willie Ataway, church clerk.

15. Woody—Bro. M. A. Burson, Bro. Mack Petty, Sister Beulah Williams, Sister Edna Williams, Sister Renda Ivy, Sister Beatrice Burson, Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor; Sister Maggie Schrimsher, church clerk.

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

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

1. Havana—Sister Lola Wright, Sister Bell Nolen, Sister Fay Bell Robins, Bro. Oscar Wilson, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Thelia Nolen, church clerk.

2. Hawthorne—Sister Mary Johnson, Sister Marie Wright, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, pastor; Sister Betty Kinsey, church clerk.

3. Bell Point—Bro. Prince Overstreet, Sister Mattie Pridemore, Sister Dena Nelson, Rev. R. P. Sanders, pastor; Sister Nora Eskew, church clerk.

4. Scipio—Bro. Bud Hickman, Sister Johnnie Martin, Sister Ray Wilkerson, Sister J. R. Evans, Rev. J. E. Yandell, pastor; Sister John Oliver, church clerk.

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 church.

Next item of business was the election of officers.

Motion made and carried that we retain old officers.

Rules of order were then read by assistant moderator.

Motion made and carried that we strictly adhere to the rules of order in all our business transactions.

A call for corresponding delegates were called for and received the following: Rev. J. M. Roberts and Sister Laura Arnold from Grand River Association.

Invited visiting Brother and Sister to seat in council.

A devotional committee was appointed by the moderator.



Those appointed were Bro. Luther Roberts, Bro. C. C. Garland and Bro. W. M. Burgess.

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

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

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Reading by Rev. G. B. Robertson, 3rd chapter of John. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Nance.

The following committees were appointed:

1. Committee on Sabbath Schools—Sister Delia Roberts, Sister Laura Arnold, Bro. Jack Wallace, Sister Nettie Stan-kerwitz, Bro. Oscar Wilson.

2. Committee on Temperance—Elder J. M. Roberts, Sister J. W. Nance, Sister Hale, Bro. Jack Kinsey, Sister Lottie Allen.

3. Committee on Query and Request—Elder J. C. Dudley, Bro. J. O. Sanders, Bro. H. Long, Bro. Gene Colter, Bro. Floyd Robins.

4. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—Sister C. C. Garland, Bro. G. R. Stevenson, Bro. Bud Hickman, Sister Lila Hanna, Sister Lucille Edwards.

5. Committee on Resolutions—Bro. C. L. LaFave, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. Ben Hickman, Rev. G. B. Robertson, Bro. G. T. Brewer.

6. Committee on Obituaries—Sister Earleen Darnell, Sister Mina Wehunt, Sister Lela Patton, Bro. I. J. King, Sister J. M. Livesay.

7. Committee on Deacons and Ministers Credentials—Sister Gene Mosby, Sister Holland, Rev. T. Anderson, Bro. Riley Wallace, Sister Fay Robins.

8. Committee on Home Missions—Bro. J. M. Livesay, Bro. Lindsey Lewis, Sister Polly Jordan, Rev. A. F. McCage, Bro. J. Stankwitz, Bro. Otho Williams.

9. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Sister Anna Wilkerson, Bro. Ernest Bond, Sister Lola Wright, Bro. Odis Ledbetter, Bro. Alex Honeycutt, Jr., Sister Ruby Walker.

10. Committee on Finance—Rev. B. E. Hickman, Bro. S. Sanders, Bro. Andy Brown, Bro. George Honeycutt, Sister Grace Wilson, Sister Pet Wallace.

11. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Sister Scantlin, Sister S. A. Rowell, Sister Emmis Rader, Sister Luda Ward, Sister Berdie Bond.

12. Executive Committee—Bro. A. T. Brewer, Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Left over business.

Motion made and carried that we let the assembling of the Association stay as it now stands.

Colled for the report of the corresponding delegates and received the following: Sister Delia Roberts, Sister Dovie LaFave reported from Grand River Association.

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

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Testimony services were conducted by Sister J. W. Nance. Preaching services conducted by Rev. B. E. Hickman, many souls were saved.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Bro. C. C. Garland. Reading by Rev. H. O. Turner, 4th chapter of St. John.

Called for the various reports and received the following:

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

That each church take interest in Sunday school, for it is the life of each church; that we use Free Will Baptist literature for the purpose of supporting our own publishing houses, for we know we have the Bible doctrine. We believe our Sunday school teachers should be Christians because it is impossible for the unsaved to teach the word of God.

We advise that each member take greater interest in Sunday school work and in teaching the children the word of God, for so many fail to get the right kind of teaching at home, who have unsaved parents. We ask that each parent take their children to Sunday school instead of sending them.

SISTER NETTIE STANKWITZ, Chairman.

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

Oldd Report—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 thereby the influence of the true gospel is weakened; That we adhere to temperance in the 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 from the service of the Lord.

ETTA D. NANCE, Chairman.

