

# **MINUTES**

**of**

## **73rd 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, 1981, 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, 1982, A.D.

Thursday evening  
OPENING MESSAGE  
Rev. Norman Woodruff  
Alternate  
Rev. A.J. Robinson

Friday, 11:00 A.M.  
INTRODUCTORY SERMON  
Rev. Fred Riddle  
Alternate  
Rev. Melvin Reading

Rev. Dale Wendlandt, Stigler, Moderator  
Rev. Kenneth Turpin, Asst. Moderator  
Sis. Ruby LaFave, Rt. 1, Box 670, Stigler, Okla., Treasurer-Clerk  
Sis. Joyce Wendlandt, P.O. Box 569, Stigler, Okla., 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.

### **PREACHERS' AND DEACONS' MEETINGS**

First: 21 Nov., CROSSROADS CHURCH

Second: 23 Jan., LAFAYETTE CHURCH

Third: 22 May, ROCK FORD CHURCH

### **PLACING OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS**

First: 27 & 28 Nov., CROSSROADS CHURCH

Second: 29 & 30 Jan., LAFAYETTE CHURCH

Third: 28 & 29 May, ROCK FORD CHURCH

### **THURSDAY NIGHT**

House called to order by Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "Rainbow of Love," with Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Short Brigance. Song, "Heaven's Jubilee." Prayer by Bro. Jerry Copeland. Song, "Ten Thousand Angels." Had united prayer. Service was turned over to Sis. Lois Bibbs for the devotional service. Prayer by Rev. Ben Bush. The message was delivered by Rev. A.J. Robinson. Reading from Jude 1:3. Text, "The True Gospel." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Roy Perryman.

### **FRIDAY MORNING**

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "Lift Me Up Above the Shadow," with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading was by Bro. Ed Tatman. Reading from Philippians 2:16. Prayer by Rev. A.J. Robinson. Motion made by Rev. A.J. Robinson to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Prayer by Bro. Bill Apple. The Moderator called for the letters. Received fourteen. Motion made by Rev. A.J. Robinson to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates. The Moderator called for a song and the right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt, and Assistant Moderator, Rev. A.J. Robinson.

The first item of business was the election of officers to serve for another year. Rev. Dale Wendlandt was retained as Moderator. Rev. Kenneth Turpin was elected as Assistant Moderator. Sis. Ruby LaFave was retained as Clerk and Sis. Joyce Wendlandt was elected as Assistant Clerk. Rules of order were read by Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. A call was made for petitionary letters. Received none. Motion made by Bro. Lee Smith to adjourn conference until one o'clock Friday afternoon. Conference was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Raymond Shepherd. Song, "Just Over in the Glory Land Way." Had united prayer. Service was then turned to Rev. Fred Riddle for the introductory message. Reading from Romans 10 chapter. Text, "Righteousness." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ward Fellabaum.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Services were opened by singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian," with Sis. Lawana Johnson at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Bob Bailes. Reading from St. John 20 chapter. Declared back into conference by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. P.E. Lambert. Call for letters. Received none. All visiting ministers were invited to sit in council.

The next item of business was the appointing of the committees. See committees. The treasurer's report was given by Ruby LaFave. Motion made by Rev. Ward Fellabaum to receive the report as read. Report of pulpit committee. See report. Motion made by Rev. Melvin Reading to adjourn conference until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The afternoon service opened by singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "The Son Hath Made Me Free," with Lawana Johnson at the piano. Had united prayer. Service was then turned to Rev. Ben Bush, the speaker for the afternoon message. Reading from Jeremiah 6:16. Text, "The Old Paths." Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Jessie Timmons.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

