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Thursday Morning, August 10, 1944

The Twenty-First Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Association opened at 10:00 a.m., August 10, 1944, with song and prayer.

The address of welcome was by Rev. A. F. Lawter, pastor of Una Church.

Election of officers were as follows: Rev. J. C. Franks, Moderator; Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk; Rev. W. S. Rice, Reading Clerk.

Appointment of Committees

FINANCE: Bro. C. C. Splawn, Sister Alice Calvert, Bro. I. D. Seely.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. E. C. Rash, Bro. Lee McSwain.

OBITUARY: Sister Charlotte Ayers, Sister Connie Lawter, Sister Mattie Jones.

DEEPER DEVOTIONS: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Bro. R. L. Gillaland, Rev. J. H. Laster.

HOME MISSIONS: Sister Charlotte Ayers, Sister Lillie Smith.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Sister Juanita Henson, Mrs. R. A. Gosnell.

LADIES AID: Sister Lillie Smith, Sister Connie Lawter, Sister Hazel Cook, Sister Juanita Henson, Sister Bessie Hethrington.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. R. L. Gillaland, Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Sister Alice Calvert.

EVANGELISM: Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. I. D. Seely, Bro. William Calvert.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. W. S. Rice, Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. Carl Crane.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. R. L. Gillaland, Bro. I. D. Seely.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. J. S. Rice.

The Investigating Committee was discontinued by a vote of the body, and this work was placed on the Ordaining Council.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. S. Rice, who brought a splendid message on the subject, "Unshakable Things," using for his text, Heb. 12:27-29. The Reverend spoke of the "Unfailing God," "The Eternal Church" and the "Unshakable Child of God, if We Abide in Him."

Thursday, 2:30 P. M.

Church letters were called for and read as follows:

WHITNEY: Received by baptism 13, by letter 5, by statement 12, total 30. Dismissed by letter 1, by death 3, by erasure 51, total 55. Present membership 75. Paid pastor \$744.00. Paid for revivals \$187.45, Home Missions \$120.75. Foreign Missions \$10.00. Orphanage \$92.44. Church repair \$249.94. Sunday school supplies \$49.84. Visiting ministers \$30.00. Other expenses \$82.74. Total collected \$1,587.59. Total paid out \$1,567.16. On hand last Association \$295.63. On hand now \$316.06. Minute fund \$7.00. \$200.00 of our pastor's salary was paid by Whitney Manufacturing Company, for which we are indeed very grateful. Bro. W. H. Ayers, clerk, Whitney, S. C. Rev. Paul Shehan, pastor, Caroleen, N. C.

McCOLL: Ordained minister 1. Received by baptism 9, by restoration 2, total 11. Dismissed by letter 7, total 7. Present membership 24. Paid pastor \$40.00. For revivals \$42.15. Church building \$310.00. Value of church property \$4,000.00. Money taken in \$496.90. Paid out \$392.15. Now in treasury \$104.75. Minute fund \$4.00. Mrs. Mamie Haywood, clerk, McColl, S. C. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, pastor, 25 Hogins St., Rock Hill, S. C., Rev. H. T. Sellers, Delegate to Association.

UNA CHURCH, Una, S. C. Delegates, Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mrs. Lillie Smith, Mrs. Juanita Henson, Mr. R. L. Gilliland. Ordained ministers 2. Received by baptism 8, by letter 1, by restoration 5, total 14. Dismissed by erasure 7, total 7. Present membership 50. Paid pastor \$351.81. Orphanage \$7.50. For revivals \$168.00. Church repair \$50.00. Value of church property \$2,000.00. Money taken in \$148.52. Paid out \$134.99. Now in treasury \$14.52. Minute fund \$5.00. Chalmers H. Jones, 597 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C. Rev. A. F. Lawter, clerk and pastor, 383 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL: Arcadia, S. C. Delegates, Mrs. Amie Alman, Mrs. Holt. Dismissed by letter 1, by death 1, total 2. Present membership 15. Paid pastor \$55.43. Orphanage \$20.00. Paid for revivals \$25.79. Value of church property \$1,000.00. Money taken in \$53.12. Paid out \$32.90. Now in treasury \$20.22. Minute fund \$5.00. Melvin W. Kitchen, clerk, P. O. Box 194, Fairforest, S. C. Rev. J. H. Laster, pastor, Una, S. C.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C. Delegates, Mr. J. R. Laws, Mr. Carl Crane, Mr. C. V. Rollins. Received by letter 1, total 1. Dismissed by letter 2, by death 1, total 3. Present membership 29. Paid pastor \$526.17. Orphanage \$65.60. Paid for revivals \$131.50. Value of church property \$1,500.00. Money taken in \$969.59. Paid out \$939.59. Now in treasury \$24.00. Minute fund \$5.00. Mr. C. V. Rollins, clerk, Spartanburg, S. C., R. F. D. No. 6, Box 257. Rev. J. C. Franks, pastor, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, Rout 1, York, S. C. Licensed minister 1. Received by statement 1, total 1. Present membership 22. Paid pastor \$94.00. Orphanage \$5.00. For revivals \$68.00. Value of church property \$400.00. Now in treasury \$60.00. Minute fund \$4.00. Mrs. Alice Henson, clerk, Route 1, York, S. C. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, pastor, 25 Hogin St., Rock Hill, S. C.

