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Proceedings

The Twenty-Third Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Association opened at 10:00 A. M., August 8, 1946, with song and prayer.

Address of welcome was given by the Pastor, Rev. H. L. Buckner; response given by Rev. J. C. Franks, Moderator. Visitors welcomed were: Rev. Carl Wright, Rev. Jim White, who later united with us, also Rev. F. G. Ard, Rev. Seldon Bullard and Rev. L. L. Powell from the Pee Dee Association, Rev. L. L. Moore, and from the French Broad Association Rev. Erwin Sluder, and from the Piedmont Association Rev. Wade Calvert and Rev. O. M. Hilburn, and Rev. J. T. Sinclair of the Missionary Baptists.

Officers elected were as follows:

Moderator—Rev. J. C. Franks, Black Mountain, N. C.

Clerk—Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 452 ailroad Ave., Rock Hill, S. C.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Finance—W. J. Lewis, Rev. F. N. Tothrow.

Foreign Missions—W. D. Sawyer, Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Sunday School—H. T. Hatcher, Bro. Absher.

Young Peoples Work—Rev. Wade Calvert, R. H. Heatherington.

Temperance—H. T. Hatcher, W. J. Lewis.

Ladies Aid—Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Miss Minnie Lewis.

Evangelism—Rev. H. L. Buckner, Rev. Carl Wright.

Deeper Devotion—Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Carl Wright.

Education—Rev. Carl Wright, Rev. Jim White.

Resolutions—Rev. A. F. Lawter, Bro. W. D. Samter.

Ministerial Support—Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. Carl Wright.

Home Missions—Bro. W. D. Sawyer, Rev. Jim White.

Periodicals—Rev. H. L. Buckner, Bro. R. H. Heatherington.

Obituary—Miss Minnie Lewis, Mrs. Charlotte Ayers, Mrs. Jaunita Hen-
son.

Adjournment was at 11:00 A. M. for Introductory Sermon by Rev. O. M. Hilburn. A good message was enjoyed by all.

2:00 P. M.

After opening in regular form, church letters were called for and the following reported:

CEDAR HILL CHURCH, Lockhart, S. C.—Delegates: Bro. Herman Taylor, Bro. Lee McSwain, Bro. I. D. Sealy. Received by baptism 1, by letter 1, by restoration 42, total 44, present membership 92. Paid Pastor \$1,280.00, Orphanage \$83.22, Revivals \$189.00, Church repair \$156.00. Value of Church Property \$5,000.00. Money taken in \$1,741.80. Paid out \$1,600.18. Now in treasury \$162.42. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, York, S. C., Rt. 1—Delegates: Bro. Clyde Hubbard, Bro. W. A. Bennett. Received by baptism 5, total 5, present membership 34. Paid Pastor \$114.20. Gave to young minister in school \$3.50. For Revivals \$68.00, Church building \$463.51. Value of Church Property \$1,200. Money taken in \$580.21, paid out \$518.91, in treasury \$137.43. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Mrs. Bessie Mason, Rt. 1, York, S. C. Pastor, H. J. Sawyer, 452 Railroad Ave., Rock Hill, S. C.

CLOVER CHURCH, Clover, S. C.—Delegates: Bro. W. S. Winders, Bro. Archie Armstrong. Received by baptism 3, by letter 3, total 6, present membership 57. Paid Pastor \$246.00, Revivals \$15.00, Church repairs \$75.00. Value of Church Property \$2,000.00. Money taken in \$365.14, paid out \$346.00, now in treasury \$19.14. Minute funds \$5.00. Clerk, Miss Elsie Wonders, 214 Price St., Clover, S. C. Pastor, Rev. F. N. Tothrow, Valley Ave., Clover, S. C.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C.—Delegates: Bro. H. T. Hatcher, Bro. George Owens, Bro. Charlie Splamn. Received by baptism 4, by restoration 19, total 23; dismissed 4, total 4, present membership 68. Paid Pastor \$914.00, Revivals \$83.31, on building \$455.00, Value of Church Property \$1,500.00. Money taken in \$1,539.90, paid out \$1,439.90. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Mrs. Mattie Jones, 394 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. J. S. Rice, Box 102, Caroleen, N. C., phone 4671.

