

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**65th 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, 1973 A.D.

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, 1974

Thursday Evening  
OPENING MESSAGE  
Rev. James Williams  
Alternate  
Rev. Clyde Tankersley

Friday, 11:00 A.M.  
INTRODUCTORY SERMON  
Rev. Norman Woodruff  
Alternate  
Rev. A.J. Robinson

Rev. Norman Woodruff, Lequire, Okla..... Moderator  
Rev. A.J. Robinson, Rt. 2, 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.

## CHURCH ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Called to order by Moderator.
2. Called into conference, or vote, to go into conference.
3. Call for peace of the Church, (all who are at peace with God and with other, hold up your right hand).
4. Visiting brethren invited to seat in Council (Visiting members from other Free Will Baptist Churches).
5. Reading of minutes of last conference.
6. Reading of Treasurer's report.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

Services were called to order by Moderator, Bro. Norman Woodruff. Singing by choir. Singing No. 242, "When We Sing Around the Throne Eternal." Prayer by Bro. Bob Bailes. Had another song, No. 94: then united prayer. Bro. Norman Woodruff had charge of the devotional service and had a good service. Bro. Fred Riddle then took the stand for the Thursday night message. Reading from Act 26:14. Text—"Leadership." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Otho Williams to meet back Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

## FRIDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator, Bro. Norman Woodruff. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Singing No. 284, "We'll Soon Be Done With Trouble and Trials", with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. A.J. Robinson. Prayer by Bro. Curtis Suttles. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. The Moderator invited all visiting ministers to sit in council. Called for letters. Received 14. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Right-hand of fellowship was given by Moderator. Bro. Norman Woodruff and Asst. Moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson. The first item of business, the election of officers to serve for the next year. Motion was made to retain the same officers. Moderator, Bro. Norman Woodruff; Assistant Moderator Bro. A.J. Robinson; clerk and treasurer, Sis. Ruby LaFave, and assistant clerk, Sis. Lessie Bailes. The appointing of committees. See committees. All committees were appointed by Moderator and Assistant Moderator except the resolution committee and they were elected by the people. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to adjourn conference until Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fred Riddle.

## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services opened by singing. Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Singing No. 94, "I Know My Redeemer Liveth" with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Curtis Maxwell. Services were turned to Bro. Tommy James for the 11 o'clock message. Reading from St. Mark, 16 ch.:16 v. Text—"Healing". A wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. George Fowler.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Singing No. 147, "Some Glad Day When Jesus Comes," with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Curtis Suttles, reading from 23rd Psalms. Prayer by Bro. J.C. Stump. The moderator declared the body back into conference. Call for letters. Received none. The resolution Query and Request committees were dismissed to bring in reports. As the time didn't permit the appointing of all committees Friday morning, the finance and obituary and preacher and deacon committees were appointed. Report of divine committee. See reports. Motion made by Bro. George Fowler to retain Bro. Melvin Reading on the executive committee. Rules of order were read by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson. Treasurer's report by Ruby LaFave. Motion made by Bro. Bob Bailes to receive report as read. See report. Report of resolutions committee. Motion made by Bro. Bob Bailes to receive the report for discussion. Question called for. Vote was taken and resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted. See resolutions. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to adjourn conference, meeting again at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Long.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Services called to order by Assistant Moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson. Singing directed by Ruby LaFave. No. 200, "He'll Claim Me as His Own." With Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. United prayer. Special singing, Duet—"Jesus Wept" by Sharon Henderson and Genell Williams. Quartet—"His Peace Like a River", Bro. and Sis. Otho Williams, Bro. and Sis. Redmon Brigrance and Sis. Lola Williams with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Quartet—Charlene Shaw, Marie Perdue, Agnes Mooneyham, and Lola Williams. Solo by Bro. Abb Wallen. "Tomorrow May Mean Goodbye", with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Services turned to Bro. Vanis King for the devotional service. Had a very good service. Bro. Curtis Maxwell took the stand for the Friday night message. Reading from St. Mark 10 ch.—26-28-29 v. Text—"The Wages of Sin and Death". Had invitational song and a wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Abb Wallen.

### SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Singing No. 78, "What a Gathering That Will Be," with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Otho Williams. Reading from 1 Cor. 4 ch.—6 v. Prayer by Bro. Donald Jones. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. Call for letters. Received two. Motion made by Bro. Otho Williams to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Right-hand fellowship was given by Moderator Norman Woodruff and Bro. James Williams. Placing of quarterly meetings. See quarterly meetings. Report of Query and Request

committee. Report accepted. The request that each church clerk's name and address be placed in the minutes. Bro. Hercel Hickman was elected as the general board member. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to remove Resolution No. 9 from our minutes. Motion made by Bro. Owen Scott to adjourn conference to meet back at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fred Riddle.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Services opened by singing. Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Singing No. 70, "Living By Faith", Mrs. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. J.K. Woods. Special singing. Duet—"Just Inside the Eastern Gate", by Bro. and Sis. James Williams. The names of the deceased were read by Bro. James Williams, after a moment of silent prayer, Bro. Williams led in prayer. Services were then turned to Bro. Glen Dipboye to preach the memorial message. Reading from 2nd Cor. 4:16-18. Text—"For This Cause We Faint Not." A wonderful memorial message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Otho Williams.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Singing No. 166 directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Genell Williams at the piano, "Everybody Will Be Happier Over There." The body was declared back into conference by moderator. Devotional reading by Bro. Fred Riddle. Reading from St. Mark 10: 10-15. Prayer by Bro. R.A. Owens. Short talks by Bro. J.K. Woods and Bro. Hercel Hickman. Motion made by Bro. B.F. Davis that we recend the action taken Friday to keep Bro. Melvin Reading on the executive board and placing Bro. R.A. Owens in his place. Report of resolution committee. Motion made to receive the report. Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, and 5 were adopted. See resolutions. Report of examining council. Motion made by Bro. Hercel Hickman to receive the report. See report. Motion made that we receive all reports and dismiss the committee.

Services were concluded by singing and hand-shake. Motion made by Bro. Gene Medlock to close conference in the hopes of meeting again in the year 1974. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. A.J. Robinson.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

Services called to order by Assistant Moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson. Singing directed by Ruby LaFave, with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Steve Bratton. Special singing. Trio—"I Want to Stroll All Over Heaven With You." Genell Williams, Sharon Henderson, and Beverly McKinney. Trio—"Jesus is Coming Soon," Craig Bickle, Sharon Henderson and Joe Percifield. Duet—Bro. and Sis. James Williams, "Broken Pieces", and quartet—Bro. Idis Daniel and girls and Kenneth Kasiner with Dwayne Woodruff at the piano. Singing "Sunset Is Coming" United prayer. Had a wonderful devotional service led by Sis. Wilma Fenton. Bro. Hercel Hickman took the stand, asking that the song, "Amazing Grace" be sung, then had prayer led by Bro. Craig Bickle. Bro. Hercel Hickman preached a wonderful message, reading from Matt.

7 ch. Text—"Repent For the Kingdom of Heaven Is Still At Hand." Had invitational song. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Norman Woodruff.

As treasurer of the Eureka F.W.B. Association I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered Sept. 1972 to Sept. 1973.

#### COLLECTIONS

Cass .....	\$40.00
Cross Roads.....	\$45.00
Porum .....	\$13.00
Rose Hill.....	\$25.00
Brooken .....	\$35.00
Tamaha .....	\$15.00
Perry .....	\$35.00
First F.W.B., Sallisaw.....	\$35.00
McCurtain.....	\$10.00
Lone Elm.....	\$40.00
Lafayette .....	\$40.00
Rock Ford.....	\$15.00
Fish Creek.....	\$20.00
Keota .....	\$40.00
Iron Bridge.....	\$80.00
North Side, Sallisaw.....	\$35.00
Mrs. T.A. Taylor.....	\$5.00
Refund from Dobyns.....	\$3.00
Rent on Piano for 1972-73.....	\$20.00
Delegate Fees.....	\$20.00
Collection on Treaties.....	\$5.70
Concession Stand.....	\$105.58

