

MINUTES
OF THE
ORIGINAL
McGEE-ROBERTS ASSOCIATION
OF THE CHURCH OF GOD
DENOMINATED FREE WILL BAPTISTS
State of Oklahoma.

CONVENED WITH
PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH
Friday Night Before The First Sunday In September
A. D. 1910

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OFFICERS:

JOHN D. KIMBROUGH, Moderator,	Wilburton, Okla.
J. C. NEWBY, Asst. Moderator,	Monroe, "
W. R. OLLER, Clerk.	Wilburton "
T. B. MATHEWS, Treasurer,	" "

Next session will convene with Oak Grove Church
on Friday night before the first Sunday in September,
A. D. 1911.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read letters from the churches.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reception of new churches.
4. Invitation to visiting brethren to take seats.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Call for reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Appointment of correspondents.
10. Time and place of holding the next session.
11. Election of a minister to preach the introductory sermon.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

McGee-Roberts Association

OPENING SESSION

Friday Night, September 2, 1910,

By the permission of the Almighty God the Seventeenth Annual Session of the original McGee-Roberts Association of The Church of God (Denominated Free Will Baptist) met with Pleasant View Church. After singing by the congregation the opening prayer was led by Elder T. J. Williams which was very humble and appropriate to the occasion.

The congregation was then entertained with a sermon delivered by Elder O. K. Davis. Scriptural lesson first chapter of Galations. The discourse was concluded by Elder J. E. Yandell, after which the Association re-engaged in prayer led by Bro. T. S. Gammons. The Moderator then declared the Association open for the transaction of business.

Business.

The clerk being absent Bro. W. R. Oller was elected clerk pro tem. Letters from the respective churches were called for and the following were presented:

Coal Creek Church letter read, received and delegates seated.

Pleasant View Church, letter read, received and delegates seated.

Oak Grove Church, letter read, received and delegates seated.

Higgins Church, letter read, received and delegates seated.

Fanshawe Church, letter read, received and delegates seated.

New Harmony Church, letter read, received and delegates seated.

Summer Field Church, letter read, received and delegates seated.

Holson Creek Church, letter received and delegates seated.

The Association proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Elder J. D. Kimbrough Moderator,

Elder J. C. Newby Ass't. Moderator,

W. R. Oller Clerk,

T. B. Mathews Treasurer.

Elder J. W. Adams being absent Elder J. C. Newby was elected in his stead to preach the introductory sermon at eleven o'clock Saturday morning.

By motion and second the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning Session.

House called to order by the Assistant Moderator. Prayer by Elder W. T. Walden. Rules of order read.

Reception of New Churches.

Petitionary letters from newly organized churches were called for and the following were received:

Clayton Chapel Church—Organized July 31st, A. D. 1910. By Elder G. B. Skinner.

Pocahontas Church—Organized Aug. 31st, A. D., 1910 by Elders L. B. Woodley and W. T. Walden.

Limestone Church—Organized July 17th, A. D. 1910 by Elders W. C. Austin, J. D. Kimbrough and J. E. Yandell.

Sugar Loaf Church—Organized Aug. 25th, A. D. 1910 by Elder J. C. Newby.

Denman Church—Organized Aug., 7th, A. D., by Elder T. J. Williams.

Big Sandy Church—Organized Sept. 26th, A. D., 1910 by Elders J. D. Kimbrough and J. E. Yandell.

Spring Hill Church—Organized first Sunday in June A. D. 1910 by Elder J. G. Cach.

After examination and being found authordox the above named churches were admitted into the Association and their delegates seated as members thereof. The Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Appointment of Committees.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—J. B. Matthews, R. M. Kimbrough and B. H. Young.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Elder J. E. Yandell, S. A. Skinner and Elder J. R. Neathery.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—G. B. Skinner, J. F. Springer and J. S. Hughes.

Committee on Temperance—W. H. Pate, J. S. Gammons and H. C. Austin.

Committee on Finance—Sister Cordie Lewis, T. J. Williams and W. M. Milburn.

Committee on Quercies and Requests—O. K. Davis, L. B. Woodly and J. M. Bowling.

Committee on Obituaries—C. C. Oller, J. M. Lewis and G. B. Kimbrough.

