

MINUTES OF 70th 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, 1978 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, 1979 A.D.

Thursday Evening
OPENING MESSAGE
Rev. Tommy Brown
Alternate
Rev. Archie Peters

Friday, 11:00 A.M.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON
Rev. Norman Woodruff
Alternate
Rev. Melvin Reading

Rev. Dale Wendlandt, Stigler, Moderator
Rev. Melvin Reading, McCurtain, Asst. Moderator
Sis. Ruby LaFave, Rt. 1, Box 670, Stigler, Okla., Treasurer-Clerk
Sis. Clara Doss, Rt. 1, Keota, Assistant 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 others, 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 Assistant Moderator Bro. Melvin Reading, as the Moderator, Bro. James Williams resigned when moving to Muskogee. Singing was directed by Bro. Ides Daniel, singing "I'll Fly Away" with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Had united prayer.

Service was turned to Rev. Dale Wendlandt for the Thursday night message. Reading from Daniel 7 ch. Good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Otho Williams.

FRIDAY MORNING

Services were opened by singing "That Glad Reunion Day," directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Rev. Glen Kates. Reading from 2nd Peter 3:1-14. Prayer by Bro. Curtis Suttles. Motion was made by Bro. Archie Peters to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Call for letters. Received 14.

Motion was made by Bro. A.J. Robinson to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Had song and right-hand of fellowship was given by Assistant Moderator, Bro. Melvin Reading.

Motion was made by Bro. Mitchell Blaylock to adjourn conference until 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Long.

11 o'clock Service

Opened by singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Had united prayer. Services were turned to Bro. Kenneth Turpin. Text "Try the Spirits". Good message.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Melvin Reading, the Assistant Moderator. Singing directed by Sis. Beulah Williams, singing, "Living By Faith" with Sis. Pat Maxwell at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. A.J. Robinson. Reading from 1st Cor. 3: 1-12. Prayer by Bro. Short Brigrance. Were declared back into conference by Assistant Moderator.

The first item of business was the election of officers. Moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt, Assistant Moderator, Bro. Melvin Reading. Sis. Ruby LaFave was retained as clerk and Sis. Clara Doss was elected as Assistant Clerk. The appointing of committees. See committees.

Rules of order were read by Moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Also called for Petitionary letters. The resolutions that were tabled at our quarterly meetings were brought before the Association, discussed and adopted. See resolutions. Committees were dismissed to bring in reports. Report of pulpit committee. See reports. Report of resolution committee. See resolutions. Had treasurer's report given by Clerk, Ruby LaFave. Motion made by Bro. Norman Woodruff to accept the report as read. See Treasurer's report. Motion made by Bro. Melvin Reading to adjourn conference until Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Gene Medlock.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Services opened by singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Bill Apple. Song, "Strength In the Lord." Prayer by Bro. Fred Riddle. Song, "Lift Me Up Above the Shadows." Had united prayer. Service was turned to Sis. Beulah Williams for the devotional. Heard some wonderful testimonies. Bro. Archie Peters then sang "Peace In the Valley." Bro. Tommy Brown took the stand, reading from Matt. 22:27, 1st Tim. 1:5-10. A good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Thomas Hodges.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the house to order. Singing directed by Billy Joe Long, singing "I'm Too Near Home" with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Curtis Suttles. Reading 23rd Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Raymond Shepherd. The body was declared back into conference by Moderator, Bro. Wendlandt. Call for letters. Received two. Motion made by Bro. Glen Kates to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Had song and right hand of fellowship was given. Call for petitionary letters. Report of pulpit committee. See report. Motion made by Bro. Sonny Owens to adjourn conference until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Sonny Owens.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Opened by singing, "I'll Meet You in the Morning," directed by Bro. Billy Joe Long, with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. United prayer. Bro. Norman Woodruff was the speaker for the memorial service. He asked the clerk to read the names of the ones who had passed away since our last association. Had a moment of silent prayer and then Bro. Dale Wendlandt led in prayer. Bro. Woodruff read from St. John 14 ch., 1st Peter 3-5. Good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Walter Kates.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator, Bro. Wendlandt, called the meeting to order and declared the meeting back into conference. Prayer by Bro. Vanis King. Placing of the quarterly meetings. See 5th Sunday meetings. Report of examining council. See report. Two new resolutions were presented to the body for discussion. After discussion, vote was taken and resolutions were adopted. See resolutions. Had united prayer. Motion made by Bro. Billy Joe Long to receive all reports and dismiss the committees.

