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# **MINUTES**

of

## **74th 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, 1982, 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, 1983, A.D.

Thursday evening  
OPENING MESSAGE  
Rev. Don Wood  
Alternate  
Rev. Stanley Smith

Friday, 11:00 A.M.  
INTRODUCTORY SERMON  
Rev. A.J. Robinson  
Alternate  
Rev. Ben Bush

Rev. Dale Wendlandt, Stigler, Moderator  
Rev. Ward Fellabaum, 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: 23 Oct., 1982, CROSSROADS CHURCH

SECOND: 22 Jan., 1983, LAFAYETTE CHURCH

THIRD: 21 May, 1983, CASS CHURCH

FOURTH: 23 July, 1983, LONE ELM CHURCH

## PLACING OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

FIRST: 29/30 Oct. '82, CROSSROADS CHURCH

SECOND: 28/29 Jan., '83, LAFAYETTE CHURCH

THIRD: 27/28 May, '83, CASS CHURCH

FOURTH: 29/30 July, '83, LONE ELM CHURCH

## THURSDAY NIGHT

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. Earl Pyles. Singing "At Calvary" with Sis. Pat Maxwell at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Johnnie Bratton. Had more singing, then had united prayer. Service was turned to Bro. Leslie Honeycutt for the devotional service. Prayer by Rev. Ward Fellabaum. Special singing by Bro. Earl Pyles, Sis. Pat Maxwell and Sis. Joyce Wendlandt. Singing, "Who At My Door Is Standing?" The service was turned to Rev. A.J. Robinson, the speaker for Thursday night. Reading from St. Matthew 11:20-23. Text, "We Are Spiritually Dead." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Short Brigrance.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. B.F. Davis. Singing "Somebody Loves Me," with Sis. Lois Kinsey at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. John Duke. Reading from St. John 14:1-7. Prayer by Rev. John Maxwell Jr. Motion made by Rev. Ward Fellabaum to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Prayer by Rev. Curtis Suttles. The Moderator called for the letters; received 16. Motion made by Bro. Mitchell Blaylock to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates. Had song and right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt.

The first item of business was the election of officers to serve for the next year. Rev. Dale Wendlandt was retained as moderator. Rev. Ward Fellabaum was elected as the assistant moderator. The clerks were retained; Ruby LaFave, clerk and treasurer, and Sis. Joyce Wendlandt as the assistant clerk. Rules of order were read by Rev. Ward Fellabaum. Call for petitionary letters. Received none. Motion made by Rev. Fellabaum to adjourn conference until one o'clock Friday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Stanley Smith.

## THE INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

Service was opened by singing "Gettin' Ready To Leave This World," directed by Bro. Mack Kinsey with Sis. Francene Blaylock at the piano. Had united prayer. Special singing: solo by Sis. Marie Walker, singing: "He Touched Me," with Sis. Francene Blaylock at the piano. Song, "Heaven's Jubilee," was sung by Mack Kinsey, Irby Preskitt, Abb Wallen, Stanley Smith and Sis. Marie Walker, with Sis. Francene Blaylock at the piano. Service was turned to Rev. Dale Wendlandt for the message. Reading from Philippians 4: 16-18. Prayer by Rev. Glen Kates. Text: "Sacrifice Acceptable, Well Pleasing to God." Had an invitational song. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Mitchell Blaylock.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian," directed by Bro. Irby Preskitt with Sis. Blaylock at the piano. Devotional reading by Rev. Dale Tanksley. Reading from Psalms 121:1. Prayer by Rev. Glen Kates. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. Call for letters; received none. Invited all visiting ministers to sit in council. The appointing of committees. See Committees. The clerk, Ruby LaFave read the treasurer's report. See Report. Motion made by Bro. B.F. Davis to receive the report as read. A request from Rev. Robert Carter to have his name removed from the executive committee as he was going into another association. Motion was made by Bro. Irby Preskitt to grant his request. The appointing of more committees. See Committees. Rev. Dale Wendlandt requested that his name be removed from the examining council as it would be hard for him to meet with them and moderate the business. Motion made by Bro. Roscoe Hulsey to grant his request. Motion was made by Bro. Irby Preskitt to adjourn conference until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kenneth Reading. Singing in the afternoon service was directed by Bro. B.F. Davis. Singing "What A Savior," with Sis. Blaylock at the piano. Prayer by Rev. P.E. Lambert. Service was turned to Rev. Stanley Smith for the afternoon message. Reading from Romans 1-16. Text, "I'm Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Steve Bratton.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. Earl Pyles. Singing "I'm Too Near Home," with Sis. Lois Kinsey at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Cleburn Shepherd. Had more singing, then united prayer. Service was turned to Bro. Roscoe Hulsey for the devotional. After reading a scripture from 14 ch. of St. John we heard some wonderful testimonies. Had another song, then service was turned to Rev. Glen Kates for the Friday night message. Reading from 1st Peter 4:17. Text, "If the Righteous Scarcely be Saved, Where Shall the Ungodly and the Sinners Appear?" Had song and handshake after one soul being converted. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fred Eakle.

## SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by B.F. Davis, singing "When We All Get to Heaven," with Sis. Tracy Robinson at the piano. Devotional reading by Rev. Steve Bratton from St. Luke 9:23. Prayer by Rev. Jerry Copeland. The Moderator declared the body back into conference. Called for letters; received one. Motion made by Bro. Lee Smith to receive the letter and seat the delegates. Right hand of fellowship was given

by Moderator and Asst. Moderator. Report of the Examining Council. See Report. Motion made by Bro. Irby Preskitt to receive the report for discussion. The recommendation was that we send the extra five dollars for the State Delegate fees. Had singing while waiting on reports from committees. Report of examining council. Motion made by Bro. Irby Preskitt to receive the report. See Report. Motion made by Bro. Claud Roye to adjourn conference until one o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Opened by singing. Directed by Bro. B.F. Davis singing, "What A Saviour," with Sis. Tracy Robinson at the piano. Had united prayer. Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Duel Cones. The song, "Where No One Stands Alone," was sung, then the assistant clerk read the names of the deceased. Had a moment of silent prayer, then a beautiful prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan. The service was turned to Rev. Ward Fellabaum for the memorial message. Reading from Malachi 3:16-17 and Revelations 20:11-12. Text, "The Book of Remembrance." Had invitational song. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Otho Williams.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Service was opened by singing, "My Lord Keeps A Record," directed by Bro. B.F. Davis with Sis. Dovie Woodruff at the piano. Devotional reading by Bro. Roy Perryman. Reading from Romans 14:4-13. Prayer by Bro. Nolen Manius. Declared back into conference by Moderator. Rev. Ben Bush was elected as the general board member. The election of state delegates. See State Delegates. Placing of the quarterly meetings. See Quarterly Meetings. Report of resolution committee. Motion made by Irby Preskitt to receive the report for discussion. See Resolutions. Motion made by Rev. Ward Fellabaum to adopt resolution. Committees were dismissed to bring in final reports. A report on the building fund was given by Sis. Joyce Wendlandt, with \$9,422.09. Report of pulpit committee. See Reports. Motion made by Bro. Lee Smith to receive all reports and dismiss the committees. Time was given to Rev. Wade Jernigan for a short talk in which he gave sincere thanks to all who extended help to him and his family while he was in the hospital. We were very thankful that he was able to attend our association. Motion made by Bro. Irby Preskitt to dismiss conference until we meet again at our quarterly meeting. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Long.

### SATURDAY NIGHT

Service opened by singing, directed by Bro. Earl Pyles. Song, "Jesus, Hold My Hand," with Sis. Tracy Robinson at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Hercul Hickman. Had more singing, then had united prayer. Service was then turned to Sis. Lois Bibb, for devotional service. Song, "I Need No Mansions Here," directed by Bro. Julius Morris. Sang, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Special song, "How Great Thou Art" by Bro. Earl Pyles, Sis. Becky Hickman and Sis. Joyce Wendlandt. Service then turned to Bro. Steve Bratton for message. Reading from Luke 19:12-13, Ezekiel 36:26. Text: "Occupy Till I Come." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Frank Fenton.

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Alice Tabor, Sis. Nell Kinsey, Bro. Bill Long. We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have lost twelve members. Names received are as follows:

BROOKEN: Sis. Emily Pearce

CROSSROADS: Bro. Oscar Edwards, Bro. H.R. Howard, Sis. Nettie Howard, Bro. Hansel McSpadden, Bro. Irvin Reed

KEOTA: Sis. Ebbie Brown, Bro. D.G. Lowe, Bro. Tommy McClary

NORTHSIDE SALLISAW: Bro. Harvey Neu, Sis. Ellen Wright.

