# **MINUTES**

OF THE

# 62nd ANNUAL SESSION

OF

THE CHURCH OF GOD DENOMINATED

# FREE WILL BAPTIST

When convened at the permanent home of the Eureka Free Will Baptist Association, four miles East of Stigler or seven miles West of Keota, Okla., on Thursday night before the First Sunday in September, 1970, A. D.

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The next Session will convene at the Eureka Association Tabernacle, four miles East of Stigler, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1971.

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Thursday Evening
OPENING MESSAGE
Rev. James Williams

Alternate
Rev. Laymon Garrison

Friday, 11:00 A. M.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON
Rev. Andy Campbell

Alternate
Rev. Curtis Maxwell

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Rev. Norman Woodruff, Lequire, Okla. . . . . Moderator Rev. James Williams, Stigler . . . . . Ass't. Moderator Sis. Ruby LaFave, Rt. 1, Box 160, Stigler . Treasurer & Clerk Sis. Lessie Bailes, Box 372, Stigler . . . . . Ass't. Clerk

#### RULES OF ORDER

- 1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the moderator, or whosoever 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. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after organization of the Association.
- 14. Alterations shall be made in these rules at any regular session of this Association.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. House called to order by 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.

# THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Services called to order by Asst. Moderator, Bro. James Williams. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Singing "He's the True Shepherd". Prayer by Bro. Short Brigance. More singing by choir. Bro. James Williams called for alter of prayer. Devotional services was lead by Bro. Wesley Fowler. A wonderful service. Duet by Bro. and Sis. James Williams, "I want to see Jesus". The services were turned to Bro. A. J. Robinson, the speaker of the hour. He asked Bro. Raymond Shepherd to lead in prayer. Bro. Robinson's text, "Commandments." Reading from St. Matt. 5-17: 15-3 and Colossians 18-19-20. A wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Bailes.

# FRIDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator, Bro. Norman Woodruff. He asked for united prayer before the associational business started. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. No. 190, "Will it Do Precious Lord?" Devotional reading by Bro. Vanis King, reading from Jude, last 17 verses. Prayer by Sis. Audie Woods. Motion made by Bro. Edgar Warren to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Call for letters. Received fourteen. Motion made by Bro. Warren to receive the letters and seat the delegates. As the choir sang right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator and Asst. Moderator. The election of officers was the next item of business. All officers were retained except the treasurer. As Bro. Fred Duncan had gone into another association, Ruby LaFave was elected treasurer. As she had been acting as treasurer in Bro. Duncan's place. Sis. Lessie Bailes was given permission to write checks in case the treasurer was unable to. The elections of committees. See committees. Motion made by Bro. Bob Bailes to adjourn conference till 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

# 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services were opened by singing. Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Singing No. 94, "I know my Redeemer Liveth". Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. United prayer. The services were turned to Bro. Norman Woodruff, the speaker for the hour. He preached a wonderful message. Text -- Getting back on a solid foundation. A wonderful devotional service followed the sermon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. A. J. Robinson.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Services opened by singing. Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Bro. James Williams at the plano. Singing No. 88, "All upon the Alter". The moderator Bro. Woodruff. declared the body back into Alter". The moderator Bro. Woodruff, declared the body back into conference. Devotional reading by Bro. Walker Wood. Reading from 2nd Timothy 4, first 8 verses. Prayer by Bro. Gene Medlock. Call for petitionary letters. Received none. Rules of order were read by Asst. Moderator Bro. James Williams.

Reading of treasurer's report. See report. Motion made by Bro. Bob Bailes to receive the report as read. Report of resolution committee. See resolutions No. 1 and 2 for 1970. Motion made by Bro. A. J. Robinson to adjourn conference till Saturday morning

# FRIDAY NIGHT

House called to order by Asst. Moderator, Bro. James Williams. Singing directed by Ruby LaFave, with Sis. Williams at the piano. Singing No. 94, "I know My Redeemer Liveth". Prayer by Sis. Charlene Shaw. More Singing then united prayer. Services were turned to Sis. Lois Bibbs to conduct devotional service. Had wonderful service. Quartet -- Bro. James Williams and family, "Jesus is Coming Soon". Services were turned to Bro. Andy Campbell, the speaker of the hour. Call for united prayer. Text, try the spirits found in 1st John 4: 1. A wonderful message. Song and hand-shake with a wonderful spiritual service. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Norman Woodruff.

# SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Singing No. 262, "When I looked up, and He Looked Down." Devotional reading by Bro. P.E. Lambert. Reading from Matt 24, the first three verses. Prayer by Bro. Lambert. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. Call for letters. Received two. Motion made by Bro. Abb Wallen to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Bro. Woodruff extended a welcome to all visiting ministers and the right hand of fellowship was given to them and also the delegates from the two churches. The setting of the 5th Sunday meetings. See Fifth Sunday Meetings. Motion made by Bro. Bob Bailes to adjourn conference till 1:30 Saturday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Walker Wood.

# 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services opened by singing. Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Mrs. Williams at the piano. Singing No. 45, "When the Saints Go Marching In." United prayer. Song, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears", directed by Bro. James Williams. The Asst. Moderator read the names of the deceased who had passed away since our last association. Also Sis. Dovie LaFave who served so many years as Clerk for the Eureka Association. We had a moment of silent prayer then prayer was lead by Bro. A. J. Robinson. Song "Let Me Rest By the Fountain", by Bro. and Sis. Otho Williams. Bro. Redman Brigance, Bro. Andy Campbell and Sis. Lola Williams, with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Services were turned to Bro. Glen Dipboye the speaker for the Memorial Service. Reading from 2nd Cor. 4: 16-18. Text -- The Inward Man. A wonderful message. Song and hand-shake. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. P. E. Lambert.

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Services opened by singing. Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Darlene Campbell at the piano. Singing No. 74, "From the Cross to the Crown". Devotional reading by Bro. Laymon Garrison. Reading from Jude the first four verses. Prayer by Bro. Garrison. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. Report of Examining Council. Motion made to receive the report. See Committees reports. Motion made to dismiss all committees, Motion made by Bro. Dock Lowe to close conference in the hopes of meeting again in the year 1971. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Donald Jones.

# SATURDAY NIGHT

Services were opened by singing. Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Sis. Darlene Campbell at the piano. Singing No. 197, "Remember Me". Prayer by Sis. Clara Doss. More singing by choir then united prayer. Services were turned to Sis. Temper Doss to conduct devotional meeting. Song -- "Wonderful City", by the Iron Bridge choir. United prayer. Services turned to Bro. Curtis Maxwell the speaker of the hour. Reading from 1st Cor. 15; 41. A wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Raymond Qualls.

# TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT OF EUREKA ASSOCIATION

As treasurer of the Eureka Association, I bring to you my report from the time I was elected clerk to the Association time. The balance of \$742.32 was transferred over to me when elected your treasurer.

COLLECTIONS       \$25.00         Lafayette       \$25.00         Iron Bridge       25.00         Crossroads       25.00         Perry       20.00
Hoyt
Cass
Concession Stand
Tri-County Singing Conv. 10.00 TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$242.62
DISBURSEMENTS Farmers Insurance Co
Bob Bailes
Shipley Baking Co

#### 1970

# GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Norman Woodruff.

# VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Leonard Gregory, Rev. Tom Dixion, Rev. Furman McCage, Rev. Glenn Deboy.

# REPORT OF PULPIT COMMITTEE

Thursday night, Bro. A. J. Robinson brought the message. Friday morning, Bro. Norman Woodruff brought the message. Friday night, Sis. Lois Bibbs led devotional. Bro. Andy Campbell brought the message. Saturday morning, Bro. Gleen Deboye brought the memorial message. At 11 o'clock. Saturday night, Sister Temper Doss led devotional. Bro. Curtis Maxwell brought the message.

# COMMITTEES

PULPIT

Bro. Frank Fenton, Bro. Gean Medlock, Sis. Susie Moore.

# **OBITUARY**

Sis. Grovie Pugh, Sis. Sallie Smith, Sis. Lula Reading. We are sorry to report we have lost 9 members. We feel our loss is Heavens gain.