Motion made by Bro. Mitchell Blaylock to adjourn conference until our next quarterly meeting. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Bailes.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Services opened by singing "What a Gathering That Will Be," directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Raymond Patton. Song, "Living By Faith." United prayer. Service was turned to Sis. Charlyne Shaw for the devotional. Had good service. Bro. Melvin Reading then took the stand, reading from Hebrews 5 ch. Good message. Had invitational song. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ed Tatman.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have lost 13 members this past year. Names are listed below:

Lafayette, Bro. Richard Bibb.

Cass, Bro. Roy Kelton

McCurtain, Bro. Floyd Coffey, Sis. May Fitzgerald

Lone Elm, Bro. Melburn Cowan, Sis. Lillian Wynn.

Keota, Sis. Fannie Williamson

Perry, Sis. Ethel Smith

Cross Roads, Bro. Basil Howard, Bro. Arthur Pugh, Sis. Irene Kitchens.

Porum, Bro. Louie Saxton

Rose Hill, Sis. Pearl Royce

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Your committee, Sis. Grace Bratton, Sis. Beulah Williams.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Sis. Juanita Robertson, Sis. Kinsey and Sis. Susie Moore. Services were as follows: Thursday night, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Friday morning, Rev. Kenneth Turpin. Friday night, Sis. Beulah Williams to lead devotional. Bro. Tommy Brown to bring the message. Saturday morning, Bro. Norman Woodruff. Saturday night, Sis. Charlyne Shaw to lead devotional and Bro. Melvin Reading to bring the message.

EXAMINING COUNCIL

5 yrs.—Rev. Tommy Brown
4 yrs.—Rev. A.J. Robinson
3 yrs.—Rev. John Maxwell Jr.
2 yrs.—Rev. Hercel Hickman
1 yr.—Rev. Melvin Reading

We, the examining committee, have examined Bro. Johnnie Wilson and found him sound in the Free Will Baptist doctrine and request that he be ordained as a deacon in the North Side Free Will Baptist Church, Sallisaw. Committee—Rev. Hercel Hickman, Rev. Tommy Brown and Rev. James L. Brown.

QUERY AND REQUEST

No report. Rev. Norman Woodruff, Rev. Kenneth Turpin and Bro. Mitchell Blaylock.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Bill Apple, Rev. Glen Kates and Bro. Raymond Shepherd. See resolutions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 yrs.—Bro. Short Brigance
4 yrs.—Rev. Dale Wendlandt
3 yrs.—Rev. Glen Kates
2 yrs.—Bro. R.A. Owens
1 yr.—Rev. John Maxwell Jr.

YARD COMMITTEE

3 yrs.—Bro. Redmon Brigance
2 yrs.—Bro. Bob Bailes
1 yr.—Bro. Johnnie Bratton

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sis. Okla Adams, Sis Marie Kasiner and Sis. Hazel Cowen.

Yard money \$193.00

Minute Money \$261.00

State Delegate money \$240.00

Sallisaw 1st \$20.00

Donation \$5.00

General Board Member, Rev. Dale Wendlandt.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Monroe Lacy
Rev. Roy Bryant

PLACING OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

First—Lafayette—Oct. 27, 28, 1978
Second—McCurtain—Dec. 29, 30, 1978
Third—Sallisaw—April 27, 28, 1979
Fourth—Keota—July 27, 28, 1979

PLACING OF PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING

First—Lafayette—Oct. 21, 1978
Second—McCurtain—Dec. 23, 1978
Third—Sallisaw—April 21, 1979
Fourth—Keota—July 21, 1979

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Bill Apple
Sis. Shirley Turpin
Bro. R.A. Owens

COLLECTIONS

As treasurer of the Eureka FWB Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered September 1977 to September 1978. At the end of year 1977 we had in treasury \$1042.44.

