

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE CONSOLIDATED
EUREKA AND ROBERTS
McGEE ASSOCIATION
OF THE
CHURCH of GOD
DENOMINATED
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Convened with the Perry Church Thursday
Night Before the First Sunday in September,
A. D. 1922.

The next Association will meet with the Oak Grove
Church three miles north of Milton, Oklahoma, three
miles South of Cartersville, Oklahoma, three miles
West of Bokoshe, Oklahoma, on Thursday Night
Before the First Sunday in September, A. D. 1923.

Rev. T. O. Barns, Moderator
Rev. P. A. Stankewitz, Assistant Moderator
J. C. Smith, Clerk
Charlie Partain, Assistant Clerk

Thursday Night Session.

House called to order by the Moderator, both Moderator and Assistant being present. After singing a few good songs by the choir. Prayer by Rev. L. R. Crumb and then had an old time testimony service conducted by the Moderator, Rev. T. O. Barnes, which was much enjoyed by everybody and in the midst of this service had a friendly visit of the K. K. K. and a donation of \$25. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. P. A. Stankewitz, who preached an able discourse much enjoyed by all. Then adjourned to meet Friday morning at nine o'clock a. m.

Friday Morning Session.

Met as per adjournment, house called to order by the Moderator; singing by the choir; prayer by Moderator. Moved and seconded we enter into Conference and take up the regular order of business. Called for Church Letters and received the following: and seated the Delegates from the various Churches as follows:

1. Rockey Point Church—Brother Everett Browning, Sister Lyda Houts, Sister Eula Taylor, Bro. M. A. Atkinson, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Pastor, W. Y. Pennell, Church Clerk, Postoffice, McCurtain, Okla.
2. Tucker Church—Sister Lena Maxwell, Sister Frona Mathis, Sister Roberts, Bro. John Maxwell, as alternate, Rev. R. D. Allen, Pastor, Sister M. E. Maxwell, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Tucker, Okla.
3. Mountain View Church No. 1—Sister Leslie Aldridge, Sister Agnes Aldridge, Bro. Charlie Partain, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Bro. Charlie Partain, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Bokoshe, Oklahoma.
4. Rockford Church—Bro. J. N. Cole, Bro. A. N. Brown, Rev. O. D. Wickham, Pastor, Sister Amanda Boothe, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Keota, Oklahoma.

5. Perry Church—Bro. John Adams, Bro. Jim Livisey, Bro. Brock, Sister Jenevia Brazeal, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Pastor, Sister Dellia Roberts, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Stigler, Okla.

6. New Salem Church—Bro. Chas. Callison, Bro. Lindey Collins, Rev. A. C. Tannehill, Pastor, Orlie Collins, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Blackgum, Oklahoma.

7. Bengal Church—Bro. J. A. Jones, Bro. J. S. Biggs, Rev. J. C. Nuby, Pastor, Sister A. McGee, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Bengall, Oklahoma.

8. Fair Hill Church—Bro. G. T. Files, Sister G. T. Files, Sister Shipman, no Pastor, Bro. J. C. Brock, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Cameron, Oklahoma.

9. Old Iron Bridge Church—Bro. Ed Green, Sister Eunice Spence, Bro. Henry McNurlin, Rev. G. W. Oliver, Pastor, Clara Willoughby, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Keota, Okla.

10. Prairie Grove Church No. 1—Bro. G. B. Robertson, Bro. Elec Honeycutt, Bro. Arvil Graves, Bro. Jim Martin, Sister Luvina Martin, Sister Neoma Ivey, Rev. R. L. McAlvain, Pastor, Davie Honeycutt, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Stigler, Okla.

11. Little Boggy Church—Bro. Kirk Adams, Sister Elsie and Pearl Adams, Sister Bessie Adams, Rev. J. T. McDaniel, Pastor, Sister Minnie Adams, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Red Oak, Oklahoma.

12. Buftington Church—Bro. Bob Ray, Sister Mary Ray, Sister Josey Patton, Bro. Jim Patton, Bro. J. H. Standridge, Rev. C. E. Kenedy, Pastor, Bro. J. D. Standridge, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Sallisaw, Okla.

13. Midland Church—Bro. Bartlett, Rev. Bartlett, Pastor, Walter Bevils, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Midland, Ark.

