

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**66th 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, 1974, 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, 1975

Thursday Evening  
OPENING MESSAGE  
Rev. Kenneth Turpin  
Alternate  
Rev. Danny Oliver

Friday, 11:00 A.M.  
INTRODUCTORY SERMON  
Rev. Melvin Reading  
Alternate  
Rev. Curtis Maxwell

Rev. Hercel Hickman, Stigler, Okla.....Moderator  
Rev. A.J. Robinson, Rt. 2, Stigler.....Ass't. Moderator  
Sis. Ruby LaFave, Rt. 1, Box 160, Stigler.....Treasurer-Clerk  
Sis. Lola Williams, Rt. 2, Box 107, Stigler.....Ass't. Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

*Presented By*

Mrs. Ruby LaFave

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## **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

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Bro. Norman Woodruff. Singing directed by Bro. Gary Wilson singing No. 101, "There's Power in The Blood," with Rita Jane Wilson at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Tankersley. Short talk from Bro. Norman Woodruff, united prayer. Special Singing by Bro. and Sis. Gary Wilson, "He's Coming again" and "Lord I Want to Lean on Thee". Song by the Porum Church and Bro. and Sis. James Williams sang "One Day at a Time". Services were turned to Bro. James Williams, the speaker for the Thursday night message reading from Jeremiah 1:26, II Timothy second chapter and St. John 12:48. Text, "False Doctrine". Wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Danny Oliver.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order by moderator, Bro. Norman Woodruff. Singing directed by Bro. Danny Oliver. Singing No. 27 "Glad Reunion Day". Devotional reading by Bro. Fred Riddle. Reading from St. John 8th Chapter, united prayer. Motion made by Bro. A.J. Robinson to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. The moderator invited all visiting ministers to sit in council. Call for letters. Received 15. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Song and right hand of fellowship was given by moderator, Bro. Norman Woodruff, and assistant moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson. The first item of business was the election of officers for another year. Moderator, Bro. Hercel Hickman; assistant moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson; clerk and treasurer, Sis. Ruby LaFave, and assistant clerk, Sis. Lola Williams. The appointing of committees. (See Committees). Rules of order were read by Assistant Moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson. Motion made by Bro. Dale Tankersley to adjourn conference until 1:00 Friday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Curtis Maxwell. After dismissing conference we had a song and a handshake extending our gratitude to Sis. Lessie Bailes for being so faithful for so many years to the Eureka Association as Assistant Clerk. Lessie, we thank you so much for being so nice to work with. Services were then turned to Bro. Norman Woodruff, the speaker for the 11 o'clock message. Reading from

Colossians 3:1-10. Prayer by Bro. Woodruff. Text taken from Romans first chapter, reading the 18-26 verses. A wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Raymond Shepherd.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by Assistant Moderator, Bro. A.J. Robinson. Singing directed by Bro. Danny Oliver, singing No. 242 "He Set Me Free". Prayer by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Devotional reading by Bro. J.C. Stump. Reading from Psalms 1:1-6. The body was declared back into conference. All committees were excused to bring in reports. The placing of the quarterly meetings. (See Quarterly Meetings.) Report of Divine Committee. Friday night service, Sis. Beulah Williams to lead devotional and Bro. Melvin Reading to bring the message. Report from Resolution Committee--To strike #5 from Constitution and add the word Deacon to #15. Motion made by Bro. Bill Apple to accept the report. After a discussion, question was called. Bro. Clyde Tankersley made the motion to Strike Item #5 from Constitution. Motion made by Bro. Loyd Eakle to add the word Deacon to Item #15 of Constitution. By written request from Bro. Vanis King and by spoken request from Bro. Norman Woodruff, they asked that their names be taken off the Executive Committee. Replacements were put on the Executive Committee. (See Committees). The Treasurer, Sis. Ruby LaFave, gave the Treasurer's report for the past year. (See Report.) Motion made by Bro. Bill Apple to accept the report as read. Motion made by Bro. Short Brigrance to let Bro. James Williams continue to rent a piano to be used for Youth Camp, Tri-County Singing Convention and the Association. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to adjourn Conference until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Curtis Maxwell.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

House called to order by Moderator, Bro. Hercel Hickman. Singing directed by Bro. Irby Preskitt, singing No. 58 "When the Roll is Called up Yonder," with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Norman Woodruff. Song, "In the Cool of the Evening," united prayer. Special singing, duet, Bro. and Sis. Gary Wilson, "The Only Thing that God cannot See Through". Duet, Bro. and Sis. James Williams, "Touring That City". Services were turned to Sis. Beulah Williams for the Devotional. Had wonderful service. Song, "Oh How I Love Jesus". Bro. Melvin Reading took the stand to bring the Friday night message, reading from Job 32:8. Wonderful message. Had invitational song. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clarence Honeycutt.

### SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator, Bro. Hercel Hickman. Singing directed by Bro. Danny Oliver, singing No. 30, "Joy Unspeakable". Devotional reading by Bro. Clyde Tankersley. Reading from Isaiah 35th Chapter, prayer by Bro. Melvin Reading. The body was declared back into conference by Moderator. Call for letters. Received one. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to receive the letter and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator and Bro. Fred Riddle. After a short discussion on the new letter forms, a motion was made by Bro. Norman Woodruff to use the old forms or some to be made up. Call for volunteers for delegates to the Roberts and McGee Association, Bro. Dale Tankersley, Bro. and Sis. Bob Bailes and Bro. and Sis. Otho Williams are to represent the Eureka Association. Report of examining Council (See Report.)

Motion made by Bro. Dale Tankersley to adjourn Conference until 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Meeting was called to order by singing, directed by Bro. B.F. Davis, singing #27 'Glad Reunion Day', with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. United prayer. Special singing, Iron Bridge Quartet—Bro. and Sis. Otho Williams and Bro. and Sis. Redmon Brigance, singing "There is Strength in the Lord" with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Solo—Tammy Wilson, "Touching Jesus" with Rita Jane Wilson at the piano. Quartet, Bro. and Sis. Hercel Hickman, James Williams and Craig Bickle singing "Looking for a City" with Rita Jane Wilson at the piano. The moderator asked the clerk to read the names of the ones that have departed this life since our last Association. (See Committee's Report) Services were turned to Bro. J.C. Stump for the Memorial Message. Reading from Isaiah 45:3 and Matt. 11. Wonderful message. Song and handshake. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Gene Medlock.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Services called to order by moderator, Bro. Hercel Hickman, singing directed by Bro. Craig Bickle, singing No. 157 "Blessed Assurance" with Rita Jane Wilson at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Doyle Baker, reading from St. John 14th Ch. Prayer by Bro. Baker. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. All committees were dismissed to bring in final reports. Song #166, "Everybody Will be Happy Over

There" directed by Bro. B.F. Davis with Sis. Rita Jane Wilson at the piano. Report of Divine Committee. Sis. Patsy Kates to lead the devotional and Bro. Fred Riddle to bring the message. Motion made by Bro. B.F. Davis to accept all reports and dismiss the committees. Report of Examining Council. (See Report.) Motion made by Bro. Bill Apple to accept the report. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to adjourn Conference in the hopes of meeting again in the year 1975. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. J.K. Woods.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

Services were called to order by Moderator, Bro. Hercel Hickman. Singing directed by Bro. Irby Preskitt singing No. 32 "Sunset is Coming but the Sunrise We'll See", with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Vanis King. Sang three other songs then had a united prayer. Special singing by Bro. Idis Daniels and Lisa "When I Step Off on That Beautiful Shore". Solo by Lisa Daniels, "An Old Looking Glass", special by Keota and Lone Elm Church group with James Williams at the piano, "What a Friend". Duet by Bro. and Sis. Gary Wilson "Lord I Want to Lean on Thee". Devotional service led by Sis. Patsy Kates. Song "Where We'll Never Grow Old" led by Bro. Abb Wallen. Had a good spiritual devotional service. Bro. Fred Riddle took the stand to bring the Saturday night message, reading from St. Mark 13:13, Romans 13:1-12 "Enduring to the End". Wonderful message. Had song "Come Unto Me" for invitation. Dismisses by Bro. L.T. Brown.

As Treasurer of the Eureka F.W.B. Association I bring you my yearly report. Time covered from September 1973 to Sept. 1974.

