

MINUTES
OF THE
Twenty Eighth 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, four miles East of Stigler or seven miles West of Keota, Oklahoma on Wednesday night before the First Sunday in September, 1953, A. D.

The next session of this Association will convene at the new Home of the Old Eureka Association, four miles East of Stigler or seven miles West of Keota, Oklahoma on Wednesday night before the First Sunday in September, 1954, A. D.

**Ministers To Be Selected To
Preach The Introductory Sermon.**

Rev. Robert Maxwell Jr. _____ Moderator
Rev. Norman Woodruff _____ Assistant Moderator
Bro. Fred Duncan _____ Clerk
Sister Lessie Bailes _____ Assistant Clerk

— YOUTH CAMP MINUTES ON CONCLUDING PAGES —

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting, 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 in council and allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, but are not allowed to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put question; shall it be discussed?

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. A 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.

13. In future meetings of the Association, arrangements shall be made to ensure 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 rules at any regular session of this association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order by the Moderator.

2. Letters called for and received.

3. Right hand of fellowship is extended.

4. Election 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.

11. Miscellaneous Business.

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 Baptist, 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 it's 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 his 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.

8. The Terms of Salvation: The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.

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. Mar. 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 orders, 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; 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 Baptist 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 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."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

House came to order by singing a good number.

The Moderator and assistant being absent, Bro. Bob Bailes was asked to act.

Bro. Gene Medlock led the Devotional Service, and Rev. Robert Maxwell preached a wonderful sermon. Subject, "Tithing," from the book of Matthew.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. C. E. Kennedy. The choir sang No. 126, "Away Over Yonder," and No. 83, "Joy Unspeakable." Prayer and Scripture reading by Rev. Arthur Billows, taken from the 15th chapter of Psalms.

Song, "I Just Steal Away and Pray," rendered by choir.

Motion moved and seconded to enter conference to transact any business to come before the association.

Letters were called for, read by Sister Lessie Bailes, received, and delegates seated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Robert Maxwell Jr., Moderator, and Rev. Norman Woodruff, Assistant Moderator.

Then a motion was moved and second to retain the present clerk and assistant clerk, Fred Duncan and Lessie Bailes.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Rev. Norman Woodruff brought the Introductory message. Scripture: 5th chapter and 38th verse of Matthews; 13th chapter and first to seventh verses of Corinthians.

PETITIONARY LETTER

Grand River Association: Delegates were Bro. F. F. Mann, Sister Stanifer and Sister Laura Arnold.

Motion moved and second to recess until the afternoon service in favor of the Introductory Service.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Was opened by singing No. 100, "I'm A Millionaire," prayer by Rev. Paul Duncan. Scripture reading by Rev. Bill Ketchum, pastor of the Haskell Free Will Baptist Church. Reading from Hebrews second chapter, beginning with the first verse.

The Moderator, Rev. Maxwell declared the body back in conference to transact any business to come before the association.

Motion was moved and second that the young ministers of the association make talks to the congregation. Bro. Dale Tanksley made talk; called for song, "Death Will Never Knock on Heaven's Door." Bro. Alvin Hicks, Bro. Doyle Cone and Bro. Dolphus Lamo all made interesting talks. Bro. Carl Pugh and daughter sang a special number, "My Lord Keeps A Record."

Motion was moved and second to recess conference until Friday morning at 9:30.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Moderator, Rev. Maxwell called the body to order, and then called for a song, Rev. Carl Pugh conducted a congregational number. Had a united prayer. Then another song, "Victory in Jesus," prayer by Rev. I. L. Florence. Iron Bridge Quartette sang, "Hide Me, Rock of Ages," prayer by Rev. Ferris. The Poteau Quartette sang, "I Can Tell You the Time." Sister Marie Cleveland took charge of the Devotional Service. Special number, "Have You Been a Friend to Him?" Rev. Bill Ketchum brought the message. reading from First Corinthians. Had a wonderful service. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. U. C. Purdom.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

The Moderator declared the body in conference. Song No. 26, "I Am Thine, O'Lord," led by Bro. Lonnie Long. Rev. Leonard Crowder read the devotional. Scripture from 13th chapter of First Corinthians.

The Hoyt Church requested that Bro. Clark Cariker be ordained to preach the Gospel at this setting of the association.

Song No. 211, "There Is A Fountain," led by Bro. O. D. Wickham; Song No. 108, "What A Gathering That Will Be," also No. 80, "Love Lifted Me." Special quartettes: "Higher" and "Then God Rolled the Waters Back," arranged by Bro. Roy Roberts.