SAXON AVE. CHURCH, Spartanburg, S. C.—Delegates: Bro. G. C. Banis, Bro. R. F. Ballard. Received by baptism 21, by letter 2, by restoration 8, total 31; dismissed 8; present membership 71. Paid Pastor \$907.51, for Revivals \$65.00, Church repair \$158.66. Value of Orphanage \$10.35, for Revivals \$65.00, Church repair \$158.66. Value of Church Property \$5,000.00. Money taken in \$1,131.17. Paid out \$1,131.17. Minute fund \$5.00. Clerk, Mr. J. L. Ballard, 375 Arch St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. H. E. Lunsford, Barnard, N. C.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C.—Delegates: Rev. H. L. Buckner, Melvin Kitchens. Received by letter 1. Present membership 20. Paid Pastor \$322.15, for Missions \$13.00, Orphanage \$20.00, for Revivals \$40.55, Church repair \$801.88. Value of Church Property \$3,000.00. Money taken \$1,289.15. Paid out \$1,245.53. Now in treasury \$43.62. Minute funds \$5.00. Clerk, Melvin W. Kitchens, Box 194, Fairforest, S. C. Pastor, Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C.

UNA CHURCH, Una, S. C.—Delegates: Miss Virginia Pollard, Mrs. Jaunita Henson. Licensed ministers 3. Received by statement 3, dismissed by erasure 8, by death 1, total 9. Present membership 32. Paid Pastor \$213.57, for Missions \$3.00, for Revivals \$37.43, Church repair \$131.24. Value of Church Property \$2,000.00. Money taken in \$390.24. Paid out \$359.22. In treasury \$32.02. Minute funds \$5.00. Clerk, Virginia Pollard, Rt. 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Jim White, Rt. 2, Spartanburg, S. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH, Whitney, S. C.—Delegates: Mrs. Emma Pearson, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Mrs. Charlotte Ayers, W. D. Sawyer. Received by statement 3, dismissed by letter 1, by erasure 7, by death 2, total 10. Present membership 82. Paid Pastor \$987.00, for Missions \$49.48, for Revivals

\$42.80, for Church repair and expenses \$530.56. Money taken in \$1,317.69. Paid out \$1,565.84. Now in treasury \$25.60. Minute funds \$5.00. Special Collections for Parsonage by Church \$1,190.82, by Ladies Aid \$397.15, total \$1,587.97. Clerk, W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul Shehan, Marshall, N. C.

LANCASTER CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C.—Delegates: Y. B. Broughton, Leonard Davis. Received by baptism 5, by letter 1, total 6, dismissed by erasure 13, present membership 38. Paid Pastor \$125.00, for Revivals \$75.50, Church Repair \$65.00. Value of Church Property \$700.00. Taken in \$277.75, paid \$279.25, in treasury \$18.00. Minute funds \$5.00. Clerk, Yancy B. Broughton, Rt. 4, Lancaster, S. C. Pastor, Rev. L. L. Powell, Hyman, S. C.

At this time a Home Mission Board was elected and instructed to work out a Home Mission program for the Beaver Creek Association and also to cooperate with our State Home Mission program, the board consisting of Rev. Jim White and Bro. W. D. Sawyer, Rev. White being chosen as field worker.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The sermons were by Revs. Paul Shehan and Wade Calvert. Good messages were heard and a great time was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY 10:00 A. M.

The meeting was opened with regular form and the following reports were received:

VALLEY FALLS SUNDAY SCHOOL—Members on roll 74, average attendance 46. Money taken in \$273.35, paid out \$227.27, now in treasury \$45.08. Use F. W. B. Literature. 5 Classes. Superintendent, H. T. Hatcher, Valley Falls, S. C., Secretary, Willie Rollins, Valley Falls, S. C.

WHITNEY LADIES AID—Gained 16 members, total membership 21. Money taken in for Charity \$22.00, for building \$397.15, total \$438.15. Paid out \$428.15, now in treasury \$10.00. President, Mrs. Edith Cousins, Whitney, S. C., Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Whitney, S. C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FOREIGN MISSIONS—We, your committee, urge our churches and pastors to support the cause of Foreign Missions more for it is the command of God (Mark 15:16), "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We feel that this command is to every true, blood bought child of God. If we can not go, let us help to send others.

W. D. Sawyer,

Rev. A. F. Lawter.

LADIES AID—We, your committee, urge the pastors of all churches to organize Ladies Auxiliaries in place of Ladies Aid. And, we feel that they should have the full support of the pastors and lay members. We feel that

it would be a great help for the up-building of the church. We feel that the young girls should be urged to join and work with the older ladies.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clark,
Miss Minnie Louis.

