

# MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH 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 Lone Elm Church on Thursday night before  
First Sunday in September 1935, A. D.

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The next session of this Association will convene at it's perman-  
ent location with Cross Roads Church 2 1/2 miles East of Stigler,  
Oklahoma, on Thursday night before first Sunday in  
September 1936, A. D.

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Introductory Sermon will be preached by Rev. F. A. McCage,  
Rev. L. B. Clark, Alternate

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## OFFICERS

Elder F. A. McCage ..... Moderator

Elder C. A. Brown ..... 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. Motions 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. The Moderator shall have the authority to object to any discussion not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
11. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the moderator.
12. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.
13. In the future meetings of the association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent devotional exercises.
14. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the association.
15. Alterations shall 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 assistant moderator, Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir, united prayer. The Association appointed Sister W. J. Nance to conduct devotional services and Rev. L. R. Crumb to preach.

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

Session was dismissed by prayer.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, singing by the choir, lesson read from 133, psalm, prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

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 old churches and received the following:

1. Tamaha—Bro. Ledbetter, Bro. Rose, Bro. Richardson, Rev. Clyde Hill, pastor; Sister Beulah Richardson, Church Clerk.
2. Tucker—Sister Janie Maxwell, Sister Whitson, Sister Bessie Mathis, Rev. Easton, pastor, Sister Clara Mathis, Church Clerk.
3. Fair View—Sister Dortha Farmer, Sister Minnie Bronk, Bro. Edmond Greenmyer, Rev. Meb Atkinson, pastor, Sister Amos Williams Church Clerk.
4. Woody—Bro. J. M. Holt, Sister Lottie Wallen, Sister Myrtle Dearmond, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Beulah Williams, Church Clerk.
5. San Bois—Bro. Albert Crumsic, Sister Viola Crumsic, Sister Leatha Wehunt, Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister J. E. Hale, Church Clerk.
6. Rocky Point—Bro. Jim Mingram, Sister Alva Cole, Bro. Henry Scroggins, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Juanita Wallis, Church Clerk.
7. Belle Point—Sister Addie Nelson, Sister Bertha Long, Sister Arizona Nelson, Bro. Hubert Brown, pastor; Sister Francis Cay, Church Clerk.
8. Panther—Bro. Joe Fielding, Sister Pearl King, Sister Ora Gragg, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Reba Hill, Church Clerk.
9. Mt. View—Bro. Roy Bryant, Bro. C. C. Collins, Sister Charlie Collins, Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Pearl Drasher, Church Clerk.
10. Fish Creek—Sister Eunice Cummings, Sister Leva Cummings, Sister Reba Douglas, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Lucille Powell, Church Clerk.
11. Perry—Sister W. M. LaFave, Bro. and Sister Orval Spence, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, pastor; Sister Etta Peck, Church Clerk.
12. Cross Roads—Bro. Mack Adams, Bro. Vestal Longcryer, Sister Opal Adams, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Bro. G. R. Stevenson, Church Clerk.
13. Havana—Sister Ann Chastain, Sister Myrtle Harrell, Sister Auda Fowler, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Rena Kennedy, Church Clerk.
14. Christian Grove—Bro. Earl Bridges, Bro. Otto Kusel, Sister Maggie Bridges, Rev. W. S. Coplin, pastor, Sister Lydia Perkins, Church Clerk.
15. Flower Hill—Sister Edna Martin, Sister Ona Brewer, Sister Lydia Sheborn, Rev. R. P. Sanders, pastor; Sister Iva Rogers, Church Clerk.
16. Kanlana—Bro. Carl Woods, Bro. Vernon Williamson, ~~Bro. Otto Kelton~~, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Idell Kinsey, Church Clerk.
17. Prairie Grove—Sister Jennie Smith, Sister Lue Martin, Bro. J. A. Martin, Rev. B. H. Peavyhouse pastor, Sister Dovie Honeycutt, Church Clerk.
18. Martin Box—Sister Myrtle Copeland, Sister Mollie Bridges, Sister Lona Ballard, Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor; Sister Gertrude Henson, Church Clerk.
19. Rose Hill—Sister Ila Kelley, Sister Rebecca Jameson, Bro. Henry Royce, Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Lillian Martin, Church Clerk.

20. Rock Ford—Bro. Clarence Hammons, Bro. Author Hale, Bro. Leonard Cravins, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Lula Luster, Church Clerk.

