

# MINUTES

of the

## Sixteenth Annual Session

of the

## Old Eureka Association

( SINCE THE DIVISION FROM ROBERT  
McGEE, IN 1924 )

## The Church of God

DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTIST

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Convened at its permanent location one half mile South and one  
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Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. L. B. Clark;  
Alternate, Rev. T. M. Arnold.

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### OFFICERS

Elder H. O. Turner	-----	Moderator
Elder T. M. Arnold	-----	Assistant Moderator
Sister Dovie LaFave	-----	Clerk
Sister Etta Peck	-----	Assistant Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

*Presented By*

Winnie B. McLain

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# 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 are 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 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 Sermon.
8. Inviting Visiting Brethren to seat in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. New Business.
11. Report of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

## Thursday Night Session

House called to order by the moderator Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Rev. Jimmie Maxwell conducted devotional service and Rev. O. D. Wickham preached. we had a wonderful revival and souls were saved.

## Friday Morning Session

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

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. Lone Elm—Sister Betha Wood, Sister Beulah Cordle, Bro. Cleburn Shepherd, Rev. J. C. Nuby, Pastor; Sister Dorsie Medlock, Church Clerk; Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

2. Prairie Bell—Sister Anna Lou Davis, Sister Rhodes, Sister Birchfield, Rev. W. J. Nance, pastor; Sister Lena King, Church Clerk; Post Office, Bokoshe, Okla., Route 1.

3. Cross Roads—Bro. Jess Venerable, Bro. Mack Adams, Sister Scantlin, Sister Stevenson, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor; Bro. G. R. Stevenson, Church Clerk; Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

4. Rocky Point—Bro. Monroe Lacy, Sister Ruby Lacy, Bro. G. L. Cole, Moderator; Sister Susie Walker, Church Clerk; Post Office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

5. Panama—Sister B'ce, Bro. Tom Williams, Bro. H. Nelson, Rev. J. D. Rowlett, Pastor; Sister Minnie Johnson, Church Clerk, Post Office, Panama, Oklahoma.

6. Keota—Sister Nancy Greenwalt, Sister Willoughby, Sister Jessie Muse, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Pastor; Sister Jossie Patton, Church Clerk; Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

7. Perry—Bro. Floyd Keith, Sister Susie Moore, Bro. Omar Moore, Bro. Lee Smith, Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor; Bro. Wesley Snow, Church Clerk; Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

8. Seven Oaks—Bro. Fred Peters, Bro. Hasting Yancy, Sister Vinnie Yancy, Sister Irene Yancy, Rev. J. A. Boggs, Pastor, Bro. Hastings, Church Clerk, Post Office, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Rt. 1.

9. Iron Bridge—Sister Wanda Williams, Bro. Bob Harp, Sister Ruby Harp, Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor; Sister Zelma Brigance, Church Clerk; Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

10. Whoddy—Bro. Copeland, Bro. Fitzgerald, Sister Burson, Rev. H. O. Turner, Moderator; Sister Maggie Schrimsher, Church Clerk; Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

11. Oak Ridge—Sister Ella Bailes, Sister Maud Fowler, Bro. Earnest Forrester, Sister Johnie Bell Maxwell, Rev. L. R. Crumb,



Pastor; Sister Lessie Bailes, Church Clerk; Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

12. Lone Dove—Bro. Winn, Sister Winn, Sister Snow, Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Pastor; Bro. G. C. Gamble, Church Clerk, Post Office, Spiro, Oklahoma.

13. Sans Bois—Bro. Jessie Fletcher, Bro. Robert Kasiner, Bro. Wehunt, Bro. Moore, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor; Sister Ethel Johnson, Church Clerk; Post Office, Kinta, Oklahoma.

14. Murry Spur—Sister McKenzie, Sister King, Bro. Irby King, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Pastor; Bro. Lester King, Church Clerk; Post Office, Spiro, Oklahoma.

