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MINUTES

OF

69th 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, 1977 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, 1978 A.D.

Thursday Evening
OPENING MESSAGE
Rev. Dale Wendlandt
Alternate
Rev. Melvin Reading

Friday, 11:00 A.M.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON
(Rev. Kenneth Turpin)
Alternate
Rev. Odes Faries)

Rev. James Williams, Stigler, Moderator
Rev. Melvin Reading, McCurtain, Asst. Moderator
Sis. Ruby LaFave, Rt. 1, Box 670, Stigler, Okla., Treasurer-Clerk
Sis. Jennie Wilson, Rt. 1, McCurtain, Okla., Asst. 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

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. James Williams. Congregational singing was directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, singing #94, "I Know My Redeemer Liveth", with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. We sang another song and had prayer by Rev. Curtis Maxwell. Another song was sung and we had united prayer. Devotional service was led by Sis. Zelma Adams. Had good service. Special song by Rev. and Sis. James Williams, "Thank You For the Valley". Services were turned to Rev. Dale Wendlandt. He asked Sis. Robinson to lead in prayer. His scripture reading was from Ephesians 1:1-5. Text, God hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ. Good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Short Brigrance.

FRIDAY MORNING

In the absence of the clerk, Sis. Lola Williams, and Asst. Clerk, Lois Kinsey and the Moderator, Rev. James Williams asked Sis. Zelma Adams and Sis. Ruby LaFave to act until the election of new officers.

Services were opened by singing #94, "I Know My Redeemer Liveth", directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, with Sis. Pat Maxwell at the piano. Devotional reading was by Rev. Archie Peters from Acts 3:1-5. Prayer was by Bro. Richard Bibbs. Motion was made by Rev. Melvin Reading to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Call for letters. Received 14. Motion made by Rev. Melvin Reading to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Right-hand of fellowship was given by Moderator and Assistant Moderator. After the seating of the delegates the Moderator read resolution #20. Rev. Peters made motion to adjourn conference until 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. After a ten minute recess, services were started by congregational singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, singing #64, "Just Over in the Glory Land" with Sis. Pat Maxwell at the piano. We had united prayer. We had a short testimony service, then prayer by Sis. Kid Finch. Service was then turned to Rev. Nathaniel Craig for the morning message. The reading was from Matthew 9:36-38. Prayer was led by Bro. Redman Brigrance. The lesson text was "The harvest is truly ready," a real good message. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. A.J. Robinson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Services were opened by Singing #9, led by Bro. Abb Wallen with Sis. Pat Maxwell at the piano. Devotional reading was by Rev. A.J. Robinson from Romans 3:1-14 and prayer by Rev. Dale Wendlandt. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. A call for letters was made. We received one. Motion was made by Bro. Bob Bailes to receive the letter

and seat the delegates. Right-hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. The letter that was received from Brooken Church asked that their Pastor, Rev. Garland Davidson go before the examining council to unite with the Eureka Association.

The election of officers was held. The Moderator, Rev. James Williams and the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Melvin Reading was retained to serve another year. Sis. Zelma Adams, Clerk and Sis. Jennie Wilson, Assistant Clerk. The appointing of committees was made. See Committees. Report of Pulpit Committee. See Committees. Rules of Order were read by Moderator, Rev. James Williams. A report of Obituary Committee. See Committee. The election of a new man on the Executive, Examining and Yard Committees. See committees. Motion was made by Rev. A.J. Robinson to adjourn conference until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. We were dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. James Williams. Singing was directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, singing #216 "When We Sing Around the Throne Eternal" with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer was said by Bro. Cleburn Shepherd. We sang another song and had united prayer. The devotional service was led by Bro. George Fowler. We had a good service. Two more congregational songs were sung, then a special one by Rev. and Sis. James Williams, "I Won't Have to Worry Any More." Service was turned to Rev. Hercel Hickman for the message. His text was "Endure sound doctrine." It was a good message. An invitational song. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Tommy Brown.