Motion was moved and second to recess conference until 1.30 o'clock in favor of the Devotional Service and preaching hour.

Bro. Arthur Billows bring the message. Scripture read from 15th chapter of First Samuel, 22nd and 23rd verses.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

X PANAMA: Sister Ethel Riggs, Sister Reba King, Sister Carol Lou Tanksley, Sister Katheryn Burton, Alternate; Rev. Riley Haskins, Pastor; Sister Martha Stankwitz, Clerk.

LONE ELM: Sister Nora Mooneyham, Sister Agnes Mooneyham, Sister Jewell Shaw, Sister Julia Nelson, Alternate; Rev. Kirk Maxwell, Pastor; Sister Dorsie Medlock, Clerk.

PERRY: Sister Ruby LaFave, Sister Burton, Sister Etta Peck, Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sister Nettie Booth, Clerk.

X POTEAU: Bro. George Rice, Sister Nancy Rice, Sister Helen Gravely, Rev. I. L. Florence, Pastor; Bro. Leon Rice, Clerk.

MCCURTAIN: Sister S. A. Lemly, Sister Velma Lankford, Sister Lillie Williams, Bro. Joe Fielding, Alternate; Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Pastor; Sister Thelma Phillips, Clerk.

X OAK RIDGE: Sister Maud Fowler, Sister Violet McSpadden, Bro. Bob Bailes, Sister Bessie Duncan, alternate. We also elected Bro. Elzie Dixon to our state meeting as a delegate. Rev. Clark Cariker, Pastor; Bro. Fred Duncan, Clerk.

IRON BRIDGE: Bro. Walter Kates, Bro. Wilburn Cordle, Sister Dorothy Shepard, Sister Zelma Brigance, alternate. Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor; Sister Clara Doss, Clerk.

X STAR: Sister Ethel Forrester, Sister Alva Forrester, Bro. John Harris, Sister Susie Christenberry, alternate; Rev. Tom Arnold, Pastor; Bro. Bennie White, Clerk.

X CROSS ROADS: Bro. Mack Adams, Bro. John Turney, Sister Gladys Cass, Sister Gertie Adams, alternate. Rev. Paul Duncan, Pastor; Sister Clara Turney, Clerk.

PORUM: Sister Susie Standifer, Sister Delois Porter, Sister Ruth Woods, Sister Lola Booker, alternate; Rev. Arthur Billows, pastor; Sister Hattie Mount, Clerk.

ROCK FORD: Sister Beatrice Long, Sister Eunice Blaylock, Sister Lorene Suttles, Sister Lavada Moore, alternate; Rev. Norman Woodruff, Pastor; Sister Alice Hendrix, Clerk.

X STIGLER: Sister Alta Rogers, Sister Marie Cleveland, Sister Treva Hamlin, Bro. Charles Miller, alternate; Rev. Robert Maxwell Jr., Pastor; Sister Dovie LaFave, Clerk.

- CASS: Bro. Buster Cones, Sister Myrtle Cones, Bro. Kates, Sister Kates, alternate; Rev. Paul Duncan, Pastor; Sister Bertha Robinson, Clerk.
- XCHRISTIAN GROVE: Sister Liddie Perkins, Bro. Lee Hembray, Sister Lena Greenwood, Bro. Al Johnson, alternate; Bro. Artis Rogers, Pastor; Sister Lena Ward, Clerk.
- XPRAIRIE GROVE: Bro. and Sister Billie Powell, Sister Beatrice Pugh, Sister Estella Anderson, alternate; Rev. Clark Cariker, Pastor; Sister Letha Few, Clerk.
- ROSE HILL: Bro. Vanis King, Bro. Henry Roye, Bro. George Fowler, Bro. Albert Simmons, alternate; Rev. Duell Cones, Pastor; Sister Agnes Oliver, Clerk.
- XFISH CREEK: Sister Mary McSpadden, Sister Sarah Daniel, Sister Thelma Powell, Sister Marie Kasner, alternate; Rev. U. C. Purdom, Pastor; Sister Granvel Pugh, Clerk.
- XHOYT: Bro. Monroe Gideon, Sister Lizzie Gideon, Sister Carletta Finney, Rev. C. A. Erown, Pastor; Sister Rusha Gaeon, Clerk.
- XHAVANA: Bro. Everett Nolan, Sister Thelia Nolen, Bro. Eugene Robertson, Rev. Paul Duncan, Pastor; Sister Allie Robertson, Clerk.
- XOLD PANTHER: Sister Alvie Nix, Sister Fanny Bush, Sister Bessie Way, Bro. William Poe, alternate; Rev. Tom Arnold, Pastor; Sister Ruby Hartwick, Clerk.
- XMURRAY SPUR: Bro. Earnie Wooten, Sister Wooten, Sister Mary Wooten, Sister Beth Underwood, alternate; Rev. A. R. Brooks, Pastor; Bro. Howard Cantrell, Clerk.
- XMOUNT VIEW: Bro. L. D. Tucker, Sister Dorothy Bryant, Bro. Clifford Hodges, Rev. Clark Cariker, Pastor; Sister Mary F. Hodges, Clerk.
- TAMAHA: Sister Ward, Sister Hester Cole, Sister Nellie Boggs, Sister Oleta Hamlin, alternate; Rev. Dolphus Lamp, Pastor; Sister Lucille Walls, Clerk.
- XKEEFETON: Bro. Ray Wicher, Bro. Frank Nail, Bro. John Mackey, Rev. U. C. Purdom, Pastor; Sister Elzie Rains, Clerk.

