

MINUTES
OF THE
Twenty-Ninth Annual Session
OF THE
OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

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

The Church of God

DEOMINATED 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, 1954, 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, 1955, A. D.

Introductory Sermon By:

Rev. Barb Hickman

Followed By:

Rev. Kirk Maxwell

Rev. Furman McCage Moderator

Rev. Norman Woodruff Assistant Moderator

Bro. Fred Duncan Clerk

Sister Lessie Bailes Assistant Clerk

— YOUTH CAMP MINUTES ON CLUDING 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 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 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."

ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

1. Rev. Otis Farris	Savanah, Oklahoma
2. Rev. Duel Cones	Stigler, Oklahoma
3. Rev. Dale Tankersley	Panama, Oklahoma
4. Rev. Artis Rogers	Fort Smith, Arkansas
5. Rev. Dolphus Lamb	Stigler, Oklahoma
6. Rev. Carl Pugh	Poteau, Oklahoma
7. Rev. Alvin Hicks	Porum, Oklahoma
8. Rev. Clark Cariker	Hoyt, Oklahoma
9. Rev. Meb Atkinson	Stigler, Oklahoma
10. Rev. T. M. Arnold	Keota, Oklahoma
11. Rev. Emery Barnes	Stigler, Oklahoma
12. Rev. Hubert Brown	Keota, Oklahoma
13. Rev. C. A. Brown	Kinta, Oklahoma
14. Rev. L. B. Clark	Spiro, Oklahoma
15. Rev. Edgar Cole	Keota, Oklahoma
16. Rev. I. L. Florence	Poteau, Oklahoma
17. Rev. B. E. Hickman	Stigler, Oklahoma
18. Rev. A. A. Holdridge	Hoyt, Oklahoma

19.	Rev. Riley Haskins	Fort Smith, Arkansas
20.	Rev. C. E. Kennedy	Keota, Oklahoma
21.	Rev. Henry Long	McCurtain, Oklahoma
22.	Rev. B. H. Peevyhouse	Stigler, Oklahoma
23.	Rev. R. Pearson	Keota, Oklahoma
24.	Rev. U. C. Purdom	Hoyt, Oklahoma
25.	Rev. Curtis Maxwell	Keota, Oklahoma
26.	Rev. L. T. Brown	Keota, Oklahoma
27.	Rev. John Morris	Stigler, Oklahoma
28.	Rev. J. E. Smith	Stigler, Oklahoma
29.	Rev. Norman Woodruff	Lequire, Oklahoma
30.	Rev. Paul Duncan	Stigler, Oklahoma
31.	Rev. C. I. Edwards	Poteau, Oklahoma
32.	Rev. Jake Scott	Panama, Oklahoma
33.	Rev. Walker Woods	Porum, Oklahoma
34.	Rev. Hugo Smith	Stigler, Oklahoma

COMMITTEE AND REPORTS

OBITUARY: Sister Ruby LaFave, Sister Anna Booker, Sister Ola Crow, Sister Thelia Nolen, Sister Bessie Duncan.

We your committee on obituary beg leave to report as follows: Those deceased from the different churches are: Poteau—Sister Geo. Thompson, Sister Mary Belew; Cross Roads—Sister Anna Garland, McConnell; Stigler—Brother Oscar Cole, Brother Clyde Cleveland and Myrtle Speer; Porum—Sister Sarah Wilkerson; Perry—Sister Anna Smith, Sister Amanda Booth, Brother A. L. Thompson; Keota—Debrah Lynn Tabor, infant daughter of Brother and Sister Lynn Tabor, Brother Charles Gilstrap, Brother Ira Bailes; Christian Grove—Sister Irene Boitel; Oak Ridge—Sister Mollie Robertson; Cass—Little Larry Cole; Panama—Brother Bill George, Sister D. Thomas; McCurtain—Brother Yarber Pernell, Brother Josh Casey, Brother Tom Gibson; Old Panther—Sister Mary Brown. We believe our loss is heavens gain.

STANDING COMMITTEE

EXAMINING COUNCIL: Brother Furman McCage, Stigler; Brother U. C. Purdom, Hoyt, Oklahoma; Brother Norman Woodruff, Lequire; Brother C. E. Kennedy, McCurtain; Brother Bart Clark, Spiro, Oklahoma.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Brother Norman Woodruff, five years; Brother Furman McCage, four years; Brother U. C. Purdom, three years; Brother C. E. Kennedy, two years; Brother Bart Clark, one year.

