

1933

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

## OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

(SINCE THE DIVISION FROM ROBERTS  
McGEE IN 1924)

## THE CHURCH OF GOD DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTIST

Convened with Cross Roads Church on Thursday  
Night Before First Sunday in September,  
1933. A. D.

The next Session of this Association will convene  
with the Tucker Church, 9 miles east and 4  
miles north of Keota, Okla., on Thurs-  
day night before First Sunday in  
September, 1934. A. D.

The Introductory Sermon will be preached by Rev.  
L. R. Crumb. Rev. B. E. Hickman, Alternate

### OFFICERS

Elder F. A. McCage	Moderator
Elder C. E. Kennedy	Assistant Moderator
Doyle 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 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 assistant Moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Sister Laura Arnold, after which devotional services were conducted by Sister Laura Arnold and preaching services by Elder J. E. Yandell. Many souls were saved.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 8:30 o'clock, Friday morning.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the assistant Moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. United Prayer. Lesson read from 1st. John, 3rd chapter.

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

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

1. San Bois—Sister Lula Heartgraves, Sister Viola Sears, Bro. Floyd Fletcher, Bro. Oscar Heartgraves, Sister Mary Fletcher, Sister Flossie Fletcher, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Nettie Colbert, church clerk.

2. Fair View—Bro. R. C. Burron, Bro. Paul Burron, Sister Ruth Fry, Sister Sylvia Marson, Sister Bettie Rhodes, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister E. D. Nance, church clerk.

3. Perry—Sister Etta Peck, Sister Bessie Kieth, Bro. Mount, Bro. Bob Henderson, Sister Annie Henderson, Bro. Crossno, Sister Annie Smith, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Bro. W. J. Snow, church clerk.

4. Woody—Bro. J. R. Holt, Sister Beatrice Burson,

Sister Addie Rennek, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, pastor; sister Myrtle Dearmon, church clerk.

5. Christian Grove—Sister Lydia Kennedy, Sister Cillia Lee Ataway, Rev. L. B. Clark, pastor; Sister Willie Ataway, church clerk.

6. Iron Bridge—Bro. Earnest Bonds, Sister Mabel McElroy, Bro. Taz Cole, Sister Sofa Cole, Bro. Herman Doss, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Zelma Brown, church clerk.

7. Oak Ridge—Bro. Roland Wallace, Bro. Fred Fowler, Bro. Duell Robins, Sister Odessa Wallace, Sister Maud Fowler, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Eva Robins, church clerk.

8. Short Mt.—Sister Coara Sykes, Bro. J. H. McKown, Sister Ollie Tuby, Bro. Loyd Hargis, Bro. Clyde Davis, Rev. J. E. Mathis, pastor; Sister Lula McKown, church clerk.

9. Prairie Grove—Bro. J. A. Martin, Sister J. A. Martin, Bro. Norman Woodruff, Sister Norman Woodruff, Sister Vida Woodruff, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Thelma Honeycutt, church clerk.

10. Rocky Point—Bro. Delmer Scroggens, Bro. Ruby Scroggens, Sister Irene Scroggens, Sister Hester Mangum, Sister Martha Atkinson, Sister Polly Anderson, Rev. Meb Atkinson, pastor; Sister Susie Walker, church clerk.

11. Murry Spur—Sister Maudie King, Sister Wilma McKinzie, Bro. Marion McKinzie, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Bro. Lester King, church clerk.

12. Rock Ford—Bro. Tom Luster, Bro. Tommie McClary, Bro. Author Hendrix, Bro. Judge Lowe, Bro. John Formby, Bro. Jess Banks, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Alice Hendrix, church clerk.

13. Havana—Bro. Sherridie Slaughter, Sister Roxie Slaughter, Sister Jewel Wilson, Sister Bonnedell Mullings, Sister Ruby Edwards, Sister Auda Fowler, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Thelia Nolan, church clerk.

14. Bell Point—Bro. W. N. Smith, Bro. Willie Morgan, Sister Addie Nelson, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, pastor; Sister Nova Askew, church clerk.

15. Lone Elm—Bro. Guy Autery, Bro. L. Clyma, Bro.



Gean Medlock, Sister Marie Clyma, Sister Dorsie Medlock, Sister Rebecca Rose, Sister Lou Holloway, Sister Ella Autry, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Bro. Cleburn Shepherd, church clerk.

16. Panther—Bro. Earl Fitzgearld, Bro. Bill Hill, Sister Laura Brown, Sister Fitzgearld, Sister Adams, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Hill, church clerk.

17. Mt. View—Bro. T. W. Brasher, Sister Middie Riley, Sister Minnie Bryant, Sister Jessie Sears, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Bro. Charley Pearson, church clerk.

