

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ROBERTS MCGEE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

Fanshawe Church, beginning on Thursday
night before the second Sunday in September, 1938

OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. J. E. Yandell,	Red Oak, Okla.
Ass't. Mod.,	Eld. J. C. Neuby,	Fanshawe, Okla.
Clerk-Treas.,	Earl T. Waldruff,	Red Oak, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk.	Bro. Forner,	_____

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RULES OF ORDER

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

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

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

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, 'Shall it be discussed?' If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

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 vote of all 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. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

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

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

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Date

We, the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), worshipping at met in conference and elected the following delegates to represent us in Hopewell Association when convened with Church, whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your deliberations, to-wit:

Statistics:

State of Religion

Sunday School

Prayer Meeting

Meeting Days

We paid our pastor, Elder

Called Elder as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Ordained Deacons

Resident Members

Non-Resident Members

Total Membership

Received into the Church; by Confession of Faith

We ask for the next session..... Fifth Sunday meeting. We ask for the next session of the Association.

We send \$.....minute money.

Elder Moderator.

..... Church Clerk.

ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Roberts McGee Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Thirty-Eighth Annual Session with Fanshawe Church, at Fanshawe, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1938, following a series of meetings conducted by Eld. J. C. Neuby.

Opened by singing, "Higher Ground," by the congregation.

Devotional service conducted by Bro. J. R. Rash.

Collection for the evangelist, which amounted to \$4.31, was given to Eld. J. C. Neuby, Evangelist.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. J. E. Yandell. Lesson reading, 2 Tim. 1:2-10. Text, Isaiah 21:11-12.

After a very stirring sermon, Bro. Neuby took charge and seated the delegates and appointed homes for all present.

Adjourned to meet back at 8:00 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song, "Just Over in Glory Land."

Prayer by Sister O. D. Wickham.

Assistant Moderator, Eld. J. C. Neuby, called the body to order for transaction of Business.

Church letters were called for, and Salonia, Pleasant Valley, Sugar Loaf, Brazil, Green Hill, New Harmony, Pocahontas, and Fanshawe Churches handed in letters, which were read, and motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates, giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. J. E. Yandell, Red Oak, Okla

Ass't. Mod., Eld. J. C. Neuby, Fanshawe, Okla.

Clerk-Treas., Earl T. Woodruff, Red Oak, Okla.

Ass't. Clerk. Bro. Fortner,

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service — Brothers J. A. Rash, James Brewer and D. H. Fountain.

Bill of Arrangement — Brothers B. F. Brown, R. T. Shed, W. Dorey, O. D. Wickham, and J. R. Rash.

Obituary — Sister Wickham, Sister Dorey, Oletha Holcomb.

Sunday School — Sister Wickham, Sister Yandell, and Sister Hardaway.

Temperance — Ernia Brewer, Bro. Holcomb and Bro. Dave Woodard.

Finance — Brothers J. A. Rash, R. L. Wright and Henry Cope.

Ministerial Character and Credentials — Brothers T. D. Williams, Dave Woodard, J. R. Rash.

Committee on Investigation reported that the charges against Bro. Happy Crabb were not true. Reported by Dave Woodard.

Report received and committee discharged.

Bro. Dorey reported that the credentials of Eld. W. B. Trawick were cancelled, and presented the credentials bearing the cancellation date of Sept. 8th, by Court Clerk of Leflore County.

Divine Service Committee reported Eld. O. D. Wickham to preach at 11:00 o'clock.

Adjourned business till 2:00 p. m.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Eld. O. D. Wickham. Text, Acts 20:28
Subject, "Tithing." Concluded by Bro. Yandell.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Convened at 2:00 o'clock p. m. with Moderator in charge. Opened with singing and prayer.

Bro. Robt. Shed made a statement as to Peachland Church, and motion carried to receive Peachland Church into the Association.

Bro Peppers made a statement as to the Wilburton Church, Wilburton, Okla, and motion carried to receive the church.

Report of Committee on Sunday School was read and approved and the committee released.

Sugar Loaf Church presented Bro. Ed Crouch for ordination as deacon. A presbytery composed of Elders J. E. Yandell, J. C. Neuby and B. F. Brown, was appointed and Bro. Crouch was ordained.

Committee on Query and Quest reported. The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Character and Credentials was accepted and the committee retained.

Report of Temperance Committee read and approved and the committee released.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements reported, and motion carried to receive the report to be adopted item by item. All items were adopted.

