

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH AND THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS
OF THE
Big Spring Association
OF THE
**Freewill Baptist
Churches**

1930
HELD WITH
Center Point Church

1931
HELD WITH
Union Hill Church

MINUTES 1930

The Big Springs Association of the Freewill Baptist Churches met with Center Point Church on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in September 1930. Was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Griffith and the Divine Service Committee appointed Bros. Bob Trivitt, Newt Davis and Eddie Jones. Rev. W. M. Cooper preached Thursday night. Subject—Son Remember. This was a good sermon and well received.

Friday Morning Session.

The session met at 9 a. m. with song, scripture lesson 23 Pls. by Moderator, J. H. Griffith, and prayer by Rev. C. T. Davis.

The constitution was read by the Clerk.

The letters from the churches were called for and the following reported:

Pleasant Grove Church. Letter presented by Bros. Eddie Jones and Guy Hargrave.

Little Flock Church. Letter presented by Bros. Tom and Bob Trivitt.

Center Point Church. Letter presented by Bro. Walter Walker and Sister Alpha Hutson.

Bay Creek Church. Letter presented by Sisters McCormack and Davis.

Hill Top Church. Letter presented by Rev. R. W. Partee, Pastor.

New churches called for and the Union Hill Church of Hand asked membership in our body and was received unanimously.

Then a round table discussion of methods to better Association. Some good talks were made and a motion was made to adjourn to meet at 2 p. m.

The eleven o'clock services were conducted by Rev. McCuistion. Subject. Love One Another.

Friday Evening Session.

Services opened with song, and Scripture Lesson by Moderator. Heb. 2 Chapter. Prayer by Bro. Eddie Jones.

The following committees were appointed by Moderator.

Sunday School Committee. Bros. C. T. Davis, Walter Walker and Sister Martha Davis.

Obituary Committee. Sisters Ossie Davis, Fannie McCormack, and Bro. J. L. Davis.

Temperance Committee. Rev. C. T. Davis, and Sister Fannie McCormack and Alpha Hutson.

Literature Committee. Bros. Delbert Davis, Walter Walker, and Tom Trivitt.

Resolutions Committee. Rev. Delbert Davis, Carl Davis, and Noah Miller.

The Credentials Committee reported and the old committee

was retained. Bros. Tom Trivitt, J. N. Davis and Guy Hargrave.

The Executive Committee reported no unfinished business and the old committee was retained. C. T. Davis, R. W. Partee, Guy Hargrave.

Motion made to adjourn till 9 a. m. Saturday.

Friday Night Session.

Services conducted by Rev. Noah Miller. Subject—Works—followed by Rev. Delbert Davis. A good service.

Saturday Morning Session.

Services opened with song. Scripture lessons 92 Pls. by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. R. W. Partee.

The Ministerial Report was called for and reported as follows: Rev. C. T. Davis, Rev. R. W. Partee, Rev. J. H. Griffith, Rev. Carl Davis, Rev. Delbert Davis, Rev. Noah Miller. The Ministerial report was received.

The Temperance Committee reported as follows: The report was received and the committee released. Committee, C. T. Davis, Sister Alpha Hutson, Sister Fannie McCormack.

The Sunday School Committee reported as follows: Report received and the committee released. Committee, Bro. C. T. Davis, Bro. Walter Walker, Sister Martha Davis.

The Literature Committee reported as follows: As found in old Minutes and committee released. Committee, Delbert Davis, Tom Trivitt, Walter Walker.

Obituary Committee reported as follows: Committee released. Committee, Bro. J. L. Davis, Sister Ossie Davis, Sister Fannie McCormack.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Rev. C. T. Davis, Rev. R. W. Partee, and Rev. Delbert Davis.

The Resolutions Committee reported as follows: Resolutions 1-9 were adopted.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Eleven o'clock services conducted by Bro. R. W. Partee. Lesson Ecl. 9 ch. Text—Love the Lord thy God. Followed by Bro. Carl Davis.

Saturday Evening Session.

Services opened with song. Scripture lesson 3rd ch. of 2nd Timothy by Moderator and prayer by Sister Alpha Hutson. Resolved that we have no minutes printed this year.

The next Association will meet with the Union Hill Church on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1931.

Rev. Noah Miller was elected Moderator, and Rev. R. W. Partee assistant and Guy Hargrave Associational Clerk.

We are to have three Fifth Sunday Meetings—one at Little Flock Church; one at Pleasant Grove and one at Sturkie.