18. Cross Roads—Sister Steveson, Sister Scantlin, Bro. Edd Arnold, Bro. M. L. Lay, Bro. Jack Stevenson, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Bro. G. R. Stevenson, church clerk.

19. Kanima—Sister Ollie Brown, Sister Idell Kinsey, Bro. Riley Mitchell, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Della Kelton, church clerk.

20. Scipio—Sister Bertha Evans, Sister Jessie Boyd, Sister Callie Gilstrap, Sister Earlene Martin, Bro. John Martin, Sister Melecie Hickman, Bro. John Gilstrap, Sister Charley Hearose, Rev. J. E. Yandell, pastor; Sister Pauline Myers, church clerk.

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

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

1. Hoyt—Sister Geneva Argo, Sister Vonetta Wood, Bro. Oal Kennedy, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, pastor; Sister Geneva Argo, church clerk.

2. Plain View—Bro. Jess Henson, Rev. George McClain, pastor, Sister Ethel Ray, church clerk.

3. Tamaha—Bro. Herman Parker, Sister Margrette Wilson, Sister Velma Roberson, Sister Clara Ward, Sister Lula Cagle, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Vera Hancock, church clerk.

4. Ulan—Bro. Floyd Baker, Sister Ethel Barker, Bro. Jean Trowell, Sister Cathern Trowell, Sister Effie Alford, Rev. Bob Evans, pastor; Bro. M. P. Jones, church clerk.

5. Tucker—Sister Jewel Snyder, Bro. Leroy Snyder, Sister Rena Mathis, Bro. J. D. Mathis, Bro. Hardin, Rev.

J. A. Mathis, pastor; Sister Clara Mathis, church clerk.

6. Martin Box—Bro. Loyd Henson, Sister Evalyn Dobson, Bro. J. B. Ballard, Rev. G. B. Robertson, pastor; Bro. Vinson Mizell, church clerk.

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

Then the Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to both old and new churches.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Elder F. A. McCage, moderator; Elder C. E. Kennedy, assistant moderator; Sister Dovie LaFave, clerk; Sister Etta Peck, assistant clerk.

Rules of Order were then read by Elder C. E. Kennedy.

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

Called for corresponding delegates and received the following from Grand River Association, Sister Laura Arnold and Bro. M. E. Parsons.

From State Association Rev. J. E. Yandell, Rev. Dixon and Bro. C. C. Garland.

The reports of the Fifth Sunday meetings were read and adopted.

Motion made and carried that we adopt the Treaty back into the association.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

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

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Moderator Rev. F. A. McCage. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner. Reading by Rev. F. A. McCage. 133 Psalm.

The following committees were then appointed:

1. Devotional committee—Bro. Luther Roberts, Bro. Will Mathis, Bro. Bud Alford.

2. Committee on Sabbath School—Sister Atkinson, Sister Lemley, Sister Eva Robins, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister W. M. LaFave.

3. Committee on Temperance—Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Clyde Hill, Bro. Jim Maxwell, Bro. Oscar Wilson, Bro. Sanders.

4. Committee on Query and Request—Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. E. W. Dudley, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Floyd Brown.

5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—Bro. Duell Robins, Sister A. C. Keith, Sister Auda Fowler, Bro. McKinzie, Sister Riley.

6. Committee on Resolutions—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. G. B. Robertson, Rev. J. E. Smith, Bro. J. E. Martin.

7. Committee on Obituaries—Sister Adams, Sister Adie Nelson, Sister Woodruff, Sister Margrette Wilson, Sister Bertha Evans, Bro. J. M. Livesay.

8. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Credentials—Bro. Andy Brown, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. J. A. Mathis, Sister Jewel Wilson, Bro. Milton.

9. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Bro. Bud Hickman, Bro. J. H. McKown, Bro. Bob Henderson, Sister Ella Autry, Bro. N. E. Hardin.

10. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Sister Scantlin, Bro. L. H. Henson, Sister Fletcher, Bro. W. E. Morgan, Bro. Fred Fowler.

11. Committee on Finance—Bro. Riley Wallace, Bro. Gean Medlock, Bro. Earnest Bond, Sister Viola Sears, Bro. Norman Woodruff.

Motion made and carried that we do not appoint an executive and a home mission committee.

The report of the Associational clerk was read and adopted.

Motion made and carried that pay the Association clerk, Sister Bertie Bonds \$10.00 for her year's service.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House was called to order by Moderator Rev. F. A. McCage. Singing by choir, had a united prayer, after which devotional services were conducted by Sister Dovie LaFave. The Lord blessed us with such a wonderful devotional service that preaching services were omitted. An altar call was made and many souls were saved.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. F. A. McCage. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Holdridge. Lesson read by the Moderator Rev. F. A. McCage from the 3rd chapter of 2nd. Kings.

Motion made and carried that we leave the boundary line of the Eureka Association where it now stands.

