

Keaton

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION
(SINCE THE DIVISION FROM ROBERT
McGEE, IN 1924)
THE CHURCH OF GOD
DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTIST

Convened with the Cross Roads Church on Thursday Night
Before First Sunday in September, 1939 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 1940 A. D.

Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. L. R. Crumb;
Rev. C. Rose, Alternate.

OFFICERS:

Elder H. O. Turner	-----	Moderator
Elder W. J. Nance	-----	Assistant Moderator
Sister Dovie LaFave	-----	Clerk
Sister Etta Peck	-----	Assistant Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

Presented By

Winnie B. McLain

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 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 second.
5. When a motion has been made and second 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 arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day, or other equivalent excises.
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 the 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 Brethern to seat in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. New Business.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator Rev. H. O. Turner, singing by the choir. Devotional services conducted by Bro. Luther Roberts. Preaching services by Rev. O'Donnel had a great revival.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner, singing by the choir. Prayer by Bro. Luther Roberts. Lesson read by moderator.

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

Letters from Old Churches called for and received the following:

Oak Ridge—Sister Lena Bailes, Bro. Tom Bailes, Bro. Earnest Forrester, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Lessie Bailes, Church Clerk, Stigler, Okla.

2. Flower Hill—Sister S. F. Brewer, Sister Jewel Copeland, Sister Annie Fannon, Rev. J. D. Howelctt, Pastor, Sister Effie Brewer, Church Clerk, Spiro, Okla.

3. Praire Bell—Sister Etta Dell Nance, Sister Ollie Birchfield, Sister Nellie Davis, Bro. Eugene Wilburn, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor, Sister Lena King, Church Clerk, Spiro, Okla.

4. Keota—Sister Mitchell, Sister Jessie Muse, Sister Nancy Greenwalt, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Pastor, Sister Jossie Patton, Church Clerk, Keota, Okla.

5. Hoyt—Sister Ila Heflin, Sister Susie Holdridge, Sister Lon Mabray, Rev. T. H. Dixon, Pastor, Sister Lizzie Gidcon, Church Clerk, Hoyt, Okla.

6. Sans Bois—Bro. Johnnie Moore, Bro. McDuncan, Bro. William Wehunt, Bro. Clint Harris, Rev. Edd Petty, Pastor, Sister Ethel Johnson, Church Clerk, Kinta, Okla.

7. Murry Spur—Sister W. J. King, Bro. Marvin King, Bro. Tracy McKinzie, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Pastor, Sister Irby King, Church Clerk, Spiro, Okla.

8. Panama—Sister Ollie Bice, Sister Emma Kinsey, Sister Susie James, Rev. J. D. Rowlett, Pastor, Sister Minnie Nelson, Church Clerk, Panama, Okla.

9. Havana—Bro. Everett Nolen, Sister Thelia Nolen, Bro. Will Ragle, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor, Sister Allie Robertson, Church Clerk, Stigler, Okla.

10. Christian Grove—Rev. Riley Haskins, Bro. Elemr Spangler, Bro. Jack Vaughn, Bro. Sidney Holt, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Pastor, Bro. Jake Loudermilk, Church Clerk, Ft. Smith, Ark.

11. Iron Bridge—Sister Clara Doss, Sister Minnie Ruth Doss, Sister Claudie Gean Bonds, Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor, Sister Bertie Bonds, Church Clerk, Keota, Okla.

12. Panther—Bro. Jack Kirkland, Sister Madewell, Sister Ataway,

Sister Casey, Sister Davis, Sister Renfrow, Bro. Joe Lemley, Moderator, Sister S. A. Lemley, Church Clerk, McCurtain, Okla.

13. Mt. View—Sister Edith King, Sister Irene Tucker, Sister Minnie Bryant, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor, Sister Anna Barnes, Church Clerk, Stigler, Okla.