FINANCE—We, your committee, wish to report \$45.00 Minute Fund. We recommend that the association raise \$20.00, making a total of \$65.00 for Minutes. We, also, recommend that the Reading Clerk receive \$2.00 out of the \$65.00, the Recording Clerk have the balance if there is any above the Minutes. We also report \$15.00 College Fund.

W. J. Lewis,
Rev. Carl Wright,
Fred N. Tothrow.

EVANGELISM—We, your committee, adopt the following:
We accept Eph. 4:11, and he gave some apostles and some prophets and some Evangelist and some pastors and teachers. We believe each and every one has his place in the church. Mark 16:15—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We all have work to do, the field is ripe.

Rev. Carl Wright,
H. L. Buckner.

DEEPE RDEVOTION—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.

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. Carl Wright,
Rev. A. F. Lawter.

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. Carl Wright,
Rev. Jim White.

RESOLUTIONS—We, your committee, on Resolutions submit the following report:

That under no circumstances should a church be allowed to call a pastor who is not in good standing and can show evidence to that effect and that no pastor be allowed to fill his pulpit with any preacher who does not conform to the fundamental doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. A. F. Lawter,
W. D. Sawyer.

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," 1st 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.

Rev. Carl Wright,
Rev. W. H. Calvert.

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 of God says the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few.

Rev. Jim White,
W. D. Sawyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee, recommend the same report as our outgoing 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 children to Sunday school and teach them the love of God and 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?"

H. G. Hatcher,
Bro. Abshore.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee, wish to submit the following: That our ministers and laymen teach and preach temperance more strongly "Hear thou my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way, be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh; for the drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath

babblings, who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: They that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-32.

H. T. Hatcher,
W. J. Lewis.

OBITUARY—We, the Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Alice Calvert, who departed this life October 15, 1946.

We loved you—yes, we love you
But Jesus loved you more
And he has sweetly called you
To yonder shining shore.

A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is still
There's a vacant place in our church
That never can be filled.

We, the Una Free Will Baptist Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Eunice Jones, age 42; the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

We, the Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, mourn the loss of our sister, Lourda Richerd, who passed away September 15, 1946.

Rest on our buried treasure
Beneath the cold clay
For we all will meet you
On that Resurrection Day.

Mrs. Minnie Lewis,
Mrs. Charlotte Ayers,
Mrs. Jaunita Henson.

The association adjourned to meet with Clover Church, Clover, S. C., Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1947.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching service was conducted by Rev. Roy Rikard, followed by Rev. J. C. Franks, both bring good spiritual messages. A wonderful service was enjoyed by all and a number were converted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

of the

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

August 10, 1946

Coles Chapel Church, Arcadia, South Carolina

The conference opened at 9:30 A. M., with song service followed by prayer by Rev. Jim White.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Clerk—Rev. E. C. Rash.

Reading Clerk—Rev. J. S. Rice.

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

Ordained minister's reports were called for and received as follows:

Rev. E. C. Rash, Box 143, Lockhart, S. C.—Pastor of 1 church, preached 78 sermons, Revivals held 1, professions 7, members received 1, visited 59 homes, funerals conducted 1, S. S. lessons taught 23. Money given \$123.35. Miles traveled 3,840. Money received \$277.75. Expenses \$78.25.

Rev. J. S. Rice, Box 102, Caroleen, N. C., Phone 4671—Pastor of 1 church, preached 100 sermons, Revivals held 1, professions 35, members received 19, baptized 4, married 2, funerals conducted 4, miles traveled 6,000. Money received \$995.00.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 452 Railroad Ave., Rock Hill, S. C.—Pastor of 1 church, preached 163 sermons; Revivals held 4, professions 48, members received 33, baptized 25, married 1, visited 126 homes, Sunday School lessons taught 28. Money given \$288.60. Miles traveled 11,200. Money received \$294.55, expenses \$244.20.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Arden Box 221, Lockhart, S. C.—Pastor of 1 church, preached 116 sermons, Revivals held 1, professions 16, married 1, funerals conducted 4. Money received for church \$1,608.00. Money given \$132.00. Money Received \$1,280.00.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 22 sermons, professions 7, baptized 5, married 1, visited 40 homes, Sunday School lessons taught 42. Money given \$60.00. Miles traveled 125. Money received \$25.00, expenses \$15.00.

Rev. Fred M. Tothrow, Clover, S. C.—Pastor of 1 church, preached 134 sermons, professions 27, members received 4. Miles traveled 2,800. Money received \$49.00. S. S. lessons taught 24. Expenses \$32.00. Money given \$48.00. Homes visited 81, Prayer meetings held 36.

WORK OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Pyatt Terry was sent back for Church License.