The meeting was called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Nolen Smith. Singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "Really Gonna Shine," with Tracy Robinson at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Cleburn Shepherd. Sang another song, then united prayer. Service was then turned to Sis. Zelma Brigance to lead the devotional. Song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Service was then turned to Rev. Kenneth Turpin for the Friday night message. Reading from Hebrews 12: 25-29. Prayer by Rev. Turpin.. Text, "Let Us Have Grace Acceptable With Reverence and Godly Fear." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Claud Royce.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Services opened by singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "Way Down Deep in My Soul," with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Donald Jones. Reading from Ephesians 2: 1-10. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Reading. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. Call for letters. Received three. Motion made by Bro. Lee Smith to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator. Committees were dismissed to bring in reports. Had singing while waiting on reports. The pulpit and query and request committees made reports. See reports. Motion was made by Bro. B.F. Davis to take up a love offering to pay rent on piano. The request that a youth retreat be held during the spring break at school was discussed and then Rev. Robert Carter made a motion that the executive committee be responsible for looking at the possibility of having a youth retreat. Motion made by Bro. Short Brigance to adjourn conference until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Robert Carter.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "When We All Get to Heaven," with Lawana Johnson at the piano. The names of the deceased were read by the Assistant Clerk, Sis. Joyce Wendlandt. Had united prayer. Service was then turned to Rev. Melvin Reading for the memorial message. Text, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." Had invitational song. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Mitchell Blaylock.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Service opened by singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "I'll Have a New Body," with Sis. Lawana Johnson at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Billy Joe Long. Reading from St. John 1: 1-18. Prayer by Rev. Don Wood. Declared back into conference by moderator. The election of committees. See committees. Placing of the quarterly meetings. See 5th Sunday meetings. All committees were dismissed to bring final reports. Had singing while waiting on reports. Report of pulpit committee. See report. Sis. Joyce Wendlandt gave a report on the tabernacle fund with \$2,847.00 in treasury. Motion by Bro. Bill Apple to receive the report of the resolution committee. See report. Motion made by Rev. Robert Carter to accept the report and the corrections be made in our minutes. Motion made by Rev. Melvin Reading to accept all reports and dismiss the committees. Motion made by Rev. Don Wood to dismiss conference, hoping to meet again in 1982. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Abb Wallen.

### **SATURDAY NIGHT**

Service was opened by singing, directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Song, "God is Still on the Throne," with Sis. Joye Roye at the piano. Prayer by Sis. Alta Reading. Had more singing, then prayer by Sis. Clara Doss. Song, "Echoes From the Burning Bush." Had united prayer. Sis. Jewel Robinson had charge of the devotional service. Special singing by Bro. Larry Palmer. Song, "I Had Rather Have Jesus," and also "The Lights of Home," with Angie Blaylock helping on the second, with Sis. Joye Roye at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Johnnie Bratton. Service was turned to Rev. Don Wood for the message. Reading from Isa. 51: 1-20. Text, "Harken To Me, Ye That Follow After Righteousness." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Otho Williams. We heard some wonderful messages and testimonies during the association.

### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

Sis. Bess Fowler, Sis. Freda Doss, Sis. Beatrice Long. We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have lost fifteen members.

Names received are as follows:

Brooken: Sis. Eliza Prince

Cross Roads: Sis. Myrtle Cook, Sis. Georgia Preskitt, Sis. Grace Ramsey

Fish Creek: Sis. Marie Kasiner, Sis. Eula Lunsford

Iron Bridge: Bro. Walter Kates

Lone Elm: Bro. Claud Winn

Pioneer: Baby Marissa Dawn Smith

Porum: Sis. Lucy Barnes

Rock Ford: Bro. Walter Blaylock, Bro. Roland Smith

Rose Hill: Bro. Vanis King, Bro. Percy Woodruff, Sis. Eula Spradley

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

### **PULPIT COMMITTEE**

Sis. Esther Reid, Sis. Ruby Honeycutt, Bro. Bill Long.

Thursday night, Bro. A.J. Robinson brought the message, Sis. Lois Bibb conducted the devotional. Friday morning introductory message: Bro. Fred Riddle brought the message. Friday afternoon, Bro. Ben Bush brought the message. Friday night, Bro. Kenneth Turpin brought the message, Sis. Zelma Brigrance had charge of the devotional service. Saturday morning, Bro. Melvin Reading brought the memorial message. Saturday night, Bro. Don Wood brought the message, and Sis. Jewell Robinson led devotional.

