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PREAMBLE OF CHURCH CONFERENCE.

1. Song and prayer.
2. Call Church into Conference.
3. Invite visiting Bretheren and Sisters to seats in Conference.
4. Read Minutes of last Conference and take up all unfinished business.
5. Call for peace of Church, answering by giving right hand of fellowship.
6. Invitation for members.
7. Is any member sick or in distress?
8. New business.
9. Motion to adjourn.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read letters from the Churches.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reception of new members.
4. Invitation to visiting Bretheren to take seats.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appointment of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Appointments of correspondence.
10. Time and place of holding next session.
11. Election of minister to preach introductory.
12. Adjournment of the association.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSNCIATION

The Second Annual Session of the Consolidated Eureka and Roberts McGee Association of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, convened with the Harmony Grove church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1919.

The next association will be held with Prairie Grove No. 1 church, six miles south of Stigler and six miles north of Lequire, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1920. Brother Rob McElvain to preach the introductory sermon; Brother John Vaughan, alternate.

ELDER J. M. ROBERTS,
Moderator.

BROTHER M'GEE,
Assistant Moderator.

J. C. SMITH,
Clerk.

W. M. LAFAVE,
Assistant Clerk.

Thursday Night Session.

The association was opened by singing and prayer after which the introductory sermon was preached by Brother J. M. Roberts, concluded by Brother McGee. Had a real good service, several conversions; no business was transacted; adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday Morning Session.

The association met as per adjournment. The house was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother McGee, after which the following business was transacted:

Called for Church Letters and received the following:

Royal Oak Church—Brother Willie George, Brother Albert Darnal, Brother Herman Fowler; Brother Ford, moderator; Sister M. T. Barnes, church clerk, postoffice, Panama.

Mountain View Church—Brother Frank Means, Sister

Jettie Means, Brother W. M. Southerland; Charles Kinsey, moderator; Sister Pearl Tanksley, church clerk, postoffice, Bokoshe.

Harmony Grove Church—Brother M. E. Altstatt, Sister Nancy Springman, Sister Emma Mathis; Brother L. R. Crumb, moderator; Sister Lillie Crumb, church clerk, postoffice, Spiro.

Sugar Loaf Church—Brother Walter Dawson and his wife; Brother George Doyle; Brother J. C. Nuby, moderator; R. L. Lewis, church clerk.

Plainview Church—Brother J. M. Ray, Brother Fred Manley; Brother Stankewitz, moderator; Brother Edd Farr, church clerk, postoffice, Bonanza, Ark.

Friendship Church—Sister Maggie King, Sister Oma King, Sister Marie King; Brother J. C. Nuby, moderator; Ida Readrick, church clerk, postoffice, Howe.

Prairie View Church—Sister Flora Peck, Brother S. F. Kidd; Brother S. G. Frazier, moderator; Brother Clifford Trickett, church clerk, postoffice, Stigier.

Prairie Grove Church No. 2.—Brother W. J. McDaniel, Brother C. Adams, Brother Thomas Cheek; Brother L. R. Crumb, moderator; Brother C. Adams, church clerk, postoffice, Poteau.

New Harmony Church—Brother W. R. Oller, Brother R. M. Pierce, Brother J. M. Guthrie; Brother R. H. Byrd, moderator; Sister Emma Hardaway, church clerk, postoffice, Red Oak, Okla.

Brazil Church—Brother Jake Goodson, Sister Virgie Goodson; Rev. Charles Kinsey, moderator; Sister Virgie Goodson, church clerk, postoffice, Brazil, Okla.

Cass Church—Brother C. C. Garland, Brother Jack Harvel, Brother Henry Hartgraves; Rev. T. M. Arnold, moderator; Sister Eva Robbins, church clerk, postoffice, Kanima.

Perry Church—Brother and Sister W. M. Lafave, Sister Ella Hill; Rev. S. G. Frazier, moderator; Brother W. M. Lafave, church clerk, postoffice, Stigler.

Iron Bridge Church—Sister Eunice Spence, Sister Elca Bernard, Sister Gladys Akins, Brother McNerlin, Brother Sam

Hargis, Brother G. W. Oliver, moderator; Brother Earl Cone, church clerk, postoffice, Route 1, Box 11, Keota.

