

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Beaver Creek Association
OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
AND
Ministers' Conference
HELD WITH
LOCKHART FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
LOCKHART, SOUTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 11, 12, 13, 1949



The next session will convene with the Coles Chapel Church,
Arcadia, S. C., Thursday before the Second
Sunday in August, 1950

Proceedings

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Association opened at 10 A. M. August 11, 1949, with song and prayer.

Address of welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

At this time a welcome address was given to the visitors and a seat granted in the association by Rev. A. F. Lawter, in the absence of the moderator, Rev. J. C. Franks.

Visitors with us at this time: Rev. Erwin Saluder, French Broad Association; Rev. Miller Millette, South Carolina Association; Rev. Walter Crater, Piedmont Association; Rev. L. S. Gray, Piedmont Association; Rev. E. O. Connelly, Forest City, N. C.

Officers for the Beaver Creek Association were elected as follows: Rev. A. F. Lawter was elected Moderator, Virginia Pollard elected clerk, and Mrs. Carl Shook elected Reading Clerk.

Appointment of Committees:

Finance—W. D. Sawyers, L. S. Hawkins, Lee McSwain.

Missions—Geneva Sawyer, Rev. Walter Carter, Alice Henson.

Sunday School—Rev. J. M. White, Rev. Nathan Holt, Frances Hawkins.

Temperance—Rev. Frank Cousin, Rev. E. O. Connelly, I. D. Sealy.

Ladies Aid—Juanita Henson, Lillie Mae Sheehan, Lillie Mae Holt.

Evangelism—Paul Davis, Rev. L. S. Gray, Rev. E. R. Tyner.

Deeper Devotion—Rev. L. S. Gray, Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Walter Carter.

Education—L. C. Crowe, I. D. Sealy, Grady Brannon.

Resolutions—Rev. J. M. White, Mrs. Meredith, F. A. Sawyer.

Ministerial Support—W. D. Sawyer, Lee McSwain, Will Bennett.

Periodical—George Hart, Rev. E. C. Rash, F. A. Sawyer.

Obituary—Hazel Shook, Lillie Mae Sheehan, Lillie Mae Holt.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 A. M. by Rev. E. O. Connelly, taken from the sixth chapter of Genesis, "The Walk With God." The message was enjoyed by everyone.

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

SAXON AVENUE, Spartanburg, S. C.—

John Ballard, C. G. Banks, L. C. Crowe. Licensed Ministers 3. Received by baptism 19. By restoration 14. Total 44. Dismissed by letter 3. By death 1. Total 4. Present membership 139. Missions \$123.41. Paid pastor \$1,890.00. Orphanage \$25.00. Paid for revivals \$446.10. Value of church property \$14,500.00. Church repair or building \$4,550.00. Money taken in \$3,839.94. Paid out \$3,725.03. Now in treasury \$114.91. Minute fund \$15.00. Clerk, John Ballard, phone 5346-W, 375 Arch Street, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul Sheehan, phone 3987-J, Whitney, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL—

Delegates: F. A. Sawyers, Dutch Revels. Received by baptism 7. By restoration 16. Total 21. Present membership 40. Paid pastor \$2,144.00. Missions \$15.50. Orphanage \$50.50. Paid for revivals \$237.50. Church repair or building \$875.00. Value of church property \$6,000. Money taken in \$3,019.00. Paid out \$2,989.00. Now in treasury \$30.00. Minute fund \$10.00. Clerk, Mrs. Dilliard Cody, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Carl Shook, Box 28, Arcadia, S. C.

WHITNEY—

Delegates: W. D. Sawyer, James Connard, Geneva Sawyer, Lillie Mae Sheehan. Received by baptism 4. By letter 3. Total 7. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 36. By death 1. Total 37. Present membership 70. Paid pastor \$1,561.16. Missions \$60.65. Paid for revivals \$215.00. Church repair or building \$133.19. Value of church property \$8,000. Money taken in \$3,254.56. Paid out \$3,267.65. Minute fund \$17.50. Clerk, W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul Sheehan, Whitney, S. C.

