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PROCEEDINGS



The Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Association opened at 10:00 A. M. August 7th, 1947, with song and prayer.

Address of welcome was given by the pastor Rev. Paul J. Sheahan, Whitney, S. C.

At this time a welcome address was given to the visitors and a seat granted in the Association by the Moderator, Rev. J.C. Franks.

Visitors with us at this time: Rev. Wade Calvert, of N. Belmont, N. C., Rev. H. L. Buckner, Arcadia, S. C., Rev. E. D. Connelly, Forest City, N. C., Rev. Ervin Sluder, Leicester, N. C.

Officers for the Beaver Creek Association were elected as follows:

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

Clerk—Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES—

Finance—Floyd Sawyer, James Conner.

Foreign Mission—Rev. Jim Hawkins, Rev. Julius Sawyer.

Sunday School—Lee McSwain, Rev. Wade Calvert.

Young People's Work—Rev. Jim White, Rev. Hatcher.

Temperance—Rev. E. L. Hash., Rev. Paul Sheahan.

Ladies Aid—Mrs. John Allen, Lillie Smith.

Evangelism—Rev. Carl Wright, Rev. J. T. Sinclair.

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

Education—Rev. J. T. Sinclair, Rev. Paul Sheahan.

Resolution—W. D. Sawyer, I. D. Sealey.

Ministerial Support—J. R. Laws, Rev. Carl Wright.

Missions—H. J. Sawyer, Rev. J. D. Hawkins.

Periodicals—Curtis Crowe, Lee McSwain.

Obituary—Mattie Jones, Mrs. McAbee.

Moved to Adjourn until 2:00 P. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 A. M., by the Rev. E. O. Connelly on "Calvary." A soul inspiring message was brought by Bro. Connelly on the cross.

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: I. D. Sealey, Lee McSwain. Received by baptism 2, by letter 1, statement 1, total 4. Dismissed by letter, 1. Present membership, 95. Paid pastor, \$2,000. Orphanage, \$133.39. Paid for revivals, \$185.45. Church repair, \$1,268.39. Value of church property, \$5,000. Money taken in, \$3,493.69. Paid out, \$3,513.12. Now in treas-

ury, \$181.68. Minute fund, \$12.50. Clerk, Rev. J. D. Hawkins. Lockhart, S. C., Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C., Box 108.

SAXON AVENUE CHURCH—Delegates: C. G. Banks, A. B. Abshier, Alven Bowers. Licensed Ministers 1. Received by baptism 2, by letter 3, by statement 2, total 7. Dismissed by letter 3, by erasure 8, by death 1, total 2. Present membership 75. Paid pastor \$983.85. Missions \$25.00. Orphanage \$21.60. Paid for revival \$204.43. Value of church property \$5,000. Money taken \$1,386.23. Paid out \$1,341.74. Now in treasury \$44.49. Minute fund \$10.00. Clerk—Mr. J. L. Ballard, 375 Arch Street, Spartanburg, S. C., Pastor—Rev. H. E. Lunsford, Barnard, N. C.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, Rt. 1, York, S. C.—Delegates: Will Bennett, H. S. Patrick. Received by baptism 9, total 9. By erasure 13, total 13. Present membership 31. Paid pastor \$92.83. Paid for revival \$40.00. Church repair \$6.00. Education \$10.00. Value of church property \$1,200. Money taken in \$275.00. Paid out \$263.60. Now in treasury \$11.40. Minute fund \$7.50. Clerk—Mrs. Bessie Mason, Rt. 1, York, S. C. Pastor—Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C.

UNA CHURCH, Una, S. C.—Delegates: Albert Smith, Oscar Smith, Lillie Smith. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 1, by statement 3, total 4. By death 1, total 3. Present membership 37. Paid pastor \$341.83. Orphanage \$11.00. Paid for revivals \$138.84. Value of church property \$2,000. Money taken in \$303.84. Paid out \$276.20. Now in treasury \$27.64. Minute fund \$10.00. Clerk—Virginia Pollard, Rt. 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor—Rev. Jim White, Route 2, Spartanburg, S. C.

