

MINUTES

of

71st 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, 1979 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, 1980 A.D.

Thursday Evening
OPENING MESSAGE
Rev. Glenn Kates
Alternate
Rev. Melvin Reading

Friday, 11:00 A.M.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON
Rev. Dale Wendlandt
Alternate
Rev. Fred Riddle

Rev. Dale Wendlandt, Stigler, Moderator
Rev. Don Woods, Asst. Moderator
Sis. Ruby LaFave, Rt. 1, Box 670, Stigler, Okla., Treasurer-Clerk
Sis. Lessie Bailes, 501 Mimosa Drive, 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 Moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. Bennie Dill, singing "Sweet hour of Prayer," with Sis. Lessie Bailes at the piano. Had united prayer. The Moderator asked Bro. Eddie Cooper to lead the devotional. The opening message was by Bro. Tommy Brown. Reading was from James 4 ch.: 14-15-16 verses. Text—To the Lost. Good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Roland Smith.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt, asked the house to come to order. Singing was directed by Bro. George Fowler, singing #44, "There Will Be Room Enough" with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer was by Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Devotional reading by Bro. Robert Neldon. Reading was taken from St. Luke 16:19. Prayer by Bro. Melvin Reading. Motion was made by Bro. Glenn Kates to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Prayer by Bro. Vanis King. Call for letters, received 13. Motion made by Bro. A.J. Robinson to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Had song and right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt, and Asst. Moderator, Bro. Melvin Reading. The first item of business was the election of officers for another year. Bro. Dale Wendlandt was retained as Moderator, Bro. Don Woods was elected as Asst. Moderator, Sis. Ruby LaFave was retained as clerk and treasurer and Sis. Lessie Bailes was elected Asst. Clerk. The rules of order were read by Moderator. Petitionary letters were called for. Received none. Motion was made by Bro. Lee Smith to adjourn conference until one o'clock Friday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Apple.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

Services opened by singing, directed by Bro. George Fowler, singing #113, "Jesus Hold My Hand," with Sis. Teresa Ross at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Glenn Kates. Song #103, "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All." Service was turned to Bro. Norman Woodruff for the morning message. Reading from St. Matthew 7:24-27 and I Cor. 3:1-13. Heard a wonderful message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Eulan Parker.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was called to order by Moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. Julian Morris. Singing #100, "I Want to Know More About My Lord," with Teresa Ross at the piano. Prayer was by Bro. Bob Bailes. Devotional reading by Bro. Claud Royce. Reading from I Cor. 2: 1-16. Prayer by Bro. Jess Standifer. The Moderator called for letters. Received none. All visiting ministers were invited to sit in council. The appointing of committees. See Committees. After the appointing of committees, they were dismissed to bring in reports. The treasurer's report was given. See report. Motion was made by Bro. Bob Bailes to receive the report as read. As Cross Roads' donation was left out of the finance report in 1978 minutes, a motion was made to correct the mistake in this year's minutes. Cross Roads' donation to the youth camp was \$30. Sorry for the error. Motion was made by Bro. Melvin Reading to adjourn conference until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The body was declared back into conference by moderator. Call for letters. Received two. Motion was made to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Committees were dismissed to bring in reports. Had singing while waiting on committees. Report of pulpit committee. See report. Placings of quarterly meetings. See Quarterly Meetings. The election of a general board member. Replacing new members on different committees. See Committees. If there's a question why some of the names were replaced see resolution #24. Motion made to Bro. Lee Smith to adjourn conference until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Loyd Eakle.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Service was opened by singing. Directed by Bro. A.J. Pierce. Singing #112, "My Lord Keeps a Record," with Sis. Allene Pierce at the piano. United prayer. Special singing by Bro. and Sis. James Williams. Singing, "Touring That City." The names of the ones who have departed this life since our last association were read by clerk, Ruby LaFave.