21. Oak Ridge—Sister Belle Dixon, Bro. Earnest Forrester, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Jessie Milan, Church Clerk.

22. Iron Bridge—Bro. Henry Baker, Bro. Herman Doss, Bro. Aron Fountain, Rev. Hubert Brown, pastor; Sister Bertha Burson, Church Clerk.

23. Lone Elm—Bro. Gene Medlock, Bro. Walter Parker, Bro. Barnett, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Lovie Clyma, Church Clerk.

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

Right hand of fellowship was extended to old churches.

The moderator called for letters from new churches and received one.

Prairie Belle—Sister Nellie Davis, Sister Bertha Crosby, Bro. Jasper Phillips, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Bertie Rhodes, Church Clerk.

Motion made and carried that we receive the letter from the new church and seat the delegates.

Right hand of fellowship was extended to the new church.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:

Rev. F. A. McCage, moderator, Rev. C. A. Brown, assistant moderator, Sister Devie LaFave, clerk, Sister Etta Peck, assistant clerk.

Rules of order were then read by moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage.

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

Called for Corresponding Delegates and received the following:

Sister Laura Arnold, Grand River Association, Rev. McAlvain, from Center Association, Bro. Author White, Bro. J. V. Wallace, Bro. C. C. Wallace, Bro. M. L. Bonds, Hopewell Association, Rev. Ben Hickman, Gaines Creek Association.

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

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 services were conducted by Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Session dismissed by united prayer.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, singing by the choir, prayer by Rev. Ben Hickman.

The following committees were then appointed:

1. Devotional Committee—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Jimmie Mathis, Bro. Albert Dudley.

2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—Bro. C. C. Garland, Sister Hale, Sister Allen.

3. Committee on Temperance—Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Bro. Allen, Sister King.

4. Committee on Query and Request—Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. Luther Roberts, Rev. Henry Long.

5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—Sister Myrtle Copeland, Bro. Charley Collins, Bro. Walter Parker.

6. Committee on Resolutions—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. Ben Hickman, Rev. Meb Atkinson.

7. Committee on Obituaries—Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Letha Welch, Sister Long.

8. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Rev. B. H. Peckyhouse, Bro. King, Bro. Otho Williams.

9. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Sister Lucille Powell, Sister Reba Hill, Bro. Harrell.

10. Committee on Finance—Rev. J. E. Smith, Bro. Albert Crumsie, Bro. Fielding.

11. Ministers Examination Council—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. L. B. Clark.

12. Committee to locate Association.—Bro. Mart Fowler, Rev. Henry Long, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Rev. L. B. Clark.

Motion made and carried that we authorize moderator and clerk to have credentials printed where they can get the cheapest and best work, also that the clerk pay for credential printing from the treasury and each Deacon and Minister pay for their credentials.

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

Motion made and carried that we pay the Clerk \$10.00. Then the Clerk donated the \$10.00 back to the Association to be used anyway that the Association needs it.

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

Session was dismissed by a united prayer.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage; singing by Choir, united prayer, after which Devotional Services were conducted by Bro. Andy Brown, Preaching services by Rev. McKee.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage; Singing by the choir, Reading 5th chapter Galatians 17-24. Eph. 1st chapter, Hebrew 12-2. United Prayer.

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

1. Devotional Committee—We your committee on Devotional Services beg leave to report as follows:

Friday night—Bro. Andy Brown, to conduct Devotional Services and Rev. McKee to preach.

Saturday morning—Rev. F. A. McCage to preach Memorial Services.

Saturday night—Sister Laura Arnold to conduct Devotional Services Rev. L. R. MacIlvain to preach.

Sunday morning—Rev. Jimmie Maxwell to conduct Devotional Services, Rev. C. E. Kennedy to preach.

Sunday night—Bro. Floyd Brown to conduct Devotional Services and Rev. L. R. Crumb to preach.

Bro. W. M. LaFave, Chairman

2. 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 house 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 each member to 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.

Sister Allen, Chairman

3. 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 it's makers when it occurs in our observation by going to God instead of man.

Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Chairman

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

We request that this Association be centralized and a committee of five brethren be appointed to select the location of Association.

We find that in our Resolution report that we should strictly adhere to the rules of our Association or erase the resolutions from our minutes.

Rev. L. R. Crumb, Chairman

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

We endorse 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 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. Lemon Harrell, Chairman

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

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 Christain influence.