VISITING MINISTERS: Rev. Robert Maxwell, Jr., Rev. Bruce Newport, Rev. Bill Ketchum, Rev. Tom Anderson, Rev. Dannie Farmer, Rev. Lee, Rev. Cliff Myers.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

ROBERT McGEE—Brother Lonnie Long, Brother A. F. Honna, Brother and Sister Shepherd; GRAND RIVER—Brother Will LaFave, Brother Bob Bailes, Brother Luther Roberts; ZION HOPE, ARKANSAS—Sister Lessie Bailes, Sister Zelma Brigrance, Brother Arthur Harp, Sister Dorothy Shepherd.

PETITIONARY LETTER: Grand River delegates were Sister Laura Arnold, Sister Stanifer. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Brother Lessie Johnson, Brother Walter Kates, Brother C. B. Williamson. We your committee on Sabbath School beg leave to report. We adopt the 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 its 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.

MINISTERS CHARACTER: Brother F. C. Mount, Brother Arthur Harp, Brother Dee Shepherd, Brother Everett Nolen, Sister Liddie Perkins. We your Committee on Ministers Character beg leave to report as follows. We adopt the old report. Old Report: That our ministers strictly adhere to the doctrine and practices of the Free Will Baptist as prescribed in the Treatise.

DEACON CHARACTERS: Brother Otho Williams, Brother Redman Brigrance, Sister Cleo Fowler, Brother L. E. Claypool. We your Committee on Deacons Characters beg leave to report as follows: As far as we know our brother deacons 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.

PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Brother Gene Medlock, Brother Will LaFave, Brother Mart Fowler, Brother Alvie Hicks conducted testimony service. Brother Robert Maxwell brought the message.

THURSDAY MORNING: Brother Otho Williams conducted testimony service. Brother T. M. Arnold brought the message. THURSDAY NIGHT: Brother Walker Wood conducted testimony service. Brother Norman Woodruff brought the message.

FRIDAY MORNING: Devotional was omitted. Brother Otis Farris brought the message. Followed by Brother C. E. Kennedy. FRIDAY NIGHT: Brother Clark Cariker conducted testimony service. Brother F. A. McCage brought the message.

SATURDAY MORNING: Brother U. C. Purdom preached the memorial sermon in memory of those who have departed this life. SATURDAY NIGHT: Sister Lola Williams and Brother Albert Brigance conducted testimony service. Brother L. T. Brown brought the message. Followed by Brother Retes Hunsucker. Had a good service. One soul found its way to God. This is an annual service for the young people on Saturday night preceding the business session on Saturday afternoon. Committee appointed by assistant moderator. Those appointed were: Sister Betty Brigance, Sister Agnus Oliver, Brother Albert Brigance.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Brother Dock Lowe, Brother U. C. Purdom, Brother Jess Stanifer, Brother Luther Roberts, Brother Hugo Smith. We your resolution committee beg leave to report as follows:

No. 1: Be it resolved that the tabernacle and grounds be reserved in the future for the use of Free Will Baptist and such public gatherings as singing conventions. Votes to be taken without discussion, motion carried.

No. 2: Be it resolved that 5th Sunday meetings coming in the months of June, July, August and September be held at the tabernacle on the association grounds.

No. 3: Be it resolved that no church in the Eureka Association call, elect or receive any minister from any other Free Will Baptist Association as pastor, out-of-the-State or in-the-State, without first making a thorough investigation of his activity of faith and practice and manner of life; or unless we personally know him in his activities: Matt. 7:15, beware of false profits which come to you in sheep clothing, but inwardly they are raving wolves. Acts 20:28, 29, 30

No. 4: We recommend that the association provide some plan of paying the executive committee expenses.

No. 5: Where as there are different practices among us relative to moving our church membership and recognizing a need that there be uniformity among us in moving and maintaining our church membership, be it resolved, that when we move our membership, we present ourselves to the church we propose to belong, on the promise of a letter, and that the church clerk of said church, write the clerk from which we are moving for the said letter.

No. 6 Be it further resolved that the pastor, and board of deacons examine the church membership roll once each year, and if any member is in question they recomend to the church, proper action to be taken.

Therefore keeping our church membership rolls in order and up-to-date. We the Resolution Committee suggest that in regard to resolution No. 5, that the church that calls for the executive committee, pay expenses if at all possible. Also that we take a free will offering during this session, and association sessions following, so as to establish a fund to take care of this matter and the association clerk be in charge of it. If the church cannot pay expenses, the executive committee is authorized to report to clerk, and he can pay it out of the fund.

YARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Brother Will LaFave, Brother Otho Williams, Brother Bob Bailes.

