



## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. House called to order.
2. Letters called for and adopted.
3. Right hand of fellowship.
4. Reading of Rules of Order.
5. Petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. New business.
9. Report of Committees
10. Miscellaneous Business.
- II. Election of officers.

FIFTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF GAINES CREEK ASS'N.  
HELD AT TANNEHILL CAMP GROUND AUG. 5-6, 1966.

|                 |       |                      |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------|
| Moderator       | ----- | Rev. Ernest Harrison |
| Ass't Moderator | ----- | Rev. Cliff Myers     |
| Clerk-Treasurer | ----- | Lela White           |
| Ass't Clerk     | ----- | Judy Botts           |

The next Annual Association will be held August  
17-18-19-1967

S.E. Youth Camp will be held Aug. 14-18-1967 at  
Robbers Cave Youth Camp No. 2.

## RULES OF ORDER

I. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whoever he may request.

2. That all ministers, deacons, church clerks and association clerks be as standing delegates.

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 as motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

II. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.

12. In the future meetings of the Association, arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent devotional exercises.

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.

## ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Lone Grove          | Crowder              |
| Sis. Lillian Lott   | Sis. Brenda Dazzler  |
| Sis. Mary Crandell  | Sis. Lula Dazzler    |
| Sis. Edna Knight    | Sis. Susie Kirby     |
| Fellowship          | McAlester First      |
| Sis. Betty Weeks    | Sis. Margie Odle     |
| Sis. Shirley Smith  | Sis. Gayla Christian |
| Sis. Haley Cowell   | Sis. Stella Harrison |
| Lone Oak            | Northtown            |
| Bro. Harrison Botts | Rev. J. M. Snowden   |
| Bro. W. C. Ratlidge | Sis. Gertrude Bakara |
| Bro. Jerry Myers    | Bro. Jack Hance      |
| New Hope            | Eufaula              |
| Sis. Jessie Cathey  | Sis. Hairrod         |
| Sis. Wyoma Eldridge | Bro. G. W. Gawf      |
| Sis. Freda Emory    | Bro. Rufus Hart      |

### Stuart

Sis. Blasengame  
Sis. Ellison  
Sis. Glenda Blevins

## STATE DELEGATES

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sis. Stella Harrison  | McAlester First |
| Sis. Judy Botts       | Lone Oak        |
| Bro. Thomas Carmen    | New Hope        |
| Bro. Gilbert Lawrence | Stuart          |
| Sis. Lela White       | Crowder         |

State Association at Pryor, Okla.

### Friday Morning 3, rvice

The Annual Session of Gaines Creek Assn. convened at the Campground Tabernacle on Aug. 3-1966, with our Moderator, Bro. Ernest Harrison in charge of proceeding, Opening with congregational singing "Theres power in the Blood", followed with prayer by Bro. Boyd.

Moderator called for motion to enter into conference for the purpose of transacting any business to come before the body.

First order of business was to call for letters of representation from all churches present, 8 being received, read and delegates seated.

Chair given authority to appoint all of the committees. Divine committee appointed, composed of Sis. Edna Knight, Bro. J.R. Smith, Bro. Harrison Botts. Divine committee excused while song and right hand of fellowship given to the delegates. Divine committee report: Bro. Harry Lee for Devotion, Bro. Walter Boyd as II:00 o'clock speaker.

Rules of Order were read. Committees were appointed. Obit. Comm.; Sis. Snowden, Sis. Margie Odle, and Bro. Jerry Myers. Temperance Comm.; Sis. Gayla Christian, Sis. Edith Young, Sis. Lillian Lott. Other Comm.; See standing Committees.

At this time a motion was made and 2nd we adjourn conference till 1:00 p.m. in favor of II:00 o'clock service.

II:00 o'clock Service

Song; "Heavenly Sunlight".  
Devotional Scripture by Bro. Lee, taken from 1st Cor. 12:28 on "Charity and Love".  
Message by Bro. Boyd taken from Matt. 22:34. On doing "Great Things". A wonderful message.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cliff Myers, who also prayed Benediction on our noon meal.