PLEASE NOTE

STATE ASSOCIATION DELEGATES:

According to the new rules adopted at the State Association some two years past, each one of our churches composing the Old Eureka Association, are to recommend to the association their delegate to the State Association. Also send the association fee of \$5.00 along with delegate, as our association clerk is to send the letter and fee to the State Association Clerk before that Association convenes.

Sincerely: FRED DUNCAN
Your Association Clerk

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

The moderator, Rev. Robert Maxwell, called the congregation to order. Session opened by choir singing No. 48, "O. I Want to See Him."

Scripture reading by Rev. Paul Duncan, from the book of Psalms. Then the Moderator declared the body back in conference.

Letters were called for, read, received and delegates seated, by extending the right hand of fellowship.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COUNCIL

We, the Examining Council find Bro. Clark Cariker to be sound in the faith and worthy of preaching the Gospel, but has only been licensed five months. We request this body to act upon this case.

Signed: The Committee.

Motion moved and second that Bro. Clark Cariker be Ordained at this setting of the association, but that all churches in the future adhere to the rules of being licensed for 12 months before becoming eligible to be ordained.

Song No. 56, "I'll Live In Glory," sung by the choir.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Rev. Leonard Crowder brought the Ordination Message, reading from the third chapter of First Timothy.

The Ordination Council being: Rev. Leonard Crowder, Rev. A. A. Holdridge and Rev. Paul Duncan.

Motion moved and second to separate the Resolution handed in by the Resolution Committee into parts; each part to be discussed separately. The entire resolution was adopted. See elsewhere in the minutes.

This session dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dale Tanksley.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Rev. L. H. Reddick brought the message, reading scriptures from Isaiah 55th Chapter, 1st to 6th verse. Bro. Lonnie Long in charge of the Devotional Service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Opening song No. 62, "The Old Ship of Zion," led by Bro. Lonnie Long. Had united prayer. Scripture reading by Rev. C. E. Kennedy from third chapter, first verse of First Corinthians.

Letters called for, read, received and delegates seated.

Song; "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." by the congregation.

Reports of the Devotional, and Ministers character committees, were accepted and dismissed.

The Query and Request — First part of report was received and adapted. The second part was received, but tabled until 1:00 o'clock to be discussed.

Motion moved and second to recess conference until 1:00 o'clock.

Had some special numbers by the Barkley sisters.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

MEMORIAL

At the eleven o'clock hour, Rev. Hubert Brown brought the message, in memory of those who have gone on to their resting place since the preceeding associations. A wonderful message (although very sad) it was. Read: First Thessalonians 4:13-18.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Song, "A Home Up In Heaven," rendered by the congregation.

The Moderator, Rev. Maxwell declared the Association to resume conference.

Motion moved and second to put before the body for discussion, part two of Query and Request Report, "Whether or not the association will sponsor a Field Evangelist.

After the discussion and vote, motion and second were withdrawn, and Rev. Norman Woodruff volunteered to take the Evangelist work until a system could be worked out to sponsor same. Motion moved and second to accept Bro. Woodruff's offer.

Rev. Paul Duncan extended motion that each Pastor put before his church and see how much support can be given an Evangelist per month. Then make the report to the First Fifth Sunday Meeting as to the findings for each church.

Report of Yard Committee was accepted as read.

The Devotional Committee was appointed as follows: Deloris Porter, Reba King and Lola Booker. Committee excused to make report for evening service.

Song, and free offering for upkeep of Tabernacle. Over one hundred dollars was contributed in only a few minutes.

Report: James Hartwell to lead the Devotional, and Rev. Robert Maxwell to bring the message.

Motion was moved and second we adjourn conference until our next regular setting of the Old Eureka Association.