#### COLLECTIONS

Collected on treaties.....	\$13.65
Yard Money.....	135.00
Minute Money.....	135.00
State Minute Money.....	20.00
Donations .....	4.00
Rent on piano.....	10.00
Keota Church.....	85.00
Cass Church.....	85.00
Perry Church.....	75.00
Porum Church.....	30.00
Sallisaw First Church.....	45.00

Sallisaw North Side Church.....	25.00
Iron Bridge Church.....	26.00
Lafayette Church.....	60.00
Cross Roads Church.....	30.00
Lone Elm Church.....	60.00
Fish Creek Church.....	15.00
Rose Hill Church.....	45.00
Glen Muncy, pay for hay.....	50.00
Mrs. Bertha Robinson, pay for unused hamburger meat.....	6.90
Concession Stand.....	138.00
Total Collections \$1094.03 plus last year's balance of \$429.79 makes a total in treasury of \$1523.82.	

### DISBURSEMENTS

Bob Bailes, supplies for Youth Camp.....	15.14
Lessie Bailes, Asst. Clerk Duties.....	25.00
Ruby LaFave, Clerk and Treasurer's Duties.....	50.00
Cookson Hills Coop.....	30.00
State delegate fees.....	20.00
Stigler News-Sentinel, Minutes.....	160.00
Joe Smith, Insurance on Assoc. Property.....	154.00
Plunket Music Co., Rent on piano.....	70.00
Oklahoma F.W.B. Book Store, Letter forms.....	5.51
United Dollar, Pitchers for Y.C.....	2.38
Bills Drive-In, Hamburger Meat for Y.C.....	20.40
Rose Grocery, Ice for Y.C.....	23.00
Sheltons Super Market, Groceries for Y.C.....	68.49
Roberts Grocery, Chips and Candy for Y.C.....	9.35
Jean Trickett, Candy for Y.C.....	31.10
Shorts Food Market, Butane for Y.C.....	10.00
Gulley's Service Station, Ice for Y.C.....	9.00
Shorts Food Market.....	3.34
Otho Williams, Material for Y.C.....	6.73
Colonial Bread Company, Bread for Y.C.....	11.20
Coco Cola Bottling Co., Pop for Y.C.....	27.10
Pepsi Cola Co., Pop for Y.C.....	28.85
Tommie Smith, Chips for Y.C.....	12.60
Service Charge (Bank).....	5.40
Total disbursements \$798.59, leaving in treasury \$725.23. Prayerfully submitted by Ruby LaFave, Assoc. Treasurer.	

### **PULPIT COMMITTEE**

Sis. Lois Kinsey, Bro. Lark Spradley, Bro. Billy Long. Services as follows: Thursday night, Rev. James Williams brought the message. Friday morning, Rev. Norman Woodruff brought the Introductory message. Friday night, Rev. Melvin Reading brought the message, Sis. Beulah Williams had charge of the devotional service. Saturday morning, Rev. J.C. Stump brought the Memorial Message. Saturday night Bro. Fred Riddle brought the message. Sis. Patsy Kates 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: Bro. George Fowler, Sis. Susie Moore, Bro. General Cooper.

### **REPORT OF QUERY AND REQUEST**

There was no report brought in this year. Bro. Curtis Maxwell, Bro. James Williams, Bro. Norman Woodruff.

### **REPORT OF EXAMINING COUNCIL**

We, the Examining Council, find Bro. Larry Haggard to be orthodox and recommend he be licensed to preach the gospel of Christ for one year. Bro. James Williams, Bro. A.J. Robinson, Bro. John Maxwell.

We, the Examining Council, find Bro. Watie Hendricks orthodox in the faith and recommend he be licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ for one year. Bro. Norman Woodruff, Bro. Melvin Reading, Bro. A.J. Robinson, Bro. James Williams.

### **EXAMINING COMMITTEE**

5-year man—Rev. Melvin Reading  
4-year man—Rev. Norman Woodruff  
3-year man—Rev. A.J. Robinson  
2-year man—Rev. John Maxwell, Jr.  
1-year man—Rev. James Williams

### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Bro. Otho Williams  
Rev. Kenneth Turpin  
Rev. Melvin Reading

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 5-year man—Rev. John Maxwell, Jr.
- 4-year man—Rev. James Williams
- 3-year man—Bro. Otho Williams
- 2-year man—Rev. Fred Riddle
- 1-year man—Bro. R.A. Owens

### **YARD COMMITTEE**

- 3-year man—Bro. Bob Bailes
- 2-year man—Bro. Lester Woodruff
- 1-year man—Bro. Otho Williams

### **PREACHERS' AND DEACONS' CHARACTER**

Committee: Bro. Raymon Shepherd, Bro. Abb Wallen, Bro. Lester Woodruff. There was no report turned in.