MT CARMEL—

Delegates: Will Bennett, Virgel Wood. Received by letter 3. By restoration 3. Total 6. Dismissed by letter 3. By expulsion and erasure 1. By death 1. Total 4. Present membership 39. Paid pastor \$110.07. Missions \$25.33. Orphanage \$17.54. Paid for revivals \$38.00. Value of church property \$1,200. Money taken in \$350.97. Paid out \$294.00. Now in treasury \$94.36. Minute fund \$8.75. Clerk, Bessie Mason, Sharon, S. C. Pastor, Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C., phone 2813.

UNA—

Delegates: Virginia Pollard, Juanita Henson. Received by baptism 4. By letter 3. By restoration 3. Total 10. Dismissed by letter 4. By expulsion and erasure 4. By death 2. Total 10. Present membership 34. Paid pastor \$167.27. Value of church property \$3,000. Money taken in \$144.62. Paid out \$109.62. Now in treasury \$35.00. Minute fund \$8.50. Clerk, Virginia Pollard, Rt. 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Fred Barnett.

CEDAR HILL CHURCH—

Delegates: Lee McSwain, I. D. Sealy, Grady Brannon. Received by letter 2. Total 2. Dismissed by letter 4. Total 4. Present membership 96. Paid pastor \$2,860. Missions \$11.69. Orphanage \$95.96. Paid for revivals \$233.00. Church repair or building \$25.96. Value of church property \$20,000. Money taken in \$4,132.49. Paid out \$3,726.75. Now in treasury \$407.06. Minute fund \$24.00. Clerk, Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawler, Lockhart, S. C.

CLOVER—

Delegates: Rev. W. J. Meredith, W. S. Frady. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 1. By letter 1. By statement 5. Total 7. Dismissed by letter 1. By expulsion and erasure 2. Total 3. Present membership 52. Paid pastor \$1,260.00. Home missions \$11.42. Foreign missions \$11.50. Orphanage \$17.11. Paid for revivals \$145.42. Church repair or building \$888.93. Value of church property \$3,650.00. Money taken in \$2,536.60. Paid out \$2,427.44. Now in treasury \$109.16. Clerk, W. S. Frady, 221 Hampshire Lane, Clover, S. C. Pastor, Rev. L. S. Gray, Route 4, York, S. C.

VALLEY FALLS—

Delegates: C. M. Ledford, J. R. Laws. Received for baptism 2. By statement 2. Total 4. Present membership 42. Paid pastor \$510.00. Missions \$13.00. Orphanage \$10.31. Paid for revivals \$260.00. Church repair or building \$202.40. Value of church property \$2,500. Money taken in \$1,359.82. Paid out \$1,344.85. Now in treasury \$88.60. Minute fund \$10.50. Clerk, Elbert Laws, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor, Rev. E. C. Rash.

It was moved to adjourn until Friday morning, August 12, 1949.

Thursday Night Service

The Rev. L. S. Gray, Clover, S. C., brought the first message, taken from the second chapter of Isaiah. Subject: "Watchman For The Night." A wonderful message was brought at this time.

Rev. W. B. Carter, Rockingham, N. C., delivered the following message, using the 21st chapter of first Kings, "Pay Day Someday." A very inspiring message was heard by Bro. Carter.

Friday Morning, August 12

After regular form, the association was opened for business.

Committee reports were called for and the following were received.

MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions, recommend that the money that is raised for home missions be used in our jurisdiction of the Beaver Creek Association; also that we stand by our ministers in the work. That each church cooperate with our state director of Foreign Missions.

REV. WALTER CARTER
GENEVA SAWYER
ALICE HENSON

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, do recommend that our officers and teachers be Christians; that they might train a child in the way that it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it. We also recommend that we use Free Will Baptist literature, and that our ministers take more interest in our Sunday Schools.

REV. H. L. BUCKNER
W. H. LAWS
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 Timothy 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 25 cents 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 also encourage our young ministers to prepare for the work before them.

L. C. CROWE
I. D. SEALY
GRADY BRANNON

LADIES' AID

We, your committee on Ladies' Aid, 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. We would like to ask that the name of Ladies' Aid be changed to

Woman's Auxiliary. We urge all Auxiliaries to use Auxiliary Manuals, also to send delegates to our State Auxiliary Convention.