Dismissed in prayer.

COMMITTEES AND REPORTS

SABBATH SCHOOL—Reba King, Sister Mooneyham, Sister Clara Harp.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sabbath School beg leave to report as follows: We adopt 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 church for the benefit of the young people.

We ask that each church take a greater interest in Sunday School, for it's the life of each church. We recommend that each Sunday School of this association use Free Will Baptist Literature for we know it is the true doctrine. We further request 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 folk, and we pray that their Fathers and Mothers will take a greater interest in Sunday School, and that all Christians practice keeping the Sabbath Holy, by taking their children to Sunday School, instead of sending them.

QUERY—REQUEST: Bro. Paul Duncan, Bro. Vernie Oliver, Bro. Dock Lowe, Report: We your committee beg leave to report that no letter be received by the association or quarterly meeting, unless accompanied by elected delegate. Also that we sponsor an Association Evangelist.

DEACON CHARACTER: Sister Velma Brigance, Bro. L. T. Brown, Bro. Buster Cónes. REPORT: We your committee on Deacons Character beg leave to report: As far as we know, our deacon Brothers are in good standing. We also adopt the old report.

OLD REPORT: That each church of our association stress and enforce the qualifications of the deacons as recorded in the First book of Tim., 3rd Chapter.

We also recommend that each church send into the association the names and addresses of their deacons, that they might be placed on the roll.

MINISTERS CHARACTERS: Sister Bill Rogers, Bro. Frank Nail, Sister Violet McSpadden.

We your committee on ministers characters beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the old report, and add: That our Ministers strictly adhere to the doctrine and practices of the Free Will Baptist as prescribed in the treaty.

OLD REPORT: We ask that greater cooperation, more harmony, more love, more humbleness and less jealousy be shown among our Ministers—That more souls may be won to the Lord, and we would have larger attendance and more prosperous churches.

RESOLUTION: Bro. Lonnie Long. Bro. Short Brigance, Bro. Tom Arnold.

REPORT: We your Committee on Resoulution beg leave to report as follows. (1) That Pastors preach tithing quarterly to the churches where they pastor. Also to teach the treaties at least four times a year; and practice tithing themselves. (2) We also recommend that each church pay their pastors the amount they agree to pay them. That each church help pay the expense of this association ground work. (3) That each preacher stay with the rules of the Free Will Doctrine, in receiving members into the church and excluding members also. (4) We also recommend that trees be set out on said ground for shades, and that a concrete walk be laid from the tabernacle to dormitories. We also recommend that a pipe line be laid from our well to dormitories, to supply water for both rooms and kitchen. .

That we also give the Yard Committee the privilage to see to the building of cabins on the camp ground, as to location and building material.

DEVOTIONAL: Bro. Arthur Harp, Sister Maud Fowler, Sister Helen Gravely.

REPORT: THURSDAY MORNING — Bro. Norman Woodruff brought the message. Sister Violet Oliver conducted testimony service. **THURSDAY NIGHT**—Bro. Bill Ketchum brought the message, Sister Marie Cleveland conducted testimony services. **FRIDAY MORNING**—Bro. Arthur Billows brought the message. Sister Allie Robertson conducted testimony service. **FRIDAY NIGHT**—Bro. Reddick brought the message. Bro. Lonnie Long conducted testimony service. **SATURDAY MORNING**—Bro. Hubert brought the message. **SATURDAY NIGHT**—Bro. Robert Maxwell Jr. brought the message. Bro. James Hartwell, conducted testimony service. Had a wonderful young peoples service.

OBITUARY — We your Committee on Obituary beg leave to report the loss of loved ones since our last association. Which we feel is our loss, but Heavens gain: **PANAMA**—Bro. W. L. Riggs, Bro. Sam Bice and Bro. Lee Bice. **PERRY**—Bro. Sam Henderson. **PO-TEAU**—Bro. J. Emery. **MCCURTAIN**—Sister Dunham, Bro. Kelly, a brother of Sister Madewell. **CROSS ROADS**—Sister Horton, mother of Sister Hickman. **STIGLER**—Sister Lorena Scantlin, Mrs. Pendergrass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pendergrass. **HOYT**—Sister Louisa Purdom. **CASS**—Little Judie Dian Cole, granddaughter of Bro. and Sister Edgar Cole. **KEOTA**—Sister S. C. McCullough, Sister Green, Sister Livingston. **ROSE HILL**—Little Deborah Gale Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vefnie Oliver. **MURRAY SPUR** — Sister Satterfield, Sister Addie Hale, Grandmother of Sister Reba and Phyllis Knowles of the Oak Ridge Church. Sister Hale belongs to the Methodist Church. Bro. Andy Brown of Keota.

