

MINUTES
OF THE
51ST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ROBERTS McGEE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Held With
SPRING HILL CHURCH
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading rules of order.
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OFFICERS

Moderator Elder J. R. Roper
Ass't Moderator Elder W. Dorey
Clerk Sister Pauline Keeney
Ass't Clerk Sister Iva Smith

The next annual session of this Association will convene with Coal Dale Church, nine miles east of Heavener, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1952.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service opened by singing "I am Bound for The Promised Land", led by Elder Leonard King. Pianist, Sister Ester Warren. Prayer by Bro. C. J. Hopkins of Stilwell, Okla. Song, "Jesus Hold My Hand." Prayer by Elder Jade Scott. A special song; "I Don't Want to Be Lost", by Bro. J. C. Hopkins.

Devotional service led by Bro. J. C. Hopkins with a wonderful response in testimony and song.

A special song "Talk It All Over With Him", by Bro. J. C. Hopkins.

Introductory sermon by Elder L. A. Yandell (Rev. 4-10). who rendered a wonderful message. An invitation was given with no response. Service was turned over to Elder J. R. Raper, pastor of Spring Hill church who offered the privilege of the church and three joined by confession of faith to be baptized. Delegation was placed in the homes for the night. A song, "Tis The Old Time Religion." Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. C. Hopkins.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened by singing "What A Friend," led by Bro. Lonnie Long. Pianist, Sister La Dean McCann. Prayer by Elder W. Dorey.

House was called to order for the business session of the 51st annual session of the Roberts McGee Association. Devotional reading, Psalms 34th chapter, and prayer by Elder J. R. Raper.

Letters from the churches were called for and read by the clerk of last year.

Delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship, by Moderator of last year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Elder J. R. Roper
Ass't Moderator	Elder W. Dorey
Clerk	Sis. Pauline Keeney
Ass't Clerk	Sis. Iva Smith

Rules of order were read by Elder J. R. Roper. Motion carried for Moderator to appoint all the committeemen.

Devotional Committee—Sis. Garrett, Sis. Mangram, Bro. Brewer. Committee was excused to arrange who was to bring the 11:00 o'clock sermon.

Visiting delegates were seated with the right hand of fellowship and all visitors from other denominations were made welcome.

Obituary Committee—Sis. Minnie Daniel, Sis. Herman Dorey, Bro. Garret.

Sunday School Committee—Sis. Iva Smith, Bro. Goodson, Sis. W. Dorey.

Business Committee—Bro. R. O. Daniel, Bro. J. R. Wilson, Sis. Sally Roper.

Report of Devine committee was read; motion carried to accept report. Elder W. Dorey to lead devotional service. Elder J. R. Roper to bring the message.

Recess for five minutes with prayer by Bro. J. R. Wilson.

11:00 O'CLOCK SESSION

Opened with singing "Just After Death What Then", led by Bro. Lonnie Long. Pianist, Sis. LaDean McComm. A United prayer. Devotional service led by Elder W. Dorey who asked for a special song by Bro. J. C. Hopkins who gave a wonderful testimony before singing, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me." There was a great response in testimony and Elder J. R. Roper rendered a wonderful message from Isaiah 54th chapter.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder R. R. Wilson. Lunch was served in the church yard.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, "This World Is Not My Home", led by Bro. Lonnie Long. Pianist Sis. La Dean McConn. Devotional reading 3rd Psalms by Elder J. R. Roper. Salona delegates and all visiting delegates were seated by the right hand of fellowship.

The committees were excused to prepare their reports. Committeemen were appointed for the following committees.

Ministers and Deacons Character—Sis. Della Dickson, Sis. Garrett, Sis. Paptas.

Temperance—Bro. Brewer, Bro. McConn, Sis. Shepard.

Finance—Sis. Aust, Elder W. Dorey, Sis. Ruthie Vinson, Elder Walter Flickinger.

Resolution—Bro. Stephens, Bro. Brown, Bro. Earl Hickman, Sis. La Dean McConn, Elder W. Dorey.

Executive Board—Elder J. E. Yandell, Bro. Daniels, Elder J. A. Wilson, Bro. J. P. Brewer, who serves for a period of five years. 1 is replaced each year.

Home Mission Board for the ensuing year—Bro. Boyd Ramer, Sis. Stephens, Bro. McConn, Bro. Brewer, Elder Dugan, Sis. Dugan, Sis. Davlin, Bro. Carauthers.

Our Evangelist J. R. Roper read his year's report. Motion carried to accept his report. Our assistant evangelist read his year's report. Motion carried to accept his report. A song, "An Empty Mansion."

