

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**67th 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, 1975, 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, 1976.

Thursday Evening  
OPENING MESSAGE  
Rev. James Williams  
Alternate  
Rev. Andy Campbell

Friday, 11:00 A.M.  
INTRODUCTORY SERMON  
Rev. Hercel Hickman  
Alternate  
Rev. Kenneth Turpin

Rev. Melvin Reading, McCurtain, Moderator  
Rev. Hercel Hickman, Stigler, Ass't. Moderator  
Sis. Lola Williams, Rt. 2, Box 107, Stigler, Treasurer-Clerk  
Bro. Roy Perryman, Box 208, 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 opened at 7:30 by moderator Rev. Hercel Hickman with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Congregational singing led by Bro. Irby Preskitt #188, "We'll Tour That Golden City". Sang another song. Prayer by Bro. Melvin Reading. Sang two more songs. Had a United prayer. Sang another song and had a good devotional service led by Bro. Hercel Hickman. Special song by Bro. James and Sis. Lola Williams, "Child of The King". Special by four young people from Lafayette Church, "Come and Dine." Congregational song led by Bro. Mack Kinsey, "I'm Too Near Home."

Turned service to Bro. Kenneth Turpin, who brought the message from Jude 1:5 "Seek out old paths and train up Christians in the way they should go." Very timely message.

Dismissed by Bro. Odis Faries.

### FRIDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator Bro. Hercel Hickman. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen singing #60 with Sis. Pat Maxwell at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Norman Woodruff reading from Psalms 1st chapter. Prayer by Bro. J.C. Stump. Motion made by Bro. Otho Williams to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Letters were called for and read, 13 received. Motion made by Bro. Melvin Reading to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Song and right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator and Bro. James Williams.

The election of officers for 1975. Moderator Bro. Melvin Reading, Assistant Moderator Bro. Hercel Hickman, Clerk Sis. Lola Williams, Assistant Clerk, Bro. Roy Perrman. Committees were then appointed. (See Committees.)

Motion made by Bro. Norman Woodruff to dismiss conference until 1:00. Prayer by Bro. Hercel Hickman. Congregation singing led by Bro. Abb Wallen, #166. Had a handshake and a united prayer. Turned service to morning speaker, Bro. Melvin Reading, who brought the introductory message, "Instructions to the Christians" Very good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Larry Haggard.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Service opened with congregation singing led by Sis. Ruby LaFave with Sis. Pat Maxwell at the piano. Sang two songs and had devotional reading by Bro. Odis Faries from 1st Peter 3:10-18. Prayer by Bro. James Williams.

Committees were excused for their reports. Sis. Ruby LaFave read the financial report for 1974-75.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Abb Wallen #254. Sang several other songs. Special song arranged by Sis. Ruby LaFave with Sis. Zelma Brigrance. Bro. Hercel Hickman and Bro., Otho Williams singing "O The Glory Did Roll". Special by Sis. Mary Daniels, "I Saw a Man."

Motion by Bro. Gene Medlock to set the 5th Sunday meetings. 1st Fifth Sunday Meeting—Rose Hill; Second—Lafayette; and Third—Lone Elm. Congregational singing led by Bro. Mack Kinsey #203, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears." Sang several other songs.

Report of the Examining Committee (See Committees) Motion by Bro. Hercel Hickman to receive the report.

Bro. Norman Woodruff representing the Examining Council advised the Association that the Examining Council could not reach a decision concerning Bro. Nathaniel Craig being licensed. He stated that the council was turning it back to the Association for their approval or rejection. Bro. Hercel Hickman made motion to have table discussion on Bro. Nathaniel Craig until later.

New members were appointed to the Examining Council, Executive Board and Yard Committee. (See Committees.)

Motion by Bro. Bob Bailes to send Bro. Bill Apple and Bro. Joe Percifield as State Delegates.

Bro. Kenneth Turpin was selected as General Board Member to represent our Association at the State Association. Motion and seconded, approved.