14. Kennady Church—Bro. Oscar Qualls, Bro. Riley McAlvain, Rev. J. E. Yandell, Pastor, Sister Ida McAlvain, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Kennedy, Okla.

15. Brazil Church—Bro. Lam Childress and wife, Bro. Vernon Halcomb and wife, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Vergie Goodson, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Calhoun, Okla.

16. Plainview Church—Sister Manley, Sister Kenneady, Rev. C. E. Kenedy, Pastor, Sister Dolphia Locke, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Bonanza, Ark.

17. Royal Oak Church—Bro. Lawson, Sister T. M. Barnes, Sister Nettie Pitchford, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Nettie Pitchford, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Panama, Okla.

18. Cross Roads Church—Sister Pearl Gilstrap, Sister Minnie Roberson, Sister Evelyne Gilstrap, Bro. Leo Garland, Bro. Edgar Holey, Rev. S. G. Frazier, Pastor, Sister Nettie Venable, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Stigler, Okla.

19. Cass Church—Sister Olye Vataw, Sister Ollie Cox, Sister Gertie Adams, Sister Lizzie Harvel, Rev. S. G. Frazier, Pastor, Sister Lettie Garland, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Stigler, Oklahoma.

20. Shady Grove Church—Sister Ethel Riggs, Sister Thomas, Sister Edna Aust, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Edna Aust, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Panama, Okla.

21. Greenhill Church—Bro. G. H. Thomas, Bro. Earnest Price, Bro. Houston Goins, Rev. W. M. Easton, Pastor, Sister Esper Easton, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Cameron, Okla.

22. Cartersville Church—Sister Mary Callahan, Sister Pervia Stoughton, Sister Minnie Curry, no Pastor, Bro. John Callahan, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Cartersville, Okla.

23. Prairie View Church—Bro. R. C. Cox, Bro. F. D. Cates, Bro. Jim Lewis, Bro. Deis Williams, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Pastor, Bro. Clifford Trickett, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Stigler, Okla.

24. Oak Grove Church—Bro. Jasper Osborn, Sister Opal Head, Sister Notra Davis, Bro. Auldrie Dobson, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Pastor, Sister Notra Davis, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Bokoshe, Okla.

25. Friendship Church—Represented by Bro. D. A. Holland.

Motion made and seconded to receive all church letters as read and seat the delegates. Motion carried and delegates seated by giving Right Hand of Fellowship.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. Rev. T. O. Barnes was duly elected Moderator, Rev. P. A. Stankewity Assistant Moderator, Bro. J. C. Smith Clerk, Bro. Charley Partain Assistant Clerk. Then called for new church letters and received the following:

26. Hoyt Church—Sister Mary Cravens, Bro. Monro Gidden, Sister Gidden, alternates, Sister Willie Carlton, Sister Vera Gidden, Sister Holdridge, Rev. S. G. Frazier, Pastor, E. V. Argo, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Stigler, Okla.

27. The First Freewill Baptist Church of Wilburton—Bro. W. J. Robertson, Sister Carrie Odannell, Sister Hudson, Bro. J. R. Rankin, Rev. J. E. Yandell, Pastor, Bro. Floyed Peppers, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Wilburton, Okla.

28. Montreal Church—Bro. Thomas Reather, Rev. P. A. Stankewity, Pastor, Sister Aven, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Montreal, Ark.

29. Blain Church—Bro. H. N. McRee, Sister Neoma McRee, Bro. F. L. Lovelace, Sister Myrtle Lovelace, Rev. T. M. Arnold, Pastor, Sister Eva McIntosh, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Keota, Oklahoma.

30. Mansfield Church—Sister Anna State, Sister Margrett Fry, Sister Mattie Stringer, Bro. Roy Holly, Bro. Olin Norris, Rev. P. A. Stankewity, Pastor, Sister Mattie Stringer, Church Clerk, Postoffice, Mansfield, Ark.

31. Independent Church—Sister H. D. Brown, Bro. Robert Deets, Sister Anna Sanders, Bro. H. D. Brown, Rev. J. A. Claxton, Pastor, Irene Sanders, Church Clerk, Postoffice, McCurtain, Okla.

New churches all received and delegates seated by giving Right Hand of Fellowship.