ROCKFORD: Sis. Vina Duncan

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

### PULPIT COMMITTEE

Sis. Artie Lee Nolen, Bro. Claude Roye, Sis. Jessie Timmons.

Thursday night, Bro. A.J. Robinson brought the message, Bro. Leslie Boyd Honeycutt conducted the devotional. Friday morning introductory message: Bro. Dale Wendlandt brought the message. Friday afternoon, Bro. Stanley Smith brought the message. Friday night, Bro. Glen Kates brought the message, Bro. Roscoe Hulsey had charge of the devotional service. Saturday morning, Bro. Ward Fellabaum brought the memorial message, Bro. Duel Cone had charge of the devotional service. Saturday night, Bro. Steve Bratton brought the message, and Sis. Lois Bibb led the devotional.

### EXAMINING COUNCIL

5-year-man--Rev. Don Wood  
4-year man--Rev. A.J. Robinson  
3-year man--Rev. Fred Riddle  
2-year man--Rev. Melvin Reading  
1-year man--Rev. Norman Woodruff

we, the examination committee, recommend that Bro. Stanley Smith be accepted into Eureka Association, on promise of letter. We also recommend that Bro. Bill Burgess and Bro. Gerald Browning be ordained as deacons in Eureka Association.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5-year man--Rev. Ward Fellabaum  
4-year man--Bro. B.F. Davis  
3-year man--Rev. Ben Bush  
2-year man--Bro. Roy Perryman  
1-year man--Bro. Short Brigance

### YARD COMMITTEE

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

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Kenneth Reading, Sis. Geraldine Roye, Bro. Raymond Patton.  
Be it resolved that no member of Association shall be elected to more than one office on the standing boards of Association.

## QUERY AND REQUEST

Bro. Bill Burgess, Sis. Agnes Mooneyham, Bro. Irby Preskitt. No action taken.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Pat Percifield, Bro. Steve Bratton, Sis. Verna Norrid.

Minute Money, \$320.00

Yard Money, \$315.00

Delegate Fee, \$320.00

Total Collected, \$955.00

## GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Ben Bush

## VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Wade Jernigan

As treasurer of the Eureka F.W.B. Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered September, 1981, to September, 1982. We had in treasury at end of year 1981--\$493.46.

## COLLECTIONS

Yard, Minute and State Delegate Money	\$917.50
Love Offering to pay rent on piano	135.00
Donation, Mrs. Lacy	10.00
Refund from R.E.A.	2.75
Love Offering for Rev. Jernigan	137.32
From Concession Stand	269.58
Resale of Candy	60.11
Churches donations, Rock Ford	35.00
Lafayette	170.00
Perry	95.00
Porum	45.00
Keota	60.00
Cass	60.00
1st Sallisaw	46.00
Brooken	45.00
McCurtain	160.00
Lone Elm	70.00
Rose Hill	80.00
Iron Bridge	110.00
Cross Roads	20.00
Pioneer	20.00
North Side, Sallisaw	35.00
Making in Treasury	3,066.72

## DISBURSEMENTS

State Delegate fees	\$340.00
R.E.A. electricity for a year	99.74
Pd. out for checks	1.63
Farmers Ins. Co.	287.00
Stigler News-Sentinel	331.00



Joyce Wendlandt, asst. clerk duty .....	35.00
Ruby LaFave, clerk and treasury duty .....	50.00
Sigler Music Co., rent on piano .....	125.00
Love offering for Rev. Wade Jernigan .....	137.32
Gloria Palmer, teachers' supplies .....	5.87
White's Gro., supplies for Y.C. ....	326.83
Shelton's Super Mkt., supplies for Y.C. ....	134.11
Gulley's Service Sta., ice for Y.C. ....	27.25
Fort Smith Restaurant Supply, silverware .....	109.90
Lafayette Church, teacher supplies .....	25.00
State Association .....	117.00
Marie Walker, teacher supplies .....	25.00
June Looper, teacher supplies .....	25.00
Cross & Sons, butane for Y.C. ....	35.00
James Bates, tuning piano .....	30.00
Oklahoma Book Store, deacon's forms .....	2.04
Service Charge .....	10.00
Total Expenses .....	2,279.69
Had left in Treasury .....	787.03

Prayerfully submitted by Ruby LaFave,  
Association Treasurer

## DELEGATES

**BROOKEN:** Bro. Carnel Duvall, Sis. Faye Duvall, and Sis. Marie Walker; Pastor, Rev. Jerry Copeland; Clerk, Sis. Allene Pearce, Porum, OK 74455.