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Bob Bailes (repair on campground).....	\$73.84
Cookson Hills Co-op.....	\$21.90
Lola Williams (expense for Y.C.).....	\$29.40
Joe Smith (insurance).....	\$158.35
Stigler News-Sentinel (minutes).....	\$160.00
State F.W.B. Assoc., Delegate Fees.....	\$20.00
Lessie Bailes, Asst. Clerk's Duties.....	\$25.00
Ruby LaFave, Clerk and Treasurer's Duties.....	\$50.00
Okla. F.W.B. Book Store, minister's license.....	\$2.63
Plunkett Music Co., rent on piano.....	\$60.00
Roberts Gro., Groc. for Y.C.....	\$33.68
Tommie Smith, Chips for Y.C.....	\$20.16
Rose Gro., candy & pop for Y.C.....	\$65.00
Service Charge.....	\$3.60
Total Disbursements.....	\$723.56

Total collections \$682.28 plus \$471.07, making \$1153.35 in treasury  
after disbursements had in treasury. \$429.79.

Prayerfully submitted

Ruby LaFave, Association Treasurer

### PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. Frank Fenton, Bro. Murel Bass, Bro. George Fowler. Services as follows:

Thursday night, Rev. Fred Riddle brought the message.

Friday morning, Rev. Tommy James brought the introductory message.

Friday night, Rev. Curtis Maxwell brought the message. Bro. Vanis King had charge of the devotional service.

Saturday morning, Rev. Glen Dipboye brought the Memorial Message.

Saturday night, Rev. Hercel Hickman brought the message. Sis. Wilma Fenton had charge of the devotional service.

All services were good.

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following. We have lost 16 members this past year. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Your committee, Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Sallie Smith, Sis. Jean Short.

### REPORT OF QUERY AND REQUEST

This is a suggestion, and not mandatory, that each church pay \$5.00 per month to help take care of our financial needs for the coming year.

### REPORT OF EXAMINING COUNCIL

We, the examining council, find Bro. Nolen Smith orthodox and recommend he be obtained as a Deacon.

We the examining council, find Rev. J.K. Woods orthodox and upon a letter of recommendation from Zion Hope No. 2 in Arkansas, recommend he be given full fellowship in the Eureka Association.

### EXAMINING COMMITTEE

5-year man—Rev. Norman Woodruff

4-Year man—Rev. A.J. Robinson

3-year man—Rev. John Maxwell, Jr.

2-year man—Rev. James Williams

1-year man—Rev. Curtis Maxwell

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5-year man—Rev. James Williams

4-year man—Bro. Otho Williams

3-year man—Bro. Vanis King

2-year man—Bro. R.A. Owens

1-year man—Rev. Norman Woodruff

### YARD COMMITTEE

3-year man—Bro. Lester Woodruff

2-year man—Bro. Otho Williams

1-year man—Bro. Bob Bailes

## PREACHERS' AND DEACONS' CHARACTERS

We adopt old report, in 1972-73 minutes. Signed, your committee, Bro. Milburn Cowan, Bro. B.F. Davis, Rev. Fred Riddle.

### PLACING OF THE 5TH SUNDAY MEETINGS

1st—Cass, Sept., 1973

2nd—Perry, Dec., 1973.

3rd—First Free Will Baptist, March, 1974.

4th—North Side Free Will Baptist, June, 1974.

### PLACES AND DATES OF PREACHERS' AND DEACONS' MEETINGS

1st—Cass, September 22, 1973.

2nd—Perry, December 22, 1973.

3rd—First Free Will Baptist, Sallisaw, March 23, 1974.

4th North Side Free Will Baptist, June 22, 1974

### GENERAL BOARD MEMBER TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Hercul Hickman

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

1. ROSE HILL: Bro. George Fowler, Bro. Lester Woodruff, Sis. Margaret Neal; Sis. Vesta Lefler, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Turpin, Route 4, Stigler, Okla. Clerk, Bro. Claud Royce, Route 1, McCurtain, Okla.

2. LONE ELM: Sis. Julie Nelson, Sis. Agnes Mooneyham, Bro. Melburn Cowan. Pastor, Rev. J.K. Woods, Route 2, Muldrow, Okla. Clerk, Marie Perdue, Rt. 2, Keota, Okla.