14. Prairie Grove—Bro. Jesse Hamilton, Sister Lue Martin, Sister Bertha Honeycutt, Rev. G. F. Sutton, Pastor, Sister Jewell Hamilton, Church Clerk.

15. Perry—Bro. Buford Trickett, Sister Jewell Trickett, Sister Wilma Roberts, Rev. J. Howard, Pastor, Bro. Wesley Snow, Church Clerk, Stigler, Okla.

16. Cross Roads—Bro. Jess Venerable, Sister Laura Wright, Sister Scantlin, Rev. J. E. Yandell, Pastor, Bro. G. R. Stevenson, Church Clerk, Stigler, Okla.

17. Tamaha—Bro. Clayton, Sister Clayton, Bro. Frank Rainwater, Rev. Rose, Moderator, Sister Beulah Ledbetter, Church Clerk Tamaha, Okla.

18. Lone Elm—Bro. Gene Medlock, Sister Louie Clyma, Sister Beulah Cordle, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Dorsie Medlock, Church Clerk, Keota, Okla.

19. Seven Oaks—Sister Floy Peters, Sister Yancy, Sister O'Donnel, Rev. J. A. Boggs, Pastor, Bro. H. W. O'Donnel, Church Clerk, Sallisaw, Okla.

20. Rock Ford—Bro. Arthur Hendrix, Bro. Homer Brown, Sister Rose McClary, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor, Sister Minnie Hale, Church Clerk, Keota, Okla.

21. Rock Island—Bro. A. Williams, Bro. Ralph Jogen, Sister Ralph Jogen, Rev. C. M. Church, Pastor, Sister Gussie Williams, Church Clerk, Rock Island, Okla.

22. Rocky Point—Bro. Murphy Ledford, Sister Bessie Ledford, Sister Sussie Walker, Rev. G. F. Sutton, Pastor, Sister Ruby Hartwick, Church Clerk, McCurtain, Okla.

23. Rose Hill—Sister Vesta Leffler, Bro. Melvin Reading, Bro. Carl Coonfield, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor, Sister Mamie Martin, Church Clerk, McCurtain, Okla.

Motion made and carried that we receive the letters from Old Churches as read and seat the delegates.

Right hand of fellowship was extended to Old Churches.

Officers for the ensuing year was then elected as follows: Rev. H. O. Turner, Moderator; Rev. W. J. Nance, Assistant Moderator; Sister Dovie LaFave, Clerk; Sister Etta Peck, Assistant Clerk.

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

Called for letters from New Churches and received the following.

1. Edmond Chapel—Sister Rosa Casiner, Bro. Willie Powell, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Pastor, Sister Perl Monen, Church Clerk, Kinta, Okla.

2. Praire Dell—Sister Kinsey, Sister Buttram, Sister Clara Turney, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor, Sister Eva Lou Callahan, Church Clerk, Stigler, Okla.

3. Lone Dove—Sister Lela Brown, Sister Geraldeen Roberts, Sister Nancy Roberts, Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Pastor, Sister Ruth Herring, Church Clerk, Spiro, Okla.

4. Walters—Bro. Roy Wheeler, Sister Maud Cantrell, Sister Alice Sixkeller, Rev. M. W. Atkerson, Pastor, Sister Hazel Woodward, Church Clerk, Vian, Okla.

Motion made and carried that we receive the letters as read from New Churches and seat the delegates.

Called for Corresponding Delegates and visiting brethren and sisters from other associations and received the following:

First Mission Association—Rev. O'Donnel.

Robert and McGee Association—Rev. J. E. Yandell.

Grand River Association—Sister Laura Arnold, Rev. Carrner, Sister Carrner, Bro. Ollie Riddle, Rev. Bynman, Sister Bynman, Bro. and Sister Levi Arnold, Bro. and Sister Rue Riddle, Bro. Tommie Riddle.

Gaines Creek—Rev. Tommie Roberts, Sister Marie Roberts, Bro. Edd Wright.

