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Thursday Night Services

The assembly was called together by singing by Eld. C. C. Kitchens. Devotional Services. Eld. B. A. Artman filled the stand and preached a wonderful Introductory Sermon. Dismissed by Eld. G. J. Starnes.

Friday Morning Services

Opened by singing by Eld. Guinn. More singing by Eld. B. O. Stahl and Eld. C. C. Kitchens. Prayer by Eld. T. H. Dixon. Singing by Eld. Guinn. The moderator Eld. C. C. Kitchens took charge and proceeded with the business. Called for all ministers and their wives to stand---14 present. Called for all Deacons and wives to stand 16 present. He then read the Scripture lesson from fifth Chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Letters from the various churches called for; the following responded: Ranger Church; Pleasant Grove Church; Pleasant Hill Church; Harmony Church; Brooklyn Church; Mulberry Church; Upper Spring Creek Church; Freedom Church represented by Statement by Eld. B. F. Black. Motion to accept the letters and seat delegates. Song by Eld. Guinn.

The Election Of Officers

Eld. J. S. Lovette elected Moderator; Eld. C. C. Kitchens Assistant Moderator. Motion for moderator to appoint Divine Committee. Sister Willie Copeland, Sister Clifford King, and Sister J. B. Morris was appointed. Bros. Freddie Copeland and Chas. Stapleton nominated for Clerk. Bro. Copeland elected; Bro. Chas. Stapleton Assistant. Divine Committee reports that Eld. Doyle Dipboye preach at eleven o'clock followed by Eld. G. J. Starnes. Dismissed by Eld. I. J. Wilson.

Eleven o'clock services opened by Eld. A. R. Brooks. Eld. Dipboye took the stand, read Matthew 23-23. TEXT: These Things You Ought Not To Have Left Undone. Eld. Starnes concluded song and hand shake. Dismissed by Eld. C. C. Kitchens.

Friday Afternoon Services

Opened by singing by Eld. Guinn. New business called for; Eld. Brooks asked for the floor without interperation to bring some matters before the Association. Motioned by

Bro. Lawrence Hays and second by Bro. Clyde Bull he have this priveledge. Eld. Brooks took the stand and made his report. Eld. Doyle Dipboye read his Petionary letter from the North Side Church of Ft. Smith. Also read letter from the Executive Board of the Zion Hope No. 2 Association. Motioned by Chas. Stapleton; second by Bro. Jim Burnette that we accept them and the Clerk write the Zion Hope No. 2 Association asking them for a letter of dismissal for the North Side Church. 38 voted for it and two against. Motioned by Bro. Guinn and second by Eld. Artman we seat Eld. T. H. Dixon as advisory member. Moderator reports Eld. Black fill the stand at three o'clock followed by Eld. O. T. Dixon. Business dismissed until Saturday morning.

Three o'clock services opened by singing by Eld. Kitchens. Prayer by Eld. Black. Services turned to Eld. Black. He read 26th Chapter of Acts and preached a wonderful sermon. Services turned to Eld. O. T. Dixon. He responded with a good song and handshake. Talk by a visitor, Bro. Blackwell. Moderator announced Eld. T. H. Dixon preach at 8 o'clock. Talk by different ones. Dismissed by Eld. Lovette.

Friday Night Services

Opened by song by Bro. Wayne Lemons and Eld. Kitchens. Prayer by O. T. Dixon. Eld. Black conducted Devotional Services. Eld. Dixon filled the stand read 1st Cor. 6 chpt. Gal. 3-27, Eph. 4-5 and Gal. 1-18. After a wonderful sermon song by Eld. Kitchens and handshake. Dismissed by Eld. O. T. Dixon.