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	5.00
17. Rose Hill	5.00
18. Fish Creek	5.00
19. Havana	5.00
20. Old Panther	5.00
21. Murray Spur	5.00
22. Tamaha	5.00
23. Keefton	5.00
24. Royal Oak	5.00
25. Keota	5.00
26. Brooken	5.00
T O T A L	\$130.00

BALANCE, COLLECTIONS & DISBURSEMENTS

September 2, 1953 to September 2, 1954

Balance 9-2-53	\$421.17
Total Collections for Year	426.44
T O T A L	\$847.61
Disbursements for Year	847.61
BALANCE 9-2-54	NONE

Signed: Yard Committee

Will LaFave, Otho Williams, Bob Bailes

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

PANAMA: Bro. Abbie Hanna, Sis. Francis Hanna, Sis. Reba King, Sis. Sarah Bice, Alternate; Rev. Riley Haskins, Pastor; Sis. Martha Stankwitz, Clerk.

POTEAU: Bro. George Rice, Sis. Nancy Rice, Sis. Marie Burden, Sis. Katherine Clark, Alternate; Rev. I. L. Florence, Pastor; Sis. Nell Davis, Clerk.

OLD PANTHER: Sis. Neta Ward, Sis. Maud Dill, Sis. Sawyer, Bro. Henry Way, Alternate; Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sis. Nettie Brassfield, Clerk.

MT. VIEW: Sis. Betty Bryant, Sis. Polly Butler, Sis. Joyce Doss, Rev. Clark Carriker, Pastor; Sis. Mary F. Hodges, Clerk.

ROCK FORD: Bro. Walter Blaylock, Bro. Arthur Hendrix, Sis. Beatrice Long, Sis. Eunice Blaylock, Alternate; Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor; Sis. Alice Hendrix, Clerk.

CASS: Bro. Cones, Sis. Myrtle Cones, Sis. Florence Kates, Sis. Opal Cary, Alternate; Rev. Paul Duncan, Pastor; Sis. Bertha Robertson, Clerk.

FISH CREEK: Sis. Grovie Pugh, Sis. Mary McSpadden, Sis. May Pugh, Alternate; Rev. Duell Cones, Pastor; Sis. Marie Kasner, Clerk.

PRAIRIE GROVE: Bro. Roy Holt, Sis. Lucille Holt, Bro. Richard Goodson, Sis. Lucille Peevyhouse, Alternate; Rev. Walker Wood, Pastor; Sis. Letha Few, Clerk.

MCCURTAIN: Bro. Joe Fielding, Sis. Fielding, Sis. Tamer Madewell, Alternate; Rev. Paul Duncan, Pastor; Sis. S. A. Lemly, Clerk.

HOYT: Bro. Donald Biggers, Sis. Carleta Finney, Sis. Lorene Linton, Sis. Joan Carriker, Alternate; Rev. Clark Carriker, Pastor; Sis. Rusha Gideon, Clerk.

TAMAHA: Sis. Christene Eakle, Bro. Loyd Eakle, Sis. Hester Cole, Bro. Lester Cole, Sis. Oleta Hamlin, Alternate; Bro. Elam Henry, Moderator; Sis. Lucille Walls, Clerk.

ROSE HILL: Bro. George Fowler, Bro. Delbert Reading, Bro. Albert Siamons, Sis. Erma Siamons, Alternate; Rev. Duell Cones, Pastor; Sis. Maxine Oliver, Clerk.

STAR: Bro. John Harris, Sis. Helen Harris, Sis. Christene Berry, Sis. Francis Monroe, Alternate; Rev. Walker Wood, Pastor; Sis. Okla Brigance, Clerk.

CHRISTIAN GROVE: Sis. Liddie Perkins, Sis. Lucille Gregory, Sis. Lena Greenwood, Bro. Willie Ward, Alternate; Rev. Artis Rogers, Pastor; Sis. Lena Ward, Clerk.

KEOTA: Sis. Alice Tabor, Sis. Lillie Tabor, Sis. Dora Osborn, Sis. Audie Woods, Alternate; Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor; Sis. Lora Tabor, Clerk.

CROSS ROADS: Bro. John Turney, Bro. Mack Adams, Sis. Gertie Adams, Bro. Donald Morris, Alternate; Rev. Paul Duncan, Pastor; Clara Turney, Clerk.

PERRY: Sis. Ruby LaFave, Sis. Delma Turner, Bro. Kermit Turner, Sis. Dortha Ary, Alternate; Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor; Sis. Nettie Booth, Clerk.

