

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BIG SPRING ASSOCIATION
OF THE
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

HELD WITH
PLEASANT FLAT CHURCH,
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
JULY 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1932.

THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF 1933
WAS HELD WITH
UNION HILL CHURCH,
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
SEPTEMBER 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1933.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION of 1932

The Big Spring Association of Freewill Baptist met with Pleasant Flat Church on Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1932. Was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. R. W. Partee. Rev. Carl Davis preached the introductory sermon. Text: Daniel 11:19. Subject: Know Thy God.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Friday Morning Session.

Was called to order by Moderator, by song, Scripture lesson and prayer. The constitution and rules of decorum were read by the clerk.

The Letters from the Churches were called for and the following reported.

Union Hill church letter presented by Bros. Ernest Hand and Lawrence Hall.

Bay Creek letter presented by Bro. Henry Davis.

Pleasant Flat church letter presented by Sisters Essie McNeil and Jessie Hodges.

Center Point church letter presented by Charley Landrum and Marvin Davis.

Little Flock church letter presented by Tom Trivitt.

New Home church letter presented by J. W. Dover and Sister W. G. Chandler.

Hill Top church letter presented by Bro. R. W. Partee.

Pleasant Grove church letter presented by R. H. Bailey and Sister Stella Bailey.

The letters were received and delegates seated and the right hand of fellowship extended to delegates.

The divine service committee was appointed as follows: Bros. Ernest Hand, Charley Landrum and Henry McNeil.

New churches were called for and the following letters were presented:

State Line church letter presented by Bro. Henry Yarbrough.

Plain View church letter presented by L. J. and W. F. Keeling.

Red Oak and Maple Grove churches letters were presented by Bro. J. E. Phillips.

The letters were unanimously received and delegates seated.

The following committees were appointed by Moderator.

Obituary Committee: Bros. Henry Davis, Otto Hodges and Walter Roberts.

Temperance Committee: Sister Mona Chandler, Bros. Len Keeling and Henry Yarbrough.

Sunday School Committee: Sister Stella Bailey and Bros. R. H. Bailey and Marvin Davis.

Resolutions Committee: Revs. Carl Davis, J. E. Phillips and J. H. Griffith.

Credentials Committee: Bros. Tom Trivitt, J. W. Dover and H. L. Adams.

Literature Committee: Bros. E. Trivitt and E. K. James and Sister Essie McNeil.

Motion made to adjourn for preaching service, to meet at two o'clock p. m.

Bro. Wilhoit preached at 11 o'clock Friday, followed by Bro. J. E. Phillips. Text, John 13:35. Subject: Love One Another.

Friday Evening Session.

Opened by song, Scripture lesson by Moderator and prayer by Rev. J. H. Griffith.

Ministerial report called for and the following ministers reported:

Rev. R. W. Partee, Rev. J. H. Griffith, Rev. Delbert Davis, Rev. Carl Davis, Rev. Walter Roberts, Rev. J. E. Phillips, Rev. Marvin Davis, Rev. R. J. Yarbrough.

Revs. C. T. Davis and Noah Miller reported by letter on account of sickness.

The reports were received.

The following committee was appointed to ascertain the qualifications of our licensed ministers: Revs. Carl Davis and J. H. Griffith, and the committee reports them to be qualified and asks that they be ordained by ordaining council.

Reports of committees called for and the following committees reported:

The Temperance Committee reports as follows and committee released.

We highly favor the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and recommend that each member of each church in the Association use every effort to assist the officers to enforce the prohibition. Committee, Sister Nona Chandler, Bros. Len Keeling and Henry Yarbrough.

The Obituary Committee reports as follows and committee released:

We find that the Lord has dealt graciously, yet He has taken from us our beloved Brothers, E. M. Jones, of Pleasant Grove church, and Billie Sammons, of State Line church. We assure their kindred and friends the sympathy and prayer of the Association. Committee: Henry Davis, Otto Hodges, Walter Roberts.

The Sunday School Committee reports as follows and committee released. We the committee on Sunday School, submit our report as follows: Realizing the importance of Sunday school and that it is in keeping with Christ's teachings, also Solomon said (Prov. 22:6) "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." We therefore urge ministers to encourage Sunday school work, urging parents to maintain Sunday school in every community and to take their children every Sunday to same statistics show that a large majority of crime committed is by people who were not reared in Sunday school. Committee: Sister Stella Bailey, Bros. R. H. Bailey and Marvin Davis.

The Resolution Committee reports as follows: Resolved that this Association extend a Resolution of Thanks to Rev. C. T. Davis for his faithful service to the Association and that a copy of same be printed in the minutes.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

Friday night service conducted by Bro. Marvin Davis, followed by Bro. Delbert Davis. Subject: What is Life?