MINISTERIAL REPORT 1930

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| Carl Davis | 107 | 6 | 2 | 43 | 17 | 18 | | 3 | 860 | 40 13 | 23 00 | 63 13 |
| R. W. Partee | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | | | | |
| Delbert Davis | 100 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 833 | 11 50 | 77 10 | 88 60 |
| J. H. Griffith | 71 | 4 | 8 | 14 | | | 3 | 1 | 625 | 19 75 | 10 00 | 29 75 |
| Noah Miller | 28 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 842 | 12 00 | | 12 00 |
| C. T. Davis | 10 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

STATISTICAL REPORT 1930

| CHURCHES | Members Received | Baptized | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Died | Membership | Meeting Day | Name of Church Clerk | Name of Pastor 1929-1930 | Name of Pastor 1930-1931 |
|----------------|------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------|------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Center Point | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 64 | 3rd | J. L. Davis | J. H. Griffith | Carl Davis |
| New Home | | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Flock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1st | Lula Trivitt | Noah Miller | Noah Miller |
| Pleasant Grove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 3rd | Emma Hargrave | Noah Miller | Carl Davis |
| Bay Creek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 4th | Walter Kenslow | Delbert Davis | Delbert Davis |
| Pleasant Flat | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union Hill | | | | | | 23 | 2nd | Lessie Hand | Carl Davis | Carl Davis |
| Hill Top | | | | | | 13 | 1st | Vernis Mohny | R. W. Partee | J. H. Griffith |

1931 MINUTES OF BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

The Association met with the Union Hill Church on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in September 1931.

The Association was called to order by Moderator Rev. Noah Miller.

Rev. Delbert Davis preached the introductory sermon. Subject—The Bread of Life, followed by Rev. Noah Miller.

The Friday morning session met at 9:30. Was called to order by singing, Scripture lesson by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. Delbert Davis.

ROLL CALL

R. W. Partee, J. H. Griffith, Delbert Davis, Walter Roberts, Carl Davis, Noah Miller, Marvin Davis, G. H. Hand, J. E. Moody, Lessie Hand, Guy Hargrave, Tom Davis, Edd Calloway, Theodore Trivitt, Woodrow Roberts, Tom Trivitt, Theo. Hicks, Lon Newton, Frank Orr.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk and the letters of the different churches were called for and the following churches reported:

New Home. Letter presented by Woodrow Roberts and Theodore Trivitt.

Bay Creek Church. Letter presented by Rev. Delbert Davis.

Little Flock Church. Letter presented by Bro. Tom Trivitt.

Pleasant Grove Church. Letter presented by Guy Hargrave.

Center Point Church. Letter presented by Tom Davis and Edd Calloway.

Union Hill Church. Letter presented by Lon Newton and Theodore Hicks.

Motion made to receive our letters and seat our delegates.

New Churches Called For.

Pleasant Flat Church of Amos asked for membership and was unanimously received.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Divine Service Committee. Rev. Tom Trivitt, Tom Davis, and Theodore Hicks.

Obituary Committee. Rev. Delbert Davis, J. H. Griffith, and Walter Roberts.

Temperance Committee. Sister Lessie Hand, Rev. Partee, and Brother Woodrow Roberts.

Sunday School Committee. Brothers Edd Calloway, Theodore Trivitt and G. H. Hand.

Resolutions Committee. Rev. Carl Davis, Elmer Moody, and Rev. R. W. Partee.

Credentials Committee. Walter Kenslow, J. N. Davis, and Tom Trivitt.

Literature Committee. Rev. Delbert Davis, J. H. Griffith, and Rev. Carl Davis.

Minutes read and received. Motion made to adjourn for preaching to meet at 2 p. m.

Eleven o'clock service was conducted by Rev. R. W. Partee. Lesson 1st Pls. Subject—Covered Up, followed by Rev. Walter Roberts.

Friday Evening Service.

Session met at 2 p. m. Was called to order by song, Scripture lesson by Moderator—Rom. 5, and prayer by Bro. Dave Rather.

The ministerial report called for and gave the following Rev. Carl Davis, Rev. C. T. Davis, Rev. Delbert Davis, Rev. J. H. Griffith, Rev. R. W. Partee, Rev. Walter Roberts, Rev. Noah Miller

A committee composed of Rev. Delbert Davis, J. H. Griffith and R. W. Partee was appointed to investigate the question of licensing of Marvin Davis to preach.

