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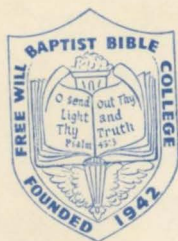
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## THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Both Moderator and Assistant Moderator being present. After singing a few good songs by the choir, led by Prof. Ode Long. Prayer by Rev. L. R. Crumb, then had an old time testimony service conducted by Rev. T. O. Barnes. This testimony service was much enjoyed by everybody. Then had preaching by Elder J. E. Yandell. Elder Yandell preached a great discourse which was very much enjoyed by all those present. Then the body adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. House called to order by Moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Roberts. Then moved and seconded we enter conference and take up the regular order of business. Called for Church Letters and received the followinf:

1. WILBURTON CHURCH—Brother J. A. Peppers, Brother H. W. Odonnell, Brother J. R. Rankin, Sister Carrie Odonnell, Sister Nellie Peppers, Rev. J. E. Yandell, pastor, Sister Esther Rankin, church clerk, postoffice, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

2. BLAINE CHURCH—Rev. T. M. Arnold, Brother F. L. Iovellass, Rev. T. M. Arnold, pastor, Sister Eva McIntosh, church clerk, postoffice, Blaine, Oklahoma.

3. LITTLE BOGY CHURCH—Brother J. D. Adams, Sister Minnie Adams, Rev. C. E. Kennedy, pastor, Sister Pearl Adams, church clerk, postoffice, Red Oak, Oklahoma.

4. INDEPENDENCE CHURCH—Brother B. W. Brooks, Sister Ola Brown, Brother John Fortner, Sister Annie Sanders, Sister Stella Free, Rev. J. A. Claxton, pastor, Sister Stella Free, church clerk, postoffice, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

5. PRAIRIE GROVE CHURCH—Brother A. M. Smith, Sister Jennie Smith, Sister Bertha Honeycutt, Brother B. B. Honeycutt, Brother Tom Winn, Rev. J. E. Yandell, pastor, Sister Dovie Honeycutt, church clerk, postoffice, Stigler, Oklahoma.

6. KENNEDY CHURCH—Brother E. E. Shipley, Brother Walter Deighton, Sister Maud Deighton, Sister Grace Deighton, Elder J. E. Yandell, pastor, E. E. Shipley, church clerk, postoffice, Kennedy, Oklahoma.

7. CROSS ROADS CHURCH—Brother M. C. Adams, Brother Russell Scantlin, Sister M. C. Adams, Brother Leo Garland, Brother Barb Hickman, Sister Eveline Gilstrap, Sister Lula Garner, Sister Winnie Robinson, Brother Robinson, Brother Jess Venoble, Sister Lettie Garland, Rev. O. D. Wickham, pastor, Sister Nettie Venoble, church clerk, post office, R. R. 2 Box 19, Stigler, Oklahoma.

8. PERRY CHURCH—Sister Etta Peck, Brother Harrison Peck, Brother Jim Livesay, Brother L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Dovie Lafave, church clerk, postoffice, Stigler, Oklahoma, Route One Box 156.

9. CARTERSVILLE CHURCH—Sister Mary Callahan, Brother John Callahan, Sister Ola Callahan, Rev. Chas. Kinsey, pastor, Sister Lida Stanley, church clerk, postoffice, Cartersville, Oklahoma.

10. ROYAL OAK CHURCH—Brother Auther Morris, Sister Lizzie Castles, Sister Malissie Sanders, Rev. Chas. Kinsey, pastor, Sister M. T. Barnes, church clerk, postoffice, Panama, Oklahoma.

11. ROCKY POINT CHURCH—Brother Tom Anderson, Brother Jack Apple, Sister Noia Browning, Brother General Winn, Sister Cordia Adams, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Brother W. Y. Pinnell, church clerk, postoffice, McCurtain, Okla. R. 1.

12. BUFFINGTON CHURCH—Brother J. H. Standridge, Brother J. M. Ray, Brother J. F. Howard, Sister Montie Standerfer, Sister Howard, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Brother J. D. Standridge, church clerk, postoffice, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

13. SUGAR LOAF CHURCH—Brother Edd Dunn, Brother Sam Baird, Rev. J. C. Nuby, pastor, W. P. Clark, church clerk, postoffice, Munroe, Oklahoma.

14. MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH—Brother C. W. Southern, Sister Southern, Sister Fannie Kinsey, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Brother Charlie Partain, church clerk, postoffice, Bokoshe, Okla.

15. PRAIRIE VIEW CHURCH—Brother R. C. Cox, Sister Alice Trickett, Sister Mae Peck, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Brother Clifford Trickett, church clerk, postoffice, Stigler, Oklahoma.

16. HOYT CHURCH—Brother and Sister Willmath Holder, Sister Gideon, Brother O. H. Kennedy, Rev. J. A. Claxton, pastor, Maggie Cravens, church clerk, postoffice, Stigler, Oklahoma.

17. GREENHILL CHURCH—Brother G. H. Thomas, Brother Mettie Howard, Sister Emer French, Sister Viola Thomas, Rev. W. M. Easton, pastor, Sister Esper Easton, clerk, postoffice, Cameron, Oklahoma.

18. TUCKER CHURCH—Sister Lena Maxwell, Sister Frona Mathis, Sister Hassie Myers, Sister Mary Alexander, Brother Tom Patton, Rev. J. A. Mathis, pastor, Sister Myrtle DeArmon, church clerk, post office, Tucker, Oklahoma.

19. MANSFIELD CHURCH—Brother Earl Cates, Sister Anna Slate, Rev. P. A. Stankewitz, pastor, Sister Mattie Stringer, church clerk, postoffice, Mansfield, Ark.

20. BRAZIL CHURCH—Brother and Sister Neal, Brother and Sister Jake Goodson, Rev. Mart King, pastor, Sister Virgie Goodson, church clerk, postoffice, Panama, Oklahoma.

21. CASS CHURCH—Sister Mae Wilson, Brother Willie Wilson, Sister Robins, Rev. T. D. Ary, pastor, Sister Ollie Cox, church clerk, postoffice, Kanima, Oklahoma.

22. OAK GROVE CHURCH—Sister Lena Dobson, Brother Albert Dobson, Sister Tiney Dobson, Rev. W. L. Lamb, pastor, brother J. M. Boarman, church clerk, postoffice, Bokoshe, Okla.

23. PLAINVIEW CHURCH—Represented by Brother Shep Gregory, Sister Dophia Locke, church clerk, postoffice, Bonanza, Arkansas.

24. Brother J. H. Shipman paid \$1.00 for minutes to be sent to Cameron, Okla.

Brother J. H. Green paid 50 cents for minutes for Iron Bridge Church.

Then called for New Churches and Received the following:

25. LONG CREEK CHURCH—Brother Jess Roaden, Rev. J. T. McDaniel, pastor, Sister Ella Roaden, church clerk, postoffice (not given in church letter.)

26. MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH—Brother W. M. F. Keith, Rev. J. C. Nuby, pastor, Sister Flora Pool, church clerk, postoffice Poteau, Oklahoma.

Moved and seconded we receive the Letters from the various churches and seat the delegates. Motion carried and delegates seated by right hand of fellowship.

Then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. J. A. Claxton was chosen as Moderator, Rev. T. O. Barnes, Assistant Moderator, Brother J. C. Smith, clerk, Brother Leo Garland, Assistant Clerk.

Then the Rules of Order was read from the chair and the delegation instructed to adhere strictly thereto.

Then called for corresponding delegates and received Brother J. M. Roberts, from the Grand River Association, Brother M. M. McRae, Brother H. C. Croger from the Southern Association, Brother G. W. Medlock from the Franklin County Arkansas Association.

Next Appointment of Devotional Committee as follows:

Brother Willie Wilson, Brother J. H. Standridge, Brother J. T. Davis, Brother H. W. Odonnell.

Then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

The introductory Sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. L. R. Crumb concluded by old Brother J. M. Roberts, one of the founders of our Association. Theme: "Who Soever Will." Had a wonderful service. Much enjoyed by everybody.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per adjournment. House called to order by Moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Dudley. Then proceeded to business and appointed the various committees as follows:

### COMMITTEE ON BILL OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Brother W. M. Lafave, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Rev. T. M. Avants, Brother Luther Roberts, Rev. R. D. Allen, Rev. J. M. Roberts.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Sister May Peck, Brother H. O. Turner, Sister Alice Trickett, Brother J. A. Peppers.

### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:

Sister Stella Free, Sister Carrie Odonnell, Sister Jennie Smith, Sister Adams, Sister Vera Gideon, Sister Minnie Adams.

### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:



Rev. O. D. Wickham, Brother John Green, Brother D. B. Holland, Rev. Mart King.

#### COMMITTEE ON QUERY AND REQUESTS:

Rev. J. E. Yandell, Brother B. N. Brooks, Brother J. D. Adams, Sister Rose Standifer, Sister Artie Smith, Rev. M. M. McKee.

#### COMMITTEE on MINISTERS and DEACONS CERTIFICATES:

Brother A. M. Smith, Brother Barb Hickman, Sister Vina Barbee, Sister Lura Yandell, Brother Clifford Trickett and Tom Anderson.

#### COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS CREDENTIALS:

Brother Harrison Peck, Brother C. C. Garland, Brother Jim Livesay, Brother King Southern, Brother Edd Wright.

#### COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS:

Brother Tom Winn, Sister Nellie Lafave, Sister Lettie Garland, Brother B. B. Honeycutt, Brother Ellis Smith, Brother Tom Adams, Sister Noia Browning.

#### COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES:

Sister Emma Howard, Sister Monie Standerfer, Sister Minnie King, Brother W. H. Manley, Brother John Deighton, Brother Jack Kinsey.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Rev. J. R. Stoughton, Brother S. J. King, Rev. P. A. Stanke-witz, Sister Willmath Holder, Brother A. A. Holder.

#### COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

Brother Earl Cates, Brother R. W. Holley, Sister Edith Holder, Brother J. F. Howard, Brother J. G. Hood, Brother Russell Scantlin, Brother W. F. Keith, Brother S. F. Kidd, Brother M. C. Adams, Sister Mary Southern, Brother Mark Stanley, Brother J. L. Hass, Sister M. C. Adams, Sister Mary Wilson, Brother A. L. Keith, Brother J. H. Crow, Brother Jess Roden, Brother W. F. Kinsey, Brother A. M. Curry.

Moved and seconded we restore Brother Mart King's credentials. Motion carried and Brother King stands identified again with the Association, and we pray God will use him and bless his work.



Moved and seconded we adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Preaching Friday night by Rev. W. L. Lamb. Brother Lamb preached a great discourse and had a sweeping revival. Several souls saved.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. House called to order by Moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. T. O. Barnes. Then called for Committee Reports and Received the following reports:

### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

We, your committee on temperance beg leave to report as follows: Temperance implies that we should be free from intoxicating drinks; that we should use our efforts to get rid of whiskey and its makers when it occurs in our observation by communing with the enforcement officers of our land; that we should not contract indecent habits in our Divine Service, such as some deceivers of our country are doing to an excess and thereby the influence of the true Gospel is weakened; that we strictly adhere to temperance in its highest Bible sense, with all the word implies Eph 5-18-19.—2 Peter 1-5-10—Acts 24-25—Gal 5-23.

REV. O. D. WICKHAM, Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON BILL OF ARRANGEMENTS:

We, your committee on Bill of Arrangement beg leave 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, advise 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 as 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 Divine 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.

Be it resolved, that this Association forbid any of its members or Ministers from tolerating the so-called Doctrine of Tongues or unknown Tongues in any way. Any one found guilty of such shall be deemed guilty of Heresy and shall be due acknowledgement or stand suspended from this body.

W. M. LaFAVE, Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS:

We, your committee on Books and Periodicals, beg leave to 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 urge all our Brethern to use it as such. We recommend that all our members take a Free Will Baptist paper.

J. E. SMITH, Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS and DEACON'S CHARACTERS:

We, your committee on Ministers and Deacon's Characters, beg leave to report the follows: We are thankful and truly glad to report that we find no fault with our Ministers and Deacons; we find them walking worthy of their calling so far as we know.