A misunderstanding came up about the meeting of some visiting delegates from the Eurica Association who failed to stand when all delegates who hadn't been seated were asked to stand and be seated with the right hand of fellowship. They were now asked to stand and were seated by Moderator Elder J. R. Roper with the right hand of fellowship. Elder Charles Flynn rendered a wonderful sermon from the 23rd Psalms.

Closed with singing "The Unseen Hand", and a fellowship handshake, prayer by Bro. Boyd Ramer.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened by singing, "Where We'll Never Grow Old", led by Bro. Frank Baird. Pianist, Sis. Ester Warren. United prayer led by Elder Elzo Yandell. A special song by the Poteau Junior Girls, "Heaven."

Devotional service led by Elder Walter Flickinger. There was a wonderful response in testimony and song. Everyone had a glorious time in the Lord. A lone offering was given.

for Elder J. R. Roper while a special song was sung by Bro. J. C. Hopkins, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me." A special prayer was asked for Sis. Dallie Richard who is in the Talihina hospital. A united prayer.

Elder Jake Scott brought a wonderful sermon from Hebrews 2-1, Isaiah 26,1-6 and Isaiah 24. An invitation was offered with no response. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Leonard King.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing "Lord Send Me" led by Sis. Maggy Yandell. Prayer by Elder W. Dorey. Devotional reading Psalms 46 chapter. Also rules of order by Elder J. R. Roper.

A request was discussed about a letter being written and signed by the officers of the association to call Elder Arthur E. Keeney from the Army to pastor a church as we only have seven ordained ministers in the association and we need his ministerial work and pray God the Army will release him to aid us in God's Work.

Letters were called for from the churches who came in this A.M. Delegates were seated. Committeemen were excused to finish their reports. Recessed for five minutes. Prayer by Elder J. R. Roper.

11:00 O'CLOCK SESSION

Opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Elder Lonnie Dugan. United prayer for the sick. Devotional service led by Elder Bobby Pendergraff. Many testified. A special song by Bro. C. J. Hopkins, "I Want To Live Where God Can Use Me". Many more responded in testimony and song.

Elder W. Dorey rendered a wonderful message from Ephens. 4th chapter. Elder Walter Flickinger rendered a wonderful message from James 2nd chapter. Sis. Maggy Yandell gave a very good comment on the messages we had heard all through the association. Dismissed for lunch which was served on the church grounds by Elder Leonard King.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "I'll Live On" led by Elder Lonnie Dugan. Devotional reading by Elder J. R. Roper. Coal Dale letter was read at this time. Delegates were seated earlier. Motion carried to accept the letter. Evangelist re-read his report. Ass't evangelist re-read his report. Committee reports were read at this time. Motion carried to accept the reports. The remaining committeemen were excused and asked to get their reports finished.

Moderator asked what churches wanted the Fifth Sunday meetings. The clerk had checked the church letters and read off the list—First fifth Sunday meeting at Wilburton, second fifth Sunday meeting at Bennington, third fifth Sunday meeting at Spring Hill, fourth fifth Sunday meeting at Pleasant Valley.

Motion carried to accept the resolution committee report. Motion carried to accept the Home Mission Board report and discuss the contents. Motion carried to send \$5 to each quarterly meeting for the evangelist from each church and if they are able send more.

Delegates were appointed to the Zion Hope No. 2 Association Elder Charles Flynn and Elder W. Dorey, for the Eurica Association Elder Walter Flickinger and Sis. Della Dickson. Motion carried to elect an assistant evangelist. Elder Charles Glynn was elected. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Association until Thursday night before the second Sunday of Sept. 1952 to meet with Coal Dale Church nine miles east of Heavener.

The Roberts McGee Association wish to thank the Spring Hill Church for their hospitality in our stay in their midst. Dismissed by Elder W. Dorey.—

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Obituary: We, your committee, beg to report as follows: Sugar Loaf Church lost 2 members in death since the last session of this association, Bro. John Butler in April, and Bro. Cliff Harington, September. Wilburton Church 1 member, Bro. Newt Wiley. Salona Church 1 member, Bro. C. D. Greet, June 28th, 1951. He was an ordained Deacon.—Signed Committee, Sister Elmor Dorey, Sister Minnie Daniel, Bro. V. A. Garrett.

Sunday School: We, your committee, beg to report on the following churches: Bennington 60, Pleasant Valley 38, Spring Hill 29, Sugar Loaf 40, Salona 30, Morris, 30, Red Oak 32, Wilburton 35, Coal Dale 32; totaling 326 in nine churches.—Signed Committee, Sister Iva Smith, Sister Bertha Dorey, Bro. Noah Goodson.