Saturday Morning Services

Services opened by singing by Eld. Kitchens. Assistant Moderator read 2nd Cor. 13 chapter. Prayer by Eld. Artman. Moderator took charge declared body ready for business. Motion that the Wilson Church be taken from the Association record. Committees appointed as follows: RESOLUTION: Eld. Doyle Dipboye, Eld. B. F. Black, and Eld. B. A. Artman. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sister Dorthy Copeland, Sister Doyle Dipboye and Sister W. M. Guinn. FINANCE: Bro. Lewis Dishongh, Bro. Sid Jones and Sister Etoyl Kitchens. OBITUARY: Bro. Willie Copeland, Sister C. C. Kitchens and Sister Louise Parker. Motioned we accept the Union Hill letter and seat Delegates, if any present. Sunday School Committee reported. Report accepted and committee discharged. Obituary Committee reported. Report accepted and committee discharged.

Eleven O'clock Services

Opened by singing by Eld. Brooks. Singing by Eld. Kitchens. Prayer by Sister Hanna. Quartett from Wilson. Eld. Brooks filled the stand read St. Mark 14 chapter. Text ninth verse. After a wonderful sermon singing by Eld. Kitchens and handshake. Moderator took charge and dismissed to meet at one o'clock.

Saturday Afternoon Services

Opened by singing by Assistant Moderator, Eld. Kitchens - Scripture reading Hebrew 2 chapter. Prayer by Eld. Guinn. Moderator declared body ready for business.

Motioned we adopt the following resolutions. No. 1. Be it resolved that we the Arkansas Association abolish resolution No. 1 of 1949 and No. 4 of 1947 in regard to the selection of our credential committee. No. 2. Be it resolved that we the Arkansas Association elect at this setting three ordained ministers present to serve our Association for the period of one year as our Credential Committee.

No. 3. Be it resolved that we the churches in the Arkansas Association put forth an effort to organize an Association rally. No. 4. Be it resolved we the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as opposing the use or sale of intoxicating drinks. No. 5. We your committee submit the following resolution of thanks to the Mulberry Church for the Christian hospitality we have enjoyed while in your midst. We will ever hold it in fond remembrance. Your committee: Eld. Doyle Dipboye, Eld. B. A. Artman, Eld. Ben F. Black.

Resolutions accepted and committee discharged

Elder Doyle Dipboye, Fort Smith, Ark., Rt. 1, Eld. C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly, Ark. and Elder Ben F. Black, Hackett, Ark. were elected by acclamation on the credential committee. Motioned made and seconded we send the next Association to Ranger Church. Eld. Guinn elected to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Boyle Dipboye alternate. Eld. C. C. Kitchens elected to preach the memorial sermon. Motioned we represent in the State Association and send \$10.00 to defray expenses. Sister W. M. Guinn and Sister Doyle Dipboye were elected to represent us. Motioned to adjourn to meet at Ranger on Highway 27 between Danville and Chickalah, Ark. on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September 1951. Song by Eld. Brooks. Parting hand, dismissed by Eld. Lovette.

Saturday Night Services

Opened by singing by Bro. Wayne Lemons. Prayer by Bro. Willie Copeland. Another song by Bro. Wayne Lemons. Prayer by Eld. C. C. Kitchens. Eld. W. M. Gwinn took the stand, read Rev. 20th chapter. Text: John 31--14. Subject face to face with God. Singing by Eld. C. C. Kitchens. Prayer by Eld. C. C. Kitchens. Dismissed by Eld. B. A. Artman.

Sunday Morning Services

Opened by singing by Bro. Wayne Lemons. Eld. Artman filled the stand read Luke 9--37. Preached a wonderful sermon. Dismissed by Eld. C. C. Kitchens.

Sunday Night Services

Opened by singing by Bro. Wayne Lemons. Eld. Kitchens filled the stand. Read John 10--14. Text John 10--9. Dismissed by Eld. B. A. Artman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Revised in regular session, 1941)

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 corresponding delegates of other Associations are invited to seats; allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, but have no power 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. 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.