### Friday Afternoon Service

Opened with song "Love Lifted Me". First portion of business was the introduction by the Moderator of Bro. J. D. O'Donnell, Pres. of O.B.C. who spoke to us briefly concerning the college. He also introduced a new program for raising funds for O.B.C.

Our moderator was excused at this time, due to a revival he was conducting. Chair being given to Assistant Mod. Bro. Cliff Myers. Quarterly meetings for coming church year are placed at this time. See Placement Comm. report. Introductory sermon at Stuart Quarterly meeting by Bro. Cliff Myers, alternate; Bro. Gilbert Lawrence.

Motion and 2nd; That the Association only, be set as permanent on Thurs. night before the 3rd Sunday in Aug. 1967. Namely Aug. 17-18-19. Not to be changed by the Exec. board.

Motion made and passed; We begin our Assn. Revival on the 17th of July, running thru the 26th of July, 1967. Bro. Hershell Hickman, Evangelist.

Speaker of Introductory sermon at 1967 Assn. elected; Bro. Dale Smith, with Bro. Albert Jarrett as alternate.

Motion for adjournment till 10:00 a.m. Sat.

### Saturday Morning Service

Opening song "I Will Not Be A Stranger", followed with prayer by Bro. T.H. Dickson.

Devotion by Bro. Jess Henson, from 1st Tim. 4 Theme; "Thought Ministry For Christ".

Late letter from Eufaula church received, read and accepted. Right hand of fellowship is extended delegates from Eufaula church while singing song #39 "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Prayer by Bro. Harry Lee.

Bro. Charlie Christian appointed as replacement to Bro. J.R. Smith on Divine Comm.

Divine Comm. report; Bro. J.M. Snowden for the Devotion, and Bro. T.H. Dickson, the 11:00 o'clock message.

Motion made and met with a 2nd that we pay

Bro. Purdom \$100.00 for evangelistic services and an additional \$50.00 traveling expenses.

Motion made and carried; We take an offering on Sunday night for the Assn. treasury.

Business conference closed till 1:00 o'clock.

Dismissed by Bro. Charlie Christian for 20 min. recess

## 11:00 o'clock Service

Service opened with congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven".

Devotion from Gal. 6:1-8 by Bro. Snowden.

Song "Amazing Grace".

Scripture text taken from Eph. 3:21. Theme "The Church", a very inspiring message delivered by Bro. Dickson.

Bro. Charlie Christian dismissed us with prayer for noon recess.

## Saturday Afternoon Service

Body brought into final session of Assn. with the singing of song No. 26 entitled "This World Is Not My Home". Prayer by Bro. Loyd Higgins.

Committee reports;

Womens Aux. ----- See Comm. Reports

Temperance ----- " " "

Mission ----- " " "

Obituary ----- " " "

C.T.S. ----- " " "

Sunday School ----- " " "

Resolutions ----- " " "

Moved to accept all reports as read.

Motion and 2nd; That each church in Assn. send in \$15.00 in last (May) letter, to Quarterly meeting for the Assn revival in 1967.

Motion passed; Moderator to have charge of the revival.

Bro. Loyd Higgins elected to Exec. board for 5 yrs

National Association delegate elected; Sis.

Stella Harrison.

Bro. Charlie Christian elected to seat on General Board.

Motion passed; That the Exec board draw up a new

set of by-laws; to be presented to the next  
Quarterly meeting in Nov.

Authority given clerk to grant \$10.00 to  
Sis. Harrison.

Nex't item of business was election of the  
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer  
and Assistant Clerk.

Elected; Bro. Harry Lee, Moderator

Bro. Charlie Christian, Assistant Moderator

Sis. Lela White, Clerk-Treasurer

Sis. Judy Botts, Assistant Clerk

Clerk given authority to correct minutes. Body  
voted to have 250 minutes printed this year.

