

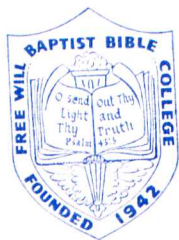
MINUTES
OF THE
Twenty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION
OF
Original Free Will Baptist Churches
AND
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
HELD WITH
Cedar Hill Church, Lockhart, S. C.
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10:00 A. M., opened with song and prayer.

Election of officers were as follows: Rev. J. C. Franks, Moderator; Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Reading Clerk.

Visiting Ministers welcomed were: Rev. W. L. Jernigan of the Pee Dee Association, Rev. Wade Calvert and Rev. O. M. Hilburn of the Piedmont Association of North Carolina.

Committees appointed were as follows:

HOME MISSIONS: Bro. R. H. Heatherington, Rev. J. H. Laster.

FINANCE: John W. Mcater, Lee McSwain.

RESOLUTION: Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. A. F. Lawter.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Frank Cousins, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Mrs. R. H. Heatherington.

EDUCATION: Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Rev. E. C. Rash.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Rev. H. T. Sellers, Rev. W. L. Jernigan.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Bro. Coleman Pate, Mrs. Vanderford.

LADIES AID: Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Mr. R. H. Heatherington, Mrs. Frank Cousins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. Lee McSwain, Bro. F. A. Sawyer, Bro. John W. Mcateer.

EVANGELISM: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. J. W. Melton.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Rev. Noel Vance.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Bro. F. A. Sawyer, Bro. Lee McSwain, Bro. Lester Stone.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. H. T. Sellers.

SESSIONS: Bro. F. A. Sawyer, Bro. R. H. Heatherington, Bro. John W. Mcateer, Bro. Jim Scott, Mrs. Frank Cousins.

SUPERANNUATION: Bro. Lee McSwain, Bro. R. H. Heatherington.

11:00 A. M.—Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. F. Lawter.

2:00 P. M.—Scripture lesson by Rev. P. J. Shehan; remarks by Rev. W. L. Jernigan and Rev. O. M. Hilburn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVANGELISM—We, your Committee on Evangelism, adopt the same as our out-going committee. Rev. J. W. Melton, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Chrm.

DEEPER DEVOTION—We, your committee, wish to submit the following:

First, that we find in God's word (Ps. 14: 10) that we are to be still and know that He is God, and in 1st Cor. 13: 1-3 though we give our all and have not love, we are nothing in the sight of God or man.

Second, that we ask all our folks to read and study God's word more, appropriating it to our own hearts and lives, so that we as Christians and followers of Christ may demonstrate a life that is deeply devoted to Christian service and to God.

Third, that we seek at all times to let the world see Jesus in us as the poet has so beautifully said: "More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show, more of His saving fullness see, more of the Christ who died for me." Rev. H. T. Sellers, Rev. W. L. Jernigan.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee, wish to submit the same as our out-going committee. We also urge our ministers and laymen to teach temperance more strongly. Prov. 20: 1: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. H. T. Sellers.

RESOLUTION—We, your committee, 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 association of the Original Free Will Baptist faith, and can produce evidence to that effect. Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. A. F. Lawter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee, recommend the same report as our out-going committee. We also recommend that our teachers and preachers be more mindful of the people and especially the children.

We believe all people should take part in Sunday School work, and leave off worldly things.

Fathers and mothers bring your young children to Sunday School and teach them the love of God and love for each other. We also urge each Superintendent to see that our teachers are Christians for "if the blind lead the blind, shall not all fall in the ditch together?" John W. Mcateer, Lee McSwain, Floyd Sawyer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, urge our people to support the cause of Foreign Missions more, for it is a command of God. (Mark 15: 16) "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Rev. Noel Vance.

HOME MISSIONS—We, your committee, recommend that the association make plans to back the Home Mission work in a financial way and that

ministers who have no churches go in the field as the word says "the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few." Rev. J. H. Laster, Bro. R. H. Heatherington.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—We, your committee, submit that we urge all young people to go to church and get others to go with you when they would be going to something else that would harm them. We also urge each church to have a Free Will Baptist League. Bro. Coleman Pate, Mrs. Georgia Vanderford.