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Singing was directed by Rev. Nathaniel Craig singing #12, "It Is Love," with Rev. James Williams at the piano. Devotional was read by Rev. Fred Riddle from Hebrews 4:9. Prayer was said by Sis. Charlene Shaw. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. Call for letters was made. Received one. Motion was made by Rev. Nathaniel Craig to receive the letter and seat the delegates. They were given right-hand of fellowship. Sis. Zelma Adams asked to resign as clerk of the association. Rev. Norman Woodruff made a motion to grant her request. Ruby LaFave was elected clerk. All committees were dismissed to bring in reports. The placing of the fifth Sunday meetings was made. See Fifth Sunday Meetings. Report of the Pulpit Committee was made. See report. Motion was made by Rev. Nathaniel Craig to adjourn

conference until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Norman Woodruff.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Meeting was opened by singing #166, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" directed by Rev. Craig with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. We had united prayer. The names of the ones that had passed away since the last association was read by the Moderator, Rev. James Williams. Special singing was held by the Iron Bridge Quartet, Sis. Zelma Brigrance, Sis. Nellie Kates, Bro. Redmon Brigrance and Bro. Otho Williams. They sang, "I'll Meet You in the Morning", with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Rev. and Sis. James Williams sang, "Tears Never Stain the Streets of That City". Service was then turned to Rev. James Williams for the memorial message, reading from Rev. 21:22-27. His text was "City of God." It was a good message. An invitational song was sung. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Don Woods.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Services were opened by singing #70, "Living By Faith," directed by Rev. Craig, with Rev. James Williams at the piano. Devotional reading was read by Rev. Melvin Reading from Romans 8:1-10. Prayer was said by Rev. Kenneth Turpin. The body was declared back into conference by the Moderator. A report of the Examining Council was made. See reports. Motion was made by Bro. Bob Bailes to accept report. Motion was made by Rev. Fred Riddle to send Bro. Bill Apple, Bro. Sonny Owens and Bro. Loyd Reid to the State Association. Report of Query and Request Committee was made. See report. Motion was made by Bro. Otho Williams to receive all committee reports and dismiss the committees. The Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer Sis. Lola Williams. Motion was made by Bro. Billy Joe Long to accept the report as read. Motion was made by Rev. Archie Peters to adjourn conference until 1978. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Fred Riddle.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service opened at 7:40 p.m. by the congregation singing #22, "The Last Mile of the Way", led by Bro. James Williams, Moderator, with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. We sang another song. Prayer was led by Bro. Bill Apple. Another song was sung and we had a United Prayer. Devotional service was led by Bro. Larry Palmer. It was a good devotional service. Special singing was held by a trio from the Keota church singing "This Little Light of Mine", and Genelle Williams "Plenty of Time." We turned the service to Bro. Tommy Brown who brought the message, "Have You Found It?" from

Hebrews 11:14. It was a wonderful message. We were dismissed by Bro. Gene Medlock.

COLLECTIONS

As treasurers of the Eureka Free Will Baptist Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covers September 1976 to September 1977. At the end of the association year 1976, we had in our treasury, \$1,131.60 collected.

Yard Money.....	\$155.00
Minute Money.....	307.00
Cass Church (Liquor by the drink fund).....	14.00
State Delegate Fee	
Cross Roads (Refunded).....	40.00
Perry.....	20.00
McCurtain.....	20.00
Rocky Ford.....	20.00
Iron Bridge.....	20.00
Lone Elm.....	20.00
Brooken.....	20.00
Cass.....	20.00
Tamaha.....	20.00
Keota.....	20.00
Cross Roads.....	20.00
Rose Hill.....	20.00
Lafayette.....	20.00
Rose Hill (Ground).....	15.00
Fish Creek (State Delegate Fee).....	20.00
Rose Hill (Grounds).....	15.00
Rose Hill (Youth Camp).....	15.00
Fish Creek.....	15.00
Keota.....	25.00
Porum.....	25.00
Cass.....	25.00
Brooken.....	26.00
McCurtain.....	25.00
Lone Elm.....	25.00
Rock Ford.....	26.00
First Sallisaw.....	26.00
Perry.....	20.00
Cross Roads.....	30.00
Glen Muncy (Hay).....	50.00
Lafayette (Youth Camp).....	60.00
Concession Stand.....	12.40
Making in treasury.....	2,343.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Cross Roads Church (Refund State Delegate Fee)	\$40.00
Cookson Hills Electric (Bill & one year estimated)	71.74
Lois Kinsey (Asst. Clerk duties)	35.00
State Association (State Delegate fee)	320.00
Lola Williams (Clerk and Treasury duty)	50.00
State Association (Cass Church donation against liquor by the drink law)	14.00
Stigler News-Sentinel (325 minutes)	225.00
Farmers Union Insurance Co.	262.00
Service Charge	1.14
Speers United Dollar Store (Y.C. Supplies)	2.00
Ben Franklin (Y.C. Supplies)	6.48
Otasco (Y.C. Supplies)	8.29
Bob Bailes (Repair on Bldg. & Camp Grounds)	95.59
White's Gro. (Ice for Y.C.)	8.10
Shorts Food Market (Groceries for Y.C.)	30.39
Longs Grocery (Groceries for Y.C.)	80.83
Ricketts Piano Co. (Rent on Piano, outstanding check)	50.00
Total Disbursements	1,300.07
Leaving in Treasury	1,042.44
Prayerfully submitted by Lola Williams, Association Treasurer.	