Motion passed; We accept offer of Bro. Carmen  
and Bro. Botts to haul off old lumber from the  
campgrounds, and to keep lumber for the hauling  
service.

Amendment to resolution passed; That Assn.  
give authority to Exec. board to approve the  
By-Laws written by them. To be changed, if at  
all necessary, at nex't Annual Association.

Minutes of last Quarterly meeting was read  
and approved.

Financial report was read and accepted by  
the body.

Final adjournment of Annual Session with a  
prayer by Sis. Stella Harrison.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Moderator

Sis. Lela White, Clerk

Quarterly Meetings Placed

1st Nov. 18-19..... Stuart

2nd- Feb. 17-18..... Lone Oak

3rd- May 19-20..... New Hope

Motion made and carried; That we put in the  
minutes as a rule that each church send \$10.00  
extra for our Assn. revival each year.

(Ref. Minutes of 1961)

Motion passed; That the Exec. board give \$10.00

## Committee Reports:

### Executive Committee

We, your Exec. board met in conference Aug. 11 at the Campgrounds to write the By-Laws and the Constitution of the Gaines Creek Assn. of Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Chairman

### C.T.S. Committee

WE notice in the church letters that not all the churches have C.T.S. Only 5 are listed, with an enrollment of 174 students. This is a good training program for everyone, and we would like to see all the churches start one, and encourage the young to attend.

Sis. Mary Crandell, Chairman

### Obituary Committee

We report as follows; We sorrow over the loss of our brothers and sister in Christ. But we feel that our loss is heavens gain. We pray Gods blessings upon the bereaved. Jesus has said "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them...."

Rev. Carl Chambers.....Tannehill Church

Bro. Johnie McAdoo.....Nals Church

Sis. Louise Springer.....Fellowship Church

Bro. J. A. Peppers.....Wilburton Church

Bro. Charlie Carmen.....McAlester First Church

Bro. J. M. Snowder, Chairman

### Sunday School Committee

We recommend all Sunday School teachers express the Bible in all their teaching. Also we urge the giving of attendance pins. With 9 of our churches counted there are approximately 491 persons enrolled in our Sunday Schools in the Gaines Creek Assn.

Bro. J. M. Snowder, Chairman

### Mission Committee

The Mission report is printed on our financial page. But we do urge that more churches become more "mission minded". Our missionaries are going in our place. Let us all try harder to help them.

Sis. Judy Botts, Chairman

## Committee Reports (con't)

### Temperance Committee

We, your temperance committee recommend as follows; We as an Association, church, or member discourage the sale of intoxicating drinks in our great state of Okla. Also to be temperate in all things that are contrary to God's will.

Bro. Buster Stacey, Chairman

### Womens Aux. Committee

There are 4 Aux. organized in Gaines Creek Assn. with a membership of 37. Their activities include;

2 churches sponsored V.B.S.

3 missionary offerings were taken.

I tithes their offerings to missions.

I has taken Bro. Stanfields Home mission work as a project, and sends a monthly offering.

I has purchased a fan for a Sunday School room, and paid for the finishing and waxing of the floor as well as purchasing panel for choir.

Three dinners were served at funerals.

One bake sale was held.

One sponsored a supper to raise money for a Communion table for the church.

Used stamps were collected to be sold for purchasing religious tracts for our missionaries.

Plans are to help with the sick of the community this year.

Sis. Arta Lee Smalley, Chairman

### Resolutions Committee

We recommend that caution be used in the granting of a license to preach the gospel to anyone, while there are licensed preachers idle, and churches without pastors or part-time preaching.

Sis. Stella Harrison, Chairman

We would like to thank Sis. Golda Jenson for sending the following report of the South-eastern Youth encampment this year.

## Report of Southeastern Youth Camp

The Southeastern Youth camp met Aug 15th-19th 1966 at Robbers Cave, Wilburton, Okla.

