

# 1938 MINUTES

OF THE  
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

(SINCE THE DIVISION FROM ROBERTS  
McGEE, IN 1924)

THE CHURCH OF GOD  
DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTIST

Convened with the Cross Roads Church on Thursday Night  
Before First Sunday September, 1938 A. D.

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  
before First Sunday in September 1939 A. D.

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

## OFFICERS:

Elder H. O. Turner	-----	Moderator
Elder W. J. Nance	-----	Assistant Moderator
Sister Dovie LaFave	-----	Clerk
Sister Elta 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. Visiting ministers, present are invited to seat and 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 second.
5. When a motion has been made and second 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 moderator.
12. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.
13. In future meetings of the 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 Sermon.
8. Inviting 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. R. L. Crumb. Singing by the choir. Lesson read from 3rd. chapter of Psalm by Rev. F. A. McCage. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Yandell.

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. Hoyt—Sister George Carlton, Sister Ila Heslin, Rev. A. A. Holderidge, pastor; Sister Lizzie Gidion, Church Clerk.

2. Cross Roads—Bro. Jess Venerable, Bro. O. E. Dobson, Sister Wright. J. E. Yandell, pastor; Bro. G. R. Stevenson, church clerk.

3. Panther—Sister Kirkland, Bro. Renfrow, Bro. Baker; Bro. Poe; Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Lemley, Church Clerk.

4. Woody—Bro. Richard Hewett, Sister Beatrice Danson, Sister Menna Alderman, Sister Beulah Williams, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Maggie Schrimsher, Church Clerk.

5. Christian Grove—Bro. Al Johnson, Sister Lavenda Kennedy, Sister Ruth Kennedy, Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, pastor; sister Maggie Bridges, Bridges, Church Clerk.

6. Rock Island—Bro. J. A. Neeley, Bro. John Higgins, Bro. J. A. Emery, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Bro. N. M. Emery, Church Clerk.

7. Iron Bridge—Sister Doss, Bro. Doss, Bro. Henry Eskridge, Bro. Young, Rev. Hubert Brown, pastor; Sister Ruby Davis, Church Clerk.

8. Perry—Bro. Lee Smith, Bro. Homer Moore, Bro. Claud Booth, Bro. Wayne LaFave, Bro. L. R. Crumb, pastor; Sister Ruby LaFave, Church Clerk.

9. Havana—Bro. Will Ragle, Bro. Alvis Dunlap, Sister Mittie Roberts, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor; Sister Allie Robertson, Church Clerk.

10. Rose Hill—Bro. Carl Coonfield, Sister Jaunita Amos, Sister Alta Hala, Rev. C. A. Bronn, pastor, Sister Ila Kelley, Church Clerk.

11. Lone Elm—Bro. Dock Lowe, Bro. Redmond Brigance, Bro. Gene Medlock, Rev. Barb Hickman, pastor; Sister Dorrisie Medlock Church Clerk.

12. Tamaha—Bro. Clarence Clayton, Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Clara Ward, Church Clerk.

13. Flower Hill—Sister Edna Martin, Sister Georgia Mae Maxwell, Sister Lydia Johnson, Rev. R. P. Sanders, pastor; Sister Osa Lucille Brewer, Church Clerk.

14. Rock Ford—Sister McClary, Sister Banks, Sister Artlee Moore, Bro. Combs, Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Minnie Hale, Church Clerk.

15. Panama—Sister Susie Jones, Sister Sarah Bice, Bro. John Nelson, Bro. W. C. McCormick, moderator; Sister Minnie Nelson, Church Clerk.

16. Murry Spur—Bro. Marvin King, Bro. Mat Poe, Rev. Earl Bridges, pastor; Arvel King, Church Clerk.

17. Sans Bois—Bro. Clint Harris, Bro. Cricket Wehunt, Sister Letha Wehunt, Rev. Edd Petty, pastor; Sister Beatrice Kasiner, Church Clerk.

18. Prairie Belle—Sister E. D. Nance, Sister Lillie Straid, Bro. Walter Rhodes, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor, Sister Betty Rhodes,

19. Belle Point—Sister Mae Davis, Bro. Cliff Davis, Sister Bertha Long, Bro. Dick Coy, moderator; Sister Addie Nelson, Church Clerk.

20. Prairie Grove—Sister Thelma Honeycutt, Sister Ruby Kayler, Rev. G. F. Sutton moderator; Sister Thelma Honeycutt, Church Clerk.

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

Right hand of fellowship was extended to old churches.