15. Tamaha—Bro. Paul Gillispie, Bro. Parker, Bro. Reynolds, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor; Sister Dixie Gillispie, Church Clerk; Post Office, Tamaha, Oklahoma.

16. Hoyt—Sister Susie Holdridge, Sister Heflin, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Moderator; Sister Lizzie Gideon, Church Clerk; Post Office, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

17. Christian Grove—Bro. Berry Kennedy, Bro. James Rideour, Sister Clemmie Gregory, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Pastor; Bro. Jake Loudermilk, Church Clerk; Post Office, Ft. Smith, Ark., Route 3.

18. Panther—Sister Ataway, Sister Casey, Sister Madewell, Rev. J. E. Yandell, Pastor; Sister Lemley, Church Clerk; Post Office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

19. Havana—Bro. Will Ragle, Bro. Evereth Nolen, Bro. Roland Wallace, Rev. W. J. Nance, Pastor; Sister Allie Robertson, Church Clerk; Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

20.—Royal Oak—Sister Gearldine Floyd, Sister Lorece Brown, Sister Mildred Lovell, Rev. Will Easton, Pastor; Sister Jessie Floyd, Church Clerk; Post Office, Williams, Oklahoma.

21. Mt. View—Bro. Clarence Bryant, Bro. Roy Bryant, Bro. Fred Burgess, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor; Sister Anna Barnes, Church Clerk; Post Office, Stigler Okla.

22. Rock Island—Sister Neeley, Bro. Neeley, Bro. Sidney Holt, Rev. L. B. Clerk, Pastor; Sister Helen Granley, Church Clerk; Post Office, Rock Island, Oklahoma.

23. Rock Ford—Bro. Lamb, Bro. Thompson, Bro. Homer Brown, Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor; Sister Minnie Hale, Church Clerk; Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

24. Rose Hill—Bro. Melvin Reading, Sister Faye Lefter, Sister Oma Amos, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sister Ona Kelley, Church Clerk, Post Office, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

25. Prairie Dell—Sister Reba, Kelton, Sister Clara Tourney, Sister Geneva Brazear, Rev. H. O. Turner, Pastor; Sister Jewel Dean Tourney, Church Clerk; Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

26. Flower Hill—Sister Garborth, Sister Brewer, Sister Morton, Rev. Sheshorn, Pastor; Sister Addie Nelson, Church Clerk; Post Office, Bokoshe, Oklahoma.

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 Letters from New Churches and received the following:

1. Cartersville—Sister Cora Mitchell, Bro. Junior Claunch, Bro. Jimmie Maxwell, Moderator; Sister Hester Claunch, Church Clerk; Post Office, Cartersville, Oklahoma.

2. Hawthorne—Bro. Orville Norris, Bro. Albert Johnson, Sister Lena Williams, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Pastor; Sister Mary Johnson, Church Clerk; Post Office, Keota, Oklahoma.

3. Rosedale—Bro. P. H. Burks, Bro. A. P. Daniels, Bro. Curtis Dowden, Rev. B. H. Peavyhouse, Pastor; Bro. H. L. Thompson, Church Clerk; Post Office, Rosedale, Oklahoma.

4. East Mt. Olive—Bro. Loyd Stout, Sister Ruby Stout, Sister Thelma Phillips, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor; Sister Dora Phillips, Church Clerk; Post Office, Stigler, Oklahoma.

5. Motion made and carried that we receive the Letters from New Churches and seat the delegates.

Right hand of fellowship was extended to New Churches.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Elder H. O. Turner, Moderator; Elder T. M. Arnold, Assistant Moderator; Sister Dovie LaFave, Association Clerk, Sister Etta Peck, Assistant Clerk.

The rules of Order were then read by Rev. H. O. Turner.

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

Called for Corresponding delegates from other Association, and received the following: Grand River Association—Sister Laura Arnold, Bro. John Peck; Center Association—Rev. F. A. McCage; Robert McGee—Rev. O. D. Wickham; Gaines Creek—Bro. Edd Right; Dibble—Rev. Morris, Rev. and Sister McClain.