There were 74 registered, including the teaching staff and Sponsors. Teachers were as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Earl Jenson, Rev. and Mrs. Casey Adams and Sue Gage.

Rev. Bailey Thompson was the Evangelist.

Rev. Ernest Harrison, Camp Director.

Rev. Roma Stewart, Camp Councillor.

Rev. Harry Lee, Recreation Director.

Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, Song Director.

We had one of the best camps I ever attended. No count was kept of the conversions, but before the camp was ended one hundred percent had confessed Christ. We had some of the best preaching I ever heard.

Mrs. Myrtle Clark, Mrs. Lela White and Eddie Jarrett were our cooks, and they did a real marvelous job of feeding us. Especially those hot buns we enjoyed every day.

We had as visitors: Rev. and Mrs. Howard Gage and Sue, missionaries who are going to Africa. Also Bro. and Sis. Harvey Agurrie and Laura, missionaries who are going to Mexico. We had a wonderful time.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that no moderator shall succeed himself in office.
2. Be it resolved that all resolutions be recorded in minutes year after year.
3. Be it resolved that the delegate to the General Board be paid the sum of twenty five (\$25.00) for expenses.
4. Be it resolved that resolutions that are not recorded in minutes be abolished.
5. Be it resolved that all churches of the Association pay 10% to the Co-Op plan.

Bro. Ernest Harrison

Chairman of Exec. Board.

## Standing Boards

### Resolution

Sis. Stella Harrison, Sis. Gertrude Baker, Sis.

Opal Hickman

Missions

Sis. Judy Botts, Sis. Jessie Cathey, Sis. Myrtle

Clark

Church Training Service

Sis. Arta Lee Smalley, Sis. Mary Crandell, Sis.

M. L. Bogan

Sunday School

Bro. J. M. Snowder, Bro. Thomas Carmen, Sis.

Kirby

Executive

Bro. Loyd Higgins.....5 Years

Bro. Cliff Myers.....4 Years

Bro. Harry Lee.....3 Years

Bro. Jess Hanson.....2 Years

Bro. Ernest Harrison.....1 Year

Credentials

Bro. Cliff Myers, Bro. Walter Boyd, Bro. Harry Lee

Bro. Jess Hanson, Bro. J. M. Snowder

## Minutes of Quarterly Meetings

Nov. 20-1965

Meeting convened at Lone Grove church with  
moderator in charge. Congregational singing  
led by Sis. Lillian Lott.

Devotion by Bro. Cliff Myers, from the book  
of Jeremiah.

Letters called for, 8 churches represented.

Northtown F.W.B. church accepted into the  
Gaines Creek Association.

Mineral lease granted to Shell Oil Co.

Authority given Board of Trustees to  
handle legal matters arising in our Assn.

One hundred dollars given the Northtown  
church for their new building.

Motion passed we change our Covenant to  
read the same as State Free Will Baptist  
Covenant.

Minutes (con't)

Feb. 19-1966

Meeting at Crowder church. Moderator in charge of Proceedings.

Letters called for, with 9 churches responding.

Devotion by Bro. Dale Smith, and morning speaker was Bro. Ernest Harrison.

Bro. Harrison resigned from Credentials Board, to be replaced by Bro. Albert Jarrett.

Bro. Gilbert Lawrence recommended for ordination into the ministry.

Application to be made to purchase a \$1,000.00 bond from bank. Interest to be made payable to O.B.C. for scholarship to student from Gaines Creek Assn.

May 13- 1966

Moderator opened meeting at the Northtown church with the congregation singing hymn No. 188, led by Bro. J.M.Snowder.

Prayer by Bro. Walter Boyd.

Special singing by the Lawrence girls.

Letters called for. 10 churches were represented at this meeting.

Morning speaker was Bro. Thomas Dickson of the Eufaula church.

Bro. N.R.Smith brought us greetings from our own Oklahoma Bible College.