Then called for corresponding delegates from other associations and received the following: Rev. J. M. Roberts and his wife from Grand River association also Sister Miller and Sister Green and Bro. Wheeler. Sister Myrtle Furgerson from

Indian Creek Association, Springfield, Mo., Bro. W. S. Copeland from Zion Hope No. 2, Sebaston County, Ark. All were seated and Right Hand of Fellowship extended. Next Rules of Order read from chair. Appointment of Devotional Committee, Bro. Riley McAlvain, Bro. Luther Roberts, Bro. B. Robertson. Motion made and seconded we adjourn to meet at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. by Rev L. R. Crumb.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Met as per adjournment, house called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. P. A. Stankewitz. Then proceeded to business.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements.

Rev. W. L. Lamb, Sister Barnes, Rev. R. D. Allen, Bro. John Peck, Sister Kate Green.

Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Sister Nettie Peyhouse, Rev. T. D. Ary, Sister Anna Slate, Sister Nellie Lafane, Sister Francis Lunsford, Bro. J. H. Young.

Committee on Temperance.

Sister Stella Free, Bro. R. C. Cox, Bro. Bob Shed, Sister Luvena Martin, Sister Maggie Cravens, Bro. Jack Kinsey, Sister Eula Taylor.

Committee on Queries and Request.

Rev. S. G. Frazier, Rev. J. R. Stoughton, Rev. T. M. Avants, Bro. Tom Head, Bro. Jim Livesay, Rev. J. E. Wheeler.

Committee on Ministers and Deacons Characters.

Bro. Thomas Dobson, Bro. Jim Lewis, Bro. W. Y. Pinnell, Bro. J. O. Osborn, Sister Neoma O'vey.

Committee on Ministers' Credentials.

Rev. J. M. Roberts, Bro. S. F. Kidd, Sister Myrtle Fergusson, Rev. J. E. Yandell.

Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Bro. John Green, Bro. Tom Robins, Bro. Everett Browning, Bro. J. D. Boothe, Bro. J. H. Shipman, Bro. C. M. Thomas, Sister Lettie Garland.

Committee on Obituaries.

Bro. W. J. Brock, Bro. Riley Sanders, Sister Josey Patton, Bro. Alex Honeycutt, Sister Eveline Gilstrap, Sister Myrtle Lovelace, Sister M. C. Kenedy, Sister Willie Carlton.

Committee on Finance.

Bro. Denis-Williams, Sister Mary Ray, Bro. Edd Green, Bro. Jim Martin, Sister Edna Aust, Bro. Clifford Trickett.

Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. R. L. McAlvain, Rev. O. D. Wickham, Bro. A. A. Holdridge, Rev. J. A. Mathis, Rev. W. S. Copeland, Rev. P. A. Stankewitz.

Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. C. E. Kenedy, Bro. Jess Means, Bro. J. D. Cates, Bro. France Kinsey, Sister Susa Miller, Bro. H. O. Turner, Sister Pearl Gilstrap, Sister Neoma Meru, Bro. Joe Baker.

After the appointment of committees, had 15 minutes recess and came together by singing by the choir. Moved and seconded we adjourn to meet 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Preaching Friday night by Sister Fergusson, concluded by Rev. R. L. McAlvain. Had a sweeping revival and several souls saved.

Saturday Morning Session.

Saturday morning session met as per adjournment 8:30 o'clock. House called to order by Moderator. After singing by the choir, prayer by Sister M. T. Barnes, then proceeded to business.

Rules of the order read from the chair. Then called for reports of committees and received the following:

Home Missions.

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

We recommend that the Pastors of this association preach at least one sermon at each church they pastor on home missions

and that they should consider the home mission work at each conference and each church and appoint a committee to look after the home mission work in the church and this committee ask each member to assist as God has prospered them for the support of home missions and we recommend that one Deacon be placed on this committee.

Rev. C. E. Kenedy, Chairman

This report was rejected and set aside.

Obituaries.

