

# MINUTES

OF THE

1937

## THIRTEENTH 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 Cross Roads Church on Thursday Night  
before First Sunday in September, 1937, A. D.

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The Next Session of this Association Will Convene at Its  
Permanent Location with Cross Roads Church, 2½ Miles  
East of Stigler, Oklahoma, on Thursday Night  
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Introductory Sermon to be Preached by Rev. Hubert Brown;  
✓ Rev. L. R. Crumb, Alternate

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### OFFICERS:

Elder L. R. Crumb ..... Moderator  
Elder C. E. Kennedy ..... Assistant Moderator  
Sister Dovie LaFave ..... Clerk  
Sister 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 debates on all subjects, but not allowed 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. 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 future meetings of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day, or other equivalent 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 this 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 Sermons.
8. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seat in Council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. New Business.
11. Report of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. Lesson read from the 8th chapter of Romans, by Rev. C. E. Kennedy. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

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

Letters from old churches called for and received the following:

1. Sans Bois—Sister Nettie Colbert, Bro. Bill Colbert, Bro. and Sister Cricket Wehunt; Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Beatrice Kasiner, church clerk.
2. Cross Roads—Bro. Jess Venable, Sister Venable, Sister Scantlin; Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Bro. G. R. Stevenson, church clerk.
3. Mt. View—Sister Jessie Butler, Sister Minnie Bryant, Sister Pauline Tucker, Bro. W. M. Spears; Rev. G. B. Robertson, pastor; Sister Edna Tucker, church clerk.
4. Rocky Point—Sister Ruby Scroggins, Bro. Norman McClain, Bro. Murphy Ledford; Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Ruby Hartwick, church clerk.
5. Flower Hill—Sister S. F. Brewer, Sister Annie Fannon, Sister Edna Martin, Bro. C. F. Lovely; Rev. J. W. Shehorn, pastor; Sister Ona Brewer, church clerk.
6. Christian Gove—Sister Maymie Kennedy, Sister LaVerda Kennedy, Bro. Berry Kennedy; Rev. W. S. Copeland, pastor; Sister Maggie Bridges, church clerk.
7. Perry—Bro. Wesley Snow, Sister Mable Snow, Sister Lottie Turner; Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Etta Peck, church clerk.
8. Lone Elm—Bro. Walter Parker, Bro. Dock Lowe, Sister Marie Clyma; Rev. J. S. Yandell, pastor; Sister Dorsie Medlock, church clerk.
9. Fish Creek—Sister Martha Ann Smith, Sister Callie Killian, Sister May Pugh; Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Stella Pugh, church clerk.
10. Plain View—Bro. Ruben Freeman, Bro. Elmer Spangler, Sister Lela Richardson; Rev. J. E. Bridges, pastor; Sister Lillie Spangler, church clerk.
11. Iron Bridge—Sister Bessie Goins, Sister Evelene Baker, Bro. Henry Eskridge; Rev. Hubert Brown, pastor; Sister Bertie Bonds, church clerk.
12. Panther—Bro. Bill Hill, Bro. Joe Feilding, Bro. Loyd Davis; Bro. H. D. Allen, moderator; Sister Reba Hill, church clerk.
13. Rose Hill—Sister Ila Kelly, Bro. Henry Roy, Sister Mercedes Amos; Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Minnie Williams, church clerk.
14. Prairie Grove—Sister Annie Breazen, Sister Lue Martin, Sister L. J. Smith; Bro. Sutton, moderator; Sister Lucy Krumseik, church clerk.

15. Martin Box—Sister Mellie Bridges, Sister Pearl Jordon, Sister J. O. Groves; Rev. Clyde Hill, pastor; Sister Ruby Sutton, church clerk.

16. Belle Point—Bro. Clifton Davis, Sister Mae Davis, Sister Jewel Copeland; Rev. Hubert Brown, pastor; Sister Addie Nelson, church clerk.