YARD COMMITTEE: Bro. Williams, Bro. Bob Bailes and Bro. Will LaFave.

FINANCE: Bro. John Turney, Sister Ruby LaFave, and Bro. Joe Fielding.

MINISTERS EXAMINING COUNCIL: Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. L. B. Clark, Rev. Riley Haskins, Rev. Norman Woodruff, and Rev. Robert Maxwell Jr.

ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

1. Rev. Robert Maxwell Jr. Stigler, Oklahoma
2. Rev. Otis Farris Savannah, Oklahoma
3. Rev. Duel Cones Stigler, Oklahoma
4. Rev. Dale Tankersley Panama, Oklahoma
5. Rev. Artis Rogers Fort Smith, Arkansas
- ✓ 6. Rev. Dolphus Lamb Stigler, Oklahoma
7. Rev. Carl Pugh Poteau, Oklahoma
8. Rev. Alvin Hicks Porum, Oklahoma
9. Rev. Clark Cariker Hoyt, Oklahoma
10. Rev. Meb Atkinson Stigler, Oklahoma
- ✓ 11. Rev. T. M. Arnold Keota, Oklahoma
12. Rev. Emery Barnes Stigler, Oklahoma
13. Rev. Ira Bailes Stigler, Oklahoma
- ✓ 14. Rev. Hubert Brown Keota, Oklahoma
15. Rev. C. A. Brown Kinta, Oklahoma
- ✓ 16. Rev. Wes Crossno Keota, Oklahoma
17. Rev. L. B. Clark Spiro, Oklahoma
- ✓ 18. Rev. Edgar Cole Keota, Oklahoma
19. Rev. I. L. Florence Poteau, Oklahoma
- ✓ 20. Rev. B. E. Hickman Stigler, Oklahoma
21. Rev. A. A. Holdridge Hoyt, Oklahoma
22. Rev. Riley Haskins Fort Smith, Arkansas
- ✓ 23. Rev. C. E. Kennedy Keota, Oklahoma
- ✓ 24. Rev. Henry Long McCurtain, Oklahoma
25. Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse Stigler, Oklahoma
26. Rev. R. Pearson Keota, Oklahoma
27. Rev. U. C. Purdom Hoyt, Oklahoma
28. Rev. Curtis Maxwell Keota, Oklahoma
29. Rev. L. T. Brown Keota, Oklahoma
30. Rev. John Morris Stigler, Oklahoma
31. Rev. J. E. Smith Stigler, Oklahoma
32. Rev. Norman Woodruff Lequire, Oklahoma
33. Rev. Arthur Billows Porum, Oklahoma
34. Rev. Paul Duncan Stigler, Oklahoma
35. Rev. C. I. Edwards Poteau, Oklahoma
36. Rev. Jake Scott Panama, Oklahoma

DELEGATES TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

GRAND RIVER—Bro. and Sister Bob Bailes, Sister Etta Peck, Bro. Will LaFave, Bro. Luther Roberts.

ROBERT MCGEE—Bro. and Sister Bob Bailes, Bro. Ray Mise.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION—At Christie, Okla. on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in August. Delegates Bro. and Sister Otho Williams, Bro. Bob Bailes.

ARKANSAS—Bro. and Sister Billows.

FIRST MISSION—Bro. Robert Maxwell, Bro. Paul Duncan, Bro. Arthur Billows, Sister Greenmyer.

VISITING MINISTERS

These are the visiting ministers from other associations. Rev. W. W. Fellabaum, Ratcliff City, Okla.; Bro. Watkins from Mission; Rev. Joe Weldon, Rt. 3, Springdale, Ark., Old Mt. Zion; Bro. Omer Viles and father from Eastern; Bro. J. R. Roper, Robert McGee Association; Bro. Leonard Crowder, Ft. Smith; Bro. Glenn Dipboye, Zion Hope, No. 2; Bro. Bill Ketchem, Grand River. Bro. O. D. Wickham, Missionary Minister.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

First — Iron Bridge _____ November

Second — Porum _____ January

Third — Star _____ May

Fourth — Rose Hill _____ August

Following is the list of last years Fifth Sunday Meetings:

First—Fish Creek, November, 12 churches represented; Second—Rock Ford, March, 19 churches represented; Third—Panama, 15 churches represented; Fourth—Cass, August, 23 churches represented.