We your committee on obituaries beg to report as follows:

We sorrow with great loss over the death of our departed brothers and sisters to wit: Sister Willie Goodman, of Rockey Point church; Brother Fred Manley, of Plainview church; Bro. John Calleyhan, a Deacon of Cartersville; Bro. C. C. Adams, Prairie Grove No. 2; Sister Alice Kelton, Fair Hill. They are greatly missed and we mourn their loss though we would not call them back for we feel assured that it is our loss and heavens gain that they will be waiting in the Glory Land, for blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the spirit that may rest from their labors and their works do follow them and we should take courage and live as Jesus said and ever be ready to go when Jesus calls.

Sister Myrtle Lovelace, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Bill of Arrangements.

We your committee on Bill of Arrangements beg to report as follows:

Taking into consideration the surrounding circumstances and seeing the necessity of a rule governing the Ministry, Be it resolved, that the Association forbids the Ministers of the several districts of the Association speaking disrespectfully of one another, and any one found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charges and dealt with as may be deemed necessary.

Be it resolved, That we recommend that our Ministers do not vary from the regular customs of the Free Will Baptists in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore, ad

vise that the Moderators of the churches impress upon the churches the great necessity of observing all the rulings of the Association.

Be it resolved, That any elder of this Association taking to evangelistic work, that it shall be the duty of each church to assist him in the work and this Association shall empower the Moderator and Clerk with authority to furnish the evangelist with recommendation if he be found worthy.

Resolved, That we prohibit the members of our churches from giving, going to or participating in play parties or dances and any found guilty of such offense shall be due the church acknowledgment or shall be considered by the body as a stranger as this evil causes many of our young people to forsake the right way and go off in sin,

Be it further resolved, That we forbid any of our Ministers or members of our churches of this Association preaching sanctification or holiness as a second work of grace, separate and apart from the regeneration or conversion.

Be it resolved, That every member of all respective churches comprising the Eureka and Roberts McGee Association be requested to obey the Commandments of God as recorded in 1st Cor. 16:2 and II Cor. 9:7, to lay in store as God has prospered them upon the first day of the week in their homes or churches so as to be prepared to aid the Ministers in publishing the gospel to help the widows and the worthy poor and that the compulsory in every respect be disnuled.

Resolved, That every ordained Minister should preach at least four sermons each month if not providentially hindered and we require that every ordained minister report each year to the Association, either by letter or person.

Be it resolved, That every church that calls a Minister to the pastoral care should administer to his support as God has prospered them.

Resolved, That our articles of faith stand as they are in the old minutes.

Be it resolved, That this association recommend that no church shall ordain a minister until he proves himself worthy for a space of twelve months. We believe one great cause of the languishing condition of the Free Will Baptists is for the lack of finance.

Be it resolved, That we ask the association to help us to earnestly pray that the Devine Power of God help us to adopt a more firm basis of finance.

Be it resolved, That the pastor read the constitution and rulings of the church as often as once each year to the church.

Be it resolved, That each Minister be given a certificate of recommendation from this association each year.

Sister Kate Green, Chairman.

Minister's Credentials.

We your committee on Minister's Credentials beg to report as follows:—

We find Bro. Andy Heffleys credentials orthodox therefore we recommend that he be received in this association and his name placed on Ministers Directory.

Rev J. M. Roberts, Chairman

Finance.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We find that each church has paid the amount opposite their names for minute funds:—

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| Fair Hill Church | \$2.25 |
| Perry Church | 5.00 |
| New Salem | 4.10 |
| Montreal, Ark | 2.00 |
| Midland | 2.25 |
| Cartersville | 2.00 |
| Little Bogy | 1.50 |
| Mansfield, Ark | 2.50 |
| Rockey Point | 4.00 |
| Wilburton | 2.50 |
| Cass | 3.00 |

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| Mountain View No. 1 | 3.00 |
| Kenedy | 2.00 |
| Prarie Grove No.1 | 5.00 |
| Brazil | 2.50 |
| Hoyt | 4.00 |
| Iron Bridge | 3.00 |
| Shady Grove | 2.50 |
| Tucker | 2.00 |
| Blain | 1.25 |
| Royal Oak | 2.00 |
| Independent | 1.50 |
| Bengall | 1.50 |
| Cross Roads | 5.00 |
| Rockford | 1.25 |
| Oak Grove | 3.00 |
| Friendship | 1.00 |
| Prairie View | 4.00 |
| Buffington | 4.00 |
| Total | \$79.00 |

Bro. J. A. Martin, Chairman

Temperance.

