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# MINUTES

OF THE

## NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

(Since the Division from Robert McGee in 1924, A. D.)

## THE CHURCH OF GOD

Denominated Free Will Baptist

Convened at the permanent home of the Old Eureka Free Will Baptist Association, one-half mile south and one-half mile west of Keota, Okla. on Wednesday night, the First Sunday in September, 1943, A. D.

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Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. L. R. Crowder,  
Rev. W. J. Nance, Alternate

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Elder L. R. Crumb	Moderator
Elder D. J. Rowlett	Assistant-Moderator
Sister Dovie LaFave	Clerk
Sister Thelma Scantlen	Substitute Assistant Clerk

Norman Woodruff's Minutes - Dovie

## 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 seconded.
5. When a motion has been made and 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 permission 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 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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Session was opened by Moderator Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. United prayer. Devotional was conducted by Sister Day, followed by preaching services conducted by Rev. Norman Woodruff. Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at nine o'clock Thursday morning.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator R. L. Crumb. Singing by the choir. United prayer. Lesson was read.

Motion was made and carried that we wait until afternoon to organize the association as there weren't enough churches represented. Session was dismissed by prayer.

## THURSDAY NOON SESSION

Singing by the choir. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Kennedy. We had a very good spiritual service.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Lesson read by the Assistant Moderator. Singing by the choir; United prayer.

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

The Moderator called for the Letters from old churches and received the following:

(1) Oak Ridge Church—Sister Fay McSpadden, Sister Ella Bales, Brother Ernest Forrester, Sister Lessie Bales, church clerk. Rev. N. Woodruff, pastor.

(2) Panama Church—Sister Sara Bice, Bro. R. A. Tony, Bro. R. Morgan, Bro. Tom Williams, church clerk. Rev. D. J. Rowlett, pastor.

(3) Keota Church—Sister Gladys Day, Sister Kate Day, Sister Isabell Arnold, Sister Jessie Muse, church clerk. Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor.

(4) Iron Bridge Church—Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Sister Dorothy Shepherd, Sister Evon Hancock, Sister Beulah Williams, church clerk. Rev. Purdom, pastor.

(5) Christian Grove—Sister Annie Ridenour, Sister Willie Ridenour, Sister Maggie Bridges, Sister Ruby Haskins, church clerk. Rev. Clark, Moderator.

(6) Perry Church—Sister Ruby LaFave, Bro. Bufford Trickett, Sister Pearl Thompson, Bro. Omer, church clerk, Rev. L. Crowder, pastor.

(7) McCurtain Panther Church—Sister Madewell, Sister Thelma Phillips, Bro. Hendricks, Sister Lemley, church clerk. Bro. Lemley, Moderator.

(8) Prairie Dell—Sister Thelma Scantlen, Sister John Turney, Sister Eva Horton, Sister Rodhie Buttram, church clerk. Bro. C. B. Williamson, Moderator.

(9) Rose Hill Church—Sister Alice Martin, Sister Rebeca Jameson, Sister Violet Oliver, Sister Ona Kelley, church clerk. Rev. Purdom, pastor.

(10) Royal Oak Church—Sister Viola Buttler, Sister Nettie Stankwietz, Sister Marie Brown, Sister Jessie Floyd, church clerk. Rev. D. J. Rowlett, pastor.

(11) Whoodie Church—Bro. Arthur Burson, Bro. Ernest Hewitt, Sister Deanie Weese, Vera Rogers, church clerk. Rev. Edgar Cole, pastor.

(12) Hawthorne Church—Bro. & Sister Murl McClary, Sister Myrtle Cones, Sister Grace McClary, church clerk. Rev. W. M. Johnson, pastor.

(13) Havana Church—Bro. Will Ragle, Bro. Brvan Fuller, Sister Ruby Kennedy, Sister Imogene Thompson, Sister Allie Robertson, church clerk. Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor.

(14) Cartersville Church—Sister Ausborn, Sister Dasie May Ruth, Bro. Rub Taylor, Sister Hester Claunch, church clerk. Rev. Hubert Brown, pastor.

(15) Rock Island—Bro. J. A. Neely, Sister Helen Gravley, Sister Gussie Williams, church clerk. Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor.

(16) Old Panther—Bro. & Sister Greenmire, Sister Vivian Barkley, Sister Lottie Allen, church clerk. Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor.

(17) Mt. View—Bro. Cecil Bryant, Sister Minnie Bryant, Sister Reba Tucker, Sister Mary F. Hodges, Rev. L. Crowder, pastor.