Call for letters from new churches and received the following:

1. Keota—Bro. J. D. Gentry, Bro. Richard Webb, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor; Sister Jossie Patton, Church Clerk.

2. Seven Oaks—Sister Irene Yancy, Sister Peters, Sister Vennie Yancy, Rev. J. A. Boggs, pastor; Sister Ivie Watts, Church Clerk.

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

Right hand of fellowship was extended to new churches.

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

Rev. H. O. Turner, moderator; Rev. W. J. Nance, Assistant moderator; Sister Dovie LeFave, Clerk; Sister Etta Peck, Assistant Clerk.

Rules of Order were read by Rev. W. J. Nance, Assistant moderator.

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 and receive the following:

Gaines Creek Association—Rev. Tommie Roberts, Sister Marie Roberts, Rev. S. H. Braden, Sister S. H. Braden, Bro. Edd Wright, Bro. and Sister Ray Wilkerson.

Roberts McGee Association—Elder J. E. Yandell.

Hope Well No. 2.—Rev. F. A. McCage, Sister F. A. McCage, Rev. T. M. Arnold, sister T. M. Arnold.

Grand River Association—Bro. and Sister John Peck, Bro. and Sister Bynman.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 1.00 o'clock Friday afternoon. The session was dismissed by Rev. Tommie Roberts.

The business session was followed by a short intermission after which devotional services were ldd by Rev. L. R. Crumb, and as Rev. Hubert Brown was absent Rev. Tommie Roberts preached. Had a great revival.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to Order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by Rev. W. J. Nance from 23 Psalm. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

The following Committees were then appointed:

1. Devotional Committee—Bro. S. A. Lemley, Bro. Will Ragle, Rev. W. M. LaFave.
2. Committee on Sabbath School—Sister C. C. Garland, Sister S. A. Lemley, Sister Long.
3. Committee on Temperance—Sister Heflin, Sister Sanders, Bro. Frank Pratt.
4. Committee on Query and Request—Bro. Luther Roberts, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. Henry Long.
5. Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters—Bro. Hewitt, Bro. J. D. Gentry, Bro. Dorsie Medlock.
6. Committee on Resolution—Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Bro. J. A. Emery, Bro. Omar Moore.
7. Committee on Obituaries—Sister Ruby LaFave, Bro. Al Johnson, Bro. Clarence Poe, Sister Clayton, Sister Georgia Mae Maxwell, Sister Copeland.
8. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Rev. F. A. McCage, C. E. Kennedy, Bro. J. L. Powell.
9. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Bro. Clayton, Bro. Jimmie Maxwell, Sister Mittie Roberts.
10. Committee on Finance—Rev. J. E. Smith, Rev. Clyde Hill, Bro. Wickersham.
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. C. C. Garland, Bro. W. M. LaFave.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 9:00 o'clock Saurday morning. The session was dismissed by Elder J. E. Yandell.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House was called to Order by the Moderator Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Had a united prayer, after which devotional services were conducted by Sister W. J. Nance. Rev. F. A. McCage preached, again had a great revival.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSSION

House was called to Order by the Moderator Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Lesson read from 8th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Luther Roberts.

Motion made and carried that Rev. C. E. Kennedy serve as Assistant Moderator as Rev. W. J. Nance was absent.

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

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

Friday Night—Sister W. J. Nance conduct Devotional Service, and Rev. F. A. McCage preach.

Saturday Morning—Rev. L. R. Crumb conduct Devotional Services, and Rev. T. M. Arnold preach.

Saturday Night—Bro. Frank Pratt to conduct Devotional Services and Rev. Bynman preach.

Sunday Morning—Bro. C. C. Garland conduct Devotional Services.

BRO. WILL RAGLE, Chairman.

2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—We your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: We endorse old report with this amendment. That all our Sunday School Teachers must be Christians in good standing with their church.

SISTER C. C. GARLAND, 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 all our Sunday School teachers must be Christians in good standing with their church, 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: We endorse the Old Report and believe that it should be carried out in the right spirit.

SISTER ILA HEFLIN, Chairman.

Old Report—Temperance implies that we should be free from all intoxicating drinks of any kind, and if any mamber be found guilty, he must make acknowledgements 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: We endorse the Old Report with this amendment. That Free Will Baptist Ministers, who carry Free Will Baptist Credentials, be stopped from preaching at the time they are found failing to preach the Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

BRO. LUTHER ROBERTS, Chairman.

Old Report—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 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 Old Report as it is.

SISTER MITTIE ROBERTS, Chairman.