Divine Service Committee reported Eld. B. F. Brown to bring the message Friday night, with R. T. Shed to conduct the devotional service.

Adjourned business till 8:00 o'clock Sat. morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song, "Sing Aloud Our Saviour's Love."

Prayer by Sister Easton and Bro Frank Lyons.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. R. T. Shed. 42 testimonies were given.

The message was brought by Eld. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. Scripture lesson from 3rd chapter of 1 Corinthians. Subject, "Rewards." A very stirring message was brought.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. Yandell.

Discussion "What is the store house in 1 Cor. 16:2?" Discussed by Elders O. D. Wickham and B. F. Brown.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. Easton will bring the message at 11:00 o'clock, Eld. R. T. Shed to conclude.

Motion carried to adjourn for preaching.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Message brought by Eld. W. M. Easton. (Lesson and text not reported). Service was concluded by Eld. R. T. Shed. It was a very interesting service with many good things presented.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened by singing and prayer.

Report of Home Mission Committee read and received and committee released.

Motion carried to decentralize the Association.

Committee on purchasing a site for centralizing our Association reported that no land had been bought.

It was voted to hold the next session of the Association with Pocahontas Church, to begin on Thursday night before the second Sunday in Sept. 1939.

J. C. Neuby to preach the Introductory Sermon, and W. M. Easton alternate.

Messengers Appointed to Other Bodies

To State Association — Elders O. D. Wickham and W. Dorey.

To Eureka Association — Brothers Delbert Scroggins and J. A. Rash.

To Blue Mountain Association — J. P. Brewer and Dave Woodard.

To Gains Creek Association — Frank Lyons and Robt. Shed.

To Zion Hope Association No. 2 — Brothers Easton, Moore and Wickham.

To Indian Creek Association — Eld. J. E. Yandell.

Fifth Sunday Meetings were voted to convene as follows:

First Fifth Sunday Meeting with Green Hill Church.

Second Fifth Sunday Meeting with Salonia Church.

Third Fifth Sunday Meeting with Pleasant Valley Ch.

Fourth Fifth Sunday Meeting with Norris Church.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried that Clerk shall prepare minute manuscript and superintend the printing of same.

Divine Service Committee reported that Eld. R. T. Shed would bring the message Saturday night. Eld. B. F. Brown to conclude.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Pocahontas Church, Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. J. E. Yandell, Moderator.

Bro. Earl T. Woodruff, Clerk.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Divine service conducted by Eld R. T. Shed and Eld. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. Text, Heb. 2:9, "But we see Jesus." The interest was good and several hands were raised requesting prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday School — We your Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to report as follows:

We believe that Church and Sunday School are divine services, and believe that each church should maintain a Sunday school and use their own members for teachers, and their literature as much as possible. We think that parents should go and take their children to Sunday school instead of sending them.

{Vermell Hardaway,
Committee { Mrs. O. D. Wickham,
 { La Vern Yandell

Bill of Arrangements — We, your Committee on Bill of Arrangements, beg leave to report as follows:

Taking under consideration the present condition of our Association, and feeling the need of the attendance of its ministers, deacons and delegates,

Be it Resolved, That the members of the Association be present unless providentially hindered, and its ministers, if possible, they might bring their revivals to a close before the time for the Association, or a revival beginning on the day set for the Association, shall be postponed until after the Association. In so doing, they will have no legal excuse for their absence.

Furthermore, Be it Resolved, That any ministers, deacons, or delegation failing to attend the Association, shall be asked for their excuses for not being present.

Be it Resolved, That we forbid any of our ministers of this Association preaching Sanctification or Holiness as a Second Work of Grace, separate and apart from Regeneration — 1 Cor. 1:30; 6:9-11; Eph. 4:24.

Be it Resolved, That we recommend that our min-

isters do not vary from the regular customs of the Free Will Baptist in regard to receiving or dismissing members.

Furthermore, we advise moderators of the churches to impress upon the church the great necessity of observing all the rulings of the Association.

Be it Resolved, That every member of the respective churches composing the Robert McGee Association be requested to obey the Commandments of God as set forth in 1 Cor. 16:2 and 2 Cor. 8:9: To lay in store, as God has prospered them, upon the first day of the week, in their homes or churches, so as to be prepared to aid the ministers in publishing the Gospel, to help the widows and the worthy poor, and that the compulsory in every respect may be disannuled.

Be it Resolved, That we recommend each pastor to appoint a committee of three members of the church and this committee is to instruct the church to contribute to the church as the Lord has prospered them, and this committee is to collect each month and pay into the treasury of the church.