# **EXAMINING COMMITTEE**

- 5 year man -- Rev. James Williams.
- 4 year man -- Rev. Curtis Maxwell.
- 3 year man -- Rev. Norman Woodruff.
- 2 year man -- Rev. A. J. Robinson
- 1 year man -- Rev. Walker Woods.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 5 year man -- Rev. Melvin Reading.
- 4 year man -- Rev. Norman Woodruff.
- 3 year man -- Rev. P. E. Lambert.
- 2 year man -- Rev. L. T. Brown.
- 1 year man -- Rev. Walker Woods.

# YARD COMMITTEE AND FINANCE

- 1 year man -- Bro, Bob Bailes.
- 2 year man -- Bro. Otho Williams.
- 3 year man -- Bro. Andy Campbell.

# REPORT OF EXAMINING COUNCIL

We the Examining Council have examined Bro. Hershel Runyon, and recommend he be licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ for one year.

Bro. Norman Woodruff

Bro. A. J. Robinson

Bro. James Williams.

PLACING OF 5TH SUNDAY MEETING -- 1970-1971

1st Meeting -- Sallisaw -- November, 1970

2nd Meeting -- Perry -- January, 1971.

3rd Meeting -- Lone Elm -- 1971.

#### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CASS -- Sis. Lucille Kelton, Sis. Gracie Bratton, Bro. Bratton, Clerk, Sis. Bertha Robinson, Pastor, Rev. James Williams.

 CROSS ROADS -- Sis. Lillie Jones, Sis. Dovie Burton, Sis. Henrietta Garland, Sis. Grovie Pugh, Sis. Bertha Hill. Clerk, Sis. Ethel Neldon. Pastor, Rev. Hershell Hickman.

ROSE HILL -- Bro. Bob Shirley, Bro. A. W. Woodruff,
 Lula Reading. Clerk, Claud Roye. Pastor, Rev. Luther Brown.
 PORUM -- Sis. Jean Warren, Sis. Lessie Foal, Bro. Murl

Bass. Clerk, Sis. Susie Standifer. Pastor, Rev. P. E. Lambert.

5. KEOTA -- Sis. Alice Tabor, Sis. Zelma Adams, Sis. Ritta Keller. Clerk, Sis. Zelma Adams. Pastor, Rev. A. J. Robinson. PERRY -- Bro. Omer Moore, Sis. Susie Moore, Sis. Sallie

Smith. Clerk, Freda Kelley. Pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown.

LAFAYETTE -- Bro. Bob Bailes, Sis. Allie Robertson, Sis. Helen Fowler, Bro. Wesley Fowler. Clerk, Sis. Alva Patten. Pastor, Rev. John Maxwell.

8. TAMAHA -- Sis. Ina Eakle, Sis. Alma Ward, Sis. Lucille Henry. Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward. Pastor, Rev. Harold Morris.
9. LONE ELM -- Sis. Jessie Smith, Sis. Jessie Timmons,

Bro. Nolen Smith. Clerk, Dorsie Medlock, Pastor, Rev. Curtis Maxwell.

 IRON BRIDGE -- Sis. Clara Doss. Bro. Raymon Shepherd. Bro. Wilburn Cordle. Clerk, Freeda Doss. Pastor, Rev. Norman

Woodruff.

11. FISH CREEK -- Sister Sally Tucker, Sis. Stella Tucker, Sis. Nettie Colbert. Clerk, Sis. Marie Kasiner. Pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown.

12. ROCK FORD -- Sis. JoAnn Dunkin, Sis. Wilma Carry, Sis. June Turner. Clerk, Sis. Francene Blaylock. Pastor, Rev.

Melvin Reading.

13. McCURTAIN -- Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Velma Wantland, Sis. Freda Scraper. Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson, Pastor, Rev. Melvin Reading.

BROOKEN -- Sis. Eliza Prince, Sis. Mildred Bradshaw. Sis. Bernice Beshears. Clerk, Sis. Wanda Bush. Pastor, Rev. U.