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

7. No one shall be allowed to speak but once on any question until all witnesses have had an opportunity to speak, and then not more than twice without special leave of the Moderator.

8. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

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

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

11. At all future sessions of the Association arrange-

ments 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.

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

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

E N A C T M E N T S

1918—Be it resolved, that our ministers preach more doctrinal sermons in order that not only the world, but also those of our denomination may know our doctrine.

1936—Whereas, we realize the need of a common burial fund for the putting away of our deceased ministers who are not permitted to accumulate much of this world's goods; be it therefore resolved that we shall urge upon our members to pay into our treasury, twenty-five cents each year for this common cause. Basis of division: 40% to the State Treasury and 60% to local funds.

1938 No. 3—Be it resolved that our Association shall convene on Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock before the first Sunday in September, instead of on Friday night.

1939 No. 1—Be it resolved that the Association shall elect the minister to preach the opening sermon on Thursday night of the following Association. This selection shall take place just before the adjourning hour of the Association.

1940 No. 1—Be it resolved that we shall devote the eleven o'clock service on Saturday at our Association to a memorial service. The one to preach this service shall be elected by the Association each year before the close of the session for the ensuing session.

1941 No. 1—Be it resolved that we amend Rule of Order No. 7 to read as follows: That no one shall be allowed to speak but once on any questions until all witnesses present have had an opportunity to speak. Then not more than twice without special leave of the Moderator.

1943 No. 1—Resolved that we Free Will Baptists in speaking of our church, speak of it as, "The Church of God or Christ" denominated, Free Will Baptists.

1943 No. 3—Resolved that this Association at its future sessions elect someone other than a minister to serve the Association as Clerk.

1947 No. 2—That each member of the Arkansas Association pay 25c a year for the care of the aged ministers.

No. 1—Be it resolved that this Association leave out all resolutions that now appear in our minutes except No. 1 (1936), No. 3 (1938), No. 1 (1939), No. 1 (1940), No. 1 (1941), No. 1 (1943), No. 3 (1943), No. 2 (1947), No. 1 (1918), and No. 2 (1918).

No. 2—Be it resolved that the several churches give our deacons credentials and that they be required to record same.

No. 3—Be it resolved that this Association have a ten day or a ten night Bible school for the benefit of our ministers and brothers and sisters of the church.

RULES OF ORDINATION

1. Do you believe in the Total Depravity of the human heart? Answer—No.

2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innocence? Answer—I do.

3. Do you believe in a full and free salvation to all who will accept it on the Gospel terms? Answer—I do.

4. Do you believe in a burial of a believer in Christ with water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost is the only baptism? Answer—I do.

5. Do you believe that any man has a right in the Gospel to repeat baptism to such a subject? Answer—No.

6. Do you believe that Communion, Feet Washing and Baptism are Gospel Ordinances and are to be taught and practiced until He comes again? Answer—I do.

7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the same God being your helper? Answer—I will by the help of God.

8. Do you believe that none will be finally saved but those who persevere in Holiness to the end? Answer—I do.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call church in conference.

2. Call for peace of the church.

3. Reading minutes of previous session.

4. Call visiting brethren to seats in council.

5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.

7. Are any sick or in distress?

8. What has been done for the support of the ministry and

- other incidental expenses?
9. A call for confession.
 10. Invitation for members.
 11. Adjournment.

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This is to testify that is
a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church
of Christ at and
as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of
God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with
another church.

Done in Church Conference this day
of, 19.....