We your committee on Temperance beg to report as follows:

That we will not tolerate liquor in any form. It makes wrecks of promising young men, it makes the hearts of dear mothers to ache, it makes orphans of little children and causes them to go hungry and half naked in cold winter breezes and we as Free Will Baptists believe that every child of God must have the same equal rights and dear Brethern we will state that all redeemed children of God must separate themselves from strong drink. God spake unto Moses that he should command the children of Israel that any one making a vow should separate himself from strong drink. So beloved Brethern we must not let sin reign in our mortal bodies ye shall live (Roman 8:13) help us to pray earnestly that the children of God may live after the spirit of those who worship God must worship him in spirit and truth. Intoxicants kill not only in this world, but also beyond the

tomb for "no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:21). We also favor the suspension of any Free Will Baptist Minister who is a dram drinker (I Cor. 6:10, Hebrews 2:15-16). It makes wrecks of many homes. We further state as a body of Free Will Baptists that we will not tolerate or support any man or set of men that is not positively declared on the side of a world-wide prohibition, as we know that if protected our boys and girls, our wives and ourselves, we must put the demon king alcohol out of commission, for wherever alcohol is used it sows the seed of woe and misery. Its path is strewn with suffering, death and destruction.

We also advocate the abstinence from all fleshly lust which wars against the souls and that would be an offense to the cause of Christ. We quote as Scripture reference: I Peter 2:11-12.

Sister Stella Free, Chairman.

Resolutions.

We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, that we abstain from holding conference on the Sabbath and that we use every effort to keep a clean house of God.

Resolved, that the various churches elect a committee on Home Missions and said committee work faithfully to that cause.

Resolved, that we have a Ministers' Meeting once a year.

Resolved that we hold communion and feet washing services each setting of the association.

Rev. L. R. Crumb, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows; that it is the duty of each Free Will Baptist church to maintain a Sabbath school with the Free Will Baptist literature in order to support our own publishing houses. We believe we have the bible doctrine we believe our Sunday school teachers ought to be christians. Rev. T. D. Ary, Chairman.

Committee on Characters of Ministers and Deacons.

We your committee on Ministers and Deacons characters, beg

to report as follows

We find our Ministers and Deacons all in good standing and walking worthy of their calling. Brother Thomas Dodson, Chairman.

Books and Periodicals.

We the committee on books and periodicals, beg leave to report as follows:

We adopt last years report. We reccomend that the Bible be used as our discipline, and the only infallible rule of our doctrine, faith and practice, and urge all our brethren to use it as such.

We reccomend that all of our members take the Morning Star as our Church Paper.

Brother J. H. Shipman, chairman.

Moved and seconded we adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.— prayer by Brother Luther Roberts, preaching 11:00 a. m. Saturday by Rev. J. M. Roberts, conducted by Rev. C. E. Kenedy.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Saturday afternoon session met as per adjournment. House called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir, prayer by Rev. G. W. Benton, then called an ordaining council together and ordained the following Deacons. Brother John Sanders, of Independence church. Brother H. Briggs, of Buffington church, and Bro. T. M. Avants, to the Ministry of the Gospel, ordaining council, Rev. R. L. McAlvain, Rev. C. E. Kenedy Rev. J. M. Roberts.

Paid the clerk balance due on last year by public collection. Moved and seconded, we receive Brother Andy Heffley in this body as an ordained Minister. Moved and seconded that the clerk get Ministers certificates of reccomendation and mail one to each Minister of this Association.

Moved and seconded we send an investigating committee to investigate churches in Sebastine county Arkansas to see if they are othordox. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we send a delegation to meet the first Fifth Sunday meeting in Sequah City. at Buffington church the fifth Sunday in October 1922 to consider extending our boundry line to the North line of Sequah county. Motion carried and the following delegates apointed to go. Rev. L. R. Crumb. Rev. W. L. Lamb. Rev. O. D. Wickham.

The following delegates were appointed to go to the Fifth Sunday meeting at Mansfield, Ark. Rev. S. G. Frazier, Rev. R. L. McAlvain, Rev. P. A. Stankewitz.