LONE ELM: Sis. Nora Mooneyham, Sis. Bertha Woods, Bro. Milborn Cowan, Sis. Fannie Blauvelt, Alternate; Rev. Curtis Maxwell, Pastor; Sis. Dorris Medlock, Clerk.

PORUM: Bro. Mount, Sis. Eula Witcher, Sis. Anna Booker, Bro. Nick Booker, Alternate; Rev. Norman Woodruff, Pastor; Sis. Susie Stondfer, Clerk.

HAVANA: Bro. Everett Nolan, Sis. Thelia Nolen, Sis. Cleo Fowler, Bro. Eugene Robertson, Alternate; Rev. Norman Woodruff, Pastor; Sis. Allie Robertson, Clerk.

OAK RIDGE: Sis. Bessie Duncan, Sis. Wanda Bales, Bro. Bob Bales, Sis. Maud Fowler, Alternate; Rev. Clark Carriker, Pastor; Bro. Fred Duncan, Clerk.

IRON BRIDGE: Bro. Wilburn Cordle, Bro. Walter Kates, Bro. Redman Brigance, Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Alternate; Rev. Hubert Brown, Pastor; Sis. Zelma Brigance, Clerk.

MURRAY SPUR: Bro. J. H. Crow, Sis. J. H. Crow, Sis. Ola Crow, Sis. Howard Cantrell, Alternate; Bro. A. R. Brooks, Pastor; Bro. Howard Cantrell, Clerk.

STIGLER: Sis. Eva Porch, Sis. Ruby Maxwell, Bro. Will Ragle, Sis. Maggie Ragle, Alternate; Rev. F. A. McCage, Pastor; Sis. Eula Martin, Clerk.

KEEFTON: Bro. L. C. Claypool, Bro. Doss Brown, Sis. Brown, Sis. Kizzie, Alternate; Rev. U. C. Purdom, Pastor; Sis. Juanita Hopkins, Clerk.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COUNCIL

We your examining council of the Eureka Association beg leave to report, after examining Bro. Smith, we find Bro. Smith orthodox in Faith, but liminited in education, and somewhat handicapped, as circumstances. But we recommend his ordination, and ask each minister and member of this association to pray for and assist Bro. Smith.

Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Chairman

ORDINATION SERVICE

An ordination service, ordaining Bro. Hugo Smith, as a minister of the Free Will Baptist movement.

Bro. Norman Woodruff reading scripture from 3rd chapter of Tim. followed by prayer, the laying on of hands, and extending the right hand of fellowship.

The ordaining council was: Bro. Woodruff, Bro. L. T. Brown, and Bro. F. McCage.

EVANGELIST REPORT

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Church Contributions	\$ 729.56
Individual Contributions	23.00
Holding Revivals	315.00

Total for Year **\$1,067.56**

Held ten Revivals, had 41 Conversions, preached 192 messages.
Car expense for year—\$484.00.

Rev. Norman Woodruff

QUERY—REQUEST

Bro. T. M. Arnold, Bro. John Turner, Bro. Lonnie Long, Bro. Riley Wallace, Bro. Frank Nalles.

We your committee on Query and Request beg leave to report as follows:

We adopt the Old Report.

OLD REPORT: We your committee beg leave to report that no letter be received by the association or quarterly meeting, unless accompanied by elected delegate.

STATE DELEGATE AND MINUTE MONEY COMBINED

1. Iron Bridge	\$8.00
2. Fish Creek	8.00
3. Panama	8.00
4. Cross Roads	8.00
5. Tamaha	8.00
6. Star	8.00
7. Rose Hill	8.00
8. Stigler	8.00
9. Poteau	8.00
10. Perry	8.00
11. Oak Ridge	8.00
12. Prairie Grove	8.00
13. Hoyt	8.00
14. Rock Ford	8.00
15. Murray Spur	8.00
16. Keefton	8.00
17. Porum	8.00
18. Lone Elm	8.00

19. Cass	8.00
20. McCurtain	8.00
21. Havana	8.00
22. Old Panther	8.00
23. Christian Grove	8.00
24. Keota	8.00
25. Mt. View	5.00
26. Brooken	8.00
Donation for Youth Camp	\$10.00

ASSOCIATION CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

As your Association Clerk, I beg leave to report the balance, collections, and expenditures for the year September 14, 1953 to August 30, 1954 as follows:

BALANCE AND COLLECTIONS:

Balance 9-14-53	\$ 28.95
Deposit 9-14-53	82.00
Deposits 12-8-53 to 8-30-54	479.56