Business: We, your committee, beg to report: We feel like we should patronize our own home State Paper. We also urge evangelist find new places for organizing new churches. We also urge that we attain an evangelist in our association and support him the best we can. We recommend each church send help to our Free Will Baptist Children's Home.—Signed Committee, Sister Sallie Roper, Bro. R. O. Daniel, Elder J. A. Wilson.

Minister's and Deacon's Character: We, your committee, beg to report as follows: That the following ministers in this association are in good standing and doing the Lord's work to the best of their ability. Ordained Ministers, Elder J. A. Wilson, Poteau; Elder Lonnie Dugan, Poteau; Elder Herman Dorey, Poteau; Elder W. Dorey, Poteau; Elder J. E. Yandell, Red Oak; Elder L. A. Yandell, Red Oak; Elder H. Blankenship, Red Oak; Elder J. R. Roper, Rt. 1, Howe; Elder J. C. Nuby, Fanshawe; Elder Charles Flynn, Shady Poin, and Elder Tom Anderson, Fanshawe.

We beg to report also that other ministers other than ours working in this association are working for the Lord and doing wonderful work are the following: Elder Jake Scott and Elder Albert Roselle.

The following ordained Deacons: Sugar Loaf—Bro. Frank Baird, Bro. Tom Warren, Bro. Perry Brown. Bennington Church—Bro. George Williams, Bro. Floyd Pendergraf. Solona Church—Bro. J. R. Brewer. Green Hill Church—Bro. H. W. Dadway, Bro. A. D. Easton. Spring Hill Church—Bro. R. O. Daniel, Bro. Monroe Carrauthers, Pleasant Valley Church—Bro. Winferd Dorey jr. Fanshawe Church—Bro. Ed

McCause, Bro. Arch Rash. Norris Church—Bro. Corneluis McConn, Bro. Boyd Ramer. Red Oak Church—Bro. Robert Ramer, Bro. Ben Adams, Bro. Mack Pierce. —Signed Committee, Sis. Maggie Yandell, Sis. Della Dickson, Sis. Johnnie Dorey, Elder Lonnie Dugan.

Temperance: We, your committee, beg to report. We must use all our efforts as Christians to abstain from all ungodly habits of anything that would injure our influence, and that our ministers preach one or more sermons on the evils of liquors each year. And we recommend that when any member of our church is overtaken or known to be indulging in any bad habits, the church should deal with such members according to the scripture, Gal. 5 chapter. —Signed committee, Bro. J. P. Brewer, Sis. Myrtle Shepard, Bro. C. McConn.

Finance: We, your committee, beg to report. We have collected \$41.00 for ministers for the Roberts McGee Association, and \$6.00 for the State Association.—Signed committee, Sis. Ruthie Vinson, Sis. Edna Aust, Elder W. Dorey, Elder W. Flickinger.

RESOLUTION: We, your committee, beg to report: We ask for a discussion of all ministers to close all appointments except revival meeting and attend our 5 Sunday meetings. We request all ministers and Deacons to attend each quarterly meeting. Also to have a meeting of ministers and deacons on the 1st Monday of the month of the quarterly meetings. This includes all the churches of our Association. This being one to bring us closer to God and closer to each other. We are to discuss the fellowship meeting. Be it resolved that this Association request each church to take the Sacrament and Feet Washing at least twice during each associational year.—Signed committee, Bro. Earl Hickman, Bro. Norman Stephens, Elder W. Dorey, Sis La Dean McConn.

Executive Board: We, your Executive Board, beg to report: We sold two acres of land at Knot Hole for \$50.00. Salona Church owed \$197.78; they paid \$75.00 leaving balance due, \$122.78. The note signed by J. P. Brewer, Bro. Y. K. Brown, Bro. D. W. Woodard, Bro. R. D. Daniel, Elder J. A. Wilson, Bro. J. R. Brewer and Elder Charles Flynn.

Home Missions Board: We, your committee, beg to report: That we elect an evangelist for the ensuing year and each church send him at least \$5 to each 5th Sunday meeting enclosed in their church letter. If the church feels they are financially able, send more.—Signed Board, Sis. Dixie June Davlin, Sis. Myrtle Shepard, Sis. Oletto Shepard, Sis. Julia Stephens, Bro. Monroe Carrauthers, Elder Lonnie Dugan, Bro. J. P. Brewer.

Delegates Enrolled: Wilburton Church—Bro. Gene Tomlinson, Sister Funderburg and Sister Eula Self. Coal Dale Church—Bro. Baxter Huckelby, Sister Baxter Huckelby, Sister Richard Huckelby, Sister Homer Blade, Sister Ruby Bealer. Pleasant Valley Church—Sister Mangrum, Sister Bertha Dorey, Sister Dugan, Sister Elmor Dorey, Sister Johnie Dorey. Salona Church—Bro. Paul Lions, Bro. Norman Stephens, Sister Oleta Stephens, Bro. Leon Shepard.

