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MINUTES

—OF THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE
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 Woody Church on Thursday night
before the first Sunday in September, 1932

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The next Session of this Association will be held with the
Cross Roads Church, 3 miles east of Stigler on
Thursday night before the first Sunday
in September 1933, A. D.

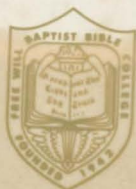
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Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. B. E.
Hickman; Rev. F. A. McCage, Alternate

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OFFICERS

Elder J. W. Nance.....	Moderator
Elder H. O. Turner.....	Assistant Moderator
Bertie Bonds.....	Clerk
Dovie LaFave.....	Assistant Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

Presented By

Winnie B. McLain

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the moderator of 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 moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir, had a united prayer, after which devotional services were conducted by Bro. Jimmie Maxwell. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Allen. Motion made and carried to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Prayer by the moderator. Reading from 3rd. John.

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

The moderator called for the church letters and received the following from the Old Churches:

1 Lone Elm—Bro. Earl Sexton, Bro. Gean Medlock, Bro. Zelf Wilkins, Bro. Melton Sexton, Sister Dorsie Medlock, Sister Wilkins, Sister Addiefoy Gilstrap, Sister Juanita Wilkins, Sister Marie Clynia, Sister Iowe. Rev. L. R. Crump, pastor; Bro. Cleburn Shepherd, church clerk.

2 Short Mountain—Sister Vera Earp, Sister Janie Maxwell, Bro. Charlie Maxwell. Rev. R. P. Sanders, pastor; Bro. Henry Earp, church clerk.

3 Woody—Sister Beulah Williams, Sister Edna Williams, Sister Denie Weece, Sister Maggie Scrimsher, Sister Beatrice Burson, Bro. M. A. Burson. Rev. B. E. Hickman, pastor; Sister Addie Rennick, church clerk.

4 Kanima—Sister Clara Turney, Bro. Robert Parks, Bro. Riley Mitchel. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, pastor; Sister Della Kelton, church clerk.

5 Panama—Bro. G. H. Seigrist, Sister Nannie Seigrist, Sister Ida McCormick. Rev. Barb Hickman, pastor; Sister Alean Traweek, church clerk.

6 Scipio—Bro. and Sister Stanley Weddle, Bro. and Sister Clifford Myers, Sister Molly Black, Sister Ida Gordon, Sister Dortha Weddle, Sister Earvil Barlow, Bro. and Sister Green Choate, Sister Bud Hickman, Rev. J. E. Yandell, pastor; Sister Bertha Evans, church clerk.

7 Murry Spur—Br. Marion McKinzie, Bro. Poe, Bro. Floyd Milton, Bro. Earnie Wooten, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Bro. Lester King, church clerk.

8 Bell Point—Sister Addie Nelson, Bro. Morgan, Bro. L. Hargis. Rev. R. P. Sanders, pastor; Sister Nova Askew, church clerk.

9 Christian Grove—Sister Liddie Kennedy, Sister Cella Ataway, Rev. L. B. Clark, pastor; Sister Willie Ataway, church clerk.

10 Iron Bridge—Bro. Richard Burson, Sister Josie Burson, Sister Rose Brown, Bro. Arthur Bonds, Sister Ola Bonds. Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Zelmer Brown, church clerk.

11 Prairie Grve—Bro. Melvin Hodges, Sister Ruby Hodges, Bro. Norman Woodruff, Sister Dovie Woodruff. Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Thelma Honeycutt, church clerk.

12 San Bois—Bro. O. H. Heartsgreere, Sister Ida Hale, Sister Lottie Burgas. Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Nettie Colbert, church clerk.

13 Rocky Point—Bro. Ruby Scroggins, Bro. Richard Akens, Sister Minnie Akens, Sister Ruby Walker. Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Susie Walker, church clerk.

14 Panther—Bro. Bill Hill, Sister Dunnmyer, Bro. W. Y. Pinnell. Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor; Sister Bertie Bonds, church clerk.

15 Oak Ridge—Sister Belle Dixon, Sister Ellar Wallace, Bro. Johnson, Bro. and Sister Hansel McSpadden. Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Eva Robins, church clerk.