Examining committee recommended that Bro. Ernest Harrison Jr. and Bro. Dale Smith be licensed to preach.

\$200.00 sent to O.B.C. on our allocation.

Campground committee authorized to have repairs made at campground.

A wonderfully spirited meeting.

Good food provided during the noon recess.

Wonderful fellowship all day long, as it should be whenever Brothers and Sisters in Christ happen to get together.

Dismissed with prayer.

CH URCH & PASTOR

First-Rev. Ernest Harrison

Fellowship-Rev. Walter Boyd

Lone Oak-Rev. Cliff Myers

New Hope-Rev. Bill McClellan

Stuart-Rev. Gilbert Lawrence

Wilburton-Rev. Fassio

Crowder-Rev. Albert Jarrett

Lone Grove-Rev. Joe Zummer

Northtown-Rev. Jess Henson

Eufaula-Rev. Thomas Dickson

Tannehill

CLERKS

Well Christian, 200 W. B. McAlester, Okla.

Olota Lott, Box 2013 N. McAlester, Okla.

Judy Botts, Rt. 1, Indiantola, Okla.

Edith Young, Rt. 1, Crowder, Okla.

Arta Lee Smalley, Haywood, Okla.

Sylvia Fassio, 803 W Caddo, Wilburton Okla.

Lela White, Crowder, Okla.

Neoma Bowen, Haywood, Okla.

Clarence Baker, Rt. 4, McAlester, Okla.

Eulene Davis, Rt. 1 Eufaula, Okla.

## Financial Report

### Disbursements

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Missions -----               | \$ 2,834.35 |
| Bro. Lynn Wood -----         | 176.85      |
| Bulletin -----               | 45.00       |
| Ins. on Tabernacle -----     | 65.00       |
| State Del. -----             | 30.00       |
| Gen. Board -----             | 25.00       |
| Northtown Church -----       | 100.00      |
| Bond -----                   | 100.00      |
| Jones-Tyson -----            | 275.00      |
| Minutes -----                | 88.73       |
| Electric (Campgrounds) ----- | 67.64       |
| O.B.C. -----                 | 450.00      |
| Misc. -----                  | 31.61       |

\$4,289.18

Bal. in Bank ----- \$ 440.03

Received ----- 4,073.98

Total \$4,518.01

Total Disbursements ----- 4,289.14

Bal. \$ 228.87

### Minutes and Revival

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| New Hope -----        | \$25.00 |
| Crowder -----         | 25.00   |
| Stuart -----          | 25.00   |
| Lone Oak -----        | 25.00   |
| Northtown -----       | 25.00   |
| McAlester First ----- | 25.00   |
| Lone Grove -----      | 25.00   |
| Fellowship -----      | 15.00   |
| Eufaula -----         | 10.00   |

# Financial (con't)

CO-OP

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| McAlester First | \$ 1,237.01 |
| Lona Oak        | 88.16       |
| Lona Grove      | 151.39      |
| Crowder         | 139.12      |
| Stuart          | 277.78      |

## Missions

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Stuart - Jones-Tyson | \$ 45.00 |
| Home Mission         | 30.11    |
| Foreign Missions     | 5.00     |

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| McAlester First |        |
| Home Missions   | 19.75  |
| Sanders         | 9.60   |
| Calvary         | 41.20  |
| Combs           | 13.48  |
| Hawaii Land     | 238.68 |
| Perry           | 81.23  |
| Sparks          | 65.45  |
| Deeds           | 145.45 |
| Jones-Tyson     | 117.45 |

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Crowder                   |        |
| Jones-Tyson               | 20.00  |
| Gaines Creek Assn. C.T.S. |        |
| Howard Gage               | 68.38  |
| Gaines Creek Assn.        |        |
| Jones-Tyson               | 450.00 |

## Paid to O.B.C.

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Stuart             | 300.00 |
| McAlester First    | 674.39 |
| Crowder C.T.S.     | 5.40   |
| Gaines Creek Assn. | 275.00 |

## BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the Association. In the case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any church belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

6. This Association may correspond by delegate or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

II. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one of the members present.