We further request that this committee shall instruct the members of the necessity of their loyalty to the church.

Be it Resolved, That we each pay to the Lord ten per cent (10%) of all as God hath prospered us.

Be it Resolved, That the ministers of this Association shall make written report of their year's work at each annual session of this Association; and that all who make such written report shall receive Annual Certificates of Ministerial Standing from the Association.

Be it Resolved, That we feel the weight of responsibility of preaching one or more sermons each year on TITHING, and further teach the reason and importance of TITHING.

And be it Resolved, That this body forbid its ministers co-working with ministers of the Unknown Tongue type of holiness.

Committee	{	B. F. Brown,
		W. Dorey,
		R. T. Shed,
		O. D. Wickman,
		J. R. Rash.

Obituary — We, the Committee on Obituary, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that a number of our sisters have departed this life since our last Association. The departed are:

New Harmony Church—Sister E. R. Oller, Sister Richard, and Sister Coal.

Sugar Loaf Church — Sister Matt Brown and Grandma Dunn.

Norris Church — Sister Thelma Coal.

We sorrow very much for those who have lost loved ones, but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Committee { Sister Baird,
 { Sister Dorey,
 { Oletha Holcomb.

Finance — We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

That we indorse the old report and that we find there is plenty of minute money for the printing of our minutes, and there is some Home Mission money.

Green Hill	\$3.50
New Harmony	1.75
Sugar Loaf	2.25
Pocahontas	1.25
Fanshawe	2.00
Salonia	1.50
Peachland	.50
Pleasant Valley	3.00
Brazil	1.61
By Collection	2.40

Total \$19.76

Committee { J. A. Rash,
 { R. L. Wright,
 { Henry Cope.

Credentials — We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that Bro. W. B. Trawick's credentials were cancelled on record at Poteau, Lefore Co., on September 8, 1938, by John G. Mitchell, Court Clerk, by W. E. Coggins, deputy.

Committee { W. Dorey,
 { Bro. Ray,
 { Bro. Dugan.

Temperance — We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

If any members of our churches are found guilty of drinking any intoxicating drinks, they shall make their confession and bring forth marks meet for repentance or they shall be excluded from fellowship, and have their names erased from the roll.

Be it Resolved, That we include this Scripture in our report, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I also have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Gal. 5:21).

Committee {Ernia Brewer,
Bro. Holcomb,
Dave Woodard.

Ministers' and Deacons' Characters — We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We find on investigation, that all ministers and deacons of our body are in good fellowship with one another.

Committee {Dave Woodard,
T. D. Williams,
J. R. Rash.

Query and Quest — We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We request this Association to help us formulate some plan to keep our ministers doing more work. Should not parents of our churches govern their children more strickly regarding dances and play parties, and worldly things? Should not our ministers unite with our churches, and that they shall be in good standing, if permitted to do pastoral work?

Committee {W. C. McNabb,
J. A. Peppers,
W. M. Easton,
L. J. Palmer,
Edd Crouch.

Home Mission—Jesus said, “The poor always ye have with you,” and, since in most, if not all our churches, there are people who need help, there is need that the church should provide a way to meet the needs of the poor, its sick and unfortunate ones.

In the early church, when the widows and needy cried unto the apostles for help, deacons were appointed to minister unto their needs. Home Missions are organized in many of our churches to do a work similar to that done by the deacons in the early church.

We recommend, therefore, that each of our churches organize a Home Mission work; that they may visit the sick, the under-privileged and the indifferent ones of their community, to bring them good cheer and encouragement, to pray with and for them, and to proceed to minister to their needs.

This Home Mission work is similar to and takes the place of the Ladies’ Aid, but goes farther and accomplishes more in that it is a spiritual arm of the church, which enables the church to more perfectly fulfill its mission.

Committee	{	B. F. Brown,
		Ervin Douglas,
		Frank Lyons,
		H. W. Didway,
		Sister Tillie Shed,
		Sister Esper Easton.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ordained Ministers

Eld. J. E. Yandell	Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. J. C. Neuby	Fanshawe, Okla.
Eld. W. Dorey	Poteau, Okla.
Eld. J. C. Vaughn	Howe, Okla.
Eld. C. M. Church	Hackett, Ark.
Eld. J. H. Dawson	R.2., Poteau, Okla.
Eld. W. M. Easton	Cameron, Okla.
Eld. Lonnie Dugan	Poteau, Okla.
Eld. Happy (Crabb)	Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. W. S. Copeland	Muldrow, Okla.
Eld. Ira Smedley	Monroe, Okla.
Eld. R. T. Shed	Bengal, Okla.
Eld. Jack Shipman	Fanshawe, Okla.