We the committee on examination of the qualifications of Marvin Davis to preach the gospel for one year find him sound in doctrine and orthodox and recommend that he be licensed. Committee, Delbert Davis, R. W. Partee, J. H. Griffith.

The body voted unanimously to license the same at this meeting.

The Credentials Committee reports as follows: We find we have 7 ordained ministers, all in good standing. Committee, Tom Trivitt, J. N. Davis, Guy Hargrave.

The Executive Committee reports as follows: We find we have no unfinished business. The old committee retained. Committee, Guy Hargrave, C. T. Davis, R. W. Partee.

.....The Resolutions Committee reports as follows: Resolutions 1 to 8.

Motion made to adjourn to meet Saturday 9 a. m.

Friday night service conducted by Rev. Noah Miller and Rev. J. H. Griffith. Lesson Rev. 21st Chapter. Subject—Reunion and Home.

Saturday Morning Session.

Saturday morning session opened with singing, Scripture lesson St. John 14 ch., and prayer by Moderator.

The Obituary Committee reports as follows: We find that the Lord has dealt graciously with, yet has taken from us our beloved Sister L. E. Baker, of Union Hill Church. We assure her kindred and friends the sympathy and prayers of the Asso-

ciation. Committee, Delbert Davis,, J. H. Griffith, Walter Roberts.

The committee was released.

The Temperance Committee reports as follows: Old report. Committee, R. W. Partee, Sister Lessie Hand, Woodrow Roberts.

The committee was released.

The Literature Committee reports as follows: Old report. Committee, Delbert Davis, J. H. Griffith, Carl Davis.

The Sunday School Committee reports as follows: Believing the Sunday School to be a part of the Lord's work and believing it to be one of the best means of instructing children in the way they should go, and since we are commanded to raise our children thus, we, therefore recommend that each church and pastor of the various churches use their best efforts to have Sunday School each Sunday. We especially urge parents to take their children to Sunday School each Sunday. We also urge young men and women to attend Sunday School regularly, since it has a tendency to elevate their lives to higher plains. Committee, G. H. Hand, Edd Calloway, Theodore Trivitt.

Valley View church letter was presented by Bro. Frank Orr; was unanimously received. Bro. Frank Orr was ordained deacon.

The old Ordaining Council was retained. Council, Rev. C. T. Davis, Rev. R. W. Partee, Rev. Delbert Davis.

Motion to adjourn to meet at 2 p. m. Saturday.

Eleven o'clock service was conducted by Uncle Dave Rather in Jer. 6:16. Devotional services followed by Rev. Carl Davis. Subject—The Old Paths.

Saturday Evening Session.

Services opened by song. Scripture lesson 100 Pls. by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. R. W. Partee.

A motion was made to change the meeting date of the Association from Thursday night before the third Sunday in September to Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in July. The motion carried:—Resolved that the Association meet with Pleasant Flat Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in July 1932. Rev. R. W. Partee was elected Moderator and Rev. Delbert Davis assistant moderator and Guy Hargrave, Association Clerk.

Rev. Carl Davis will preach the introductory sermon and Rev. Noah Miller assistant.

Motion made to have the fifth Sunday meeting at New Home Church in November. The second fifth Sunday meeting at Sturkie and the third fifth Sunday meeting with the Bently Ridge Church, Little Flock.

Resolutions 9-10 were adopted. Rev. R. W. Partee was elected Association Evangelist.

Sunday evening service conducted by Rev. J. H. Griffith.
Subject—A Fit Subject for Baptism. Lesson St. John 10 chapter.

Rev. Carl Davis preached Sunday night, followed by Rev.
Noah Miller: Subject—The Lord's Supper and Foot Washing.

MOTION

Resolved that we represent with the State Association by letter.

Bro. J. H. Griffith was elected Association Evangelist.

Rev. C. T. Davis preached Saturday night. Subject—God's Love.

Eleven o'clock service Sunday was conducted by Rev. Delbert Davis. Subject—Saving Faith.

Sunday night service was conducted by Rev. Carl Davis.
Subject—Personal Knowledge of Salvation. Text John 14.22.