Saturday Morning Session.

Services were opened by song, Scripture lesson and prayer by Bro. Walter Roberts. The minutes of past sessions were read and approved.

The Executive Committee reports no business and the committee stands as follows: Rev. R. W. Partee, Bro. Guy Hargrave and Rev. C. T. Davis.

The Credentials Committee reports that we have ten ordained ministers in good standing. Signed Committee. Bros. H. L. Adams J. W. Dover, Tom Trivitt, and the committee was retained.

The Resolutions Committee reports as follows:

1. Resolved, That the deacons and clerks continue to use their best efforts to raise money to help pay their pastors.

2. Resolved, That the ministers of the Association continue to expose Darwin's Theory of Evolution, warning against the danger of its teachings.

3. Resolved, That no person be ordained to preach the gospel until they have been licensed at least one year and then set apart by the church in which they hold membership.

4. Resolved, That the clerk have 250 minutes printed and distributed.

5. Resolved, That the pastors of the churches of this Association appoint committees as they deem necessary to see about members to ascertain the cause of their absence from church, impressing upon them the importance of regular attendance at church.

6. Resolved, That we have three Fifth Sunday Meetings, one at Little Flock, Bentley Ridge; one at Plain View, Tomahawk, Searcy county, and one at State Line church, Moco, Fulton county.

7. Resolved, That the moderator of this Association appoint a standing committee of three each year to investigate the life practice and teachings of its ministers.

8. Resolved, That each church maintain a Sunday school.

9. Resolved, That each minister of this Association in making their report on the amount of money received for ministerial labors shall designate what part of said money was received from the church or churches they pastored, and what part received from other places.

10. Resolved, That we give a vote of thanks to our moderator and clerk for their faithful services during this Association.

11. Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

Motion made to adjourn to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Eleven o'clock services conducted by Rev. Walter Robers, followed by Rev. J. H. Griffith. Subject: The Prodigal.

Saturday Evening Session.

Opened by song, Scripture lesson by Moderator, and prayer by Rev. R. J. Yarbrough. Resolutions No. 1 to 7 were adopted.

Rev. J. Phillips was elected Moderator of the three Fifth Sunday Meetings.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Revs. C. T. Davis, J. E. Phillips and Delbert Davis.

Rev. J. H. Griffith was elected Associational Missionary.

Resolved, That the Association meet with Union Hill church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1933.

Rev. J. E. Phillips was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. J. H. Griffith, alternate.

Rev. Delbert Davis was elected Moderator and Rev. Carl Davis Assistant Moderator, and Guy Hargrave, Associational Clerk.

Saturday night service conducted by Rev. R. J. Yarbrough, followed by Rev. R. W. Partee.

Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. J. H. Griffith preached, followed by Rev. J. E. Phillips.

Minutes of Session of 1933.

The Big Springs Association of Freewill Baptist Churches met with the Union Hill church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1933. Was called to order by Moderator, Delbert Davis, and the introductory sermon was by Rev. J. H. Griffith. Subject: A Crucified Christ. Lesson Job 28.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

Friday Morning Session.

Was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Delbert Davis, by song. Scripture lesson and prayer. The constitution and rules of decorum were read by the clerk.

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

Union Hill church letter presented by Sister Verna Fout and Bro. Ernest Hand.

Center Point church letter presented by Bros. Herman and Tom Davis.

Bay Creek church letter presented by Bros. Tom Matney and Claud Davis.

Pleasant Grove church letter presented by Bro. Guy Hargrave.

State Line church letter presented by R. W. Williams and J. Basham.

Little Flock church letter presented by Rev. Noah Miller.

New Home church letter presented by Bro. Wm. G. Chandler.

Pleasant Flat church letter presented by Sister Partee.

Valley View church letter presented by Rev. Carl Davis.

The letters were received and the delegates seated and the right hand of fellowship extended.

Motion made to adjourn to meet back at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. Noah Miller preached at 11. Subject: Behold Jesus. Text Rev. 5.

Friday Evening Session.

Opened by song, Scripture lesson by Moderator, prayer by Rev. R. W. Partee.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Divine service committee: Bros. G. Hardy Hand, Walter Kinslow and Tom Davis.

Obituary Committee: Bros. Walter Kinslow, Herman Davis and J. Basham.

Sunday School Committee: Sister Partee, Bros. Noah Miller and Ernest Hand.

Temperance Committee: G. Hardy Hand, Claud Davis and R. W. Williams.

Literature Committee: Bros. Tom Matney and Walter Roberts, and Sister Lessie Hand.