Then the Ministers reports were called for, and the following reports were received;

I beg leave to report as follows, I have preached 87 sermons, helped ordain one deacon, visited four in sickness, helped one sick person \$2 00 and held family prayer. Baptized none Pastored no church, received no money. I am sorry, but this is all the report I have. I ask your prayers that I may do more next year. Rev. Danial Johnson. Calhoun, Oklahoma

I beg leave to report as follows; I have preached 34 sermons, witnessed 63 conversions Baptised 29 held 3 meetings traveled 65 miles attended one Fifth Sunday meeting here and one in Arkansas, preached 2 funerals, married 2 couples, received \$18.00 Rev. J. R. Staughton, Cartersville, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows. I have Pastored two churches. I have witnessed 60 conversions, baptized 23, received in the church 28, traveled 305 miles, married 8 couple, held 10 funeral services, received about \$130.00 My expenses have been \$50 00. Rev. T. M. Arnold, Postoffice, Keota, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 57 sermons pastored no church, organized 2 Sunday Schools. held one revival meeting, helped in 3 other meetings, witnessed 32 conversions, held one funeral, married 4 couple. Rev. J. A Mathis, Cartersville, Okla., Route 1 Box 65

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 80 sermons held one revival meeting, helped in two revivals, witnessed 97 conversions, baptized 16, married 1 couple, held 3 funerals.

pastored no church, traveled 500 miles, received \$117.60 for my work. Rev. G. W. Olliver, Keota, Okla.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have organized 2 churches one at Mansfield, Ark., which has 22 members, one at Montreal, Ark., with 24 members. I have preached 350 sermons, baptized 21, witnessed 77 conversions, organized 2 Sunday Schools, received \$169 00 for my work. Rev. P. A. Stankewitz, Bonanza, Arkansas.

I beg to report as follows: I have preached 51 sermons, pastored one church, married 4 couple, held 4 funeral services, received in the church none, helped ordain one minister, helped organize one church, received from Rockford church \$40.50 from Cass church \$17.00 from Nubin Ridge 50 cents from Independent \$5.00 witnessed 20 conversions. Brethern you all know that for the past two years I have not been able to see to go. Hope I can see to do more this year. Rev. T. D. Ary Stigler, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows; I have preached 95 sermons traveled 320 miles, baptized 4, witnessed 8 conversions, worked in 7 revival meeting, held 3 funerals, married one couple, help ordain two deacons and Pastored one church. Rev. A. C. Tannahill, Blackgum, Oklahoma.

I Beg leave to report as follows; I have preached 23 sermons, Pastored one church. If it is the Lord's will I will do more next year. Rev. W. D. Jordan, Keota, Oklahoma.

I have preached 72 sermons, Pastored one church, held two meetings, witnessed 25 conversions, held 4 fnuerals, married 3 couples, received \$60.00 for my work. Rev. W. L. Lamb, Castersville, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows; I have Pastored 4 churches preached 165 sermons, received from Brazil church \$76.90, from Mountain View, \$54.16 from Buck Creek, \$24 55. from Royal Oak, \$49.05, have baptized 22, witnessed 74 conversions, held 4 funerals, married 6 conples. Total collections \$207.86. Rev. L. R. Crumb, Tucker, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows; I have preached 67 sermons

traveled several miles, held 4 funerals, witnessed 38 conversions, baptized 16, Pastored one church, helped two broke down churches, that their pastor had quit, held one revival, helped in two: Rev. W. M. Easton, Cameron, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follow: I have Pastored one church, preached 112 sermons, held 5 funerals, organized one Sunday school, married two couples, traveled 896 miles, witnessed 4 conversions, baptized 23, my expenses have been \$49.70. I have received \$88, 85. Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Route No. 4,

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 37 sermons organized one Sunday school. Rev. R. P. Sanders, Stigler, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have done all I could owing to my chance. I have pastored 4 churches, received 123 in the church, baptized 105, witnessed 194 conversions, received, for my work \$238 25 Rev. T. O. Barns, Stigler, Okla. R. F. D. 3

Next appointment of delegates to State association, Rev. R. D. Allen, Rev. J. E. Kennedy, Brother Luther Roberts.

To the Grand River association, Rev. G. W. Oliver, Brother S. F. Kidd, Brother John Peck.

To the Zion Hope association, sister M. T. Barnes Rev. T. D. Ary,

To the Southern association Rev. J. E. Yandell.