Old Report—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 press.

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 Arrangments—We, your Committee on Bill of Arrangments, beg leave to report as follows: Seeing the great need of a better unity between our ministers, we recommend that our ministers affiliate with our ministers conference, and endeavor to establish some method of Education.

That each Church of the Association endorse the Tithing System as the Finance System of supporting the cause. That each of our ministers observe and teach Tithing, and that each of our ministers endeavor to established the Tithing System in each church under their care.

REV. C. E. KENNEDY, 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. J. D. GENTRY, Chairman

8. Committee on Resolutions—We your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: We endorse the Old Report. We also ask that Res. No. 9. be added to Old Report.

REV. A. A. HOLDRIDGE, Chairman.

Old Report—Res. 1: Owing to the fact that we the Eureka Association, adopted the usages and Treatise of the Free Will Baptists, be it resolved that we strictly adhere to the usages, especially of 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 their association until he becomes a member of some church in good standing.

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

Res. 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.

Res. No. 7: Be it resolved that we erase ministers name, who have surrendered their Credentials to the Moderator of the Association, from the Ministers' Record and County Minister's Record, showing 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 our church services.

Res. No. 9: Be it resolved that we the Eureka Association, abide by the Treatise in having a Minister's and Deacons' Conference, and demand that our ministers attend regularly, or report by letter, and should any of our ministers refuse to do so without lawful excuse, he shall be subject to discipline.

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: Infant son of Bro. and Sister Short, Bro. and Sister Roy Parker, Iron Bridge Church; Bro. Ernest McKennse of Christian Grove Church; also son of Bro. and Sister Lowery, Christian Grove Church; Sister Salla St. Clair of Cross Roads Church; Sister Martha Workman, Sister Lectie Workman, Panther Church; Infant baby of Sister Mattie Pridemore, Belle Point Church; Sister Mildred Roye of Rose Hill Church; Bro. T. M. McKinzie, Murry Spur Church; Sister Maggie Bolinger, Bro. W. T. Cailton, Hoyt Church; Infant daughters of Br. and Sister Jean formerly Rock Ford Church; Bro. Author Rose from Lone Elm Church; Sister Thelma Cole, Norris, Okla., from Roberts McGee Association; Sister Vergie Winters, Gains Creek Association; Sister Mary Roberts from Grand River Association.

SISTER RUBY LAFAVE, Chairman.



10. Repor 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 \$46.82. The remaining balance left over from last year was \$14.70 making a total at the beginning of the year of \$61.52.

Publishing expenses of the minutes \$36.00. mailing expenses \$1.75, paper, ink etc. 50c left over expenses of well bucket etc. 69c, making a total of \$38.94 funds spent leaving a total of \$22.58 in the treasure.

SISTER DOVIE LAFAVE, Clerk.

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

1. Rock Island .....	\$2.00
2. Prairie Grove .....	\$2.00
3. Hoyt .....	\$2.00
4. Panther .....	\$2.00
5. Christian Grove .....	\$2.00
6. Iron Bridge .....	\$2.00
7. Perry .....	\$2.00
8. Havana .....	\$2.00
9. Rose Hill .....	\$2.00
10. Lone Elm .....	\$2.00
11. Keota .....	\$2.00
12. Tamaha .....	\$2.00
13. Flower Hill .....	\$2.00
14. Prairie Belle .....	\$2.00
15. Woody .....	\$2.00
16. Belle Point .....	\$2.00
17. San Bois .....	\$2.00
18. Cross Roads .....	\$2.00
19. Rock Ford .....	\$2.00
20. Panama .....	\$2.00
21. Murry Spur .....	\$2.00
22. Seven Oaks .....	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$44.02</b>

REV. J. E. SMITH, Chairman.

Call for the Ministers reports and received the following:

To the Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 2 churches, preached 46 sermons, Baptized 8, conducted 10 funerals, married 7 couples, traveled 733 miles, received for my work \$60.55.

REV. HUBERT BROWN, Keota, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 61 sermons, witnessed 52 conversions, married 4 couples, conducted 9 funerals.

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

To the Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 1 church, preached 30 sermons, witnessed 9 conversions, received into the church 3, married 1 couple, I have received for my year's work from Murry Spur Church \$34.30; other donations \$1.50 total \$35.80.

REV. J. E. BRIDGES, Route 3; Ft. Smith, Ark.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 1 church, help hold two revivals, preached 55 sermons, witnessed 25 conversions, conducted 4 funerals, received for my pastoral work \$38.85 from the Christian Grove Church.