### **PLACING OF THE 5TH SUNDAY MEETINGS**

- 1st—McCurtain, 1974
- 2nd—Rose Hill, Dec., 1974
- 3rd—Iron Bridge, March, 1975
- 4th—Crossroads, June, 1975

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

- 1st—McCurtain, Sept. 21, 1974
- 2nd—Rose Hill, Dec. 21, 1974
- 3rd—Iron Bridge, March 22, 1975
- 4th—Crossroads, June 21, 1975

### **DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION**

Rev. Hercul Hickman and Rev. Dale Tankersley.

### **CHURCHES AND DELEGATES**

1. Crossroads: Sis. Dovie Burton, Bro. Bill Sappington and Sis. Henrietta Garland, Pastor, Bro. Hercul Hickman, Rt. 2, Stigler 74462, Clerk, Sis. Ethel Neldon, Box 151, Stigler.
2. Porum: Sis. Dona Patton, Sis. Pert Spradlin and Bro. Mural Bass. Pastor, Bro. Fred Riddle, Stigler, Clerk, Sis. Susie Standifer, Box 115, Warner.
3. Rose Hill: Bro. George Fowler, Bro. Lester Woodruff and Bro. A.W.

Reading, Alternate, Bro. Wayne King. Pastor, Bro. Kenneth Turpin, Rt. 4, Stigler, Clerk, Claud Royce.

4. Brooken: Sis. Bertice Horton, Sis. Gladys Horton, and Sis. Emma Penwell, Alternate, Sis. Judy Bush. Pastor, Bro. Andy Campbell, Stigler, Clerk, Sis. Wanda Bush, Rt. 4, Box 281, Stigler.

5. Perry: Bro. Lois Turner, Bro. Omer Moore and Sis. Susie Moore. Sis. Ruby Turner, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Odis Faries, Rt. 1, Stigler, Clerk, Sis. Dorothy Ary, 607 NW 7th, Stigler.

6. McCurtain: Bro. Bill Blaylock, Sis. Helen Blaylock, Bro. Cecil Wilson, Alternate, Bro. James Wilkinson. Pastor, Bro. Melvin Reading, McCurtain, Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson.

7. Rockford: Bro. Billy Joe Long, Sis. Wilma Carey, Sis. June Turner, Bro. Walter Blaylock, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Clyde Tankersley, Rt. 3, Keota, Clerk, Sis. Francene Blaylock, Rt. 1, Cartersville.

8. Keota: Sis. Okla Adams, Sis. Jane Lashley and Sis. Alice Tabor, Sis. Ebby Brown, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. A.J. Robinson, Clerk, Sis. Zelma Adams, Box 87, Keota.

9. Lone Elm: Sis. Agnes Mooneyham, Sis. Julie Nelson, Sis. Dora Randall, Alternate Sis. Jessie Timmons. Pastor, Bro. J.K. Woods, Rt. 2, Muldrow, Clerk, Sis. Marie Perdue, Rt. 2, Keota.

10. Lafayette: Bro. Bob Bailes, Sis. Patsy Kates, Bro. Raymond Patton, Alternate, Bro. Leslie Honeycutt. Pastor, Bro. John Maxwell Jr., Box 57, Keota, Clerk, Sis. Alva Patton, Rt. 2, Stigler.

11. Iron Bridge: Sis. Zelma Brigance, Sis. Beulah Cordle, Bro. Raymond Shepherd. Alternate, Bro. Redmon Brigance. Pastor, Bro. Norman Woodruff, McCurtain, Clerk, Sis. Clara Doss, Rt. 1, Keota

12. Tamaha: Sis. Ina Eakle, Sis. Alma Ward, Sis. Lucille Henry. Alternate, Sis. Myrtle Cone. Pastor, Bro. Harold Morris, Rt. 3, Box 532C, Fort Smith, Ark. Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward, Rt. 1, Stigler.

13. Sallisaw North Side: Sis. Norma Denney, Sis. Carolyn Reeves, Alternate, Bro. Charles Rhodes and Bro. Bobbie Harkreader. Pastor, Bro. Raymond Qualls, Muldrow. Clerk, Sis. Hazel Rhoades, Sallisaw.

14. Fish Creek: Bro. General Cooper, Sis. Hazel Cooper, and Bro. Louis Kasiner. Alternate, Sis. Verna Kasiner. Pastor, Bro. Norman Woodruff, Rt. 1, McCurtain. Clerk, Sis. Marie Kasiner, Rt. 1, Box 165, Kinta 74552.