Services were then turned to Bro. Melvin Reading for the Memorial Service. Text, "Comfort One Another with these Words." A good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. L.T. Brown.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Services opened by singing. Directed by Bro. A.J. Pierce. Singing #34. "Heaven's Really Gonna Shine," with Sis. Allene Pierce at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Fred Riddle. Reading from St. Mark 8: 1-2. Prayers by Bro. Johnnie Bratton and Bro. Raymond Shepherd. Call for letters. Received none. All committees were dismissed to bring in final reports. Had singing while waiting for reports. Motion made by Sis. Zelma Adams to send the three named delegates to represent the Eureka Association in the state association. See State Delegates. All committees turned in reports. See reports. Motion made by Bro. Glenn Kates to receive the reports and dismiss the committees. Motion made by Bro. Johnnie Bratton to adjourn conference until we meet at the quarterly meeting at Cross Roads in September.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Meeting was called to order by moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Singing #68 with Sis. Rita Jane Wilson at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Gary Wilson. Had more singing, then had united prayer. Devotional service was led by Sis. Zelma Brigance. Had good service. Song #176, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Jack Perdue. Service was turned to Bro. Glen Kates for the Saturday night message. Bro. Glenn then asked for prayer by Bro. Vanis King. Scripture reading was from Matt. 18:21 and Matt. 5: 21. Text, "Following Christ." Good message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Walter Kates.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Bro. Claud Royce, Sis. Beatrice Long, Sis. Ruby Young. We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have lost eight members. Names received as follows: Keota—Sis. Gean Short; Rose Hill—Sis. Vesta Lefler; Lone Elm—Toni Sue Harp; Cross Roads—Carah Honeycutt, Minnie Killian, Lillie Brown, Jack Cole; Brooken—Riley Boyd. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. Jack Kates, Bro. Robert Neldon, Sis. Ginger Dill. Thursday night, Bro. Tommy Brown brought the message. Friday morning, Bro. Norman Woodruff brought the introductory message. Friday night, Bro. Dale Wendlandt, the message. Saturday morning, Bro. Melvin Reading brought the memorial message. Saturday night, Bro. Glenn Kates brought the message.

EXAMINING COUNCIL

5 Yr. Man—Rev. Melvin Reading
4 Yr. Man—Rev. Tommy Brown
3 Yr. Man—Rev. Don Woods
2 Yr. Man—Rev. Glenn Kates
1 Yr. Man—Rev. Fred Riddle

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 Yr. Man—Bro. Roy Perryman
4 Yr. Man—Bro. Short Brigance
3 Yr. Man—Rev. Dale Wendlandt
2 Yr. Man—Rev. Glenn Kates
1 Yr. Man—Bro. R.A. Owens

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Melvin Reading
Bro. Vanis King
• Bro. Frank Fenton
No resolutions were made

QUERY AND REQUEST COMMITTEE

Bro. Claud Boothe
Bro. Larry Ross
Bro. Amos McPeters
No requests came in.

YARD COMMITTEE

3 Yr. Man—Bro. Johnnie Bratton
2 Yr. Man—Bro. Redmon Brigance
1 Yr. Man—Bro. Bob Bailes
Honorary members—W.M. LaFave and Snowden Robinson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Marie Kasiner, Sis. Okla McPeters and Sis. Jessie Timmons.
Yard Money, \$215.00
Minute Money, \$250.00
State Del. Money, \$250.00

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Hercel Hickman

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. James Williams, Muskogee, Okla.

PLACING OF PREACHERS AND DEACONS' MEETINGS

First, Sept. 22, at Cross Roads

Second, Dec. 22, at McCurtain

Third, March 22, at Lone Elm

Fourth, June 21, at Cass

PLACINGS OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

First, Cross Roads, September

Second, McCurtain, December

Third, Lone Elm, March, 1980

Fourth, Cass, June, 1980

DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Hercel Hickman

Bro. Bill Apple

Bro. Eugene Clough

COLLECTIONS

As treasurer of the Eureka FWB Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered, September 1978 to September 1979. At the end of the year 1978 we had in treasury, \$1,048.11.

Minute Money.....	261.00
Yard Money	184.00
State Delegate Fees.....	280.00
Sallisaw First Church	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lacy donation.....	10.00
Rose Hill Church	60.00
Concession Stand	150.91
North Side, Sallisaw	30.00
Sallisaw First	30.00
McCurtain	25.00
Lafayette	30.00
Lone Elm	30.00
Porum	40.00
Cross Roads	40.00
Perry	25.00
Keota	25.00
Cass	20.00
Money collected from selling old piano, \$25.00.	
Donation of \$3.51	
Making in treasury, \$2,337.53	