EDUCATION—We, your committee, submit the following: First, we ask all of our ministers and forth coming applicants to the ministry to "study to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2: 15. Second, due to the fact that our Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., now has a campaign to raise one hundred thousand dollars, we ask all of our churches to raise 25c per member, one-half of this amount to be sent to the school and one-half to be kept in the treasury to help our boys entering the ministry to go to school. Third, that we urge our Ordaining Council to examine all applicants to the ministry on their ability to read and explain the word of God. Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Rev. E. C. Rash.

LADIES AID—We, your committee, urge the ladies of all churches to organize a Ladies Aid and feel that they should have the full support of the pastor and lay members for we believe that it would be a great help in the upbuilding of any church. Hazel Cooke, Connie Lawter, Edith Cousins, Annie Bell Heatherington.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—We, your committee, submit the following: That it is the duty of each church to support the pastor for "The Lord hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel" I Cor. 9: 14. We recommend that our churches do more toward the support of our ministers and that our pastors put in more time in pastoral work. Floyd Sawyer, Lester Stone, Lee McSwain.

FINANCE—We, your committee, wish to report \$47.00 Old Ministers Fund and \$56.00 Minute funds. We recommend that the association raise \$4.00 making a total of \$60.00 for Minutes. John W. Mcateer, Lee McSwain.

OBITUARIES

MT. CARMEL—We, the Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church and community, as a whole feel deeply the loss of our beloved sister, Elizabeth Bolden, aged 83, who departed this life June 2, 1945. She was converted and united with the church at the age of 79. Her happy smile and loyal devotion to her church and pastor and her unwavering testimony for Christ will long be remembered.

A loved one from us is gone
A voice we loved is stilled

A place is vacant in our midst
Which never can be filled.

By her pastor, H. J. Sawyer.

VALLEY FALLS—We, the Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church do mourn the loss of our brother, Curtis Rollins, aged 42, a charter member and deacon of our church, who died Dec. 2, 1944. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." We will meet him on that blissful shore, where sad partings come no more. Hazel Cooke, Connie Lawter, Edith Cousins, Annie Bell Heatherington.

SESSIONS—We recommend that our next Session meet with Coles Chapel Church, Arcadia, S. C., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in August, 1946. H. J. Sawyer, James Scott, R. H. Heatherington, John W. Mcateer, F. A. Sawyer, Edith Cousins.

CHURCH LETTERS

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C.—Received by letter 4, total 4. Dismissed by letter 2, total 2. Present membership 19. Paid Pastor \$135.18, for Missions \$13.00, Orphanage \$15.00, Old Ministers' fund \$10.00. Value of Church Property \$1,000.00. Money taken in \$182.03. Paid out \$173.18. Now in treasury \$9.85. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Melvin W. Kitchen, Box 194, Fair Forest, S. C. Pastor, Rev. J. H. Laster, Una, S. C. Delegates, Floyd Sawyer, Melvin Kitchen.

MCCOLL CHURCH, McColl, S. C.—Received by Restoration 1, total 1. Dismissed by letter 1, total 1. Present membership 13. Paid Pastor \$25.00, for Missions \$5.00, Orphanage \$5.00, Old Ministers fund \$5.00, for Revivals \$48.00, Church building \$350.00. Value of Church property \$1,200.00. Money taken in \$738.01. Paid out \$438.00. Now in treasury \$300.01. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Henry Sellers, Jr., McColl, S. C. Pastor, Rev. H. T. Sellers, McColl, S. C.

LANCASTER CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C.—Licensed Ministers 2. Received by baptism 20, by restoration 23, total 43. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 12. Present membership 50. Paid Pastor \$189.47, for Missions \$26.00, for Revivals \$82.25, Church repair \$189.15, Old Ministers fund \$2.00. Value of Church property \$700.00. Money taken in \$599.87, paid out \$556.87. Now in treasury \$43.00. Minute fund \$3.00. Clerk, Yancy B. Broughton, 1128 11th St., Lancaster, S. C. Pastor, Rev. H. T. Sellers, McColl, S. C.