3. McCURTAIN: Bro. Vernon Phillips, Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Dorthy Petty. Pastor, Rev. Melvin Reading, McCurtain, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson, McCurtain.

4. CASS: Bro. Raymond Kinsey, Bro. Vernon Bisby, Sis. Artie Lee Nolen. Pastor, Rev. James Williams, Route 2, Stigler, Okla., 74462. Clerk, Sis. Bertha Robinson, 805 NE A St., Stigler, Okla.

5. KEOTA: Sis. Ritta Keller, Sis. Jean Short, Sis. Ebbie Brown. Pastor, Rev. A.J. Robinson, Stigler, Okla., northeast of city, Clerk, Zelma Adams, Box 87, Keota, Okla. 74941.

6. CROSS ROADS: Bro. Ervin Few, Sis. Lillian Few, Sis. Lillie Jones. Pastor, Rev. Hercul Hickman, Route 3, Stigler, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Ethel Nelson, Box 151, Stigler, Okla. 74462.

7. PORUM: Sis. Audie Woods, Sis. Lessie Fool, Bro. Mural Bass. Pastor, Rev. Fred Riddle, Stigler, Okla. Clerk, Susie Standifer, Box 115, Warner, Okla. 74469.

8. FISH CREEK: Sis. Nettie Colbert, Bro. Ken Kasiner, Bro. General Cooper. Pastor, Rev. Norman Woodruff, Route 1, McCurtain, Okla. Clerk, Marie Kasiner, Route 1, Box 165, Kinta, Okla. 74552.

9. TAMAHA: Sis. Ima Eakle, Sis. Myrtle Cone, Sis. Alma Ward. Pastor, Rev. Harold Morris, Pocola, Okla., Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward, Route 1, Box 280, Stigler, Okla.



10. IRON BRIDGE: Sis Maxine Perkins, Sis. Beulah Cordle, Sis. Temper Doss. Pastor, Rev. Norman Woodruff, Lequire, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Clara Doss, Route 1, Keota, Okla.

11. ROCK FORD: Sis. Lavada Moore, Sis. Eunice Blaylock, Sis. Wilma Carry. Pastor, none at this time. Clerk, Frances Blaylock, Route 1, Cartersville, Okla., 74934.

12. LAFAYETTE: Bro. Bob Bailes, Bro. Claudie Hurst, Sis. Allie Robertson. Pastor, Rev. John Maxwell Jr., Box 57, Keota, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Alva Patton, Route 2, Box 640, Stigler, Okla.

13. PERRY: Bro. Omer Moore, Sis. Susie Moore, Sis. Sallie Smith. Pastor, Rev. Luther Brown, Kinta, Okla.. Clerk, Sis. Freda Kelley, Route 1, Stigler, Okla.

14. BROOKEN: Sis. Bertice Horton, Sis. Eliza Prince, Sis. Gladys McKinney. Pastor, Haven't elected a pastor at this time. Clerk, Wanda Bush, Route 4, Box 281, Stigler, Okla.

15. NORTH SIDE F.W.B.: Bro. Bill Starr, Sis. Judy Starr, Sis. Betty Formasquewski. Pastor, Rev. Raymond Qualls, Muldrow, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Hazel Rhoades, Rt. 1, Box 379, Sallisaw, Okla.

16. SALLISAW FIRST F.W.B.: Sis. Sandy Owens, Sis. Artie Pruitt, Sis. Martha Rist. Pastor, Rev. Tommy James, Route 1, Box 106 Gore, Okla. Clerk, Bro. Jerry Pruitt, Box 25, Gans, Okla.

#### VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Glen Dipboye, Zion Hope Association

Rev. J.C. Stump, Muskogee

Rev. Archie Peters, Zion Hope No. 2, Ark.