Motion made and carried that the clerk of the Association check \$3.00 from treasury to order ten ministers and twenty deacon's credentials.

Motion made and carried that we accept Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Rev. C. A. Brown and Rev. L. R. Crumb as members of the Eureka Association and place their names on the ministers roll in our ledger.

Motion made and carried that each church send \$2.00 as minute fund to the Association for the ensuing year instead of \$2.50.

Motion made and carried that we receive the various reports.

1. Committee on Sabbath Schools—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 a 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 Lemley, Chairman.

2. Committee on Temperance—We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the old report with the following amendment:

That we strictly abstain from breaking of the Sabbath, such as fishing and hunting.

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. C. C. Garland, chairman.

3. Committee on Query and Request—We your committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows: That we have nothing to report.

Rev. T. M. Arnold, chairman.

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

Sister Flossie Fletcher, chairman.

5. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—We your committee on Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows: We endorse last year's report with the following amendment:

Be it resolved that we forbid our members of the var-

ious churches of the Association from going to public swimming pools.

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 things 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 the 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 that 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 Free Will Baptists in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore, Moderators 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 churches of this Association

preaching Sanctification or Holiness as a second work of grace, separate and apart from regeneration or conversion.

Bro. Bud Hickman, chairman.

6. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—We your committee on ministers and deacons characters, beg leave to report as follows: We find no grievance and all is at peace.

Bro. Duel Robins, chairman.

7. Committee on Resolutions—We your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the old report.

Old report—Resolution No. 1—Be it resolved, that the churches and ministers strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of this Association.

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

Resolution 3—We recommend that our churches pay their pastor a reasonable sum for their labors.

Resolution 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.

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 the county ministers' record, showing that we do not endorse them as Free Will Baptist ministers.

Resolution No. 6—Be it resolved that our deacons abstain from carnal care and be more attentive to their church service.

Rev. L. B. Clark, chairman.

8. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Credentials—We your committee on Ministers and Deacons' credentials beg leave to report as follows: We find all our ministers and deacons in good standing as far as we know.

Rev. J. A. Mathis, chairman.

9. Committee on obituaries—We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows: We sorrow because of the loss of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sister Elva Brown, Bro. Leonard Burson, Infant of Bro. and Sister Hubert Brown, Infant of Bro. and Sister Earnest Bonds, Infant of Bro. and Sister Taz Cole of Iron Bridge church; Sister Raines, Bro. Bud Nance, Bro. Mack

Peck and Sister Will Nance of Prairie View church; Bro. Marshall Wilson and Sister Sadie Sutton of San Bois church; Bro. M. H. Burson of Whoody church; Infant of Bro. and Sister Bud Cole, Infant of Bro. and Sister Monree and Sister Martha Dudley of Rocky Point church; Infant son of Bro. and Sister Clifton Few of Mt. View church; Bro. J. D. Rames, Panama church; Bro. Farris Honeycutt, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Sister George Davis, Prairie Grove church; Sister Lena Davis and Bro. Childress of Murry Spur church; Bro. Wilson, Cass church; Infant of Bro. and Sister Cole, Rock Ford church; Bro. King, Cross Roads church. Sister Dovie Woodruff, chairman.

#### 10. Report of Last Year's Clerk:

To the Old Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows: The amount collected for minutes at the beginning of the year was \$43.60. There was a remaining balance of \$1.45 left over from last year, which was used by the assistant clerk for credentials.

The publishing expenses of minutes was \$30.00, postal charges 35c, total \$30.35. After deducting total expenses \$30.35 from \$43.60 we have the remaining balance of \$13.30

The minutes of the Eighth Annual Session was copied on Ledger.

Sister Bertie Bonds, clerk.

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

1. Panther	\$2.50
2. Bell Point	2.50
3. Rock Ford	2.70
4. Havana	2.50
5. Lone Elm	2.50
6. Oak Ridge	2.50
7. Tucker	2.50
8. Plain View	2.50
9. Whoody	2.50
10. Iron Bridge	2.50
11. San Bois	2.50
12. Ulan	2.50
13. Tamaha	2.50
14. Cross Roads	2.50
15. Murry Spur	2.50
16. Short Mt.	2.50
17. Mt. View	2.50
18. Perry	2.50
19. Scipio	2.50

20. Martin Box .....	2.50
21. Prairie Grove .....	2.50
22. Rocky Point .....	2.50
23. Hoyt .....	2.15
24. Fair View .....	2.50
25. Kanima .....	2.50
26. Christian Grove .....	3.00

TOTAL ..... \$65.35

Bro. Riley Wallace, chairman

Called for Ministers reports and received the following:

I beg leave to report as follows: Pastored 2 churches, held 3 revivals, witnessed 31 conversions, baptized 18, re-organized 1 church, married 4 couples, conducted 4 funerals. When you pray, pray for me.

Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Hoyt, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: Preached 75 sermons, pastored 2 churches, witnessed 16 conversions, received into the church 8, Baptized 6, helped ordain 2 deacons, married 6 couples, held 1 revival, received for my year's work \$48.34. My expenses have been \$54.02. I have traveled 2031 miles.

Rev. T. M. Arnold, Walters, Okla.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 94 sermons, conducted 2 funerals, married 4 couples, pastored 4 churches, witnessed many conversions, Baptized 24, received for my year's work \$139.30. Pray for me that I may use the grace that God has given me to his glory.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Stigler, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 100 sermons, pastored 1 church, organized 1 church with 19 members, witnessed 34 conversions, held 3 revival meetings, Baptized 13, held 2 funerals, married 2 couples. I ask the prayers of the Association, that I may do better next year.

Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Stigler, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 3 churches, organized 3 churches, married 3 couples, conducted 3 funerals, preached 164 sermons, witnessed 193 conversions, Baptized 82, traveled 3010 miles, received \$78.86 for my work, and have spent \$125.00 for the cause.



I sincerely desire the prayers of God's people, that I will do more for the Lord in the future than I have in the past.

Rev. George McClain, Scipio, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 53 sermons, pastored 1 church, part of time, witnessed 83 conversions, held 1 revival, organized 1 church with 23 members, organized 1 Sunday school, married 2 couples, Baptized 11, received 15 in Short Mt. church. I have expected pastoral work of Short Mt. church. I desire the prayers of God's people that I may do more next year.

Rev. J. A. Mathis, Spiro, Okla., Rt. 1.

I beg leave to report as follows: Held 1 revival, preached 24 sermons, witnessed 13 conversions, married 3 couples, traveled 50 miles, received for my work \$6.00. I will do better next year, the Lord being my helper.

Rev. John Anderson.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The business session was followed by devotional services, conducted by Bro. Oscar Wilson. Preaching services by Rev. L. B. Clark.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by Moderator.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the Grand River Association, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Rev. F. A. McCage, Bro. Clifford Trickett, Sister Dovie LaFave.

To State Association, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. B. E. Hickman.

To Roberts McGee Association, Bro. C. C. Garland.

Motion made and carried that we send the next session of this Association to Tucker church, 9 miles east and 4 miles north of Keota, Okla.

The 5th Sunday meetings were then located as follows: 1st, Martin Box; second, Ulan; third, Havana; fourth, Bell Point.

The Moderator then appointed Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Fry and Sister Dovie LaFave to write a letter of appreciation to the Cross Roads church and community for their kindness toward us.

Rev. C. A. Brown was re-ordained as minister.

Ministers Ordaining Council, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Bro. Jim Mathis, Bro. John Maxwell and Bro. Sam Sears.

Deacons Ordaining Council: Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. J. A. Mathis, Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Motion made and carried that the ordination of deacons not present be transferred back to their home churches.

Motion made and carried to have 1200 minutes printed.

The body then selected Rev. L. R. Crumb to preach introductory sermon. Rev. B. E. Hickman, alternate.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet again at Tucker church on Thursday night before first Sunday in September, 1934, A. D.

The Association was dismissed by Prayer.

Dovie LaFave, clerk.

### MINISTERS ROLL

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. L. R. Crumb .....	Kinta, Okla.
6. Rev. L. B. Clark .....	Spiro, Okla.
7. Rev. C. A. Brown .....	Kinta, Okla.
8. Rev. B. E. Hickman .....	Stigler, Okla.
9. Rev. R. M. Hollins .....	McCurtain, Okla.
10. Rev. A. A. Holdridge .....	Hoyt, Okla.
11. Rev. H. Long .....	McCurtain, Okla.
12. Rev. F. A. McCage .....	Stigler, Okla.
13. Rev. George McClain .....	Scipio, Okla.
14. Rev. W. J. Nance .....	Spiro, Okla.
15. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse .....	Stigler, Okla.
16. Rev. Edd Petty .....	McCurtain, Okla.
17. Rev. G. B. Robertson .....	Stigler, Okla.
18. Rev. J. R. Staughton .....	Cartersville, Okla.
19. Rev. R. P. Sanders .....	Arkoma, Okla.
20. Rev. H. O. Turner .....	Stigler, Okla.
21. Rev. C. E. Kennedy .....	Sallisaw, Okla.
22. Rev. Bob Evans .....	Scipio, Okla.
23. Rev. J. A. Mathis .....	Spiro, 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 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 washing the Saint's feet or let as many examine himself and so let him eat. I Cor. 11:28, 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, I 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, I 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 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 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 some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the Covenant of Joshua, the seryant 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 .....

Recieved into the churih .....; 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