Special song by Bro. James and Sis Lola Williams, "Thank God I am Free."

Motion was made by Bro. Bob Bailes to strike Resolution #17 from the minutes. After much discussion, two different votes were taken. In the first vote, 26 voted to remove it and 20 voted to leave it in the book. In the second vote, 33 voted to remove it and 17 voted to leave it in the book. Moderator Bro. Melvin Reading declared that the motion passed to strike #17 from the minutes. Motion and seconded to adjourn conference until Saturday morning. Dismissed by Bro. Norman Woodruff.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Service opened at 7:30 with congregation singing #168 "A Sould Winner for Jesus", led by Bro. Irby Preskitt with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Had a united prayer. Other songs by congregation, #160 and #94. Special singing by Bro. and Sis. Gary Wilson, "Title to a Mansion." Special by three children from Lafayette Church, "When I looked Up and He Looked Down." Special by Bro. and Sis. James Williams "I'll Soon Be

Gone." Bro. Abb Wallen sang "The Last Mile of the Way."

Turned devotional service to Bro. Vanis King, who called on Sis. Zelma Brigrance to lead in prayer. Good devotional service.

Bro. Vanis requested Bro. James and Sis. Lola Williams to sing "A Child of the King," while the congregation had a handshake.

Turned service to Bro. Archie Peters who brought the message from Matthew 25:1-2. "Trim your lamps and be ready to meet God." Dismissed by Bro. Bill Blaylock.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen singing #254 "I'm Bound For That City" with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Larry Haggard reading from St. John 14th chapter and prayer by Bro. Larry Haggard. The Moderator declared the body back into conference.

Rules of Order were read by Bro. Roy Perryman. Call for letters. Received 3. Motion made by Bro. Bob Bailes to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Song and right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Letters of recommendation from the First Freewill Baptist Church of Sallisaw and Zion Hope #2 were read by Assistant Clerk. Motion made by Bro. Norman Woodruff to receive the letters. Had a short testimony meeting. Bro. Roy Perryman read financial report. Motion made by Bro. Billy Joe Long to adjourn conference until Saturday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. George Fowler.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Bro. Andy Campbell singing #27 "That Glad Reunion Day" with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Service turned to Bro. Herchel Hickman for the memorial service. Names of deceased were read by Sis. Ruby LaFave, acting clerk. Reading from Revelations 14:12. A wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Glen Dipboye.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by Moderator. Singing directed by Bro. Danny Oliver singing #49 "When I See the Blood". Devotional reading by Bro. Bill Apple reading from 2nd Peter 3:3-4. Prayer by Bro. Raymond Qualls. Moderator declared body back into conference. Report of Pulpit Committees. (See Reports.)

Motion made by Bro. Andy Campbell to receive the Finance, Obituary and Pulpit Committees' reports and dismiss the committees. Report of Examining Council. (See Reports). Motion made by Bro. James Williams to receive the report on Bro. Hendrix. Motion made by Bro. Andy Campbell to accept the report. (See Report.) Motion made by Bro. James Williams to receive the report and receive Bro. Peters in full fellowship.

Motion made by Bro. Curtis Maxwell to license Bro. Nathaniel Craig. Report of Query and Request. (See Reports.) Motion made by Bro. Billy Long to receive the report and elect the committee. Motion made by Bro.

Hercel Hickman to receive second request.

Motion made by Bro. Norman Woodruff to accept Bro. James Williams' resignation as requested from the Executive Board. Motion made by Bro. Curtis Maxwell to receive Bro. Andy Campbell on the Executive Board. Motion made by Bro. Kenneth Turpin to receive all other committee reports and dismiss committees. Motion made by Bro. James Williams to adjourn conference until next year. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Williams.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

Service opened at 7:30 by congregation singing #69 "Try Jesus", led by Bro. Irby Preskitt with Genelle Williams at the piano. Sang #96. Had united prayer. Sang #242. Special songs by a group of young people from Tamaha "Touring That City" and "Jesus is the Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Special by Lafayette Church "When I Thank Him for What He Has Done." Special by Bro. James and Sis. Lola Williams, "One Day at a Time."