C. Purdam.

15. SALLISAW - NORTHSIDE -- Sis. Hazel Rhodes, Sis. Betty Fornaszewski, Bro. Baldridge. Clerk, Sis. Vera Davis. Pastor, Hadn't called one at this time.

16. VIAN -- Bro. Bill Smith, Bro. Hershel Runyon, Bro. Grover Willis. Clerk, Sis. Maxine Smith. Pastor, No Name. Moderator, Bro. Bill London.

#### 1970 FINANCE REPORT Lafayette . . \$15.00 Cross Roads . 40.00 10.00 4. 20.00 5. McCurtain 10.00 6. 7. 10.00 20.00 8. Keota . 15.00 Lone Elm . 20.00 10. Rock Ford . . . . . .

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1. 2. 3.	1970 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS Rev. Curtis Suttles 966-3273 Keota, Okla. Rev. Clark Cariker Hoyt, Okla. Rev. Hercel Hickman 967-4567 Stigler, Okla.
4.	Rev. James Williams 967-4673 Stigler, Okla.
5.	Rev. A. J. Robinson 967-2939 Stigler, Okla.
6.	Rev. A. J. Robinson 967-2939 Stigler, Okla. Rev. C. A. Brown Kinta, Okla.
7.	Rev. L. B. Clark Rt. 2, Box 259, Spiro, Okla,
8.	Rev. Edgar Cole Stigler, Okla. Rev. A. A. Holdridge 967-4443 Hoyt, Okla.
9.	Rev. A. A. Holdridge 967-4443 Hoyt, Okla.
10.	Rev. U. C. Purdom 967-4725 Hoyt, Okla. Rev. Curtis Maxwell 966-3334 Keota, Okla.
11.	Rev. Curtis Maxwell 960-3334 Keota, Okla.
12.	Rev. L. T. Brown Keota, Ukla.
13. 14.	Rev. L. T. Brown Keota, Okla. Rev. Norman Woodruff Lequire, Okla. Rev. Walker Wood
15.	Rev. Hugo Smith
16.	Rev. P. E. Lambert 484-6496 Porum, Okla.
17.	Rev. Earl Powell 639-2523 Stigler, Okla.
18.	Rev. Troy Madewell McCurtain, Okla.
19.	Rev. Melvin Reading 967-4487 McCurtain, Okla.
20.	Rev. John Maxwell, Jr WO 2-2783 Keota, Okla.
21.	Rev. Joe Weldon Keota Okla
22.	Rev. Otis Farris Stigler, Okla. Rev. Auther Booth
23.	Rev. Auther Booth Muskogee, Okla.
24.	Rev. Luther Brown 364-7133 Kinta, Okla.
25.	Rev. Laymon Garrison 773-5652 Rt. 1, Vian, Okla.
26.	Rev. Kenneth Turpin Brooken Okla.
27.	Rev. Barney Phillips Checotah, Okla.
28.	Rev. Harold Morris Ft. Smith, Ark.
29.	Rev. Curtis Bias Sallisaw, Okla.

# CHURCH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Called to order by Moderator.

Called into conference, or vote, to go into conference. Call for peace of the Church, (all who are at peace with God and with each other, hold up your right hand).

Visiting brethren invited to seat in Council (Visiting mem-

4. bers from other Free Will Baptist Churches).

Reading of minutes of last conference. Reading of Treasurer's report. Unfinished business. 5.

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7.

New 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 sundry 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, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer who are to be chosen by the sufferage of the members present.
- 5. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the association if 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.
- 12. Be it resolved that an ordaining council for ministers be composed of three (3) ordained ministers in good standing in association.
- 13. Be it resolved that all money be sent to the treasurer of the association.

14. The Examining Committee of the association shall examine ministers for license at the request of the church of which candidate is a member.

15. The examining committee shall examine at the end of one year, licensed ministers for ordination at the request of the church of which the minister is a member. Request shall be made

to association or the 5th Sunday meeting.

16. The voting power of the association shall be ordained ministers, their wives, ordained deacons and their wives, church clerk, and duly elected delegates from each church. The above shall be in good standing with the association.

17. Be it resolved that we adopt the old original Free Will

Baptist Treatise as our rule, Faith and Practice.