17. Prairie Bell—Bro. Thurman Stroud, Bro. Walter Rhodes, Sister Edith Copeland, Sister Tiny Stiles; Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Betty Rhodes, church clerk.

18. Murry Spur—Sister Robbie Moore, Bro. Lester King, Bro. T. M. McKinzie; Rev. Earl Bridges, pastor; Sister Lela Ramsey, church clerk.

19. Woody—Sister Beatrice Burson, Sister Beulah Williams, Bro. Wiley Patton; Bro. Otho Williams, moderator; Sister Maggie Scrimsher, church clerk.

20. Tamaha—Bro. Clayton, Sister Clayton, Bro. Leonard Tackett; Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Ward, church clerk.

21. Rock Ford—Sister Lavada Cravens, Sister Freda Banks, Sister Rose McClary; Bro. Luster, moderator; Sister Hale, church clerk.

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

Right hand of fellowship was extended to Old Churches.

Called for the letters from new churches and received two.

1. Rock Island—Bro. J. A. Nealy, Bro. J. A. Emery, Sister Higgs; Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Bro. R. S. Johns, church clerk.

2. Old Bokoshe—Bro. Cary Avants, Sister Lillie Avants, Sister Lizzie Sanders; Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Ola Crow, church clerk.

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

Right hand of fellowship was extended to the new churches.

The officers were then elected for the ensuing year as follows: Rev. L. R. Crumb, moderator; Rev. C. E. Kennedy, assistant moderator; Sister Dovie LaFave, clerk; Sister Etta Peck, assistant clerk.

Rules of Order were then read by Rev. L. R. Crumb.

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

Called for corresponding delegates from other Associations, received none.

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

Session was dismissed by prayer.

The business session was followed by a short intermission, after which devotional services were conducted by Rev. Jimmie Maxwell. Had a great revival. Preaching by Rev. H. O. Turner.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by Rev. L. R. Crumb. Prayer by Bro. Ary.

The following committees were then appointed:

1. Devotional Committee—Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Johns, Bro. W. M. LaFave.
2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—Sister S. A. Lemley, Sister W. J. Snow, Bro. Dobdson.
3. Committee on Temperance—Sister C. C. Garland, Sister Dor-sie Medlock, Bro. W. J. Snow.
4. Committee on Query and Request—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. Henry Long, Bro. Loyd Hension.
5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons' Characters—Bro. Henry Roye, Bro. Jess Venerable. Bro. Colbert.
6. Committee on Resolutions—Rev. Wesley Crossno, Bro. Newt King, Bro. Emery.
7. Committee on Obituaries—Bro. Fountain, Sister Marie Clyma, Bro. Fielding.
8. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Rev. G. B. Robertson, Rev. J. E. Smith, Bro. Lowe.
9. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Bro. Chyten, Sister Maymie Kennedy.
10. Committee on Finance—Bro. W. M. Burgess, Bro. Ernest Bond, Bro. Otho Williams.
11. Ministers' Examining Council—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse.
12. Board of Directors of the Old Eureka Association—Rev. L. B. Clark, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. C. C. Garland.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. The session was dismissed by Rev. Dickson.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to Order by Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Brown, after which devotional services were conducted by Bro. Young. One hundred fifty testimonies were given. Preaching services by Elder Dickson. Had a wonderful revival.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by Rev. C. E. Kennedy from 1st chapter of Col. Prayer by Rev. Jones.

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

1. Devotional committee—We, your committee on Devotional Services, has leave to report as follows:

Friday Night—Bro. Young have charge of Devotional Services for 15 minutes and Rev. Dickson preach.

Saturday Morning—Rev. Lee Jones to preach the Memorial Services.

Saturday Night—Bro. Brown have charge of Devotional Service, Rev. W. J. Nance preach.

Sunday Morning—Rev. C. E. Kennedy to preach.

Sunday Night—Rev. Barb Hickman to preach.

BRO. W. M. LA FAVE, Chairman.

2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report as follows:

We endorse the old report with this amendment. We believe that each Sunday school superintendent should have a Bible Program at least twice a month, to encourage the young people to take more interest.

