

*Rev. M. J. Jernigan*

# MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

(Since the Division From Roberts 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, 1948, A. D.

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Introductory Sermon to be Preached by Rev. Riley Haskins  
and Rev. Hubert Brown, alternate

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Rev. C. E. Kennedy .....	Moderator
Rev. C. N. Rose .....	Assistant Moderator
Sister Dovie LaFave .....	Clerk
Sister Goldie Harp .....	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 the seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question: Shall it be discussed? If negative the request of any member and a vote taken.
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 in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. New Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION**

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. N. Rose. Prayer by Rev. Tommie Roberts. Devotional services were led by Rev. L. C. Crowder. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. Sanders. Motion was made and carried that we adjourn until Thursday morning at nine o'clock. Session was dismissed by prayer.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by Rev. C. N. Rose. Singing by the Choir. A united prayer was then voiced. Lesson was read from Psalm by the Moderator, Rev. C. N. Rose.

Motion was 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. IRON BRIDGE—Bro. Redmon Brigance, Bro. Raymon Shepherd, Bro. Wilburn Cordle, Bro. Robert Carter, Rev. Riley Haskins, pastor; Sister Beaulah Cordle, Church Clerk.

2. PERRY—Bro. Kermit Turner, Bro. Omer Moore, Sister Susie Moore, Rev. Tommie Roberts, pastor; Sister Ruby LaFave, Church Clerk.

3. HOYT—Bro. Floy Tinney, Bro. John Gideon, Sister Rusha Gideon, Rev. U. C. Purdom, pastor; Sister Susie Holdridge, church clerk.

4. CROSS ROADS—Bro. Harp, Sister Harp, Sister Pearl Stan-cell, Rev. Tommie Roberts, pastor; Sister Gertie Adams, church

5. STIGLER—Sister Ledford, Bro. Edd Tatman, Sister Eva Perch, Rev. L. C. Crowder, pastor; Sister Dovie LaFave, church clerk.

6. OAK RIDGE—Bro. Ernest Forrester, Sister Blanch Forrester, Sister Violet McSpadden, Rev. U. C. Purdom, pastor; Sister Fay McSpadden, church clerk.

7. CHRISTIAN GROVE—Sister Lily Spangler, Bro. Elmer Spangler, Sister Liddle Perkins, Rev. Riley Haskins, pastor; Sister Lena Ward, church clerk.

8. TAMAHA—Sister Tackett, Bro. Reynolds, Bro. Hulsey, Sister Hester Ward, Rev. Edgar Cole, pastor; Sister Inez Hulsey, church clerk.

9. ROCKY POINT—Sister Alma Pallon, Sister Dorothy Atkinson, Sister Maud Dill, Rev. Tommie Roberts, pastor; Sister Ruby Hartwick, church clerk.

10. MURRY SPUR—Sister Lilly Ruble, Sister Wilma Baker, Sister Alene Hassell, Rev. E. W. Simpkins, pastor; Sister Jake Loudermilk, church clerk.

11. ROCK FORD—Bro. Carl Dix, Bro. L. T. Brown, Bro. Frank Clyma, Rev. U. C. Purdom, pastor; Sister Allece Hendrix, church clerk.

PRAIRIE GROVE—Bro. W. H. Powell, Sister Gertie Powell, Sister Lucy Krumseik, Rev. Riley Haskins, pastor; Sister Estella Anderson, church clerk.

13. ROCK ISLAND—Bro. Will George, Sister Gussie Williams, Sister Eva Bollinger, Rev. Riley Haskins, pastor; Sister Nell Essary, church clerk.

14. WHITEFIELD—Sister Carbie Brooks, Bro. Ed Barbee, Sister Geraldine Barbee, Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor; Sister Opal Barbee, church clerk.

15. ROSE HILL—Bro. Albert Simmons, Bro. Henry Roye, Sister Ermer Simmons, Bro. William Oliver, Rev. U. C. Purdom, pastor; Sister Agnes Oliver, church clerk.

16. McCURTAIN—Sister Madewell, Bro. Nath Gibson, Sister

Nell Davis, Bro. Tom Gibson, Rev. Norman Woodruff, astor; Sister Lemley, church clerk.

17. PANAMA—Bro. Joe Pierce, Bro. Bill Cantrell, Bro. Luther Wilson, Rev. Bart Clark, astor; Sister Elizabeth McFayden, church clerk.