Motion made and carried that these delegates, visiting brethren and sisters be seated in association.

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

The business session was folled by devotional services led by Sister Laura Arnold, and preaching services led by Rev. H. O. Turner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by Rev. W. J. Nance. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Holdridge.

The following Committees were then appointed.

1. Devotional Committee—Bro. Luther Roberts, Bro. G. R. Stevenson, Bro. S. A. Lemley.

2. Committee on Sabbath School—Sister Nellie LaFave, Sister Ollie Bice, Sister Alice Powell.

3. Committee on Temperance—Sister Warren, Sister Maudie Rowlett, Sister Clayton, Sister O'Donell, Sister Buttram.

4. Committee on Query and Request—Bro. Mart Fowler, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. C. N. Rose.

5. Committee on Deacons Characters—Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. Rowlett, Rev. Sutton.

6. Committee on Ministers Characters—Bro. Leamon Harrell, Bro. Spangler, Bro. Clayton.

7. Committee on Resolution—Bro. A. A. Holdridge, Bro. Holland, Bro. W. M. LaFave.

8. Committee on Obituaries—Sister Lemley, Sister Holt, Sister Broom, Sister Cordell.

9. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Bro. Henry Long, Bro. Powell.

10. Committee on Books and Periodicals—Bro. Roy Wheeler, Bro. Will Ragle, Bro. Buford Trickett.

11. Committee on Finance—Bro. Ernest Bond, Rev. Hill, Sister Dorrie Medlock.

12. Ministers Examining Council—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse.

13. Board of Directors of the Old Eureka Association—Rev. C. C. Garland, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Luther Roberts.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 8:30 o'clock, Saturday morning. Dismissed by Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House was called to order by Moderator, Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir, after which devotional services were led by Sister Carrner. Rev. J. E. Yandell preached, had a great revival.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. L. R. Crumb. Lesson read by Rev. H. O. Turner.

As the Assistant Moderator was absent Rev. C. Rose acted as Assistant Moderator pro tem.

Rev. C. E. Kennedy was then elected by the association as the evangelist for the ensuing year.

Motion made and carried that Bro. Will Ragle, Bro. Albert Dudley, Rev. L. R. Crumb serve as an Executive Board in connection with Evangelistic work. With Rev. L. R. Crumb acting chairman and Bro. Albert Dudley secretary.

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

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

Friday Night—Sister Carrner conduct Devotional Services, Rev. J. E. Yandell preach.

Saturady Morning—Rev. Hubert Brown to preach Memorial Service.

Saturady Night—Sister Lemley to conduct Devotional Services. Rev. L. B. Clark to preach.

Sunday Morning—Bro. Pratt to conduct Devotiional Service. Rev. L. R. Crumb to preach.

BRO. LUTHER ROBERTS, Chairman.

2. Commiee on Sabbath School—We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report as follows: We endorse old report as it stands and urge that every Sunday School have a Bible class.

SISTER W. M. LAFAVE, Chairman.

Old Report—We ask 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 a greater interest in Sunday School work and in teaching the children the word of God for so many 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 old report and believe it should be carried out in right way. We urge all churches to take more interest in complying to rules.

SISTER DELLA WARREN, Chairman.

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

We also urge that our members abstain from breaking the Sabbath by such as hunting, fishing, drinking intoxicating, and indulging in ungodly conversations.

We believe we should be temperate in all things.

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 request that this association endorse and elect an evangelist for the ensuing year, as we feel that it would strengthen our association.

We request that this association send a petition to Grand River Association, asking them to release Sequoyah County from their association, as this association is nearer for churches in that county.

We also request that a letter of explanation accompany the petition, to the Grand River Association explaining that we feel that Sequoyah County, automatically should belong to our association, as we released them by request, that they might organize an association in that county, and that the association elect a committee to write the letter of explanation.

We request that this association request each church to contribute accordingly to their membership and ability to support the evangelist.

