

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY THIRD 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 mile south, and one-half mile west of Keota, Oklahoma on Wednesday night before the First Sunday in September, 1947, A. D.

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Introductory Sermon to be Preached by Rev. W. T. Roberts
and Rev. U. C. Purdom, alternate

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Rev. C. N. Rose	Moderator
Rev. H. O. Turner	Assistant Moderator
Sister Dovie LaFave	Clerk
Sister Medlock	Assistant Clerk

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of business shall be opened and concluded by Prayer, by the Moderator or whomsoever he may call on.

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. Alternations shall be made in these at any regular session of this association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order by the Moderator.
2. Letters called for and adopted.
3. Right hand of fellowship is extended.
4. Electing of Officers.
5. Reading Rules of Order.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Introductory Sermon to be preached.
8. Inviting visiting Brethren to seat.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. New Business.
11. Report of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the Choir. A united prayer was then called for. Rev. Norman Woodruff delivered a wonderful message. Motion made and carried that we adjourn until Thursday morning. The congregation was dismissed by Rev. Leonard Crowder.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by Rev. C. N. Rose, the Moderator. Singing by the Choir. Lesson was read from the 13th Chapter of Corinthians 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 the letters from the Old Churches and received the following:

1. PERRY—Bro. Joe Upton, Bro. Kermit Turner, and Bro. Truman Thompson as delegates. Alternates elected were: Bro. and Sister Bufford Trickett. Rev. W. T. Roberts, Moderator.

Sister Ruby LaFave, Church Clerk, Stigler, Okla., Route 5.

2. MT. VIEW—Sister Ada Phipps, Sister Ila Jones, Bro. Roland Jones, delegates. Alternate Bro. Fred Bryant. Rev. C. A. Brown, Moderator. Sister Mary F. Hodges, Clerk, Stigler, Okla.

3. HAVANA—Bro. Everett Nolen, Sister Thelia Nolen, Sister Maggie Ragle, delegates. Alternates Bro. Will Ragle, Sister Audie Goodson. Bro. Mart Fowler, Moderator. Sister Allie Robertson, Clerk, Stigler, Oklahoma.

4. STIGLER—Bro. Theron Kirk, Sister Gladys Kirk, Sister Clara Turner, delegates. Rev. Leonard Crowder, Moderator. Sister Lovie LaFave, Clerk, Stigler, Oklahoma.

5. CHRISTIAN GROVE—Bro. Elmer Spangler, Sister Lilly Spangler, delegates. Alternates: Bro. Harold Haskins, Sister Geraldine Haskins. Rev. Simpkins, moderator. Sister Lena Ward, Church Clerk, Ft. Smith, Ark., Route 3.

6. IRON BRIDGE—Bro. Wilburn Cordle, Bro. Ravmon Shepherd, Bro. Ova Lee Hancock, delegates. Alternates: Bro. Willard Brown. Bro. Otho Williams, moderator. Sister Beaulah Cordle, Clerk, Keota, Oklahoma.

7. HAWTHORNE—Bro. Buster Cones, Sister Myrtle Cones, Sister Susie McGuire, delegates. Alternate: Bro. John Ballard. Rev. Ira Bales, moderator. Sister Kid Fench, church clerk, Stigler, Oklahoma, Route 2.

8. ROCKY POINT—Sister Dorothy Atkins, Bro. Berry Mosteller, Bro. Claud Mosteller, delegates. Alternates: Sister Betty Johnson, Sister Vera Johnson, and Sister Irene Oliver. Rev. Riley Haskins, moderator. Sister Ruby Hartwick, clerk, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

9. BURRY SPUR—Sister Ruth Hassell, Sister Alene Hassell, Sister Lilly Ruyle, delegates. Rev. Burl Nye, moderator. Sister Tynne Loudermilk, clerk, Spiro, Oklahoma, Route 2.

10. ROSE DALE—Sister Dora Longcryer, Sister Georgia Mecon, Sister Blaylock, delegates. Alternate: Sister Dixie Coffey. Rev. T. M. Arnold, moderator. Sister Clara Tolbert, clerk, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

11. PANAMA—Bro. Fred Britz, Bro. Abby Hanna, Bro. Joe Pierce, delegates. Alternates: Sister Vertie Long, Sister Maggie Tanksley. Rev. L. B. Clark, moderator. Sister McFaden, church clerk, Panama, Oklahoma.

12. PRAIRIE GROVE—Bro. and Sister Powell, Sister Estell Anderson, delegates. Alternates: Sister Krumseik. Sister Letha Few, church clerk, Stigler, Oklahoma.