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. Claud Roye, Sis. Lillie Jones, and Bro. Redmon Brigance. Services were as follows: Thursday night, Rev. Dale Wendlandt brought the message and Sis. Zelma Adams led the devotional. Friday morning, message was brought by Rev. Nathaniel Craig, devotional by Rev. James Williams. Friday night, Rev. Hercel Hickman brought the message and Bro. George Fowler led the devotional. Saturday morning, Rev. James Williams preached the memorial message. Saturday night Rev. Tommy Brown brought the message and Bro. Larry Palmer led the devotional. Every service was good.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee beg leave to report that we have lost 14 members this past year. Names are listed below:

Iron Bridge, Bro. Wilburn Cordle, Sis. Ada Johnson; Lafayette, Sis. Maude Fowler and Bro. Billy Powell; North Side Sallisaw, Sis. Margaret O'Neil; Perry, Sis. Estell Cook and Sis. Zola Whitman; Cass, Bro. Lonnie Kinsey; Cross Roads, Sis. Lorene Cole, Engeltine Mabray and Bro. Roy

Peevyhouse; Porum, Sis. Polly Sellers; Tamaha, Bro. Buster Cone; Sallisaw First, Sis. Pearl Burns. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Your committee, Sis. Audie Wood, and Sis. Shirley Turpin.

QUERY AND REQUEST

We feel that the subject that was brought before us should not be brought before this body at this time. Your committee, Rev. Nathaniel Craig, Rev. Archie Peters and Rev. Norman Woodruff.

EXAMINING COUNCIL

We, the Examining Council, wish to report the following. According to our constitution, we are prevented to pass on Rev. Garland Davidson. Reference to resolution on Page 14. Resolution #13—1972. Second report—We recommend that Rev. Tommy Brown be ordained to preach the gospel. Your committee, Rev. Kenneth Turpin, Rev. Hercel Hickman and Rev. Melvin Reading.

EXAMINING COUNCIL

5 years—Rev. A.J. Robinson *J. Brown*
4 years—Rev. John Maxwell, Jr.
3 years—Rev. Hercel Hickman *James Williams*
2 years—Rev. Melvin Reading *James Williams*
1 year—Rev. Kenneth Turpin

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Bill Apple, Rev. Dale Wendlandt and Bro. Leonard Westbrooks.
No resolutions turned in.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 years—Rev. Dale Wendlandt *D*
4 years—Rev. ~~James Williams~~ *James Williams*
3 years—Rev. R.A. Owens *R.A. Owens*
2 years—Rev. John Maxwell, Jr. *J*
1 year—Rev. Andy Campbell *Andy Campbell*

YARD COMMITTEE

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

PLACING OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

1st—Cross Roads—October, 1977 ✓

Second—Lafayette—January, 1978 ✓

Third—Iron Bridge—April, 1978 ✓

Fourth—Rose Hill—July, 1978 ✓

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McCurtain 2
Sallisaw 3
Keota 4*

PLACING OF PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETINGS

First—Cross Roads—Oct. 22, 1977

Second, Lafayette—Jan. 21, 1978

Third, Iron Bridge—April 22, 1978

Fourth—Rose Hill—July 22, 1978

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Kenneth Turpin

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Bill Apple, Bro. Loyd Reid, Bro. R.A. Owens.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

✓ **IRON BRIDGE:** Sis. Estelle Shepherd, Bro. Redmon Brigance, Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Sis. Zelma Brigance, alternate; Rev. Norman Woodruff, pastor and Clara Doss, church clerk, Keota, Rt. 1.