18. OLD PANTHER—Sister Lottie Allen, Bro. and Sister Harmon Brassfield, Rev. T. M. Arnold, astor; Sister Neta Ward church clerk.

19. KEOTA—Sister McCullah, Sister Green, Sister Zida Truett, Rev. C. N. Rose, pastor; Sister Lora Tabor, church clerk.

20. HAVANA—Bro. Everett Nolen, Sister Thelia Nolen, Sister Audie Goodson, Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor; Sister Allie Robertson, church clerk.

21. LONE ELM—Sister Audie Wood, Sister Sallie Crawford, Bro. Cleybern Shepherd, Rev. Hubert Brown, pastor; Sister Betha Wood, church clerk.

22. ROYAL OAK—Bro. Elmer Falkner, Sister Bonnie Brown, Sister Fredda Falkner, Sister Dym Falkner, church clerk.

23. FOLSOM—Bro. Bowen, Sister Bowen, Sister McAlheney, Sister Clara Harp, church clerk, McCurtain, Okla.

23. HAWTHORNE—Bro. Buster Cones, Sister Myrtle Cones, Sister Effie Bollinger, Rev. H. O. Turner, pastor; Sister Kid Finch church clerk.

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

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

1. FISH CREEK—Sister Della Warren, Sister May Pugh, Sister Nettie Colbert, Rev. C. A. Brown, pastor; Sister Mary McSpadden, church clerk.

Motion made and carried that we receive the letter from the new church and seat the delegates.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to both old and new churches.

Officers were then elected as follows: Rev. C. E. Kennedy, moderator; Rev. C. N. Rose, assistant moderator; Sister Dovie LaFave, clerk; Sister Goldie Harp, assistant clerk.

Rules of order were then read by assistant moderator, Rev. C. N. Rose.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

#### THURSDAY NOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. S. Kennedy. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Sister Laura Arnold. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. U. C. Purdom. Had a great revival. The session was dismissed by prayer to meet at 1:30 on Thursday afternoon.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. E. Kennedy. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. George McClain.

Moderator called for corresponding delegates from various associations as follows. Rev. George McClain, Rev. Sandy McClain from California; Bro. Virgil Florence, Sister Mae Florence, Sister Rosie Florence, Sister Laura Arnold, Bro. Green, Sister Peevyhouse from Grand River association, Rev. Doyle Deboye and Sister Deboye from Ft. Smith Free Will Baptist Church.

The committees were then appointed as follows:

1. Devotional Committee—Bro. Hanna, Bro. Pernell, Bro. Law.

2. Resolution Committee—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. H. O. Turner.

3. Query and Request—Bro. Clayton, Rev. Pearson, Sister Patton.

4. Finance Committee—Bro. D. Shepherd, Bro. Dred Phillips, Bro. Brigrance.

5. Sabbath School Committee—Sister Clayton, Sister Eva Porch, Sister Woods.

6. Bill of Arrangements Committee—Rev. J. E. Smith, Bro. McKinney, Rev. T. M. Arnold.

7. Deacons Character Committee—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. C. N. Rose.

8. Ministers Character Committee—Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Rufus Harp.

9. Obituary Committee—Sister Truett, Sister Gideon, Sister T. M. Arnold.

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

11. Minister's Examining Council—Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. C. N. Rose.

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

Motion made and carried that the Committee on Books and Periodicals be omitted.

Motion made and carried that we spend the rest of the afternoon in Devotional Services.

Motion made and carried to adjourn business session until Friday morning 9:30 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. United prayer. Singing by the choir. Devotional Services were conducted by Sister Laura Arnold. Preaching services by Rev. George McClain. Had a great revival. Session was dismissed by prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Rev. H. O. Turner. Singing by the choir. Lesson read from 116 Psalms by Rev. C. E. Kennedy.

Motion made and carried that we have devotional services at 11:00 o'clock services followed by preaching services.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn business session until 1:30 Friday afternoon.

## FRIDAY NOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Sister Mae Florence. Devotional services led by Sister Nettie Stankwitz. Preaching services were conducted by Rev. Vergil Florence. Had a great revival. Session was dismissed by prayer.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Holdridge.

Called for volunteers to help park the cars on association ground Friday night, and received the following: Rev. Tommie Roberts and Bro. Bert Poe.

Motion made and carried Rev. L. C. Crowder order 50 song books, "Favorite Songs and Hymns".