Bennington Church—Sister Edna Aust, Sister Dixie June Davlin Sister Iva Smith, Bro. Noah Goodson. Norris Church—Sister Maggie Yandell, Sister La Dean McCann. Red Oak Church—Sister Limmie Henry, Sister Bertie Wilson and Sister Bertha Revis. Sugar Loaf Church—Bro. Verlan Garrett, Sister Trudy Garrett, Sister Wanda Grigsby. Spring Hill Church—Sister Ruthie Vinson, Bro. Earl Hickman, and Sister Berta McKenzie.

Alternates Enrolled: Red Oak—Sister Mary Barnard, and Sister Laverne Revis. Wilburton—Sister Jean Funderbury, and Sister Flay Hatcher. Sugar Loaf—Sister Willie Poppas, Sister Hans Burden, and Sister Bennie Burden.

Amount Paid Pastors

Coal Dale, \$80.95; Wilburton, \$374.85; Pleasant Valley, \$213.37; Salona, \$31.10; Norris, \$101.37; Bennington, \$73.33; Sugar Loaf, \$275.00; Red Oak, \$30.00; Spring Hill, \$12.00.

Meeting Days and Pastors of Each Church

Spring Hill—2nd and 4th Sat. night, Sunday and Sunday night. Elder J. R. Roper.

Sugar Loaf—1st, Sat. night, Sunday and Sunday night. Elder J. C. Nuby.

Red Oak—Elder Jake Scott.

Bennington—1st Sat. night, Sunday and Sunday night. Elder Carl Pugh.

Norris—2nd Sat. night, Sunday and Sunday night. Elder L. A. Yandell.

Salona—1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays. Elder J. E. Yandell.

Pleasant Valley—Elder Roselle.

Coal Dale—3rd Sat. night, Sunday and Sunday night. Elder J. R. Roper.

Amount Each Church Paid For Minutes

Norris	\$5.00	2.00	Salona	\$5.00
Spring Hill	5.00	3.00	Red Oak	2.00
Bennington	4.00	1.00	Wilburton	5.00
Pleasant Valley	5.00		Coal Dale	5.00
Sugar Loaf	5.00			

Licensed Ministers

Elder Thomas Billy, Poteau, Okla.; Elder J. D. White, route 1, Red Oak, Okla.; Elder A. E. Keeney, Hodgson, Okla.

These minutes were sent to Press by the Clerk Sister Pauline Keeney.

I have done my best to get to press without delay.

Mrs. Pauline Keeney

c-o W. J. Vinson, Rt. 1 Howe, Oklahoma.

LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(By Rev. Wm. Mahkin)

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper, and the right is birth-right. "For by one spirit we are all baptized into one body" I Cor. 12-13. This is not water baptism. Again, Christ says, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" John 10:9. "He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief

and robber" John 10:1. Christ is not water baptism, yet He is "the door." There is but one door, and Christ says He is that door, and he that cometh in at the door should have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthy eateth and drinketh damnation to himself." Not the church but to himself.

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 of Corinth. To judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded.

Now listen to Christ: "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." Matt. 18:6; I Cor. 10:30.

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, and that faith is the means by which men belong to the true order. 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, very well; but we do not believe that one child of God should dictate just what another may believe or what church he should belong to 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 best church on earth does not make you a Christian.

The eunuch that believed and was baptized, what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask, if the eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? 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. At the Lord's table all His people have a perfect right, be he who he may, and when the supper is set, and all of God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's but a sectarian supper. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members, one of another" Rom. 12:5. The way we become one body is being baptized into that body, and, of course this is spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber, and when anyone gets into that body in a way he has legal right to all benefits and privileges of that body. "For we being many, are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread" Cor. 10:17.

By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by "we"? It certainly means all Christians of all ages. When we come together, tarry one for another, be of one mind. If it had ever been intended by the Saviour 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 be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right? Some would answer, "If by a legal administrator this is all that is wanting." Is it not purely a personal matter, So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize, and of the applicant to be baptized. When this is done, each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptized at all as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, one acting in faith and the other not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his own act, and not for another. Simon, the sorcerer, "believed and was baptized," and that by a legal administrator, 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, it is ours; when the applicant, it is his. So we find that repentance, faith, baptism, and Christian duties all are personally accountable to God and not to man. Various are the opinions of men, and if we use the capacity God has given we do not think we should be eternally 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 its members. Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table? "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Christians do all 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 assembled at God's table in Heaven, so should we be on earth.