(18) Rock Ford—Bro. Arthur Hale, Bro. Frank Clima, Sister Rose McClary, Sister Minnie Hale, church clerk. Bro. Tom Luster, Moderator.

(19) Rose Dale—Sister Longcrier, Bro. A. P. Danials, Bro. Gibson, Sister Clara Tolbert, church clerk. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, pastor.

(20) East Mt. Olive—Sister Ruby Stout, Sister Thelma Phillips, Sister Pearl Stancel, church clerk. Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor.

(21) Rocky Point—Bro. Claud Mostellor, Bro. Weldon Donathon, Sister Lidia Donathon, Sister Ruby Hartwick, church clerk. Rev. L. Crowder, pastor.

(22) Prairie Bell—Sister Martin, Sister Louise Copland, Sister Edwards, Sister Lena King, church clerk.

(23) Cross Roads—Bro. Jess Venable, Bro. Joe Hill, Sister Scantien, Sister Clara St. Clair, church clerk. Rev. L. Crowder, pastor.

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

Moderator called for letters from new churches and received none.

Right hand of fellowship was then extended to the delegates of old churches.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: R. L. Crumb, moderator; Rev. D. J. Rowlett, assistant moderator; Sister Dovie Lee LaFave, clerk. Sister Thelma Scantien, substitute-assistant clerk.

Rules of Order then were read by the Assistant Moderator.

Moderator called for corresponding delegates from other associations, and received the following:

(1) Grand River Association—Rev. Purdom, Sister Laura Arnold, Rev. Bynum, Sister Jewel Arnold, Sister Bill Hopkins, Sister Flora May Arnold.

(2) Roberts McGee Association—Rev. Elzie Yandell, Sister O. D. Wickham.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until Friday morning at nine o'clock.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. United prayer, Devotional services were conducted by Sister Laura Arnold, Rev. L. B. Clark followed with preaching services. Many souls were saved.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by the Assistant Moderator from Phil. 2-chapter. United prayer. The following committees were then appointed:

1. Devotional Committee: Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Frank Pratt, Bro. Lonnie Long.
2. Committee on Sabbath Schools: Sister Kate Day, Sister Rhodie Buttram, Sister Nance.
3. Committee on Temperance: Sister W. M. LaFave, Sister T. M. Arnold, Sister Rowlett.
4. Committee on Query and Request: Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. W. J. Nance.
5. Committee on Deacons Characters: Sister Shepherd, Sister Haskins, Sister Ruby LaFave.
6. Committee on Ministers' Characters: Bro. Gilstrap, Bro. Gregory, Bro. T. D. Williams.
7. Committee on Resolutions: Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Bro. Norman Woodruff, Bro. Cordle.
8. Committee on Obituaries: Rev. L. Crowder, Bro. Crossno, Bro. Mitchell.
9. Committee on Bill of Arrangements: Rev. Haskins, Bro. Otho Williams, Sister Martin.
10. Committee on Books and Periodicals: Bro. Phillips, Bro. Shehorn, Bro. Greenmier.
11. Committee on Finance: Rev. Peevyhouse, Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Bro. McKinney.
12. Ministers Examining Council: Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse.

Motion made and that we adjourn and meet again on Friday afternoon at one o'clock. Session was dismissed by prayer.

#### FRIDAY NOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. United prayer. Devotional services were conducted by Sister Nance, followed by preaching services by Rev. Elzie Yandell.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Moderator Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Bynum. Lesson read by Assistant Moderator.

Motion made and carried to give Bro. Bynum 30 minutes to make a talk. Many interesting talks were made by outstanding members of the Association.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Session was dismissed by Rev. L. R. Crumb.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by Moderator Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. United Prayer. Brother Andy Brown conducted the Devotional services. Brother Haskins brought the gospel message. Many souls were saved.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator Rev. L. R. Crumb. Singing by the choir. United prayer. Lesson was read by Assistant Moderator. The lesson was read from the 8th chapter of Psalms.

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

1. Devotional Committee—We, your devotional committee beg leave to report as follows: Thursday night Sister Laura Arnold conduct devotional service. Rev. L. B. Clark preached. Friday

morning Sister Nance conduct the devotional services, Rev. J. E. Yandell preached. Friday evening Brother Andy Brown conduct devotional services, Rev. Haskins to preach. Saturday morning Brother Bynum to introduce the service and Bro. Nance to conclude. Saturday evening. Brother Shehorn conducted the devotional services, Rev. D. J. Rowlett preached. Sunday morning Rev. Henry Williams conducted the devotional services and Brother Crumb to preach. Sunday night Sister Muse to conduct Devotional services, Rev. T. M. Arnold to preach.

