

1945

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY FIRST 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, Oklahoma on Wednesday night, before the First Sunday in September, 1945, A. D.

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Introductory Sermon to be Preached by Rev. Hubert Brown
and Rev. Edgar Cole, Alternate

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| Rev. C. N. Rose | Moderator |
| Rev. H. O. Turner | Assistant-Moderator |
| Dovie LaFave | Clerk |
| Thelma Scantlen | Assistant-Clerk |

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Visiting ministers present are invited to seat and allowed to take part in debate 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 seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question: Shall it be discussed? If negative the question shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special 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 or herself 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.

ORDEF 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 Brethern to seat
9. Appointment of committees.
10. New Business.
11. Report of committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Session was opened by Assistant-Moderator, Rev. T. M. Arnold. Singing by the choir. First song sang was number 36. The prayer was voiced by sister Laura Arnold. Devotional Service was conducted by Brother Purdom. Bro. L. C. Crowder preached the evangelistic message.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn to meet again at nine-thirty o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the Assistant-Moderator, Rev. T. M. Arnold. Singing was directed by the choir leader, Rev. L. C. Crowder. Prayer was lead by Sister Arnold. Lesson Read by the Moderator.

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

Moderator called for letters from old churches and received the following:

1. Prairie Grove Church—Brother Lessley Peevyhouse, Sister Ida Hurst, Sister Bertha Goodson, and Sister Reba Gibson. Sister Wilma Fenton, church clerk, and Brother Richard Bibbs, Moderator.
2. Rock Island Church—Sister Helen Gravley, Sister Charlene Williams, and Sister Wanda Bollinger. Sister Gussie Williams, church clerk, and Brother John Cox, moderator.
3. Rose Hill Church—Sister Jackie Holt, Sister Willie Daniels, Sister Juanita Smith and Sister Lucille Holt. Sister Agnes Oliver, church clerk, Rev. Norman Woodruff, moderator.
4. Sans Bois Church—Brother Dewie Daniel, Brother Harvey Stout, and Sister Sarah Daniel. Sister Sarah Daniel, clerk, Rev. C. A. Brown, moderator.
5. Havana Church—Brother Will Ragle, Brother and Sister Everett Nolen, Alternates—Brother Bryan Fuller, Sister Retha Harvel, and Sister Margaret Jeanne Robertson. Sister Allie Robertson, church, Rev. H. O. Turner, moderator.
6. Stigler Church—Sister Eva Porch, Sister Scantlen, Brother and Sister J. R. Stevenson, Sister Greenmyer, and Brother Earl St. Clair. Sister Dovie LaFave, church clerk, Rev. T. H. Dixon, moderator.
7. Rose Dale Church—Sister Dora Longcryer, Sister Allie Neal, Sister Dixie Coffey, Sister Georgia and Alma Price. Sister Clara Tolbert, church clerk, Rev. Edgar Cole, moderator.
8. Mt. View Church—Brother Roland Jones, Brother Roy Bryant, Sister Reba Tucker, Brother Fred Bryant. Sister Mary F. Hodges, church, Rev. C. A. Brown, moderator.
9. Hoyt Church—Brother Monrow Gideon, Sister Rusha Gideon, Sister Kate Holder, Sister Ila Heflin. Sister Susie Holdridge, church clerk, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, moderator.
10. Christian Grove Church—Brother Elmer Spangler. Sister Cellia Karl, Brother Henry Blair, Sister Lillie Spangler. Brother Harold Haskins, clerk, Rev. Tom Arnold, moderator.
11. Old Panther Church—Brother and Sister Greenmyer, Sister Vivian Poe. Lottie Allen, church clerk, Rev. Henry Long, moderator.
12. Rock Ford Church—Brother Noah Brown, Brother Dolphus Lamb, Brother Frank Clyma, Brother Burley Brown, Brother Arthur Hendrix. Sister Alice Hendrix, church clerk, Rev. U. C. Purdom, moderator.
13. McCurtain Panther Church—Sister Madwell, Sister Nellie Madwell, Brother Nathan Gibson, Brother and Sister Casey. Sister Lemely, church clerk, Rev. Riley Haskins, moderator.
14. Rocky Point Church—Sister Vera & Betty Johnson, Sister Snow, Sister Alva Patton, Sister Katheryn Jones, Sister Evelyn Cole. Sister Ruby Hartwick, church clerk, Rev. L. C. Crowder,

moderator.