### EXAMINING COUNCIL

5-year man--Rev. Dale Wendlandt  
4-year man--Rev. Fred Riddle  
3-year man--Rev. Melvin Reading  
2-year man--Rev. Norman Woodruff  
1-year man--Rev. Don Wood

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5-year man--Rev. Robert Carter  
4-year man--Rev. Ben Bush  
3-year man--Bro. Roy Perryman  
2-year man--Bro. Short Brigrance  
1-year man--Rev. Dale Wendlandt

### YARD COMMITTEE

3-year man--Rev. Melvin Reading  
2-year man--Bro. Raymond Patton  
1-year man--Bro. Johnnie Bratton  
Honorary members--W.M. LaFave, Bro. Snowden Robinson, Bro. Otho Williams, and Bro. Bob Bailes.

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert Carter, Bro. Ed Tatman, Bro. Fred Riddle  
Recommend that some corrections be made in minutes.

### QUERY AND REQUEST

Bro. Cleburn Shepherd., Bro. Claud Royce, Sis. Alice Tabor.

Due to the week of revival, our piano will cost extra. Because our churches will benefit from this revival, we recommend that we receive a love offering to defray this expense.

The young people are interested in Teen Retreat during break from school for two or three days, at tabernacle.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis Pam Reading, Sis. Audie Woods, Sis. Thelma Phillips. See financial report.  
Minute money, \$265.50; yard money, \$342.00; delegate money for State Association, \$310.00. Total collected, \$917.50.

### GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Hercel Hickman

### VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Monrow Lacy  
Rev. Wade Jernigan

As treasurer of the Eureka F.W.B. Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered, September, 1980, to September, 1981. At the end of the year 1980 we had \$561.08 left in treasury.

### COLLECTIONS

Yard and minute money and state delegate fees	\$858.00
Donation	25.00
Churches Donating--Rose Hill	60.00
Lafayette	50.00
McCurtain	30.00



N.S. Sallisaw	10.00
Lone Elm	25.00
Keota	40.00
Iron Bridge	40.00
Perry	50.00
Cass	20.00
Porum	20.00
Sallisaw First	30.00
Refund from Cookson Hills Coop	4.96
Donation--Sallie Smith	25.00
Donation--Julius Morris	100.00
Love Offering	80.60
Total in Treasury	\$2,069.64

### DISBURSEMENTS

Brian Bidwell, Ice for Y.C.	\$3.50
Jerry Copeland, Ice for Y.C.	5.25
Cookson Hills Co-op	92.54
Okla. State Association, delegate fees	340.00
Lessie Bailes, assistant clerk duties	35.00
Ruby LaFave, clerk and treasury duties	50.00
Farmer's Insurance	287.00
Stigler News-Sentinel, 300 minutes	260.84
Hilldale Bible College, Love Offering	80.60
White's Grocery, supplies for Y.C.	17.37
Stigler Lumber Co., posts for Y.C.	7.65
Shelton's Super Mkt., groceries for Y.C.	139.46
Gloria Palmer, teacher supplies	25.00
Joyce Wendlandt, Y.C. supplies	100.00
Cross & Sons, butane for Y.C.	33.00
Lafayette Sunday School, teacher supplies	20.97
Sigler Music Company, rent on piano	75.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$1576.18 S.C. 3.00</b>
Leaving in treasury	493.46
Prayerfully submitted by Ruby LaFave, association treasurer.	

### DELEGATES

**BROOKEN:** Bro. Loyd Reid, Sis. Esther Reid, Sis. Anna Vincent. Pastor, Rev. Jerry Copeland, by appointment; Clerk, Sis. Allene Pearce, Porum, OK 74455.

**CASS:** Sis. Chick Owens, Sis. Artie Lee Nolen, Sis. Betty Bratton; Alternate, Bro. Cecil Bratton; Pastor, Rev. A.J. Robinson; Clerk, Sis. Bernice Bisby, Rt. 2, Box 320, Stigler, 74462.