Yard and minutes \$713.00
LaFayette state delegate \$20.00
Rock Ford state delegate \$20.00
Jennie Wilson—\$35.00 y.c.
Rose Hill—\$60.00 y.c..
N.S. Sallisaw—\$25.00
Sallisaw 1st—\$38.00 y.c.
Lone Elm—\$25.00 y.c.
McCurtain—\$25.00 y.c.
Cass—\$20.00 y.c.
Iron Bridge—\$26.00 y.c.
Brooken—\$25.00 y.c.
Keota—\$25.00 y.c.
Porum—\$32.00
Perry—\$20.00
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LaFayette—\$26.00
Fish Creek—\$15.00
Concession Stand—\$103.00
4-county singing convention—\$26.00
Donation—\$5.00
Making in treasury—\$2280.69

DISBURSEMENTS

State Association, state delegate fees—\$320.00
Stigler News-Sentinel-150 minutes—\$225.00
Cookson Hills Coop bill for one year—\$56.92
Jennie Wilson-ass't clerk duty—\$35.00
Ruby LaFave-Clerk duty—\$50.00
Farmer's Union Insurance Co.—\$262.00
Okla McPeters-groc. for y.c.—\$5.18
Long's Groc.—groc. for y.c.—\$29.36
Charlyne Shaw—1000 plates, and cups for y.c.—\$77.70
Bennett's Western Auto-balls for y.c.—\$9.76
Bob Bailes-material for y.c.—\$27.76
White's Groc.-Ice for y.c.—\$17.38
Short's Gro.-pop and candy—\$151.52
Total disbursements \$1,232.58. Had left in treasury. *\$1048.11*
Prayerfully submitted by Ruby LaFave, Association Treasurer.

DELEGATES

1. North Side Free Will Baptist Church—Sis. Betty Fernasgenuski, Sis. June Looper, Sis. Nadine Bidwell, Clerk Sis. Hazel Clough. 722 N. Maple, Sallisaw, Ok.
2. Sallisaw First Free Will Church—Sis. Evelyn Mainus, Sis. Sandy Owens, Bro. Nolen Mainus, Sis. Marie Looper, Clerk, Sis. Pauline Tounzen. 119 N. Cedar St., Sallisaw, OK.
3. Rose Hill—Bro. Delbert Reading, Bro. A.W. Reading, Sis. Juanita Robertson, Sis. Patricia Williams, Clerk Sis. Pat Percifield. Rt. 2 Box 52, Stigler, OK.
4. Lone Elm—Sis. Martha Stone, Sis. Helen Nelson, Sis. Hazel Cowan, Sis. Julie Nelson, Clerk Sis. Marie Perdue. Rt. 2, Keota, OK.
5. Iron Bridge—Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Bro. Walter Kates, Bro. Redmon Brigance, Sis. Zelma Brigance, Clerk Sis. Clara Doss. Rt. 1, Keota, OK.
6. Brooken—Bro. Loyd Reid, and Sis. Esther Reid, Clerk Sis. Wanda Bush. Rt. 4, Stigler, OK.
7. Porum—Sis. Irene Robinson, Sis. Pert Spradlin, Sis. Jean Spradlin, Clerk Sis. Susie Standifer. Box 115, Warner, OK.
8. Tamaha—Si. Lucille Henry, Sis. Colene Henry, Sis. Ina Eakle, Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward. Rt. 1 Box 280, Stigler, OK.
9. Cross Roads—Bro. Lee Smith, Bro. Robert Neldon, Sis. Lillie Jones, Sis. Gladys Howard, Sis. Philis Browning, Sis. Mary Lue Williams, Clerk Sis. Ethel Neldon. Box 151, Stigler, OK.
10. Perry—Bro. Carl Few, Bro. Omer Moore, Sis. Susie Moore, Sis. Sallie Smith, Clerk, Sis. Imogene Kelley. Rt. 1, Stigler, OK.
11. Fish Creek—Sis. Ruby Young, Sis. Imogene Young, Sis. Marie Kasiner, Sis. Stella Tucker, Clerk, Sis. Charlene Burgess, Kinta, OK.
12. Rock Ford—Bro. Billy Joe Long, Bro. Walter Blaylock, Bro. Bill Long, Sis. Eunice Blaylock, Clerk Sis. Francene Blaylock. Rt. 1, Cartersville, OK.
13. McCurtain—Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Lavine Labor, Sis. Naomi Percifield, Bro. Cecil Wilson, Clerk Sis. Jennie Wilson, Rt. 1, McCurtain OK.