13. CROSS ROADS—Bro. Mack Adams, Bro. Riley Garland,

Sister Henrietta Garland, delegates. Alternates: Bro. Jess Venerable, Bro. Joe Hill. Bro. Ben Hickman, moderator. Sister Gerlie Adams, clerk, Stigler, Oklahoma.

14. TAMAHA—Sister Clara Ward, Sister Cecil Reynolds, Sister Viola Hulsey, delegates. Alternates: Sister Ida Hulsey, Sister Lenora Bryant. Rev. Edgar Cole, moderator. Sister Inez Hulsey, clerk, Tamaha, Oklahoma.

15. OLD PANTHER—Sister Lottie Allen, Bro. and Sister Bill Adams, delegates. Alternates: Bro. Harmon Bransfield, Sister Yvonne Ward. Rev. T. M. Arnold, moderator. Sister Nela Ward, clerk, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

16. KEOTA—Sister McCullah, Sister Lowe, Sister Fountain, Sister Zide Truett. Rev. C. N. Rose, moderator. Sister Lora Tabor, clerk, Keota, Oklahoma.

17. MCCURTAIN—Sister Casey. Sister Nell Davis, Bro. Gibson, delegates. Alternates: Bro. Renfrow, Bro. Joe Dunman. Bro. Hugh Brown, moderator. Sister Madewell, clerk, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

18. ROCK ISLAND—Bro. J. A. Neeley, Sister Wanda Ballinger, Sister Helen Gravely, Sister Nell Cassay, delegates. Rev. Riley Haskins, moderator. Sister Gussie Williams, clerk, Rock Island, Oklahoma.

19. ROSE HILL—Bro. Albert Simmons, Sister Elmer Simmons, Sister Bessie Fowler, Sister Willie Daniels, delegates. Rev. L. C. Crowder, moderator. Sister Agnes Oliver, clerk, McCurtain, Okla.

20. ROYAL OAK—Sister Mary Ward, Sister Julia Lowell, Bro. Henry Daniel, Bro. Joe Kubala, delegates. Rev. Riley Haskins, moderator. Sister Dum Falkner, clerk, Williams, Oklahoma.

21. ROCK FORD—Bro. Frank Ciyva, Sister Jessie Dix, delegates. Alternate: Sister Imogene Brown. Rev. U. C. Purdom, moderator. Sister Alice Hendrix, clerk, Keota, Okla., Route 3.

22. OAK RIDGE—Sister Phillis Knowles, Sister Deverne Knowles, Bro. Freddie Apple, delegates. Alternate: Bro. Roland Wallace. Rev. U. C. Purdom, moderator. Sister McSpadden, clerk, Stigler, Oklahoma.

23. HOYT—Sister Casey, Bro. Russ Gidion, Sister Jean Binder, delegates. Alternate: Bro. J. M. Ledford. Rev. U. C. Purdom, moderator. Sister Holdridge, clerk, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

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

Letters from new churches were called for and received the following:

1. LONE ELM—Sister Audie Woods, Sister Bertha Wood, Sister Jewlie Nelson, delegates. Alternate: Bro. Bill Nelson. Rev. C. N. Rose, moderator. Sister, Dorsie Medlock, clerk, Keota, Okla.

2. FOLSOM—Bro. Omer Brown, Sister Cleo Brown, Sister Anna Brentee, delegates. Alternate: Bro. Arthur Hay. Sister Clara Harp, clerk, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

3. WHITEFIELD—Sister Carra Brooks, Sister Geraldine Barbee, delegates. Alternate: Sister Anthay. Rev. T. M. Arnold, moderator. Sister Opal Barbee, clerk, Whitefield, Oklahoma.

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

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet again Thursday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock.

THURSDAY NOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. United prayer was called for. Singing by the Choir. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. Riley Haskins which was a wonderful message. Session was then dismissed by prayer from Rev. C. N. Rose to meet again at one-thirty Thursday afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the Choir. United prayer. Lesson was read by assistant Moderator Rev. H. O. Turner from the Book of Corinthians.

Moderator called for corresponding delegates and received the following: Bro. and Sister F. F. Mann, Brother and Sister Young from the Grand River Association. Also Bro. Burl from the same association.

Motion made and carried that the afternoon be spent in devotional service.

Spiritual talks were made by Rev. Bill Johnson, Bro. Young, Bro. Mann, Bro. McKinney. The service was concluded by a testimony meeting which was enjoyed by all.