Rev. F. N. Tothrow is to preach under Rev. H. J. Sawyer with Church License to pastor Clover Church.

Rev. Jim White is to preach under Rev. Harley Buckner with Church License to pastor Una Church.

Rev. J. M. Justice was sent back until next conference to get Church License at Una.

Rev. C. C. Crocker was sent back to his Church for Church License until next conference.

Rev. Carl Wright of Cowpen, S. C., was restored to full fellowship as a regular ordained minister as at this date.

Visiting ministers were granted seats in our conference: Rev. Wade Calvert of the Piedmont Association.

Rev. Carl Wright of Cowpens, Rev. R. L. Rickard, Rev. Jim White, Rev. C. C. Crocker, Rev. J. M. Justice, Rev. Pyatte Terry.

All ministers absent from the conference two years in succession will be dealt with by the Ordaining Council.

After several interesting talks from a number of the brethren, including Rev. Carl Wright and Brother R. L. Rickard, a visiting preacher from other association, adjournment was made to meet again with Cedar Hill Church at Lockhart, S. C., September 29, 1946.

Next annual conference will be at Clover Church at Clover, S. C., Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1947.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Moderator.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Clerk.

JULY 29, 1945

The Beaver Creek Sunday School Convention met July 29, 1945, with Cole's Chapel at Arcadia, S. C.

The convention was opened by the President, W. D. Sawyer. Five Sunday Schools were represented with reports: Una Saxon Ave., Lockhart, Whitney and Coles Chapel and two were represented with choirs and quartettes—Una and Saxon Ave.

Those who won banners were as follows: Lockhart, the Sunday School Banner; Saxon Ave., the Choir and Quartette Banner.

A committee was elected for the F. W. B. Orphanage Fund: John Ballard, Cecil Doolin, and Floyd Sawyer was elected Treasurer.

Collection was taken for the benefit of Coles' Chapel Sunday School amounting to \$5.34. Money sent with reports \$6.00, treasury last \$49.50, total treasury \$55.50. The convention was dismissed to meet with the Valley Falls Church October 28, 1945.

OCTOBER 28, 1945

The Beaver Creek Sunday School Convention met with Valley Falls

Church with seven schools represented: Lockhart, Whitney, Una, Coles Chapel, Valley Falls, Saxon Ave., and Mt. Carmel.

Special donations given from Sunday Schools: Arcadia \$15.00, Valley Falls \$13.02, Whitney \$40.00, total treasury \$326.86.

A brief talk by the President on the rules of the contest singing was made stating that contestants must be regularly enrolled members of the F. W. B. Sunday School for two months before convention.

Banners were awarded as follows: Whitney the Sunday School Banner, Valley Falls the Choir Banner.

Money sent with reports \$7.00, in treasury last convention \$55.00, now in treasury \$62.50.

Convention dismissed, will meet with Mt. Carmel Church March 31, 1946.

MARCH 31, 1946

The Beaver Creek Convention was opened by the president.

The election of officers was as follows:

President—W. D. Sawyers.

Clerk—Mrs. A. F. Lawter.

Treasurer—Grady Henson.

Orphanage Committee—Bro. Doolin, Bro. Floyd Sawyer, Treasurer.

Choir Director—Jodia Wilson.

Sunday Schools represented with reports: Una, Saxon Ave., Lockhart, Whitney, Coles Chapel.

The Saxon Ave. Sunday School received the Sunday School and Choir Banner, Lockhart received the Quartette Banner.

Money sent with report \$8.50, treasury last convention \$62.50, now in treasury \$71.00. Money sent for Orphanage: Lockhart \$54.49, Mt. Carmel \$10.00, Saxon Ave. \$10.30, Coles Chapel \$5.00. Total \$406.63.

Convention dismissed, will meet with Saxon Ave., June 30, 1946.

JUNE 30, 1946

The Beaver Creek Sunday School convention opened by the president.

Six Sunday Schools were represented: Una, Saxon Ave., Lockhart, Whitney, Coles Chapel and Valley Falls.

Money sent with reports \$6.00, paid to State Convention \$10.00, now in treasury \$67.15. Orphanage treasury \$432.87.

Convention will meet September 29, 1946, with Lockhart Church.

Lockhart won the Sunday School and Quartette Banner, Saxon Ave. won the Choir Banner.

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 con-
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Gospel.

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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 member 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 hear-

ing 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 reproveth 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 conditions of salvation as they are and what doth the Lord require of thee, O man, 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 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 of 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 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 I 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.