2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that we adopt the old report with these ammendments, that each Sunday school teacher keep a roll of her class. When one is absent as much as twice, that the teacher show her affections more by visiting or mailing a card encouraging them to come back.

As you know that we adopted the young people's society and has not been carried out, we believe if this society is carried out that it would encourage the young people and they would take more interest in their work.—Sister Kate Day, chairman.  
Old Report:

We, your committee on Sabbath school beg leave to report as follows: that we organize a young people's society and that each Sunday school represent at Sunday school rallys given by this young people's organization. As we believe this will create more interest among the young folk and much good will be accomplished.

We ask that each church take a greater interest in Sunday school for it is the life of each church. We recommend each Sunday school to use Free Will Baptist literature for the purpose of supporting our own Publishing houses. We know that we have the Bible doctrine. All of our Sunday school teachers must be christians and in good standing with our church, for it's impossible for the unsaved to teach the word of God. We advise that each member 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 taht each parent take their children to Sunday school instead of sending them. Sister Rowlett, chairman.

3. We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We wish to adopt the old report. Sister W. M. LaFave, 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 doing such as hunting, fishing, and indulging in ungodly conversations. We believe that we should be temperant in all things. Rev. J. E. Smith, chairman.

4. Quarry and Request Committee: We, your committee on Quarry and Request beg leave to report as follows: We ask that Rev. E. Yandell explain from a Bible standpoint what the bride of Christ is, if it is the church how can we be divorced? Rev. C. E. Kennedy, chairman.

Old Report—We request that the seats or any other property belonging to the association not to be loaned or let out to any minister or anyone else, for them not to be taken from the association ground. 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 adopt the old report. Bro. E. D. Fillips, chairman. Old Report:

We recommend the Bible as the text book of our denomination. We further recommend Buttler's Theology for Ministers and Deacons and all who will study it. It is the standard book on our doctrine sold by our school, located in Iowa. We further recommend that our church history be read by all our leaders and all who will. We have many Orthodox books by our ablest brethren. We insist that these be read also. We recommend our Free Will Baptist paper which is printed at Monett, Mo. once a month for the price of 50c. Also the one printed at Aden, N. Carolina. once a week for the price of one dollar. League literature, mission circle literature may be purchased from publishing house also. Sister Delia Roberts, chairman.

Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows: We aspot the old report. Bro. R. Haskins, chairman.

Old Report: We, your committee on Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows: We request that our deacon brethren see that each and every minister thoroughly explain the tithing system before each church. Rev. A. A. Holdridge, chairman.

7. Deacon's Characters Committee: We, your committee on Deacon's Characters, beg leave to report as follows: We ask that each church abide by last year's report in the minutes in dealing with disorderly deacons. We also urge that this association impress on our pastors that it is their duty to see that each deacon of the churches that they pastor to walk in line of duty. Sister Dorothy Shepherd, chairman.

8. Minister's Characters Committee: We, your committee on Minister's Characters beg leave to report as follows: That we find all of our ministers Othordox. Bro. T. Williams, chairman.

9. Resolutions Committee: We, your committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report with this resolution added. Be it resolved that all ministers of our association strictly adhere to the ruling in regards to ordain-ing ministers.

This is the ruling that no credentials shall be received in this association without first being recommended by the examining council.

Be it resolved that no minister of any denomination other than Free Will Baptist shall conduct services on the association ground or under the tabernackle without consent of every member of the board of directors or trustees. Bro. J. F. Pratt, chairman.

10. Obituaries Committee: We, your committee on obituaries beg leave to report as follows: We sorrow the lose of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Bro. Ira Stancel, of East Mt. Olive church, Sister Mary Markham and Sister Cordie Pernel of the McCurtain Panther church, Infant daughter of Cross Roads church, Bro. Billy Moore and Infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Byrd of the Royal Oak church, Grandpa Brown, of the Mt. View church. Bro. Mitchell, chairman.

11. Report of Last Year's Clerk: I beg leave to report as follows: Expenses for the year are as follows: Printing of the Minutes thirty-seven fifty, mailing expenses two dollars, paid the

assistant clerk five dollars, expenses for lights was two dollars and fifteen cents.