DISBURSEMENTS

Clara Doss, Asst. Clerk duties	\$35.00
R.E.A. Electric, payment for one year	52.77
State Association, delegate fees	320.00
Ricketts Music Co., rent on piano	40.00
Stigler News-Sentinel, for minutes	235.00
Ruby LaFave, clerk and treasurer duties	50.00
Farmers Insurance, payment for one year	275.00
Bob Bailes, Material for Y.C.	22.77
Shelton's Super Mkt., Gro. for Y.C.	55.94
White's Grocery, Gro. and ice for Y.C.	27.92
Vanis King, Ice for Y.C.	5.50
R.A. Owens, Ice for Y.C.	3.62
Pepsi Cola Co., drinks for Y.C.	76.50
Ricketts Music Co., Rent on Piano	50.00
Short's Food Mkt., Gro. for Y.C.	41.96
Long's Gro., Gro. for Y.C.	85.23
Charlene Shaw, Material for Y.C.	34.97
Cox Ins., Ins. on Children	25.00
Stamps Music Co., Song Books for Association	185.00
Total disbursements, \$1,623.18. Leaving in treasury, \$714.35. Prayerfully submitted by Ruby LaFave, association treasurer.	

DELEGATES

PERRY CHURCH: Bro. Carl Few, Bro. Claud Boothe, Sis. Nettie Boothe, Sis. Sallie Smith, alternate, Imogene Kelley, Clerk, Route 1, Box 500.

CROSS ROADS: Bro. Lee Smith, Bro. Robert Neldon, Sis. Lillie Jones, alternate, Sis. Dovie Burton, Sis. Pearl Horton, Clerk, Ethel Neldon, Box 151, Stigler, Okla.

CASS: Bro. Lowell Nolen, Sis. Lucille Kelton, Bro. Larry Ross, alternate, Sis. Teresa Ross, Clerk, Sis. Bernice Bisby, Route 2, Box 332.

ROCK FORD: Sis. Eunice Blaylock, Bro. Bill Long, Sis. Beatrice Long, Bro. Walter Blaylock, alternate, Clerk, Francene Blaylock, Route 1, Cartersville, OK 74934.

ROSE HILL: Bro. Claud Royce, Bro. Roscoe Hulsey, Sis. Juanita Robertson and Sis. Pat Williams, alternate. Clerk, Sis. Pat Percifield, Route 2, Stigler.

IRON BRIDGE—Sis. Maxine Perkins, Sis. Estella Shepherd, Bro. Jack Kates, Sis. Zelma Brigance, alternate. Clerk, Sis. Clara Doss, Route 1, Keota, OK 74941.

LAFAYETTE: Sis. Ruby Honeycutt, Sis. Grovie Pugh, Bro. Raymond Patton, alternate, Bro. Bob Bailes. Clerk, Alva Patton, Route 2, Box 640, Stigler, Okla.

TAMAHA: Bro. Eulen Parker, Sis. Rohda Parker, clerk, Clara Ward, Route 1, Stigler.

McCURTAIN: Sis. Ginger Dill, Sis. Thelma Phillips, Bro. Julian Morris, alternate, Joanna Pritchard, clerk, Jennie Wilson, McCurtain, Okla.

PORUM: Sis. Audie Woods, Sis. Meredith Spradlin, Betty Green, Bro. Roy Wood, alternate. Clerk, Gean Spradlin, Route 2, Box 90, Porum, OK.

LONE ELM: Sis. Dora Randall, Sis. Jessie Timmons, Sis. Pat Maxwell, alternate. Clerk, Sis. Marie Perdue, Route 2, Keota, OK.

FISH CREEK: Sis. Ruby Young, Sis. Imogene Young, alternates, Bro. Louis Kasiner, Sis. Verna Kasiner. Bro. Bill Burgess. Clerk, Sis. Charlene Burgess, Route 1, Kinta.

KEOTA: Sis. Okla. McPeters, Bro. Amos McPeters, Sis. Alice Tabor, Sis. Kid Finch, alternate. Clerk, Zelma Adams, Box 52, Keota, OK.

BROOKEN: Bro. A.J. Pearce, Sis. Deana Pearce, Sis. Allene Pearce. Clerk, Sis. Esther Reid.

SALLISAW NORTHSIDE: Bro. Jerry Copeland, Bro. Brian Bidwell, Sis. Betty Copeland, alternate, Bro. Eugene Clough. Clerk, Sis. Hazel Clough, 722 Maple, Sallisaw, Okla.