Eld. O. D. Wickham	Poteau, Okla.
Eld. Elizie Wright	Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. W. C. McNabb	Red Oak, Okla.
Eld. E. F. Hunter	Red Oak, Okla.

Ordained Deacons

Bro. C. McCann	Star Rt., Red Oak, Okla.
Bro. A. Hart	Poteau, Okla.
Bro. Frank Lyons	R1, Red Oak, Okla.
Bro. A. L. Ray	R2, Poteau, Okla.
Bro. G. W. Copeland	Poteau, Okla.
Bro. J. P. Brewer	R1, Red Oak, Okla.
Bro. T. E. Woodruff	R1, Red Oak, Okla.
Bro. J. R. Rash	Fanshawe, Okla.
Bro. F. N. Gullick	Poteau, Okla.
Bro. R. S. Johns	Cameron, Okla.
Bro. Arch Hamilton	Red Oak, Okla.
Bro. L. P. Palmer	Bengal, Okla.
Bro. Buck Dawson	Poteau, Okla.
Bro. Finis Smith	R2, Poteau, Okla.
Bro H. J. Horn	Shady Point, Okla.
Bro. C. A. Scroggins	Pocahontas, Okla.
Bro. M. O. Moore	Pocahontas, Okla.
Bro. H. L. Scroggins	Pocahontas, Okla.
Bro. H. W. Ridway	Cameron, Okla.
Bro. Harley Farrer	R1, Cameron, Okla.
Bro. Jim Underwood	R1, Cameron, Okla.
Bro. H. A. Lunsford	Star Rt., Red Oak, Okla.
Bro. J. A. Peppers	Wilburton, Okla.
Bro. Cecil Underwood	Salisaw, Okla.
Bro. A. D. Easton	William, Okla.
Bro. Edd Dunn	R2, Monroe, Okla.
Bro. Ola Cooper	R2, Monroe, Okla.

Church Clerks and their Addresses

CLERK	CHURCH	ADDRESS
Ernia Brewer	Salonia	R.1. Red Oak, Okla.
John W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	Poteau, Okla.
Rebecca Goodson	Brazil	Shadypoint, Okla.
Carrie Baird	Sugar Loaf	R.2. Poteau, Okla.
Bessie Gass	Fanshawe	Fanshawe, Okla.
Esper Easton	Cameron	Cameron, Okla.
Thomas Oller	New Harmony	Red Oak, Okla.
Nora Didway	Peachland	Bengal, Okla.
Lorena Morris	Pocahontas	R.1. Wister, Okla.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in Divine essence, power and glory.—Romans 1:20; 1st John 1:7; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written and revealed Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—Mat. 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:16

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. 3:7, 17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else."—Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:20, 21; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3; Romans 5:1-13.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God.—Jon. 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16.

7. We believe that all Christians should 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 right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city.—Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water: and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein.—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:2-5; Matt. 28:19-20.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructions of His blessed Word; to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come.—1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isaiah 55:1.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children.—Mark 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19, 20; 1 Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and 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 and continue in office during the good pleasure of the 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, which shall be unanimous.—Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be 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 to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat."—1 Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God.—Gal. 6:10; 1 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. 25:31-34; 1 Cor. 15:42-45; 2 Thess. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:12-15.

CONSTITUTION

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

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Robert

McGee Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. **LETTERS.** Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

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

Art. 5. **NEW CHURCHES.** Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which 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.

Art. 6. **QUESTIONS.** No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

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

Art. 8. **MINUTES.** The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. **CLERK.** It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. **SIGNATURES.** 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.

Art. 11. **AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

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

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, 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 Baptist, 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, striving to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

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

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. But we should remember that our relations to each other are closer and the obligations more binding than that of a common band 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 services 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 condemned Sabbath breaking, and the words of the inspired Apostle, which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Read letters from the churches.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Reception of new churches.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Call for reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Appointment of Correspondents.
10. Time and place of holding next session.
11. Election of minister to preach the introduction.
12. Adjournment of Association.

PREAMBLE OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Song and prayer.
 2. Call Church into conference.
 3. Invite visiting brothers and sisters to seats in council. ✓
 4. Read minutes of last conference.
 5. Call for peace of church, answering by giving the right hand of fellowship.
 6. Invitation for members.
 7. New business.
 8. Motion to adjourn.
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