REV. C. E. KENNEDY, Chairman.

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

BRO. WILL RAGLE, Chairman.

Old Report: That we use Free Will Baptist Literature, in all our Sunday School work, also church work unless two or more churches are combined, then let the majority rule as to which literature should be used. In so doing we will 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 members of Free Will Baptist 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: We adopt old report.

REV. JIMMIE MAXWELL, Chairman.

Old Report—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 endorse the Tithing System as a Finance System of supporting the cause. That each of our ministers observe and teach Tithing and endeavor to establish the Tithing System in each church under their care.

REV. C. E. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Committee on Deacons Character—We your Committee on Deacons Characters, beg leave to report as follows: We find a complaint in most all of our churches of the association, that the Deacons are not discharging their duties as deacons, and part of the deacons are walking disorderly in the church, and we request that the association request that each church, that has disorderly deacons, to take care of them.

REV. L. R. CRUMB, Chairman.

8. Committee on Minister's Character—We, your committee on Minister's character beg leave to report as follows: We find all our ministers in good standing, except three ministers, who belong to Flower Hill, Prairie Bell and Christian Grove. We ask that these churches attend to this at once.

BRO. CLAYTON, Chairman.

9. Committee on Resolutions—We, your committee on resolutions beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report.

REV. R. M. HOLLAND, Chairman.

OLD REPORT:

Res. 1: Owing to the fact that we, the Eureka Asociation, 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 the treatise, 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 in the association 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 association grant moderator and clerk power to have minutes printed where they can get the cheapest and best work done.

Res. No. 7: Be it resolved that we erase ministers names who have surrendered their credentials to the moderator of association, from the minister's record, also from 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 deacon's 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.

10. 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. Edd Coonfield, infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Jim Petree of Rose Hill; Sister Dovie Honeycutt, Prairie Grove; Sister Irene Robertson, Sister Martha Atkinson, Rocky Point; Bro. George Williams, Rock Island church; Sister Livesay, Cross Roads; Bro. Bob Henderson, Perry; Bro. W. G. Puckett, Sister B. F. Kennedy, Christian Grove; Bro. J. E. Hess, Lone Elm; Infant son of Bro. and Sister John Ballard, Rock Ford; Sam Pendergrass, the husband of Sister Alta Pendergrass; Sister Mary Davis, Iron Bridge; Bro. Bud Long and Sister Markman, Panther church; Sister Ada Davis, Sans Bois church; infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Leonard Tackett; infant daughter of Sister Helen Welton, Tamaha; Sister Ruby Mullins and Sister Anna Metcalf, Tucker; infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Dock Lowe of Lone Elm church.

SISTER LEMLEY, Chairman.

11. 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 \$44.02. The remaining balance left over from last year was \$22.58, making a total of \$66.60. Publishing expense of minutes \$38.00. Expenses of delegates to the state association in 1938 \$6.00; Mailing expense of minutes, \$1.50, making a total of \$60.50, leaving a balance of \$6.10 in the treasury.

SISTER DOVIE LAFAYE, Clerk.

12. Committee on Finance—We, your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows:

1. Iron Bridge	— — — — —	\$2.00
2. Rock Ford	— — — — —	\$2.00
3. Oak Ridge	— — — — —	\$2.00
4. Walters	— — — — —	\$2.00
5. Rocky Point	— — — — —	\$2.00
6. Havana	— — — — —	\$2.00
7. Panther	— — — — —	\$2.00
8. Sans Bois	— — — — —	\$2.00
9. Prairie Dell	— — — — —	\$2.00
10. Seven Oaks	— — — — —	\$2.00
11. Keota	— — — — —	\$2.00
12. Prairie Bell	— — — — —	\$2.00
13. Flower Hill	— — — — —	\$2.00
15. Mt. View	— — — — —	\$2.00
16. Cross Roads	— — — — —	\$2.25
17. Prairie Grove	— — — — —	\$2.00
18. Tamaha	— — — — —	\$2.00
19. Lone Elm	— — — — —	\$2.00
20. Panama	— — — — —	\$2.00
21. Lone Dove	— — — — —	\$2.00
22. Rock Island	— — — — —	\$2.00
23. Rose Hill	— — — — —	\$2.00
24. Edmond Chapel	— — — — —	\$2.00
25. Christian Grove	— — — — —	\$2.00
26. Murray Spur	— — — — —	\$2.00
27. Perry	— — — — —	\$2.20
TOTAL	— — — — —	\$54.45

