

MINUTES
OF THE
TENTH 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 Tucker Church on Tuesday before
First Sunday in September 1934, A. D.

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The next Session of this Association will convene with the
Lone Elm Church 2½ miles east of Keota, Okla., on
Thursday night before first Sunday in
September 1935 A. D.

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Introductory Sermon will be preached by Rev. L. R. Crumb;
Rev. H. O. Turner, Alternate

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OFFICERS

Elder F. A. McCage	Moderator
Elder L. R. Crumb	Assistant Moderator
Dovie LaFave	Clerk
Etta Peck	Assistant Clerk

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Ministers present invited to seat are allowed to take part in debate on all subjects and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question: "Shall it be discussed?" If negative the question shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the moderator.
9. All questions 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

House called to order by the moderator Rev. F. A. McCage singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner. The Association appointed Sister Laura Arnold to conduct devotional services and Rev. F. A. McCage to preach.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again Friday morning at 8:30.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read from 23rd chapter of Psalm. Prayer by Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Motion made and carried that we 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. Havana—Sister Jewell Wilson, Sister Auda Fowler, Bro. Will Ragle, Rev. F. A. McCage, Pastor; Sister Rena Kennedy, church clerk.

2. Panther—Bro. Jeff Dolan Willmon, Sister O'Bannon, Sister Grace Davis, Rev. B. E. Hickman, Pastor; Sister Reba Hill, church clerk.

3. Panama—Sister Dessie Carter, Sister Dora Kenney, Sister Percillia Traweck, Rev. R. P. Sanders, Pastor; Sister Aleen Traweck, church clerk.

4. Martin Box—Sister Bessie Keith, Sister Myrtle Copeland, Bro. L. H. Henson, Rev. G. B. Robertson, Pastor; Sister Ruby Sutton, church clerk.

5. Belle Point—Sister Lizzie Morgan, Sister Bertha Long, Sister Addie Nelson, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, moderator; Sister Nova Eskew, church clerk.

6. Lone Elm—Bro. Redman Brigance, Sister Dorsie Medlock, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor; Bro. Cleburn Shepherd, church clerk.

7. Oak Ridge—Bro. Ernest Forrester, Sister Maggie Ragle, Sister Belle Dixon, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sister Jossie Milam, church clerk.

8. Tamaha—Sister Lovilla Pratt, Sister Helen Rose, Sister Evalena Kennedy, Rev. G. E. Kennedy, Pastor; Sister Clara Ward, church clerk.

9. Christian Grove—Sister Clyde Martin, Bro. Otto Kusel, Bro. Sidney Holt, Rev. Shep Gregory, Pastor; Sister Lydia Perkins, church clerk.

10. Prairie Grove—Bro. Richard Goodson, Sister Lucy Crum-

sick, Bro. J. A. Martin, Rev. F. A. McCage, Pastor; Sister Dovie Honeycutt, church clerk.

11. Perry—Bro. Lee Smith, Sister Delma Turner, Bro. Kermit Turner, Rev. G. B. Robertson, Pastor; Sister Dovie LaFave, church clerk.

12. Sans Bois—Sister Mary Fletcher, Sister Nettie Colbert, Bro. Billy Colbert, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sister Viola Sears, church clerk.

13. Rocky Point—Bro. Mangum, Sister Edith Mangum, Bro. Delmer Scroggins, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor; Sister Polly Anderson, church clerk.

14. Cross Roads—Sister Susie Mosby, Sister C. C. Garland, Bro. Jack Stevenson, Rev. J. E. Yandell, Pastor; Bro. E. E. Arnold, church clerk.

15. Woody—Bro. Arthur Burson, Sister Addie Renick, Sister S. Madewell, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Pastor; Sister Maggie Scrimisher, church clerk.

16. Kanina—Sister Mary Johnson, Bro. Otto Kelton, Bro. Carl Woods, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor; Sister Idell Kinsey, church clerk.

17. Iron Bridge—Bro. Arthur Bonds, Bro. Ernest Bond, Bro. Henry Baker, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor; Sister Sophie Cole, church clerk.

18. Mt. View—Bro. Cecil Bryant, Bro. Charley Pearson, Bro. Tom Brashier, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sister Pearl Brashier, church clerk.

19. Murry Spur—Bro. Walter Moore, Bro. Irby King, Bro. T. M. McKenzie, Rev. W. S. Copeland, Pastor; Bro. Lester King, church clerk.

20—Royal Oak—Bro. Dez Brown, Joe Kubala, Sister Nettie Stankwitz, Rev. J. C. Floyd, Pastor; Sister Hazel Floyd, church clerk.

21. Hoyt—Bro. Oal Kennedy, Sister Andrew Holdridge, Bro. Monroe Gideon, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Pastor; Sister Geneva Argo, church clerk.