✓ **BROOKEN:** Bro. Loyd Reid, and Sis. Reid. Pastor, Rev. Garland Davidson. Wanda Bush, church clerk, Rt. 4, Box 281, Stigler.

SALLISAW FIRST: Sis. Evelyn Mainus, Sis. Mattie Mainus, Sis. Elzie Hodge. Sis. Marie Looper, alternate; Clerk, Pauline Tounzen, 119 N. Cedar St., Sallisaw.

✓ **CROSS ROADS:** Sis. Phyllis Browning, Henrietta Garland, Lillie Jones, Pearl Horton. Dovie Burton, alternate; Pastor, Rev. Hercul Hickman, Clerk, Ethel Neldon, Box 151, Stigler.

✓ **LAFAYETTE:** Bro. Bob Bailes, Sis. Ruby Honeycutt, Bro. Clarence Honeycutt. Sis. Lessie Bailes, alternate; Pastor, Rev. John Maxwell Jr.; clerk, Alva Patton, Rt. 2, Box 640, Stigler.

✓ **LONE ELM:** Sis. Julie Nelson, Sis. Jewel Shaw, Sis. Pat Maxwell. Sis. Janet Folsom, alternate; Pastor, Rev. Curtis Maxwell; clerk, Marie Perdue, Rt. 2, Keota.

✓ **MCCURTAIN:** Sis. Lena Woodruff, Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Lavena Labor. Sis. Dorthulla Petty, alternate; Pastor, Rev. Melvin Reading; clerk, Jennie Wilson, Rt. 1, McCurtain.

✓ **KEOTA:** Bro. Amos McPeters, Sis. Okla McPeters, Sis. Kid Finch. Bro. Kenneth Burns, alternate; Pastor, Rev. A.J. Robinson; Clerk, Zelma Adams, Box 52, Keota.

✓ **FISH CREEK:** Sis. Imogene Young, Sis. Ruby Young, Bro. Bill Burgess. Lisa Daniel, alternate; Pastor, Fred Riddle; Clerk, Charlene Burgess, Rt. 1, Kinta.

PORUM: Sis. Audie Wood, Sis. Violet Cougroun, Sis. Pearl Froast. Sis. Pert Spradlin, alternate; Pastor, Luther Brown; clerk, Susie Standifer, Box 115, Warner.

✓ **ROCK FORD:** Bro. Bill Long, Sis. Jane Turner, Bro. Billy Joe Long. Bro. Walter Blaylock, alternate; Pastor, Rev. Archie Peters; clerk, Francene Blaylock, Rt. 1, Cartersville.

NORTH SIDE SALLISAW: Bro. Glen Kates, Sis. Ester Smith, Sis. Verna Norrid, Sis. Pati Kates and Bro. Tunp Price, alternate; Pastor, Rev. Watie Hendrix; Clerk, Hazel Clough, Sallisaw.

✓ **PERRY:** Bro. Claud Boothe, Sis. Nettie Boothe, Sis. Ruby LaFave. Sis. Sally Smith, alternate; Pastor, Odes Faries; Clerk; Dorothy Ary, 607 NW 7th, Stigler.

TAMAHA: Sis. Ina Eakle, Sis. Lucille Henry, Sis. Myrtle Cone; Pastor, Harold Morris; Clerk, Clara Ward, Rt. 1, Box 280, Stigler.

✓ **CASS:** Sis. Artie Lee Nolen, Sis. Chick Owens, Sis. Betty Bratton. Bro. Cecil Bratton, alternate; Pastor, Nathaniel Craig; clerk, Sis. Bernice Bisby, Rt. 2, Box 332, Stigler.

✓ **ROSE HILL:** Delbert Reading, Claud Roye, Sis. Kay Reading. Sis. Pat Percifield, alternate; Pastor, Rev. Dale Wendlandt; Clerk, Sandy King, Rt. 1, McCurtain.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Monroe Lacy, Henryetta, Rev. Stumps, Muskogee, and Rev. Garland Davidson, Checotah.