Committee on Periodicals—Isaac Adams, J. H. Standiford and W. W. Cooper.

Committee on Ministerial Character and Credentials—H. C. Austin, R. G. Dozier and J. B. Maxwell.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises—

For Saturday night, Elder L. B. Woodly will preach to-night and Elder J. F. Springer will conclude.

By motion and second business was adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

Preaching.

At eleven o'clock the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Newby, with Elder J. D. Kimbrough as alternate. Text Rev. 22:14.

A powerful discourse was delivered by each of the brethren to a very attentive congregation.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. House called to order by the Moderator. Opened by prayer, led by Bro. J. R. Neathery.

Reports of Committees.

Report of Committee on Bill of Arrangements—
This committee submitted a report but after being read and discussed it was referred back to the committee for their reconsideration.

Report of Committee on Obituaries received and committee discharged. (See Report.)

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read and adopted and committee discharged. (See Report.)

Report of Committee on Periodicals, adopted and committee discharged. (See Report.)

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises—
Sunday morning:—

Elder W. T. Walden will preach at 9 o'clock and Elder G. B. Skinner will be his alternate. Elder J. E. Yandell will preach at eleven o'clock and Elder J. D. Kimbrough will conclude.

Sunday afternoon:—

Elder G. B. Skinner will preach at 4 o'clock.

Sunday night:—

Elder J. R. Neathery will preach at 8 o'clock and

Elder J. C. Newby will conclude. Committee T. B. Mathews, R. M. Cimbrough and B. H. Young.

By motion and second all business of the Association was suspended until Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Saturday Night.

Devotional Exercises

The services were opened by singing and prayer.

Preaching by Elders L. B. Woodly and J. F. Springer.

Sunday Morning.

Nine O'clock

Preaching by Elders W. T. Walden and G. B. Skinner.

Sunday 11 O'clock A. M.

Sermon by Elder J. E. Yandell concluded by Elder J. D. Kimbrough and O. K. Davis.

Sunday 4 O'clock, P. M.

Preaching by Elder G. B. Skinner with Elder J. C. Mathews as alternate.

Sunday Night.

The services were begun about 6 o'clock by singing, which was followed by an old fashioned prayer and praise service resulting in a grand revival of religion in the hearts of the people of God, which continued until it was too late to have preaching, but an invitation was extended to penitents and several came to the altar. After a season of prayer there were two souls professed a hope in Christ.

Monday Morning Session.

House called to order by the Moderator. Opening prayer led by Bro. William Pate.

Business.

Report of Committee on Queries and Requests. After this report was read a motion and second was made to discuss and adopt it by sections. Motion carried. Report adopted without amendment and com-

mittee discharged. (See Report.)

Motion and second to refer query No. 1 to the State Association. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Character and Credentials received and committee discharged. (See Report.)

Motion and second that the Moderator appoint a committee on Constitutional Amendment. Motion carried.

Committee on Constitutional Amendment—H. C. Austin, J. S. Gammons, S. A. Skinner, William Pate and G. M. McGuire.

Motion and second that the clerk be allowed to use his own discretion in arranging for publication of minutes of this association. Motion carried.

Bros. H. C. Austin, W. R. Oller, S. A. Skinner, G. B. Kimbrough and T. S. Gammons were elected as delegates from this to the State Association, which will convene at Holdenville, Okla., Dec. 1st, 1910.

Report of Committee on Finance read and committee discharged. (See report.)

Elder J. D. Kimbrough was elected as corresponding delegate from this to the Southern Association with Elder J. E. Yandell as alternate, after which a collection was taken up to pay the expenses of said delegate and six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) was received.

Reports of minutes received and read. (See Reports.)

Report of Evangelist J. E. Yandell received and read. (See Report.)

Elder W. T. Walden was unanimously elected as evangelist for the ensuing year.

Report of Committee on Bill of Arrangement received and committee discharged. (See Report.)

By motion and second the moderator appointed W. R. Oller, H. C. Austin and J. B. Mathews as a com-

mittee to draft a form of letter to be used by all churches desiring representation in this Association, the same to be published in the minutes of this Association. Elder J. C. Newby was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this Association, Elder J. E. Yandell to be his alternate.

By motion and second a vote of thanks was tendered the people of Pleasant View for the hospitality shown the members of this Association while their guests.

Adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Church on Friday night before the first Sunday in September A. D. 1911.

JOHN D. KIMBROUGH, Moderator,
W. R. OLLER, Secretary.

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Reports of Committees.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools. We your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows: We believe it is the duty of each church to maintain a Sabbath School and let it be understood that we as children of God recommend union as a basis of all the people of God to do the will of our Father in Heaven, that we unite all of our efforts to keep our children in Sabbath School, that it may be means of bringing them to Christ. We earnestly request all our ministers and deacons to do all they can to hold a lively Sabbath School and prayer meeting in all our churches and neighborhoods. We recommend the scriptures as the main literature in all our Sabbath Schools. We further recommend that each class of every Sabbath School donate to the treasury funds for the support of said school.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. Skinner, }
J. S. Hughes, } Committee
J. F. Springer. }

L. R. McAlvain

M. H. Hubbard

W. J. Carpenter

Report of Committee on Periodicals.

We your committee on Periodicals report as follows: We recommend "The Free Will Baptist Banner as a periodical, the Free Will Baptist literature for Sabbath Schools published at Lemar, Ark.

Respectfully your Committee,

W. W. Cooper,
J. H. Standiford,
Isaac Adams. }

Report on Temperance.

We your Committee on Temperance report as follows: We believe that intemperance constitutes one of the greatest mediums through which the children of God are led captive by the wicked one and induced to wander away from God, because it mars the peace of many once happy homes. It brings many precious little children to want and disgrace. It corrupts the minds of both old and young. It brings about the greatest necessity of orphan homes, insane asylums and penitentiaries.

We therefore insist that the slightest indulgence therein is injurious to the good life and character of anyone.

We further insist that the church member who indulges in the use of intoxicants as a beverage is a compromiser with the devil and an obstacle in the way of Christianity, a traitor to our Lord Jesus Christ, and is therefore unworthy of the fellowship of God's people. We sincerely request all our ministering brethren to give strict and frequent lectures against intemperance for its demoralizing effect is too often apparant to us.

We recommend that this delegation amend the constitution of this Association and make it against the rules of the church for any member or minister of the church to participate in dram drinking of intoxicating drinks to any degree whatever. Any member of the

church found guilty of the above offence must make acknowledgement to the church of which he is a member or be expelled therefrom.

Any minister found guilty of violating this amendment shall make his acknowledgement to the church of which he is a member and also to the next Association following.

H. C. Austin,
W. H. Pate,
T. S. Gammons. } Committee

Report of Committee on Finance.

We your Committee on Finance submit the following report: We have received from the delegates of the respective churches funds as follows:

Sugar Loaf Church minute fund	\$1.70
Denman Church minute fund this Association	1.00
" " " " State "	1.00
" " " " Clerk salary	.50
Coal Creek Church funds	.75
Fanshawe Church funds	1.75
Oak Grove Church for this Association	1.32
" " " " State "	1.00
Summer Field Church funds	1.00
Pleasant View Church funds	1.25
Pocahontas Church funds	1.00
New Harmony Church funds	1.20
Spring Hill Church funds	1.00
Big Sandy Church funds	.75
Clayton Chapel Church funds	1.30
Higgins Church funds	2.50
Limestone Church fund	1.00
Holson Creek Church funds	1.00
TOTAL - - -	\$21.02

Thos. J. Williams, } Committee
W. M. Wilburn. }

Report on Ministerial Character and Credentials.

We your Committee on Ministerial Character and

Credentials report as follows: We are sorry to report that we find that some of our ministers have been participating in dram drinking and we recommend that this delegation amend the constitution so as to make it a violation of the constitution of this Association for such degrading conduct to go on. We also find that Elder G. B. Skinner is without credentials.

H. C. Austin,
J. B. Maxwell, } Committee
R. G. Dozier.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

We your Committee on Obituaries report as follows: It is fit that we stop amid the turmoils of this life and give thought and meditation to the dead for the living know that they must die. We sorrow but not as those who have no hope.

Whereas it has pleased the Lord to take from our midst our beloved Bro. David Chatman of New Harmony Church; Sister Free of Coal Creek Church; Sister Webster of Pleasant View Church and Sister Elwood of Summer Field Church.

