

MINUTES

OF

68th Annual Session

OF THE

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, 1976, 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, 1977 A.D.

Thursday Evening
OPENING MESSAGE
Rev. Dale Wendlandt
Alternate
Rev. A.J. Robinson

Friday, 11:00 A.M.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON
Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Alternate
Rev. Curtis Maxwell

Rev. James Williams, Stigler, Moderator
Rev. Melvin Reading, McCurtain, Asst. Moderator
Sis. Lola Williams, Rt. 2, Box 107, Stigler Treasurer-Clerk
Sis. Lois Kinsey, Rt. 2, Box 315, Stigler, Asst. Clerk

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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

Services opened at 7:30 by the Moderator, Rev. Melvin Reading. Congregational singing led by Bro. Andy Campbell with Bro. James Williams at the piano singing #70 "Living By Faith". Sang another song. Had a united prayer. Sang two more songs—special "The Next Step" by Bro. and Sis. James Williams. Had a good Devotional Service led by Bro. Raymon Shepherd.

Turned the service to Bro. James Williams who brought the message from Heb. 6:1-2, Titus 2:1-3 and Matthew 7:28-29 "The Doctrine of Christ is the same as the Gospel of Christ." Very good message. Dismissed by Bro. Hercel Hickman.

FRIDAY MORNING

Service opened around 10:00 a.m. by congregation singing #242 "He Set Me Free", led by Bro. Abb Wallen with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Kenneth Turpin. Acts 5:17-20. He then led us in prayer. Had another song. Motion made by Bro. Archie Peters to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Letters were called for and read, 16 received. Motion made by Bro. Hercel Hickman to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Song and right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator and Bro. Hercel Hickman.

The election of officers for 1976: Moderator, Bro. James Williams, Asst. Moderator, Bro. Melvin Reading.

Motion made by Bro. Abb Wallen to adjourn conference until 1:00.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Abb Wallen with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano singing, "Camping in Cannan's Land." Had a united prayer. Special song by Bro. and Sis. James Williams, "When I Travel My Last Mile."

Prayer by Bro. Vanis King. Bro. Hercel Hickman brought the message from Acts 2:37-44 "Instructions on Being a Steadfast Christian and Loving One Another More". A wonderful message.

Bro. Archie Peters made a small talk in honor of Bro. Glen Dipboye and asks if anyone wants to help pay for his tombstone, send letters and money to: Mrs. Glen Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren, Ark.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator declared us back into conference. Scripture reading by Bro. Dale Wendlandt from Phillippians 1:13-19. Prayer by Bro. John Maxwell. Election of clerk—Sis. Lola Williams; Asst. Clerk, Sis. Lois Kinsey. Committees were then organized (See Committees). They were excused to bring in reports.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Idis Daniels singing #274. Sang several other songs. Sis. Lola Williams, Clerk, read the financial report. It was approved. Special song, "The Next Step", by Bro. and Sis. James Williams. Report of Preachers and Deacons Character Committee (See Committees). Motion by Bro. Bob Bailes to receive the report.

Report of the Examining Committee (See Committees). Each one was voted on separately. Everyone was received.

Conference was adjourned by motion from Bro. John Maxwell. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dale Wendlandt.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Service opened at 7:30 with congregation singing #27 "That Glad Reunion Day" led by Bro. Andy Campbell with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Sang two more songs. Prayer by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Sang another song. Prayer by Bro. A.J. Robinson. Devotional service was led by Sis. Bernice Bisby in the absence of Sis. Henrietta Garland. Good devotional service.

Congregation sang #63 led by Bro. Abb Wallen with Bro. James Williams at the piano. Special singing by Bro. Idis Daniels family "When I Step Off On That Beautiful Shore" and Bro. and Sis. James Williams "Because He Lives."

Turned service to Bro. Norman Woodruff who brought the message from Luke 16:19-31. "The Reality of Hell". A wonderful message. Invitation song was given. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Odis Faries.

SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator. Singing directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano singing #170 "Alone In The Garden." Sang another song. Scripture reading from Heb. 12:1-2 by Bro. Luther Brown. Had a united prayer. Moderator declared us back into conference. Called for letters. Election of Committees. (See Committees.) Also placed the 5th Sunday meetings. (See Fifth Sunday Meetings). Motion made by Bro. Abb Wallen to adjourn conference until 1:00. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Short Brigance.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Bro. Mack Kinsey with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. "When I Looked Up and He Looked Down." Special singing by the Idis Daniels family "When I Step Off On That Beautiful Shore," and "When I've Traveled My Last Mile." Good spiritual devotional service. Sang "Amazing Grace". Obituary Report was read by Moderator. Service was turned to Bro. Odis Faries who brought the message from Heb. 11:16, Heb. 9:27 "A Better Country." A wonderful message. Iron Bridge Quartet with Sis. Ruby LaFave sang "Wonderful City". Congregation had a handshake. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Apple.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by Moderator. Singing directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Sang #198 "Come and Dine." Scripture reading by Bro. Melvin Reading from St. John 5:24. Prayer by Bro. Lonnie Davault.

Moderator declared us back into conference. Motion made by Bill Apple to receive the Resolution Committee Report. (See Reports). Motion made by Bro. Mack Kinsey to accept the report. Approved.

Bro. Lonnie Davault explained the delegate and Fee to the State Association. "There must be \$20.00 sent from each church before a delegate can be seated at the State Association and the Association represented. Also discussed the liquor by the drink law and the progress of the college.

Sis. Lois Kinsey read the Financial Report. (Report of Pulpit Committee. (See Committees). Congregation sang #286 "No Shadows In Heaven."

Report of Resolution Committee (See Resolutions). Motion made by Bro. Bill Apple to receive First Resolution and grant the request. Motion made by Bro. Kenneth Turpin to adopt Resolution #2. It was adopted by 27 for and 13 against.

Motion made by Bro. Bill Apple that each church send name of State Delegate and \$20.00 fee to the associational clerk and she, in turn send the money and delegate name to the State Association, in care of Bro. Jerry Dudley. Motion carried 13-1.

Motion by Bro. Otho Williams to receive all Committee Reports and dismiss the Committees. Motion by Sis. Zelma Adams to adjourn conference until 1977. Dismissed by Bro. Mack Kinsey.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Service opened at 7:30 by congregation singing #143 "Where He Leads Me" led by Bro. James Williams, Moderator, with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Sang two other songs led by Bro. Abb Wallen. Prayer by Bro. Lowell Nolen. Sang another song. Had a united prayer. Good devotional service led by Sis. Lola Williams. Special song by Sis. Darlene Campbell, "The Touch Of His Hand" and Bro. and Sis. James Williams "Touring That City".

Turned service to Bro. Tommy Brown who brought the message from

St. John 4:10-15 "Come and Drink of That Living Water". Very good message. Sang #141 "Almost Persuaded" and gave the invitation.

Had a special united prayer for Sis. Georgia Preskitt. Was dismissed by this prayer.

CERTIFICATE [Oil and Gas Lease]

Motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, authorizing and directing the Trustees of Eureka Freewill Baptist Association, B.B. Bailes and Otho Williams, to execute and deliver an oil and gas lease on a No. 88 Producers Special form to Cheyenne Petroleum Company on the West four (4) acres of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 9 North, Range 22 East in Haskell County, Oklahoma, said lease to be for a term not to exceed five (5) years and during production, and to provide for a royalty of not less than 1/8th of the production, on receipt of a bonus of not less than \$25.00 per acre.

COLLECTIONS

As treasurer of the Eureka Freewill Baptist Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered—Sept. 1975 to Sept. 1976. At the end of the Association year 1975 we had in treasury \$960.17 collected.