14. Cass—Sis. Arlie Lee Nolen, Bro. Larry Ross, Sis. Chick Owen, Sis Nell Kinsey, Clerk, Sis. Bernice Bisby. Rt. 2, Stigler, OK

15. Lafayette—Sis. Grovie Pugh, Sis. Ruby Honeycutt, Bro. Bob Bailes, Bro. Clarence Honeycutt, Clerk Sis. Alva Patton. Rt. 2 Box 640, Stigler, OK.

16. Keota—Sis. Ebbie Brown, Sis. Okla McPeters, and Sis. Alice Tabor, Clerk Sis. Zelma Adams. Box 52, Keota, OK.

1978 ASSOCIATION DEACONS

Bro. Short Brigrance, Route 1, Keota, OK 74941.....	966-3349
Bro. Otho Williams, Route 1, Keota, OK 74941.....	966-3762
Bro. Johnnie Bratton, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-2727
Bro. Snowden Robinson, 805 NE A Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-2677
Bro. Mack Kinsey, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-2950
Bro. Frank Fenton, Route 2, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-8573
Bro. Clifton Few, Route 4, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-4993
Bro. Roy Perryman, Route 2, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-4066
Bro. Nath Gibson, McCurtain, OK 74944.....	945-7513
Bro. Marvin Lankford, McCurtain, OK.....	945-7481
Bro. Harold Barkley, McCurtain, OK 74944.....	945-7331
Bro. Abb Wallen, 809 NE A, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-2562
Bro. Mitchell L. Blaylock, Route 1, Cartersville, OK.....	962-3362
Bro. Frank Clyma, Route 2, Keota, OK.....	966-3627
Bro. Roland Smith, Route 2, Keota, OK 74941.....	966-3683
Bro. Kenneth Kelley, Route 1, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-4951
Bro. Larry Pugh, Route 1, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-4074
Bro. Idis Daniel, Route 1, Kinta, OK 74552.....	967-2966
Bro. John Ragle, 311 N. Broadway, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-8718
Bro. Kenneth Trickett, Stigler, OK.....	967-2390
Bro. Bill Apple, Stigler, OK 74462.....	967-4588
Bro. Cecil Wickersham, 506 NW K, Stigler.....	967-2319
Bro. Clayton Stephens, Porum, OK 74455.....	484-5510
Bro. Jess Standifer, Warner, OK 74469.....	463-2403
Bro. O.C. Crouch, Porum, OK 74455.....	
Bro. Clarence Pearce, Eufaula, OK 74452.....	
Bro. Leonard Westbrooks, Route 4, Stigler, OK.....	
Bro. Jodie McKinney.....	
Bro. Gene Medlock, Keota, OK 74941.....	966-3749
Bro. Claud Winn, Keota, OK 74941.....	966-3472
Bro. Albert Dobson, Stigler, OK 74462.....	
Bro. George Folsom, Keota, OK 74941.....	966-3825
Bro. Nolen Smith, Keota, OK 74941.....	966-3354
Bro. R.A. Owens, Box 44, Gans, OK.....	
Bro. Melvin Duty, 813 W. Port Arthur, Sallisaw, OK.....	
Bro. Dewayne Brown, Sallisaw, OK 74955.....	
Bro. Owen Scott, Sallisaw, OK 74955.....	
Bro. B.F. Davis, Sallisaw, OK 74955.....	
Bro. Abe Sasser, Sallisaw, OK 74955.....	