Prairie Grove Church No. 1.—Brother G. B. Robertson, Sister Mollie Robertson, Brother Richard Bonds, Brother J. A. Martin, Sister Luvina Martin, Brother A. M. Smith, Sister

Jennie Smith; Brother T. O. Barnes, moderator; Sister Dovie Honeycutt, church clerk, postoffice, Stigler.

Rocky Point Church—Brother W. Y. Pinnell, Brother Bud Cole, Sister Alice Smith, Sister Delours Danley; Rev. T. M. Arnold, moderator; Brother F. L. Thomason, church clerk, postoffice, McCurtain.

Fair Hill Church—Brother J. H. Shipman, Brother Everett Colton, Sister Ethel Shelton, Sister Georgia Brown as delegates; Sister Maggie Shipman and Nora Shipman, Ader Archer, Voda Brock as alternates; Rev. S. G. Frazier, moderator; Sister Nora Shipman, church clerk, postoffice, Cameron, Okla.

Kennedy Church—Brother and Sister Riley McElvain, Sister Minnie Qualls; Rev. T. O. Barnes, moderator; Sister Minnie Qualls, church clerk, postoffice, Wister, Okla.

Union Grove Church—Brother J. R. Rash, Sister Leacy Stickney, Sister Lizzie Hulsey; Brother J. C. Nuby, moderator; Sister Lillie Stickney, church clerk, postoffice, Fanshaw, Okla.

Bengal Church (new church)—Brother Henry McCulley, Brother J. A. Jones, moderator; Brother Henry McCulley, church clerk, postoffice, Bengal, Okla.

Lone Star Church (new church)—Brother Earl Woodruff, Brother Fred Woodruff; Rev. Charles Kinsey, moderator; Brother A. C. Cashner, church clerk, postoffice, Calhoun, Oklahoma, Route 1.

Boggy Church—Sister Pearl Adams, Sister Josey Yancy, Sister Eley Yancy.

Tucker Church—Brother James Maxwell; Rev. L. B. Crumb, moderator; postoffice, Tucker, Okla.

Election of Officers.

Brother J. M. Roberts was elected Moderator; Brother McGee, Assistant Moderator; Brother J. C. Smith, Clerk; Brother W. M. Lafave, Assistant Clerk.

New Churches were called for and the following were received: Brazil Church, Lone Star Church, Iron Bridge Church and Bengal Church. Delegates were seated and then meeting adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. C. A. Bonds, concluded by Brother R. L. McElvain; theme: "The Support of the Ministry."

Friday Afternoon Session.

The association met as per adjournment at 2 o'clock p. m., Moderator in chair. Prayer by Brother B. Robertson.

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Called for visiting Brothers and Sisters, then called for corresponding delegates from sister associations. Received Brother J. M. Roberts from Grand River association, and Brother McGee from the Southern association. Motion made and seconded to seat these bretheren; motion carried and the bretheren were seated by right hand of fellowship.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Devotional Committee:

Brother W. T. Trickett, Brother W. K. Ollar, Brother Allstaff.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements:

Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. S. G. Frazier, Brother J. F. Peck, Brother Henry Spence, Rev. L. B. Clark.

Committee on Sabbath Schools:

Brother J. C. Vaughn, Sister Flora Peck, Brother Andy Brown, Sister B. Robertson, Brother P. E. Spence, Sister Gladys Akins, Sister Ether Bernard, Sister Lulu Dawson.

Committee on Temperance:

Brother W. R. Oller, Sister M. T. Barnes, Sister Ella

Hill, Sister Maxwell, Sister Lillie Crumb, Sister Leacy Stickney, Sister Brazil

Committee on Queries and Requests:

Brother S. A. King, Brother J. A. Martin, Brother T. O. Barnes, Brother H. A. McNerlin, Brother B. Robertson, Brother Johnson.

Committee on Home Missions:

Brother Rob McElvain, Brother W. L. Roberts, Brother A. M. Smith, Rev. G. W. Oliver, Brother W. Y. Pinnell, Brother R. C. Bonds.

**Committee on Ministers' Character
and Credentials:**

Brother George Doyle, Brother F. L. Thomason, Brother A. C. Cashner, Brother Bud Cole, Brother Edd Wright, Brother S. F. Kidd, Brother Harmon Fowler, Brother Frank Keith.