22. Rock Ford—Sister Marie Weston, Bro. Bill Long, Bro. Garland Hendrix, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor; Sister Lula Luster, church clerk.

23. Prairie View—Bro. Clarence Peck, Sister Pearl Turner, Sister Mozell Peck, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor; Bro. V. C. Trickett, church clerk.

24. Tucker—Bro. McKown, Bro. Earp, Sister Hardin, Rev. L. B. Clark, Pastor; Sister Clara Mathis, church clerk.

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

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

1. Rose Hill—Sister Flossie Amos, Sister Mercedes Amos, Sister Lillian Martin, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sister Bertha Martin, church clerk.

2. Fish Creek—Bro. Fred Goodson, Bro. Tom Pugh, Bro. Baxter Hill, Rev. F. A. McCage, Pastor; Sister Eula Dudley, church clerk.

3. Liberty Hill—Sister Beulah Crom, Sister Gladys Bryant, Sister Annie Aimswoth, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sister Alma Bryant, church clerk.

4. Flower Hill—Bro. Langston, Sister Martin, Sister Ragins, Rev. R. P. Sanders, Pastor; Sister Effie Brewer, church clerk.

5. Fair View—Sister Ola Hall, Sister Letta Farmer, Sister Dorothy Williams, Rev. Meb. Atkinson, Pastor, Sister Amos Williams, church clerk.

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

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

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Rev. F. A. McCage, Moderator; Rev. L. R. Crumb, Assistant Moderator; Sister Dovie Lafave, clerk; Sister Elta Peck, Assistant Clerk.

Rules of order were then read by the moderator.

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

Call for Corresponding delegates, and received the following: Sister Laura Arnold, Grand River Association; Rev. Virgil Florence, Sister Mae Florence, Rev. O. D. Wade, First Oklahoma Association; Bro. and Sister J. W. Wallace, Bro. and Sister White from Hope Well No. 1. Association; Rev. Copeland, Zion Hope No. 2. Association; Bro. Edd Wright, Gaines Creek Association.

Right hand of fellowship was extended to corresponding delegates by moderator and assistant moderator.

Report of the Fifth Sunday meeting resolutions were read but were not adopted.

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

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Bro. Luther Roberts.

The following committees were then appointed:

1. Devotional committee—Bro. Will Ragle, Bro. Jimmie Maxwell, Bro. Charles L. LaFave.
2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—Bro. Andy Brown, Bro. Baxter Hill, Sister Nellie LaFave.
3. Committee on Temperance—Rev. M. A. Melton, Rev. R. P. Sanders, Rev. Hubert Brown.
4. Committee on Query and Request—Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. H. O. Turner, Bro. J. M. Lemley.
5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Maggie Ragle, Sister Bessie Keith.
6. Committee on Resolutions—Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Bro. Luther Roberts, Rev. A. A. Holdridge.
7. Committee on Obituaries—Rev. J. A. Mathis, Sister Alice LaFave, Bro. Gene Medlock.
8. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Credentials—Bro. O. F. Wilson, Rev. Henry Long, Bro. W. M. LaFave.
9. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. J. M. Livesay, Sister S. A. Lemley.
10. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Bro. A. L. Honeycutt, Bro. Delmer Scroggins, Bro. L. H. Henson.
11. Committee on Finance—Bro. Floyd Barnes, Sister Dorsie Medlock, Sister O. B. Bice.

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

Motion made and carried to pay clerk and assistant \$10.00 each.

Motion made and carried that the clerk order Ministers and Deacons Credentials with the remaining balance of \$3.35 left in treasury.

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

The session was dismissed by Rev. L. B. Clark.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator Rev. F. A. McCage. Singing by the choir. Had a united prayer. After which devotional services were conducted by Bro. Luther Roberts. Preaching services were omitted and an altar call was made and many souls were saved.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator. Singing by the

choir. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner. Lesson read from 2nd chapter of Philippians.

Motion made and carried that we receive the reports of the various committees.

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 who have unsaved parents fail to get the right kind of teaching at home.

We ask that each parent take their children to Sunday School instead of sending them.

BRO. ANDY BROWN, Chairman.

2. Committee on Temperance—We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: That we strictly abstain from breaking of the Sabbath such as fishing and hunting.

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 going to God instead of man.

REV. M. A. MELTON, Chairman.

3. Committee on Query and Request—We your committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows: That this Association draw in its Boundary Line on the north back to the Arkansas river.

That the Association change the time of preaching the memorial of our deceased from Sunday at 11:00 to Saturday at 11:00 o'clock.

We request the clerk to erase Scipio, Plain View, and Ulan churches from our church roll also deacons and ministers names of the same churches from ledger as they have joined Gaines Creek Association.

REV. L. B. CLARK, Chairman

4. Committee on Books and Periodicals—We your committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: We endorse old report except taking Free Will Baptist paper.