JUANITA HENSON
LILLIE MAE SHEEHAN
LILLIE MAE HOLT

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We, your committee on Young People's 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. Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C., was elected as leader of the young people's work.

REV. J. M. WHITE
REV. N. W. HOLT
FRANCES HAWKINS

PERIODICALS

We, your committee on Periodicals, do urge that our churches use Free Will Baptist literature, and that each quarterly be examined by the pastor superintendent and teacher.

REV. E. C. RASH
FLOYD SAWYER
WILL BENNETT

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, submit the following report: According to the teaching of the Bible, the church is under obligation to support the ministers. Malachi 3:8 (Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.) We believe if our churches would stop robbing God and bring their tithes to the store-house, we could support our pastors.

W. D. SAWYER
WILL BENNETT
LEE McSWAIN

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your committee on Deeper Devotion, wish to submit the following: That we, the Free Will Baptists adhere to the teaching of Paul in Titus; salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; and showing good fidelity, we may adorn the doctrine of our God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

REV. L. S. GRAY
CARL SHOOK
W. B. CARTER

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: That we as followers of Christ abstain from all use of alcohol as a beverage, and that we abstain from all worldly amusements, such as theaters, ball games, mixed swimming pools, etc. That be abstain reading ungodly literature, indecent dressing, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

REV B. F. COUSIN

REV. E. O. CONNELLY

I. D. SEALY

EVANGELISM

We, your committee on Evangelism, wish to submit the following: That we accept Eph. 4:11, and he gave some apostles and some prophets and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers. We believe each and everyone 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. That each church with their pastor work in harmony with young preachers to evangelize and organize new fields, giving spiritual and financial support.

PAUL DAVIS

REV. L. S. GRAY

REV. E. R. TYNER

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 show evidence to that effect and that no pastor be allowed to fill his pulpit with any preacher who does conform to the fundamental doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, and that no church shall violate this clause, and that all licensed ministers be in charge of the Ordaining Council. That no church grant a letter to any member who is not in full fellowship with the church.

MRS. MEREDITH

FLOYD SAWYER

REV. J. M. WHITE

OBITUARY

Whitney Free Will Baptist Church do mourn the loss of our brother, Lee Searsey. He was a twin brother of Grant Searsey who has been dead one year. He is missed by all. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Saxon Avenue Free Will Baptist Church regrets the loss of our brother, Marion McAbee and Hilliard Guy. Although Brother McAbee's membership was short, we miss him greatly. Brother Hilliard (Red) Guy gave his life on June 24, 1944, that his country might live. His absence has grieved the hearts of many, for he was loved by everyone who knew him. A memorial service was held in his honor in September, 1944. His body was

returned and his funeral conducted at Saxon Avenue Church on April 3, 1949.

Una Free Will Baptist Church do mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Alva Gilliland, who departed this life August 31, 1948.

We do mourn the loss of our brother, C. H. Jones, who departed this life September 3, 1949. We can say that they are not dead, but just asleep.

Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church do mourn the loss of Sister Mary Hill, August 22, 1948. She was 98 years old. Hazel Shook, Lillie Mae Sheehan, Lillie Mae Holt.

At 11 o'clock the message was brought by Rev. Ervin Saluer. Text: "The Seed is the Word of God." Luke 18. Truly we could say that it was good for us to be there.

At this time the meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Friday evening the Association was opened for business after the regular form of song and prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

CLOVER SUNDAY SCHOOL—Members on roll 71. Average attendance 53. Money collected this year \$263.06. Paid out \$247.63. Now in treasury \$15.43. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes—5 Superintendent, W. S. Frady, 221 Hampshire Lane, Clover, S. C. Secretary, Gundell Ledford, Route 2, Clover, S. C.

CLOVER—F. W. B. League: Membership 46. Gained this year 12. Number of classes 2. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. Money taken in \$33.13. Paid out \$23.02. In treasury \$10.11. President, Miss Viola Meredith, York, S. C., route 4.