SISTER MABLE SNOW, Chairman.

Old Report—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 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 PRATT, Chairman.

3. Committee on Temperance—We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

Temperance implies that we should be free from all intoxicating drinks of any kind, and if any member be found guilty, he must make acknowledgments to the church.

That we abstain from breaking the Sabbath by such as hunting, fishing and intoxicating drinks, and by indulging in ungodly conversations.

We believe we should be temperate in all things and if not we should be liable.

SISTER C. C. GARLAND, Chairman.

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

That Clause No. 2 in Rules of Order be adopted to read as follows: "That visiting ministers and Brothers present are invited to seat in council and are allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, but are not allowed to vote.

REV. H. O. TURNER, Chairman.

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

We endorse the old report, and beg leave to add another phrase: "That we use Free Will Baptist Literature in all Sunday School work, also church work, unless two or more churches are combined to let the majority rule as to which literature should be used. In so doing we strengthen our own press.

SISTER MAYMIE KENNEDY, Chairman.

Old Report—That we take the Bible to be used as our discipline and our only infallible rule of our doctrine, faith and practice, and urge our members to use it as such. We recommend that 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. W. J. SNOW, Chairman.

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

We endorse the Old Report:

Old Report—Be it resolved that we forbid our members of the various churches of this 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, motion picture shows and Sunday Ball Games, or any such things as will hurt our Christian influence.

Anyone found guilty of such things should make acknowledgments to the church.

Be it resolved that all Free Will Baptist ministers make a true report of their success to the Association. We also 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 forbids its members, deacons or 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 custom of the Free Will Baptist 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 em-

power the moderator and clerk with authority to furnish the evangelist with recommendations, if he is found worthy.

Be it resolved that each member read his minutes more.

REV. J. E. SMITH, Chairman.

7. Committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Characters—We, your Committee on Ministers' and Deacons' characters, beg leave to report as follows:

We find all our ministers and deacons in good standing.

BRO. HENRY ROYE, Chairman.

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

We endorse the old report by asking our pastors to follow more closely Resolution No. 2.

BRO. J. A. EMERY, Chairman.

Old Report—Resolution 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 usages especially article 1 on page 47, in regard to Baptism.

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

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

Resolution 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.

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

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

Resolution 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.

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

REV. H. O. TURNER, Chairman.

9. Committee on Obituaries—We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows:

We sorrow over the loss of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Bro. Jack Mooneyham, Lone Elm Church; Sister Myrtle DeArmond, Woody Church; Infant Son of Bro. and Sister Hubert Brown, Iron Bridge Church; Sister Bertha Scroggins, Rocky Point Church; Bro. C. W. Poe, Bro. G. W. Workman, Panther Church; Dorothy Kennedy Christian Grove Church; Infant Son of Bro. and Sister Alvie



Hammons, Infant Son of Bro. and Sister Lowe, Infant Son of Bro. and Sister Hendrix, Rock Ford Church; Sister Bonnie Cook, Perry Church; Sister Ollie Dobson, Martin Box Church; Sister Nora Stiles, Prairie Bell Church; Sister June Copeland, Bro. Robert Overstreet, Bell Point Church; Son of Bro. and Sister Lester King, Murry Spur Church.

SISTER MARIE CLYMA, 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 \$36.09. The remaining balance was \$26.11 was left over from last year, making a total of -62.20.

The publishing expenses of minutes were \$28.50, mailing expenses were \$1.50, amount paid out on well from treasury, \$17.50, making a total of \$47.50 funds spent, leaving a total of \$14.70 in the treasury.

SISTER DOVIE LA FAVE, Clerk.