Yard money.....	\$212.50
Minute Money.....	247.50
State Delegate Fee.....	20.00
Misc. and Anonymous.....	74.00
Sallisaw N.S. Youth Camp "75".....	20.00
Sale of Treatise and Misc.....	16.90
Rose Hill Church (Youth Camp and Assn.).....	45.00
Cheyenne Pet. (Oil & Gas Lease).....	78.00
Sallisaw First Y.C.....	30.00
Sallisaw North Side Y.C.....	26.00
Porum Y.C.....	40.00
Cass Y.C.....	25.00
Perry Y.C.....	20.00
Keota Y.C.....	25.00
Crossroads Y.C.....	30.00
Lafayette Y.C.....	60.00
Fish Creek Y.C.....	15.00
Lone Elm Y.C.....	20.00
Tri-County Singing Conv. (Piano).....	20.00
Concession Stand.....	131.93
Total Collections.....	1,156.83
Plus.....	960.17
Making in Treasury.....	\$2,117.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Cookson Hills Electric (Est. for 1 yr.)	27.57
Roy Perryman, Asst. Clerk duties	25.00
Ruby LaFave, (Tres. Report for 1975)	25.00
Lola Williams (Clerk and Treas. 75-76)	35.00
State Associate Delegate Fee	20.00
Otho Williams (Antifreeze for bathrooms)	4.00
Stigler News-Sentinel (250 minutes)	225.00
Farmers Union Insurance	250.00
Stigler News-Sentinel (advertising for Revival at shed)	25.41
Ricketts Piano Co. (1 mo. rent)	90.00
Oklahoma Book & Bible Supply Store (Ordination Certificates)	4.12
Bob Bailes (Youth Camp supplies)	14.19
White Grocery & Station (Y.C. Supplies and Ice)	20.20
Shorts Food Market (Y.C. Groceries, Pop and Candy)	163.43
Longs Grocery and Station (Y.C. Supplies)	55.43
Service Charge	1.05
Total Disbursements	\$985.40
Leaving in Treasury	\$1,131.60

Prayerfully submitted by Lola Williams, Association Treasurer.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. Johnnie Bratton, Bro. Delbert Reading, Sis. Audie Wood. Services as follows: Tuesday night Bro. James Williams brought the message. Bro. Raymond Shepherd led devotional. Friday morning, Bro. Herchel Hickman brought the message. Friday night Bro. Norman Woodruff brought the message. Sis. Bernice Bisby led devotional in absence of Sis. Henrietta Garland. Saturday morning services, Bro. Odis Faries brought memorial service message. Bro. Vanis King led devotional. Saturday night services, Bro. Tommy Brown brought the message. Sis. Lola Williams led devotional. All services were good.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee beg leave to report that we have lost 18 members this past year. They are as follows:

Rock Ford—Bro. Burley Brown; Cross Roads—Sis. Rena Johnson, Bro. Dred Phillips, Bro. John Goins; Porum—Bro. Louis Hoose, Bro. Ellis Barns; Brooken—Bro. Elmer Westbrooks; Fish Creek—Sis. Net Colbert; First Sallisaw—Bro. Harrison Pendergrass, Bro. Finis Qualls; Lone Elm—Sis. Fanie Blauvelt, Bro. Dewey Folsum; Keota—Sis. Dora Osborn, Sis. Rosie Fraley; Lafayette—Sis. Gertie Powell, Sis. Wilma Fenton, Bro. Wesley Fowler; Perry—Bro. Authur Booth.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Your committee, Sis. Alice Tabor.

Tabor, Sis. Juanita Robertson, Sis. Ruby LaFave.

QUERY AND REQUEST

Bro. Kenneth Turpin, Bro. Redmon Brigance, Bro. Idis Daniels. We, your committee, have no report.

EXAMINING COUNCIL

We, the Examining Council recommend that Bro. Dale Wendlandt be ordained to preach the gospel. We, the Examining Council, recommend Bro. Nathaniel Craig be ordained to preach the gospel. We the Examining Council recommend Bro. Tommy Brown be issued license for one year. We, the Examining Council recommend Bro. Mack Kinsey be ordained as Deacon.

Your Committee, Bro. A.J. Robinson, Bro. Hercel Hickman, Bro. Melvin Reading, Bro. Norman Woodruff, Bro. John Maxwell.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

5 year man—Rev. John Maxwell Jr.
4 year man—Rev. Hercel Hickman
3 year man—Rev. Melvin Reading
2 year man—Rev. Kenneth Turpin
1 year man—Rev. A.J. Robinson

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Vanis King
Bro. Sonny Owens
Bro. Abb Wallen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 year man—Rev. James Williams
4 year man—Rev. R.A. Owens
3 year man—Rev. John Maxwell
2 year man—Rev. Andy Campbell
1 year man—Rev. Kenneth Turpin

YARD COMMITTEE

3 year man—Bro. Johnnie Bratton
2 year man—Bro. Redmon Brigance
1 year man—Bro. Bob Bailes

PREACHERS AND DECONS CHARACTERS

Committee reports all preachers and deacons in good standing. Bro. Melburn Cowan, Bro. Bill Apple, Bro. Bill Burgess.