BRO. EARNEST BONDS, Chairman.

Report of the Board of directors—We, your board of directors, beg leave to report as follows: There has been \$66.15 collected from the various churches to pay on the land purchased for the association. This amount (\$66.15) not being sufficient funds to pay for the land, we borrowed \$35.00, which is due September 15, 1939. We also owe \$5.00 for tabernacle rent; \$7.04 for sheet iron and \$3.00 for cleaning the well, making a total of \$50.04.

REV. L. B. CLARK, Chairman

Motion made and carried that Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Bro. Mart Fowler, Bro. W. M. LaFave serve on a committee to write a letter of explanation to Grand River association in regard to boundary lines of this association in Sequoyah county.

Called for letters from ministers and received one:

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 1 church, preach-

ed 40 sermons, helped in two revivals; baptized 11; preached 5 funerals; married 18 couples; received for my year's work \$28.50. I ask the prayers of God's people that I'll do more next year.

REV. J. A. BOGGS, Sallisaw, Okla.

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

The business session was followed by a short intermission after which memorial services were preached by Rev. Hubert Brown. Had a great revival.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by Rev. C. Rose. Prayer.

Motion made and carried that we receive the reports from corresponding delegates who attended Grand River, Gaines Creek, Roberts and McGee, State and Hopewell No. 2 associations.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the: State association—Bro. and Sister Luther Roberts, Bro. and Sister Mart Fowler, Rev. L. R. Crumb.

2. Grand River association—Bro. Mart Fowler, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Sister Etta Peck.

3. Gaines Creek association—Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Bro. W. M. Burgess.

Hopewell No. 2—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. C. Rose.

5. Roberts McGee—Rev. H. O. Turner, Sister Dovie LaFave, Rev. Rowlett.

Motion made and carried that we send \$2.00 as minute money to the state association.

Motion made and carried that the clerk have 1200 minutes printed this year.

Motion made and carried that we pay clerk \$10.00 and assistant clerk \$5.00, total \$15.00.

Fifth Sunday meetings were then located as follows: 1st—Prairie Dell; 2nd—Tamaha; 3rd—Oak Ridge; 4th—Christian Grove.

Motion made and carried that this association grant Rev. Johnnie Anderson a letter from this association to Gaines Creek association.

Bro. Luther Roberts was then appointed to serve on the board of directors, by the moderator.

Rev. Riley Haskins was then ordained as a minister, and Bro. Jessie Hamilton and Bro. Joseph Mott were ordained as deacons.

Ordaining council, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, and Rev. H. O. Turner.

Motion made and carried that Rev. L. R. Crumb preach the introductory sermon and Rev. C. Rose, alternate.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again on Saturday night before 1st Sunday in September 1940.

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

SISTER DOVIE 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.

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.

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 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, distribution being at discretion of the association.

9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of 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 ministrs and deacons and churches composing this Association to coöperate with each other and to assist in every way they can to further the gospel and that each church should help its 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 ye saved, all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17; Is. 45:22; Acts 20-20.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God, to 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 instruction of His word to go forth and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. I 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. 23:19-20; I 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 Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members, in all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; II Cor. 6:6.

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. 11:28; 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 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 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 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 we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy. "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort" each other as members of a common brotherhood.

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those 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 meetings 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 we 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 un-Godly 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 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."