J. H. GRIFFITH, Moderator.

GUY HARGRAVE, Clerk

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| Rev. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C. T. Davis | 0 | 5 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. W. Partee | 1 | 31 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| J. H. Griffith | 1 | 49 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 670 | 7 00 | 2 00 |
| Delbert Davis | 1 | 95 | 15 | 5 | 22 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 15 | 1036 | 7 00 | 40 72 |
| Carl Davis | 3 | 205 | 6 | 2 | 38 | 11 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 1175 | 35 18 | 40 82 |
| Walter Roberts | 0 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Noah Miller | 1 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Marvin Davis | | | | | | | | | | | | |

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| C. T. Davis | Elizabeth, Ark. |
| R. W. Partee | Mountain Home, Ark. |
| J. H. Griffith | Gassville, Ark. |
| Delbert Davis | Sturkie, Ark. |
| Carl Davis | Elizabeth, Ark. |
| Walter Roberts | Mountain Home, Ark. |
| Noah Miller | Thuroy, Mo. |
| Marvin Davis | Elizabeth, Ark. |

STATISTICAL REPORT 1931

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|----------------|------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Center Point | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 3rd | | Carl Davis | Carl Davis |
| New Home | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 2nd | Harvey Dover | R. W. Partee | Delbert Davis |
| Little Flock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1st | Lula Trivitt | Noah Miller | Noah Miller |
| Pleasant Grove | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 4th | Emma Hargrave | Carl Davis | Carl Davis |
| Bay Creek | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 4th | Walter Kinslow | Delbert Davis | Noah Miller |
| Hill Top | | | | | | | | | J. H. Griffith | R. W. Partee |
| Union Hill | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 2nd | Lessie Hand | Carl Davis | Carl Davis |
| Pleasant Flat | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 1st | J. H. McNeal | J. H. Griffith | J. H. Griffith |
| Valley View | | | | | | 9 | | Louisia Williams | | Carl Davis |

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of ordained and licensed Ministers, Deacons and the Clerks of the different Churches and Delegates who shall be members of the Churches of this Association and shall have power, when quorum is present, to transact all business that comes before it.

ARTICLE 2. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in July.

ARTICLE 3. Each Church shall be entitled to two delegates in the Association; the Association shall act as advisory, but shall have no ecclesiastic authority over the Churches.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be members of the Association, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over and lead the transaction of the meetings, to appoint all committees, and to see that order and decorum are preserved by all the members; it shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an impartial record of the business transacted during the session and to take charge of the Permanent Records of the Association; the officers of the Association shall continue in office until succeeded by a new election.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of each church of this Association to send to each annual meeting a letter by its appointed messengers containing a brief account of its changes during the year and its present condition.

ARTICLE 7. Any church may be received into this Association on application for admission by its appointed messengers with a letter of correspondence, provided it is sound in doctrine and orderly in practice, and in token of such reception the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to its delegates present.

ARTICLE 8. This Association shall at each annual meeting appoint the time and place for the next annual meeting and the brethren to preach the introductory.

ARTICLE 9. All business shall be done by the members.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall appoint an Ordaining Council from year to year; provided that in the absence of the Ordaining Council any two Ministers or one Ordained Minister and one Ordained Deacon may act as Ordaining Council, and no person shall be ordained without first examining him upon his moral and efficient character to teach or preach the Gospel.

ARTICLE 11. This Constitution may be altered or changed at any of the annual meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE 12. The Association may expel any Church from its deliberations and withdraw its fellowship from the same for

heresy or irregularity in practice.

ARTICLE 13. The Churches composing this Association shall contribute to their Pastors sufficient to reward them for their expenses and time spent with them.

ARTICLE 14. This Association shall take care of old and worn-out Ministers and their wives or widows, the Association shall have a treasurer who shall pay out of money received to the order of the Association for the purpose contributed.

ARTICLE 15. All Ministers shall make a written report of all their labors during the year.

ARTICLE 16. A committee of three shall be appointed each year to inquire into the standing of our Ministers.

ARTICLE 17. Each pastor shall impress upon each church in his charge the need of taking sacrament and washing of feet at least once a year.

ARTICLE 18. This Association shall take the sacrament and wash feet with the church it meets with Sunday night after the Association each year.

RULES OF DECORUM.

SECTION 1. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or any person he may designate.

SECTION 2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator.

SECTION 3. All visiting brethren invited to take seats with us may debate on all questions, but shall not vote on any.

SECTION 4. No discussion shall be except on motion and second.

SECTION 5. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in debate and in no wise cast personal reflection on any one who may have previously spoken.

SECTION 6. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator. Nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.

SECTION 7. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

SECTION 8. Members shall address each other by the appellation of "Brother" or "Brethren."

SECTION 9. If any member objects to the discussion of a motion made and seconded, the Moderator shall immediately put the question: "Shall the question be discussed?". If negative, the question shall not be discussed.