Committee on Periodicals, and Literature:

Brother R. D. Allen, Brother Richard Bonds, Brother E. S. Gregory, Brother R. E. Nolen, Brother J. M. Mann, Brother L. R. Crumb, Brother Henry Hartgraves, Brother Charles Gilstrap.

Committee on Obituaries:

Brother L. R. McElvain, Brother E. V. Sharp, Brother Earl Woodruff, Sister Jennie Smith, Sister McDaniel, Brother A. J. Kinsey, Brother S. R. Hargis.

Committee on Finance:

Brother P. C. McCuller, Brother J. T. McDaniels, Brother John Green, Brother George Files, Brother Frank Means, Brother W. M. Southern, Brother C. L. Archie, Brother J. A. Brazil, Brother A. C. Woods.

Committee on Resolutions:

Brother J. C. Smith, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Brother W. M. Lafave, Brother W. Y. Sanders, Brother Jas. Maxwell, Brother J. M. King, Brother Alfred Darneal, Brother J. J. Akins.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning; prayer by Brother W. T. Trickett.

Friday Night.

Friday night, preaching by Rev. T. M. Arnold, concluded by Brother Rob McElvain. Had a real old-time revival and several conversions.

Saturday Morning Session.

The association met as per adjournment with the moderator in the chair. Prayer by Brother Luther Roberts, after which Brother Charles Gilstrap, Brother R. E. Nolen of Cass Church, and Brother J. A. Jones of Bengal Church, were ordained as deacons of their churches; ordaining council: Rev. J. M. Roberts, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Rev. McGee.

Reports of committees were called for and the following reports were received:

Sabbath Schools:

"We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows:

"That it is the duty of each church to maintain a Sabbath School; that we as the church of God recommend union as a basis for all the people of God to do the will of our Father in Heaven; that we unite all our efforts to keep all of our children in Sabbath School that it may be the means of bringing them to Christ.

"We further request that there be no games of sport on the grounds during the hours of worship.

"We further recommend that if possible all teachers and officers should be Christian Brothers and Sisters.

"A. N. BROWN, Chairman."

Books and Periodicals:

"We, your committee on Books and Periodicals report as follows:

"We recommend that the Bible be used as our Discipline and the only infallible rule of our doctrine, faith and practice, and we urge all of our brethren to use it as such.

"We recommend that the Free Will Baptist Banner, or its equivalent, be used in every home if they can do so.

"REV. R. D. ALLEN, Chairman."

Obituaries:

"We your committee on Obituaries report as follows:

"We sorrow with great loss over the death of our departed brothers and sisters, to-wit:

"Brother Fred George, Sister Fred George and Sister Nettie Darneal of Royal Oak Church; Brother Torrance Hensley and Brother J. D. Brock of Fair Hill Church; Sister Sallie Barnes, Prairie Grove Church No. 1; Sister Rebecca Hewitt, and Sister Maggie Pinnell of Rocky Point Church; Brother John Nuby, Sugar Loaf Church; Sister Lizzie McCormick, Friendship Church; Sister Earlin McElvain of Prairie Grove Church No. 2; Grandma Wallace of Prairie Grove Church No. 2; Sister Byrtie Null of Sculleyville Church; Sister Edna Oller of New Harmony Church; Sister Lydie Borden of Plainview Church; Sister Low Hill of Prairie Grove Church No. 1; Sister Ila LeFlore and Sister Maggie Smith of Perry Church.

"While we greatly miss them and mourn their loss, we would not recall them for we feel they passed away in a living faith and are now in the Glory Land, where the weary are at rest. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain, for Jesus said, 'Blessed are they that die in the Lord, yea henceforth saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors and works. Do follow them and we should take courage and live as Jesus said and ever be ready, for our call may be next.

"JACK KINSEY, Chairman."

Resolutions:

"We, your committee on Resolutions, beg to report as follows:

"Resolved, That we divide the Eureka and Roberts McGee associations and put them back as they once were on the old boundary line.

"Resolved, That each of our Ministers encourage Saturday meetings and church conference on Saturday and not on the Sabbath and that we will not have conference on Sunday unless it is very necessary.

"Resolved, that our church, both Ministers and Laity, abstain from Sabbath working in any way except on missions of mercy, and if any Brother or Sister is guilty of an offense of this kind that the church take hold of the matter, for the Lord said 'Thou shalt do no work on the Sabbath.'