Anyone found 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.

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 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.

Be it resolved that each member read his minutes more.

Rev. B. H. Peeryhouse, Chairman.

7. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—We your committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters beg leave to report as follows: That we find all Ministers and Deacons in good standing and all in peace.

Bro. Walter Parker, Chairman

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

#### NEW REPORT

Res. No. 1. Be it resolved that we insert in our rules of order Article No. 9 as it appears in the by laws of the State Association.

Res. No. 2. Be it resolved that we dispense with the rules of requiring our young ministers to preach under license twelve months before being ordained and that this Association appoint an examining council consisting of five ordained ministers, who shall pass on each applicant for ordination. And no minister shall be ordained without the recommendation of said council.

#### OLD REPORT

Res. No. 1. Owing to the fact that we, the Eureka Association adopted the Usages and Treaties of the Free Will Baptists, be it resolved that we strictly adhere to the Usage, 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 that 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 a 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. H. O. Turner, 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:

Bro. Billie Trickett, Bro. Clifford Trickett, Bro. Jim Lewis, Prairie View church; Bro. Will Banks, Rock Ford church; Sister Madge Lucas, Bro. Walter Hill, Sister Peggy Cook, Cross Roads church; Bro. Phillip Greenmyer, Panther church; Sister Viola Hanna, Royal Oak church; Sister Sallie Mason Heartgraves, infant son of Bro. Andy Green, San Bois

church; Infant Patsy Kelton, Bro. Hayes Kinsey and son Jim Kinsey.  
Kanima church; infant baby of Bro. and Sister Aron Fountain, Iron  
Bridge church; Bro. Sam Allen, Tucker church.

Sister Wehunt, 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 \$58.01.  
The remaining balance of \$3.00 left over from last year was used in  
ordering credentials.

The publishing expenses of Minutes \$36.00, mailing expenses \$1.00,  
credentials \$2.00. After deducting \$39.00 from \$58.01, we have the re-  
maining balance of \$19.01 left in treasury.

I have copied the minutes of the Tenth Annual Session on the  
Ledger.

Sister Dovie LaFave, Clerk

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

1. Martin Box .....	\$2.00
2. Iron Bridge .....	2.00
3. Belle Point .....	2.00
4. Fish Creek .....	2.00
5. Panther .....	2.00
6. Mt View .....	2.00
7. Fair View .....	2.00
8. Rocky Point .....	2.00
9. Lone Elm .....	2.00
10. Rock Ford .....	2.00
11. San Blas .....	2.00
12. Tucker .....	2.00
13. Prairie Belle .....	2.00
14. Havana .....	2.00
15. Cross Roads .....	2.10
16. Perry .....	2.00
17. Woody .....	2.00
18. Flower Hill .....	2.00
19. Oak Ridge .....	2.00
20. Kanima .....	2.00
21. Rose Hall .....	2.00
22. Prairie Grove .....	2.00
23. Christian Grove .....	2.00
24. Tamaha .....	2.00
Total 48.10	

Rev. J. E. Smith, Chairman.

Called for ministers reports and received the following:

To the Eureka Association of the Church of God Denominated Free  
Will Baptist: I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 4 church-  
es, preached 126 sermons, conducted 5 funerals, married 3 couples, bap-  
tised 28, witnessed many conversions. I earnestly desire the prayers of  
God's people.

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



I beg leave to report as follows: Preached 95 sermons, received into churches 33, baptised 9, witnessed 39 conversions, married 3 couples, pastored 1 church at Wirt, Okla., received \$223.06 I have held 2 revivals, held 1 funeral. I have received \$225.41 for my year's labor. My expenses were \$125.55 I have traveled about 4,260 miles. Pray for me that I will do more next year.

Rev. T. M. Arnold, Walters, Oklahoma

To the Eureka Association—I beg leave to report as follows; I have preached 95 sermons, conducted 8 funerals, married 27 couples, pastored 2 churches, witnessed 80 conversions, baptised 22.

Rev. W. J. Nance, Spiro, Okla.

To the Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows:—I have preached 65 sermons, married 3 couples, preached 5 funerals, baptised 26, witnessed 60 conversions, received \$10.00. I ask the prayers of the entire Association that I may do more next year.

Rev. Edd Petty, McCurtain, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows:—I have preached 143 sermons, witnessed 15 conversions, baptised 6, I have received into the church 8, married 5 couples, received for my year's work \$12.75.