LOCKHART JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT—Members 25. Paid for literature \$2.40. Given church \$4.74. Expenses \$1.39. Money taken in \$8.77. In treasury \$.33. President, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Treasurer, William Sealy.

CLOVER LADIES AUXILIARY—Membership 10. Total money taken in \$267.41. Money paid out \$261.91. In treasury \$5.50. President, Mrs. Jessie Chariker, Clover, S. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Meredith, York, S. C., route 4.

SAXON AVENUE LADIES AUXILIARY—Membership 16. Gained this year 6. For charity \$332.75. For church repair \$65.00. Money taken in \$184.28. Paid out \$164.28. President, Mrs. R. A. Gosnell, 103 William St., Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. P. K. Owens, Una, S. C.

WHITNEY LADIES AUXILIARY—Membership 20 Gifts \$47.00. For charity \$58.04. Money taken in \$110.16. Paid out \$105.04. Now in treasury \$5.12. President, Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Beulah Martin, Whitney, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL LADIES AUXILIARY—Membership 20. Gained this year 20. For charity \$22.50. For church repair \$15.00. Money taken in \$38.00. Paid out \$31.90. President, Mrs. Annie Revels, Box 137, Arcadia, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Box 8, Arcadia, S. C.

At this time a very interesting discussion on Home and Foreign missions was given by Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. Miller Millette.

High Point Church, Lancaster, S. C., asked for a letter to unite with the Piedmont Association. When the church sends a report to this Association the letter will be granted.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

We, the committee on Marriage and Divorce, do recommend Matthew the 19th chapter, verses 1 through 12. That each church do follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

REV. PAUL J. SHEEHAN

REV. CARL SHOOK

BRO. I. D. SEALY

At this time the Association elected W. D. Sawyer treasurer for the Home Mission Board. Rev. J. M. White was elected Home Mission Worker. Home Mission Board—Rev. E. C. Rash, J. R. Laws, Rev. A. F. Lawter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, wish to submit the following report: Money collected for Minutes \$103.25.

W. D. SAWYER

L. J. HAWKINS

LEE McSWAIN

A very interesting talk was given at this time by Rev. Millette, concerning the orphanage.

The Association adjourned to meet with Coles Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Arcadia, S. C., Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1950.

Friday Night Service

The Rev. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C., brought the first message, taken from second Peter 3rd chapter. Subject: "What Kind of People Ought We To Be?"

The Rev. Ervin Saluder, Leicester, N. C., followed with the subject, "Spiritual Adultery." The service was truly enjoyed by all who heard it.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. AUGUST 13, 1949. LOCKHART CHURCH, LOCKHART S. C.

Conference opened with prayer by Bro. G. C. Banks of Spartanburg, S. C.
Election of officers:

Moderator Rev. A. F. Lawter
Reading Clerk Rev. Carl Shook
Ordaining Council—Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. Paul J.
Sheehan, chairman.

It was voted to operate a three-man ordaining council for a period of one year.

Ministers' reports were called for at this time and received.

Rev. Paul J. Sheehan, Whitney, S. C., telephone 3987-J. Pastor of two churches. Revivals six. Members received 30. Baptised 27. Funerals conducted 10. Money given \$342.01. Miles traveled 5,000. Money received \$3,426.15. Expenses \$300.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Route 14, Sharon, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 64 sermons. Revivals held one. Members received six. Baptised four. Homes visited 36. Funerals conducted one. Sunday School lessons taught 37. Money given \$114.20. Miles traveled 4,425. Money received \$470.03. Expenses \$111.25

Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Valley Falls, S. C. Preached 25 sermons. Revivals one. Professions 15. Married 1. Homes visited 63. Sunday School lessons taught 18. Money given \$127.46. Miles traveled 362. Money received \$28.00. Expenses \$20.00.

Rev. J. M. White, Route 2, Spartanburg, S. C. Preached 67 sermons. Revivals held two. Professions 43. Baptised five. Homes visited 98. Funerals conducted two. Sunday School lessons taught 10. Money given \$25.00. Miles traveled 400. Money received \$150.00. Expenses \$101.50. Organized one church.