18. Be it resolved that we adopt the Church Covenant found in our old original Free Will Baptist Treatise.

#### 1961 SESSION

1. Be it resolved that all resolutions adopted by the Eureka association be printed in conclusion with our constitution and be carried in print from year to year as a part of our Rules and Laws.

2. Be it resolved that we adopted the rule that when a church selects deacons, that they be set aside on trial for 12 months, before being ordained. The deacon acting during the 12 months, but

not ordained before the 12 months are up.

3. Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended giving the Executive Board control over the Youth Camp. This resolution was adopted, 1961. Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Rev. Major Followwill, Bro. Leamon Harrell, Bro. Vainis King, Bro. Abb Wallen, Committee.

#### 1963 SESSION

4. Resolutions -- Rev. Bailey Thompson, Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. Bernard Williamson.

As we are all interested in our youth, and we all have a part in youth camp, be it resolved that we form a committee, composed of one delegate from each church in the association, to meet with the Executive Board, at a time and place designated by the Executive Board, to work out plans, policy, changes, etc. Each church elect its own delegate.

#### 1964 SESSION

5. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE -- Bro. Abb Wallen, Rev. P. E. Lambert, Rev. Robert Carter, Bro. Bob Bailes, Rev. Kennedy. 1964 Resolutions:

Be it resolved that our Treasurer receive an honorarium of

\$35.00 for his services of our Association each year.

6. Be it resolved that our Clerk receive an honorarium of \$35.00 and our Assistant Clerk \$25.00 for their services of the Association each year.

7. Be it resolved to alter item No. 17 of the Constitution by

inserting the word. Ordained, before ministers.

# 1965 SESSION

8. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Rev. Wayne Patton, Bro. Bernard Williamson, Sis. Etta Peck. 1965 Resolutions:

We resolve that the churches of our association go over church rolls once a year and keep up to date. 9. We, the Resolution Committee would like to urge each Pastor, to look into, and obtain information, on the steps to incorporate their churches as Free Will Baptists.

10. We, the Resolution Committee, suggest that the names of the Ministers, who have moved or are deceased, be removed from

the list of ministers in the minutes.

#### 1966 RESOLUTION

Bro. P. E. Lambert, Bro. Olen Faulkenberry, Bro. Curtis Suttles.

11. Be it resolved that the Eureka Association convene on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September instead of Wednesday night.

# RESOLUTIONS -- 1967

12. Be it resolved that the teachers for the Youth Camp be elected a month at least, before camp time, so they will have more time for preparation.

13. 1968 RESOLUTION COMMITTEE -- Bro. Gean Thomas,

Bro. Curtis Suttles, Bro. Sherman Webb.

Let us resolve that the Eureka Association go on record that we do not believe or teach that Christ will set up a literal Kingdom on this earth which is known as a pre-millennial reign of 1000 years.

# RESOLUTIONS -- 1969

14. We, your Resolution Committee request Bro. Snowden Robinson be made a honorary member of the Yard Committee.

# 1970 RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Bro. Walker Woods, Bro. Vanis King. 15. Be it resolved that the words old original be added to by-law 18 and 19, and that by-law 14, 23, 29 and 37 be deleted from our constitution. That the word ordained be added before the word deacon in by-law 17.

16. Be it resolved that no new minister serve on association

board until he's a member for one year.

# 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 Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are 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; Isaiah 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. Jonah 4:11; Mark 10:14; Duet. 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 gate 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 reunciation 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. To replace No. 10—In Articles of Faith, 1963 change. We believe that Baptism, (The Immersion of Believers in water). The Lord's Supper and feet washing, are divine ordinances of the Gospel. The Lord's Supper, which is to be observed by all believers at night, and to be followed by the ordinance of feet washing, which teaches humility of universal obligation, to be practiced by all believers. Mark 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19-20 and 1st 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, who hold 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 Corinthians 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 of the Saint's feet to let everyone 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 incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to press 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 given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His

will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify as wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# EUREKA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

The Eureka Free Will Baptist Youth Camp started Tuesday morning, August 4, at 10:00 with congregation singing. We then had the election of officers for this session. Bro. Steve Bratton was elected President, Sis. Joyce Kelton, Secretary, Sis. Darlene Campbell, Pianist and Sis. Lawana Smith, Songleader. We had more congregational singing and some special songs by Darlene Campbell and Lawana Smith. Then James and Lola Williams sang "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears". The scripture reading was Psalms 67 by Linda Reading. Bro. James Williams brought a wonderful message from Psalms 34: 10-22 "What are we lacking?" Has one conversion. Dismissed in prayer by president, Bro. Steve Bratton.

# TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by Steve Bratton. Singing by congregation led by Sis. Lawana Smith, "I've Never Been Sorry." The Devotional reading was by Pam Preskitt from Psalms 54. We then had an alter of prayer. Teachers took charge of their classes. The juniors 13 and under were taught by Sis. Lawana Smith and Sis. Charlene Shaw. The teenagers were taught by Bro. Vanis King and Bro. Herschel Hickman. Bro. Norman Woodruff taught the adults.

# TUESDAY EVENING

Our service was called to order by Bro. Steve Bratton. We had congregational singing led by Sis. Lawana Smith. We then had prayer led by Bro. Jimmy Trickett. After another congregational song we were called to a united prayer by the President. Our testimony service was very spiritual led by Bro. Ricky Sizemore. We then had special singing by James and Lola Williams "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" and Darlene and Roy Campbell sang "Now I have Everything". A group of girls from the camp sang "I Just Steal Away and Pray". A very timely message was brought by Bro. Harold Morris who took his text from Psalms 103: 1-5, Matthew 22:37 and Isaiah 40: 31. After an alter of prayer we were dismissed in prayer by Lloyd Eakles.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Our Wednesday morning service opened at 9:30 with congregational singing led by Sis. Lawana Smith. We then had special singing by Sis. Lawana Smith, "Had it not been" and Lawana Smith and Andy Campbell sang "The last Mile of the Way" Linda and Kay Reading sang "Child of the King". We then had a United Prayer. Bro. Andy Campbell brought a very good message and we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Otho Williams.

# WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Steve Bratton. Singing by the congregation after which the teachers took charge of their classes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Our services opened with singing led by Bro. Andy Campbell. The President then called us to a united prayer. The Scripture Reading was from Luke 9: 26 and our Devotional Service was led by Bro. Steve Bratton. We then had several special songs. Iron

Bridge Group sang "He Will Claim me as His Own". A group of girls from Crossroads Church sang "One More Valley" and a group from Sallisaw Church sang "Had it not been and Jesus Use Me". Bro. Andy Campbell then sang "I Must Tell Jesus". We then had another United Prayer. Then Bro. James Williams led the congregation in singing "I'm on my Way". A good spiritual message was brought by Bro. A. J. Robinson who took his text from Revelations 4:10-14 "Worthy is the Lamb". We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Williams.

THURSDAY MORNING

Services opened with congregational singing led by Sis. Lawana Smith. Bro. Steve Bratton then called the congregation to a united prayer. Our testimony service was led by Bro. Micky Hurst. Then Bro. Kenneth Turpin brought a very good message from Acts 2:14. Congregational song and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Andy Campbell.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by Steve Bratton. Singing by congregation led by Sis. Lawana Smith. After an alter of prayer the teachers took charge of their classes.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Service was opened by singing led by Sis. Kylene Preskitt. We then had prayer by Bro. A. J. Robinson. After an alter of prayer by the congregation the Devotional Service was led by Sis. Nelda Horton. We then had several special songs from the congregation. Darlene and Roy Campbell sang "Blessed Redeemer" Group from Iron Bridge Church sang "Wondersul City and God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" group from Sallisaw Church sang "I need no Mansions Here and Suppertime" and a group from camp sang "Inside the Gate." After this we had an alter of prayer. Bro. Curtis Bias brought a very good message from Proverbs 12: 14, Luke 2: 6 then Bro. Layman Garrison brought a good message on Falth taking Romans 1: 1, James 4: 15 and Luke 18 as his text. We were then dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Bob Bailes.