Their ever cheerful countenances, their voices in the choir, their presence in Church and Sunday School and their sweet spirit in the home will all be sadly missed but like the fragrance that remains after the rose is taken away; so shall the memory of their pure lives sweeten and brighten the lives of others.

We submit to the will of God knowing that He doeth all things well. We feel assured that they passed away in the full triumph of a living faith and we realize that our loss is their eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. Kimbrough, } Committee
C. C. Oller,
J. M. Lewis.

Report of Committee on Querries and Requests.

We your Committee on Querries and Requests

beg leave to report as follows: We find that Summer Field, Oak Grove and Fanshawe churches all request that the next session of this Association meet with them.

QUERY NO. 1. Does water baptism precede church membership according to the Scriptures?

QUERY NO. 2. Has God fully verified the promise He made to Abraham?

QUERY NO. 3. Has the last covenant that God made with His people as set forth in the 8th chapter of Hebrews been fully verified?

Respectfully submitted,

O. K. Davis,	} Committee
J. M. Bowling,	
L. B. Woodley.	

Report of Committee on Bill of Arrangements.

We your Committee on Bill of Arrangement beg leave to submit the following report:

BILL NO. 1. We recommend that Oak Grove Church and Big Sandy Church unite as one and that Coal Creek Church and Fanshawe Church unite as one church and that Limestone and Pleasant View Churches unite as one church all for the purpose of being more able to support their pastors.

BILL NO. 2. We recommend that each church decide the first meeting day after this Association on the amount that they are going to pay their pastor and when they will pay the specified amount and further be it resolved that the pastor is not under any obligation to the body unless they agree to pay him for his time. Neither is the church under any obligation to the pastor unless he performs his duty over the house of God. Acts 20:28.

We also recommend that at some Conference meeting preceeding the next session of this Association the respective churches decide what amount they are willing to pay their pastor and the evangelist for this

Associational district for the insuing year and state the sum in their letter to the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. Yandell, H. C. Austin, T. S. Gammons, S. A. Skinner.	}	Committee
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Report of Ministers.

Ministerial report of Elder J. D. Kimbrough:—
I have preached 87 sermons, witnessed 31 conversions,
received 32 members into the church and assisted in
the organization of two churches. Received on the
work from the churches as follows:

Received from Big Sandy Church	\$10.85
“ “ Pleasant View Church	15.00
“ “ Oak Grove Church	17.00
“ “ Spring Hill “	8.05
TOTAL	\$50.90

Actual cash expended for the cause of Christ
\$25.00.

Respectfully,

Elder J. D. Kimbrough,
Wilburton, Okla.

Report of Elder Daniel Johnson:—Preached 65
sermons; Organized one Sunday School; Assisted in the
ordination of one deacon: Traveled 200 miles. Received
on the work \$2.50.

Respectfully,

Daniel Johnson.

Report of Elder G. B. Skinner:—I have preached
75 discourses, organized 1 church, received 17 members
baptized 12, witnessed 13 conversions, traveled 60
miles. Received \$3.30.

I am your obedient servant,

G. B. Skinner.

Report of Elder J. W. Adams:—Traveled 350
miles; preached 141 discourses; preached 16 funerals;
married 10 couples; baptized 46; witnessed 10 conver-

sions; Received 69 members into the church; Received on the work \$95.00.

Yours Respectfully,
J. W. Adams.

Report of Elder L. H. Wilson:—Traveled 235 miles; preached 35 sermons with several exhortation; married 1 couple; Received on the work \$4.80.

Respectfully Yours,
L. H. Wilson.

Report of Elder W. T. Walden:—Sermons preached 56; Conversions witnessed 25; Baptized 20; Preached 8 funerals; Married 8 couples; Miles traveled 379; Assisted in organizing one church; Received on the work \$17.80,

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. Walden.

Report of Elder L. B. Woodley:—Dear Brethren. I have not been doing any pastoral work this year, have been looking after the destitute places. Sermons preached 25; Conversions under my ministry 13; Reclamations 2; Baptized 5; Conducted one funeral service; Helped to organize 2 churches; Traveled 125 miles; Received on the work 97 cents.

Respectly submitted,
L. B. Woodley.