Property of the Old Buck Creek church was sold and we received fifty-two dollars for it.

Churches who paid their dues for the upkeep of the shed were Prairie Dell, \$5.00, and McCurtain Panther church \$13.00; Iron Bridge \$5.00. This is the total of \$75.00.

I paid out \$7.70 on the shed for insurance. This leaves a balance of \$67.30.

MISS DOVIE LEE LaFAVE, Clerk.

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

1. Cross Roads .....	\$2.00
2. McCurtain Panther .....	\$2.00
3. Whoody .....	\$2.00
4. Iron Bridge .....	\$2.00
5. Old Panther .....	\$2.75
6. Prairie Bell .....	\$2.00
7. Royal Oak .....	\$2.00
8. Havana .....	\$2.00
9. Oak Ridge .....	\$2.00
10. East Mt. Olive .....	\$2.00
11. Ferry .....	\$2.40
12. Rock Island .....	\$2.00
13. Cartersville .....	\$2.00
14. Keota .....	\$2.00
15. Rock Ford .....	\$2.15
16. Christian Grove .....	\$2.00
17. Rose Dale .....	\$2.00
18. Rose Hill .....	\$2.00
19. Hawthorne .....	\$2.00
20. Mt. View .....	\$2.00
21. Panama .....	\$2.00
22. Rocky Point .....	\$2.00
23. Prairie Dell .....	\$2.00
TOTAL .....	\$47.30

Brother Raymond Shepherd, Chairman.

Reports of the ministers were called for and received the following:

I beg leave to report as follows, and to the best of my knowledge I have pastored four churches, preached 80 sermons, baptised 1, preached 7 funerals, married two couples; I received from Old Panther church \$42.53, from Rock Island church \$79.00, from Havana church \$80.50, from Keota church \$33.00. For my evangelistic work I received \$14.53. Received for my year's work \$249.63. I helped ordain two ministers. Pray for me, I need your prayers. Rev. T. M. Arnold, Keota, Okla.

To the Old Eureka association I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 1 church, full time and two other churches part time. I have witnessed several conversations, saw lots of rejoicing in the spirit. I have preached 88 sermons. I drove 668 miles. I married several couples. I have received for my work in church \$68.50. Please pray for me and my home. Rev. D. J. Rowlett, Panama, Oklahoma.

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



### **SATURDAY NOON SESSION**

House called together by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. United prayer. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Bynum and Bro. Nance concluded the service. Many souls were saved.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

House called together by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by the Assistant Moderator. United prayer.

Motion made and carried that we receive the reports of corresponding delegates from Grand River State, Gaines Creek, Roberts McGee and Center Association.

Motion made and carried that we send as delegates to the Grand River association Brother and Sister W. M. LaFave, Brother Pratt, Brother John Morris.

Roberts McGee: Bro. McKinney, Bro. and Sister D. J. Rowlett. State Association: Rev. and Sister D. J. Rowlett, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Bro. Shehorn, Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Gaines Creek Association: Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Rev. Otho Williams, Bro. Wilburn Cordle.

Motion made and carried that we send \$5.00 to the state association to pay for the state minutes.

Motion made and carried that the association pay all of the expenses of the delegates to the state association.

Motion made and carried that each church send \$2.50 to the association next year to pay for the minutes.

Motion made and carried that the clerk of the association take the money from the association treasure and pay the insurance on the shed when it comes due.

Motion made and carried that Bro. W. M. LaFave have authority to hire help for the up-keep of the shed and association ground.

Motion made and carried that Bro. Crumb appoint members to serve on the board of trustees. Bro. Otho Williams and Bro. Clarence Bryant were appointed on the board.

Motion made and carried that we have 800 minutes printed for the ensuing year.

The Fifth Sunday Meetings were then located as follows: 1st, will be at Rose Hill, 2nd will be at Iron Bridge, 3rd at Mt. View, 4th will be at Perry.

Motion made and carried that Rev. L. R. Crowder preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. J. Nance alternate.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again on Wednesday Night before the first Sunday in September, 1944, A. D. Session was dismissed by prayer.

### **SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION**

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Special numbers were rendered by the Keota girls' quartett. United prayer. Devotional were then lead by Bro. Shehorn and followed by preaching services by Rev. D. J. Rowlett.