15. Keota Church—Sister Phyllis Scroggins, Sister Lowe, Sister Jessie Muse, Sister Bobby Lee Gossett. Sister Lora Tabor, church clerk, Rev. L. C. Crowder, moderator.

16. Cross Roads Church—Brother and Sister Raleigh Garland, Sister Cora Jones, Brother Sanderson Morris, Brother Mack Adams. Brother C. C. Garland, moderator-protem, Sister Gertie Adams, church clerk.

17. Iron Bridge Church—Brother Redmon Brigance, Brother Robert Carter, Sister Temper Doss, Brother Herman Doss. Sister Beulah Cordle, church clerk, Brother Otho Williams, moderator.

18. Perry Church—Sister Anna Henderson, Sister Dora Barnes, Brother Joe Billy Upton, Sister Agnes Harrell. Ruby LaFave, church clerk, Rev. U. C. Purdom, moderator.

19. Murry Spur Church—Sister Pearl Golff, Sister Pearlle Floherty. Sister Tynne Bell Loudermilk, church clerk, Rev. Bart Clark, moderator.

20. Cartersville Church—Sister Bessie Simpson, Sister Dora Osborn, Sister Green. Sister Hester Claunch, church clerk, Rev. Bart Clark, moderator.

21. Panama Church—Bro. Abby Hanne, Sister Emma Hanne, Sister Sarah Bice. Sister Elizabeth McRadayen, church clerk. Sister Edith Fautenberry, assistant clerk, Rev. B. F. Black, moderator.

22. Hawthorne Church—Brother Vestel Longcryer, Sister Ellen Longcryer, Brother Buster Cones, Sister R. H. Kinsey, Brother Henry Green, Brother John Ballard. Sister Myrtle Cones, church clerk, Brother Edgar Cole, moderator.

23. Oak Ridge Church—Sister Lucille Maxwell, Sister Joyce Hurst, Sister Wanda McSpadden, Sister Edith Johnson. Sister Pauline Apple, church clerk, Rev. Riley Haskins, moderator.

Motion made and carried to receive the letters from the old churches and seat the delegates. The right hand of fellowship was extended to all of the delegates.

Moderator called for letters from new churches and received none.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Rev. C. N. Rose, moderator. Rev. H. O. Turner, assistant-moderator. Sister Dovie LaFave, association clerk. Sister Thelma Scantlen, assistant clerk.

Rules of order were read by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose.

Motion made and carried that we strictly adhere to the rules of order.

Motion was made that we adjourn to meet again at one-thirty o'clock Thursday afternoon.

THURSDAY NOON SESSION

Singing was directed by the choir leader, Rev. L. C. Crowder. Prayer was voiced by Brother McKinney. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. H. O. Turner. An old-time hand shake concluded the service with shouts from the happy saints.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing was directed by Rev. L. C. Crowder. Prayer was voiced by Brother Rev. U. C. Purdom. Lesson was read from the

third chapter of Colossians. The choir sang song No. 38, after the lesson.

Invitation was given for visiting brethren to seat in council with us.

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

1. Grand River Association—Rev. and Sister Willard, Floyd Day, Sister Laura Arnold, Brother Sunday, moderator, Brother Jeff Lemley, associational clerk.

2. First Oklahoma Association—Rev. Roy Roberts, Rev. B. T. Kirbey.

3. Roberts McGee Association—Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Wickham, Sister Johnson.

4. Gains Creek Association—Rev. and Mrs. Walter Boyd.

Motion made and carried that we appoint the following committee:

Devotional Committee—Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. G. R. Stevenson, Brother Clarence Bryant.

Choir Leaders—Rev. L. C. Crowder, leader and Bro. Ray Muse assistant.

Motion was made and carried that Brother Bryant, and anyone that he might choose to help him, fix the lights.

A collection was made up for incidental expenses, which was \$9.22.

Motion was made and carried that we hear some talks. Those who made talks were: Eld. Willard Day, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Haskell. A talk was made by a Brother from Oklahoma City, Brother Bradshaw. By Sister Laura Arnold of the Grand River Association. By Rev. L. C. Crowder. By Sister Thelma Scantlen. By Brother McKinney. By Rev. Edgar Cole. By Rev. Ben Peevyhouse.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn to meet back at 9:30 Friday morning. Session was dismissed by Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator. Singing was directed by Rev. L. C. Crowder, Ray Muse and Brother Roy Roberts. Special singing was rendered by Rev. F. A. McCage, wife, daughter, Fern and Elder John West. Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. Bill Kitchem from the Grand River Association. Brother Ketchem gave a wonderful sermonette and there were 107 testimonies given in. A great sermon was delivered by Elder Day, "The Clouds of Great Glory". Session was dismissed by Elder John West, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. N. Rose. Song number 140 was directed by the choir leader. The morning lesson was read from the 13th chapter of 1st Cor. Prayer was worded by Rev. O. D. Wickham, from the Roberts McGee Association.