A collection of \$22.30 was made for purchasing the song books.

Motion made and carried that we take up a collection to apply on electric lights for the association shed, and received \$43.85.

Motion made and carried that Bro. W. M. LaFave be retained on the yard committee.

Motion made and carried to adjourn business session to meet again Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The session closed with a special song sung by Rev. U. C. Purdom and Rev. Vergil Florence.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House was called to order by the moderator Rev. C. E. Kennedy. Had special quartett singing. United prayer. Sister Agnes Oliver conducted the devotional services, followed by preaching services by Rev. T. H. Dixon. Had a wonderful revival.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Riley Haskins. Lesson read by moderator Rev. C. E. Kennedy from 12th chapter Thes.

Motion made and carried that Rev. H. O. Turner be appointed assistant moderator for Saturday's session, as Rev. C. N. Rose was not present.

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

1. Devotional Committee—We your committee on Devotion beg leave to report as follows: Wednesday night Rev. L. C. Crowder lead devotional services. Rev. Sanders to preach. Thursday morning Rev. U. C. Purdom preached introductory sermon. Thursday night devotional services conducted by Sister Laura Arnold. Preaching services by Rev. George McClain. Friday morning devotional services were conducted by Sister Nettie Stankwitz. Preaching services by Rev. Vergil Florence. Friday night devotional led by Sister Agnes Oliver. Preaching services by Rev. T. H. Dixon. Saturday morning memorial services con-

ducted by Rev. Qualls. Saturday night was Young People's service. Devotional was led by Sister Fredda Cordie. Rev. Sandy McClain and Rev. Omer Viles, both young ministers. Sunday morning devotional was led by Bro. Rufus Harp. Preaching services led by L. B. Clark.

2. Committee on Sabbath School beg leave to report as follows: That we adopt the old report.

Old Report: That there be a committee of two 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 folk.

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 committees prayers are behind the young folks and we pray that their mothers and fathers will take a greater interest in Sunday school.

SISTER CLAYTON, Chairman.

3. Temperance Committee—We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: Temperance implies that we should be free from intoxicating drinks of any kind, and if any member be found guilty he must make acknowledgements to the church. We also urge our members to abstain from breaking the Sabbath, by indulging in such things as hunting, fishing and indulging in ungodly conversation. We believe we should be temperate in all things.

BRO. WICKERSHAM, Chairman.

4. Query and Request Committee—We your committee on query and request beg leave to report as follows: We request that this association grant the young people the privilege of conducting one service preferably Saturday night of each setting of the association.

REV. PEARSON, Chairman.

5. Committee on Bill of Arrangements—We your committee on bill of arrangements beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the old report:

Old Report: Let every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give 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 lithing system.

REV. J. E. SMITH, Chairman.

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

REV. H. O. TURNER, Chairman.

7. 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. RUFUS HARP, Chairman.

8. Resolution Committee—We, your committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: That we have nothing to report.

BRO. W. M. LaFAVE, Chairman.

9. Obituary Committee—We your committee on Obituary, beg leave to report as follows: We are sorrow because of the loss of dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Sister George Raymond, Panama Church; Sister Teck Howard, Sister Leona Blair, Christian Grove Church; Bro. Marion Young, Iron Bridge Church; Daughter of Bro. and Sister Gibson, McCurtain Church; Sister Bernice Harp, daughter of Rev. and Sister C. E. Kennedy; Bro. J. W. King, Murry Spur Church; Sister Ida Hulsey, Tamaha Church; Bro. Jim Green, husband of Sister Jim Green, Keota Church. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

SISTER T. M. ARNOLD, Chairman.

10. Association Clerk Report: To the Old Eureka Association I beg leave to report as follows: The expenses for the year is as follows: Printing of the Minutes \$64.25. Mailing expenses \$1.56. Insurance on Shed \$7.50 for 1947-1948. State Minutes \$10.00. Clerk salary \$20.00.

Total expenses for the year \$103.31.

Total amount of money at the beginning of the year \$81.05.

After the Yard Committee paid \$20.00 on the printing of the Minutes, left \$83.31 paid out of the Association Treasury.

SISTER DOVIE LaFAVE, Association Clerk.