CLOVER CHURCH, Clover, S. C.—Delegates: None. Membership 35. Paid pastor \$100.00. Paid for revivals \$20.00. Money taken in \$151.65. Paid out \$145.04. Now in treasury \$6.61. Minute fund \$11.46. Clerk—Elsie Windows, 214 Price St., Clover, S. C. Pastor—Rev. J. T. Sinclair, Route 4, Lancaster, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C.—Delegates: Floyd Sawyer. Received by baptism 6, by statement 2, total 8. Erasure 19, total 19. Present membership 32. Paid pastor \$1,063.06. Missions \$27.00. Paid for revivals \$95.33. Church repair or building \$324.25. Value of church property \$4,000. Money taken in \$1,620.54. Paid out \$1,534.94. Now in treasury \$85.60. Minute fund \$10.00. Clerk—Melvin Kitchens, Box 194, Fair Forest, S. C. Pastor—Rev. H. L. Buckner, Arcadia S. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH, Whitney, S. C.—Delegates: Frank Cousin, W. D. Sawyer, Mrs. Nellie McAbee. Ordained ministers 1. Licensed ministers 2. Present membership 87. Paid pastor \$886.00 Other expense \$166.17. Missions \$119.17. Orphanage \$32.00. Church repair or building \$1,107.03. Value of church property \$7,000. Receipts \$2,310.93. Paid out \$2,310.93. Minute fund \$12.50. Clerk—W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C. Pastor—Rev. Paul Shehan, Whitney, S. C.

HIGH POINT CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C.—Delegates: Bro. Pate, Bro. McAtteer, Bro. Lee, Bro. Knight. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 4, total 4. Present membership 30. Paid pastor \$100.00. Missions \$2.00. Orphanage \$1.00. Paid for revivals \$35.00. Church repair or building \$611.50. Value of church property \$3,000. Money taken in \$1,027.53. Paid out \$1,027.53. Minute fund \$2.00. Clerk—Miss Minnie Bell Lee, route 4, Lancaster, S. C. Pastor—Not elected yet.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C.—Delegates: Thomas Hands, J. R. Laws, Mrs. Mattie Jones. Licensed ministers 1. Received by baptism 8. Total 10. Present membership 72. Paid pastor \$993.00. Missions \$100.00. Orphanage, none. Paid for revivals \$325.00. Church repair or building \$913.23. Value of church property \$2,000.00. Money taken in \$2,116.23. Paid out \$2,116.23. Minute fund \$10.00. Clerk—Mrs. Mattie Jones, 294 Forest Street, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor—Rev. J. S. Rice, Box 192, Phone No. 4671, Caroleen, N. C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were called for and the following reports were received:

MISSIONS—We your committee on missions wish to submit the following recommendation: That each pastor preach at least one sermon on missions each year, and that an offering be taken during the year for both home and foreign missions. We further recommend that since our National foreign mission treasury is short of funds and has launched an extensive program that our state field worker be invited to speak on missions in each church, and an offering be taken at such a time for this cause

H. J. SAWYER

J. D. HAWKINS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We your committee, do recommend that our officers and teachers be consecrated Christians. Also that our preachers, officers and teachers always be mindful of our children and to urge the fathers and mothers to bring their children to Sunday School

REV. W. H. CALVERT

LEE McSWAIN

EDUCATION—We, your committee on education, submit the following report: First, we ask all of our ministers and forthcoming 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, and to urge our older ministers to study so as to be able to present the gospel intelligently, and also to encourage our young ministers to prepare for the work before them.

REV. P. J. SHEAHAN

REV. J. T. SHINCLAIR

LADIES AID—We, your committee, do urge the pastors of all the churches to organize a Ladies Aid, and we feel they should have full support of the pastors and lay members, as we feel it would be a great help to the church.