Had good spiritual devotional service led by Sis. Charlene Shaw.

Turned service to Bro. Danny Oliver for the evening message. He and his wife sang "My Child You're Home at Last." Message from Matthew 16:13-18. "Seven things the church cannot afford to lose." Wonderful message.

Sang several songs. Had a handshake with Bro. and Sis. Lacey. Also a congregation shook hands. Dismissed by Bro. Hercel Hickman.

#### COLLECTIONS

As treasurer of the Eureka Free Will Baptist Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered—Sept. 1974-September 1975. At the end of the association year 1974, had in treasury \$725.23 collected.

Yard Money .....	\$128.00
Minute Money .....	150.00
State Delegate Money .....	20.00
North Side Sallisaw .....	60.00
Iron Bridge .....	110.00
Cross Roads .....	30.00
Rose Hill .....	60.00
First F.W.B. Sallisaw .....	65.00
Rock Ford .....	60.00
Cass .....	26.00
Porum .....	38.75
Keota .....	25.00
Lone Elm .....	25.00
Lafayette .....	60.00
Perry .....	20.00
Fish Creek .....	15.00
Treatise .....	6.30
Tri-County Singing Convention .....	10.00

Concession Stand.....	169.10
Total collection.....	1078.15
Plus.....	725.23
Making in treasury.....	1803.38

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Otho Williams, mowing yard.....	10.00
Bob Bailes, supplies for Youth Camp.....	6.20
Lola Williams, Assistant Clerk duty.....	25.00
Ruby LaFave, Clerk and Treasury Duty.....	50.00
State Association, delegate fees.....	20.00
R.E.A. Elec. Co.....	27.50
Stigler News-Sentinel, Minutes.....	225.00
Farmers Insurance.....	154.00
Hays & Buchanan, material for Youth Camp.....	12.24
Sheltons Gro., Groceries.....	55.85
Jean Trickett, chips and candy for youth camp.....	58.11
Roberts Gro., Bacon for Youth Camp.....	13.95
Bob Bailes, Butane.....	12.55
Whites Gro., Ice.....	15.21
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., pop for Youth Camp.....	46.20
Love Bottling Co.,.....	35.45
J.N. Gulley, Ice for Youth Camp.....	13.00
Ricketts Piano Co., rent on piano.....	60.00
Service Charge.....	2.95
Total Disbursements.....	834.21
Leaving in Treasury.....	960.17
Prayerfully submitted by Ruby LaFave, Association Treasurer.	

#### PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. Redmon Brigance, Bro. Carl Dix and Bro. George Fowler. Services as follows: Thursday night, Rev. Kenneth Turpin brought the message. Friday morning, Rev. Melvin Reading brought the introductory message. Friday night, Rev. Archie Peters brought the message, Bro. Vanis King had charge of the devotional service Saturday morning, Rev. Hercel Hickman brought the memorial message. Saturday night Bro. Danny Oliver brought the message. Sis Charlene Shaw had charge of the devotional service. All services were good.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee beg leave to report that we have lost 11 members this past year. They are as follows:

Lone Elm: Sis. Myrtle Davis.

Porum: Bro. Roy Spradlin.

Cross Roads: Bro. Riley Wallace.

Rose Hill: Bro. Lark Spradley.

Perry: Sis. Ruby Turner.

Brooken: Bro. Cager Braggs and Sis. Bertha Cox.

Cass: Bro. Raymond Kinsey.

**Tamaha:** Bro. Loyd Stancell.

**North Side Sallisaw:** Sis. Katie Sasser and Bro. M.L. Metherny.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Your committee, Bro. Sonny Owens, Sis. Ruby LaFave and Bro. Abb Wallen.