Total, Balance and Deposits **\$590.51**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing 650 Minutes	\$ 61.50
Clerk's Pay	25.00
Assistant Clerk's Pay	15.00
Paid Bro. Norman Woodruff, Evangelist	479.56
Envelopes and Stamps	1.75
Banking Charges56

Total Disbursements **\$583.37**

Total Balance and Deposits \$590.51

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Total Expenditures **\$583.37**

Leaving a Balance in Treasure of **\$ 7.14**

Fred Duncan, Clerk
 Lessie Bailes, Assistant Clerk

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

FIRST FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT McCURTAIN: Introductory to be brought by Bro. Riley Haskins, Bro. Furman McCage, Alternate.

SECOND FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT STIGLER: Bro. Norman Woodruff to bring the message, Bro. U. C. Purdom, Alternate.

THIRD FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT KEOTA: Bro. L. T. Brown to bring the message, Bro. Kirk Maxwell, Alternate.

FOURTH FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT TABERNACLE: Bro. F. A. McCage to bring the message, Bro. Barb Hickman, Alternate.

INTRODUCTORY FOR ASSOCIATION: Bro. Barb Hickman, to bring message, Bro. Kirk Maxwell, Alternate. Motion made and seconded that the clerk send each preacher who is to preach the introductory message and also the alternate, a card before each quarterly meeting, and association.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS LAST YEAR: Iron Bridge, 21 churches were represented: Porum, 17 churches; Star, 17; Rose Hill, 20

STATE DELEGATES

1. Stigler: Bro. Clayton Bumpers, Delegate; Bro. Jess Maxwell, Alternate.
2. Keifton: Bro. L. E. Claypool, Delegate.
3. McCurtain: Sis. S. A. Lemley, Delegate; Sis. Tamer Made-
well, Alternate.
4. Lone Elm: Sis. Eula Wilkins, Delegate; Sis. Dorsie Medlock,
Alternate.
5. Hoyt: Bro. Monroe Gideon, Delegate; Sis. Rusha Gideon,
Alternate.
6. Star: Sis. Hugh Pollard, Delegate; Sis. A. N. Chrisenberry,
Alternate.
7. Keota: Bro. Jess Woods, Delegate; Sis. Audie Woods, Alter-
nate.
8. Rock Ford: Bro. Walter Blaylock, Delegate; Sis. Alice Hen-
drix, Alternate.
9. Rose Hill: Bro. Vinis King, Delegate; Bro. George Fowler,
Alternate.
10. Christian Grove: Sis. Ledie Perkins, Delegate; Bro. Willie
Ward, Alternate.
11. Oak Ridge: Bro. Fred Duncan, Delegate; Sis. Bessie Dun-
can, Alternate.
12. Old Panther: Bro. Henry Way, Delegate; Sis. Tom Arnold,
Alternate.
13. Cass: Bro. Buster Cones, Delegate; Sis. Myrtle Cones, Alter-
nate.
14. Panama: Sis. Victie Long, Delegate; Sis. Clara Harp, Alter-
nate.
15. Perry: Sis. Ruby LaFave, Delegate; Sis. Nettie Booth, Alter-
nate.
16. Havana: Sis. Cleo Fowler, Delegate; Bro. Everett Nolen, Al-
ternate.
17. Fish Creek: Bro. Marvin Daniels, Delegate; Sis. Marie Kasi-
ner, Alternate.
18. Porum: Sis. Eula Witcher, Delegate; Sis. Bessie Woods, Al-
ternate.
19. Murray Spur: Bro. Howard Cantrell, Delegate; Bro. Oren
Lovell, Alternate.
20. Iron Bridge: Bro. Walter Kates, Delegate; Sis. Dorothy
Shepherd, Alternate.

21. Prairie Grove: Bro. W. H. Powell, Delegate; Sis. Lucille Holt, Alternate.
22. Cross Roads: Bro. John Turner, Delegate; Sis. Clara Turney, Alternate.
23. Mount View: Sis. Mary Hodges, Delegate.
24. Tamaha: Sis. Loyd Eakles, Delegate; Bro. Loyd Eakles, Alternate.
25. Poteau: Sis. Katherine Clark, Delegate; Sis. I. L. Florence, Alternate.
26. Brooken: Bro. William T. Green.

OPENING SESSION

The Twenty-ninth Annual Session of the Old Eureka Association (since the Division from Roberts McGee in 1924, AD.) Denominated Free Will Baptist, meeting at the Tabernacle four miles east of Stigler on Highway No. 9, Wednesday night, September 1, 1954, opened by congregational singing.