UNA CHURCH, Una, S. C.—Dismissed by letter 4, by expulsion and erasure 1, total 5. Present membership 46. Paid Pastor \$296.26, Orphanage \$7.00, Old Ministers fund \$10.00, for Revivals \$81.00. Value of Church property \$2,000.00. Money taken in \$471.81. Paid out \$394.26. Now in treasury \$77.55. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Chalmers H. Jones, 497 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH, Chitney, S. C.—Licensed Ministers: William N. Ayers and Tommy E. Waddell. Received by baptism 7, by restoration 1, total 8. Dismissed by letter 3, total 3. Present membership 85. Paid Pastor \$867.13, Missions \$66.53, Orphanage \$80.00, Church repairs \$44.10. Value of Church property \$3,000.00. Money taken \$1,350.19. Paid out \$1,339.18. Now in treasury \$325.07. Minute fund \$8.00. Clerk, W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, Rev. P. J. Shehan, Caroleen, N. C.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C.—Decreased by death 1, total 1. Present membership 28. Paid Pastor \$272.61, for Missions \$10.40, for Orphanage \$26.22, for Revivals \$96.00. Value of Church property \$2,000.00. Money taken in \$341.95. Paid out \$316.94. Now in treasury \$20.01. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, J. H. Laster, Una, S. C. Pastor, Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C.

CEDAR HILL CHURCH, Lockhart, S. C.—Received by baptism 6, by letter 1, by restoration 10, total 17. Present membership 44. Paid Pastor \$420.00, Orphanage \$56.00, Old Ministers fund \$20.00, for Revivals \$117.00. Value of Church property \$5,000.00. Money taken in \$427.19. Paid out \$429.90. Now in treasury \$20.54. Minute funds \$5.00. Clerk, J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor, Rev. L. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C.

SAXON AVE. CHURCH, Spartanburg, S. C.—Received by letter 2, by restoration 9, total 11. Dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 11, total 13. Present membership 41. Paid for Revivals \$321.00. Value of Church property \$3,000.00. Money taken in \$3,970.00. Paid out \$359.85. Now in treasury \$33.85. Minute fund \$3.00. Clerk, J. L. Ballard, 375 Arch St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. J. S. Rice, Caroleen, N. C.

CLOVER CHURCH, Clover, S. C.—Received by baptism 3, by statement 11, total 14. Dismissed by letter 4, total 4. Present membership 43. Paid Pastor \$71.02, Church building and repair \$132.00. Money taken in \$237.48. Paid out \$203.02. Now in treasury \$34.46. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Miss Elsie Winders. Pastor, Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, R. F. D. No. 1, York, S. C.—Received by baptism 2, by statement 2, total 4. Decreased by death 1, total 1. Present membership 23. Paid Pastor \$90.00, for Revivals \$22.00, Missions \$10.00, Orphanage \$5.00, Building material \$80.25. Money taken in \$305.71. Paid out \$207.25. Now in treasury \$98.46. Value of Church property \$500.00. Minute funds \$5.00. Clerk, Mrs. Bessie Mason, York, S. C. Pastor, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 452 Railroad Ave., Rock Hill, S. C.

At this time Delegates to visit other associations were appointed as follows: Rev. P. J. Shehan, Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. J. C. Franks.

Bro. R. H. Heatherington was selected to represent us in the South Carolina State Association.

Thursday night speakers were Rev. W. L. Jernigan and Rev. Wade Calvert. Both brought splendid messages which were enjoyed by all.

Friday 10:00 A. M., the Association opened with song and prayer by

Rev. H. T. Sellers, scripture lesson by Rev. J. W. Melton. Then, the brethren discussed at length the possibilities of having a central place for our annual meetings. This question was left open for further discussion next year.

The eleven o'clock sermon was brought by Rev. O. M. Hilburn who gave a very instructive message to the ministers which we feel sure will mean much to us for many years.

Friday 2 P. M. Song by the body and prayer by Bro. Floyd Sawyer, Scripture lesson by Rev. J. H. Laster.

At this time the Orphanage Treasurer, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, requested permission to transfer money in his possession to the Sunday School Convention Treasurer and was granted this permission.

Rev. W. L. Jernigan was called on at this time and made a heart touching plea for support of our Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Comments were made by a number of the brethren and all resolved to do more for this worthy cause.