Rev. R. P. Sanders, Spiro, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows:—Since Ordained July 14, 1935. I have preached 22 sermons, witnessed 14 conversions, baptised 3, filled 2 regular appointments. Pray for me.

Rev. D. J. Rowlett.

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

The business session was followed by a short intermission after which memorial Services were conducted by Rev. F. A. McCage.

The session was dismissed by Rev. Hubert Brown.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage. Singing by the choir. Lesson read 12 verses of 2nd. chapter of 2nd. Timothy. United prayer.

Motion made and carried that we place Rev. J. A. Boggs, name on Ministers Ledger Roll.

Motion made and carried that we accept the reports of our corresponding delegates who went to Grand River and Roberts McGee Associations.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the State Association Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Bro. J. F. Pratt, Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. J. A. Boggs.

Roberts McGee Association—Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. B. H. Peavy-house.

Gaines Creek Association—Rev. C. A. Brown, Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. J. F. Pratt.

Grand River Association—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Luther Roberts.

Motion made and carried that we send \$3.00 to the State Association for minutes.

The Fifth Sunday Meetings were then located as follows:—1st. Tamaha, 2nd Martin Box, 3rd Perry, 4th. San Bois.

Motion made and carried to omit the fifth, (5th) Sunday meeting in 1936.

Motion made and carried to have a 1000 minutes printed.

The moderator, appointed Sister Nellie LaFave, Sister Maggie Ragle

and Rev. Mel Atkinson, to write a letter of appreciation to the Lone Elm church and community for their kindness shown toward us while with them.

Motion made and carried that each church appoint a committee of three men to help in preparing and taking care of Association ground.

Rev. J. W. Crossno and Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, were then ordained as ministers.

Rev. J. W. Crossno, Ordaining Council members were: Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. H. O. Turner and Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Ordaining Council were: Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Motion made and carried that Rev. F. A. McCage, preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. L. B. Clark, Alternate.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet again on Thursday night before 1st Sunday in September 1936 A. D.

The Association was dismissed by prayer.

Sister Dovie LaFave, Clerk.

### CONSTITUTION

From the long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of God, 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 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 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 an ecclesiastical power over any church's 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 member who made it.

8. The association is to endeavor to furnish the church 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 1:20; 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 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 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 ye 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 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. 3:16; Matt. 28:19-20.

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; 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. I Cor. 11:23; John 13:14.

13. We believe that 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.

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 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 of spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of each other nor will we persecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our 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 commended 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."

## 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. Hubert Brown ----- Keota, Okla.
6. Rev. J. A. Boggs ----- Tamaha, Okla.
7. Rev. C. A. Brown ----- Kinta, Okla.
8. Rev. L. R. Crumb ----- McCurtain, Okla.
9. Rev. L. B. Clark ----- Spiro, Okla.
10. Rev. J. W. Crossno ----- Stigler, Okla.
11. Rev. B. E. Hickman ----- Stigler, Okla.
12. Rev. R. M. Hollins ----- McCurtain, Okla.
13. Rev. A. A. Holdridge ----- Hoyt, Okla.
14. Rev. J. C. Hill ----- Porum, Okla.
15. Rev. H. Long ----- McCurtain, Okla.
16. Rev. J. Maxwell ----- Spiro, Okla.
17. Rev. F. A. McCage ----- Stigler, Okla.
18. Rev. J. A. Mathis ----- Spiro, Okla.
19. Rev. W. J. Nance ----- Spiro, Okla.
20. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse ----- Stigler, Okla.
21. Rev. Edd Petty ----- McCurtain, Okla.
22. Rev. G. B. Robertson ----- Stigler, Okla.
23. Rev. D. J. Rowlett ----- Stigler, Okla.
24. Rev. J. R. Stoughton ----- Cartersville, Okla.
25. Rev. R. P. Sanders ----- Arkoma, Okla.
26. Rev. H. O. Turner ----- Stigler, Okla.
27. Rev. C. E. Kennedy ----- Tamaha, Okla.

## CHURCH LETTER

Post Office .....

Date .....

We, the Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptist worshipping  
at .....met in conference and el-  
ected the following delegates to represent us in the Eureka Association  
when convened with .....  
who 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 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 sent.....

minute money.

Rev. ...., Moderator

....., Church Clerk