Church	Yard Money	Minute Money
✓1. McCurtain	\$5.00	\$5.00
✓2. Keota	\$5.00	\$10.00
✓3. Lone Elm	\$10.00	\$10.00
✓4. Rock Ford	\$10.00	\$5.00
✓5. Porum	\$5.00	\$10.00
✓6. Cass	\$5.00	\$10.00
✓7. Brooken	\$10.00	\$10.00
✓8. Fish Creek	\$5.00	\$5.00
✓9. Lafayette	\$10.00	\$15.00
✓10. Perry	\$5.00	\$10.00
✓11. Tamaha	\$5.00	\$10.00
✓12. Cross Roads	\$10.00	\$10.00
✓13. Rose Hill	\$10.00	\$5.00
✓14. Iron Bridge	\$10.00	\$10.00
✓15. North Side F.W.B. Sallisaw	\$10.00	\$10.00
✓16. First F.W.B., Sallisaw	10.00	\$10.00

State Del. Cross Roads Church. \$20.00

# 1973 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

1. Rev. Curtis Suttles..... 966-3273—Keota, Okla.
2. Rev. Hercel Hickman.....967-4567—Stigler, Okla.
3. Rev. James Williams..... 967-4673—Stigler, Okla.
4. Rev. A.J. Robinson..... 967-2939—Stigler, Okla.
5. Rev. C.A. Brown..... Kinta, Okla.
6. Rev. Edgar Cole..... Stigler, Okla.
7. Rev. U.C. Purdom..... 967-4725—Hoyt, Okla.
8. Rev. Curtis Maxwell..... 966-3334—Keota, Okla.
9. Rev. Norman Woodruff..... 967-4972—Lequire, Okla.
10. Rev. Walker Wood..... 484-2066—Porum, Okla.
11. Rev. Hugo Smith..... Stigler, Okla.
12. Rev. Fred Riddle..... 967-4800—Stigler, Okla.
13. Rev. Troy Madewell..... McCurtain, Okla.
14. Rev. Melvin Reading.....967-4487—McCurtain, Okla.
15. Rev. John Maxwell Jr.....WO 2-2783—Keota, Okla.
16. Rev. Joe Weldon..... Keota, Okla.
17. Rev. Luther Brown.....364-7133—Kinta, Okla.
18. Rev. Kenneth Turpin..... Brooken, Okla.
19. Rev. Barney Phillips.....Checotah, Okla.
20. Rev. Harold Morris..... 436-2722—Pocola, Okla.
21. Rev. Curtis Bias..... Sallisaw, Okla.
22. Rev. Andy Campbell..... 967-8694—Stigler, Okla.
23. Rev. Harrison Pendergrass..... Muldrow, Okla.

## 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 suffrage 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 the ministers and deacons 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. Vanis 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, suggest that the names of the Ministers not found to be orthodox or 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.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS - 1967**

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

12. **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**

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

### **1970 RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Bro. Walker Woods, Bro. Vanis King.

14. 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.

15. Be it resolved that no new minister serve on association board until he's a member for one year.

### **1972 SESSION**

### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Bro. Tommy James, Bro. James Williams, Bro. Luther Brown.

16. Be it resolved, that any of our preachers or churches found to be tolerating the doctrine of unknown tongues, or anointing with oil for the healing of the body shall be considered guilty of heresy and shall be required to make acknowledgement to this body or stand suspended.

17. Be it resolved that no man be ordained to the ministry or office of deacon having two or more living companions and that the credentials of ministers are deemed property of the Eureka Association.

### **RESOLUTIONS 1973**

18. Be it resolved that any minister refusing to attend and support the quarterly meetings, preacher and deacons meeting and the association, by letter or person, shall be subject to discipline, unless providently hindered.

19. Be it resolved that Item No. 12 of the constitution be amended to read "and Deacon" after the word minister.

20. Be it resolved that when a minister comes from another association to pastor a church in the Eureka Association that he be referred to the examining council for examination.

21. Be it resolved that we abstain from preaching or teaching from the Living Word Bible.

22. Newly organized churches may petition for membership by letter upon an examination by the examining council. If found orthodox and orderly they may be received into the association by majority vote present. The moderator may give the right hand of fellowship.

23. Any church coming from another association may become a member of this association upon examination by the examining council and vote of the association, provided a letter of recommendation is furnished by the association from which they came.