**CASS:** Bro. Steve Bratton, Sis. Nell Kinsey, Sis. Artie Lee Nolen; Alternate, Sis. Lucille Kelton; Pastor, Rev. A.J. Robinson; Clerk, Sis. Bernice Bisby, Rt. 2, Box 320, Stigler, OK 74462.

**CROSSROADS:** Sis. Jan Dunkin, Bro. Irby Preskitt, Bro. Lee Smith; Alternate, Bro. Robert Neldon; Pastor, Rev. Herchel Hickman; Clerk, Sis. Ethel Neldon, P.O. Box 151, Stigler, OK 74462.

**FIRST SALLISAW:** Sis. Rhonda Pruitt, Sis. Linda Stanford, Bro. Jesse Owen; Alternate, Sis. Sandy Owens; Pastor, Rev. Archie Peters; Clerk, Sis. Artie Pruitt, Box 103, Gans, OK 74936.

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

**IRON BRIDGE:** Sis. Freda Doss, Bro. Loy Doss, Sis. Lora Sutter; Alternate, Sis. Beatha Wood; Pastor, Rev. Don Wood; Clerk, Sis. Clara Doss, Rt. 1, Keota, OK 74941.

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

**LAFAYETTE:** Bro. Leslie Honeycutt, Bro. David Quick, Bro. Bob Bailes; Alternates, Bro. Clarence Honeycutt, Bro. Raymond Patton; Pastor, Rev. Dale

Wendlandt; Clerk, Sis. Alva Patton, Rt. 2, Box 640, Stigler, OK 74462.

LONE ELM: Sis. Agnes Mooneyham, Sis. Jessie Timmons, Sis. Okla McPeters; Alternate, Bro. Amos McPeters; Pastor, Rev. Fred Riddle; Clerk, Sis. Marie Perdue, Rt. 2, Keota, OK 74941.

McCURTAIN: Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Helen Blaylock, Sis. Wanda Blaylock; Alternate, Sis. Velma Harmon; Pastor, Rev. Ben Bush; Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson, McCurtain, OK 74944.

NORTHSIDE SALLISAW: Sis. Verna Norrid, Sis. Dorothy Looper, Bro. Eugene Clough; Alternate, Sis. Tonya Norrid, Sis. June Looper; Pastor, Rev. Watie Hendrix; Clerk, Sis. Hazel Clough, 722 N. Maple St., Sallisaw, OK 74955.

PERRY: Sis. Sallie Smith, Sis. Mable Snow, Bro. Clifford Ary; Alternate, Sis. Lucille Tyler; Pastor, Rev. Tommy Brown; Clerk, Sis. Imogene Kelley, Rt. 1, Box 500, Stigler, OK 74462.

PIONEER: Sis. Bertice Horton, Sis. Gladys Horton, Sis. Isabelle Sirmans; Alternate, Sis. Donna Bohanan; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Smith; Clerk, Sis. Linda Smith, Rt. 4, Box 279A, Stigler, OK 74462.

PORUM: Bro. Henry Duke, Sis. Audie Wood, Sis. Violet Coughran; Alternate, Sis. Ethel May; Pastor, Rev. John Maxwell, Jr.; Clerk, Sis. Jean Spradlin, Rt. 2, Box 90, Porum, OK 74455.

ROCK FORD: Bro. Bill Long, Sis. Beatrice Long, Sis. Eunice Blaylock; Alternate, Sis. June Turner; Pastor, Rev. Ward Fellabaum; Clerk, Sis. Francene Blaylock, Rt. 1, Cartersville, OK 74934.

ROSE HILL: Bro. Kenneth Reading, Bro. Claud Royce, Sis. Pat Percifield; Alternate, Sis. Sheila Wade; Pastor, Rev. Melvin Reading; Clerk, Sis. Pam Reading, Rt. 1, McCurtain, OK 74944.

TAMAHA: Sis. Myrtle Cone, Sis. Jan Smith, Sis. Lucille Henry; Pastor, Rev. Curtis Maxwell; Clerk, Sis. Clara Ward, Rt. 1, Box 280, Stigler, OK 74462.

## DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Leon Bohanan  
Bro. Bill Apple  
Sis. Marie Walker

## 1982 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Rev. Curtis Bias, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-9783
Rev. C.A. Brown, Rt. 1, Kinta, OK 74552	768-3340
Rev. L.T. Brown, Midwest City, OK	
Rev. Luther Brown, Kinta, OK 74552	364-7133
Rev. Tommy Brown, Keota, OK 74941	966-4395
Rev. Ben Bush, McCurtain, OK 74944	945-7595
Rev. Ward Fellabaum, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4725
Rev. Watie Hendrix, Gans, OK	775-2127

Rev. Hercel Hickman, Rt. 2, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4567
Rev. Glen Kates, Stigler, OK 74462	967-3197
Rev. Henry Kates, 1015 N.W. 10th St., Stigler, OK 74462	967-4839
Rev. P.E. Lambert, Porum, OK 74455	484-5266
Rev. Troy Madewell, McCurtain, OK 74944	945-7362
Rev. Curtis Maxwell, Keota, OK 74941	966-3334
Rev. John Maxwell, Jr., Keota, OK 74941	962-2783
Rev. Archie Peters, Van Buren, Ark.	501-474-6146
Rev. Melvin Reading, Rt. 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4487
Rev. Fred Riddle, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4800
Rev. A.J. Robinson, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2939
Rev. Hugo Smith, Stigler, OK 74462	
Rev. Stanley Smith, Rt. 1, Box 104, Gore, OK 74435	
Rev. Curtis Suttles, Keota, OK 74941	966-3273
Rev. Dale Tanksley, Keota, OK 74941	966-3217
Rev. Dale Wendlandt, P.O. Box 569, Stigler, OK 74462	967-8631
Rev. Don Wood, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2937
Rev. Walker Wood, Porum, OK 74455	484-5912
Rev. Norman Woodruff, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4972

### ASSOCIATION DEACONS 1982

Bro. Bill Apple, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4588
Bro. Harold Barkley, McCurtain, OK 74944	945-7331
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 Brigance, 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
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Bro. Idis Daniel, Rt. 1, Kinta, OK 74552	967-2966
Bro. B.F. Davis, 806 E. Mary, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-3143 2648
Bro. Jessie Davis, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5530
Bro. Albert Dobson, 406 N.E. 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. C.D. Hoose, Porum, OK 74455	
Bro. Charlie Howell, Rt. 4, Stigler, OK 74462	799-5491
Bro. Roscoe Hulsey, Rt. 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	
Bro. Donald Jones, Keota, OK 74941	966-3257
Bro. Jack Kates, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	
Bro. Kenneth Kelley, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4951
Bro. Grady (Mack) Kinsey, Rt. 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2950
Bro. O.E. Lamb, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
Bro. Gene Medlock, Stigler, OK 74462	

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 Street, 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. Raymond Shepherd, Keota, OK 74941	966-3767
Bro. Luther Smith, Quinton, OK	799-5510
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. Cecil Wickersham, 506 N.W. K, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2319
Bro. Otho Williams, Rt. 1, Keota, OK 74941	966-3762
Bro. Bernard Williamson, Stigler Nursing Home	
Bro. Johnny Wilson, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
Bro. Lester Woodruff, Rt. 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4558

#### 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, preachers' and deacons' meetings 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 associa-



tion 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.

## RESOLUTIONS--1982

Committee: Bro. Kenneth Reading, Sis. Geraldine Royce, Bro. Raymond Patton.

26. Be it resolved that no member of Association shall be elected to more than one office on the standing boards of Association.

### 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. 1 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. 1 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.

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## YOUTH CAMP

The youth meeting of the Eureka Association met June 14th through 18th for the annual meeting at the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle. Officers for this year were: Sandra Coyle, secretary; Tammy Norrid, piano player; Misty Clough, song leader, and Sheila Wade, assistant song leader. The camp director and assistant director acted as moderator.

### Monday

Camp Director Ben Bush discussed the do's and don'ts of camp and dismissed everyone to their classes.

Our morning service was opened in prayer and singing, "Victory In Jesus," "Looking For A City," and "Just A Little Talk with Jesus." Bro. Wendlandt directed our minds to God in prayer; the service was turned to Bro. Jerry Copeland for the morning message. Bro. Steve Bratton dismissed us from the morning service for lunch.