16 Cross Roads—Sister Lettie Garland, Sister Maye Adams, Bro. O. E. Wright. Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Etholyn Moseby, church clerk.

17 Perry—Bro. and Sister Mount, Sister Lafave, Sister Keith. Rev. Bee Robertson, pastor; Bro. Wesley Snow, church clerk.

Motion made and carried 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 Cass—Sister Gladys Garland, Sister Zadie Rose, Sister Bertha Watts. Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Cornelia Jones, church clerk.

2 Fair View—Bro. R. C. Burron, Sister Claudine Burron. Sister Ruth Fry, Sister Beulah Avery, Sister Ada Gray. Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister E. D. Nance, church clerk.

3 Rock Ford—Bro. Tom Luster, Bro. Burley Brown, Bro. Arthur Hendrix. Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Alice Hendrix, church clerk.

4 Mt. View—Bro. George Spessard, Sister Gladys Pearson, Bro. Robert Crumb, Bro. Dee Guinn. Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Bro. Charles Pearson, church clerk.

Motion made and carried 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.

Next item of business was the election of officers.

Rev. J. W. Nance was elected moderator; Rev. H. O. Turner, assistant moderator; Sister Bertie Bonds was elected clerk; Sister Dovie Lafave, assistant clerk.

Rules of order were read by moderator. Next item of business: Calls for petitionary letters, received none.

A devotional committee was then appointed by the moderator. Those appointed were: Bro. Lemley, Bro. Schrimsher, Bro. Garland.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The business session was followed by a short intermission after which preaching services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Nance.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner. Reading by the moderator, 23rd Psalm.

The following committees were appointed:

1. Committee on Sabbath Schools—Sister Garland, Sister Lemley, Sister Robins, Bro. Will Mathis, Bro. R. D. Ward.

2. Committee on Temperance—Rev. Arnold, Rev. J. M. Roberts, Bro. Long, Bro. J. O. Sanders, Bro. Rufus Johns.

3. Committee on Query and Request—Rev. McCage, Bro. Will Lafave, Bro. A. W. Frye, Rev. R. D. Allen, Bro. Jimmie Maxwell.

4. Committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Characters—Bro. Lester King, Bro. Arthur Hendrix, Bro. Hannah, Sister Lottie Allen, Sister Evans.

5. Committee on Resolutions—Bro. Andy Brown, Bro. Ben Hickman, Bro. Clifford Myers, Bro. Duel Robins.

6. Committee on Obituaries—Sister E. D. Nance, Sister Nellie Lafave, Sister Snow, Sister Lila Hannah, Sister Ruby Davis.

7. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Credentials—Bro. Geane Medlock, Bro. J. M. Livesay, Bro. R. C. Burrow, Bro. Richard Burson, Sister Dudley, Sister Ben Hickman, Sister Keith.

8. Committee on Home Mission—Bro. Hollins, Sister Bertha Burson, Sister Hines, Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. Johnston.

9. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Bro. Jim Mathis, Sister Kid Kinsey, Bro. Mount, Bro. Lester, Bro. Pearson.

10. Committee on Finance—Bro. R. L. Wright, Rev. Ellis Smith, Bro. Floyd Melton, Bro. W. Y. Pinnell, Bro. Dillard.

11. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Bro. Earl Sexton, Sister Scantlin, Bro. Wooten, Bro. Gilstrap, Sister Dunnmyer.

12. Executive Committee—Rev. R. P. Sanders, Bro. C. J. Maxwell, Bro. Evans.

Left over business, none. Called for report of corresponding delegates and received the following: Sister Dovie Lafave reported from Grand River association.

A call for corresponding delegates was called for and received the following, Bro. E. D. Wright and Rev. J. C. Claxton from Gaines Creek association.

Rev. J. M. Roberts from Grand River association, invited brothers to seat in council.

Called for report of associational clerk.

LAST YEAR'S CLERK REPORT

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

The amount collected for minutes funds at the beginning of the year was \$48.80.

There was no remaining balance left over from last year.

Total at the beginning of the associational year was \$48.80. The publishing expenses of the minutes were \$34.00. Postal charges .35. By the request of the moderator, paid \$1.00 for deacons and ministers credentials. Total expenses of minutes and other articles were \$35.35. After deducting total expenses \$35.35 from \$48.80, we have the remaining balance of \$13.45.