### **SUNDAY MORNING SESSION**

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Devotional services conducted by Rev. Henry Williams. Followed by preaching services by Rev. Bynum. Session dismissed by prayer.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by Rev. T. M. Arnold. Singing by the choir. Devotional services were conducted by sister Callie Morrison. Followed by preaching services by Rev. T. M. Arnold. A gracious revival spirit was felt by all who were there.

Sister Thelma Scantlen, Sub-Assistant Clerk.  
Sister Dovie LaFave, Clerk.

### OUR MINISTERS

1. Rev. Meb Atkinson	McCurtain, Okla.
2. Rev. W. M. Atkinson	Sallisaw, Okla.
3. Rev. T. M. Arnold	Keota, Okla.
4. Rev. Emery Barnes	Stigler, Okla.
5. Rev. J. E. Bridges	Ft. Smith, Ark.
6. Rev. J. A. Boggs	Sallisaw, Okla.
7. Rev. Hubert Brown	Keota, Okla.
8. Rev. C. A. Brown	Kinta, Okla.
9. Rev. L. R. Crowder	Stigler, Okla.
10. Rev. L. B. Clark	Spiro, Okla.
11. Rev. Edgar Cole	Stigler, Okla.
12. Rev. J. W. Crossno	Keota, Okla.
13. Rev. Floyd Barnes	Stigler, Okla.
14. Rev. B. E. Hickman	Stigler, Okla.
15. Rev. R. M. Hollins	McCurtain, Okla.
16. Rev. A. A. Holdridge	Hoyt, Okla.
17. Rev. J. C. Hill	Tamaha, Okla.
18. Rev. Riley Haskins	Ft. Smith, Ark.
19. Rev. Ira Bales	Stigler, Okla.
20. Rev. C. E. Kennedy	Keota, Okla.
21. Rev. Henry Long	McCurtain, Okla.
23. Rev. J. A. Mathis	Stigler, Okla.
22. Rev. J. Maxwell	Spiro, Okla.
24. Rev. W. J. Nance	Spiro, Okla.
25. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse	Stigler, Okla.
26. Rev. R. Pearson	Keota, Okla.
27. Rev. Edd Petty	McCurtain, Okla.
28. Rev. C. N. Rose	Tamaha, Okla.
29. Rev. D. J. Rowlett	Panama, Okla.
30. Rev. J. E. Smith	Stigler, Okla.
31. Rev. G. F. Sutton	Stigler, Okla.
32. Rev. J. R. Stoughton	State of Kansas
33. Rev. J. W. Shehorn	Stigler, Okla.
34. Rev. J. G. Sprouse	McCurtain, Okla.
35. Rev. H. O. Turner	Stigler, Okla.
36. Rev. Newt King	Stigler, Okla.
37. Rev. Norman Woodruff	Lequire, Okla.
38. Rev. Henry Williams	Keota, Okla.
39. Rev. L. R. Crumb	Stigler, Okla.

## 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 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 Sunday 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 member present.

5. Newly constituted church may be admitted to the association 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 is 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 our ministers and deacons and churches composing this association to cooperate with each other and 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 organized churches that we urged 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 unree 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 crowded with glory. That he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 3:17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore He sayeth, "Look unto me and be saved, all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else". Matt. 4:17; 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 merit 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, deacon, 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 the setting forth of the Lord's Supper and wash-

ing the Saint's feet or let as many examine himself and so let him eat. 1 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 his 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 to please God in general and to singly engage to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 5:13; 1 Thim. 4:12.

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. 24:31; 1 Cor. 15:42; Thes. 1:10; Rev. 20:12-13.

### **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having been brought, as humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and having thus obtained justification by faith in His name, we as members of several churches that constitute the Eureka Association of Free Will Baptists adopt the following as our 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 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 ungodly and sinner; 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 yourself 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".

### CHURCH LETTER

Post Office .....

Date .....

We, the Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptist wor-  
ship at ....., met in conference  
and elected the following delegates to represent us in the Old  
Eureka Association, when convened at the Home of the Old Eureka  
Free Will Baptist Association, whom, we pray you to seat to aid

in all your deliberations, to-wit: .....

Called Rev. .... as our pastor  
for ensuing year.

Ordained as deacons .....

Resident members .....

Non-resident members .....

Total membership .....

Received into Church ....., by

Confession of Faith .....

Deaths .....

We ask for the next session ..... 5th  
Sunday meeting.

We send ..... Minute money.

Rev. .... Moderator

..... Church Clerk.