15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory. Romans 1:20, 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 but man voluntarily disobeyed the Commandments of God, Transgressed the law and fell under 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 Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principals 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 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. Jonah 4:11, Mark 10:14, Deut. 10:19.

6. 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 thru the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14, Matt. 24:13.

7. 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 walk therein. John 3:22, Rom. 6:34-35, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 3:16.

8. 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. 1st. Cor. 12:13, Eph. 3:7, Rev. 22:17.

9. 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 24:22-23 John 13: 4-14, Matt. 28: 19-20, 1st. Tim. 5:10.

10. We believe that none have a right to baptism, only those who have a living home 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 deacons church ought to  
have a pastor, deacons, and clerks chosen by the  
church ought to have office during the good ple-

asure of same in dealing with disorderly members;  
reference should be had to the 18th chapter of

Matt. 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 I:5, Acts 14:23,

II Cor. 6:6. 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 setting forth the Lord's Supper and wash-

ing the Saint's feet to let a man "examine him-  
self and so let him eat." I:1 Cor. II:28, John,

I:14. We believe that the sanctification and  
Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is

God dwelling in the light, so when this corrupt-  
ible shall have put on incorruption and this

mortal shall have put on immortality then shall  
it be brought to pass the saying that is written

"Death 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 pro-

-mote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6:10,  
I:1 John, 2:9.

We believe in the resurrection of the  
dead of both the just and the unjust; the resur-

rection of the just to glory and immortality in  
the presence of God; the unjust to the everlast-

ing shame and banishment from the presence of  
God. Matt. 25:31, I:1 Cor. 15:42-45, Thess. I:10, Rev. 9

20:12-13. We believe that the Saint's feet are to be  
washed by all his children. Mark 7:31-33

John 13:4-14, Matt. 23:19-20, I:1 Tim. 5:10. We believe that none have a right to baptize

only those who have a living hope in the Lord Jesus  
Christ and none have the right to administer the sacrament

except by the Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will every where, hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND BAPTISM

The Lord's supper was instituted for God's people.

All children have the equal right to the supper that have been born of the spirit. For by one spirit we are all baptised into one body, 1 Cor. 12-13, (This is not water baptism) "Again Christ says I am the door, John 10-9, Jesus is not water baptism by "the" door, There is not but one door. Now everyone that has come in at this door, has the right to the Lord's supper and is a child of God. So let any one examine himself and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the sup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthy eateth and drinketh damnation to himself "not the church

It is a personal matter of judging and eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions given by the church of Corinth.

Any church that does exclude one of God's children of taking the Lord's supper, is offense to the Christian, (note) Matt. 18:6. But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's supper. I admit that Christ is the true faith and His church true order. Now if this is what is meant by the same faith, we shall not object, we are agreed. But, if sect is referred to, we object as to order. If nothing but Gospel order is meant, we still agree; but we do not believe that one child of God should dictate just what another believes or what church he should belong in order that he may be in the right church, for the visible church is but an organic body of Christians, and placing your name on the church book of the best church on earth does not give you the new birth.

The eunuch believed and was baptised, what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask if the eunuch were allowed to commune with some other organic body or church?

No, he is not of the same faith and order, yet he is admitted to heaven but could not be admitted to a sectarian table. So when the table is set, all of God's children should have the right to partake of the Lord's Supper. If not it is not the Lord's table. It is a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all of the children have the right to partake of the Supper, which has been born of the spirit of God.

(Note) Rom. 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ and everyone members of another.

(Note) John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them I am the bread of life, he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.

(Note) I Cor. 10:17 for we being many are one bread, and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread.

So it is by a spiritual baptism that we come into the body and not by water at all. Then we are as one body, and should have the right at the same table.