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

Request No. 1—To dismiss the purchasing of the Tabernacle from the Association.

Request No. 2—We request the rule governing the ordaining of ministers be left with the church. That when a minister has proven himself to the church he be ordained.

Request No. 3—That we ask the church treaty be dismissed from the association and that we take the Bible as our Rule and Guide.

GEO. O. SANDERS, Chairman.

Motion made and carried that we dismiss Request No. 1 from the Association.

Motion made and carried that the rules governing ordaining of ministers be left as they are in the minutes, but were suspended in order to ordain Rev. A. F. McCage.

Request No. 3 was tabled to some future time.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—We your Committee on Books and Periodicals 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.

New Amendment—That our Free Will Baptist members should never miss an opportunity to speak a word for the Lord.

SISTER EMMA SCHIRADER, Chairman.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements—We your 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, moving picture shows and Sunday ball games or any such thing as would hurt our Christian influence.

Any one guilty of such things should make acknowledgments to the church.

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 opened 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 ministers, be it resolved the Association forbids its members, deacons and lay members of the several districts of the Association from 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 to 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 church the great necessity of observing all the rules of the Association. Be it further resolved that any minister taking evangelistic work, it shall be the duty of each church to assist him in the work of this Association. The Association shall empower the moderator and clerk with the 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 one found guilty of such offences shall be due the church acknowledgments, 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 church of this Association preaching sanctification or holiness as a second work of grace, separate and apart from regeneration or conversion.

SISTER LOLA WRIGHT, Chairman.

Committee on Ministers and Deacons Character—We beg leave to report as follows: We find no grievance and all is at peace.

SISTER C. C. GARLAND, Chairman.

Committee on Resolution—We beg leave to report as follows:

New Report— Res. No. 1—Be it resolved that the church-



es and ministers strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of this Association.

Res. No. 2—Be it resolved that Resolution No. 1 be erased from the minutes.

Old Report—Res. No. 1—Be it resolved that no minister shall become a member of this Association until he becomes a member of some church of his Association in good standing.

Res. No. 2—We recommend that our churches pay their pastor a reasonable amount for their labor.

Resolution No. 3—Be it resolved that this body grant the moderator and clerk power to have the minutes printed where they can get the cheapest and best work.

Res. No. 4—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 county ministers record showing that we do not endorse them as Free Will Baptist ministers.

Bro. C. L. LaFAVE, Chairman.

Committee on Ministers Credentials—We beg leave to report as follows: We find all credentials orthodox.

SISTER ETHOLYN MOSBY, Chairman.

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

1. Panthor .....	\$2.50
2. Rocky Point .....	\$2.50
3. Perry .....	\$3.00
4. Royal Oak .....	\$2.50
5. Woody .....	\$2.50
6. Christian Grove .....	\$2.50
7. Cross Roads .....	\$3.20
8. Buffington .....	\$2.70
9. Oak Ridge .....	\$2.50
10. San Bois .....	\$3.00
11. Murry Spur .....	\$2.50
12. Ironbridge .....	\$2.50
13. Prairie View .....	\$2.50
14. Lone Elm .....	\$2.75
15. Prairie Grove .....	\$2.50
16. Scipio .....	\$3.00
17. Hawthorne .....	\$1.25
18. Havana .....	\$2.50
19. Bell Point .....	\$2.50
TOTAL .....	\$48.80

BRO. ANDY BROWN, Chairman.

Committee on Obituaries—We beg leave to report as follows: We sorrow because of the loss of our dear sisters

and brothers in Christ as follows:

Kenmith Dearmon, infant son of Thomas Dearmon, Woody church; Bro. S. D. Bates, Panthor; Sister Sarah Welch and Bertha Arnold of San Bois church; infant child of Brother and Sister McSpadden of Oak Ridge church; infant child of Emogene Short of Ironbridge church; Sister Arville of Cass church; Sister Claxton of Independence church; Sister B. M. Scivally and Bro. Porter Hale of Cross Roads; Bro. F. A. Morris, Murry Spur; Sister Rhoda Garrett, Christian Grove; Sister Russ and Sister Coker, Lone Elm; Sister McCage and Bro. Honeycutt, Prairie Grove; Bro. Thomas and Bri. Virgil Hanna, Royal Oak.

SISTER EARLENE DARNEAL, Chairman.

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

The amount collected for minutes of the year 1930, \$47.45. There was no remaining balance.

Total at the beginning of the association year, \$47.45; publishing expenses of the minutes, \$34.50; postal charges, 25c; deacons credentials, 30c; total expenses of minutes and other articles, \$35.05; after deducting total expenses, \$35.05 from \$47.45, we have the remaining balance of \$12.40.

DOVIE LaFAVE, Clerk.

Motion made and carried that the remaining balance, \$12.40, be given to the clerk.

Called for Ministers Reports and received the following:

I beg leave to report as follows: I have held one revival meeting, witnessed 17 conversions, married four couples, traveled 100 miles.