Bro. Junior Maxwell brought the message, Subject: "Watch." Scripture: First Chapter, 12th verse of II Thessalonians.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation was called to order by Bro. Norman Woodruff, moderator. Song, "Trust and Obey," led by Bro. Furman McCage. Prayer: Bro. Otis Ferris. Song Service: Bro. Furman McCage, "I'll Fly Away." Scripture Reading: Bro. T. M. Arnold, Mathew, Third Chapter.

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

Church letters were called for, motion to receive letters, seat delegates and extend Right hand of fellowship.

Song: "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Nomination in order for Moderator.

Candidates: Bro. Norman Woodruff, 31; Bro. Furman McCage, 38; Bro. McCage, Mod., and Bro. Woodruff, assistant Moderator.

The Clerk, Fred Duncan, and assistant clerk, Lessie Bailes, were re-elected by acclamation.

Motion to enter recess until 1:30.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The moderator called the congregation to order.

Song: "Only One Savior," by Bro. Lonnie Long.

Scripture Reading: Bro. Alvie Hicks, from the First Chapter of the Book of Psalms.

Moderator declared the association to continue in conference, and preceed with the business matters.

Corresponding Letters: Grand River: Read, received, and delegates seated by extending the right hand of fellowship while the congregation sang.

Query and Request: See report elsewhere.
Motion moved and seconded to recess until 9:30 Friday morning.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Bro. Walker Wood to conduct the devotional and Bro. Woodruff to bring the message, Subject: Repentance, Acts: 20-21.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregation called to order by the moderator, Bro. Furman McCage.

Song: "There's An Eye Watching You," led by Bro. Lonnie Long.

Scripture: Galations, Fifth Chapter, Bro. C. E. Kennedy.

Song: "What A Gathering That Will Be," Bro. Lonnie Long.

The congregation considered back in conference.

Letters called for, read, received and delegates seated, also seated corresponding delegates, by extending right hand of fellowship, while singing, "Just Over In the Glory Land."

READING OF REPORTS

Ministers Report accepted as read. See Report.

Sabbath School report, accepted as read and retain committee. See Report.

Resolutions Committee Reports: No. 1, carried; No. 2, carried; No. 3, carried; No. 4, lost; No. 5, lost; No. 6, carried; No. 7, carried; No. 8, carried.

Letters called for.

Motion moved and seconded to recess until 1:30 P. M. for the 11:00 o'clock service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Duet: Roy Roberts and Sister, "Glory Halleluah on that Day."

Bro. Otis Ferris reading from the 3rd Chapter of Acts took the lead in bringing the message, and Bro. C. E. Kennedy concluded.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Song: "Are You Washed In the Blood?"

Scripture Reading: Eighth Chapter of Romans, by Bro. Clark Carrier.

Evangelist Report. See Report.

Motion moved and seconded to accept the report and dismiss the evangelist.

Yard Committee Report. See Report.

Motion to elect members to succeed the retiring Yard Committee member, Bro. W. M. LaFave being the retiring member, was re-nominated and elected by acclamation to succeed himself.

Query and Request Report, accepted and adopted. See Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An Executive Committee composed of five ministers was nominated and elected to serve alternate terms, with one member's term expiring each year, and one member to be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of term.

Those nominated and elected were: Bro. Norman Woodruff, 5 years; Bro. Furman McCage, 4 years; Bro. U. C. Purdom, 3 years; Bro. Bart Clark, 2 years and Bro. C. E. Kennedy, 1 year.

Bro. Furman McCage was elected member to serve on the General Board at the State Association.

Motion to recess until 9:30 Saturday morning, carried.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Bart Clark.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Song Service: "I'll Be A Friend to Jesus," "Tis so Sweet to Trust In Jesus," and "I'm a Millionaire," by Bro. Oscar Wilson.

Prayer: Bro. Riley Haskins.

Special: Arranged by Bro. Carl Pugh and daughter.

Duet: Bro. Roy Roberts and Sister, "The Lord In Mercy, Heard Somebody Pray."

Song: Iron Bridge, "I Want A Religion I Can Feel."

Quartette and Duet, arranged by Bro. Leonard Crowder.

"I'd Like to Talk It All Over with Him," soloed by Bro. U. C. Purdom.

Special: "Halleluah I'll be There," arranged by Bro. Ray Roberts.

Bro. Clark Carriker lead the Devotional Service, and Bro. Furman McCage brought the message. Subject: Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Text: Romans 8:9.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator, Bro. F. A. McCage, called the body to order and requested Bro. Lonnie Long to direct the song service: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," being the song rendered.