If it had ever been intended by the Savior that the Supper should be guarded as some attempt to guard it God would have endowed the judges with power to discern the water baptism, and a legal administration, this settles the matter, and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some make a woeful mistake for after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least of the privileges of any church.

To admit immersion to the only scriptural baptism and a true believer receiving it, is this not right? Some would say, "If by a legal administrator this all that is wanting." It is not purely a personal matter? So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize, and of this applicant to be baptized?

When this is done each has performed a personal duty.

If I have ever been baptised and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptised as I cannot know man's heart. Two acting in consort, one acting in good faith and the other not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for

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Simon, the sorcerer, "believed and baptised", and that by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims to Christian rights, as this proves to be a personal matter; for we clearly see that the apostle inspired as he was, did not discover the evil of Simon's heart. Neither can we know the heart of man. When we do our duty that God says we must do, the applicant's duty is to be a Christian before he is baptised, we find that repentance, faith, baptism and Christian duties all are personally accountable to God and not to man.

There are various opinions of men; and if we use the capacity God has given, we do not think we should be entirely condemned for what we cannot help. The Church of Christ is divided into many members, but is one spiritual body and Christ is the head; and they should have the same care for each other that the fleshly body has for it's members.

Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table; "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder". Christians do not feel alike if they do not think alike.

Should they not commune together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until He should drink it anew in His Kingdom.

So if they assemble at God's table, in heaven, why not on earth?

## GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

**PREAMBLE:** From experience, we the members of the churches of God and Christ, commonly known as Free Will Baptists, realize the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group which desires to promote every phase of our state and national enterprise, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better associational government.

### ARTICLE I

**NAME:** This organization shall be known as the Gaines Creek Association of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma.

### ARTICLE II

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Association shall be to bring into a union such churches in Southeastern Oklahoma as desires to promote the enterprises of the State and National Association.

**Section 2:** It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches but to recommend such measures as would promote unity of action among the churches to harmonize the efforts of individual churches among each other in their effort to accomplish good and make each other more proficient in their undertakings to advance the cause of Christ.

### ARTICLE III

**MEMBERSHIP:** This Association shall be composed of churches commonly known as Free Will Baptists, who maintain gospel order and shall subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Faith as adopted by this said Association.

**Section 2:** All duly constituted churches may be received in this Association by their presenting a petitionary letter from their respective churches if they shall be found orderly and orthodox. such a reception shall be manifested by the Moderator or his Assistant giving the right hand as a token of fellowship.

### ARTICLE IV

**REPRESENTATION:** The members of this Association shall be the church clerks, and ordained ministers and min-

isters wives, deacons and deacons wives, in good standing belonging to any church of this Association and also three delegates from each local church, chosen during church conference and bearing credentials from said church to this body.

#### ARTICLE V

FINANCE: Each church shall send the sum of not less than \$15.00 annually. All expenses above the stated amount shall be at the direction of the body.

#### ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE: This Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches or act upon any appeal that may be made at any of its meetings.

#### ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: The questions of deliberation shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

#### ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall consist of moderator, and assistant moderator, clerk-treasurer, and assistant clerk, each of which will be elected at the close of the yearly meeting.

Section 2: Committees, or boards, shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

Section 3: There shall be a Credential Board, elected by the Association, to inquire into, and examine each applicant for ordination or license to preach the gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and make recommendations to the Association concerning the same. The council shall be composed of three ministers and two deacons.

Section 4: The duties of boards and committees shall be such as are common among Free Will Baptists when not in conflict with the State and National Associations.

#### ARTICLE IX

ALTERATIONS AND REMISSIONS: This Constitution may be amended at any yearly session by two-thirds vote of members present provided the proposed amendments or alteration be presented to the body in writing to read one day in advance.

#### ARTICLE X

CHURCH COVENANT AND BY-LAWS: The church covenant and by-laws are prescribed by the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of National Association of the Free Will Baptists as adopted in 1950.

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