The devotional committee was then appointed as follows: Bro. E. B. Williamson, Bro. John Maxwell, and Bro. C. C. Garland.

Motion made and carried to meet again at nine o'clock Friday morning. Session was dismissed by the Moderator.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the Choir. United prayer. Devotional services were led by Bro. Bob Bailes. There was a great revival spirit among the Christians. Preaching services followed by Rev. Bradford from the Free Will Baptist Orphans Home. A collection was taken for the Orphans Home and received \$58.90. The Session was dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Bro. Young. Lesson read from the Book of John, by the Moderator.

Motion made and carried that we appoint the following committees.

1. Devotional Committee—Bro. E. B. Williamson, Bro. John Maxwell, Bro. C. C. Garland.

2. Query and Request—Rev. Riley Haskins, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. Edgar Cole.

3. Finance—Bro. Charley Gilstrap, Bro. Ben Hickman, and Bro. Weldon Donathan.

4. Sabbath Schools—Sister Williamson, Sister Henry, Sister Nettie Stankwitz and Sister Alene Hassel.

6. Books and Periodicals—Sister Simmons, Sister Holdridge, Sister Helen Gravely, Sister Agnes Oliver.

7. Bill of Arrangements—Bro. Jenton, Bro. Bill Apple, Sister Haskins, Sister Cole.

8. Deacons Characters—Rev. Burl Nye, Rev. Hubert Brown, Rev. Florence and Rev. Purdom.

9. Preachers Characters—Bro. Jim Riadenar, Bro. Will Ragle, Bro. Lish Williams.

10. Obituaries—Sister Rue, Sister Gideon, Sister Patton.

11. Resolutions—Bro. Elmer Spangler, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. Woodruff, Rev. Holdridge, Rev. Hubert Brown.

12. Yard Committee—Bro. Bob Bailes, Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. W. M. LaFave.

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

14. Orphan Board—Rev. H. O. Turner, Bro. Bob Bailes, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. C. N. Rose.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet back at 1:30 Friday morning. Session was dismissed by Rev. H. O. Turner.

FRIDAY NOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother Young. Devotional Service was led by Sister Nettie Stankwitz. There was a great revival service that Bro. Burl Nye did not preach. Souls were saved.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Bro. Otho Williams. Lesson read by Rev. A. A. Holdridge.

Motion made and carried to receive the following reports and discharge the committees.

1. Devotional Committee—We your devotional committee beg leave to report as follows: Wednesday night, Rev. Norman Woodruff bring the message. Thursday morning Rev. Riley Haskins preach the Introductory sermon. Thursday night Bro. Bob Bailes to conduct devotional service and Rev. L. B. Clark to preach. Friday morning Sister Nettie Stankwitz to conduct devotional service and Rev. Burl Nye to preach. Friday night Sister Myrtle Cones to conduct devotional service and Rev. L. C. Crowder to bring the message. Saturday morning Rev. T. M. Arnold to preach memorial service. Saturday night Bro. Floyd Brown to conduct the devotional service and Rev. Clarence to preach. Sunday morning Sister Patton conduct the devotional service and Rev. Bill Johnson to preach.

Bro. C. B. Williamson, chairman.

2. Committee on Sabbath Schools—We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report.

OLD REPORT—That there be a committee of two be appointed in each Sunday School to supervise and encourage the Youth Camp meeting. Also that there be a league organized in each Sunday School for the benefit of our young folks.

We ask that each church take a greater interest in Sunday School for it is the life of each church. We recommend that each Sunday School use Free Will Baptist literature. We know it is the true doctrine and that all Sunday School teachers should be Christians. For it is impossible for the unsaved to teach the word of God. The committee's prayers are behind the young

folks and we pray that their mothers and fathers will take a greater interest in Sunday School.

Sister Fannie Williamson, chairman.

3. Temperance Committee—We your Temperance Committee beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report with the additional amendment that we be temperate with our tongue, keep it bridled and not let it be unruly at any 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 acknowledgements to the church. We also urge that our members abstain from breaking the Sabbath. By doing such things as hunting, fishing, and indulging in ungodly conversations. We believe we should be temperate in all things.

Brother Wickersham, chairman.

4. Query and Request Committee—We your committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows:

That Rev. Burl Nye of Zion Hope No. 2, Association of Sebastian County and Rev. Florence of the Oklahoma Association whom wish to become members of the Old Eureka Association furnish a letter of recommendation from the Association that they are now a member of.

That we revise our ministers roll by releasing the following ministers names because of their membership with other Associations. Rev. Hollis, Rev. J. A. Maxwell, Rev. D. J. Rowlett, Rev. Bill Johnson.