A. M. SMITH, Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES:

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We sorrow with great loss over the deaths of our departed Brothers and Sisters to-wit: Brother Edd Doss, Sister Effie Doss, Sister Lizzie Taylor, and Sister Martha Smith, of Rocky Point Church. Brother John Sanders, of Independent Church. Sister Molley Pierce and Brother Marshall Pierce both of Norris Church and Brother Johnnie McCaslin of Prairie View Church. Sister Lizzie Hendrix, Sister May Hopkins, of Oak Grove church and Sister Dice Arnold, of Cass Church. They are greatly missed and we mourn their loss, but not as those that has no hope. We would not recall them for we feel assured that our loss is Heaven's gain. That they are waiting in the Glory Land for Jesus said "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea, henceforth Saith the spirit they shall rest from their labor and their works do follow them" and we should take courage and lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily beset us and run with patience the race which is set before us, ever looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

MONA STANDIFER, Chairman.

## COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the Pastors preach at least one sermon at each church they pastor on Home Mission work and a report be made at each conference by a committee appointed by the Church and each minister of this Association preach at least four sermons a month and the Deacons of each church look after the Pastoral money and make a personal effort to see each member for aid and we also recommend that a Sunday School be sustained at each church. Also prayer meeting. S. F. KIDD, Chair.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We find that each church has paid the amount for minute funds opposite their names as follows:

Perry Church .....	\$5.00
Cartersville Church .....	2.00
Little Bogy Church .....	1.35
Mansfield Church .....	3.15
Rocky Point Church .....	2.00
Wilburton Church .....	2.00
Cass Church .....	3.00
Mountain View Church .....	2.50
Brazil Church .....	2.50
Hoyt Church .....	2.00
J. H. Green .....	50
Tucker Church .....	2 35
Blaine Church .....	2.00
Royal Oak Church .....	1.25
Independent Church .....	1.50
Cross Roads Church .....	5.00
Oak Grove Church .....	2.00
Friendship Church .....	2.00
Prairie View Church .....	3.25
Buffington Church .....	2.00
Sugar Loaf Church .....	50
Green Hill Church .....	2.25
Plainview Church .....	2.00
Long Creek Church .....	80
Kennedy Church .....	2.50
Prairie Grove Church .....	3.00
Mountain Home Church .....	1.00
J. H. Shipman .....	1.00
Total Collections .....	\$60.27

H. O. TURNER, Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON 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 for God. Resolved, that each church elect a committee on Home Missions and said committee work faithful to that cause. Resolved, that we have a Minister's meeting once a year. Resolved, that we hold communion and feet washing services at each sitting of the Association. Resolved, that we abstain from using profane language and babbling, using our natural influence to the honor and glory of God; and that our Pastors adhere more closely to the Home Mission work and that each preacher and deacon urge their churches to subscribe sufficient to take care of our Evangelist, and any other necessary to advance the cause of Christ.

J. R. STAUGHTON, Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS CREDENTIALS:

We, your committee on Ministers Credentials beg leave to report as follows: We find S. G. Frazier's credentials was called in by a Minister's Meeting and we recommend the action of that body and the church of Perry has excluded him from the church.

C. C. GARLAND, Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: That it is the duty of the Free Will Baptist Church to study and teach the Free Will Baptist Literature for the purpose of supporting our own publishing houses. We know we have the Bible Doctrine. We believe our Sabbath School teachers should be Christians.

STELLA FREE, Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON QUERY AND REQUEST:

We, your committee on Query and Requests, beg leave to report as follows: We have been requested by the corresponding delegates to-wit: Brother M. M. McKee and Bro. Croger of the Southern Association to raise money to assist in buying and erecting a monument to the grave of old Brother McGee. Therefore, we request each and every member of this Association contribute of their means to the amount that they feel that God has

blessed them with for this purpose. We feel as your committee that we owe it to him and to his wife and the great cause in which he wore out his life. This request was passed by the Association and each pastor of the various churches is requested to take up a collection in each church he pastors for this purpose and turn the money over to Brother W. M. Lafave, the Association Treasurer. We also find that this association owes S. G. Frazier or his dependents an account. Therefore, we request that we reach a settlement and pay the account to his wife and children. We also find that the old original association known as the territorial association are requesting of the Association to grant them their boundary lines, that they may have an Association of their own. This request was voted down by the Association and the boundary lines remain the same.