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; I John 1:17; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice — Matt. 5:18; II 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 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. 357-17; 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. 5:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:2-21; 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.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God—John 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mk. 10:14; Luke 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; 28:19-20; Romans 6:2-5.

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—I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1.

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

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have 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, 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 continuing 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 should rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous—Tit. 1:15; Acts 14:23; II 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"—I Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that Cantification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be

brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God — Gal. 6:10; I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

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

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

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptists), being regularly baptized upon a profession of 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 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 Roberts McGee Ass'n. of Free Will Baptists 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 represented 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 letters of 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 the 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 their pastor and if an evangelist should visit any destitute place and organize churches, that we urge the people to assist the evangelist so he can go and preach the Word.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Post Office

Date

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

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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

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Ordained Ministers

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Licensed Ministers

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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

This information should follow Meeting Days and Pastors of Each Church.

Clerk of Each Church

Spring Hill Church:

Mrs. Minnie Daniel, Rt. 1, Howe, Oklahoma.

Sugar Loaf Church:

Mrs. Tom Warren, Poteau, Oklahoma, Rt. 1.

Bennington Church:

Mrs. Iva Smith, Shady Point, Oklahoma, Rt. 1.

Solona Church:

Mrs. Myrtle Shepard, Red Oak, Oklahoma.

Wilburton Church:

Mrs. Eula Self, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Pleasant Valley Church:

Mrs. J. B. Smith, Poteau, Oklahoma.

Norris Church:

Mrs. Willie B. McCann, Rt. 1, Red Oak, Oklahoma.

Cole Dale Church:

Mrs. Ruby Beeler, Rt. 1, Heavener, Oklahoma.

Red Oak Church:

Mrs. Ben Adams, Red Oak, Oklahoma.

New Organized Churches

Red Oak Church Red Oak, Oklahoma

Cole Dale Church Cole Dale, Arkansas

EVANGELIST REPORT

To the Roberts McGee Association for the year of 1950 and 1951. Have preached 8 revivals. Organized 2 new churches. Have pastored two churches, the Spring Hill Church with four conversions and eleven additions to the church; the Cole Dale Church with seven conversions and seven additions.

Organized the Red Oak Church with 12 members; had 9 additions to the church. Had two additions to the Norris Church. Had one addition to the Green Hill Church. Have witnessed 15 conversions. Visited the Zion Hope No. 2 Association last year in Fort Smith.

Evangelist Financial Report

Contributions from the different churches

Norris Church	\$20.00	
Love Offering	31.00	
Total		\$51.00
Pleasant Valley Church	20.00	
Love Offering	10.75	
Total		\$30.75
Red Oak Church	\$15.00	
Love Offering	7.50	
Revival	44.21	
Total		\$66.71
Spring Hill Church	20.00	
Love Offering by Sister Keeney and Bro. Cruthes	10.00	
Pastorial	120.00	
Total		\$150.00
Fanshawe Church	21.00	
For Revival	29.25	
Total		\$50.25
Wilburton Church	20.00	
Love Offering	5.00	
For Revival	16.17	
Total		\$41.17
Green Hill Church	20.50	
Love Offering	10.00	
For Revival	16.00	
Total		\$46.50
Bennington Church	10.00	
Love Offering	.50	
Total		\$10.50
Cole Dale Church	15.00	
Revival	62.90	
Pastoral Work	80.95	
Total		\$158.85
Sugar Loaf Church	20.00	
Love Offering	9.00	
Total		\$29.00

Have received nothing from the Salona Church. Preached a revival at Ellis Chapel, with two conversions; received for the revival, \$21.76. Have received from all phases of the work, \$656.49. Our expense has been for this work, \$341.21. Have traveled for the association, 5484 miles.

We wish to thank each church that has helped us in this great work.

Your Humble Servant in the Lord
Elder J. R. Roper

ASSISTANT EVANGELIST REPORT

To Roberts McGee Association of Freewill Baptist Churches. As your assistant evangelist, I wish to report as follows: I have traveled approximately 1276 miles, preached 31 sermons and have received \$90.32. I held one meeting at Wilburton with Bro. Jake Scott and one at Fanshawe with Bro. Carl Pugh. During this time it cost me about \$150 to overhaul my car.

I have enjoyed being your assistant evangelist and appreciate the splendid co-operation of the churches. My only regret is that I didn't do more than I have done. I will be glad to serve the association in any way I can so that the cause of Christ may be sent forward.

Your Brother in Christ
Rev. Charles Flynn.

Charles 9-4-75

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