Scripture Reading: Bro. Riley Haskins, reading from the First Chapter of St. John. Prayer: Bro. Bart Clark.

Letters were called for, read, received, and the Right Hand of Fellowship extended.

Unfinished Business: Resolution No. 4: Question, 27 for, and 7 against, adopted.

Resolution No. 5: accepted question: 39 for, and 2 against, Adopted.

Resolution No. 6: accepted, question: Unanimously carried and adopted.

MINISTERS EXAMINING COUNCIL

The nomination and election of Bro. F. A. McCage and Bro. U. C. Purdom to fill the vacancies on the ministers examining council, created by Bro. Riley Haskins and Bro. Robert Maxwell leaving our association moving into other states, and other fields of ministerial work.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The congregation came to order by singing, "The Lilly of the Valley."

Scripture Reading by the moderator, Bro. Furman McCage, from the Book of Psalms: 133 Chapter. Prayer: Bro. C. E. Kennedy. Moderator in charge to proceed with the business.

A Resolution pertaining to Resolution No. 5 was accepted.

A Free Offering to bear the expense of the Executive Committee, when and if, the Church desiring it's service, is not financially able to sponsor the committee.

Motion moved and seconded that we, The Old Eureka Association, indorse all delegates recommended by it's various churches, to represent us as a whole, at the State Association of The Free Will Baptist. Also a motion was moved and seconded to indorse the church clerks of those churches who do not have their delegates to the State Association chosen.

Song: "Hide Me, Rock of Ages," and "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me," directed by Bro. Roy Roberts.

Resolution to alternate members of examining council at each year's setting carried and was adopted.

Motion carried that we strike the Old Report in Ministers Character, and adopt that part which reads: That our Ministers Strictly Adhere to the Doctrine and Practices of the Free Will Baptist as prescribed in the Treatise.

Motion carried that our Yard Committee may loan our Tabernacle seats to any Free Will Baptist Church of this association. The borrowers being responsible for same, and to return them to the Tabernacle for any gathering.

A motion was moved and seconded to receive all reports and discharge the various committees.

Motion moved and seconded that this setting of the Old Eureka Association adjourn conference until on Wednesday night before the First Sunday in September, 1955.

Ferman McCage, Moderator
Fred Duncan, Association Clerk

YOUTH CAMP MINUTES

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION—1954

Service opened by the choir singing, "Sunshine In My Soul," directed by Brother James Williams. After a united Prayer, Bro. Weldon Wood read the devotional reading from the 12th Chapter of Ecclesiastes.

Brother Bob Bailes acted as moderator until after election of officers. Sister Myrtle Cone was elected to lead the morning testimony service, and Bro. Bailey Thompson was elected to bring the message.

After a song by the choir, Sister Cone took charge and we had a wonderful service. Bro. Thompson brought an inspiring message from the 14th Chapter of John on "The Way," after an invitation hymn, the service was dismissed by Prayer led by Brother, Arthur Harp.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened by the choir singing, "I Am Satisfied with Je-Us." After Prayer led by Bro. B. A. Long, Bro. Weldon Wood read the devotional reading from the first Chapter of Hebrews.

Conference was declared open and the letters from the Leagues were read and the delegates were seated. Also the visitors from other associations were seated.

The following officers were elected: Brother James Williams, Moderator; Brother Vernon Florence, Assistant Moderator; Sister Martha Stankewitz, Clerk; Sister Reba Knowles, Assistant Clerk, and Sister Jo Ann Bradley, Song Leader.

The newly elected moderators appointed the following committees: For Devotional: Sister Charlene Jones, Sister Betty Dodson and Sister Laura Faye Claunch.

For Special Singing: Sister Carolyn Webb, Sister Jo Ann Bradley, and Sister Martha Stankewitz.

Conference adjourned until Thursday morning.

Brother Weldon Wood taught a lesson on the Holy Spirit and Brother Bailey Thompson taught a lesson on personal evangelism.

The report of the Devotional Committee for the night service was: Sister Betty Brigance will lead the testimony service and Brother Weldon Wood will bring the message. The dismissal prayer was led by Brother Buster Cone.

GROVE SERVICE:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The service opened by the choir singing. After special singing and prayer, Sister Brigance led the testimony service. Brother Weldon Wood brought a wonderful message and one soul was saved.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened by singing led by the song leader. After prayer led by Sister Laura Faye Claunch, Brother Bart Clark read the devotional reading from Proverbs 3: one to ten. After united prayer conference was declared open and letters were called for. Sister Otho Williams represented Iron Bridge Church's League by statement. A motion carried that the League be allowed to represent by statement.