FINANCE REPORT

	Minutes	Yard	State Delegate
✓ Cross Roads ✓	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
✓ North Side Sallisaw ✓	15.00	10.00	20.00
✓ Keota ✓	15.00	10.00	20.00
✓ McCurtain ✓	20.00	15.00	20.00
✓ Fish Creek ✓	10.00	10.00	
✓ Rose Hill ✓	20.00		20.00
✓ Lafayette ✓	20.00	10.00	
✓ Rock Ford ✓	15.00	10.00	
✓ Cass ✓	21.00	10.00	20.00
✓ Brooken ✓	10.00	20.00	20.00
✓ Iron Bridge (26.00 Y.C.) ✓	16.00	20.00	
✓ Porum ✓	20.00	5.00	
✓ Lone Elm ✓	10.00	20.00	20.00
✓ Tamaha ✓	5.00	5.00	20.00
✓ Perry ✓	25.00	5.00	20.00
✓ Sallisaw First ✓	10.00	15.00	20.00
4 County Singing Convention		20.00	
Bro. and Sis. Lacy		10.00	

Committee—Pat Maxwell, Okla McPeters, Ruby LaFave

1977 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

1. Rev. Curtis Suttles.....966-3273, Keota, Okla.
- ✓ 2. Rev. Herchel 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.....484-5912, 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. Dale Wendlandt...✓✓.....967-8631, Stigler, Okla.
28. Rev. Nathaniel Craig.....966-3806, Keota, Okla.
- ✓29. Rev. P.E. Lambert.....Porum, Okla.
- ✓30. Rev. Odes Faries...✓.....967-2254, Stigler, Okla.
- ✓31 Rev. Tommy Brown...✓✓.....Keota, Okla
- ✓32. Henry Kates.....✓✓.....1015 NW 10, 967-2839, Stigler, 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.

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.

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.

X 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.

X 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

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Honey* X 14. Be it resolved that any minister and deacons refusing to attend and support quarterly meetings, preacher and deacons meetings 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.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Services were led by Bro. James Williams. We opened with a song led by Anne Sheppard singing, "Come and Dine", with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. We were led in prayer by Sis. Pat Maxwell.

Teachers took charge of classes.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Services were led by Bro. Sonny Owens and at the piano was Sis. Genelle Williams. The singing was led by Sis. Delayne Carry, singing No. 170, "Alone in the Garden." Prayer was said by Bro. A.J. Robinson. Song #94, "I Know My Redeemer Liveth", and song #96, "I Just Steal Away", were sung. Prayer was led by Bro. Johnny Bratton and devotional was led by Bro. Andy Campbell. Good devotional was held.

Special singing with Bro. Joe Percifield and boys when they sang, "Working the Road." Girls from Lafayette Church sang, "The Family of God," with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano and also in the singing.

Sis. Genelle Williams, Sis. Karla Lashley and Sis. Delayne Carry sang, "Plenty of Time," and Sis. Genelle Williams was also at the piano. They also sang, "I've Got More to Go to Heaven For Than I Had Yesterday."

There was one lost soul saved.

The services were turned to the minister, Bro. Don Wood. The text was Ephesians 4: 1-3, "The Unity of the Spirit". Good message. Song of invitation was # 119 "Are you Washed?" We sang "Glad Reunion Day" and had handshake. Sang the song, "Stroll Over Heaven", and were dismissed by Bro. Bob Bailes.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Services were led by Bro. James Williams. Services opened by singing #197 led by Sis. Anne Sheppard with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Prayer was led by Sis. Jewel Robinson, song #192, "I'll Meet you by the River." Teachers took charge of the classes. Committee report—Bro. Arches Peters to bring the message. To lead devotional, Sis. Genelle Williams.

The 11 o'clock service was led by Bro. James Williams. Sang song #88, "All Upon the Altar", led by Sis. Anne Sheppard with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Song #95, "The Old Time Religion" was sung. We had united prayer, then we had devotional services. A good testimony service was given. Special singing by Lafayette girls and Genelle Williams singing, "I'll See You in the Rapture" with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. The little Keota girls with Sis. Genelle Williams helping and at the piano, sang, "Family of God." The services were turned to Bro. Peters to bring the morning message.

Text was Isaiah 59. Good message was delivered. We were dismissed in prayer by Johnny Bratton.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Services began by singing #254, "I'm Bound For That City", directed by Sis. Anne Sheppard with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Prayer was said by Sis. Lessie Bailes. Teachers took charge of classes.

Teachers, age through 9 years were Sis. Shirley Reading and Sis. Jennie Wilson; age 10 years, Bro. Dale Wendlandt; age 13 and up, Bro. James Williams; all the others, Bro. Sonny Owens.