REV. JIMMIE MAXWELL.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 1:30 Saturday afternoon. The session was dismissed by prayer.

The business session was followed by devotional services conducted by Rev. L. R. Crumb and memorial services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to Order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by Moderator from 5th chapter of Thes. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

Motion made and carried that we accept the reports from Corresponding delegates who went to the Grand River, State, Hopewell No. 2, Roberts McGee, and Gaines Creek Associations.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the State Association: Bro. Herman Doss, Bro. Dock Lowe.

Grand River Association—Bro. and Sister W. M. LaFave, Bro. and Sister Lois Turner, Sister Etta Peck, Bro. and Sister Luther Roberts.

Gaines Creek Association—Bro. and Sister Clayton, Bro. Gene Medlock, Sister Dove LaFave.

Roberts McGee Association—Bro. Emery, Bro. Fountain, Bro. Pratt.

Hopewell N. 2—Bro. Luther Roberts, Rev. H. O. Turner; Bro. Pratt.

Motion made and carried that we send \$2.50 as minute funds to the State Association.

Motion made and carried to pay expenses of delegates to the State Association.

Motion made and carried to pay from the treasure the expense of last year's delegates to the State Association.

Motion made and carried to pay clerk \$10.00 and Assistant Clerk \$5.00.

Motion made and carried to have 1,000 minutes printed for the year of 1938-39.

Motion made and carried that the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting will meet on Thursday night before 3rd Sunday in October 1938. With Panther Church at McCurtain, Okla.

Fifth Sunday Meetings were then located as follows: 1st—Rock Ford; 2nd, Perry; 3rd Havana; 4th, Tamaha.

Motion made and carried that Rev. H. O. Turner to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. L. R. Crumb alternate.

Motion made and carried that the Board of Directors of the Eureka Association make arrangements necessary for the holding of the Association and the Association will take care of expenses thereof.

Rev. M. W. Atkerson was then Ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Ordaining Council—Rev. R. P. Sanders, Rev. J. M. Mathis, Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet again on Thursday night before 1st Sunday in September in 1939, A. D.

The session was dismissed by Rev. H. O. Turner.

SISTER LAFAVE, Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION

From the long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of God, being regularly baptized 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 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 when to 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 therefor. 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 clerk 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 Saviour 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 unit 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 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 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 of God or 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 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. Mel Atkinson ----- McCurtain, Okla.
2. Rev. W. M. Atkerson ----- Sallisaw, Okla.
3. Rev. Tom Andersen ----- McCurtain, Okla.
4. Rev. John Anderson ----- Pittsburg, Okla.
5. Rev. J. E. Bridges ----- Ft. Smith, Ark.
6. Rev. Hubert Brown ----- Keota, Okla.
7. Rev. J. A. Boggs ----- Tamaha, Okla.
8. Rev. C. A. Brown ----- Kinta, Okla.
9. Rev. L. R. Crumb ----- McCurtain, Okla.
10. Rev. L. B. Clark ----- Spiro, Okla.
11. Rev. J. W. Crossno ----- Stigler, Okla.
12. Rev. B. E. Hickman ----- Stigler, Okla.
13. Rev. R. M. Hollins ----- McCurtain, Okla.
14. Rev. A. A. Holdridge ----- Hoyt, Okla.
15. Rev. J. C. Hill ----- Porum, Okla.
16. Rev. H. Long ----- McCurtain, Okla.
17. Rev. J. Maxwell ----- Spiro, Okla.
18. Rev. J. A. Mathis ----- Spiro, Okla.
19. Rev. W. J. Naace ----- Spiro, Okla.
20. Rev. B. H. Peavyhouse ----- Stigler, Okla.
21. Rev. R. Pearson ----- Stigler, Okla.
22. Rev. Edd Petty ----- McCurtain, Okla.
23. Rev. G. B. Robertson ----- Stigler, Okla.
24. Rev. D. J. Rowlett ----- Spiro, Okla.
25. Rev. G. F. Sutton ----- Stigler, Okla.
26. Rev. J. E. Stoughton ----- Cartersville, Okla.
27. Rev. R. P. Sanders ----- Arkoma, Okla.
28. Rev. J. W. Sheshorne ----- Spiro, Okla.
29. Rev. H. O. Turner ----- Stigler, Okla.
30. 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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 the next session of the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Association. We sent \_\_\_\_\_ minute money.

Rev. \_\_\_\_\_, Moderator

\_\_\_\_\_, Church Clerk