FINANCE

1. Iron Bridge	_____	\$ 3.00
2. Fish Creek	_____	3.00
3. Panama	_____	3.00
4. Cross Roads	_____	3.00
5. Star	_____	3.00
6. Rose Hill	_____	3.00
7. Stigler	_____	3.00
8. Poteau	_____	3.00
9. Perry	_____	3.00
10. Oak Ridge	_____	3.00
11. Tamaha	_____	3.00
12. Prairie Grove	_____	3.00
13. Hoyt	_____	3.00

14. Rock Ford	3.00
15. Murray Spur	3.00
16. Keifton	3.00
17. Porum	3.00
18. Lone Elm	3.00
19. Cass	3.00
20. McCurtain	3.00
21. Havana	3.00
22. Old Panther	3.00
23. Christian Grove	3.00
24. Mt. View	3.00
TOTAL	\$72.00
Donation for Youth Camp Minutes	\$10.00
TOTAL BALANCE	\$82.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

DEPOSITS IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK:

Balance in Bank, 9-52	\$ 7.35
Deposited 9-20-52	73.00
Deposited 10-15-52	10.00
T O T A L	\$90.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Association Minutes (11-10-52)	\$56.00
Stamps, paper and pencils (8-14-53)	1.50
Blank Forms: Letter, Ministers and Deacons (8-31-53)	3.80
T O T A L	\$61.30
Deposits	\$90.35
Disbursements	61.30

Balance 9-2-53	\$29.05
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FREE OFFERING

Paid Association Clerk, 9-52	\$25.00
Paid Assistant Clerk, 9-52	15.00

This was done by Free Offering, and was not deposited or disbursed through the Association's fund account.

Fred Duncan, Association Clerk.
Sister Lessie Bailes, Asst. Clerk.

STATE ASSOCIATION FEES

Oct. 24, 1952

Received from Old Eureka Association, Thirty-five Dollars as
State Association Fees.

Okla. State Assn. of Free Will Baptist

By: W. Mooneyham, Treasurer.

YARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Stigler	\$ 5.00
2. Lone Elm	5.00
3. McCurtain	5.00
4. Cass	5.00
5. Star	5.00
6. Rock Ford	5.00
7. Oak Ridge	5.00
8. Panama	5.00
9. Perry	5.00
10. Cross Roads	5.00
11. Poteau	5.00
12. Iron Bridge	5.00
13. Porum	5.00
14. Christian Grove	5.00
15. Prairie Grove	5.00
16. Hoyt	6.00
17. Rose Hill	5.00
18. Fish Creek	5.00
19. Havana	7.00
20. Old Panther	5.00
21. Murray Spur	5.00
22. Tamaha	5.00
23. Mount View	5.00
24. Keefeton	0.00

T O T A L \$118.00

YARD COMMITTEE REPORT

From August 25, 1952 to September 2, 1953

Bank Balance 8-25-52	\$ 273.85
Contributed by Individuals	431.98
Contributions by Churches	1554.31
Miscellaneous Collections	690.36
Free Will Offerings during Association	204.18

Total Collections	\$3154.68
Total Disbursements	2733.51
Balance to date	\$ 421.17

Signed: Yard Committee
Otho Williams, Bob Bailes, Will LaFave

YOUTH CAMP MINUTES

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION—1953

House called to order by Bro. Bob Bailes. Singing by choir, led by Bro. Weldon Woods and Bro. Bailey Thompson. Prayer by Bro. Joe Blair. Sister Thelma Scantlin took charge and officers were elected as follows:

Bro. James Hartwell — President
Sister Anges Oliver — Vice-President
Sister Mary Nell Mizell — Clerk
Sister Reba Knowles — Asst. Clerk
Sister Dorsie Medlock — Treasurer

DEVINE COMMITTEE was appointed. They are: Sister Wanda Bailes, Sister Martha Lou Stankwitz and Sister Betty Dean.

Singing by choir led by Bro. Harold Dodson. Report of Devine Committee: Sister Joan Bradley to lead testimony service and Bro. Bailey Thompson to bring message. United Prayer. Sister Joan Bradley then took charge. Prayer by Sister Susie Tatman. Choir singing led by Bro. Weldon Woods. Solo by Sister Joan Bradley of Stigler church. Bro. Bailey Thompson brought the message from 13th chapter of Matt. Congregation was excused until Wednesday afternoon at 1:30.

WEDNESDAY — 1:30 P. M.

Bro. James Hartwell called the house to order. Choir singing led by Sister Betty Dean. United Prayer. Choir singing led by Sister Joan Bradley. Devotional read from Proverbs, 9th chapter.

Bro. Weldon Woods taught our lesson, "The Resurrection." Everyone enjoyed the great lesson and understood it better.