LANCASTER CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 10, by restoration 6, total 16. Present membership 16. Organized July 16, 1944. Paid pastor \$26.00. For other purposes \$10.23. Money taken in \$36.23. Paid out \$36.23. Minute fund \$5.00. Clyde Broome, clerk, Lancaster, S. C. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, pastor, 25 Hagin St., Rock Hill, S. C.

SAXON AVE. CHURCH, Spartanburg, S. C. Received by baptism 10, by restoration 12, total 22. Dismissed by letter 2, by erasure 10, by death 1, total 11. Present membership 150. Paid pastor \$1,458.90. Missions \$200.00. Orphanage \$40.00. Paid for revivals \$197.00. Church repair \$100.00. Value of church property \$2,000.00. Money taken in \$1,995.90. Paid out \$1,995.90. Minute fund \$5.00. Mrs. R. A. Gosnell, clerk, Howard St. Carrier No. 7, Spartanburg, S. C. Rev. J. S. Rice, pastor, Box No. 102, Caroleen, N. C.

CEDAR HILL CHURCH, Lockhart, S. C. Dismissed by letter 3, by erasure 56, total 59. Present membership 27. Paid pastor \$420.00. Orphanage \$45.00. Value of church property \$5,000.00. Money taken in \$572.88. Paid out \$487.06. Now in treasury \$85.82. Minute fund \$5.00. J. D. Hawkins, clerk, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C. Rev. T. D. Revis, pastor, Box 52, Lockhart, S. C.

CLOVER CHURCH, Clover, S. C. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 1, by letter 1, by restoration 1, total 3. Dismissed by letter 2, total 2. Present membership 38. Paid pastor \$105.00. Church repair \$75.52. Value of church property \$600.00. Money taken in \$276.57. Paid out \$247.12. Now in treasury \$29.45. Minute fund \$3.00. John H. Jenkins, clerk, Valley Avenue, Clover S. C. Rev. M. Presley, pastor, Route 1, North Belmont, N. C.

At this time an Orphanage Committee was named: Rev. J. H. Laster, Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Rev. H. J. Sawyer to be chairman and treasurer.

Home Missions Report

We, your Committee on Home Missions do recommend the following: That the Association make some plan to back the home mission work in a financial way and have ministers who do not have churches to go into the fields for the fields are ripe unto harvest. Committee: Mrs. Charlotte Ayers, Mrs. Lillie Smith.

Obituary Committee

SAXON AVE.: We, the Free Will Baptist Church mourn the loss of Bro. Lee Smith, who departed this life January 1944. Our loss, we are sure, is his eternal gain. A friend.

—Mattie Jones.

WHITNEY: Bro. Robert Ayers, age 73 years, for more than 20 years a devoted member of Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, died June 22, 1944. Our hearts were made sad by his departure, but we are made happy to know that in heaven he is at rest. We the Whitney Free Will Baptist Church do mourn the death of our sister, Pauline Burges, Bro. John Pearson, who departed this life June 11, 1944. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh." Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ARCADIA: Bro. Doff Dobbins departed this life this spring. Our loss is his eternal gain.

VALLEY FALLS: Bro. J. E. Banks of the Valley Falls Church, died January 1944. Our loss is heaven's gain.