Devotional Committee was then appointed as follows:

Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. S. A. Lemley, Bro. Neely.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet again Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock association dismissed by prayer.

## Friday Afternoon Session

House called to Order by the Moderator: Singing by the choir.

Lesson read by moderator Rev. H. O. Turner. Prayer by Rev.

Jimmie Maxwell.

The following Committees were then appointed:

1. Committee on Sabbath Schools: Sister Garland, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Holdridge.

2. Committee on Temperance: Sister Clark, Sister Patton, Sister Rowlett, Sister Clayton, Sister Susie Moore.

3. Committee on Query and Request: Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. Rose, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. O. D. Wickham.

4. Committee on Deacons Characters: Elder W. J. Nance, Rev. Long, Bro. Will Ragle.

5. Committee on Ministers Characters: Bro. Clayton, Bro. Pratt, Bro. Emery.

6. Committee on Resolutions: Bro. Lish Williams, Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. Ted Ford.

7. Committee on Obituaries: Sister Nellie Davis, Sister Bertie Bond, Sister Kennedy, Sister Lessie Bailes, Sister Lemley, Sister Fannie Beller, Sister Burson.

8. Committee on Bill of Arrangments: Bro. Ernest Bonds, Bro. Riley Wallace, Bro. Claunch, Rev. Mathis, Bro. McCormic, Rev. W. J. Nance.

9. Committee on Books and Periodicals: Rev. Hubert Brown, Rev. Meh Atk'nson, Rev. Jimmie Maxwell.

10. Committee on Finance: Bro. Shep Gregory, Bro. Patton, Bro. Floyd Keith, Bro. C. C. Garland.

11. Ministers Examining Council: Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. B. H. Peevy-house.

12. Board of Directors: Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Luther Roberts, Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Motion made and carried that the Association make up \$33.00, to pay for digging the well. Money was more than made up.

Motion made and carried that the committee that was sent to Grand River Association be discharged.

Rev. D. E. Morris made a report on National Work.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at 8:30 o'clock, Saturday morning. Session dismissed by prayer.

## Friday Night Session

House called to Order by the moderator Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Devotional services omitted. Preaching services conducted by Rev. McClain and Rev. F. A. McCage. Had a great revival and many souls were saved.

## Saturday Morning Session

House called to Order by the moderator Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by the moderator. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner.

Motion made and carried that we make up \$9.15 to pay for the piano box. Money was all made up but \$2.25. A motion was made and carried that we take the \$2.25 that was left after paying for the well and pay it on the piano box.

Called for the Reports of the various Committees and received the following:

1. Devotional Committee—We your Devotional Committee beg leave to report as follows: Friday night—Rev. McClain preach. Rev. F. A. McCage conclude. Saturday morning—Bro. O. D. Wickham

conducted Devotional Service, Rev. Morris preached Memorial Services. Saturday night—Bro. Andy Brown conducted Devotional Services, Rev. L. B. Clark preach.

2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: We wish to adopt the Old Report.

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 our 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 and 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 LAURA ARNOLD, Chairman.

2. Committee on Temperance—We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the Old Report.

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 and indulging in ungodly conversations, and we believe we should be temperate in all things.

SISTER L. B. CLARK, Chairman.

3. Query and Request—We your Committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows: We request that we authorize our clerk to have our Minutes printed by our state Free Will Baptist press.

REV. C. E. KENNEDY, Chairman.

4. Books and Periodicals—We your Committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: We recommend the Bible as text book of our denomination. We further recommend Butler Dunn Theology for our ministers and deacons and all who will study it. It is a standard book on our doctrine sold by our school, located in Iowa. We further recommend that our church history to read by all of our leaders and all who will. We have many other orthodox books by our ablest brethren. We insist on those being read. We recommend our Free Will Baptist paper published at Monette, Mo. Monthly costs 50c per year. Also published at Ayden North Carolina Weekly at \$1.00. League Literature and Mission Circle may be purchased from these publishing houses also.