Bro. O.E. Lamb, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
Bro. Vanis King, Route 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4452
Bro. Lester Woodruff, Route 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4558
Bro. George Fowler, Route 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4466
Bro. Donald Jones, Keota, OK 74941	966-3257
Bro. Bernard Williamson, Keota, OK 74941	966-3402
Bro. Tommy McClary, Keota, OK 74941	966-3479
Bro. Doc Lowe, Keota, OK 74941	966-3932

1978 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Rev. Curtis Suttles	966-3273, Keota, OK
Rev. Hercel Hickman	967-4567, Stigler, OK
Rev. A.J. Robinson	967-2939, Stigler, OK
Rev. C.A. Brown	Kinta, OK
Rev. Curtis Maxwell	966-3334, Keota, OK
Rev. Norman Woodruff	967-4972, Rt. 1, McCurtain, OK
Rev. Walker Wood	484-5912, Porum, OK
Rev. Hugo Smith	Stigler, OK
Rev. Fred Riddle	967-4800, Stigler, OK
Rev. Troy Madewell	945-7362, McCurtain, OK
Rev. Melvin Reading	967-4487, McCurtain, OK
Rev. John Maxwell Jr.	966-2783, Keota, OK
Rev. Luther Brown	364-7133, Kinta, OK
Rev. Kenneth Turpin	799-5435, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK
Rev. Barney Phillips	Checotah, OK
Rev. Curtis Bias	Sallisaw, OK
Rev. Dale Tankersley	966-3217, Keota, OK
Rev. Archie Peters	501-474-6146, Rt. 3, Van Buren, AR
Rev. Watie Hendrix	Gans, OK
Rev. Dale Wendlandt	967-8631, Stigler, OK
Rev. P.E. Lambert	484-5266, Porum, OK
Rev. Odes Faries	967-2254, Stigler, OK
Rev. Tommy Brown	963-4395, Keota, OK
Rev. Henry Kates	1015 NW 10, 967-2389, Stigler OK
Rev. Glenn Kates	755-6127, 803 W. Argile, Sallisaw, OK

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 Baptists, 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 to 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.

18. Be it resolved that no business from a local church shall be considered by this body unless it be included in the regular church letter and that this letter can only contain items that have been approved by the local church when in conference.

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.

Board control over the Youth Camp. This resolution was adopted, 1961. Rev. C.E. Kennedy, Rev. Major Followill, 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 elects 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 resolves 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—1972

Resolution Committee—Bro. Tommy James, Bro. James Williams, Bro. Luther Brown.

12. 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

13. 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.

14. 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.

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

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS—1978

Be it resolved that Article #14 be changed to read that any minister or deacon refusing to attend and support the quarterly meetings, preachers and deacons meeting and the association by letter or person shall be subject to discipline unless providently hindered. Committee: Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. Andy Campbell and Bro. Melvin Reading. Adopted at Lone Elm.

21. Be it resolved that no business from a local church shall be considered by this body unless it be included in the regular church letter. And that this letter can only contain items that have been approved by the local church when in conference. We recommend that this be added to our constitution as item #18. Committee: Bro. Archie Peters, Bro. Kenneth Turpin and Bro. Melvin Reading. Adopted at Forum.

22. Be it resolved that all deacons' names, addresses and phone numbers be placed in our minutes.

23. Be it resolved that we strike resolution #13 from our resolutions, and that we make a resolution that we do not believe in having prayer lines or the teaching of laying on of the hands for the healing of our bodies in our churches.