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

1. Cross Roads .....	\$2.00
2. Rose Hill .....	2.00
3. Flower Hill .....	2.00
4. Christian Grove .....	2.00
5. Rocky Point .....	2.00
6. Panther .....	2.00
7. Rock Island .....	2.50
8. Old Bokoshe .....	2.00
9. Fish Creek .....	2.16
10. Plain View .....	2.00
11. Mt. View .....	2.00
12. Prairie Grove .....	2.00
13. Sans Bois .....	2.00
14. Perry .....	2.05
15. Lone Elm .....	2.11
16. Iron Bridge .....	2.00
17. Tamaha .....	2.00
18. Martin Box .....	2.00
19. Prairie Bell .....	2.00
20. Murry Spur .....	2.00
21. Belle Point .....	2.00
22. Woody .....	2.00
23. Rock Ford .....	2.00
Total .....	\$46.82

BRO. W. M. BURGESS, Chairman.

Called for the ministers' reports and received the following:

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 182 sermons; witnessed 85 conversions and reclaimed; baptized 31; married six couples; preached nine funerals. Received for my year's work, \$149.22.

REV. L. R. CRUMB,  
Stigler, Okla.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

Since the Association last convened, I have preached 73 sermons; witnessed 29 conversions; baptized 3; held one funeral; married one couple. Pray for me that I will do more in the future than I have done in the past.

REV. D. J. RAWLETT,  
Spiro, Okla., Rt. 2.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 30 sermons; received for my year's work, \$2.00. Pray for me that I will do more next year.

REV. W. J. CROSSNO.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have pastored two churches; preached 46 sermons; conducted 13 funerals; married 7 couples; traveled 675 miles; received for my year's work:

At Iron Bridge .....	\$30.20
From Belle Point Church .....	43.33
From Other Donations .....	6.00
Total Collections .....	\$79.53

REV. HUBERT BROWN,  
Keota, Okla., Rt. 3.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 26 sermons; married one couple. Received \$1.35 for my year's work. Pray for me that I may do more next year.

REV. H. C. LONG,  
McCurtain, Okla.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 69 sermons; witnessed 9 conversions; organized one church.

REV. J. W. SHEHORN,  
Spiro, Okla., Rt. 1.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 55 sermons; witnessed 14 conversions; conducted 2 funerals; traveled 125 miles.

REV. JOHN ANDERSON,  
Pittsburg, Okla., Rt. 2.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have preached 35 sermons; held 5 funerals; held 2 revivals; witnessed 7 conversions. Received for my work, \$6.70.

REV. JIM MAXWELL,

Cartersville, Okla.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have pastored 4 churches; preached 114 sermons; conducted 20 funerals; held 5 revivals; organized one church at Old Bokoshe; witnessed 47 conversions; received 24 into the church; baptized 9; married 5 couples; traveled 2,378 miles. Received for my year's work as follows: Rock Island Church, \$69.39; Old Bokoshe, \$31.65; Prairie Bell, \$17.05; Oak Ridge, \$12.00; from other churches, \$3.80; making a total of \$133.89.

May God help us all to do our best for the field is truly white and the laborers are few.

REV. W. J. NANCE,

Spiro, Okla.

To the Eureka Association: I beg leave to report as follows:

I have pastored 2 churches; preached 62 sermons; witnessed 17 conversions; received into churches, 2; baptized 3; married one couple; I have received for my year's work from Plain View Church, \$12.48; Merry Spur Church, \$19.45; other donations, 75 cents making a total of \$32.68.

REV. J. E. BRIDGES,

Fort Smith, Ark., Rt. 2, Box 370.

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

The session was dismissed by Rev. Porter.

The business session was followed by a short intermission, after which memorial services were conducted by Rev. Lee Jones.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by Rev. L. R. Crumb from 6th chapter of Eph. Prayer by Bro. Jack Kinsey.

Motion made and carried that we accept the reports from the corresponding delegates who went to Grand River and Gaines Creek Associations.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the Grand River Association: Bro. W. M. LaFave, Sister W. M. LaFave, Sister Etta Peck.

To the Gaines Creek Association, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. Rose.

To the Roberts and McGee Association, Bro. Johns, Bro. Emery.

To the Hope Well No. 2 Association—Bro. Pratt, Sister Pratt.