BRO. J. W. SHEHORN, Chairman.



5. Bill of Arrangements—We your Committee on Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the Old Report, in this way, that each and every minister thoroughly explain the tithing System before each church.

BRO. ERNEST BOND, Chairman.

6. Deacons Characters—We your Committees on Deacons Characters beg leave to report as follows: We adopt Old Report.

Old Report—We find complaint in most all our churches of this Association that the deacons are not discharging their duties as deacons and part 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.

BRO. W. H. RAGLE, Chairman.

7. Committee on Minister's Character—We your Committee on Minister's characters beg leave to report as follows: We don't find any complaint concerning our ministers.

BRO. C. CLAYTON, Chairman.

8. Committee on Resolutions—We your Committee on Resolution beg leave to report as follows: That we strictly adhere to the ruling of the treaties in regard to licensing ministers.

BRO. OTHO WILLIAMS, Chairman.

9. Committee on Obituaries—We your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows: We sorrow because of the loss of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Bro. John Browning, Rocky Point Church; Rev. G. B. Robertson, Oak Ridge Church; Sister Mandy Rogers, Rose Dale Church; Sister Janie Dale, Rock Ford Church; Bro. J. W. Griffith, Sans Bois Church; Sister Nancy Upton Sans Bois Church; Sister Evelyn Duke, Panama Church; Sister Anna Vaughn, Christian Grove Church; Infant son of Sister Ruth Hobbs, Infant son of Bro. and Sister Riley Haskens both of Christian Grove Church; Sister Minnie Baker, Panther Church.

SISTER LEMLEY, 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 year was \$54.45. Balance left over from last year was \$1.10 making a total of \$55.55. The expenses of minutes \$40.00; mailing expenses, \$3.00; State minutes, 2.00; Cost of using tabernacle, \$5.00. Leaving a balance of \$5.55.

SISTER DOVIE LaFAVE, Clerk.

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

1. Cartersville	\$2.00
2. Hawthorne	\$2.00
3. Mt. Olive	\$2.00
4. Perry	\$2.00
5. Havana	\$2.00
6. Hoyt	\$2.00
7. Rosedale	2.00

8. Rock Ford	\$2.00
9. Tamaha	\$2.00
10. Sans Bois	\$2.00
11. Mt. View	\$2.00
12. Rocky Point	\$2.00
13. Oak Ridge	\$2.00
14. Rose Hill	\$2.00
15. Seven Oaks	\$2.00
16. Cross Roads	\$2.00
17. Flower Hill	\$2.00
18. Christian Grove	\$2.00
19. Rock Island	\$2.00
20. Prairie Bell	\$2.00
21. Murry Spur	\$2.00
22. Keota	\$2.00
23. Lone Dove	\$2.00
24. Prairie Dell	\$2.00
25. Panther	\$2.00
26. Iron Bridge	\$2.00
27. Panama	\$2.00
28. Royal Oak	\$2.00
29. Lone Elm	\$2.00
30. Whoody	\$2.00
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	\$60.00

BRO. C. C. GARLAND, Chairman.

Called for Ministers Report and received the following: I have held 3 revivals, witnessed 37 conversions, held one meeting in Arkansas, preached about 70 sermons.

REV. A. A. HOLDRIDGE, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: Pastored one church, nine months, one church the full year, preached 101 sermons, worked in two revival meetings, witnessed several conversions, married 3 couples, received for year's work \$35.26.

REV. D. J. ROWLETT, Spiro, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: I haven't pastored any church this year. I preached 82 sermons, married 4 couples, preached 5 funerals, witnessed 52 conversions. I have received for my work \$57.50.