**CROSSROADS:** Bro. Lee Smith, Sis. Lillie Jones, Bro. Robert Neldon; Alternates, Bro. Fred Duncan, Sis. Lue Duncan; Pastor, Rev. Herchel Hickman; Clerk, Sis. Ethel Neldon, P.O. Box 151, Stigler, 74462.

**FIRST CHURCH, SALLISAW:** Sis. Artie Pruitt, Sis. Kay Owens, Sis. Mattie Maunis; Pastor, Rev. Archie Peters; Clerk, Sis. Pauline Tounzen, Sallisaw, OK 74955.



**FISH CREEK:** Sis. Imogene Young, Sis. Ruby Young, Sis. Geraldine Roye; Alternate, Bro. Louis Kasiner; Pastor, Rev. Norman Woodruff; Clerk, Sis. Charlene Burgess, Rt. 1, Kinta, 74552.

**IRON BRIDGE:** Sis. Beulah Cordle, Sis. Freda Doss, Bro. Redmond Brigrance; Alternate, Bro. Loy Doss; Pastor, Rev. Robert Carter; Clerk, Sis. Clara Doss, Rt. 1, Keota, OK. 74941.

**KEOTA:** Sis. Alice Tabor, Sis. Lora Tabor, Bro. Kenneth Burnes; Alternate, Sis. Betty Burnes; Clerk, Sis. Zelma Adams, Box 52, Keota, OK 74941.

**LAFAYETTE:** Bro. Bob Bailes, Sis. Vera Hurst, Sis. Ruby Honeycutt; Alternates, Bro. Clarence Honeycutt, Sis. Grovie Pugh; Pastor, Rev. Dale Wendlandt; Clerk, Sis. Alva Patton, Rt. 2, Box 640, Stigler 74462.

**LONE ELM:** Bro. Cleburn Shepherd, Sis. Jessie Timmons, Sis. Hazel Cowan; Alternate, Bro. Carl Dix; Pastor, Rev. Fred Riddle; Clerk, Sis. Marie Perdue, Rt. 2, Keota, OK 74941.

**MCCURTAIN:** Sis. Freda Arnwine, Sis. Thelma Phillips, Bro. Larry Palmer; Alternates, Sis. Velma Harmon, Bro. Julies Morris; Pastor, Rev. Ben Bush; Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson, McCurtain, OK 74944.

**NORTHSIDE FWB, SALLISAW:** Sis. June Looper, Sis. Misty Clough, Sis. Verna Norrid; Pastor, Rev. Watie Hendrix; Clerk, Sis. Vera Davis, 806 E. Mary, Sallisaw, OK 74955.

**PERRY:** Bro. R.B. Fowler, Sis. Opal Fowler, Sis. Myrtle Bradley; Alternate, Sis. Mable Snow; Pastor, Rev. Don Wood; Clerk, Sis. Imogene Kelley, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462.

**PIONEER FWB:** Sis. Liz Sirmans, Sis. Billie Bullard, Sis. Linda Smith; Alternate: Sis. Janie Bush; Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Turpin; Clerk, Sis. Donna Bohanan, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462.

**PORUM:** Bro. Robert Parsons, Sis. Mable Parsons, Sis. Violet Coughran; Alternate, Sis. Audie Wood; Clerk, Sis. Jean Spradlin, Rt. 2, Box 90, Porum, OK 74455.

**ROCK FORD:** Bro. Billy Joe Long, Sis. Lawanna Johnson, Sis. Beatrice Long; Alternate, Bro. Foster Johnson, Sis. June Turner; Pastor, Rev. Ward Fellabaum; Clerk, Sis. Francene Blaylock, Rt. 1, Cartersville, OK.

**ROSE HILL:** Bro. Claud Roye, Sis. Pam Reading, Bro. Roscoe Hulsey; Alternate, Sis. Judy Hulsey; Pastor, Rev. Melvin Reading; Clerk, Sis. Pat Percifield, Rt. 2, Stigler, OK 74462.