Question as to a Conference Evangelist was tabled until next year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

UNA—Members on roll 51. Average attendance 40. Money collected this year \$458.98. Paid out \$523.44. Now in treasury \$82.48. Kind of literature—F. W. B. 4 Classes. Supt., R. L. Gilliland, Route 5, Pauline, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Jaunita Henson, No. 1 Williams St., Saxon, S. C.

LANCASTER—Members on roll 23. Average attendance 23. Money taken in \$41.00. Paid out \$31.60. Now in treasury \$8.38. Kind of literature—F. W. B. 3 classes. Supt., John Mcateer, 935 9th St., Lancaster, S. C. Sec., Mrs. Gladys Thompson, Box 695, Lancaster, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C.—Members on roll 52. Average attendance 41. Money taken in \$261.49. Paid out \$123.44. Now in treasury \$138.25. Kind of literature—F. W. B. 4 Classes. Supt., F. A. Sawyer, Box 144, Arcadia, S. C. Sec., Mrs. Annie Alman, Route 5, Spartanburg, S. C.

CEDAR HILL, Lockhart, S. C.—Members on roll 110. Average attendance 90. Money taken in \$341.17. Paid out \$175.08. Now in treasury \$107.84. Kind of Literature—F. W. B. 6 Classes. Supt., Lee McSwain, Lockhart, S. C. Sec., Mrs. Sam Howell, Lockhart, S. C.

McCOLL, S. C.—Members on roll 61. Average attendance 30. Money taken in \$30.00. Paid out \$26.00. Now in treasury \$3.24. Kind of literature—F. W. B. 3 Classes. Supt., George Hyatt, McColl, S. C. Sec., Mrs. Daisy Roberts.

VALLEY FALLS, S. C.—Members on roll 50. Average attendance 28. Money taken in \$225.87. Paid out \$206.17. Now in treasury \$24.70. Kind of literature—F. W. B. 5 Classes. Supt., J. H. Laster, Una, S. C. Sec., Ester Rollins, Route 6, Spartanburg, S. C.

LADIES AID REPORTS

UNA—Membership 11. Paid for Church repairs \$106.60. Money taken in \$82.16. Paid out \$106.60. President, Mrs. Lillie Smith, Route 1, Inman, S. C. Sec., Mrs. Connie Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

LOCKHART, S. C.—Members 10. Paid to Orphanage \$30.00, for charity \$20.00. Money taken in \$71.00. Paid out \$50.00. President, Mrs. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Sec., Mrs. Sam Howell, Lockhart, S. C.

LEAGUE REPORT

SAXON AVE. F. W. B. LEAGUE—Members 17, gained 3. Paid out \$9.00. Now in treasury \$40.85. President, Paul Ballard, Farley Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. Sec., Miss Ophelia Gilbert, 343 Green St., Spartanburg, S. C.

There were many who expressed their thanks to God for the fine spirit of fellowship which was so much in evidence through the entire session and our heartfelt thanks to the Cedar Hill Church for the splendid way they entertained the association.

We are looking forward to Thursday and Friday before the Second Sunday in August, 1946, when we are praying God for even a greater and, if possible, more joyous association.

Rev. J. C. Franks, Moderator,
Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

of the

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

August 11, 1945

Cedar Hill Church, Lockhart, S. C.

Opened at 9:30 A. M. with song, prayer by Rev. J. C. Franks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Clerk—Rev. E. C. Rash.

Reading Clerk—Rev. J. S. Rice.

Ordaining Council—Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. J. C. Franks, Chairman.

Ordained ministers reports were called for and received as follows:

Rev. J. S. Rice—Pastored one church. Sermons 125, Conversions 75, Baptized 20, Funerals 10, members taken in 24, couples married 2, miles traveled 7,000, Revivals conducted 2, money received \$1,028.00.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.—Pastor of one church. Preached 88 Sermons. Married 2. Funeral conducted 3. Money given \$95.76. Money received \$300.00.