Report of Elder Thos. J. Williams:—Sermons preached 50; Baptized 8; Organized 1 church; Witnessed 20 conversions.

Signed,
Thos. J. Williams.

Report of Elder J. E. Yandell, Evangelist for this Associational district.
To the McGee-Roberts Association.

Dear Brethren:—I beg leave to submit the following report. I have done all I could under the circumstances. I have assisted in organizing four

churches; have assisted in ordaining 8 deacons and 4 preachers; Preached 141 discourses; Witnessed 184 conversions; Received 93 additions in the church; Baptized 18; Preached 1 funeral; Traveled 2193 miles. My expenses have been \$128.32. I have received on the evangelistic work:

From the McGee-Roberts Association	\$25.50
" " Eureka	17.30
" " Grand River Association	64.81
" " Canadian	3.95
" General Collections	22.85
TOTAL	\$134.50

The following pledges have been made and are due this fall:

Pleasant View Church	\$5.50
Limestone Church	10.00
Spring Hill Church	5.00
Coal Creek Church	5.00
Summer Field Church	5.00
Sugar Loaf Church	10.00
Clayton Chapel Church	5.00
Oak Grove	30.00
TOTAL	\$70.50

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Yandell.

Statistics of Churches

Pleasant View—Delegates W. R. Oller and T. B. Matthews; Resident members 20; Non-Resident 11; Dismissed by letter 1; Died 1. Meeting days first Sunday in each month and Saturday before. P. O. Wilburton.

J. D. Kimbrough, Pastor,
T. B. Matthews, Clerk.

Oak Grove—Delegates Isaac Adams and W. H. Pate. Members received by statement and recommendation 7; Confession 1; Number in fellowship 39. We

have called Elder J. E. Yandell as our pastor for the insuing year. Postoffice Red Oak,

J. D. Kimbrough, Pastor,

C. E. Kennedy, Clerk.

Holson Creek—Delegate Ben Young; Received by experience and baptism 4; On statement 2; Total membership 12. Postoffice Summerfield.

G. A. Clay, Pastor,

J. B. Walden, Clerk.

Higgins—Delegates T. H. Clark, R. G. Dozier and Ben Maxwell. Members in fellowship 59. Postoffice Damon.

J. W. Adams, Pastor,

Mandy Johnston, Clerk.

Summerfield—Delegates W. T. Walden, L. B. Woodley and Sam Ramsey; Received by experience and baptism 10; By statement 13; Dismissed by letter 2; Died 2; Excluded 10. Total membership 35. Postoffice Summerfield.

W. T. Walden, Pastor,

L. B. Woodley, Clerk.

Coal Creek—Delegates J. R. Rash and J. S. Hughes; Received into the church by confession and baptism 1; Died 1; Resident members 11; Non-resident members 20. Total membership 31. Postoffice address Fanshawe, Oklahoma.

J. C. Newby, Pastor,

Ora Rash, Clerk.

Fanshawe Church—Delegates J. M. and Charlie Lewis; Numbers of members 30; Received none; Dismissed none; Died 3. Have not called a pastor yet. Postoffice Fanshawe.

J. S. Shipman, Mod. Protemn.

J. E. Cook, Clerk.

New Harmony Church—Delegates C. C. Oller, R. W. Ramer and J. M. Bowling; Number in fellowship

30; Received none; Dismissed 4; Died 1. P. O. Norris.
J. F. Springer, Pastor,
R. W. Ramer, Clerk.

New Churches.

Clayton Chapel—Delegate G. B. Skinner; Members in fellowship 14. Postoffice Kiamichi, Okla.

G. B. Skinner, Pastor,
B. F. Akins, Deacon,
Effie McMahan, Clerk.

Denman Church—Number in fellowship 14; Delegate W. J. Wilburn. Postoffice address Red Oak.

J. F. Springer, Pastor,
W. J. Wilburn, Clerk.

Big Sandy Church—Delegates W. W. Cooper and J. G. Free; Number of member 12. Postoffice address, Lodi, Oklahoma.

J. E. Yandell, Pastor,
W. W. Cooper, Clerk.

Pochahuntas Church—Delegates L. B. Woodley and W. T. Walden; Number of members 9; Pastor for insuing year W. T. Walden. Meeting days first Sunday in each month and Saturday night before.