**TAMAHA:** Bro. Pete Smith, Sis. Colylene Henry, Sis. Jan Smith; Pastor, Rev. Curtis Maxwell, Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward, Rt. 1, Box 280, Stigler, OK 74462.

## DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Hercel Hickman  
 Bro. Leon Bohanan  
 Bro. Bill Apple

### 1980 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Rev. Curtis Bias	Sallisaw, OK 74955
Rev. C.A. Brown	Kinta, OK 74552
Rev. L.T. Brown	Midwest City, OK
Rev. Luther Brown	364-7133, Kinta, OK 74552
Rev. Tommy Brown	966-4395, Keota, OK 74941
Rev. Ben Bush	945-7595, McCurtain, OK 74944
Rev. Robert Carter	966-3538, Keota, OK 74941
Rev. Ward Fellabaum	967-4725, Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Watie Hendrix	Gans, OK
Rev. Hercel Hickman	967-4567, Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Glenn Kates	Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Henry Kates	967-4839, Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. P.E. Lambert	484-5266, Porum, OK 74455
Rev. Troy Madewell	945-7362, McCurtain, OK 74944
Rev. Curtis Maxwell	966-3334, Keota, OK 74941
Rev. John Maxwell Jr.	962-2783, Keota, OK 74941
Rev. Archie Peters	501-474-6146, Van Buren, Ark.
Rev. Raymond Qualls	427-5069, Muldrow, OK
Rev. Melvin Reading	967-4487, McCurtain, OK 74944
Rev. Fred Riddle	967-4800, Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. A.J. Robinson	967-2939, Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Hugo Smith	Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Curtis Suttles	966-3273, Keota, OK 74941
Rev. Dale Tanksley	966-3217, Keota, OK 74941
Rev. Kenneth Turpin	Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Dale Wendlandt	967-8631, Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Don Wood	967-2937, Stigler, OK 74462
Rev. Walker Wood	484-5912, Porum, OK 74455
Rev. Norman Woodruff	967-4972, McCurtain, OK 74944

### ASSOCIATION DEACONS 1980-81

Bro. Bill Apple, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4588
Bro. Mitchell L. Blaylock, Rt. 1, Cartersville, OK	962-3362
Bro. Leon Bohanan, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5490
Bro. Johnnie Bratton, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2727
Bro. Short Brigrance, Rt. 1, Keota, OK 74941	966-3349
Bro. Homer Brown, Keota, OK 74941	966-3296
Bro. Donell Bush, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5528
Bro. Frank Clyma, Rt. 2, Keota, OK 74941	966-3627
Bro. O.L. Crouch, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5533
Bro. B.F. Davis, 806 E. Mary, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-3143
Bro. Jessie Davis, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5530
Bro. Albert Dobson, 406 NE C, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2079

Bro. John Duke, Porum, OK 74455	484-5572
Bro. Melvin Duty, 813 W. Port Arthur, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
Bro. Fred Eakle, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2763
Bro. Loyd Eakle, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4710
Bro. Frank Fenton, Rt. 2, Stigler, OK 74462	967-8573
Bro. Clifton Few, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4993
Bro. George Folsom, Keota, OK 74941	966-3825
Bro. George Fowler, Rt. 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4466
Bro. Charlie Howell, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5491
Bro. Donald Jones, Keota, OK 74941	966-3257
Bro. Kenneth Kelley, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4951
Bro. Grady (Mack) Kinsey, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2950
Bro. E.O. Lamb, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
Bro. Doc Lowe, Keota, OK 74941	966-3932
Bro. Tommy McClary, Keota, OK 74941	966-3479
Bro. Gene Medlock, Keota, OK 74941	966-3749
Bro. R.A. Owens, Box 44, Gans, OK	
Bro. Clarence Pearce, Eufaula, OK 74452	
Bro. Roy Perryman, Rt. 2, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4066
Bro. Larry Pugh, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4074
Bro. Snowden Robinson, 805 N.E. A St., Stigler, OK 74462	967-2677
Bro. Larry Ross, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2674
Bro. Abe Sasser, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-3143
Bro. Owen Scott, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-4597
Bro. Nolen Smith, Keota, OK 74941	966-3354
Bro. Jess Standifer, Warner, OK 74469	463-2403
Bro. Ed Tatman, 605 N.E. 3rd, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2256
Bro. Kenneth Trickett, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2390
Bro. Abb Wallen, 809 N.E. A St., Stigler, OK 74462	967-2562
Bro. Kenneth Ward, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4402
Bro. Leonard Westbrooks, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5513
Bro. Cecil Wickersham, 506 N.W. K St., Stigler, OK 74462	967-2319
Bro. Otho Williams, Rt. 1, Keota, OK 74941	966-3762
Bro. Bernard Williamson, Keota, OK 74941	966-3402
Bro. Johnny Wilson, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
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## 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.

3. Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended giving the Executive Board control over the Youth Camp. This resolution was adopted, 1961. Rev. C.E. Kennedy, Rev. Major Followwill, Bro. Leamon Harrell, Bro. Vanis King, Bro. Abb Wallen, Committee.

### **RESOLUTIONS--1963**

4. Resolutions--Rev. Bailey Thompson, Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. Bernard Williamson.

As we are all interested in our youth, and we all have a part in youth camp, be it resolved that we form a committee, composed of one delegate from each church in the association, to meet with the Executive Board, at a time and place designated by the Executive Board, to work out plans, policy, changes, etc. Each church elect its own delegate.

### **RESOLUTIONS--1964**

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

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

### **RESOLUTIONS--1965**

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

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

7. We, the Resolution Committee, suggest that the names of the Ministers not found to be orthodox or who have moved or are deceased, be removed from the list of ministers in the minutes.

### **RESOLUTIONS--1966**

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

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

### **RESOLUTIONS--1967**

9. Be it resolved that the teachers for the Youth Camp be elected a month at least, before the camp time, so they will have more time for preparation.

### **RESOLUTIONS--1968**

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE--Bro. Gean Thomas, Bro. Curtis Suttles, Bro. Sherman Webb.

10. Let us resolve that the Eureka Association go on record that we do not believe or teach that Christ will set up a literal Kingdom on this earth which is known as a pre-millennial reign of 1000 years.

#### **RESOLUTIONS--1970**

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE--Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Bro. Walker Woods, Bro. Vanis King.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS--1973**

14. Be it resolved that any minister refusing to attend and support the quarterly meetings, preacher and deacons meeting and the association, by letter or person, shall be subject to discipline, unless providently hindered.

15. Be 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.

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 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**

20. Be it resolved that Article No. 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 No. 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 No. 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 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.

### 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 1:20 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.

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 20:20-21.

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

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

7. We believe that all Christians must persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gate into the city. We believe God's grace is sufficient so long as they walk in the path of duty, but those who wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty would backslide and if persist continually would be eternally lost. 1st Peter 1:4-5; 1st Cor. 10:1-13; Hebrews 12:15-17; 1st John 5:16; Hebrews 6:6; 2nd Peter 2:20.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior 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. Heb. 11:6, 2 Peter 3:9.

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; Rom. 10:9-13.

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; I Tim. 6:16.

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; I Cor. 15:42; Thes. 1:10; Rev. 20:12-13.

### YOUTH CAMP

The youth meeting of the Eureka Association met on June 15th for the annual meeting at the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle. The meeting was opened with songs led by Sis. Lucille Holt. Then we were led in prayer by Bro. B.F. Davis.

The elected officers for this year were Jeri Brown for song leader and Tammy Norrid as the piano player, with the camp director and assistant director acting as Moderator. Kathy Percifield, secretary.

We were dismissed to our a.m. classes, after classes were over we were let out for lunch with Bro. Jerry Copeland asking the blessings on the food.

The afternoon service was opened in prayer by Bro. Dale Wendlandt. We sang two songs and were dismissed to our classes. Following classes we were dismissed for the afternoon activities by Bro. Ben Bush.

The Monday night service was opened in prayer by Bro. A.J. Robinson. We sang three congregational songs, then had united prayer followed with testimony service led by Sis. Tammy Norrid. Special prayer by Bro. Jerry Copeland, then our Youth Camp evangelist, Rev. Don Wood, preached a wonderful message. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Irby Preskitt.