#### **QUERY AND REQUEST**

It is requested that a committee of three ministers be appointed to investigate the possibility of establishing a Free Will Baptist Church in each of the towns listed below and have the committee report their findings by the second Fifth Sunday Meeting in February: Bokoshe, Kinta, Quinton, Warner, Whitefield. This organization committee is as follows: Rev. Norman Woodruff, Rev. Hercel Hickman and Rev. James Williams.

It is requested that the names of the deceased Brothers and Sisters be printed annually in our minutes under the Obituary report.

Your committee, Bro. Curtis Maxwell, Bro. Vanis King, and Bro. James Williams.

#### **EXAMINING COUNCIL**

We the Examining Council recommend Bro. Mack Kinsey serve his full year as an active deacon before being ordained.

We, the Examining Committee recommend Bro. Larry Haggard be ordained as a minister of the Gospel of Christ. Bro. Norman Woodruff, Bro. Melvin Reading, Bro. John Maxwell and Bro. James Williams.

We, the Examining Committee recommend Bro. Archie Peters be accepted into the association. We also recommend Bro. Watie Hendrix be ordained to preach the gospel at his pleasure. Bro. Hercel Hickman, Bro. Norman Woodruff, and Bro. Melvin Reading.

#### **EXAMINING COMMITTEE**

5-year-man, Rev. Hercel Hickman

4-year-man, Rev. Melvin Reading

3-year-man, Rev. Norman Woodruff

2-year-man, Rev. A.J. Robinson

1-year-man, Rev. John Maxwell Jr.

#### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Bro. Kenneth Turpin

Bro. Norman Woodruff

Bro. Richard Bibbs

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

5-year-man, Bro. R.A. Owens

4-year-man, Rev. John Maxwell, Jr.

3-year-man, Rev. Andy Campbell

2-year-man, Bro. Otho Williams

1-year-man, Rev. Fred Riddle



### **YARD COMMITTEE**

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

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

Committee: Bro. Gene Medlock, Bro. Billy Joe Long and Bro. Albert Dobson. No report was turned in.

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

1st—Rose Hill, November 1975  
2nd—Lafayette—February, 1976  
3rd—Lone Elm, May, 1976

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

1st—Rose Hill, November 22, 1975  
2nd—Lafayette, Feb. 21, 1976  
3rd—Lone Elm, May 22, 1976

### **DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION**

Bro. Bill Apple and Bro. Joe Percifield.  
General Board Member—Rev. Kenneth Turpin.

### **CHURCHES AND DELEGATES**

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

2. Cass: Sis. Bernice Bisby, Sis. Nell Kinsey, Bro. Cecil Bratton. Alternate: Sis. Betty Bratton. Pastor, Bro. James Williams, Route 2, Box 107, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Artie Lee Nolen, Route 1, Box 155, Stigler.

3. Lafayette: Bro. Bob Bailes, Bro. Roy Perryman, Sis. Ruby Honeycutt. Alternate, Sis. Lucille Holt. Pastor, Bro. John Maxwell Jr., P.O. Box 57, Keota. Clerk, Sis. Alva Patton, Route 2, Box 640, Stigler. 74462.

4. McCurtain: Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Shirley Wade, Sis. Jewell Burt. Alternate, Sis. Naomi Percifield. Pastor, Bro. Melvin Reading, McCurtain. Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson, McCurtain.

5. Rose Hill: Bro. Lester Woodruff, Bro. George Fowler, Bro. Delbert Reading. Alternate, Bro. Joe Percifield. Pastor, Bro. Kenneth Turpin, Route 4, Box 269, Stigler. Clerk, Sandra K. King, Route 1, McCurtain.

6. Lone Elm: Bro. Carl Dix, Sis. Jessie Timmons, Bro. Melburn Cowan. Alternate, Sis. Hazel Cowan. Pastor, Bro. Curtis Maxwell, Keota, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Marie Perdue, Route 2, Keota.

7. Cross Roads: Sis. Henrietta Garland, Sis. Pearl Horton, Sis. Dovie Burton. Alternates, Bro. Jack Cole, Bro. Bill Sappington. Pastor, Rev. Hercel Hickman, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Ethel Neldon, Box 151, Stigler.