Committee: Rev. Curtis Maxwell, Rev. Clyde Tankersley, Rev. James Williams.

### 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 persevere 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. We believe God's grace is sufficient so long as they walk in the path of duty, but those who wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty would backslide and if persist continually would be eternally lost. 1st Peter 1:4-5, 1st Cor. 10: 1-13, Hebrews 12: 15-17, 1st John 5:16, Hebrews 6:6, 2nd Peter 2:20.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty reunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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 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; 1 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 us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### MINUTES OF YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

Youth Camp opened August 7, at 10 o'clock A.M. Services were opened by congregational singing "I'll Meet You By the River". Devotional reading by Sis. Sharon Henderson. Prayer by Sis. Charlene Shaw. The election of officers. President, Bro. Steve Bratton; Vice President, Bro. Dewayne Woodruff; Sis. Darla Coyle, Secretary; Song Leader, Sis. Genelle Williams; and Bro. Dewayne Woodruff, Pianist.

Devotional committee: Sis. Kathy Coyle, Sis. Sharon Oliver and Rhonda Long.

Classes were arranged. Bro. James Williams taught the 14-16 age group; Bro. Donald Jones, the 12-14 age group; and Sis. Joye Royce, the 10-12 age group.

#### TUESDAY MORNING SERVICE

Songs—"Glad Reunion Day" and "Standing On the Promises." Had united prayer. Special singing—Sharon, Beverly, Mary and Darla, "Born to Serve the Lord". Duet—Bro. and Sis. James Williams, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears." Bro. James Williams brought the morning message "The Beginning and the End." Good message. One soul rededicated.



## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Called to order by moderator. Song No. 76, "I've Never Been Sorry." Devotional reading by Bro. Reggie Rhodes. Psalm 15th. Classes arranged

## **TUESDAY NIGHT**

Meeting was called to order by moderator. Congregational singing, "There's Power in the Blood" and "I'll Meet You By the River." Prayer by Bro. Danny Oliver. More singing, "Sunset is Coming", and "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears." United prayer. Special singing by Darla, Beverly, Sheila and Sharon. Duet by Bro. and Sis. James Williams. Devotional service led by Sis. Darla Coyle. Message by Bro. Danny Oliver, from I Timothy 4:12-16. Seven were converted.

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING**

House called to order by moderator. Song No. 92 "Victory in Jesus". No. 84, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "I'm Bound for that City". Classes convened. After classes, more singing. "Just Over in the Glory Land" and "There is a Fountain". United prayer. Devotional service led by Sis. Brenda Coble. Bro. Lonnie Devault brought the morning message from Daniel 1st Chapt. Good message.

## **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

Classes were convened.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

House called to order by Moderator. Congregational singing. "I'm Bound for That City," "Walking With the Lord", "Living By Faith," and "When the Roll is called up Yonder."

Devotional services led by Sis. Sharon Henderson. Special by the teenagers. Duet by Bro. and Sis. James Williams. "Most of All I Want To See Jesus". Two special songs by Bro. Otho Williams and family. "O The Glory Did Roll", and "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears". Bro. Danny Oliver was chosen to bring the message. He and his wife sang "I Know" and Sis. Oliver sang "The King is Coming". A good message. Many souls were saved and rededicated.

## **THURSDAY MORNING**

House called to order by Moderator. Classes were convened. After classes had 11 o'clock service. Sang "at Calvary". Devotional by Sis. Hazel Rhodes. Bro. Norman Woodruff brought the message from II Peter 1:5-9.

Had song and hand shake.

## **THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

Classes were convened for last session.

## **THURSDAY NIGHT**

House called to order by Moderator. Congregation... singing, "O How I Love Jesus" and "i'm Too Near Home." United prayer. Special singing by Bro. Lowell Nolan and Bro. and Sis. James Williams. Bro. Idis Daniel and family. Devotional led by Sis. Sharon Oliver. Specials by Bro. and Sis. Danny Oliver. Bro. Oliver brought the message. Good message. The Glory of God really came down this night. Souls were really blessed. Dismissed. There were 54 enrolled.