J. E. YANDELL, Chairman.

Moved and seconded we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. Preaching Saturday at 11 a. m. by Rev. O. D. Wickham. His theme: "Be Ye Steadfast and unmovable." These Brethren preached a wonderful discourse on this great subject. Much enjoyed by all present.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per adjournment. House called to order by the Moderator. After singing "How Firm a Foundation". Prayer by Rev. T. O. Barnes, then proceeded to business. Called for Minister's Reports and received the following:

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 75 sermons; traveled several miles; pastored 2 churches; held 2 revival meetings; witnessed 33 conversions; baptised 16; held 5 funeral services. I have done all I could for the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist. My health has been bad and it takes all of my time to support my family, but pray for me. I want to be found in the service of the Lord—REV. W. M. EASTON, Postoffice, Cameron, Okla.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have organized one church with 19 members; have pastored two churches; preached sixty sermons; witnessed 30 conversions; baptised 13; married 3 couples; held 6 meetings. I beg the prayer of God's people. I have received \$65.00 for my work.—REV. E. A. ODONELL, post office, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 3 churches; held 2 revival meetings; witnessed 35 conversions; Baptised 13; received 20 in the church; received for my work \$175.00—REV. T. M. ARNOLD postoffice, Keota, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 15 sermons since we met in our last Association—REV. W. D. JORDAN, postoffice, McKey, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka and Roberts McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 128 sermons; witnessed 61 conversions; held 6 funeral services; married 3 couples; received from Mountain View church \$60.50; Brazil church \$35.75; Shady Grove church \$7.00; Oak Grove church \$60.25; from the K. K. K. \$18.00, a total collection of \$199.00—REV. L. R. CRUMB, postoffice, Bokoshe, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka and Roberts McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I pastored 3 churches; preached 118 sermons; witnessed 28 conversions; organized 2 churches; baptised 9; married 5 couples; received for my labor \$195.60—REV. C. E. KENNEDY, postoffice, Bonanza, Ark., R. F. D. No. 1.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 41 sermons, held 6 funeral services; held 1 revival meeting; witnessed 19 conversions; received in the church 18; baptised 16; attended one Fifth Sunday Meeting; married 7 couples; received for my work \$28.50. I want the prayers of the entire Association that I may be able to do more next year—REV. J. A. MATHIS, postoffice, Cartersville, Oklahoma, Route 1, Box 91.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association. I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored 2 churches, Tucker and Poyal Oak. I have preached 78 sermons; traveled 410 miles; held 4 funeral services; married 6 couples; received in the church 18; received from Royal Oak church \$8.00; from Tucker church \$42.50. I pray God's blessings on all the churches and the Association—REV. R. D. ALLEN, postoffice, Tucker, Okla.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association. I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached about 34 sermons; held 35 Prayer meetings; visited 3 in sickness; baptised none; pastored no church; received no money; held 2 funerals; organized 3



Sunday Schools for 1923. I am sorry this is all the report I have. I am in bad health. I ask your prayers that I may do more next year—REV. D. E. JOHNSON, postoffice, Calhoun, Ok.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association. I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 36 sermons; helped to organize one church; helped in two revival meetings; pastored 1 church seven months; traveled 366 miles; witnessed 5 conversions; married 5 couples; I have received \$2.35—REV. T. M. AVANTS, postoffice, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 76 sermons; traveled about 250 miles; pastored 2 churches; received in the church 14; baptised 9; received \$177.00. Pray for me that I may make this the banner year of my life—REV. O. D. WICKHAM, postoffice, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached about 50 sermons; held 1 meeting myself; helped hold 5 other meetings; held 2 regular appointments, one at Brooken and one at Liberty. Brethern I have done my best, considering my chance. May God bless the Association and its Moderator and all its members. Let's make this 1923 the banner year for Christ—REV. A. A. HOLDRIDGE, postoffice, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 66 sermons; witnessed 20 conversions; pastored 1 church; held 3 funeral services; married 8 couples; received for my work \$60.00; paid out \$44.00 to the officers and Brethern of the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association. I give you my best wishes. I give you my heart and my thoughts on prohibition—a pledge we make no wine to take nor brandy red that turns the head nor fiery rum that ruins homes; nor whisky that makes the sots; nor brewers beer for that we fear and cider too will never do to quench the thirst. We will always bring cold water from the well or spring. So here we pledge personal hate to all that can intoxicate. Well brethern for 17 years I have rode through rain, sleet and snow when I could hardly see to go. Yours truly by asking all to pray for me and especially Jim Roberts and old Sister Barnes if they be present in your assembly and it would be a great consolation if it be the will of the body to print this in the minutes—REV. T. D. ARY, postoffice, Kanima, Okla., star route.