LILLIE SMITH

ZANOBIA ALLEN

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK—We, your committee on Young Peoples' Work, do urge all churches to organize a Free Will Baptist League. If it so be that there isn't one that is experienced in that kind of work, we recommend that the Association appoint one for that work.

REV. JIM WHITE

BRO. H. T. HATCHER

PERIODICALS—We, your committee on periodicals, do urge that our churches use Free Will Baptist literature, and be examined by the pastor and superintendent and teachers.

LEE McSWAIN

L. C. CROWE

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—We, your committee on ministerial support, 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, and we recommend that our churches do more toward the support of our ministers and that the pastors put in more time in pastoral work.

REV. CARL WRIGHT

J. R. LAWS

DEEPER DEVOTION—We, your committee on deeper devotion, wish to submit the following: That we ask all of our people to read and study more to bless our own hearts, and the lives of all we come in contact with. 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. A. F. LAWTER

REV. CARL WRIGHT

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on temperance, wish to submit the following: That our ministers and laymen not only teach and preach temperance, but a total abstinence. The word temperance means habitual moderation. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly. And I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved.—I Thessalonians 5:22-23.

REV. PAUL SHEHAN

REV E. L. RASH

EVANGELISM—We, your committee on evangelism, adopt the following: We accept Eph. 4:11, and He gave some apostles and some prophets and some evangelism 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

REV. J. T. SINCLAIR

RESOLUTIONS—We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following: 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, and that no church shall be allowed to call a pastor until he is ordained.

Moved to adjourn until 10 A. M. Friday morning.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The service was conducted by the Rev Wade Calvert, N. Belmont, N. C. Scripture lesson, St. John 10th chapter. Subject: "What We, the Free Will Baptists, Believe." A wonderful message was brought at this time on five subjects: The Virgin Birth of Christ, The Vicarious Suffering of Christ, The Second Birth, That We Endure Until The End, That We Believe in Tithing. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8, 1947

OBITUARY—

WHITNEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH do mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Mrs Lela Elliott, age 60. Departed from this life in June, 1947. She left this world of sin, went to a better land. I know we will meet her there some day upon that strand. Since she has gone away we miss her love and care, but most of all we miss her tender, loving prayer.

Mrs. McAbee

SAXON AVE. CHURCH do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, Mr.

Rile Roland, who departed this life June 18, 1947. Gone to be with Jesus, our loss is his eternal gain.

Mrs. Jones

UNA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH—We do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, Mr. W O. Lawter, who departed this life April 30, 1947. His life in loving memory of our beloved friend and teacher, yes he taught us all from young to old, until God said he had reached his goal. God has taken a wonderful man out of our church, of love borne it away to the city of God, the home of angels above, some day we hope to meet you, some day we do not know when, and clasp your hand in glory, never, never to part again.

Mrs. Lillie Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS—

Una Sunday School—Members on roll 35. Average attendance 28. Money collected \$250.72. Paid out \$245.50. Now in treasury \$18.22. Kind of literature, F. W. B. How many classes? 4. Superintendent, R. L. Gilliland, Pauline, Route 1. Clerk, Juanita Henson, 1 William St., Spartanburg, S. C.

Coles Chapel—Members on roll 32. Average attendance 36. Money taken in this year, \$229.33. Paid out, \$143.73. Now in treasury, \$85.60. Kind of literature, F W. B. How many classes? 5. Superintendent, F. J. Sawyer, Arcadia, S. C. Clerk, June Gregg, Arcadia, S. C.

Clover—Members on roll 35. Average attendance 30. Money taken this year, \$151.61. Paid out, \$145.04. Now in treasury, \$6.61. Kind of literature, F. W. B. How many classes? 3. Superintendent, I. S. Windows, Price St., Clover, S. C. Clerk, Elsie Winders, 210 Price St., Clover, S. C.