W. T. Walden, Moderator,
Sam Ramsey, Clerk.

Spring Hill Church—Delegates G. M. McGuire and S. A. Hunter; Number in fellowship 23. Pastor for insuing year. J. D. Kimbrough. P. O. Laura, Ok.

Elder J. G. Cach, Moderator.
M. F. Lawther, Clerk.

Sugar Loaf Church—Delegate J. S. Gammons; Number in fellowship 37; Pastor for insuing year J. C. Newby. Postoffice address Monroe, Okla.

J. C. Newby, Moderator,
M. D. Leverett, Clerk.

Limestone Church—Delegates H. C. Austin and

F. L. Rickey; Number in fellowship 12. Postoffice address Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Elder J. E. Yandell, Pastor,
H. C. Austin, Clerk.

The following is a form of letter to be used by all churches wishing to be represented in the McGee-Roberts Association.

(Form 1 for old Churches)

..... Okla., 191

..... Church to the McGee-Roberts Association of the Church of God, (denominated Free Will Baptists.) when coming with Church.

GREETING:—

Dear Brethren:—We the church send Bros., and as delegates and as 'such we pray you receive them to sit with and aid you in your deliberations.

Our Statistics are as follows:—Membership since last association:

By Experience and Baptism	
By Letter and Recommendation	
By Restoration	
Number Dismissed	
By Letter	
Withdrawn from	
Died	
Resident members	
Non-resident members	
Total membership	

We have called Elder as our pastor for associational year.

Amount pledged for pastor's service this year	\$
Amount paid pastor	\$
Amount due pastor	\$
Evangelist for this year	\$
Amount paid Evangelist	\$

Amount due Evangelist	\$
Amount pledged Pastor next year	\$
Amount pledged Evangelist next year	\$
Amount pledged State Evangelist for this associational year	\$
Amount paid State Evangelist	\$
Amount due State Evangelist	\$
Amount pledged State Evang. next year	\$
We send funds to this association	\$
For the State association	\$
Our postoffice address is	Okla.
Done by order of church in conference	191
.....	Pastor.
.....	Clerk.

(Form 2 for new Churches)

..... Okla., 191

..... Church to the McGee-Roberts Associ-
ation of the Church of God, (denominated Free Will
Baptists.) when coming with Church.

GREETING:—

Dear Brethren:—We the church wishing
to be identified with and become members of your asso-
ciation we come praying admission thereto.

We organized 191 ... by We accept
the articles of faith as set forth by the McGee-Roberts
association believing the same to be apostolic in doct-
rine. We send as delegate Bros., and
whom we pray you receive to sit with and aid you in
your deliberations.

(NOTICE TO CLERKS:—For statistical report see form 1 for
old churches.)

Ordained Ministers Directory.

J. D. Kimbrough	Wilburton, Okla.
L. H. Wilson	Hartshorne, “
J. W. Adams	Higgins, “
K. C. McGarity	Wister, “

W. T. Walden	Summerfield,	“
G. A. Clay	Summerfield,	“
J. F. Springer	Red Oak,	“
J. E. Yandell	Lodi,	“
G. B. Skinner	Laura,	“
J. C. Newby	Gillmore,	“
W. J. Bird	Poteau,	“
W. P. Flanery	Poteau,	“
T. J. Williams	Red Oak	“
L. B. Woodley	Summerfield,	“

Church Clerks Directory.

Pleasant View	T. B. Matthews, Wilburton	Okla
Coal Creek	Ora Rash, Fanshawe,	“
Denman	W. J. Wilburn, Red Oak,	“
Clayton Chapel	Effie McMahan, Kiamiche,	“
Big Sandy	W. W. Cooper, Lodi,	“
Pocahontas	Sam Ramsey, Summerfield,	“
Spring Hill	M. F. Lawther, Laura,	“
Sugar Loaf	M. D. Leverett, Monroe,	“
Limestone	H. C. Austin, Wilburton,	“
New Harmony	R. W. Ramer, Norris,	“
Oak Grove	C. E. Kennedy, Red Oak,	“
Higgins	Mandy Johnston, Higgins,	“
Summerfield	L. B. Woodley, Summerfield,	“
Fanshawe	J. E. Cook, Fanshawe,	“
Holson Creek	J. B. Walden, Summerfield,	“

Preface.