Resolutions Committee: Revs. Carl Davis, J. H. Griffith and R. W. Partee.

Credentials Committee: Bros. Walter Kinslow, Wm. G. Chandler and Sister Verna Fout.

Report of committees called for and the following reported:

The Executive committee reports no business and the committee stands as follows: Bros. Guy Hargrave, Rev. C. T. Davis and Carl Davis.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Revs. C. T. Davis, Noah Miller and J. H. Griffith.

Reports of ministers called for the following reported:

Rev. J. H. Griffith, Rev. R. W. Partee, Rev. Delbert Davis, Rev. Carl Davis, Rev. Walter Roberts, Rev. Noah Miller,, Rev. C. T. Davis Rev. J. E. Phillips by letter.

The reports were read and received.

The Obituary Committee reports as follows:

We find that the Lord has dealt graciously with us, yet has taken from us our beloved Sisters, Maye Yarbrough of State Line church, Monie Chandler of New Home church, and two Brothers George Anderson and Elijah Matney of Bay Creek church. We assure their kindred and friends the sympathy and prayers of the Association. Committee Walter Kinslow, Herman Davis, Jay Basham.

Reports received and committee released.

The Literature Committee reports as follows:

We find the world is supplied with all kinds of Literature. Therefore the selection of wholesome literature is vitally important as most of our knowledge is acquired by reading. It is necessary that what we read should be clean and wholesome. We condemn the reading of such unclean literature as promote the growth of infidelity and books treating on or teaching evolution, and those that are peddled by men who are not interested in the welfare of our children should be let alone as deadly poison. Ministers should study to show the inconsistencies of certain works. The Bible is our best literature Committee: Lessie Hand, T. S. Matney, Walter Roberts.

The report was received and the committee released.

Motion made to adjourn to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

Friday night service, lesson Rev. 23, conducted by Rev. Delbert Davis. Subject: The Kingdom of Heaven.

Saturday Morning Session.

Past minutes read and received.

Was called to order by Moderator, by song, Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. Noah Miller.

The report of committees called for and the following reported:

Temperance committee reported as follows and was received and committee released.

It now seems certain that our national government will again legalize the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. Therefore, we, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the follows report: We recommend that the pastors of the various churches urge their membership to support candidates who they know to be dry for all our offices and who they believe will enforce the laws we now have and all other laws that may be enacted against drunkenness and the sale of all intoxicating drinks. Committee: Claud Davis R. W. Williams, G. H. Hand.

The Sunday school Committee reports as follows:

We the committee on Sunday School, submit our report as follows: Realizing the importance of Sunday school and that it is in keeping with Christ's teachings, also Solomon said (Prov. 22:6) "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." We therefore urge ministers to encourage Sunday school work, urging parents to maintain Sunday school in every community and to take their children every Sunday to same. Statistics show that a large majority of crime committed is by people who were not reared in Sunday school. Committee: Bros. Noah Miller, Ernest Hand, and Sister May Partee.

The Credentials Committee reports as follows: We find we have ten ordained ministers in our Association, all in good standing. Committee: Walter Kinslow, W. G. Chandler and Verna Fout.

Motion to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Adjourned for preaching service conducted by Rev. Walter Roberts. Lesson Job 21. Subject: Gen. 3:9. Where Art Thou?

Saturday Evening Session.

Saturday evening session opened by song, Scripture lesson and prayer by Moderator.

Saturday Night Session.

Saturday night services were conducted by Rev. R. W. Partee. Subject: The Sacrament and Foot Washing. Lesson Matt. 17:18.

Sunday Morning Session.

The eleven o'clock services Sunday morning were conducted by Rev. Delbert Davis. Lesson: Heb. 13. Subject: Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.

NOTE—The same resolutions were submitted and adopted as will be found in the 1932 session, with the following additional resolutions.

Resolution Committee reports as follows:

Report of committees called for the following were submitted and approved:

Resolved that this Association elect an evangelist for the Associational year.

Resolved that this Association meet with the State Line Church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1934.

Resolved that each Minister report to the Association annually the amount received from each church in his charge, number of sermons preached to each church, also amount received and number of sermons preached at other places.

Resolved that we take the sacrament and wash feet with the church with which we meet, at each session of the Association, the time to be set by the church with whom we meet.

Rev. J. H. Griffith was elected Moderator for 1934, and Rev. Carl Davis was elected Assistant Moderator.

Claud Davis was elected Clerk of the Association for 1934.

Rev. Carl Davis was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. Noah Miller alternate.

Rev. Noah Miller was elected evangelist for the Associational year.