8. Keota: Sis. Kid Finch, Sis. Jane Lashley, Sis. Alice Tabor. Alternate, Sis. Nitta Keller. Pastor, Rev. A.J. Robinson, Route 1, Box 148, Stigler. Clerk, Zelma Adams, Box 87, Keota.

9. Perry: Sis. Mable Snow, Bro. R.B. Fowler, Bro. Claude Boothe and Alternate, Sis. Nettie Booth. Pastor, Rev. Odes Faries, Route 1, Box 510, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Dorothy Ary, 607 NW 7th, Stigler, 74462.

10. Rockford: Bro. Billy Joe Long, Sis. Wilma Carry, Bro. C.J. Lawson. Alternate, Bro. Arthur Carry. No pastor at this time. Clerk, Sis. Francene Blaylock, Route 1, Cartersville, 74934.

11. Fish Creek: Bro. Bill Burgess, Sis. Net Colbert, Sis. Lenora Tucker. Alternate, Bro. Louis Kasiner. Pastor, Rev. Norman Woodruff, Route 1, McCurtain. Clerk, Sis. Charlene Burgess, Route 1, Kinta.

12. Brooken: Bro. George Bullard, Sis. Bertice Horton, Sis. Betty McKinney. Alternate, Sis. Gladys Horton. Pastor, Rev. Andy Campbell, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Wanda Bush, Route 4, Box 281, Stigler.

13. Porum: Sis. Lessie Fool, Sis. Violet Coughron, Sis. Pearl Froost. Alternate, Sis. Jean Warren. Pastor, none at this time. Clerk, Sis. Susie Standifer, Box 115, Warner, 74469.

14. Tamaha: Sis. Lynette Eakle, Sis. Shelly Murrel, Bro. Billy Parker. Alternate, Sis. Jaylene Eakle. Pastor, Rev. Harold Morris, Pocola, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward, Route 1, Box 280, Stigler.

15. Sallisaw North Side: Bro. Brian Bedwell, Sis. Nadine Bedwell, Sis. Betty Fornaszewski. Pastor, Bro. Watie Hendrix, Gans, Okla. Clerk, Sis. Vera Davis, 806 E. Mary St., Sallisaw.

16. Sallisaw First: Sis. Artie Pruitt, Sis. Sandy Owens, Sis. Ellen Wilson. Alternate, Sis. Kay Owens. Pastor, Rev. Archie Peters, Van Buren, Ark. Clerk, Sis. Pauline Tounzen, 119 N. Cedar, Sallisaw, Okla.

#### VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. J.C. Stump, Muskogee

Rev. Glen Dipboye, Van Buren, Ark.

Rev. Danny Oliver, Panama.

# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Minute Money	Yard Money
Iron Bridge	10.00	\$10.00
Cass	15.00	10.00
Lafayette	12.50	12.50
McCurtain	40.00	20.00
Rose Hill	10.00	10.00
Lone Elm	10.00	10.00
Keota	10.00	5.00
Perry	10.00	5.00
Rock Ford	20.00	-0-
Fish Creek	5.00	10.00
Brooken	15.00	10.00
Porum	15.00	10.00
Cross Roads	30.00	10.00
Tamaha	10.00	10.00
North Side Sallisaw	10.00	70.00
Sallisaw First	25.00	10.00
State Delegate Fee (Crossroads)		20.00
		Bro. Mitchell Blaylock
		Bro. Idis Daniels
		Bro. Short Brigance
Sallisaw North Side (Youth Camp)		20.00

# 1975 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.
25. Rev. Archie Peters.....Van Buren, Ark.
26. Rev. L.T. Brown.....Oklahoma City, Okla.
27. Rev. J.K. Woods.....Muldrow, Okla.
28. Rev. Watie Hendrix.....Gans, Okla.
29. Rev. Larry Haggard.....McCurtain, 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 than 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.

#### RESOLUTIONS—1961

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 adopt 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.

#### RESOLUTIONS—1963

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.