Bro. James Hartwell took charge. Choir singing by Bro. Harold Dodson, Devine Committee reported: Sister Mary Nell Mizell to lead testimony service and Bro. Joe Blair to bring message. Dismissed by Bro. Bailey Thompson.

GROVE SERVICE:

WEDNESDAY — 8:00 P. M.

Bro. James Hartwell called house to order. Choir singing led by Sister Reba Knowles. Special singing by Quartet from Panama. Solo by Joan Bradley. Choir singing led by Sister Betty Dean. United Prayer. Sister Mary Nell Mizell took charge of testimony service.

Choir singing led by Rachell Kennedy. Special solo by Bro. Bailey Thompson. Bro. Joe Blair brought message. We had a wonderful service and the Lord blessed us with two souls.

Pamphlets were handed out to the group about the State League Rally at Coweta. It was decided to meet at ten o'clock Thursday morning. Dismissed by Bro. T. M. Arnold.

THURSDAY — 10.00 A. M.

Bro. James Hartwell called the house to order. Choir singing led by Sister Jaon Bradley and Bro. Harold Dodson. Prayer by Sister Loeta Adams. Choir singing led by Sister Betty Dean. Devotional read by Bro. Harvey Way from Proverbs.

We declared ourselves in conference and the letters were called for and read. Motion made and carried we receive the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of Fellowship was given. Devine Committee reported: Bro. Harold Dodson to lead testimony service and Bro. Norman Woodruff to bring message. We had a discussion on who could vote and Sister Ruby LaFave led choir singing. Bro. Harold Dodson took charge of testimony service and Bro. Norman Woodruff brought message. We had a wonderful service. Dismissed until 1:30.

THURSDAY — 1:30 P. M.

Bro. James Hartwell called meeting to order. Bro. Weldon Woods led choir singing. Sister Louise Barnes led choir singing. United prayer. Choir singing led by Sister Joan Bradley. Devotional reading Ephesians 8-5 by Bro. Joe Blair.

We declared ourselves in conference and since the Treasurer wasn't present, Sister Mary Nell Mizell, Clerk, read the treasury report. We have \$480.14 in treasury.

Motion was made and carried that we receive the report as read. Discussion on how to raise money for Youth Camp. Letters called for but none turned in. Service turned over to Bro. Weldon Woods and we sang chourses of songs. Then he taught the lesson "The Judgement." The Young People were called into the altar to pray for unsaved young people. Devine Committee dismissed. Bro. Norman Woodruff talked on "The Judgment." Devine Committee reported: Devotional service open. Bro. Dale Tanksley to open and Bro. Duell Cones to close. Dismissed by Sister Agnes Oliver.

GROVE SERVICE:

THURSDAY — 8:00 P. M.

Service opened by choir singing. Special solo by Sister Joan Bradley. Special quartet by Panama. Song by congregation and collection was taken. We received \$41.02. Special song by the Barkley girls of Old Panther Church. Special song by quartet arranged by Bro. Bailey Thompson. United Prayer. Song by congregation. Sister Betty Dean took charge of testimony service and Bro. Weldon Woods led choir singing. Services turned to Bro. Dale Tanksley and Bro. Duell Cones followed. Bro. Weldon Woods led an invitation song.

Dismissed by Bro. I. L. Florence.

FRIDAY — 10:00 A. M.

Service opened by choir singing, led by Bro. Weldon Woods. Devine Committee dismissed. Sister Leota Adams led a prayer. Choir singing led by Sister Thelma Greenwood. Scripture reading from Psalms 61 by Bro. Kenneth Conrad. Letters called, one received.

Devine Committee reports: Sister Leota Adams to lead testimony service and Bro. Charles Flynn to bring message.

Suggestions were asked for: What to pay Bro. Weldon Woods, Bro. Bailey Thompson and Bro. Joe Blair for teaching in Youth Camp. Motion made and carried that we pay these three preachers \$50.00 and they would divide it among themselves.

Motion made and carried we set aside a fund to pay the teachers for next year. Bro. Weldon Woods suggested that we write our letter to the State League Rally and have it approved by the body.

House was opened for nominations for teachers for another year. Bro. Weldon Woods, Bro. Dale Munkus, Bro. Joe Blair and Bro. Bailey Thompson were nominated. Motion made and seconded that the nomination cease. Bro. Bailey Thompson was elected the assistant and Bro. Weldon Woods the teacher. Bro. Weldon Woods suggested we have two classes a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Motion made and carried that we have two classes a day for the coming year. Bro. Bailey Thompson will teach, "Personal Evangelism" and Bro. Weldon Woods to teach about "The Holy Spirit." We were excused until 11:00 o'clock.