Afternoon service opened with songs, The "Sweetest Name I Know" and "Jesus Hold My Hand." Bro. Don Woods led in prayer and dismissed to class. After classes, Bro. Jerry Copeland shared about the recreation for camp, with us and dismissed in prayer.

Monday night service opened in prayer by Bro. Brigance. We sang, "Way Down Deep In My Soul," "It's Different Now," "Camping in Canaan Land" and "When We All Get To Heaven." We had a testimony service led by Sis. Tammy Norrid. Congregational song, "O, How I Love Jesus." Specials by Angie Weldon, Tonya Norrid, Amy Manius, And Anabell, Misti, Tammy, Donna and Greg. Prayer led by Bro. Melvin Reading and service was turned to Bro. Dale Wendlandt. He preached a good message. Closing song, "Just As I Am."

## Tuesday

Opened in prayer and song service, dismissed to our classes. After class we assembled together for morning service, opened with song service and prayer. Special singing by Sister June Looper and family and services turned to Bro. Jerry Copeland for a good message from God's word. After lunch it was back to assembly and class, prayer by Bro. Roy Perryman, song, "What A Friend I Have In Jesus" and "I'm Too Near Home." Tuesday night service was opened by Bro. Steve Bratton in prayer. Songs and testimony service were led by Sister Amy Manius. Bro. Dale Wendlandt brought a good message from God's word.

## Wednesday

Prayer by Bro. Ben Bush, song service and were dismissed to classes. After classes we assembled for service led in prayer by Bro. Dale Wendlandt. Had a good song service. Altar of prayer called for, testimony service led by Bro. Mark Brashier. Had special singing by our youth, congregational song, "Amazing Grace," and Bro. Jerry Copeland preached. Dismissed to lunch. Back to tabernacle for song service and prayer, then to class. Dismissed in prayer for afternoon recreation. Wednesday night, opened in prayer and song service, had special songs by Sister Sheila Wade, Angie Weldon, youth group, Lafayette Church group and all the men. Had altar of prayer and testimony service. Prayer and turned service to Bro. Dale Wendlandt for a good message, dismissed from service in prayer.

## Thursday

Thursday morning was opened in prayer by Bro. Mack Kinsey. We sang, "Are You Washed In the Blood?" "Jesus I Am Coming Soon," and "Jesus Loves Me." Bro. Irby Preskitt led in prayer to dismiss us to our classes. Bro. Irby Preskitt presided in morning worship service. Led in prayer by Sister Ruby Honeycutt. We sang, "Lily of the Valley" and "I'm Too Near Home." Had united prayer, then sang "Blessed Assurance." Sister Verna Norrid led testimony service. Bro. Irby Preskitt introduced Bro. Jerry Copeland to preach the morning service. Bro. Jerry asked Sister Tammy Norrid to lead in prayer. Bro. Jerry preached a good message from Deuteronomy. Bro. Irby Preskitt called on Sister Grovie Pugh to dismiss in prayer for lunch. Thursday afternoon, we sang, "Surely Goodness and Mercy," "Just A Little While." The little children sang a special, "Wise Man, Foolish Man." We had a word of prayer by Sister Kay Woods and were dismissed to classes. Thursday night, services were started by song, "The Old Gospel Ship" and "I Need Thee Every Hour." Specials were by the 8 and 9-year-old class. Sister June's class, 8-12, and the pre-school class. Had united prayer. Testimony service led by Kerry Ryan. Specials by Angie Weldon; Tammy Norrid, Misti Clough, Amy Manius, Tonya Norrid, Anebella; Lafayette Free Will Baptist Church group; Tammy and Misti; Bro. Ben's youth group. Prayer by Sister Nolen. Bro. Dale Wendlandt preached message from Acts 24: 24-27. Closed with song, "Almost Persuaded."

During the youth camp 23 young people came to know the Lord.



## TEACHERS

ADULTS: Rev. Dale Wendlandt

TEENS: Rev. Ben Bush

JUNIORS: June Looper

INTERMEDIATE: Dianne Quick

PRIMARY: Gloria Palmer

We appreciate so much Bro. Mark Brashier from Hillsdale Bible College being with us during our camp and sharing about the college and helping us with camp.

We appreciate our people who gave so generously of themselves and their time to teach, preach, cook, serve and help with this camp. Thank you so much.

Bro. Ben Bush

## 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.

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