PLACING OF 5TH SUNDAY MEETINGS

- 1st—Porum, October, 1976
- 2nd—First Free Will Baptist, Sallisaw, Jan., 1977
- 3rd—Lone Elm, May, 1977
- 4th—McCurtain, July, 1977

PLACES AND DATES OF PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETINGS

- 1st—Porum, Oct. 23, 1976
- 2nd—First Sallisaw, Jan. 22, 1977
- 3rd—Lone Elm, May 21, 1977
- 4th—McCurtain, July 23, 1977

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

(See Resolutions.)

DELEGATES TO ROBERT McGEE ASSOCIATION

Bro. and Sis. Bob Bailes.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- 1. **CROSSROADS:** Bro. Floyd Fletcher, Sis. Floice Fletcher and Sis. Henrietta Garland. Sis. Pearl Horton and Sis. Lillie Jones, Alternates. Bro. Hercel Hickman pastor, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Ethel Neldon, Box 151, Stigler.
- 2. **ROSE HILL:** Bro. Delbert Reading, Bro. A.W. Reading, Sis. Juanita Robertson. Sis. Lou Sherley, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Dale Wendlandt, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Sandra King, Rt. 1, McCurtain.
- 3. **LAFAYETTE:** Bro. Bob Bailes, Sis. Lucille Holt, Sis. Estella Anderson. Bro. Roy Perryman, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. John Maxwell Jr., Keota. Clerk, Sis. Alva Patton, Rt. 2, Box 640, Stigler.
- 4. **IRON BRIDGE:** Sis. Pat Kates, Bro. Redmon Brigrance, Sis. Zelma Brigrance. Sis. Temper Doss, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Norman Woodruff, McCurtain. Clerk, Sis. Clara Doss, Rt. 1, Keota.
- 5. **TAMAHA:** Sis. Alma Ward, Sis. Lucille Henry. Sis. Ina Eakle, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Harold Morris, Pocola. Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward, Rt. 1, Box 280, Stigler.
- 6. **PERRY:** Sis. Ruby LaFave, Sis. Mable Snow, Bro. R.B. Fowler. Bro. Claud Boothe, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Odis Faries, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Mable Snow, 705 NW 10th, Stigler.

7. KEOTA: Sis. Ritta Keller, Sis. Kid Finch, Sis. Alice Tabor. Sis. Okla Adams, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. A.J. Robinson, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Zelma Adams, Box 52, Keota.

8. LONE ELM: Bro. Melburn Cowan, Sis. Hazel Cowan, Sis. Julie Nelson. Sis. Agnes Mooneyham, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Curtis Maxwell, Keota. Clerk, Sis. Marie Perdue, Rt. 2, Keota.

9. FISH CREEK: Bro. Bill Burgess, Sis. Lenora Tucker, Sis. Imogene Young. Sis. Ruby Young, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Fred Riddle, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Charlene Burgess, Rt. 1, Kinta.

10. BROOKEN: Bro. S.J. Westbrooks, Sis. Georgia Westbrooks, Sis. Liz Sirmons. Pastor, Bro. Andy Campbell, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Wanda Bush, Rt. 4, Box 281, Stigler.

11. SALLISAW FIRST: Sis. Ellen Wilson, Sis. Marie Looper, Sis. Elzie Hodge. Sis. Mattie Mainus, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Archie Peters, Van Buren. Clerk, Sis. Pauline Tounzen, 119 N. Cedar St., Sallisaw.

12. NORTHSIDE SALLISAW: Sis. Vera Norrid, Sis. Norma Denny, Sis. Ora Dale Coffee. Pastor, Bro. Watie Hendrix, Gans. Clerk, Sis. Vera Davis, Sallisaw, 806 E. May St.

13. CASS: Sis. Lucille Kelton, Sis. Bernice Bisby, Sis. Lois Kinsey, Bro. Mack Kinsey, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Nathaniel Craig, Keota. Clerk, Sis. Artie Lee Nolen, Rt. 1, Box 155, Stigler.

14. PORUM: Sis. Jean Warren, Sis. Lila Booth, Sis. Lidda Mullens, Sis. Audie Woods, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Luther Brown, Kinta. Clerk, Sis. Susie Standifer, Box 115, Warner.

15. McCURTAIN: Bro. Billy Blaylock, Sis. Helen Blaylock, Sis. Thelma Phillips. Sis. Shirley Wade, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Melvin Reading, McCurtain. Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson, Box 8, McCurtain.