Met back and Bro. Weldon Woods led choir singing. United Prayer. Sister Leota Adams took charge of testimony service. Quartet arranged by Bro. Charles Flynn. Bro. Charles Flynn brought the message. Choir singing by Bro. Weldon Woods.

Dismissed by Bro. L. C. Crowder.

FRIDAY — 1:30 P. M.

Bro. James Hartwell called house to order. Choir singing led by Sister Joan Bradley. Prayer by Sister Angles Oliver. Scripture reading, Psalms 115 by Bro. Robert Duncan. Devine Committee was excused to make report.

We considered ourselves in conference. Motion was made and carried, we elect new sponsors. Bro. and Sister Bob Bales, Sister Thelma Scantlin, Sister Dovie LaFave, Sister Evalina Hickman, Sister Lena Ward, Sister Rice and Bro. and Sister Paul Duncan. Motion made and seconded that the nomination cease. Motion made that we use all of them for sponsors. Motion made and carried that we send \$10.00 to the State League Rally for minutes, etc. Nominations were opened for Minister to bring introductory message. Bro. Joe Blair and Bro. Dale Munkus were elected. Motion

made and seconded that nomination cease. Bro. Joe Blair and Bro. Dale Munkus alternate. Devine Committee reports as follows: Dismiss, devotional and Bro. Bailey Thompson to open and Bro. Weldon Woods to close. Motion made and carried to dismiss the Devine Committee. Special solo by Rev. L. C. Crowder. Quartet arranged by Br. Charles Flynn. Duet arranged by Rev. L. C. Crowder. Solo by Bobby Bailes. Services were turned to Rev. Bailey Thompson to teach our lesson on "The Millenium."

Dismissed by Rev. Paul Duncan.

GROVE SERVICE:

FRIDAY — 8:00 P. M.

House called to order by Bro. James Hartwell. Choir singing by Sister Joan Bradley and Inez Barbee and Harold Dodson. Prayer by Bro. I. L. Florence. Choir singing and collection taken by Bro. Ode Long. \$29.22 was given. Special singing, quartet by Panama. Solo by Bro. Bobby Bailes. Quartet by the Barkley girls from Old Panther. Duet by Bro. I. L. Florence and Arnet. Duet by Sister Lenna Ward. Prayer by Bro. Riley Wallace. Duet by Bro. Weldon Woods and Bro. Bailey Thompson. Bro. Bailey Thompson opened and Bro. Weldon Woods followed. An invitation song, choir song led by Joan Bradley. Right hand of fellowship was given to Bro. Bailey Thompson, Bro. Joe Blair and Bro. Weldon Woods.

Announcements were made of different revivals. Dismissed until the Wednesday before the third Sunday in June, 1954 by Bro. Odis Farris.

Churches represented were: Stigler, Oak Ridge, Rose Hill, Perry, Keota, Christian Grove, Cross Roads, Old Panther, Panama, Iron Bridge, Poteau, Lone Elm, Cass and Fish Creek.

We had 200 registered at our Youth Camp.

REPORT OF DEVINE COMMITTEE:

Wednesday morning—Sister Joan Bradley to conduct testimony service and Bro. Bailey Thompson to bring message.

Wednesday Night—Sister Mary Nell Mizell to lead testimony service. Bro. Joe Blair to bring message.

Thursday Morning—Bro. Harold Dodson to lead devotional service. Bro. Norman Woodruff to bring message.

Thursday Night—Sister Betty Dean to lead testimony service. Bro. Duell Cones to follow and Bro. Dale Tanksley to start.

Friday Morning—Testimony service dismissed. Bro. Weldon Woods brought the message.

Friday Night—Testimony service dismissed. Bro. Bailey Thompson to lead and Bro. Weldon Woods to follow.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Motion made and second we elect a new building committee. They were as follows: Bro. Lonnie Long, Bro. Clayton Bumpers, Bro. Ray Ridenhour, Bro. Bob Bailes, Bro. Riley Haskins.

CAMP GROUNDS RULES

1. A bell will ring 5 minutes before bedtime.
 2. 30-minutes after lights go out, talking will stop.
 3. No one is to leave the camp ground without a sponsor.
 4. No one is to leave class or regular church service without special permission from the sponsor.
 5. No literature, other than Bible or religious materials is to be brought on the camp ground.
 6. At 7:00, a bell rings. at 7:30, breakfast.
 7. Each one assigned to special camp duties.
 8. Policeman to blow whistle when rules are being violated.
 9. Someone to register each one coming on the camp ground.
- Motion made and carried that each church be represented by letter in the 1954 Youth Camp Meeting.