24. Be it resolved that the executive board have a standing board meeting on Saturday afternoon of the ministers and deacons meeting. Let the one year man serve as chairman and the 3 year man serve as secretary. Let the secretary of the executive board report the board members' attendance of these meetings to the secretary of the Eureka Association. Let the position or place of any member who does not attend at least two of these four regularly scheduled meetings be declared vacant. These regularly scheduled meetings are not to prevent the board from meeting at its own discretion.

25. Be it resolved that the Examination Council have a standing board meeting on Saturday afternoon of the Associational Meeting and each Saturday afternoon of the 5th Sunday meetings.

Let the one year man serve as Chairman and the three year man as secretary.

Let the secretary of the examination council report the board members' attendance of these meetings to the secretary of the Eureka Association.

Let the position or place of any board member be declared vacant who does not attend at least 3 of the regularly scheduled meetings.

These regularly scheduled meetings are in no way to infer or insinuate that this board cannot meet at other times at the bidding of the Eureka Association or the 5th Sunday Meetings.

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 Savior 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory. Romans 1:2; 1st John 1:7; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Second Timothy 3-16; Matthew 5-18.

3. We believe that God created man good, and gave His holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for suffering of death crowned with glory. That he, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man. Gen. 3:17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore he sayeth, "Look unto Me and be saved, all Ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:20.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God, to inherit eternal life. John 3:3; 1st Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved upon the merit of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11; Mark 10:14; Duet. 1:39.

7. We believe that all Christians must persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gate into the city. We believe God's grace is sufficient so long as they walk in the path of duty, but those who willfully 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 I 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. Ga. 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.

YOUTH CAMP MONDAY MORNING

Approximately 90 attended. Song No. 276, "Come Unto Me" was sung. Prayer was led by Bro. Steve Bratton. Moderators were Bro. Andy Campbell and Bro. Steve Bratton.

Song leader was Anne Sheppard and Genelle Williams played the piano. Secretary was Sis. Zelma Adams assisted by Sharon Henderson.

To bring the morning message—Bro. Tommy Brown. Prayer was led by Bro. Don Wilson. Song No. 274, "I'm Too Near Home" was sung.

11 o'clock services opened by singing "When I See the Blood." Prayer was led by Sis. Phillips. Song No. 254, "I'm Bound for That City," was sung. We had United Prayer. The message was brought by Bro. Tommy Brown. His text was Act 4: 11-12. It was a good message. Song of invitation No. 124, "Just As I Am." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dale Wendlandt.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Services were led by Bro. Andy Campbell. We opened by singing song No. 176, "I'm Going That Way." Another song No. 94. Prayer was led by Sis. Carolyn Owens. Another song No. 247, "I'll Fly Away," was led by Anne Sheppard with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Sis. Jennie Wilson led prayer. The teachers took charge of classes.

MONDAY NIGHT

The services were opened with congregational singing, "Camping in Canaan Land" and "I Would Not be Denied." Prayer was led by Rev. A.J. Robinson. Another song, "He Set Me Free," was sung. Special singing "Amazing Grace" was sung by a quartet from McCurtain Church. The song, "Even So Lord Jesus Come," was sung by Sis. Sharon Henderson. "Come and Dine," was sung by Bobbie Gann, Donna Wilson, Tracey Robinson and Angela Edwards. "Lord Take the Hand of this Child," was sung by Sis. Shirley Smith. "My Child, You're Home at Last", was sung by Arthur and Delayne Carry. We had United Prayer.

More congregational singing, "Walking With the Lord," and "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," and "He Set Me Free." Testimony service was led by Bro. Steve Bratton. There were two who rededicated their lives to Christ. Bro. Henry Kates brought the message. He read several Bible scriptures. His text was "Now is the time for Salvation." Good message. Song of invitation was given. No. 276 "Come Unto Me" was sung. Dismissed by Bro. Sonny Owens.