Motion was made and carried that we enter into conference to take care of any business that might come before the body.

Motion was made and carried that we appoint the following committees:

1. Devotional Committee—Brother C. C. Garland, Brother G. R. Stevenson, Bro. Clarence Bryant.

2. Sabbath School—Sister Jossie Patton, Sister C. C. Garland, Sister Agnes Oliver.

3. Temperance—Brother Ragle, Sister Nellie LaFave, Sister Sarah Bice.

4. Query and Request—Rev. Purdom, Rev. Peevyhouse, W. M. LaFave.

5. Books and Periodicals—Brother Crossno, Brother Lark Spraddley, Sister Andy Brown.

6. Bill of Arrangement—Brother Dee Shepherd, Brother Weldon Donathan, Brother Redman Brigrance.

7. Deacons Character—Sister Nettie Stankwitz, Sister Pearl Turner, Rev. T. M. Arnold.

8. Ministers Characters—Brother Davis, Brother Charlie Gilstrap, Brother McCormic.

9. Resolutions—Rev. L. C. Crowder, Brother L. B. Clark, Brother Fowler.

10. Obituaries—Sister Madewell, Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Floyd Brown.

11. Finance—Rev. Hubert Brown, Bro. Arthur Hendrix, Brother Bob Carter.

12. Ministers Examining Council—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. C. N. Rose.

13. Yard Committee—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Clarence Bryant, Bro. Othel Williams.

14. Orphans Committee—Rev. L. C. Crowder, Bro. Frank Pratt, Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. McKinney.

Motion was made and carried that we appoint the Orphans Committee.

Motion was made and carried that we give Rev. F. A. McCage one hour to explain about an orphanage.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn to meet back at one-thirty Friday afternoon.

FRIDAY NOON SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing was directed by Rev. L. C. Crowder. Sister Nettie Stankwitz conducted devotional services, and Elder John West brought the morning message.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the choir. Prayer was voiced by Bro. Bryant.

Talk was made by Elder John West, concerning the State Orphanage of the Free Will Baptist. Rev. F. A. McCage made a talk, pertaining to the same, after which the pledges and offerings were made.

Motion was made and carried that each Church send in \$5.00 with their minute money to the Association, for the up-keep of the shed.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn to meet back at 9:30 Saturday morning. Session was dismissed by Rev. Ches. Brown.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the choir. United prayer was voiced by the congregation. Devotional service conducted by Sister Scantlen, Rev. C. A. Brown brought a wonderful message. The congregation was dismissed by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the choir. Lesson was read by the Moderator. A united prayer.

Motion was made and carried that we give the yard committee authority to install electricity at the shed.

Motion was made and carried that we receive the following reports:

1. Devotional Committee—We your devotional committee beg leave to report as follows: Wednesday night—Bro. Purdom conduct devotional service and Rev. C. L. Crowder bring the message. Thursday morning—Rev. H. O. Turner preached the introductory sermon. Devotional service was dismissed. Thursday night—Bro. Bill Ketchem conducted the devotional and Elder Day brought the message. Friday morning—Sister Nettie Stankwitz conducted the devotional and Elder West brought the morning message. Friday P. M.—Sister Thelma Scantlen conducted the devotional and Bro. Ches. Brown brought the message. Saturday morning—Bro. Crowder preached the memorial and devotional was dismissed and time was given to the memorial service. Saturday night—Sister Lessie Bales conducted the devotional and Bro. Boyd brought the message. Sunday morning—Sister Laura Arnold conducted the devotional and Rev. Dixon brought the message.
Bro. C. C. Garland, Chairman.

2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—We your committee on Sabbath schools beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the old report with stronger emphasis on the Sunday School rallies.

(Old Report)

Each Sunday school teacher keep a roll of her class pupils. When one is absent as much as twice, that the teacher show her affections more by visiting or sending a card, encouraging them to come back. We believe that if the young peoples society is carried out, that it will encourage the young people and they will take a greater interest in their work.