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

1. Perry .....	\$2.50
2. Hoyt .....	2.75
3. Whitefield .....	2.50
4. Keota .....	2.50
5. Iron Bridge .....	2.50
6. Oak Ridge .....	2.50
7. Lone Elm .....	2.50
8. Havana .....	2.50
9. Panama .....	2.50
10. Cross Roads .....	2.50
11. Tamaha .....	2.50
12. Stigler .....	2.50
13. Rocky Point .....	2.50
14. Rose Hill .....	2.50
15. Rock Island .....	2.50



16. McCurtain .....	2.50
17. Christian Grove .....	2.50
18. Murry Spurr .....	2.50
19. Rock Ford .....	2.50
20. Old Panther .....	2.50
21. Fish Creek .....	2.50
22. Royal Oak .....	2.50
23. Prairie Grove .....	2.50
24. Hawthorne .....	2.50
25. Folsom .....	2.50

**TOTAL** .....\$62.50

**BRO. H. D. SHEPHERD, Chairman.**

12. Yard Committee—We your committee on the yard beg leave to report as follows: The following have paid for the up-keep of the shed.

1. Whitefield .....	\$5.00
2. Keota .....	5.00
3. Iron Bridge .....	5.00
4. Oak Ridge .....	5.00
5. Lone Elm .....	5.00
6. Havana .....	5.00
7. Panama .....	5.00
8. Cross Roads .....	5.00
9. Tamaha .....	5.00
10. Perry .....	5.00
11. Hoyt .....	5.00
12. Stigler .....	5.00
13. Rocky Point .....	5.00
14. Rose Hill .....	5.00
15. Rock Island .....	5.00
16. McCurtain .....	5.00
17. Christian Grove .....	5.00
18. Murry Spurr .....	5.00
19. Rock Ford .....	5.00
20. Old Panther .....	5.00
21. Fish Creek .....	5.00
22. Royal Oak .....	5.00
23. Prairie Grove .....	5.00
24. Hawthorne .....	5.00
25. Folsom .....	5.00

**TOTAL** .....\$125.00

Expenses for the Association Year was as follows:

**MONEY PAID OUT:**

TO—Rev. T. M. Arnold for work on well, Sept 6, 1947 .....	\$10.00
To—Herman Davis for mowing ground, Sept. 6, 1947 .....	5.00
Paid on November 15 for Minutes .....	20.00

Paid for Ins., Aug. 14, 1948 on the Association Shed .....	9.70
Paid to Herman Davis .....	15.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$59.70</b>

Total at the beginning of the year was \$94.40, after the expenses for the year, \$59.70 was deducted from \$94.40 leaving the balance of \$34.70.

BRO. W. M. LaFAVE, Chairman.

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

### **SATURDAY NOON SESSION**

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. C. E. Kennedy. Singing by the Choir. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Qualls. Had a wonderful service.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. C. E. Kennedy. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Fred Jones.

The Fifth Sunday Meetings were then located as follows:

- 1st. .... Whitefield
- 2nd. .... Havana
- 3rd. .... Lone Elm
- 4th. .... Murry Spurr

Delegates were then elected to the following Associations.

State Association—Bro. Bob. Bailes, Bro. Redmon Brigance, Sister Lessie Bailes, Bro. George Fowler, Bro. W. M. LaFave.

Grand River Association—Bro. W. M. LaFave, Sister W. M. LaFave, Bro. Bob Bailes, Sister Lessie Bailes, Sister Marie Roberts.

Roberts McGee—Bro. H. D. Shepherd, Sister H. D. Shepherd, Rev. H. O. Turner.

Eastern Oklahoma Association—Rev. H. O. Turner, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Bro. Frank Pratt.

Arkansas Association—Rev. Tommie Roberts, Sister Marie Roberts, Rev. Riley Haskins, Sister Riley Haskins.

Motion made and carried that the Youth Camp Meeting convene at the Association Shed, beginning on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in June, 1949, A. D.

Sponsors elected were as follows:

Girls Sponsors are: Sister Agnes Oliver, Sister Dorsie Medlock.

Boys Sponsors: Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. L. B. Clark.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Riley Haskins preach Introductory Sermon; Rev. Hubert Brown, Alternate.

Motion made and carried to pay the \$5.00 to Sister Lessie Bailes for the money she paid for the Eureka Association at the last setting of the State Association to be used for National Association expenses.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn to meet again on Wednesday night before the 1st Sunday in Sept., 1949, 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 .....	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 .....	Lequire, 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, 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 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 Eu-  
reka 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.