REV. T. M. ARNOLD, Keota, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: Pastored 2 churches, preached 64 sermons, Baptized 22, preached 10 funerals, married nine couples. Traveled 1,030 miles. Received \$76.00 Iron Bridge Church, \$48.35 from Perry Church, \$8.00; Rock Ford Church \$8.00, from other donations making a total of \$139.75.

REV. HUBERT BROWN, Keota, Oklahoma.

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

## Saturday Afternoon Session

House called to Order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by moderator Rev. H. O. Turner. Prayer by Bro. Luther Roberts.

Motion made and carried that we receive the reports from corresponding delegates from Grand River Association.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the State association Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. Rose, Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. Hill, Sister Dovie LaFave, Bro. Dred Philips.

Grand River—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Floyd Keith, Sister Etta Peck.

Robert McGee Association—Sister Dovie LaFave.

Hopewell No. 2—Rev. Jimmie Maxwell, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse.

Motion made and carried we send \$2.00 as minute money to the State Association.

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

The following 5th Sunday meeting were then located as follows:

1st.—Rose Hill, 2nd. Rock Ford, 3rd. Lone Elm, 4th. Iron Bridge.

Report of Rev. C. E. Kennedy on Evangelist Work. Report received.

Motion made and carried that the remainder of the money after books have been balanced, the remainder will be turned over to the building committee to be used in building the shed.

Motion made and carried that Rev. L. B. Clark preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. T. M. Arnold, Alternate.

Deacons from various churches were then ordained.

Motion made and carried that we adjourned to meet again on Thursday before first Sunday in September 1941, A. D.

Session was dismissed by Rev. H. O. Turner.

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 church 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 church 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 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 ministers and deacons and churches composing this Association to cooperate 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

commandment, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commendments 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 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. 28: 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. 16:6.

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 it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6:10; I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both the just and unjust; the 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; 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."



## OUR MINISTERS

1. Rev. Meb Atkinson ----- McCurtain, Okla.
2. Rev. W. M. Atkerson ----- Sallisaw, Okla.
3. Rev. Tom Anderson ----- McCurtain, Okla.
4. Rev. J. E. Bridges ----- Ft. Smith, Ark.
5. Rev. Hubert Brown ----- Keota, Okla.
6. Rev. J. A. Boggs ----- Sallisaw, Okla.
7. Rev. C. A. Brown, ----- Kinta, Okla.
8. Rev. L. R. Crumb ----- Stigler, Okla.
9. Rev. L. B. Clark ----- Spiro, Okla.
10. Rev. J. W. Crossno ----- Stigler, Okla.
11. Rev. B. E. Hickman ----- Stigler, Okla.
12. Rev. R. M. Hollins ----- McCurtain, Okla.
13. Rev. A. A. Holdridge ----- Hoyt, Okla.
14. Rev. J. C. Hill ----- Tamaha, Okla.
15. Rev. Riley Haskins ----- Fort Smith, Ark.
16. Rev. H. Long ----- McCurtain, Okla.
17. Rev. J. Maxwell ----- Spiro, Okla.
18. Rev. J. A. Mathis ----- Stigler, Okla.
19. Rev. W. J. Nance ----- Spiro, Okla.
20. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse ----- Stigler, Okla.
21. Rev. R. Pearson ----- Stigler, Okla.
22. Rev. Edd Petty ----- McCurtain, Okla.
23. Rev. C. Rose ----- Tamaha, Okla.
24. Rev. D. J. Rowlett ----- Spiro, Okla.
25. Rev. G. F. Sutton ----- Stigler, Okla.
26. Rev. J. R. Stoughton ----- Cartersville, Okla.
27. Rev. R. P. Sanders ----- Arkoma, Okls.
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 Baptists, worshipping at \_\_\_\_\_, met in conference and elected the following delegates to represent us in the Eureka Association which convened with \_\_\_\_\_ who we pray you to seat to aid in all your deliberations, towit:

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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 sent \_\_\_\_\_ minute money.

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

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