The letters were read and the delegates were seated. The body voted to let all the young people have a vote.

The Devotional Committee reported: Brother Arnett Florence will lead the testimony service and Brother Bart Clark will bring the message. Brother Weldon Wood continued his teaching on the Holy Spirit. After a song by the choir, Brother Arnett Florence took charge of the service. Before the preaching hour there was a united prayer and a special song by Sister Cash.

Brother Bart Clark brought a wonderful message and two souls were saved. Conference adjourned and Brother Arnett Florence dismissed by prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened by the choir singing and prayer led by Sister Anna Lou Purdom. Special songs were arranged by Brother Arnett Florence. Conference was declared open. Letters were called for and the delegates were seated. The treasurer, Sister Dorsie Medlock gave her report. The report was accepted. A motion carried that we take an offering Thursday and Friday nights.

A motion was made by Brother Bob Bailes and seconded by Brother Bart Clark that the pastor of every church take special offerings to be set aside for the Youth Camp the following year to be sent with the letters. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sister Lessie Bailes and seconded by Sister Otho Williams that the Moderators appoint a food committee for the next youth camp. The motion carried.

The Committee: Sister Lessie Bailes, Sister Otho Williams, Sister Myrtle Cone and Brother Buster Cone.

The moderator read the Rules of Order. Bro. Bailey Thompson continued his teaching on personal evangelism.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows: Sister Shirley Goff will lead the testimony service and Brother Purdom will bring the message.

Conference was declared closed and Brother Lowe led the dismissal prayer.

GROVE SERVICE:

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service opened by the choir singing. After prayer and special singing, Sister Shirley Goff took charge of the service. Brother Purdom brought a wonderful message. The service was very spiritual.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The choir was directed by Sister Loustana Drummonds. Sister Zelma Brigance led the prayer. Brother Duel Cone read the devotional reading from Galatians the 6th Chapter.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows: Sister Mary Alice Bond will lead the testimony service and brother Duel Cone will bring the message.

United Prayer. The Moderator declared conference open. Several young people participated in Brother Weldon Wood's teaching on the Holy spirit.

Sister Bond took charge of the service. Brother Weldon Wood led the song, "Will You Meet Me?" The Holy Spirit moved and 14 souls were saved. Brother Cone did not get to bring the message.

Dismissal prayer was led by Sister Lessie Bailes.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by the choir singing. Prayer was led by Brother Buster Cone and the devotional reading was read by Brother James Williams. Brother Bailey Thompson continued his teaching on personal Evangelism. The Devotional Committee reported as follows: Sister Jo Ann Bradley will lead the testimony service and Brother Duel Cone will bring the message.

Conference was declared open. The Youth Camp Committee's report by Brother Bob Bailes was accepted and the committee was retained. The body voted to pay the youth camp teachers and let a debt carry over. The body voted to retain the same teachers the next youth camp. Brother Bailey Thompson to teach on the Gospel ordinances, and Brother Weldon Wood to teach on Bible characters.

Sister Otho Williams, Sister Myrtle Cone, Sister Lessie Bailes and Sister Lena Ward were elected as Girl's Dormitory Sponsors, and Brother Buster Cone and Brother B. A. Long, Boy's Dormitory Sponsors.

A motion was made by Brother Buster Cone and seconded by Brother Arthur Harp, that the building committee be retained. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Otho Williams and seconded by Sister Lena Ward that the building committee members be numbered and one member go off or be re-elected each year.

Brother Williams amended the motion: Brother Bob Bailes—5, Brother B. A. Long—4, Brother Riley Haskins—3, Brother Clayton Bumpers—2, and Brother Roy Ridenhour—1. Amendment seconded by Sister Pet Wallace. The motion and the amendment carried.

The Devotional Committee was discharged.

Conference was adjourned to meet back again on Wednesday morning before the Third Sunday in June, 1955.

GROVE SERVICE:

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service opened by singing. After prayer and special singing, Sister Jo Ann Bradley took charge. Brother Cone brought a good message.

The 1954 Youth Camp was dismissed by prayer with precious memories and glad expectation of future blessings.

(1) About sixty registered.

(2) Churches represented by letter: Poteau, Panama, Keota, Lone Elm, Oak Ridge, Perry, Christian Grove.

(3) One church represented by Statement: Iron Bridge.

CAMP GROUND 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 1955 Youth Camp Meeting.