Rev. L. B. Clark, chairman.

5. Books and Periodicals Committee—We your committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt and practice the Old Report in our churches.

OLD REPORT—We recommend that the Bible as the next 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 sociated in Iowa. We further recommend that our church history be read by all our readers and all who will. We have many Authordox books by our ablest brethern. 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 per year. Also the one printed at Ayden, North Carolina once a week for the price of \$1.00 per year. League literature, Mission Circle literature may be purchased also from these publishing houses.

Sister Helen Gravely, 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 brethern see that each and every minister thoroughly explain the tithing system before each church.

Bro. Frank Fenton, Chairman.

7. Deacon's Character Committee—We your committee on Deacon's Character beg leave to report as follows: That we have no complaint as yet. We recommend that any deacon walking disorderly be dealt with as stated in St. Matt. Chapter 18.

Rev. Burl Nye, Chairman.

8. Minister's Character Committee—We your committee on

Minister's Character beg leave to report as follows: As far as we know our ministers are orthodox in belief and practice but urge greater cooperation for the cause of Christ.

Bro. Will Ragle, Chairman.

9. Resolution Committee—We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: That the youth camp meeting begin on Wednesday night one week before the Association and convene until the following Sunday.

Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Chairman.

10. Obituary Committee—We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows: We have lost the following members by death:

Tamaha Church: Sister Laura Fifer and Bro. J. B. Tackett. Christian Grove Church: Sister Laura Clark. McCurtain Church: Bro. Jim Miller and Bro. Baker. Keota Church: Bro. J. A. Higgs, J'nis Marson and Billie Rose who are the grandsons of Bro. Charlie Gilstrap. Mt. View Church: Bro. Clarence Bryant. Rock Ford Church: Sister Della Banks, Vernon Brown, who was the son of Bro. and Sister Floyd Brown. Old Panther Church: Bro. Ebb Snow, who was the father of Sister Fanny Bush, Donnie Williams who was the grandson of Sister Carrie Williams. Iron Bridge Church: Bro. Walter Davis.

We are very sorry to lose our dear brothers and sisters in Christ, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain and may God richly bless the bereaved.

Sister Lillie Ruyle, Chairman.

1. Association Clerk's Report: To the Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: Expenses for the year were as follows: Printing of the minutes \$46.00, Mailing expense \$1.50. Insurance on shed for 1946-47 \$15.00. Paid on well debt \$30.00. State minutes \$10.00. Clerk's salary \$20.00. Paid \$2.40 balance that was paid by the clerk. Paid work on the shed \$9.40. Total expenses \$134.30.

Total amount of money at the beginning of the year was \$152.60, after deducting \$134.30, we have the remaining balance of \$18.30.

Sister Dovie LaFave, Association Clerk.

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

1. Rock Ford	\$2.50
2. Havana	2.50
3. Rose Hill	2.50
4. Rose Dale	3.00
5. Stigler	3.00
6. Prairie Grove	2.50
7. Panama	2.50
8. Keota	2.50
9. Cross Roads	2.50
10. Lone Elm	2.50
11. Murry Spur	2.55
12. Rock Island	2.50
13. Hawthorne	2.50
14. Royal Oak	2.50
15. Tamaha	2.50
16. McCurtain	2.50

17. Rocky Point	2.50
18. Christian Grove	2.50
19. Oak Ridge	2.50
20. Mt. View	2.50
21. Old Panther	2.50
22. Iron Bridge	2.50
23. Perry	2.50
24. Fulson	2.50
25. Hoyt	2.50
26. Whitefield	2.50

GRAND TOTAL\$68.05

Bro. J. B. Hickman, Chairman.

13. Yard Committee—We your committee on the yards beg leave to report as follows: The following churches have payed \$5.00 on the upkeep of the association shed.

1. Keota	\$5.00
2. Cross Roads	5.00
3. Prairie Grove	5.00
4. Rose Hill	5.00
5. Havana	5.00
6. Perry	5.00
7. Rose Dale	5.00
8. Stigler	5.00
9. Iron Bridge	5.00
10. Royal Oak	5.00
11. Rocky Point	5.00
12. Christian Grove	5.00
13. McCurtain Panther	2.50
14. Rock Ford	5.00
15. Tamaha	5.00
16. Oak Ridge	5.00
17. Old Panther	5.00
18. Panama	5.00
19. Rock Island	5.00

Personal Donations were given by:

John Maxwell	1.00
John Turney	1.00

TOTAL Amount Received\$94.40

MONEY PAID OUT:

To—Rev. T. M. Arnold for work on well	\$10.00
To—Bro. Herman Daws for mowing Asso. ground	5.00

TOTAL\$94.40

Bro. W. M. LaFave, Chairman

Motion made and carried to meet again at 9:30 Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner. Devotional services were led by Sister Myrtle Cones. There was a great revival spirit. The message was preached by Rev. L. C. Crowder.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Lesson read from 32 Psalm by Rev. H. O. Turner. United prayer directed by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

Motion made and carried that we grant Rev. B. Johnson a letter of recommendation.