A young peoples society should be organized and each Sunday school represented as Sunday school rallies given by this young people's organization. As we believe this will create more interest among the young folks 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 partnts and fail to get the right kind of teaching at home. We ask that each parent take their chil-

dren to Sunday school instead of sending them. Sister Jossie Patton, chairman.

3. We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: that we adopt the old report of last year and we have nothing to add to it at this time.

(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 acknowledgments to the church. We also urge that our members abstain from breaking the Sabbath, by doing such things as hunting and fishing and indulging in ungodly conversations. We believe that we should be temperate in all things. Mrs. W. M. LaFave, chairman.

4. Query and Request Committee—We your committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows: that we adopt the old report with this request. We ask this association to grant the committee the power and authority to have electricity installed on our camp grounds.

(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 any one else, for them not to be taken from the association ground.

Rev. U. C. Purdom, chairman.

Each church has been requested to send \$5 00 with the minute fund for the upkeep of the shed.

5. Committee on Books and Periodicals—We your committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report with no amendments.

(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, Missouri. 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 houses also. Sister Lessie Bailes, Chairman.

6. Bill of Arrangements Committee—We your committee on Bill of Arrangements beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report.

(Old Report)

Let every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give. And that our ministers preach repentance, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

We request that our deacon brethren see that each and every minister thoroughly explain the tithing system before each church. Bro. H. D. Shepherd, chairman.

7. Deacons Characters Committee—We your committee on Deacons Characters beg leave to report as follows: All Deacons as far as we know, or can find out, are in good standing.

(Old Report)

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 the line of duty. Rev. T. M. Arnold, Chm.

8. Ministers Characters Committee—We your committee on Minister's characters beg leave to report as follows: We find them all in good standing.

(Old Report)

We find that all of our Ministers Orthodox. Bro. J. T. Davis, chairman.

9. Resolution Committee—We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report with the cancellation of the second resolution in the old report.

(Old Report)

We are to erase each Minister's name that is not affiliated with our association.

Be it resolved that each church comprising the association, to strictly adhere to our committee in regard to finance for the upkeep of the association ground. Each church pay their part.

Be it resolved that all ministers of our association strictly adhere to our ruling in regard to ordaining 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 tabernacle without the consent of every member of the board of directors or trustees. Rev. L. C. Crowder, chairman.

10. Obituaries Committee—We your committee on obituaries beg leave to report as follows: We are sorry to loose our dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Murry Spur Churcs: Bro Marvin King—Keota Church, Sister Dora Mosby and Grandma Shepherd.—Rose Hill Church, Sister Della King and Bro. W. O. Amos, one of our soldier boys who gave his life that we might have this glorious privelege to worship our God—McCurtain Panther Church, Bro. Riley Hendrix, Bro. Joe Lemley, deacon of his church and Sister Loeata Holt, daughter of Sister Madewell—Havana Church, Sister Chastain—Flower Hill Church, Rev. J. W. Shehorn, one of our ablest ministers—Rock Ford Church, another soldier boy and son of Sister Effie Brown—Old Panther Church, daughter of Bro. Purnell, Bro. Marvin Barkley—Hoyt, Sister Sylvia Cleveland—Christian Grove Church, Bro. Henry Perkins—Iron Bridge Church, Sister Lou Ella Pratt, Bro. Ernest Davis' boy. Sister Laura Arnold, chairman.

Please note—If anyone's name has been left out it wasn't handed in on the final report of the committee.

11. Report of Last Year's Clerk—I beg leave to report as follows: Expenses for the year. Printing of the minutes, \$40.00, State Minutes \$10.00, Insurance on the shed \$7.50, Salary of the clerk and assistant-clerk for the year of 1943-'44 \$30.00. Paid Bro. Othel Williams \$32.00 on the piano. Paid Bro. Othel Williams \$30.00 for fencing the association ground. Paid \$9.00 for work done on the shed. Paid Dobyns \$17.50 for the wire to fence the association ground. Total expenses \$176.00.

Total amount of money at the beginning of the year was \$103.60. Amount collected from the churches was \$50.00, making a total of \$153.00.

There was a collection taken at the service one day and the association voted to pay me \$9.00 of the \$26.70 that was collected.
Sister Dovie LaFave, clerk.