"J. J. AKINS, Chairman."

Resolution No. 1 lost and the two associations still stand consolidated. Resolutions No. 2 and 3 carried.

Querries and Requests:

"We your committee on Queries and Requests report as follows:

"Does a Deacon have the right to administer the ordinance of Baptism?" "We answer 'Yes.'

"GEORGE M. BYRD, Chairman."

Temperance:

"We your committee on Temperance beg to report as follows:

"Believing that intemperance is one of the greatest curses to humanity, and knowing that it wrecks homes, blights lives, ruins characters and corrupts governments, we therefore forbid its use as a beverage by our members to any extent whatever and recommend that all our Ministers discourage indulgence therein by the teachings of thus saith God.

"REV. CHARLES KINSEY, Chairman."

Bill of Arrangements:

"We your committee on Bill of Arrangements report as follows:

"1. That each minister keep a true record of his ministerial and official work and report the same at the next association and that each church elect a treasurer and at each regular meeting let every member contribute to the treasury as God has prospered him, and let the treasurer pay out as the church directs, and that this association require each treasurer to report at the next association, and that this association make this report compulsory. And that the Church Covenant be read once a month in all the churches.

"R. P. SANDERS, Chairman."

Ministers' Character and Credentials:

"We your committee on Ministers' Character and Credentials report as follows:

"It is reported that Brother John D. Little and Brother Jim Dawson are guilty of profane language and public disregard of Christ our Lord, and if this be true, we feel it the duty of this body to exclude them.

"W. F. KEITH, Chairman."

Home Missions:

"We your committee on Home Missions beg to report as follows:

"We recommend that the pastors of each church in this association preach at least one sermon in his pastoral year on Home Missions and take up a collection for the same, also for paying preachers who are called as assistants in revival meetings.

Finance:

"We your committee on Finance find that the following churches have paid the amount below:

Prairie Grove No. 2	\$6.75
Fair Hill	3.10
Mountain View	2.25
Union Grove	1.00
Rocky Point	3.00
Prairie View	3.50
Prairie Grove No. 1	5.00
Cass Church	3.00
Royal Oak	3.50
New Harmony	2.04
Friendship	3.00
Lone Star	2.50
Perry	4.00
Sugar Loaf	5.70
Harmony Grove	5.05
Plainview	3.00
Iron Bridge	3.60
Brazil Church	1.00
Kennedy	1.20
Bengal	1.50
Little Boggy	1.05
Tucker	2.00
Money turned in by W. R. Oller	23.50
Total	\$90.49

Motion made and seconded to adjourn till 2 o'clock
p. m. Prayer by Brother McDaniel.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

The association met as per adjournment at 2 o'clock p. m. Moderator in chair. Prayer by Brother Frazier.

Called for Ministers' reports and received the following:

"I beg leave to submit the following report: I have traveled about 400 miles; preached about 45 sermons; received in the church 14, baptised 11, witnessed 69 conversions; married 11 couples, preached about 20 funerals. Received for pastoral work \$251.65.

"REV. T. O. BARNES, Stigler, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 117 sermons; 1 funeral; married 8 couples; witnessed 32 conversions, baptised 6. Pastored three churches, organized two Sunday Schools. Received \$16.75.

"REV. L. R. CRUMB, Spiro, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 48 sermons, six funerals and organized 1 Sabbath School.

"REV. R. P. SANDERS, Tucker, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 50 sermons, married one couple, organized one church and one prayermeeting, witnessed eight conversions.

"REV. J. M. BYRD."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 38 sermons, married six couples, preached 13 funerals, witnessed 11 conversions.

"REV. L. B. CLARK, Spiro, Okla."

"I beg leave to submit the following report: I have preached 21 sermons, witnessed 16 conversions, baptised..... Haven't pastored any church; helped in meetings 5 weeks; married seven couples.

"REV. J. A. MATHIS, Spiro, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 50 sermons, baptised 21, helped to organize to churches, married four couples. Received for my work \$44.00.

"REV. CHAS. KINSEY, Bokoshe, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored one church; received in the church eight; baptised six; preached 45 sermons; married three couples; organized one Sabbath School. Received from Perry church for pastoral work, \$61.15; from Cass \$6.00 total \$83.65; paid out \$36.30. Collected for Home Missions and turned to the treasurer, \$15.60.