UNA: We, the Una Church do mourn the death of our beloved Brother, Belt Crowe, who died April 1944. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh." Blessed be the name of the Lord.

The friends we loved from earth are gone,
To live among the angels' band,
They are free from sorrow, pain and care
On heaven's strand.

Committee: Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mrs. Mattie Jones, Mrs. Charlotte Ayers.

SESSION COMMITTEE: The next Association will meet at the Lockhart Church. Rev. A. F. Lawter will preach the introductory sermon.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: We, your Committee on Ministerial Support do submit the following. That our ministers preach and practice tithing, and that our church members do more toward the support of the Gospel.

J. R. Laws, I. D. Sealy, H. T. Sellers.

SUPERANUATION: We, your Committee submit the following pledges for each church, made by the first delegates:

McColl Church	\$10.00
Clover Church	\$10.00
Lockhart Church	\$20.00
Saxon Ave. Church	\$15.00
Coles Chapel	\$15.00
Valley Falls Church	\$20.00
Whitney Church	\$15.00
Una Church	\$15.00
Lancaster Church	\$10.00
Total	\$125.00

TEMPERANCE: We, the Committee on Temperance wish to submit the same as our outgoing Committee. We also urge our ministers and laymen to teach temperance more strongly. J. S. Rice, J. D. Hawkins.

Resolutions

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following: That under no circumstances should any church be allowed to elect a pastor who is not in good standing with the Beaver Creek Association or some other Free Will Baptist Association. And can produce evidence to that effect.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Chairman
Bro. Lee McSwain,
Bro. Rev. E. L. Rash,

Periodical Committee

We, your Committee on Periodicals wish to submit the following: That our churches encourage the reading of more religious literature, such as good books and our Free Will Baptist paper.

—Carl Crane, Chairman.

Young People's Work

We, your Committee on Young People's Work, urge every church to organize a Young People's League. It will encourage young people to come to church and take a part to help carry on the Lord's work, also it is a benefit to help the church to grow. Young people will come out to the League where they wouldn't attend other services. The Young People's League has done lots of work for the church and it is teaching young people the work of Christ. We urge every pastor to cooperate in organizing a Young People's League.

Committee:

Mrs. Connie Lawter,
Mrs. Juanita Henson,
Mrs. R. A. Gosnell.

Education Committee

We, your Committee on Education, do recommend: That all our ministers, young and old, study the Bible and other good books on the Bible, so that we may improve our preaching. God said, "Study to show thy self approved unto God, a work that man needeth not to be ashamed. Rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

Rev. E. R. Tyner, Chairman,
Rev. J. H. Laster,
C. C. Splawn.

Sunday School Committee

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, recommend: That all teachers and preachers be more mindful of the pupils and children in Sunday School, and we submit the same resolution as prescribed by the outgoing committee. We believe in all people taking part in Sunday School work and leaving off worldly things to interrupt young people. Fathers and mothers, bring your young children to Sunday School and church every Sunday and teach them the love of God and love for each other. May God bless each one that does His will in Christian work. Mrs. Alice Calvert.

Ladies Aid Committee

We, your Committee on Ladies Aid, urge that all your churches should have a Ladies Aid and should be backed by our pastors, also the lay members, for we think that it is a great help and upbuilding to any church.

Committee:

Mrs. Annie Belle Heatherington,
Mrs. Lillie Smith,
Mrs. Connie Lawter,
Mrs. Juanita Henson
Mrs. Hazel Cooke.

Evangelism

We, your Committee on Evangelism, urge that all churches help in evangelistic work and also help support it and each church should have one or two revivals each year and every one pull together in building up the churches instead of tearing them down. God wants true workers for Him, trying to help some one and show them the way to Christ, to support the gospel and learn more of Jesus Christ the Son. Rev. W. M. Calvert.

Sunday School Reports

COLES CHAPEL: Members on roll 30, average attendance 25, money collected this year \$82.72, paid out \$61.09, now in treasury \$21.72, Free Will Baptist literature classes 3. Dewey Suttles, Superintendent, Arcadia, S. C., Mrs. Annie Allman, Secretary, Arcadia, S. C.