#### RESOLUTIONS—1964

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.

#### RESOLUTIONS—1965

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

7. We resolve that the churches of our association go over church rolls once a year and keep up to date.

8. 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.

#### RESOLUTIONS—1966

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

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS—1967**

10. 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.

#### **RESOLUTIONS—1968**

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**—Bro. Gean Thomas, Bro. Curtis Suttles, Bro. Sherman Webb.

11. 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**

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS—1970**

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**—Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Bro. Walker Woods, Bro. Vanis King.

13. Be it resolved that no new minister serve on association board until he is a member for one year.

#### **RESOLUTIONS—1972**

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**—Bro. Tommy James, Bro. James Williams, Bro. Luther Brown.

14. 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 acknowledgment to this body or stand suspended.

#### **RESOLUTIONS—1973**

15. 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.

16. 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.

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

18. 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.

19. 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 be 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 renunciation 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; 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 us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **YOUTH CAMP REPORT TUESDAY MORNING**

House was called to order by Bro. Andy Campbell, Moderator. Election of officers.

Sis. Genelle Williams, Pianist

Sis. DeLayne Carry, Song Leader

Sis. Lisa Daniels, Assistant Song Leader

Sis. Pat Maxwell, Secretary

Kathy Coyle, DeLayne Carry and Sheila Harris on the Devotional Devotional Committee.

Bro. Vanis King spoke to the young people on rules and regulations of the camp grounds. Call for congregational singing "I'm Too Near Home, "Alone in the Garden" then prayer by Bro. Peters. Another song, "When I Looked Up and He Looked Down." We had a united prayer then each went to their classes. Teachers were:

10 and under—Sis. Rita Jane Wilson and Sis. Naomi Percifield.

10 to 14—Sis. Charlene Shaw and Sis. Joy Roye.

14 and over—Fred Riddle and James Williams.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Fred Riddle.

#### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Classes convened at 1:00 with singing #198, "Come and Dine", then dismissed until evening worship service.

#### **TUESDAY NIGHT**

Services began with congregational singing #290, "Looking For a City," #166 "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There". Prayer by Bro. James Williams. Another song, #94 "I Know My Redeemer Liveth," then a united prayer and Bro. Andy Campbell called on Bro. Dale Wendlandt to lead the devotional service. Special singing by Sis. Rita Wilson and Sis.

Lisa Daniels and Bro. and Sis. James Williams. Then the service was turned over to the speaker of the house, Rev. Larry Haggard. We heard a wonderful message and had several conversions.

#### **WEDNESDAY MORNING**

We opened the service with a congregational song then each was dismissed to their classes. A short recess, then 11:00 service began with congregational singing then prayer by Bro. Sonny Owens. A special song by the youth group, "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You."

The service was then turned over to Rev. James Williams who brought a wonderful message. Dismissed until after lunch.

#### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

Each one went to their 1:00 o'clock classes and at 2:00 a special class by Bro. James Williams was given on learning how to read music. Adjourned until night service.

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

The service began with congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Irby Preskitt. Another song then a united prayer. Bro. James Williams took charge of the service and turned the devotional over to a young man who had just been saved, Bro. Tommy Honeycutt. During devotional we had a number of young people at the altar. Several souls were saved. A very wonderful service with shouting and rejoicing over children being born into the Kingdom of Heaven. Bro. Larry Haggard didn't have to bring the message, God sent it.

#### **THURSDAY MORNING**

Classes convened at 10:00 and dismissed at 11:00 for morning worship service. Bro. Andy Campbell opened the morning worship service with singing #60, "Camping in Canaan's Land", and #55, "What A Savior". Then we had a united prayer. Sis. Rita Wilson's little folks' group sang several songs they had learned, then the service was turned over to Rev. Fred Riddle, speaker for the morning worship service, another wonderful service with others being saved.

We want to thank Sis. Phyllis Nolen for hamburger meat, paper towels and napkins for Youth Camp, also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fenton for wash tubs and barrels for camp.