"REV. T. D. ARY, Stigler, Okla., R. 1."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached about 75 sermons; traveled 100 miles; have pastored two churches—Brazil and Royal Oak—total collection from both churches \$30.00; held five meetings; witnessed about 38 conversions; have collected in protracted meetings \$40.00. Total collected during year, \$70.00.

"REV. R. D. ALLEN, Calhoun, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 15 sermons; preached seven funerals; traveled 246 miles; had no partoral work. Received \$8.15. Witnessed one conversion.

"REV. R. C. BONDS, Stigler, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored four churches. I have preached 72 sermons. I have traveled about 900 miles. I have held four funeral services. I have baptised 10, witnessed 30 conversions. Received on pastoral work, \$232.45. My expenses amount to about \$50.00. Married one couple.

"REV. S. G. FRAZIER, Shady Point, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 60 sermons, conducted one funeral service, witnessed 10 conversions. Received \$15.75.

"REV. J. T. M'DANIEL, Howe, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 75 sermons. I have witnessed about 30 conversions. Received 10 in church. I have traveled about 300 miles and received \$120.00. I have pastored three churches.

"REV. T. M. ARNOLD, Kanima, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 87 sermons, pastored one church, witnessed 33 conversions, baptised 16, received in church 21, organized one Sabbath school.

helped to reorganize two churches. Received for my service in the church \$52.55. Freewill offering \$65.25. Total \$117.80.

"REV. R. H. BYRD, Norris, Okla."

"I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 50 sermons, married one couple, organized one church, one prayer meeting, one Sabbath School, witnessed eight conversions.

"REV. J. M. BYRD, Wister, Okla."

Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

Delegates were appointed to sister associations as follows:

To the Southern Association: Rev. S. G. Frazier, Rev. L. B. Clark.

To the Gaines Creek Association: Rev. R. C. Bonds, Rev. T. D. Ary.

To the Grand River Association: Brother Luther Roberts, Brother Kidd.

Report of Devotional Committee:

"We beg to report as follows:

"Introductory Sermon Thursday night by Rev. J. M. Roberts, concluded by Rev. McGee.

"Friday at 11 a. m., preaching by Brother C. A. Bonds, concluded by Brother McElvain. Friday night, preaching by Brother T. M. Arnold, concluded by Brother Rob. McElvain.

"Saturday at 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. McGee, concluded by Brother J. M. Roberts. Saturday night, preaching by Rev. S. G. Frazier, concluded by Brother R. D. Allen.

"W. T. TRICKETT, Chairman."

Moved and seconded that this delegation tend to Harmony Grove church and vicinity our heart-felt thanks for the hospitality shown us during our stay with them, and we pray that God's blessings may continue with them, both spiritually and financially.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn to meet with Prairie Grove church No. 1, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, A. D. 1920. Brother Rob. McElvain to preach the introductory sermon: Brother John Vanghan, alternate.

J. M. ROBERTS, Moderator.
J. C. SMITH, Clerk.

A Word From the Clerk.

Dear Bretheren, One and All:

It may be that I failed to get some reports or something that was turned in, but if I did I am sorry, and ask you not to think hard of me for I have done my very best. I hope and pray that the Lord will wonderfully bless each of us during this year, and that many souls may be saved and much good accomplished throughout the entire association. Pray for me, I need your prayers.

J. C. SMITH, Clerk.

Ministers' Directory.

NAME—	Post Office—
T. O. BARNES	Stigler, Okla.
T. D. ARY	Stigler, Okla.
C. A. BONDS	Stigler, Okla.
G. W. OLIVER	McCurtain, Okla.
S. G. FRAZIER	Shady Point, Okla.
CHAS. KINSEY	Bokoshe, Okla.
J. T. M'DANIEL	Howe, Okla.
J. M. KING	Howe, Okla.
S. A. KING	Howe, Okla.
W. Y. SANDERS	Howe, Okla.
DANIEL JOHNSON	Calhoun, Okla.
R. L. M'ELVAIN	Wister, Okla.
T. M. ARNOLD	Kanima, Okla.
L. R. CRUMB	Spiro, Okla.
J. A. MATHIS	Spiro, Okla.
L. B. CLARK	Spiro, Okla.
R. H. BYRD	Norris, Okla.
J. M. BYRD	Wister, Okla.
J. C. VAUGHAN	Howe, Okla.
R. P. SANDERS	Tucker, Okla.
R. D. ALLEN	Calhoun, Okla.
J. C. NUBY	Fanshaw, Okla.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our 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 the different churches are to express the number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letters 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 and Roberts McGee Consolidated Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of sundry churches in Oklahoma—the Association having no power to lord over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power over the churches reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

4. The Association to have a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, who are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received in the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association, a book to be kept by the Association for this purpose.