SAXON AVE.: Members on roll 150, average attendance 60, collected this year \$313.44, paid out \$281.72, now in treasury \$31.72, Free Will Baptist literature classes 4. C. G. Banks, Superintendent, 368 Wesley St., Spartanburg, S. C., Sarah Anington, Secretary, 322 Green St., Spartanburg, S. C.

UNA F. W. B.: Sunday School members on roll 63, average attendance 47, collected this year \$594.87, paid out \$535.02, now in treasury \$10.62, Free Will Baptist literature classes 4. R. L. Gilliland, Superintendent, 361 Arch St., Spartanburg, S. C., Juanita Henson, Secretary, 1 William St., Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

League Report

UNA F. W. B. LEAGUE: Membership 10, gained 3, paid for church repairs \$20.00, for literature \$3.20, now in treasury \$9.10. Grady Henson, President, 1 William St., Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C., Miss Virginia Pollard, Secretary, Route 3, Spartanburg S. C.

Ladies Aid

CEDAR HILL: Ladies Aid Society, Lockhart, S. C. Taken in \$102.32, paid out \$46.87, balance in treasury \$55.45, Mrs. Sam Howell, Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Hawkins, President.

At this time a Superannuation Board was elected as follows: R. L. Gilliland, W. D. Sawyer, I. D. Seely, Bro. J. R. Laws was elected treasurer of this board.

It was made known at this time that a building in Rock Hill, S. C. could be rented for the purpose of holding a meeting and trying to organize a church, and as it seemed like a good prospect the Association raised \$12.00 to rent said building for one month with the understanding that if a church was organized that said church be asked to repay the money.

The business of this Session being completed, remarks for the good of the Association were called for and a number of the brethren made fine talks, after which the entire body gave to Una Church and Rev. A. F. Lawter a rising vote of thanks for the splendid way in which they entertained the Association.

The Association was adjourned to meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1945, with Cedar Hill Church, Lockhart, S. C.

Rev. A. F. Lawter of Spartanburg will preach the Introductory Sermon.

Sermons

Thursday Night

Preaching by Rev. Wade Calvert. Subject: "I Have Found a Ransom." A fine message was brought by Rev. Calvert and an old fashioned Christian hand-shake followed, there was much rejoicing.

Rev. J. A. Martin of Marshall, N. C., aged 73 years, who organized the Beaver Creek Association, made an inspiring talk of encouragement and sang a Solo, "What Wondrous Love Is This." This was indeed a wonderful service, enjoyed by all.

Friday—11:00 A. M.

Preaching by Rev. E. R. Tiner. Text: Matt. 16:16. Subject: "The Church." Rev. Tiner pointed out that the church is founded on Christ the Rock. He spoke of the church being infallible since Christ Himself is eternal.

Christ's term, "My Church," signifies, (1) Ownership, belonging to Christ, (2) also it means oneness.

Born into the church by the Spirit, a wonderful message was greatly enjoyed by all.

Friday Night

We had special singing by the Una Quartet, and by Rev. Stroupe and wife, after which Rev. J. A. Martin made a splendid talk. It is always an inspiration to hear Brother Martin, who has been in the ministry for more than 40 years.

The principle speaker was Rev. H. T. Sellers of McColl, S. C., who delivered a wonderful message on the "Prodical Son," after which Rev. Martin sang a song and we had a good spiritual feast. Every one present seemed to be rejoicing at once.

Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C., Moderator of the Association. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 25 Hogins St., Rock Hill, S. C., Clerk.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION of the

Beaver Creek Ministers Conference

August 12, 1944 — 10:00 A. M.

Opened with song and prayer. Election of officers were as follows: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Moderator; Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk; Rev. J. S. Rice, Reading Clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. C. Franks, Chairman
Rev. P. J. Shehan,
Rev. H. J. Sawyer.

Two visiting ministers, Rev. J. A. Martin of the French Broad Association, and Rev. H. T. Sellers of the Rock Fish Conference, were given seats in our Conference.

It was voted to only place ministers on our roll who report by letter or in person.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Reports were called for and received as follows:

Name, Loy D. Revis; address, Box 52, Lockhart, S. C.; pastor of 1 church; preached 88 sermons; 1 profession; visited 53 homes; funerals conducted 8; Sunday School lessons taught 22; money received for church \$420.00; money given \$88.28; miles traveled 624; money received \$420.00; expenses \$182.00.