Motion made and carried that Rev. W. T. Roberts name be placed on the Ministers roll.

Motion made and carried that Bro. Bob Bailes be placed on the yard committee in Bro. Bryant's place.

Motion made and carried that Sister Lessie Bailes, Sister Dorsie Medlock, Bro. Bob Bailes, Rev. L. C. Crowder be elected as sponsors of our youth camp meeting.

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

SATURDAY NOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. N. Rose, Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. T. M. Arnold. The Memorial services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. A united prayer was then voiced. Lesson read by the assistant Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Bob Bailes.

The Fifth Sunday meetings were then located as follows:

1st	Iron Bridge
2nd	Panama
3rd	Oak Ridge
4th	Christian Grove

Delegates were then elected to the following associations:

State Association—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. C. N. Rose, Rev. T. W. Roberts, Bro. and Sister Lessie Bailes.

Arkansas State Association—Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. C. N. Rose, Rev. Riley Haskins, and Bro. McKinney.

Grand River Association—Bro. and Sister W. M. LaFave, Bro. Sister Lessie Bailes.

Roberts McGee Association—Rev. L. B. Clark, Bro. and Sister Dee Shepherd, and Bro. McKinney.

Motion made and carried that we received the reports of the delegates to last year's association.

A collection was then taken for Rev. C. E. Kennedy's daughter and we received \$58.00.

Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. Tommie Roberts.
Rev. U. C. Purdom, Alternate.

Motion made and carried that we change paragraph 5 and 6 in the church covenant to read like the treasures.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September of 1948, A. D.

OUR MINISTERS

1. Rev. Meb Atkinson	McCurtain, Oklahoma
2. Rev. W. M. Atkinson	Sallisaw, Oklahoma
3. Rev. T. M. Arnold	Keota, Oklahoma
4. Rev. Emery Barnes	Stigler, Oklahoma
5. Rev. Floyd Barnes	Stigler, Oklahoma
6. Rev. Ira Bales	Stigler, Oklahoma
7. Rev. C. E. Bradshaw	Panama, Oklahoma
8. Rev. J. E. Bridges	Ft. Smith, Arkansas
9. Rev. Hubert Brown	Keota, Oklahoma
10. Rev. C. A. Brown	Kinta, Oklahoma
11. Rev. L. R. Crumb	Stigler, Oklahoma
12. Rev. Wess Crossno	Keota, Oklahoma
13. Rev. L. R. Crowder	Stigler, Oklahoma
14. Rev. L. B. Clark	Spiro, Oklahoma
15. Rev. Edgar Cole	Keota, Oklahoma
16. Rev. B. E. Hickman	Stigler, Oklahoma
17. Rev. A. A. Holdridge	Hoyt, Oklahoma
18. Rev. J. C. Hill	Tamaha, Oklahoma
19. Rev. Riley Haskins	Ft. Smith, Arkansas
20. Rev. Newt King	Stigler, Oklahoma
21. Rev. C. E. Kennedy	Keota, Oklahoma
22. Rev. Henry Long	McCurtain, Oklahoma
23. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse	Stigler, Oklahoma
24. Rev. R. Pearson	Keota, Oklahoma
25. Rev. Ed Petty	McCurtain, Oklahoma
26. Rev. Tommie Roberts	Stigler, Oklahoma
27. Rev. C. N. Rose	Keota, Oklahoma
28. Rev. J. E. Smith	Stigler, Oklahoma
29. Rev. G. F. Sutton	Phoenix, Arizona
30. Rev. J. G. Sprouse	McCurtain, Oklahoma
31. Rev. H. O. Turner	Stigler, Oklahoma
32. Rev. Norman Woodruff	Lecuire, Oklahoma
33. Rev. U. C. Purdom	Hoyt, Oklahoma
34. Rev. Burl Nye	Ft. Smith, Arkansas
35. Rev. Florence	Panama, Oklahoma

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, we 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 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 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 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 1-2; 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 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 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 preserve 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 lives 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 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 worship 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.