15. Cass: Bro. Mack Kinsey, Sis. Lois Kinsey, and Bro. Raymond Kinsey. Alternate, Bro. Cecil Bratton. Pastor, Bro. James Williams, Rt. 2, Box 107, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Bertha Robinson, 805 NE A, Stigler.

16. Sallisaw First: Sis. Mattie Mainus, Sis. Evelin Mainus, Bro. Don Wilson, Pastor, Rev. Tommy James, Gore, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Paulin Tounzen, 119 N. Cedar St., Sallisaw.

#### VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. J.C. Stump, Muskogee

Rev. Craig Bickle, Okla. City

Rev. Oma Viles

Rev. Danny Oliver, McCurtain

Rev. Doyle Baker, Tulsa

General board member to state association—Rev. Hercel Hickman.

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Minute Money	Yard Money
McCurtain	\$5.00	\$5.00
Porum	10.00	5.00
Lone Elm	10.00	10.00
Iron Bridge	10.00	70.00
Keota	10.00	5.00
Cross Roads	15.00	15.00
Rock Ford	20.00	15.00
Brooken	15.00	10.00
Lafayette	10.00	15.00
North Side Sallisaw	10.00	70.00
Perry	10.00	5.00
Tamaha	10.00	8.00
Fish Creek	5.00	10.00
Cass	10.00	5.00
Rose Hill	10.00	
State Delegate Fee Cross Roads		20.00
		Raymond Kinsey
		Zula Jones
		Bill Sappington

# 1974 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. U.C. Purdom..... 967-4725—Hoyt, Okla.
7. Rev. Curtis Maxwell..... 966-3334—Keota, Okla.
8. Rev. Norman Woodruff..... 967-4972—Lequire, Okla.
9. Rev. Walker Wood..... 484-2066—Porum, Okla.
10. Rev. Hugo Smith..... Stigler, Okla.
11. Rev. Fred Riddle..... 967-4800—Stigler, Okla.
12. Rev. Troy Madewell..... McCurtain, Okla.
13. Rev. Melvin Reading..... 967-4487—McCurtain, Okla.
14. Rev. John Maxwell Jr..... WO 2-2783—Keota, Okla.
15. Rev. Joe Weldon..... Keota, Okla.
16. Rev. Luther Brown..... 364-7133—Kinta, Okla.
17. Rev. Kenneth Turpin..... Brooken, Okla.
18. Rev. Barney Phillips..... Checotah, Okla.
19. Rev. Harold Morris..... 436-2722—Pocola, Okla.
20. Rev. Curtis Bias..... Sallisaw, Okla.
21. Rev. Andy Campbell..... 967-8694—Stigler, Okla.
22. Rev. Harrison Pendergrass..... Muldrow, Okla.
23. Rev. Clyde Tankersley..... 966-3882, Keota, Okla.
24. Rev. Dale Tankersley..... Keota, 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. No question from any church shall come under consideration of the association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except when it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

7. 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.

8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the association for that purpose.

9. 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.

10. Amendments to the constitution may be made when it is necessary, by a majority of the members present.

11. Be it resolved that an ordaining council for the ministers and deacons be composed of three (3) ordained ministers in good standing in association.

12. Be it resolved that all money be sent to the treasurer of the association.

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

14. The examining committee shall examine at the end of one year, licensed ministers and deacons for ordination at the request of the church of which the minister and deacon is a member. Request shall be made to association or the 5th Sunday meeting.

15. 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.

16. Be it resolved that we adopt the old original Free Will Baptist Treatise as our rule, Faith and Practice.

17. 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 as wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Youth Camp was well attended this year with between 75 and 100 registered each day. There were approximately 75 children and adults who stayed at night. The Evangelist was Bro. Jr. Maxwell and teachers were: Sis. Lucille Kelton and Sis. Jane Lashley - 10 years old and under - Sis. Charlene Shaw - 10-13 years old - Bro. A.J. Robinson 14 years old and over. The adults were taught by Bro. Vanis King and Bro. Norman Woodruff.

Bro. Vanis King was Camp Director and Bro. Sonny Owens was Assistant. Bro. Steve Bratton was Moderator. Genelle Williams was pianist and Lisa Daniels was Assistant Pianist and Song Leader.

Several young people were converted and as a whole, it was one of the best youth camps we have had in years.