Youth Camp attendance Wednesday was 95.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Bro. Amick from Hillsdale College made a talk about the college. The services were led by Bro. James Williams. The services began by singing #216 "When We Sing Around the Throne," led by Lisa Daniels, with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Song #254, "I'm Bound for that City," song #200, "He'll Claim Me As His Own," and #198, "Come and Dine," was sung. Prayer was led by Sis. Alice Tabor, then we sang #268, "When I Looked Up". We had united prayer.

We had testimony service led by Bro. James Williams. A real good testimony service was given.

Special song by the Daniels Family, "Try Jesus the Man of Galilee" and Sis. Genelle Williams sang, "Had It Not Been."

Another song by Bro. Joe Percifield and boys, "Thank You for the Valley", was sung. Several from Cass Church sang "When I Wake Up to Sleep No More," with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. They also sang, "When I Step Off on that Beautiful Shore." Bro. James Williams sang, "Sorry, I Never Knew You." Service was then turned to Bro. Nathaniel Craig to bring the message. Text—Acts 5:12-16, copy the life of Jesus. Prayer was said by Bro. John Maxwell Jr. Bro. Craig delivered a good message. We had a song of invitation. "Just As I Am," and then dismissed.

THURSDAY MORNING

Led by Bro. James Williams, we began singing #131 "O How I Love Jesus!" Prayer was led by Sis. Okla McPeters. Sis. Okla McPeters will lead the devotional. Bro. Dale Wendlandt to bring the message. Teachers took charge of their classes. 11 o'clock service began by the small class singing "I'm Just A Child, My Life Is Still Before Me." Everyone joined in the singing. Singing song #198 led by Sharyl Robinson, Kathy Percifield

with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. We had united prayer. The devotional service was turned to Sis. Okla McPeters.

Good testimony service was given. The services were turned to Bro. Dale Wendlandt to bring message in II Corinthians 7: 10, the plan of

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentence 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.

TUESDAY

Song #203, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears", was sung.

Moderators were Bro. James Williams and Bro. Sonny Owens. Song leader was Delayne Carry, assisted by Anne Sheppard and piano played by Genelle Williams. Devotional committee was Tammie Johnson, Tommy Honeycutt, Rhonda Blaylock. Secretary was Zelma Adams.

Prayer was led by Sis. Pat Maxwell.

To bring the morning message—Bro. James Williams. To lead devotional, Martha Stone.

The 11 o'clock services were led by Bro. Dale Wendlant. Song #96, "I Just Steal Away and Pray" was sung and #289, "I'll Meet You in the Morning. Prayer was said by Sis. Jennie Wilson. Song #268, "When I Looked Up", was sung. Devotional was turned to Sis. Stone.

Special singing—Sis. Genelle Williams sang, "Born to Serve the Lord." Message was brought by Bro. James Williams. His text was "Secret of your heart. Scripture text was Daniel 2: 19-23 and Joshua 7: 16-few. It was a good message. Song of invitation #169, "No Place to Hide", was sung. We were dismissed by Bro. Archie Peters who also asked the blessing on noon meal.

salvation, Romans 3: 21.

Romans 6:23. Good message was delivered. The services were dismissed by Bro. Frank Fenton.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Services began by singing #94, "My Redeemer Liveth," with Kathy Percifield and Sharyl Robinson leading and Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Prayer was said by Sis. Kaye Kirkland.

Teachers took charge of classes.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The services were led by Bro. Sonny Owens. Services began by singing #206, "Tomorrow May Mean Goodbye". Sis. Delayne Carry leading, with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Bro. Otho Williams led the prayer. Another congregational song #96, "I Just Steal Away," #194, "Bread Sent from Heaven," and No. 92, "Victory in Jesus" was sung. The testimony service was led by Sis. Zelma Brigance. Good testimonies.

Special singing by Bro. Joe Percifield and boys singing, "Had It Not Been." Bro. Joe Percifield and son sang, "The Purple Robe." Another song by Sis. Genelle Williams, Sis. Delayne Carry and Kathy Coyle singing, "Plenty of Time," with Sis. Genelle at the piano. They also sang, "I've Got More to Go To Heaven for than I Had Yesterday." We had united prayer. Sis. Delayne Carry and father sang, "Welcome Home My Child."

The services were turned to Bro. Nathaniel Craig. It was a good spiritual message. Text was "Work for Jesus, He is coming back again and time shall be no more." Had an invitational song and were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Wilma Carry.

Eighty-eight people registered for camp.