High Point—Members on roll 50. Average attendance 40. Money taken in \$96.54. Paid out \$82.11. Now in treasury \$14.43. Kind of literature, F. W. B. How many classes? 3. Superintendent, Clyde C Lee. Clerk, Minnie Bell Lee, route 4, Lancaster, S. C.

Valley Falls—Members on roll 87. Average attendance 50. Money taken in this year \$312.00 Paid out \$237.00. Now in treasury \$75.00. Kind of literature, F. W. B. How many classes? 5. Superintendent, Bill Cothran, Front St., Spartanburg, S. C. Clerk, Cecil Splawn, Valley Falls, S. C.

Lockhart—Members on roll 201. Average attendance 145. Money taken in this year \$2,664.91. Paid out \$2,548.74. Now in treasury \$116.17. Kind of literature, F. W. B. Superintendent, Leas McSwain, Lockhart, S. C. Clerk, Mrs. Sam Howell, Lockhart, S. C.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE REPORTS—

COLES CHAPEL LEAGUE—Membership 26. For literature \$4.00. Money taken in \$24.04. Paid out \$5.20. Now in treasury \$18.84. President, F A. Sawyer, Arcadia, S. C. Clerk, Vivian Buckner, Arcadia, S. C.

LOCKHART LEAGUE—Membership 27. Given to repair church \$30.00. Money paid for literature \$5.00. Money taken in \$33.00. Now in treasury \$10.00. President, Mrs. Frances Crocker, Lockhart, S. C. Clerk, Miss Nettie Sealy, Lockhart, S. C.

LOCKHART JUNIOR LEAGUE—Membership 25. Gained 25. Paid for church repairs \$5.53. For literature \$1.56. Money taken in \$12.11. Paid out \$10.27. Now in treasury \$1.74. President, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Clerk, Jimmie Crocker, Lockhart, S. C.

HIGH POINT LEAGUE—Reports just organized and doing fine.

WHITNEY LEAGUE—Money taken in \$64.61. Paid for literature \$8.00. Christmas treats \$20.00. Flowers for the sick \$3.50. Parsonage furnishings \$19.32. Weinmer roast \$7.12. Paid out \$58.84. Now in treasury \$5.79. President, Mrs. Ruby Conord. Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Reid, Whitney, S. C.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS—

WHITNEY—Membership 22. Gained 6. Love offering \$3.00. Flowers \$5.00. Furnishings for parsonage \$61.48. Taken in \$111.98. Paid out \$109.48. Now in treasury \$2.50. President, Mrs. Ethel Reid, Whitney, S. C. Clerk, Mrs. Charlotte Ayers, Whitney, S. C.

At this time it was moved and voted that each Delegate to the Association take it up with their church for the old ministers fund.

Moved to adjourn until 2 P. M.

After the regular form, the Association voted to enter business.

The Association voted to give the Ordaining Council the power to settle any disputes that may arise in the churches, as well as ministers who are not in fellowship with Association or the churches.

Delegates were asked for at this time to go to the State Association. The following were elected: Lee McSwain, Lockhart, S. C., Folyd Sawyer, Arcadia, S. C. The following churches to send the amount: Mount Carmel \$5.00, Cole Chapel \$5.00, Whitney \$10.00, Saxon Avenue \$10.00, Lancaster \$5.00, Valley Falls \$10.00, Lockhart \$5.00.

It was voted that each church to pay each delegate's way and during the time of the Association.

At this time the ordaining council offered the following resolution and was moved on by the Association: That we bind our ministers conference to deal with any pastor violating pages 16 and 17 in regards to receiving members from sister churches without a letter of commendation, and any churches violating this clause is subject to the same judgment.

REV. J. C. FRANKS

REV. H. J. SAWYER

REV. CARL WRIGHT

REV. A. F. LAWTER

REV PAUL SHEAHAN. Chm.

The Finance Committee reported the sum of \$76.31, which would be inadequate to print the minutes and other forms. The Association raised it to \$110.33.