..... Clerk
..... Pastor

ROSTER

MINISTERS

J. M. Wilson, California	W. M. Guinn, Booneville, Ark.
C. G. Askins, Tulsa, Okla.	Albert Remby, Booneville, Ark.
B. F. Black, Hackett, Ark.	J. S. Lovett, Magazine, Ark.
B. O. Stahl, Belleville, Ark.	Elmer Turner, Branch, Ark.
M. R. Reed, Belleville, Ark.	R. L. Rainwater, Mena, Ark.
Joe Brance, Belleville, Ark.	B. A. Artman, Gravelly, Ark.
G. J. Starnes, Waldron, Ark.	A. R. Brooks, Ft. Smith, Ark.
James Cagle, Heavener, Okla.	I. J. Wilson, Charleston, Ark.
C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly, Ark.	Lemmis Taylor, Barbor, Ark.
C. G. Forrest, Plainview, Ark.	Doyle Dipboye, Rt. 1, Ft. Smith,
Robert Hidde, Ft. Smith, Ark.	Ark.

DEACONS

Carl Parton, Ola, Ark.	Willie Copeland, Gravelly, Ark.
Lewis Cates, Boles, Ark.	Chester Boatright, Waldron, Ark.
Mack McCollugh, Okla.	J. S. Voyle, Heavener, Okla.
A. L. Leuels, Ola, Okla.	A. C. Gibson, Ratcliff, Ark.
B. Jones, Gravelly, Ark.	George Logan, Barber, Ark.
Richard Crites, Ola, Ark.	Frank Keller, Branch, Ark.
Joe Taylor, Barber, Ark.	Robert Black, Midland, Ark.
	Hubert Payne, Havana, Ark.

J. H. Jones, Roland, Okla.	E. R. Lovett, Magazine, Ark.
H. Kanady, Ratcliff, Ark.	Austin Payne, Gravelly, Ark.
Ellis Hunt, Waldron, Ark.	Lee Calowell, Belleville, Ark.
Dell Conley, Ratcliff, Ark.	Kello McCafferty, Boles, Ark.
Amos Hook, Ratcliff, Ark.	A. E. Sharp, Charleston, Ark.
Andy Womack, Boles, Ark.	S. M. Beeler, Heavener, Okla.
B. Blaylock, Gravelly, Ark.	Carl Looney, Charleston, Ark.
Clarence Wilson, Waldron, Ark.	Homer Robison, Branch, Ark.
Haskell Wright, Belleville, Ark.	Arley Holley, Belleville, Ark.
Cicero Parker, Belleville, Ark.	W. W. Stock, 3210 North 28 St.,
Will Higgins, Heavener, Okla.	Ft. Smith, Ark.
Byron Hays, Charleston, Ark.	Carl Scott, 3016 Russell St., Ft.
S. M. Whittaker, Waldron, Ark.	Smith, Ark.
S. T. Phillips, Springdale, Ark.	Reed Mullins, 3906 North 29 St.,
Dolph Sharp, Charleston, Ark.	Ft. Smith, Ark.
J. E. Phillips, Booneville, Ark.	Elmer Rich, Rt. 1, Ft. Smith, Ark.
Orville Goodner, Waldron, Ark.	Elmer Dye Jr., 2716 Neice St., Ft.
Frank Robinson, Gravelly, Ark.	Smith, Ark.
Tiermon Yandell, Waldron, Ark.	Chas. Galeger Jr., Rt. 1, Ft. Smith,
Adelle Elmore, Belleville, Ark.	Ark.
Buford Hanna, Belleville, Ark.	Ray White, General Delivery,
Charles Stapleton, Belleville, Ark.	Arkahoma, Okla.
James Burnett, Waldron, Ark.	Lawrence Hays, Belleville, Ark.

LETTER FORM TO BE USED BY LOCAL CHURCH

To the Association of Free Baptists: We, the Church of Free Will Baptists met on, 19 ... and selected to represent us in your honorable body which convenes with Church on, 19.... bidding you God's speed in all your labor for the advancement for the cause of Christ and His kingdom. Our church is composed of deacons, ministers; Membership: males; females,; total; Members received during the year: baptism,; recommendation,; by letter,; the church's loss in membership: dismissed by letter,; excluded,; died, Name and address of ministers:

Names of deacons:
 Sunday School: yes, ... ; no,; kind of literature used,
; condition,; ave. attendance,;
 total membership,; League: yes,; no,; Presi-
 dent,; Secretary,;
 total membership,; families taking church paper,
; pastor's salary, \$.....; own property,;
 value of church property, \$.....; when organized,
, 19 ...; by whom,
 Moderator,
 Clerk,

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD. We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in Divine Essence, Purpose, Power, and Glory.—St. John 1:1; I Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God; was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation; left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth; took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power; was crucified; placed in Joseph's tomb; rose from the dead the third day; completed the great plan of salvation; walked and talked with His disciples; publicly ascended up to Heaven; and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home.—Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-47.

3. HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost, and has taken up His office work among all nations of people as a Divine Reprover, Comforter, and Guide.—Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

4. THE BIBLE. We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Old and New Testaments, was given by Inspiration of God; is our way-bill from earth to heaven; and is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Pet. 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Dan. 10:21; Acts 1:16; Matt. 21:42.

5. THE FALL OF MAN. We believe that God created man good; gave him a just law by which he should be

governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience; He gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the enemy of souls; voluntarily transgressed the law of God; fell, with their posterity, under the just penalty of the same; and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them hope of salvation through the coming of Christ.—Gen. 1:27, 2:16, 17; Psalm 51:5; Gen. 3; 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:16; Eph. 2:3.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION. We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race; arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the glorified Kingdom above.—Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4, 5; Tit. 2:14; Heb. 1:4; John 3:16; Isa. 15:22.

7. CONDITIONS OF SALVATION. We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the laws of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit the ordeal of regeneration; are washed in the blood of the Lamb; and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ.—John 3; Matt. 19:13-22; I Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16, 17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalm 98:3.

8. SALVATION FREE. We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the Gospel invited all; and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel.—I Pet. 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Rev. 22:17.

9. BAPTISM. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same.—Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5, 6; I Pet. 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING. We believe

that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited: "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility and to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming.—Luke 22:19, 20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-17; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH. We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY. We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the Scriptures, with full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose.—Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate; is the family of God; is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue, and people.—Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22, 23; I Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel.—II Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts. 20:28; Rev. 1:4-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE. We believe that all true believers

in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty would backslide; if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—II Pet. 1:12; 2:2; II Cor. 9:10; Rom. 8:35-39.

Apostasy: II Pet. 1:8, 9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim 4:1, 2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31,32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body.—Col. 1:18, 19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4, 5.

17. SANCTIFICATION. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20, 21.

18. THE RESURRECTION. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, both the soul and body shall be united; the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God for ever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:6; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

19. THE SOUL. The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed.—Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:25; Matt. 10:28.

20. JUDGEMENT. We believe that there will be a general, universal judgement, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment and the righteous into eternal happiness.—II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36, 37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Clerk	Pastor	
Upper Spring Creek	Mary King	A. R. Brooks	\$4.00
Pleasant Hill	Mildred Black	B. F. Black	\$5.00
Union Hill	Rosie Parker	B. O. Stahl	\$6.00
Harmony	Jim Burnette	B. F. Black	\$5.00
Brooklyn	Lela Canady	W. M. Guinn	\$5.00
Pleasant Grove	Lorane Looney	O. T. Dixon	\$5.00
Mulberry	Louise Jones	C. C. Kitchens	\$6.25
Ranger	Effie Gene Morris	B. O. Stahl	\$2.00
Northside	Mack Estep	Doyle Dipboye	\$5.00

Finance Report

Ranger Church	\$2.00
Pleasant Grove	\$7.25
Pleasant Hill	\$6.00
Harmony	\$5.00
Brooklyn	\$5.00
Mulberry	\$6.25
Upper Spring Creek	\$4.00
Union Hill	\$6.00
Northside	\$5.00
Eld. A. R. Brooks	\$2.00
Freedom	\$5.00
Chas Stapleton	\$1.00

Total \$54.50

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