State Association, Rev. H. O. Turner, Bro. C. C. Garland, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Bro. W. M. LaFave.

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

The moderator, Rev. L. R. Crumb, then appointed Bro. C. C. Garland to take the place of Rev. C. E. Kennedy on the Association Board of Directors, as Rev. C. E. Kennedy's time expired at this session of the Association.

Motion made and carried that we give the Board of Directors the authority to assess each member of each church of this Association a certain amount, according to the membership of the church. The proceeds will be spent in purchasing land and other supplies for the Association.

Motion was made and carried that we let the association settle the debt of \$17.50 that was paid on the well at the last session of the Association.

Motion made and carried that as the money that has been pledged for the well is collected, that it be paid back into the Association treasury.

Motion made and carried that we pay for the use of the tabernacle and lighting expenses, for a new well bucket, out of the \$10.55 that was made up by public donations, and after these expenses are paid, let the remainder be put into the Association treasury.

Motion made and carried that we have 1,000 minutes printed.

Motion made and carried that we remove Rev. F. A. McCage and Rev. T. M. Arnold's names from our membership roll, as they have become members of the Hopewell No. 2 Association.

Fifth Sunday meetings were then located as follows: 1st, Tama-ha; 2nd, Sans Bois; 3rd, Belle Point; 4th, Iron Bridge.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Hubert Brown preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Alternate.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in September, 1938 A. D.

The session was dismissed by Rev. L. R. Crumb.

SISTER DOVIE LA FAVE, 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.

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 of Lord it over God's heritage nor to have any 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 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; Matthew 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 that 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 of God. John 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.

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 nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1st Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and washing the Saints' feet are divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. Mark 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19-20; 1st 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 Saints' feet or let as many examine himself and so let him eat. I Cor. 11:28; 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 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 Baptist, adopt the following as our church covenant.

1. To watch over each other in love, to pray for each other as members of a common faith ever striving to keep the unity of spirit in the bond 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 hand of Christian Charity. In adopting this covenant, we become as a family and assume in a Christian

sense the care and responsibility that the members of a family shall feel for each other.

4. We will attend the stated meeting of our churches 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 hinder those who might wish to do so. Let us remember the law of God or in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and 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 households 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. Tom Anderson ..... McCurtain, Okla.
3. Rev. John Anderson ..... Pittsburg, Okla.
4. Rev. Hubert Brown ..... Keota, Okla.
5. Rev. J. A. Boggs ..... Tamaha, Okla.
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7. Rev. L. R. Crumb ..... McCurtain, Okla.
8. Rev. L. B. Clark ..... Spiro, Okla.
9. Rev. J. W. Crossno ..... Stigler, Okla.
10. Rev. B. E. Hickman ..... Stigler, Okla.
11. Rev. R. M. Hollins ..... McCurtain, Okla.
12. Rev. A. A. Holdridge ..... Hoyt, Okla.
13. Rev. J. C. Hill ..... Porum, Okla.
14. Rev. H. Long ..... McCurtain, Okla.
15. Rev. J. Maxwell ..... Spiro, Okla.
16. Rtv. J. A. Mathis ..... Spiro, Okla.
17. Rev. W. J. Nance ..... Spiro, Okla.
18. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse ..... Stigler, Okla.
19. Rev. R. Pearson ..... Stigler, Okla.
20. Rev. Edd Petty ..... McCurtain, Okla.
21. Rev. G. B. Robertson ..... Stigler, Okla.
22. Rev. D. J. Rowlett ..... Spiro, Okla.
23. Rev. J. R. Steughton ..... Cartersville, Okla.
24. Rev. R. P. Sanders ..... Arkoma, Okla.
25. Rev. J. W. Sheshorne ..... Spiro, Okla.
26. Rev. H. O. Turner ..... Stigler, Okla.
27. Rev. C. E. Kennedy ..... Stigler, Okla.

## 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 ....., who we pray you to seat to aid in all your deliberations, to-wit:

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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