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

1. Havana Church	\$ 2.50
2. Rock Ford Church	2.50
3. Iron Bridge Church	2.50
4. Hawthorne Church	3.00
5. Cross Roads	2.50
6. Rose Hill	2.50
7. Oak Ridge	2.50
8. Murry Spur	3.00
9. Rose Dale	2.50
10. Rocky Point	2.50
11. Keota	2.50
12. Panama	2.50
13. Old Panther	2.50
14. Hoyt	2.50
15. McCurtain Panther	2.80
16. Rock Island	2.50
17. Mt. View	2.50
18. Cartersville	2.50
19. Christian Grove	2.50
20. Perry Church	2.60
21. Stigler Church	3.00
22. Sans Bols	2.50

TOTAL\$59.40

Rev. Hubert Brown, chairman.

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

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

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the choir. Lesson read by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Turner.

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

Motion made and carried that we elect delegates to the following corresponding associations.

Roberts McGee Association—Bro. D. Shepherd and Sister Shepherd and Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse.

State Association—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. E. Purdom, Bro. E. D. Phillips, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Mart Fowler.

Grand River Association—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Sister LaFave, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Bro. Bob Bailes and Sister Lessie Bailes.

Gains Creek Association—Sister Dovie LaFave, Sister Thelma Scantlen, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. T. M. Arnold and Bro. Charlie Gilstrap.

Mission Association—Sister Dovie LaFave, Sister Thelma Scantlen, Sister Lessie Bailes.

The Fifth Sunday meetings were then located as follows:

- 1st Fifth Sunday Meeting Hawthorne Church
- 2nd Fifth Sunday Meeting Hoyt Church
- 3rd Fifth Sunday Meeting Stigler Church
- 4th Fifth Sunday Meeting Murry's Spur Church
- 5th Fifth Sunday Meeting Keota Church

Motion was made and carried that we have 600 minutes printed.

Motion was made and carried that we give the Clerk and Moderator the authority to print credentials.

A talk was made on the church covenant by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

The annual Sunday School Rally day for every Sunday School in Association will be the First Sunday in October, 1946.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn to meet again on Wednesday night before the First Sunday in September of 1946, A. D.

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. Floyd Barnes Stigler, Okla.
- 6. Rev. Ira Bales Stigler, Okla.
- 7. Rev. J. E. Bridges Ft. Smith, Ark.
- 8. Rev. Hubert Brown Keota, Okla.
- 9. Rev. J. A. Boggs Sallisaw, Okla.
- 10. Rev. C. A. Brown Kinta, Okla.
- 11. Rev. L. R. Crumb Stigler, Okla.
- 12. Rev. Crossno Keota, Okla.
- 13. Rev. L. C. Crowder Stigler, Okla.
- 14. Rev. L. B. Clark Spiro, Okla.
- 15. Rev. Edgar Cole Keota, Okla.
- 16. Rev. B. E. Hickman Stigler, Okla.
- 17. Rev. R. M. Hollis McCurtain, Okla.
- 18. Rev. A. A. Holdridge Hoyt, Okla.
- 19. Rev. J. C. Hill Tamaha, Okla.
- 20. Rev. Riley Haskins Ft. Smith, Ark.
- 21. Rev. W. M. Johnson Keota, Okla.
- 22. Rev. Newt King Stigler, Okla.
- 23. Rev. C. E. Kennedy Keota, Okla.
- 24. Rev. Henry Long McCurtain, Okla.
- 25. Rev. J. A. Mathis Stigler, Okla.
- 26. Rev. J. A. Maxwell Spiro, Okla.
- 27. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse Stigler, Okla.
- 28. Rev. R. Pearson Keota, Okla.
- 29. Rev. Edd Petty McCurtain, Okla.
- 30. Rev. C. N. Rose Stigler, Okla.
- 31. Rev. D. J. Rowlett Chow Chilla, Calif.
- 32. Rev. J. E. Smith Stigler, Okla.
- 33. Rev. G. F. Sutton Phoenix, Arizona
- 34. Rev. J. G. Sprouse McCurtain, Okla.
- 35. Rev. H. O. Turner Stigler, Okla.
- 36. Rev. Henry Williams Keota, Okla.
- 37. Rev. Norman Woodruff Lequire, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored two churches, preached 60 sermons, baptised 3, preached 10 funerals, witnessed 13 conversions. I received from:

Old Panther \$ 46.00

Christian Grove	131.00
I received for my year's work	\$177.00
Pray for me. I need your prayers.—Rev. T. M. ARNOLD.	

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 denominating 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 members 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 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 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 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; 1st 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

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 corruption 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 the happiness of the people of God in general and to singly engage 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. 24:31; I Cor. 16:42; 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 expenses of our own church to that of any other and we will pray prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary 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

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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.

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.