That we take the Bible to be used as our discipline and only infallible rule of our doctrine faith and practice and urge our mem-

bers to use it as such. 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. DELMER SCROGGINS, Chairman.

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

We endorse the old report, except clause six.

Be it resolved that we forbid our members of the various churches of the Association going to Public Swimming Pools.

That each minister and deacon impress and insist that each member of this Association abstain from worldly lust and carnal care such as going to dances, play parties, moving picture shows, and Sunday ball games, or any such things as would hurt our Christian influence.

Anyone found guilty of such things should make acknowledgment 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 Baptists 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 forbid its members, deacons and lay members of the several churches of the Association 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 not to 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 churches the great necessity of observing all the rules of the Association.

It shall be the duty of each church to assist any minister in the Association taking evangelistic work. The Association shall empower the moderator and clerk with the authority to furnish the evangelist with recommendations, if he is found worthy.

SISTER S. A. LEMLEY, Chairman.

6. Committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Characters—We your committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Characters beg leave to re-

port as follows: We find no grievance and all is at peace.

SISTER MAGGIE RAGLE, Chairman.

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

Res. No. 1: Owing to the fact that we, the Eureka Association adopted the Usuages and Treaties of the Free Will Baptist, Be it resolved that we strictly adhere to the usages, especially Article 1, on page 47, in regard to Baptism.

Res. No. 2: Be it resolved that each pastor, preach at least four sermons a year, to their churches on the Finance of the church.

Res. No. 3: Be it resolved the churches and ministers strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of this Association.

Res. No. 4: 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.

Res. No. 5: We recommend that our churches pay their pastors a reasonable sum for their service.

Res. No. 6: Be it resolved that this body grant the moderator and clerk power to have minutes printed where they can get the cheapest and best work.

Res. No. 7: 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.

Res. No. 8: Be it resolved that our deacons abstain from carnal care and be more attentive to their church services.

REV. C. E. KENNEDY, 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 deacons and ministers in good standing as far as we know.

BRO. O. F. WILSON, 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 Edna Williams of Whoody church; Sister Charlie Moore, Prairie View church; infant of Bro. and Sister Will Mathis, Iron Bridge church; Bro. Harve Greenwalt, Sister Lula Prim, Sister M. F. Johnson of Panther church; Sister Nancy Sergrist, Bro. Billy Dale Nunnley of Panama church; Sister Ludie Fennels, Sister Ollie Tuby, Tucker church; infant of Bro. and Sister Sanford Sanders of Fair View church; infant of Bro. and Sister Glen Evern, Lone Elm church; Bro. Vernon Cole, Rocky Point church; Rev. J. W. Bridges,

Sister Annie Perkins, of Christian Grove church; Bro. Monroe Childers, Murry Spur.

BRO. GENE MEDLOCK, Chairman.

10. Report of Last Year's Clerk.

To the Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: The amount of money collected at the beginning of the year was \$65.35. The remaining balance of \$3.00 left over from last year was used in ordering Ministers' and Deacons' Credentials.

The publishing expenses of minutes was \$10.00, postal charges \$1.00, Credentials \$1.00. After deducting \$12.00 from \$65.35 we have the remaining balance of \$23.35.

I have copied the minutes of the Ninth Annual Session on ledger.

SISTER DOVIE LAFAYE, Clerk.

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

1. Prairie Grove	\$2.00
2. Murray Spur	\$2.00
3. Martin Box	\$2.00
4. Panama	\$2.00
5. Liberty Hill	\$2.00
6. Kanima	\$2.00
7. Belle Point.	\$2.00
8. Rose Hill	\$2.00
9. San Bois	\$2.00
10. Lone Elm	\$2.01
11. Mt. View	\$2.00
12. Perry	\$2.00
13. Fish Creek	\$2.00
14. Cross Roads	\$2.00
15. Tucker	\$2.00
16. Iron Bridge	\$2.00
17. Rock Ford	\$2.00
18. Woody	\$2.00
19. Tamaha	\$2.00
20. Royal Oak	\$2.00
21. Prairie View	\$2.00
22. Christian Grove	\$2.00
23. Flower Hill	\$2.00
24. Panther	\$2.00
25. Fair View	\$2.00
26. Rocky Point	\$2.00
27. Oak Ridge	\$2.00

28. Hoyt	\$2.00
29. Havana	\$2.00
TOTAL	\$58.01

BRO. FLOYD BARNES, Chairman.

Called for ministers reports and received the following:

To The Eureka Association of The Church of God Demominated Free Will Baptist I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 3 churches, preached 139 sermons, helped to organize 2 churches, conducted 1 funeral, married 1 couple, baptized 23, received \$118.96 for my year's work. I earnestly desire the prayers of God's people that I may ever be found doing God's will.