Moved that Brother Wm. Lafave be appointed to assist clerk in Brother Partain.

Absent places fixed for holding fifth Sunday meetings as follows: First one with Buffington church, Sallisaw, Oklahoma second at Hoyt, near Stigler. This to be the preachers and Deacons yearly meeting and every Minister and Deacon is expected to be there. Third with Parievew church 8 miles north of Stigler. Fourth with Rockey Point church 9 miles north west of McCurtain, Oklahoma.

Moved we put an Evangelist in the field. Rev. S. G. Erazier was duly elected our Evangelist.

Moved, we retain the present Home Mission board' except Bro. McAlvain who resigned the board to choose the other members.

The next session of the association will meet with Oak Grove Church three miles north of Milton. four miles west of Bokoshe, three miles south of Cartersville. Rev. L. R. Crumb to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. M. Roberts, alternate.

Moved and seconded we extend our heart felt thanks to Perry church and community for their hospitality shown us during our stay with them and we pray God's blessings upon them both spiritually and financially.

Moved and seconded we adjourn till our next regular session.

Rev. T. O. Barnes, Moderator.

J. C. Smith, Clerk.

I am unable to find any publishing house that have Preachers Certificates of Recomendation, therefore I can't send them out.

J. C. Smith, Clerk.

Rules of Order.

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may request.
2. Ministers present invited to seats are allowed to take part in the debate on all subjects and vote.
3. Those who speak shall rise 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 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 questions decided by a majority of the members present
10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leasurly read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. In the future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day, or other equivalents shall be provided for.

13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

Constitution

From the long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptized or upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, to 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 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 of Free Will Baptists, being composed of sundry churches in the Eureka and Roberts McGee Association—the Association having no power to lord it 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 into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question from any church shall come under consideration of the Association unless it has 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, the distribution being at the 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 on 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.

11. Amendments to the Constitution may be made when necessary by a majority of the members present.

Resolved: That we earnestly request all of our Ministers and Deacons and churches composing this Association to co-operate with each other and to assist in every way they can to help further the Gospel and that each church should help their pastor and if an evangelist should visit any destitute place and organize churches that we urge upon people to assist the evangelist so he can go and preach the Word.

Articles of Faith

We believe in the one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory. Romans 1:20, John 1:17, 17:21.

2. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament is the word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Second Timothy 3:16, Matt. 5:18.

3. We believe that God created man good, and gave him Holy Commandments whereby he should live holy but man voluntarily disobeyed the Commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, where by 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 the 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 the ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17, Isa. 25:22, Acts 20, 20:21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God, if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3, 1 Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved upon the merits of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11, Mark 10:14, Duet. 1:30.

7. We believe all Christians must persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His Commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14, Matt. 24:13.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic

mode: even the burial of a believer in water, and that the Christ, who is our life, showed his humble example to his children and bids us to walk therein. John 3:22, Romans 6:34-45, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 3:16.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1 Cor. 12:2, Eph. 3:7, Rev. 22:17.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and the washing of the Saint's feet are divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. Mark 14:22-23, John 13:4-14, Matt. 28:19-20, 1 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, deacons, and clerk chosen by the church ought to have office during the good pleasure of the same and dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23, 1 Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when sitting fourth the Lord's supper and washing the Saint's feet to let a man "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 light, 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 be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6:10, I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust; the resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God; the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31, I Cor. 15:42-45, II Thes. 1:10, Rev. 20:12-13.

Church Covenant.

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and having obtained justification by Faith in His name, we, as members of the several churches that constitute the Eureka and Roberts McGee Association of Free Will Baptists, adopt the following as our Church Covenant:

1. To watch over 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 members of our church; but will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy "That we will approve, 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 meetings of our church unless we are providentially 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 has 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 sin 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 yourself 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. We will adopt the covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Resolved: That what purports to be the Law of the Supper be printed in our minutes and become part of our constitution.

Preamble of Church Conference.

1. Song and Prayer.
2. Call Church into Conference.
3. Invite Visiting Brethern 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 brethren to take seats.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Call for reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Appointment of correspondents.
10. Time and place of holding next session.
11. Election of minister to preach the introductory.
12. Adjournment of the Association.