16. ROCK FORD: Sis. Wilma Carry, Bro. Walter Blaylock, Bro. Arthur Carry. Sis. Delayne Carry, Alternate. Pastor, Bro. Kenneth Turpin, Stigler. Clerk, Sis. Francene Blaylock, Rt. 1, Cartersville.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Monroe Lacy, Henryetta
Rev. Roy Bryant, Hoyt
Rev. Jerry Burris, Stigler
Rev. Odis Faries, Stigler
Rev. Lonnie Davault, Oklahoma City
Rev. Buddy Drake, Oklahoma City
Rev. P.E. Lambert, Porum
Rev. Jewell Butler, Muskogee
Rev. Reece Murray, Tulsa

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Minute Money	Yard Money
1. Iron Bridge	20.00	\$10.00
2. Lone Elm	20.00	10.00
3. McCurtain	25.00	10.00
4. Lafayette	25.00	10.00
5. Fish Creek	10.00	10.00
6. Rock Ford	15.00	20.00
7. Sallisaw Northside	10.00	15.00
8. Tamaha	10.00	15.00
9. Brooken	15.00	15.00
10. Cass	22.00	10.00
11. Cross Roads	35.00	10.00
12. Keota	15.00	5.00
13. Rose Hill	20.00	
14. Perry	25.00	5.00
15. Porum	15.00	10.00
16. Sallisaw First	25.00	

State Delegate Fee (Crossroads)

40.00

(Was returned to church by request of Bro. Bill Apple)

Committee: Sis. Beulah Williams, Sis. Julie Nelson, Sis. Okla Adams.

1976 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

1. Rev. Curtis Suttles.....966-3273, Keota, Okla.
2. Rev. Hercul 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.....799-5435, Rt. 4, Stigler, 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. Dale Tankersley.....Keota, Okla.
23. Rev. Archie Peters.....Van Buren, Ark.
24. Rev. L.T. Brown.....Oklahoma City, Okla.
25. Rev. J.K. Woods.....Muldrow, Okla.
26. Rev. Watie Hendrix.....Gans, Okla.
27. Rev. Larry Haggard.....McCurtain, Okla.
28. Rev. Dale Wendlandt.....967-8631, Stigler, Okla.
29. Rev. Nathaniel Craig.....966-3806, 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.

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

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

5. Be it resolved that our Clerk receive an honorarium of \$50.00 and our Assistant Clerk \$35.00 (Revised 1976, Resolution Committee)

RESOLUTIONS—1965

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

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

7. 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.

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

RESOLUTIONS—1967

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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

14. 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.

15. Be 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.

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

17. 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.

18. 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.

RESOLUTIONS 1976

Resolution Committee: Bro. Vanis King, Bro. Sonny Owens and Bro. Abb Wallen.

19. We, your Resolution Committee request that Bro. Otho Williams be made an Honorary Member of the Yard Committee.

20. We, you Committee, request that our association send in the \$320.00 to the State Association Treasure and that each church pay their \$20.00 into the Association Treasure. If a church is not willing or able, let it be known and the Association will take care of it.

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

YOUTH CAMP REPORT TUESDAY MORNING

The Youth Camp was opened by our Youth President, Bro. Andy Campbell. He thought it would be good to open the service with prayer and he called on Sis. Lillie Jones to lead. After prayer we had election of officers.

Pianist—Sis. Delayne Carry

Asst. Pianist—Sis. Darlene Campbell

Secretary—Sis. Pat Maxwell

Asst. Secretary—Sis. Teresa Long

Song Leader—Sis. Cathy Coyle

After election of officers rules of the camp were given and a schedule of the days events. Then Bro. Andy asked for a song, #254 "I'm Bound For That City" was sung. Bro. James Williams led in prayer. After prayer the young people were dismissed to their classes. The classes assigned and

their teachers were:

9 and under—Sis. Shirley Smith; Sis. Pat Maxwell, Sis. Darlene Campbell.

10-12 years—Sis. Lillie Jones, Sis. Phylis Browning.

13-16 years—Bro. James Williams

Adults—Bro. Archie Peters, Bro. Norman Woodruff.

Dismissed at 11:00 for break.