I have copied the minutes of the Seventh Session of the Association on the Ledger.

DOVIE LaFAVE, Clerk.

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

Motion made and carried, that we take \$10.00 of the treasury and donate it to Associational clerk Sister Dovie Lafave, and \$2.00 for credentials which will leave a balance of \$1.45 in the treasure.

Motion made and carried we adjourn until 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by moderator. Singing by the choir. Testimony services were conducted by Sister Kid Kinsey. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. A united prayer was held. Reading by the moderator: Eccl. 5:1 to 25. Prayer by Bro. Andy Brown.

A request from Rev. Chas. Kinsey that we erase his name from the ministry and from the Free Will Baptists was read.

Motion made and carried we receive his request.

Called for the various reports and received the following:

Committee on Sabbath School—We, your committee on Sabbath School 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.

BRO. W. N. MATHIS, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance—We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

We adopt the old report with this amendment: Any person found guilty of such sin shall be due the church acknowledgement.

Old 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.

BRO. RUFUS JOHNS, Chairman.

Committee on Query and Request—We your Committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows: We find one query and request tabled, so we feel that it should be disposed of before we make any further report.

REV. F. A. McCAGE, Chairman.

The query and request that was tabled was: That the church Treaty be dismissed from the association and that we take the Bible as our only rule and guide.

Motion made and carried that we do away with the Treaty and take the Bible as our guide.

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.

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

BRO. C. P. GILSTRAP, Chairman.

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

We endorse last year's 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.

Anyone guilty of such things should make acknowledgements 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 a 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 Associations from speaking disrespectfully of one another, and anyone found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charges and dealt with as may be deemed necessary. Be it resolved that we recommend our ministers to not vary from the regular customs of the Free Will Baptists in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore advise moderator of the churches to 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 anyone found guilty of such offenses shall be due 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 church of this Association preaching sanctification or holiness as a second work of grace, separate and apart from regeneration or conversion.

SISTER KID KINSEY, Chairman.

Committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Character—We your committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Character beg leave to report as follows:

We find no grievance and all is at peace.

BRO. LESTER KING, Chairman.

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

We endorse last year's report.

Old report — Res. No. 1: Be it resolved that the churches 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. 3—We recommend that our churches pay their pastor a reasonable sum for their labors.

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

New report: Res. No. 6—Resolved that we add to the Articles of Faith:

Article No. 2—Whereas, it reads: we believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God. And we resolve to add the inspired word of God.

BRO. BEN HICKMAN, Chairman.

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

1. Rock Ford	\$ 2.50
2. Scipio	3.00
3. Mt. View	2.50
4. Iron Bridge	2.50
5. Panther	2.60
6. Lone Elm	2.50
7. Bell Point	2.50
8. Cross Roads	2.50
9. Fair View	2.50
10. Rocky Point	2.50
11. Murry Spur	2.50
12. Short Mountain	2.50
13. Kanima	2.50
14. San Bois	2.50
15. Perry	3.50
16. Cass	2.50
17. Whoody	2.50
18. Christian Grove	2.50
19. Panama	2.50
20. Prairie Grove	2.10
21. Oak Ridge	2.50

TOTAL \$53.70

REV. J. E. SMITH, Chairman.

Motion made and carried that we return 50 cents to each church treasury, leaving the balance of \$43.10.

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 as follows:

Sister Julia Raines, of Panama church; infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Hubert Brown, of Iron Bridge church; Sister Maggie Shepherd and infant son of Bro. and Sister Bud Cole of Rocky Point church; Sister R. A. Sutton, of San Bois church; Sister Tishie Stamps, of Kanima church; Bro. Jake Dearman, and infant son of Bro. and Sister Charlie Weece, of Woody church; Sister Lydia Ridenour, of Christian Grove church; infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Ernest Bonds, of Panther church; Sister Carrie Hilburn, Bro. Dick Hurst, Sister Minnie Box, and infant baby of Sister Elsie Blevins, of Perry church; Bro. G. P. Pratt, of Scipio church; Bro. J. H. Livesay and Sister C. H. Edwards, of Cross Roads church; Sister Lum Davis and Bro. L. C. Childess, of Murry Spur church; Sister Rufus Johns, of Royal Oak church.