Tuesday, June 16th the service was opened in prayer by Ben Bush, followed by three congregational songs, then dismissed into our classes, our morning services began with prayer by Sis. Gloria Palmer, followed with congregational song service and a testimony service, led by Sis. Angie Weldon. The special singing was rendered by a group of youth from various churches. The morning message was delivered by Bro. Jerry Copeland. We were dismissed for lunch by a visiting minister, Rev. David Allen.

The afternoon service was opened in song by Sis. Darlene Taylor and some of the young campers. Rev. Dale Wendlandt led in prayer, followed with a song by Sis. Darlene Taylor. We were dismissed to class by Bro. Sonny Owens. We were dismissed after classes for the afternoon activities by Bro. Gene Cluck.

The night service was opened in prayer by Bro. Billy Blaylock. We sang three congregational songs and had an altar of prayer. Testimony service was led by Greg Copeland. After special singing, the pulpit was turned to Bro. Don Wood for another good message. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hercel Hickman.

Wednesday morning, June 17th opened in prayer by Sis. June Looper. Three songs were sung and then we were dismissed in prayer to our classes by Bro. Don Wood. The morning service was opened in prayer by Bro. Ben Bush, we had three congregational songs and united prayer. Special singing by primary class, singing "Do Lord," junior class singing, "He will roll you over the tide," and "He didn't come down." Bro. Jerry Copeland preached a good message from Matt. Ch. 12, we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dale Wendlandt. After lunch our service was opened in prayer by Sis. Stone, singing two congregational songs and then dismissed to class by Michael Barton. After classes we were dismissed to the activity time by Sis. Gloria Palmer. The Wednesday night service was opened in prayer by Bro. Ward Fellabaum, after our congregational singing and united prayer. We were blessed in song by the Scott Sisters. Bro. Melvin Reading led in prayer and Rev. Don Wood preached a wonderful message. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Eddie Cooper.

Thursday morning services were led by Bro. Brian Bidwell. After our song service we were dismissed to our classes. Our morning worship service was opened with united prayer. After a song service, Sis. Sheila Wade led a testimony service. We had a hand shake before Bro. Jerry Copeland preached the message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Brian Bidwell.

The afternoon service was opened in prayer by Bro. Jerry Copeland. We sang two songs and then the primary class sang for us. After classes, we were dismissed for our afternoon fun and games. The evening worship service was opened in prayer by Bro. Larry Palmer. After our congregational songs, Sis. Suzie Mayhall gave her personal testimony and sang for us. Special singing by the Pearce family. During this time, the spirit of the Lord fell in our midst and 21 souls were saved. Rev. Don Wood led the altar service but didn't need to preach, the Lord was already present. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Short Brigrance.

Friday morning opening service was led in prayer by Sis. Sandra Coyle. We sang two songs and were dismissed to our classes. In the morning worship service we had songs by the young children, prayer by Jeri Brown and testimony service led by Bro. Brian Bidwell. Preaching was by Bro. Ben Bush. Dismissed to lunch by Rev. Dale Wendlandt. The afternoon service was opened with singing and special songs by Tonya and Tammy Norrid. Dismissed in prayer to our classes.

Friday night service opened with singing and prayer by Bro. A.J. Robinson. After the preaching of God's word, two more souls were saved, making a total of 23 saved during the week of youth camp. PRAISE GOD!

Let us thank God for the five days of youth camp and for all the souls. Pray for the youth and let us try to bring them to maturity in Christ.

#### **TEACHERS**

**ADULTS--Rev. Dale Wendlandt**

**TEENS--Rev. Ben Bush**

**JUNIORS--Sis. Charlene Shaw; Assistant, Sis. Joetta Riddle**

**INTERMEDIATE--Sis. Lois Bibb; Sis. Lucille Holt  
and Sis. Diane Quick**

**PRIMARY--Sis. Gloria Palmer; Sis. Nita Barton**

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