Statistical Report for 1932

Churches	Members Received	Baptized	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Membership	Meeting Days	Church Clerk	Name of pastor 1931--1932	Name of pastor 1932--1933
Center Point	2	2	...	...	...	63	3	J L Davis	Carl Davis	Carl Davis
Mew Home	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	Harvey Dover	R W Partee	R. W. Partee
Little Flock	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	Lula Trivett	Noah Miller	Noah Miller
Pleasant Grove	1	...	...	...	1	38	4	Emma Hargrave	Carl Davis	Carl Davis
Bay Creek	1	...	...	...	...	59	2	C W Kenslow	Delbert Davis	Noah Miller
Hill Top	3	...	...	...	...	10	1	Lessie Kilgore	R W Partee	
Union Hill	8	4	...	...	...	33	2	Lessie Hand	Carl Davis	Carl Davis
Pleasant Flat	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	Otto Hodges	J H Griffith	J H Griffith
Valley View	4	...	...	...	...	12	1	Lula Williams	Carl Davis	Carl Davis
Maple Grove	3	...	...	...	...	24	3	Pearl Watts	J E Phillips	J. E. Phillips
Plain View	10	...	...	...	...	33	1	E D James	J E Phillips	J. E. Phillips
State Line	2	1	12	3	J F Basham	Delbert Davis	Delbert Davis
Red Oak	36	42	4	Theo. Sutterfield	J E Phillips	J. E. Phillips

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Center Point	1			7	63	3	J L Davis		Marvin Davis
New Home					17		Harvey Dover		R W Partee
Little Flock	3				19	1	Lula Trivitt		Marvin Davis
Pleasant Grove					40	4	Emma Hargrave		Carl Davis
Bay Creek	8	5			64	2	Walter Kenslow		Delbert Davis
Hill Top							Lessie Kilgore		
Union Hill	3	3			36	2	Lessie Hand		Carl Davis
Pleasant Flat					23	1	Otto Hodges		J H Griffith
Valley View	13	12			25	1	Lula Williams		Carl Davis
Maple Grove							Pearl Watts		J E Phillips
Plain View							E D James		J E Phillips
State Line	18	6		1	29	3	J F Basham		Delbert Davis
Red Oak							Theo. Sutterfield		J E Phillips

Ministerial Report for 1932.

MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Exhortations	Sunday School Lectures	Conversions Witnessed	Members Received	Members Baptized	Marriages	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Money Received From Churches	Money Received From Other Sources
C. T. Davis		7	20	6	1			1			\$	\$
Carl Davis	4	150	6	2	14	13	4	1	1	1074	41.50	9.50
Delbert Davis	2	88	3	3	15	2	7	1	11	1295	29.40	53.80
J. H. Griffith	1	35	6	2	5			2		480		
J. E. Phillips	3	258		3	115	101	70		3	3000	6.85	18.50
R. W. Partee	1	27	4		8	3		1		450	3.00	4.80
Walter Roberts		6	30									
Noah Miller		20						1	2	556	7.50	8.50
Marvin Davis		25	2									
R. J. Yarbrough		87	24	2	115				1	318		

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C. T. Davis		2	7	3				2				
Carl Davis	4	213	20	2	31			1	1	1006	32.50	15.50
Delbert Davis	1	121	28	3	28	18	7	1	14	1943	11.17	26.83
J. H. Griffith	1	99	10	3	12	6	6		1	740	8.25	
J. E. Phillips	4	160			40	14	20		4		48.08	31.40
R. W. Partee	1	30	5	3	5					222		
Walter Roberts		8	7	2				2	1	100		
Noah Miller	2	56	15	2	24	18	12	1	1	1245	21.46	

Names and Addresses of Ministers.

C. T. Davis,..... Elizabeth, Ark.
 Carl Davis,..... Elizabeth, Ark.
 Delbert Davis,..... Sturkie, Ark.
 J. H. Griffith,..... Gassville, Ark.
 J. E. Phillips,..... R. 1. Leslie, Ark.
 R. W. Partee,..... Amos, Ark.
 Walter Roberts,..... Mountain Home Ark.
 Noah Miller,..... Thuroy, Mo.
 Marvin Davis,..... Elizabeth, Ark.
 R. J. Yarbrough,..... Marshall, Ark.

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 third Sunday in September.

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 contain 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 necesasry.

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 reprovred 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 the 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 litle 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 1:6-14; Titus 3:5; John 3:1-13; Rom. 8:9.

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by 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 develop 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 Sanctification or Holiness as taught in the Bible applies to the soul or inner man; and to it alone and that the sanctification 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 rules of the Gospel. Matt. 18:15-20.

11. We believe that the church is the family of God, the redeemed in 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 possessed. 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 that 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 who sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever. Amen.