F. A. SAWYER
JAMES CONARD

The Association adjourned to meet with the Saxon Avenue Church, Spartanburg, S. C., Thursday before the Second Sunday in August, 1948, with the Rev. Boyd Shook to preach the Introductory Sermon.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The sermon was preached by the Rev Ervin Sluder, which was taken from I Peter 1st chapter, 4th verse. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, a wonderful was heard and enjoyed by all.



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Proceedings of the Ministers Conference of the Beaver Creek Association of the Free Will Baptist, August 9, 1947, Whitney Church, Whitney, S. C. The

Conference opened at 10 A. M., with prayer by Rev. J. D. Hawkins.

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. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Carl Wright, Rev. Paul Sheahan, Chairman

Ordained ministers reports were called for and received as follows:

Rev. E. C. Rash, Box 143, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 8 sermons, lessons taught 10, baptised four, visited 19 homes, funerals conducted 1, money given, \$77.55, miles traveled 914, money received \$7.50, expenses \$22.00.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C., phone No. 2805—Pastor of church, 1, preached 116 sermons, married 3, funerals conducted 4, money given \$215.00, money received \$2,000.00, revivals held 2.

Rev. J. M. White, R.F.D. 2, Spartanburg, S. C. — Pastor of 1 church, preached 90 sermons, revivals held 1, professions 13, members received 4, visited 198 homes, funerals conducted 4, money given \$102.15, money received \$341.88, miles traveled 6,000.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C.—Pastor of 1 church, preached 49 sermons, professions 14, members received 9, baptised 9, married 2, visited 60 homes, funerals conducted 1, S. S. lessons taught 21, money given \$71.00, mile traveled 160, money received \$92.83, expenses \$40.

Rev. Noal Vance, Box 87, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 25 sermons, revivals held 1, visited 30 homes, funerals conducted 1, money given \$55.00, miles traveled 500. Money received \$75.00. Professions 15.

Rev. L. D. Revis, Box 52, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 11 sermons, professions 8, married 4.

Rev. Pyatt Terry, Lancaster, S. C.—Preached 32 sermons, visited 52 homes, S. S. lessons taught 42, money given \$7.00, miles traveled 660, expenses \$70.00.

Rev. Paul Sheahan, Whitney, S. C.—Pastor of 2 churches, revivals held 9, money received \$2,013.35, money given, tithings.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 452 Railroad Ave., Rock Hill, S. C.—Pastor of one church, preached 157 sermons, held 6 revivals, professions 39, members received 17, baptised 19, S. S. lessons taught 30, money given \$201.32, miles traveled 9,340, money received \$602.20, expenses \$361.40.

Rev. J. S. Rice, Box 102, Caroleen, N. C.—Pastor 1 church, sermons preached 100, revivals held 1, baptised 8, married 2, miles traveled 6,000, money received \$993.00, for revival work \$140.00, other work \$10.00, conversions 50, members received 10.



Ordained at this time, Rev. Jim White.

Rev. Fred Barnett recommended to his church for church licenses.

Rev. Pyatt Terry given conference licenses with the understanding that if he is called to pastor a church before the next conference we will call a meeting and ordain him, and at such meeting, the church shall be required to pay transportation expense of the Council.

Rev. B. F. Cousin is recommended for Conference license, also to be supply pastor of Coles Chapel church under the watchcare of his pastor, Rev. Paul

Sheahan.

Visiting ministers were granted seats in our Conference. Rev. H. L. Buckner of the Piedmont Association, Rev. Ervin Sluder of the French Broad Association.

August 23, 1947, the ordaining council met with the Valley Falls Church to consider confusion growing out of their pastoral election. It was decided best for all parties concerned to ask Rev. J. S. Rice to resign and appointed a disinterested minister to pastor the church for the incoming year. Rev. Rice submitted in fine spirit, and Rev. E. C. Rash was appointed as pastor.

Next annual conference will be at Saxon Avenue Church, at Spartanburg, S. C., before the Second Sunday in August, 1948.

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 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 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 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 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 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 the 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 to 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.

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