After a 5 minute recess the house was called to order and a congregational song #203 "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears." Then Bro. James Williams was elected by the body to bring the morning message, then another song was sung #268 "When I Looked Up and He Looked Down", then prayer by Bro. Archie Peters. After prayer, the service was then turned over to Bro. Williams who brought a wonderful message, his text was from Exodus 12th chapter. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Norman Woodruff.

Afternoon service was opened by two congregational numbers #96 "I Just Steal Away and Pray," and #101 "There Is Power in the Blood". Then Bro. Vanis King, Camp Director, gave a short talk on the rules and conduct that each were to follow. Then everyone was dismissed to their classes.

TUESDAY NIGHT

The service began with congregational singing #94 "I Know My Redeemer Liveth", another song, then a United Prayer, another song #169 "No Place To Hide", and then prayer by Bro. Tommy Brown. After prayer special singing by Bro. James and Sis. Lola Williams, "Touring That City," Bro. Andy Campbell and Sis. Darlene Campbell sang "Had It Not Been". The Qualls Brothers sang, then Sis. Shirley Smith sung, "Born To Serve The Lord," then the service was turned over the Bro. Nathaniel Craig, speaker for the night services, who asked for a prayer by Bro. Peters, then reading from Genesis 7:16 brought a good message. An invitation was given but none came. Closing prayer was given by Bro. Larry Haggard.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The service was opened by singing #203 "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," and #92 "Victory In Jesus," then dismissed to classes with prayer by Sis. Lola Williams.

Morning worship service began with song #94 "I Know My Redeemer Liveth," then special singing by the Qualls Boys "Touring That City," and "Hallelujah Square," The youth girls sang "The Holy Hills of Heaven Call Us", then prayer by Sis. Leslie Bailes. Then the service was turned over to Bro. Andy Campbell, whom the body chose to bring the morning message. His text was "Let God Speak To Your Heart." We had 5 or 6 saved. Wonderful service. Wednesday afternoon taken up at 1:15 and each attended classes until 2:00 and were then adjourned until night service.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The service began with congregational singing #254 "I'm Bound For That City," #246, "Where We'll Never Grow Old," then we had a United Prayer. Then special singing by the Qualls Brothers "Hallelujah Square," and "One Day At A Time." The teenage girls sang "I Just Need To Hold His Hand," and "The Holy Hills of Home Call Me." Bro. Nathaniel and Sis. Delayne Carry sang "House of a King", and the little folks sang "Lord's Army" and "Joy In My Heart," and Sis. Pat Maxwell and Sis. Shirley Smith sang "Going Home." After specials the whole congregation sang "Amazing Grace." The service was then turned to Bro. Craig. Before Nathaniel began Bro. Peters spoke for a few minutes and sang "Someone To Care." Bro. Craig's text was from Acts 24:25 verse, an invitation song "Just As I Am" was given and 10 or 12 souls were saved. I think all that was there certainly enjoyed the service.

THURSDAY MORNING

Classes began at 10:00 and then dismissed until 11:00 service. Service was called to order by Bro. Campbell, then a vote was held on who was to bring the morning message. Bro. Dale Wendlandt was selected. Then congregational singing began with #198 "Come and Dine," and #190 "Will It Do, Precious Lord?", then a United Prayer, after prayer the service 8 Chapter 22-25 verses, he then called on Bro. Melburn Cowan to lead in prayer. His message was "To Get All That God Has For You." A very good message. An invitation song was given #169 "No Place To Hide." No one was saved.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Services began with congregational singing #94 "I Know My Redeemer Liveth," and #203 "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears." Then we had a United Prayer and then special singing by the Daniels Family, the Qualls Family and Sis. Darlene Campbell. After special singing, all sang "Amazing Grace". Then Bro. Andy turned the service over to Bro. Craig. Bro. Nathaniel asked Sis. Darlene to sing "Tears Will Never Stain The Streets of That City," Everyone really enjoyed it. Then he read his text from Galatians 6:7, prayer by Sis. Lola Williams, then an invitation was given #206 "Tomorrow May Mean Good-Bye". There were several in the altar. Before closing, we had a testimony service and a special song the the Qualls Family. It was a very wonderful service. I think everyone that attended youth camp this year really enjoyed all the services. God richly blessed each one, I hope each young person that was saved will go back to their churches and go to work for Jesus and not stray from what they learned and felt during the camp meeting. There was an average between 75 and 100 each day that attended camp.