SISTER E. D. NANCE, Chairman.

Called for ministers reports and received the following:

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 126 sermons, pastored 2 churches, organized 1 church with 35 members, received into the church 143, witnessed 207 conversions, held 3 revival meetings, baptized 106, held two funerals, married one couple. I have received for my year's work, \$115.44.

REV. W. J. NANCE, Spiro, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 64 sermons, pastored one church, witnessed 10 conversions, married two couples, preached three funerals, held two revival meetings. Received \$51.87, my expenses were \$22.25. I have traveled 1500 miles. I beg your prayers that I may do better next year.

REV. T. M. ARNOLD, Walters, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached about 25 sermons. Pray for me that I may do more next year.

REV. R. P. SANDERS, Arkoma, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 107 sermons, witnessed 87 conversions, married 5 couples, preached 3 funerals, helped organize 1 church.

I ask the prayers of God's people that I will do better next year, God being my helper.

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

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 62 sermons, preached 11 funerals, married 8 couples; witnessed many conversions. Pray that I may use the grace God has given me.

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

Motion made and carried we adjourn until 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The business session was followed by a short intermission after which preaching services were conducted by Rev. L. B. Clark.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by moderator. Prayer by Bro. Ben Hickman. Reading by Rev. H. O. Turner: 27th Psalm.

Motion made and carried we receive all reports and discharge committees.

Rev. R. D. Allen was granted a letter of recommendation to another Association by his request.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to Gains Creek Association, the following: Rev. J. M. Snowden, Bro. W. Y. Pinnell, Rev. McClain.

Delegates to Grand River association as follows: Sister Dovie Lafave, Bro. Will Mathis, Bro. W. M. Lafave, Rev. H. O. Turner.

Delegates to the State Association are as follows: Rev. McClain, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. Barb Hickman, Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Clifford Myers.

Motion made and carried that we send the next session of the Association to Cross Roads church, 3 miles east of Stigler.

The fifth Sunday meetings were then located: 1st, Scipio; 2nd, Panther; 3rd, Mt. View; 4th, Iron Bridge.

Moderator appointed Sister Nance, Sister Dovie Lafave and Sister Frye to thank the people of Whoody for their hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Rev. Riley Holland was then ordained as a minister.

Bro. Elvis Tabor was ordained as a deacon.

Ministers ordaining council were: Rev. W. J. Nance, Rev. T. M. Arnold and Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Short talks were then made by Elder W. E. Dearmore, from State Association; Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. O. H. Stairs, Rev. Harry Stairs, Rev. B. F. Rogers, and Rev. Marvin Dalton.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn this session of the Eureka Association to meet again at Cross Roads church, on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in September, 1933 A. D.

The Association was dismissed by prayer.

OUR MINISTERS

1. Rev. Meb. Atkinson	McCurtain, Okla.
2. Rev. T. M. Arnold	Walters, 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	Spiro, Okla.
7. Rev. J. C. Dudley	Unattached
8. Rev. B. E. Hickman	Stigler, Okla.
9. Rev. R. M. Holland	McCurtain, Okla.
10. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse	Stigler, Okla.
11. Rev. J. W. Nance	Spiro, Okla.
12. Rev. Edd Petty	McCurtain, Okla.
13. Rev. F. A. McCage	Stigler, Okla.
14. Rev. J. R. Stoughton	Cartersville, Okla.
15. Rev. R. P. Sanders	Arkoma, Okla.
16. Rev. G. B. Robertson	Stigler, Okla.
17. Rev. H. O. Turner	Stigler, Okla.
18. Rev. C. E. Kennedy	Sallisaw, Okla.
19. Rev. Geo. McClain	Scipio, Okla.

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 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 inspired 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. 4:17, 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, Deut. 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 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 6-34, 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 dis-

orderly 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 washing 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 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.

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 churches that constitute the Eureka association of Free-Will Baptists, adopt the following as our church covenant.

1. To watch over each other in love, to pray for each other as members of a common faith, ever striving to keep the unity 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 cov-

enant, 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 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 yourselves 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