Rev. J. D. Dawkins, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C., telephone 2813. Pastor one church. Preached 45 sermons. Professions five. Members received six. Homes visited 60. Sunday School lessons taught 26. Money received for church \$350.97. Money given \$55.00. Miles traveled 1111. Money received \$110.07. Expenses \$90.00.

Rev. L. D. Revis, Box 222, Union, S. C. Sermons preached 26. Profes-

sions 59. Hospital visits 21. Miles traveled 5,626. Money given \$256.29. Money received \$44.11.

Rev. B. F. Cousin, Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C. Preached 18 sermons. Professions seven. Sunday School lessons taught 32. Money given \$104.00. Money received \$22.00.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Box 283, Rock Hill, S. C. Preached 149 sermons. Revivals held three. Professions 56. Members received 30. Baptised 21. Homes visited 161. Sunday School lessons taught 26. Money given \$191.30. Miles traveled 9,200. Money received \$310.50. Expenses \$236.59. Organized two churches.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Box 308, Lockhart, S. C., telephone 2811. Pastor of one church. Preached 117 sermons. Members received two. Married four. Funerals conducted 10. Sunday School lessons taught 52. Money received for church \$4,132.49. Money given \$300.00. Money received \$2,860.

Rev. Carl Shook, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 150 sermons. Revivals held three. Professions 82. Members received 27. Baptised four. Homes visited 238. Funerals conducted three. Sunday School lessons taught three. Money received for church \$2,144. Money given \$215.00. Miles traveled 1,750. Money received \$2,194.00. Expenses \$140.00.

Rev. Boyd Shook, 733 Beaumont Ave., Ext., Spartanburg, S. C. Report for five months. Pastor of one church. Preached 56 sermons. Revivals held two. Professions 17. Members received two. Baptised four. Homes visited 150. Funerals conducted one. Money given \$50.00. Money received \$49.00.

Rev. Pyatt Terry, Lancaster, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 53 sermons. Professions one. Members received 12. Homes visited 62. Sunday School lessons taught, 8. Money given \$12.00. Miles traveled 2,000. Expenses \$250.00.

Rev. Fred Barnett, Box 172, Glendale, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 110 sermons. Revivals held two. Professions 68. Baptised two. Homes visited 50. Funerals conducted two. Sunday School lessons taught 15. Money given \$10.00. Miles traveled 100. Money received \$50.00.

Ministers to unite with us from other associations were: Rev. N. W. Holt and Rev. H. L. Buckner.

After due examination, the Ordaining Council recommend that the Rev. Pyatt Terry and Rev. Boyd Shook were qualified and ready to be ordained. The Conference voted and passed upon them and they were ordained at this time. Rev. Fred Barnett's licenses were renewed for another year.



We, the Ordaining Council, recommend to the Beaver Creek Association and the Minister's Conference:

1. That all young men that are called into the ministry wishing to come into our Conference be given liberation papers by their church for the period of one year, if he proves himself the church will grant him church license for one year, if he proves himself the church will recommend him to the Ordaining Council for Conference License. If he then proves himself the church where he holds membership will recommend him to the Ordaining Council for Ordination.

2. No Liberated or Church Licensed Minister shall pastor a church.

3. No Conference Licensed Minister shall pastor a church without being recommended by the Ordaining Council.

Signed by the Ordaining Council of 1948 and 1949.

REV. PAUL J. SHEEHAN

REV. H. J. SAWYER

REV. J. M. WHITE

REV. A. F. LAWTER

REV. E. C. RASH

Brother W. D. Sawyer and I. D. Sealy will be delegates to the State Association.

The Conference voted that the Minister's Conference be held every three months, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, before the fifth Sunday.

Next Conference will be held at Coles Chapel Church, Arcadia, S. C., October, 1949.

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 greater 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 as 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 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.—I Timothy 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 govern ment 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 is 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 unto salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—II Cor. 7:3-10.

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."—I Cor. 11:28-29.

12. FEET WASHING.—We believe that washing of the saints' feet was a command of the 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."—I Cor. 9:14.