Rev. L. D. Revis, Box 52, Lockhart, S. C.—Pastor 1 Church. Preached 108 Sermons. Professions 3. Members received 14. Married 3. Visited 68 homes. Funeral conducted 5. Sunday School lessons taught 89. Money received for Church \$420.00. Money given \$286.50. Expenses \$286.50.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C., Box 46—Preached 7 Sermons. Married 1. Visited 45 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 44. Money given \$20.00. Miles traveled 160. Money received \$10.00. Expenses \$5.00.

Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C.—Pastor of 1 Church. Preached 52 Sermons. Revivals held 2. Married 2. Funerals conducted 4. Money received for Church \$262.02. Money given \$26.00. Miles traveled 3600.

Rev. J. H. Laster, Una, S. C.—Pastor of 1 Church. Preached 60 Sermons. Professions 5. Members received 2. Sunday School lessons taught 12. Money received for Church \$180.15. Money given \$55.37. Miles traveled 30.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Box 143, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 66 Sermons. Revivals held 2. Professions 4. Baptised 6. Visited 73 homes. Funerals conducted 2. Sunday School lessons taught 13. Money given \$41.27. Miles traveled 2408. Money received \$150.22. Expenses \$35.25.

Rev. H. T. Sellers, McColl, S. C., General Delivery—Pastor of 2 Churches. Preached 104 Sermons. Revivals held 2. Professions 59. Members received 40. Baptised 10. Visited 300 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 30.

Proceedings of the Twenty-Second Session

Money received for Church \$501.00. Money given \$25.00. Miles traveled 2800. Money received \$161.97. Expenses \$61.97.

Rev. Paul J. Shehan, Box 55, Caroleen, N. C., Phone 2231—Pastor 2 churches. Revivals held 5. Money received \$1,377.13. Money given \$175.00.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 452 Railroad Ave., Rock Hill, S. C.—Pastor 3 churches. Preached 151 Sermons. Revivals held 4. Professions 51. Members received 41. Baptised 28. Visited 156 homes. Funerals conducted 3. Sunday School lessons taught 30. Money given \$226.40. Miles traveled 3000. Money received \$302.36. Expenses \$101.20.

Licensed Ministers reports called for and received as follows:

Rev. J. W. Melton, Lancaster, S. C.—Preached 74 Sermons. Professions 18. Visited 20 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 10. Money given \$20.00. Miles traveled 1200. Money received \$26.80. Expenses \$24.00.

Rev. W. F. Helms, 38 Richland St., Clover, S. C.—Preached 51 Sermons. Revivals held 3. Professions 41. Visited 25 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 34. Money given \$90.00. Miles traveled 700. Money received \$120.00. Expenses \$40.00.

Rev. Tommy E. Waddell, Whitney, S. C.—Preached 8 sermons. Visited 12 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 1. Money given \$6.00. Miles traveled 100. Expenses \$15.00.

Rev. William N. Ayers, 9 Danson St., Whitney, S. C.—Preached 8 Sermons. Visited 12 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 1. Money given \$7.00. Miles traveled 100. Expenses \$15.00.

WORK OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. W. Melton of Lancaster, S. C., was granted conference license for twelve months to work under the watch care of his pastor, Rev. H. T. Sellers.

Rev. W. F. Helms of Clover granted conference licenses for twelve months with permission to supply the Clover Church under the watch care of Rev. H. J. Sawyer.

Rev. Noel Vance of Lockhart, S. C., was restored to full fellowship as a regular ordained minister as of this date.

At this time letters were presented from Rev. J. M. Redden and Rev. George Reynolds asking for a letter of recommendation to unite with another conference closer to them. These letters were granted.

After several interesting talks from a number of the Brethren, including Rev. Carl Wright, a visiting Missionary Baptist Minister, adjournment was made to meet again with Valley Falls Church, September 29th, 1945.

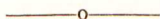
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Rev. A. F. Lawter, Moderator,
Rev. E. C. Rash, Clerk.

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 nurture 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 ministered 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.

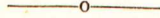
7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session and all reports made by the committees may be adopted by the 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.

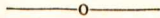
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.

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 revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He hath showed thee O man what they are and what the Lord required of thee, but to 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 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 been 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 of faith 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 Scriptually 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 unworthy 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 saints' 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.