1979 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Rev. Curtis Suttlers	966-3273, Keota OK
Rev. Hercul 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,
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. Barney Phillips	Checotah, OK
Rev. Curtis Bias	Sallisaw, OK
Rev. Dale Tanksley	966-3217, Keota,
Rev. Archie Peters	501-474-6146, Rt. 3, Van Buren, AR
Rev. Watie Hendrix	Gans,
Rev. Dale Wendlandt	967-8631, Stigler, OK
Rev. P.E. Lambert	484-5266, Porum, 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
Rev. Raymond Qualls	427-5069, Muldrow, OK
Rev. Harold Morris	Fort Smith, AR
Rev. Ward Fellabaum	967-4725, Stigler, OK
Rev. Don Woods	967-2937, Stigler, OK
Rev. Nathaniel Craig	962-2578, Keota, OK
Rev. L.T. Brown	Midwest City, OK

1979 ASSOCIATION DEACONS

Bro. Short Brigance, 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.....	775-4597
Bro. B.F. Davis, Sallisaw, OK 74955.....	775-2648
Bro. Abe Sasser, Sallisaw, OK 74955.....	775-3143
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
Fred Eakle, Stigler, OK, Route 1.....	967-2763
Loyd Eakle, Stigler, OK, Rt. 1.....	967-4710
Kenneth Ward, Stigler, OK, Route 1.....	967-4402
Johnny Wilson, Sallisaw, OK.....	
O.E. Lamb, Route 2, Sallisaw, OK.....	918-755-5176
Homer Brown, Keota, OK.....	966-3296

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

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 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 Porum.

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.

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.

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

House called to order by Bro. Vanis King. Congregational song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Election of officers: Moderator, Bro. Brian Bidwell; assistant, Bro. Don Woods; Pianist, Sis. Pat Maxwell; Assistant, Sis. Judy Perryman; Song Leader, Annie Sheppard; Secretary, Sis. Melba Maxwell.

Congregational singing, "I'm Bound for That City," "Just Over in the Glory Land," and "I'm Too Near Home." Classes were assembled.

MORNING WORSHIP

Singing, "I'll Meet You in the Morning." Prayer was by Sis. Okla McPeters. Bro. Don Woods brought the message. Scripture, John 3: 14-16, "Wisdom In the Ways of Eternal Life." Dismissed in prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing, "Steal Away and Pray". Sis. Mainus led in prayer. "I'll Fly Away," was sung. Elected Bro. Glenn Kates for Monday night. Classes were assembled.

MONDAY NIGHT

Opened with singing. Bro. Brian Bidwell led devotional. Bro. Glenn Kates brought the message reading, Matt 5: 33. Dismissed in prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING

Opened with singing # 94. Sis. Artie Pruitt led in prayer. Song, "I'll Meet You by the River." Classes assembled.

MORNING WORSHIP

Song, "I'll Fly Away." Sis. Ruby Honeycutt led in prayer. Song, "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Bro. Norman Woodruff led in prayer. Bro. Dale Wendlandt brought the message. Romans 1: 16, "Not to be Ashamed of Jesus." Bro. A.J. Robinson was elected to bring Tuesday night message. Dismissed by Bro. Glenn Kates.

AFTERNOON

Song, "I Never Shall Forget the Day," "God Shall Wipe Away all Tears." Classes assembled.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Opened with congregational singing. Several specials. Bro. Glenn Kates led the services. Bro. Jerry Copeland led devotional. Bro. A.J. Robinson brought message, reading from Romans 10: 1-5. Dismissed in prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Opened singing, "He Set Me Free," and "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was by Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Songs, "Victory in Jesus," and "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Bro. Davis led in prayer. Bro. Archie Peters brought message. Scripture, Matt. 3: 13-15. Subject, "Jesus and How He Works." Dismissed in prayer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Opened with singing, "There's A City of Light," "I've Been Traveling Here in This Life," and "I'm Too Near Home." Bro. Melvin Reading led in prayer. Special singing, Judy and Junior Class, "Keep Praising the Lord." Devotional led by Sis. Tammy Norrid. Special song by Sis. June Looper, "Cried Holy." Bro. Don Woods brought the message. Mark 10: 13; II Peter 5: 6, "Humble Yourself Under the Will of God." Altar of prayer. Bro. Nolen Mainus dismissed in prayer. Dismissed youth camp with a hand shake and singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Average youth camp attendance was 126. Teachers were: Ages through 9—Sis. Jennie Wilson. Helpers, Mrs. Delbert Reading, Sis. Shirley Wader, Sis. Anita Boren, Sis. Dottie Willman. Ages 10-13, Sis. Alva Patton and Sis. Judy Perryman; Age 14, Sis. Shirley Smith and Bro. Brian Bidwell; All Others, Bro. Dale Wendlandt.

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