REV. F. A. McCAGE, Stigler, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 2 churches, held 3 revival meetings, married 4 couples, preached 3 funeral services. I haven't done much, but pray for me and my family.

REV. A. A. HOLDRIDGE, Hoyt, Okla.

To The Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 74 sermons, held one week's meeting at Short Mt. held a revival at East Liberty, helped in 2 revivals one at Belle Point and one at Flower Hill, witnessed 86 conversions, baptized 13, married 3 couples, pastored 1 church part of time, received for my work \$22.04. I ask the prayers of the entire Association, that I may do more next year. Your brother in Christ.

REV. J. A. MATHIS, Spiro, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached about 20 sermons; helped in 3 revival meeting, married 1 couple, held one regular appointment. Pray for me brethern that I may do more next year.

REV. J. C. HILL, Porum, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 93 sermons, witnessed 68 conversions, held 21 funerals, married 18 couples.

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

To The Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 106 sermons, witnessed 66 conversions, baptized 19. Pray for me that I may do more this coming year.

REV. R. P. SANDERS, Spiro, Okla.

To The Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 4 churches, helped organize 2 churches, helped ordain 7 deacons and one minister, held 4 revivals, preached 121 sermons, witnessed 80 conversions, baptized 55. I have received into the churches 82, married 1 couple. Received for my year's work \$137.82.

REV. C. A. BROWN, Kinta, Okla.

*Rained out part of meeting
at Tucker*

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

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

The session was dismissed by Rev. L. B. Clark.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Moderator read a lesson from sixth chapter of St. Luke. Prayer by Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Motion made and carried that we accept the reports from our delegates from the Grand River and Roberts McGee Associations.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the State Association—Rev. F. A. McCage, Bro. Luther Roberts, Rev. Tom Anderson, Bro. O. F. Wilson, Bro. J. F. Pratt.

Roberts McGee Association—Bro. Rufus Johns, Bro. Judge Lowe.

Grand Rivers Association—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Clarence Peck, Bro. W. L. Roberts.

Gaines Creek Association—Bro. H. N. McKee.

Motion made and carried that we send the next session of the Eureka Association to Lone Elm, 2½ miles east of Keota, Okla.

The 5th Sunday meetings were then located as follows: 1st, Panama; 2nd, Hoyt; 3rd, Panther; 4th, Rocky Point.

Motion made and carried that we grant Rev. L. B. Clark a letter of recommendation for the purpose of evangelistic work.

Motion made and carried that we send \$5.00 as minute money to the State Association.

The moderator appointed Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Sister Scantlin, Sister LaFave to write a letter of appreciation to the Tucker church and community for their kindness toward us.

Motion made and carried that we have 1200 minutes printed.

Bro. Baxter Hill, Bro. L. H. Henson, Bro. J. L. Langston, Bro. Mosby were then ordained deacons.

Deacons ordaining council—Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. Shepherd, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. R. P. Sanders, Bro. Luther Roberts.

Motion made and carried that Rev. L. R. Crumb, preach introductory sermon. Rev. H. O. Turner, alternate.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet again at Lone Elm, on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in September 1935, A. D.

The Association was dismissed by Rev. F. A. McCage.

DOVIE L. LAFAVE, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

From the long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of God, being regularly baptised or upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better church government.

1. This association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our union not exceeding three delegates from each church and on producing letters shall be entitled to seats.

2. Letters from different churches are to express the number in fellowship, the number received by experience of grace, number by letter 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 Baptist, being composed of sundry churches in the Eureka association—the association having no power to Lord it over God's heritage nor to have an ecclesiastical power over any churches 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 any 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 1:23; 1st John 1:7; John 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 of faith and practice. Second Timothy 3:16; Matt. 5:18.

3. We believe that God created man good, and gave him Holy Commandments whereby he should live holy but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all man kind 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 suffering of death crowned with glory. That he by the Grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 3:17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore, He sayeth, "Look unto me and be saved, all ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts 20:20-21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God, if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved upon the merits of the Son of God. Jonah 4: 11; Mark 10: 14; Deut. 1: 39.

7. We believe that all Christians must 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 right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14; Matt. 24:13.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode; even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ who is our life, showed this humble example to His children and bids us walk therein. John 3:22; Romans 6:34; Matt. 28; 19-20; Matt. 3:16.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and washing the Saint's feet are divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. Mark 14:22; John 13: 4-14; Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who have come under the hands of the presbytery of elders, and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerks chosen by the church, ought to have office during the good pleasure of same dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scripture relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1:5; Acts 14: 23; II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church in 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. 11:28; John 13: 14.

13. We believe that the sanctification and holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written. "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6:10; 1 John 2: 9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and 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 ob-

tained 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 churches; but will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy, "That we will reprove, 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 meeting 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 services 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 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 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 pastors, Rev. _____

Called Rev. _____ as our

pastor for the 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