Name, Rev. H. J. Sawyer; address, 25 Hogins St., Rock Hill, S. C.; pastor of 2 churches, 1 organized; preached 141 sermons; revivals held, 3; professions 62; members received 34; baptised 22; married 2; visited 231 homes; funerals conducted 4; money received for church \$43.00; money given \$201.00; miles traveled 2,800; money received \$210.30; expenses \$113.60.

Name, Rev. H. T. Sellers; address, R. F. D. No. 2, McColl, S. C.; preached 20 sermons; held 1 revival; 12 professions; received 10 members; visited 50 homes; conducted 1 funeral; money received for church \$56.82; money received \$16.00.

Name, Rev. A. F. Lawter; address, 383 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C.; pastor of 1 church; preached 76 sermons; professions 44; members received 14; married 3; funerals conducted 1; money given \$86.51; money received \$351.81.

Name, Rev. E. C. Rash; address, Lockhart, S. C.; preached 21 sermons; professions 5; visited 50 homes; funerals conducted 3; Sunday School lessons taught 8; money given \$37.90; miles traveled 1,719; money received \$12.05; expenses \$24.20.

Name, Rev. J. D. Hawkins; address, Lockhart, S. C., Box 46; preach 11 sermons; professions 5; married 1; visited 35 homes; funerals conducted 1; Sunday School lessons taught 32; money given \$19.00.

Name, J. S. Rice; address, Box No. 102, Caroleen, N. C.; pastor of 1 church; preached 120 sermons; revivals held 3; professions 90; members received 25; baptised 30; married 2; funerals conducted 7; Sunday School lessons taught 25; money received for church—pastor's work, \$1,458.90; miles traveled 7,000; money received for revivals \$100.00; total money received \$1,568.90.

Name, Paul J. Sheehan; address, Box 55, Caroleen, N. C., Phone 2231; pastor of 2 churches; preached 194 sermons; revivals held 5; baptised 55; funerals conducted 7; money received for church \$950.00; money given \$175.00.

Name, J. C. Franks; address, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C.; pastor of 1 church; preached 120 sermons; revivals held 2; professions 45; members received 4; married 2; visited 100 homes; funerals conducted 8; money given \$47.60; money received \$682.47.

Name, J. H. Laster; address, Una, S. C.; pastor of 1 church; preached 96 sermons; revivals held 1; professions 5; visited 45 homes; funerals conducted 2; Sunday School lessons taught 25; money received for church \$43.93; money given \$69.42; miles traveled 442; money received \$40.00.

Work of Ordaining Council

Rev. H. T. Sellers of the Rock Fish Conference, presented his letter and was received and was given our credentials in exchange for the Rock Fish Certificate.

No young ministers were licensed or ordained at this time.

The business for this Session being transacted, Rev. J. A. Martin was called upon to sing a song and as the spirit of fellowship and brotherly love

was much in evidence we had an old time testimony meeting among ministers. Surely the Lord blessed in a wonderful way and every one present was greatly blessed.

Conference was adjourned to meet on Saturday before the second Sunday in August 1945.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, 383 Farley Ave., Spartanburg, S. C., Moderator.
Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 25 Hogins St., Rock Hill, S. C., Clerk.

Church Covenant

Having been brought, as we believe, by divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church, and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nature and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we strive to amplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

Constitution

1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.
2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.
3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a chairman and secretary.
4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.
5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.
6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name enrolled in our minutes.
7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session and all reports made by the committees may be adopted by the body.
8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

9. Any church can become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of "Brother."
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

Articles of Faith

1. GOD:—We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1st Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTACY:—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat." Gen. 3:16.

4. CHRISTIAN FAITH:—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in

the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God; "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

5. **FREE GRACE:**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." Rom. 10:12.

6. **REPENTANCE:**—We believe that repentance in sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made to sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing; for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2nd Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that showeth thee O man what is good and what the Lord required of thee, but do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Mich. 6:8.

8. We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith and and perseverance unto the end shall be saved, that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and be finally lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:62.

9. **GOOD WORKS:**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity, that those who have faith will do works righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them." Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in the newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:**—We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink, of that cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not discerning the Lord's body." 1 Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING:**—We believe that washing of the saint's feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If then your Lord and Master have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet." St. John 13:14.

13. **THE GOSPEL:**—We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14.