From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptists) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, do therefore adopt this constitution for our better church government.

CONSTITUTION.

Organization, Etc.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known and designated The McGee-Roberts Association of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist) and composed of members chosen from the respective churches residing within its boundaries as hereinafter described not exceeding three members from each church whom on producing letters may be entitled to seats.

SEC. 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer to be chosen by the suffrage of members present. Other assistant officers may be appointed by the moderator when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE II.

Boundary.

The boundary of this Association shall include all of Latimer and Leflore counties, excepting that part of Leflore county lying north of the Brazil and James-Fork creek and south of the Winding Stair mountains.

ARTICLE III.

Admission of New Churches

SEC. 1. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into this Association who petition by letter and delegates if upon examination they are found orthodox and orderly, the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Form of Letters

SEC. 2. Letters from the different churches desiring representation in this Association shall express the number in fellowship, the number received since the last Association, by experience and baptism, letter of recommendation and restoration, the members dis-

missed by letter, excluded and those who have died, together with such other statistics and information as would be of interest to the Association.

ARTICLE IV.

Power of the Association.

This Association shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor any ecclesiastical power over the churches, but will withdraw from any church becoming disorderly.

ARTICLE V.

Referred Questions.

No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been discussed in the church from which it was referred.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTY OF OFFICERS.

Duty of Moderator

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the Association, preserve order appoint all necessary committees and perform such other duties as usually belong to a presiding officer.

Duty of Assistant Moderator.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to aid and assist the Moderator in the performance of his several duties and to preside over the body in the absence of the Moderator.

Duty of Clerk

SEC. 3. 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 and to read the same when called upon by the Association.

Duty of Treasurer.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and receipt for all money due the Association and to pay out the same only, by order of the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

Adoption of Minutes.

SEC. 1. The minutes shall be read and corrected if needed and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Distribution of Minutes.

SEC. 2. The Association shall 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.

ARTICLE VIII.

Intoxicants—Use of Forbidden

It shall hereafter be distinctly understood that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is expressly in violation of the Constitution and rules of this Association, and any church member violating the same shall be dealt with by the church of which he is a member and any minister being found guilty of the same shall first make acknowledgement to the church of which he is a member and must also make acknowledgements to the Association, or be expelled therefrom.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendment to the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended when necessary by a majority of members present.

Rules of Order.

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present, invited to seats, are allowed to take part in debate on all subjects, but not to vote.

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

4. Every motion made and seconded shall come

under the consideration of the body, unless it be withdrawn by the maker, but 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, unless so ordered by the Association.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same 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 from the Association without special leave of the Moderator.

11. In the future sessions of the Association arrangements must be made so as to insure two or more sermons (or other equivalent exercises) each day.

12. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are of divine origin and the only infalible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3: 16. II Peter 1: 21

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

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

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

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

7. We believe that all regenerated persons must persevere in faith and be faithful to the end if they gain an entrance into the City of God.—Rev. 22:14. Matt. 10: 23.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion in water is ths apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water, and Christ obeyed it thus, and bids us to follow him.—John 3: 22. Matt. 3: 16. Rom. 6: 3, 4. Matt. 28:19.

9. We believe that God in his goodness displays his power of grace in a greater degree in calling and qualifying his servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit

and by the instruction of his word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price.—John 14: 16. II Tim. 2: 15.

10. We believe that remission of sins and eternal life are free to all who will accept them.—3:16. Peter 3:9.

11. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are divine ordinances and must be observed by the people of God.—Matt. 23: 26, 28 and 28: 19. John 13: 4-15.

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

13. We believe that each church should have a pastor, deacons and clerk so as to keep house for the Lord orderly.—Acts 6: 1-6. Acts 20: 28.

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

15. We believe that it is the duty of each church to assemble together as often as Providence will permit and in commemorating the Lord's death and washing the saints' feet, a man should examine himself and so let him eat.—Heb. 10:25. I Cor. 11: 23.

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

17. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to everlasting life and glory and immortality in the presence of God; and the resurrection of the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God.—Matt. 25: 31. I Cor. 15: 42-45. II Thess. 1: 7-9.