REV. JOHN ANDERSON, McCurtain, Okla., R. 1.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 81 sermons, held 13 funerals, married 5 couples, witnessed many conversions.

REV. L. B. CLARK, Spiro, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have held one revival meeting, preached 100 sermons, witnessed 35 conversions, married one couple, baptized 9, organized one church. I earnestly beg the prayers of all God's people.

REV. B. H. PEEVYHOUSE, Stigler, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: Preached 75 sermons, pastored two churches, 3 part of the time, organized one church with 18 members, received into church 65, witnessed 70 conversions, held 3 revivals, assisted in 2, baptized 34, held 2 funerals, married one couple, traveled 1,616 miles, received for year's work \$124.18.

REV. H. O. TURNER, Stigler, Okla., R. 1.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 130 sermons, traveled 2,160 miles, witnessed 56 conversions, received from Cross Roads \$81.05, Royal Oak church \$30.75, Horn Chapel \$21.45, Badger Lee \$15.40, total for pastoral work \$148.65.

Cross Roads Revival	\$14.10
Royal Oak	\$20.00
Bengall	\$14.20

Total for Revival work \$43.30

I have accepted the pastoral work of Cross Roads and Royal Oak churches for ensuing year.

REV. C. E. KENNEDY.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have held one revival, helped in three others, preached 65 sermons, witnessed 39 conversions; married two couples, helped hold one funeral, traveled 575 miles, received for my years work \$71.00, my expenses have been \$44.00. I will do better next year, God being my helper.

REV. T. M. ARNOLD.

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. Reading by assistant moderator. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

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

The following delegates were appointed: Sister Delia Roberts, Bro. Luther Roberts, Bro. L. L. LaFave, Rev. H. O. Turner, Sister Etta Peck, Rev. T. O. Ary.

The Fifth Sunday meetings were then located.

1st, Buffington; 2nd, Oak Ridge; 3rd, Havana; 4th, Lone Elm.

Motion made and carried that we send the next session of the Association to Woody church, two miles north of McCurtain, Okla.

Moderator appointed Sister Laura Arnold to thank the people of San Bois for their hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Motion made and carried that this Association grant Rev. L. R. Crumb a letter of dismissal on his request.

Rev. Edd Petty and Rev. A. F. McCage were then ordained as ministers.

Bro. Alex Honeycutt, Jr., and Bro. Will Johnson were ordained as deacons.

Ministers ordaining council were: Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Rev. J. C. Dudley, Rev. B. E. Hickman, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. T. M. Arnold. Deacons ordaining council: Rev. T. O. Barnes, Rev. B. E. Hickman, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Rev. T. M. Arnold.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn this session of the Eureka Association to meet again at Woody church on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in September, 1932, A. D.

The Association was dismissed by Rev. B. E. Hickman.

### OUR MINISTERS

1. Rev. R. D. Allen .....
2. Rev. T. M. Arnold ..... Lawton, Okla.
3. Rev. Tom Anderson ..... McCurtain, Okla.
4. Rev. John Anderson ..... McCurtain, Okla.
5. Rev. T. O. Barnes ..... Quinton, Okla.
6. Rev. L. B. Clark ..... Sprio, Okla.
7. Rev. J. C. Dudley .....
8. Rev. B. E. Hickman ..... Stigler, Okla.
9. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse ..... Keota, Okla.
10. Rev. J. W. Nance ..... Fort Smith, Ark.
11. Rev. Edd Petty ..... McCurtain, Okla.
12. Rev. F. A. McCage ..... Stigler, Okla.
13. Rev. J. R. Stoughton ..... Cartersville, Okla.
14. Rev. R. P. Sanders ..... Milton, Okla.
15. Rev. G. B. Robertson ..... Stigler, Okla.
16. Rev. H. O. Turner .....
17. Rev. C. E. Kennedy .....

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

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testament is the word of God and the only infallible rule.

3. We believe that God created man good, and gave him of faith and practice. Second Timothy 3:16, Matt. 5:18.

4. 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.

5. 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. 1:17, Isa. 45:22, Acts 20:20, 21.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

9. 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 6:3-4, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 3:16.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23, II Cor. 6:6.

13. 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 setting forth the Lord's supper and wishing the Saint's feet or let as many examine himself and so let him eat. 1 Cor. 11:23, John 13:14.

14. 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 is it 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.

15. 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 church 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 ~~shall~~ feel for each other.

4. We will attend the stated meetings of our church unless we are providentially hindered, or ~~unavoidable~~ ~~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 service of our own church to that of any other and will pray for our pastor while he is teaching 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 idleness by making by making visits to our neighbors which is a sinful sin against the law of God for in so doing we fail to stand 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 yourselves together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayer and those of us who are heads of families will strive to devote 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  
worshipping at ..... met in conference  
and elected the following delegates to represent us in the  
Eurek 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.