Dear ministering brethern, our minutes reads that each ordained minister shall report each year to the Association, either by letter or person, as your clerk I ask that you do this.—J. C. SMITH.

Report of the Associational Treasurer: I beg leave to report as follows: I received from the various churches \$159.03 for the purpose of helping pay the indebtedness of our college at Tecumseh, Okla.—W. M. LaFAVE, Stigler, Oklahoma.

Then called an ordaining council together and ordained Brother R. W. Holley of Mansfield church; Brother A. A. Holdridge, of Hoyt church to the ministry and Brother F. L. Lovelass as Deacon of Blaine church. The ordaining council: Rev. J. M. Roberts, Rev. T. O. Barnes and Rev. T. M. Arnold.

### MINISTER'S REPORT

To the Eureka and Roberts-McGee Association: I beg leave to report as follows: I have pastored.....churches; preached.....sermons; witnessed.....confessions; received.....in the church; baptised.....traveled.....miles; held.....funeral services; married.....couples; organized....churches; received for my work.....; my expenses has been.....—REV.

Then moved and seconded we receive Rev. J. A. Claxton as an ordained minister and extend to him a hearty welcome in our midst.

Motion carried and then called for Miscellaneous Business and took up the following: Moved and seconded we extend our boundary lines to the north line of Sequoyah county. Motion carried. Moved and seconded we return the present committee on Minister's Characters. Motion carried. Then appointed the following corresponding delegates to Sister Associations to the Grand River Association: Rev. P. A. Stankewitz; Brother Ed Wright; Brother S. F. Kidd and Brother Luther Roberts.

Then appointed a committee to reach a settlement in the Frazier account as follows: Brother Will Lafave; Brother H. O. Turner; Brother Ellis Smith; Brother Lee Thompson; Rev. T. O. Barnes; Brother A. L. Keith.

Moved and seconded that this committee find what we owe S. G. Frazier and assess each Church their pro rata share of payment of the same.

Then fixed places for holding Fifth Sunday meetings. First one to be held with Brazil church. Second with Tucker church, and third with Cross Roads church and fourth with Independent church, near McCurtain.

Moved and seconded we put an Evangelist in the field. The motion carried and Rev. R. D. Allen was elected our Evangelist.

Moved and seconded that this body extend to Oak Grove church and community our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality shown us during our stay with them and we pray God's great blessings on them both spiritually and financially.

Called another ordaining council together and ordained Brother J. C. Dudley to the ministry.

Then adjourned to meet with Sugar Loaf church, 9 miles Southeast of Poteau, Oklahoma and 3 1-2 miles north of Munro, Oklahoma on Thursday Night before the First Sunday in September A. D. 1924.

Rev. O. D. Wickham was elected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. J. M. Roberts, alternate.

Preaching Saturday night by Rev. C. E. Kennedy, concluded by Rev. J. R. Stoughton. This brought to a close one of the greatest gathering of Free Will Baptist ever held in Oklahoma.

A word from the Clerk—

Dear Brethern: I may have left out something that I should have put in this minute book. I have done my best, so I ask your prayers and cooperation.

J. C. SMITH, Clerk, McCurtain, Oklahoma.

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## RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and conducted by prayer 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 leisurely 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 baptised 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, 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 Association 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 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, 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 and that each church should help their pastor and if an evangelist should visit any destitute place and organize churches that we urge upon the people to assist the evangelist so he can go and preach the Word.

#### 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 1:29 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, 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 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. 45:22, 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, I 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. 1:39.

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 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. I Cor. 12:13, Eph. 3:7, Rev. 22:17.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and washing 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, I Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism, only those who have a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who have come under the hands of the presbytery of elders, and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerk chosen by the church ought to have office during the good pleasure of same and in 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, II 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 forth the Lord's supper and washing the Saint's feet to let a man "examine himself and so let him eat." I Cor. 11:28, John 13:14.

13. We believe that sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the 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 affectionated 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, 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 be 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 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 those 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 and there kept.