SECTION 10. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on Minutes unless so ordered by a vote at the time.

SECTION 11. If any motion or proposition under discussion contains two or more parts it shall, at the request of any member, be divided and the vote on each part taken separately.

SECTION 12. No member shall laugh or whisper during speaking.

SECTION 13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

SECTION 14. The names of members shall be enrolled and called when necessary.

SECTION 15. No member shall speak over ten minutes without leave of the Moderator.

SECTION 16. The minutes shall be read and corrected before final adjournment.

SECTION 17. Any member who shall break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Moderator according to the direction of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory. John 1:1, I John 5:7, I Cor. 8:6, John 10:30.

2. We believe that the Scriptures in the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 4:2, 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man and gave him holy commandments, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation of the same, whereby all men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; then He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:27, Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:6; John 3:16-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all men upon the condition of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and beside me there is none else. Rom. 5:6-21; Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Heb. 11:16.

5. We believe that all adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 1:16-14; Titus 3:5; John 3:1-13; Rom. 8:9.

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart of the Holy Ghost whereby the penitent sinner receives a new life, becomes a child of God and is disposed to serve Him. As babies require constant food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires constant food that he may de-

velop by a gradual growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:5; Ez. 36:26-27; Titus 3:5; Gal. 5:1-21; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12-13; Matt. 13:31; Mark 4:26; I Peter 2:3.

7. We believe that the doctrine of Santification or Holiness as taught in the Bible applies to the soul or inner man; and to it alone, and that the santification of the body will not take place until the resurrection of the dead, when this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible shall put on incorruption. I Cor. 6:11; Rom. 7:17-25; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 35:54.

8. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace, and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His commandments that they have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of the city. Cor. 10:12-13; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11:20-21; Heb. 10:26; John 15:2-6.

9. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ in a passive state, thereby adopting them heirs of His kingdom. Matt. 19:13-14; 8:10.

10. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful followers who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up good discipline according to the rule of the Gospel. Matt. 18:15-20.

11. We believe that the church is the family of God, the redeemed is the aggregate of Adam's race from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things of every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:23; Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 12:5; 10:17.

12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government is with the body. Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18-21; Matt. 18:17-18.

13. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children and bade them walk therein. Matt. 3:15-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 1:8; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:16.

14. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and are to be continued until His second coming. Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5.

15. We believe that only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ have a right to baptism, and those only who have been called of God and have come under the Presbytery of Elders have a right to administer the same. Titus 1:1-16; Mark 16:16; Matt. 3:8-9; Acts 10:47; I Tim. 4:16.

16. The soul is immortal, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here pos-

sessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9.

17. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body, whether good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. Eccl. 3:17; 11:9; Matt. 12:36-37; 2 Thes. 1: 8-9; Rev. 6:12-17; 20:12; 21:8; 14:11; Luke 16:23; 2 Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe that God in His Goodness displays power of grace in a greater degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instructions of His blessed words to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely to come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. Acts 9:15; I Tim. 4:16; I Cor. 1:23; I Tim. 1:15-16.

19. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister should heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the Scriptures, that the church donate of their substance as the Lord prospers them to the support of their pastors, and that ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with the spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommend that each church have a finance committee of three to consist of two deacons and a clerk to collect and store such funds. 2 Tim. 2:15; I Cor. 16.1-2.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having given ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, and adopted the foregoing articles as our confession of faith, we now give ourselves to each other by the will of God, and agree to the following Church Covenant.

1. We solemnly covenant before God, that we will strive by His assisting grace to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree as members of the church and as Christians, to watch over each other in love for mutual upbuilding in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace, to be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults to one another, to strengthen the feeble and kindly admonish the erring, and to labor together for the upbuilding of the church and the denomination, and the salvation of sinners.

2. We promise that we will faithfully and constantly maintain secret and family prayer, and religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We covenant and agree to use our influence to sustain the regular public worship of God, contributing according to our ability and circumstances for the support of the ministry and

other expenses among us, that we will be benevolent to the needy, and especially to the poor of our own church.

4. We also promise, that so far as we are able, we will attend upon public worship, the social meetings of the church, and report ourselves regularly at the monthly conferences, and that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's house.

5. We covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and sinful conformity to the world; that we will not traffic in, use, nor furnish others, intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our denomination and church—as missions, education, Sabbath School, moral reforms, and all others which tend to the glory of God and welfare of men.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may join the glorified around the throne of God, in ascribing blessings and honor and glory and power to Him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever. Amen.