TEACHERS

Ages through 9—Sis. Carolyn Owens
assisted by Sis. Jennie Wilson

Ages 10-13—Sis. Shirley Smith.

Ages 14-20—Bro. Steve Bratton.

All others, Rev. Norman Woodruff.

TUESDAY MORNING

The services were led by Bro. Andy Campbell. Song No. 198, "Come and Dine," was led by Anne Sheppard with Sis. Genelle Williams at the Piano. Prayer was led by Sis. Zelma Adams. Song No. 192, "I'll Meet You by the River," was sung. Another song, No. 45, "When the Saints Go Marching In" was sung. Prayer was led by Sis. Genelle Williams. Teachers took charge of classes.

11 o'clock services were opened by singing No. 196, "Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer was led by Sis. Jennie Wilson. Another song, "When I Looked Up," was sung. Prayer by Bro. Glen Kates. The message was brought by Rev. Dale Wendlandt. The text was II Kings 5:1-14, "We are Saved when we meet God's Expectations." Good message. Song of invitation No. 203 "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," was sung. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Bailes.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Services were led by Bro. Andy Campbell. Song, "If You're Happy and You Know It", was sung by the young people. Song. No. 64, "Just Over in the Glory Land" was sung, led by Anne Sheppard, with Sis. Shirley Smith at the piano. Dismissed by Bro. Andy Campbell.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Services were opened by Bro. Andy Campbell leading congregational singing, "Come Unto Me," and "I Know My Redeemer Liveth." Prayer was led by Rev. James Williams. Another song, "I'm Bound For That City" was sung. Special singing by Rev. and Sis. James Williams, "When I Step Off on That Beautiful Shore." Several young girls sang, "At the Cross." Vickie Campbell sang, "Touring That City." Sis. Shirley Smith sang, "My Child, You're Home At Last." Sis. Sharon Henderson sang "The Family of God." Had a united prayer. A good devotional was led by Bro. Don Woods. Song, "I want to Stroll Over Heaven". Had a handshake. Rev. Henry Kates brought a good message. Text was St. John 10: 11-15. "I Am the Shepherd and I Know My Sheep."

Song of invitation, "Where He Leads." Services were dismissed by Bro. Otho Williams.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Bro. Andy Campbell was in charge of the services. It began with young people singing, "If You're Happy and You Know It." Song No. 290, "Looking for a City" was led by Vickie Campbell, with Sis. Shirley Smith at the piano. Another song, "I'll Meet You in the Morning," was sung, also several other songs. We were dismissed by Bro. Andy Campbell. Teachers took charge of classes.

11 o'clock worship service opened by singing No. 70, "Living by Faith." led by Vickie Campbell, with Sis. Genelle Williams at the piano. Prayer was led by Sis. Beulah Williams. Vickie and Jeff Campbell sang, "The Family of God". The services were turned to Bro. Steve Bratton to bring the message. Text was St. John 6: 53-58. "The Blood." It was a real good message. Song of invitation No. 124, "Just As I am." Dismissed by Rev. Dale Wendlandt.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Services opened by singing, "I've Got the Joy Down In My Heart." Song No. 268 "When I Looked Up," was led by Vickie Campbell with Sis. Judy Perryman at the piano. Song No. 254, "I'm Bound for that City," was sung. Dismissed by Bro. Glen Kates. Teachers took charge of classes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Services were opened with song No. 276, "Come Unto Me", led by Anne Sheppard with Sis. Judy Perryman at the piano. Another song, No. 234, "Walking With the Lord." was sung. Prayer was led by Bro. Perryman. Song No. 96, "Victory in Jesus," was sung. United prayer. A good devotional service was led by Sis. Sharon Henderson. Special singing, "I Should Have Been Crucified," by Arthur and Delayne Carry. Several girls sang, "Touring that City." United Prayer. Rev. Henry Kates brought a good message. Text was Gen. 6: 13-18, "Noah's Faith." Song of invitation, No. 119, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" was sung. The services were dismissed by prayer.

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