10. 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory.—Rom. 1:20; St. John 1:1.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are of divine origin and the only infallible rule of faith and practise.—II Tim. 3:15; II Pet. 1:21.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave His holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commands of God, transgressed the law; fell under the just condemnation of same, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power. But we see Jesus, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor that he by the grace of God tasted death for every man.—Gen. 1:31; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death and suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.—St. John 3:16; Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated or born again if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:35.

6. We believe that infants are in a saved condition, and we must be like them in innocence if we are saved.—Luke 18:16; Matt. 18:13.

7. We believe that all regenerated persons must persevere in faith and be faithful to the end if they gain an entrance into the City of God.—Rev. 22:24; Matt. 10:24.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion in water is the apostolic mode; even the burial of the believer in water and Christ obeyed it thus and bids us to follow him.—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:3-4.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displayed His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by teaching of the Holy Spirit and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price.—John 14:16; II Tim. 2:25.

10. We believe that remission of sin and eternal life are free to all who will accept them.—John 3:16; Pet. 3:9.

11. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and the washing of the saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ are appointed in the church and none but true believers are proper subjects and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion.—Mark 1:4, 9:10; Luke 2:30; St. John 13:30.

12. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none are authorized to officiate in the ordinance of baptism only those who are called of God and have been ordained by laying on of hands.—Acts 8:37; first clause, 38:30.

13. We believe that each church should have a pastor, deacons and clerk so as to keep house for the Lord accordingly.—Acts 6:16, 28:20.

14. We believe that in dealing with disorderly members that reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew, and other scripture relative to dealing with disorderly members.

15. We believe that it is the duty of each church to assemble together as often as Providence will permit and in commemorating the Lord's death and washing the saints' feet a man should examine himself and so let him eat.—Heb. 10:25; I Cor. 11:28.

16. We believe that the Lord's supper should be observed at night and night only.

17. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to everlasting life, glory and immortality in the presence of God; and the resurrection of the unjust to everlasting shame and punishment from the presence of God.—Matt. 25:41; I Cor. 15:42-45; II Thes. 1:7-9.

18. We believe that the visible church of God as it now exists had its beginning during the personal ministry of Jesus Christ.

19. We believe that every member of the church of God should contribute of his means as the Lord has prospered him in the support of the ministry as the scripture says.—Rom. 10.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been bought as we humble by divine grace truly to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and having obtained justification by faith in His name, we, as members of several churches that constitute the Eureka and Roberts McGee Consolidated Association of Free Will Baptists, adopt the following as our Church Covenant:

1. To watch each other in love—to pray for each other as members of a common faith, ever striving to keep the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of each other nor will we persecute or expose the faults of the weak member of our church; but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy: "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort" each other as members of a common brotherhood.

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men especially to those who are of the household of faith, but we should remember that our relations to each other are closer, and the obligations more binding than that of a common bond of Christian charity. In adopting this Covenant we become as a family and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that the members of a family should feel for each other.

4. We will attend the stated meeting of our church unless we are Providently hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means, as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church. And we will prefer the service of our own church to that of any other and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the word of God to us.

5. We will not injure our influence in the house of the Lord by occupying seats among the ungodly and sinners, but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural powers which the Lord hath given us, to praise His holy name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those who pray.

6. We will not be guilty of the sins of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors which is a double sin against the law of God, for in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the law of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking and the words of the inspired apostle which says: "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every meeting, business shall be opened and conducted by prayer by moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present, who are invited to seats, are allowed to take part in the debate on all subjects, and vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
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. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any question without special leave of the Moderator.
9. All question decided by majority of the members present.
10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected, if necessary, before the close of the Association.
12. In the future sessions of the Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent exercises.
13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.
14. Alteration may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.



