THE

# Birmingham District Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST

1949

Proceedings Of The

Eleventh Annual Session

Held With

MEADOWS CHAPEL \_\_\_\_ BLOSSBURG

Sept. 1 - 2 - 3, 1949

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## OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rt. 1, Box 383, Sylacauga Ass't. Mod.—Rev. Lee Hanks, Rt. 14, Box 288, B'ham. Clerk-Treas.—Mrs. C. R. Williams, Rt. 8, Box 640, B'ham

The next setting of this Association will be held with Mt. Zion Church of Pell City, Ala., beginning Thursday night before the first Monday in September at 7:30 p.m., 1950.

## ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

The body is declared ready for business:

- 1. Call for peace and fellowship of the church.
- 2. Opportunity for members.
- 3. Invite visitors to seat with us.
- 4. Reading of minutes of last conference.
- 5. Call for acknowledgements.
- 6. Deacons report.
- 7. Unfinished business.
- 8. New business.
- 9. Report from sick committee.
- 10. Motion to adjourn.

#### PROCEEDINGS

#### THUHSDAY NIGHT

Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Session of the Birmingham District Association met with Meadows Chapel Church of Blossburg, Ala., on Thursday night. September 1, 1949.

Services began with singing, "Some Happy Day."

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Williams.

Song, "Look For Me At The Gate."

All met at the altar for a united prayer.

We had a large crowd. The church was filled.

The Modera or gave a hearty welcome to all.

The Modeator appointed a Devotional Committee. Bro. R. M. McNeese, Bro. M. Booth and Bro. Irkle Gunter.

Song, "Getting ready to leave this World."

Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. John Quick. With all Chris lans taking part.

Song, "Rainbow of Love."

Rev. James Elmore brought the mesage, reading Galatians 7-10, which was a wonderful message.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Lee Hanks.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

. Orening with singing, Prayer by Rev. Jesse Drummond.

The welcome address was given by Rev. J. F. Williams, reading 1st Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

The body declared ready for business.

Call for letters with the following churches reporting:

- 1. Pleasant Hill: Bro. Joe Martin, Bro. Lee M. Brown.
- 2. Shiloh: Sis. Besie Ful on, Sis. Pearlie Farley, Sis. Roca Prestiaige, Sis. France Hayes.
- 3. Mt. Zion, East Thomas: Bro. A. Z. Rich, Bro. M. Booth, Sis. Euylan Gamel, Sis. Florence Ganas.
- 4. Meadows Chapel: Sis. Anna Commer, Sis. Bertha Kelley, Sis. Mildred, Burr, Sis. Flambough.
- Dillworth: Sis. Nell Cook, Sis. Lovie McNeese, Sis.
   Savannah Haynes.
- 6. Mt. Zion of Pell City: Sis. Daisy Barber, Sis. Lola Barber.
- 7. Parrich: Sis. Mary Farley, Sis. Margie Upton, Sis. Audie Romine.
- 8. Unity of Sylacauga: Bro. John Williams, Bro. Arcie Brown.
- 9. Liberty Church of Lawley, Ala: Bro. Huff Cash, Bro. Virgil Foster, Bro. Clemons Smith.
- Fairview of Anniston: Rev. C. O. Goodwin, Bro.
   H. H. Robertson, Bro. Russell Williams.

Moderator appointed reading committee, Sis. Florence Ganas, Sis. Daisy Barber.

Letters read and delegates seated.

Liberty Church of Lawley, Ala., and Fairview Church of Anniston, Ala., were admitted to the association.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator: Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Ass't. Moderator: Rev. Lee Hanks.

Clerk-Treasurer: Mrs. C. R. Williams.

Rev. L. V. Pinson reading Galatians 2nd chapter,

Prayer by Rev. R. J. Sexton.

After a ten (10) minu es recess the bady was called to order by the Moderator.

The Eleven O'clock message was brought by Rev. Louie Bates, pastor of Meadows Chapel Church and followed by Rev. C B. Snelling. These were very inspiring messages.

Prayer by Rev. John Quick.

A nice lunch was prepared by the ladies of the community, which was enjoyed by all.

Return for Afternoon Service.

Singing by Mt. Pisgah Quartet and the Scrap Iron Quartet.

The Moderator declared the body ready for business. Committees appointed:

- 1. Business Committee: Rev. Jessie Drummond, chairman; Rev. C. B. Snelling, Rev. V. B. Abny, Bro's, C. M. Deason, R. M. McNeese, H. C. Cash, W. F. Johnston and Rev. John Doss.
- 2. Standing of Ministers: Bro. A. Z. Rich, chairman; Sis. Pearl Farley, Sis. Louie McNeese, Sis. Anna Commer, Bro. John Williams, Sis. Florence Ganas.
- 3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Flambough, chairman; Sis. C. M. Barber.
- 4. Temperance Committee: Bro. W. A. Murphy, Bro. Arcie Brown, Sister Mildred Burr, Sis. Nell Cook, Sis. Prestridge.
- 5. Auditing Committee: Rev. Louie Bates, chairman; Rev. James Elmore, Bro. M. Booth.
- 6 Ordaining Council: Rev. A. R. Barker, chairman; Rev. J. F. Williams, Rev. John Baxley, Rev. H. E. Hewitt, Bro. H. Z. Weaver.
- Walter Murphy, Bro. C. K. Evans, Rev. John H. Doss, Rev. Walter Coleman.

Rev. John Quick, visitor from the Vernon Association, made a wonderful talk on the work of the association.

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A free will offering of \$56.40 was taken for the Children's Home of Eldridge, Ala.

Benediction, Rev. J. F. Williams.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Opening with singing and prayer at the altar. Declared body ready for business.

## MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Conference was held with the following taking part:

Rev's. C. O. Goodwin, L. N. Barber, V. B. Abny, R. J. Sexton, J. H. Whitelock, A. R. Barker, R. E. Drummond, J. E. Drummond, James Elmore, A. M. Mitchell, John C. Baxley, John Quick, L. A. Lively, L. V. Pinson, W. O. Mitchell, Louie Ba'es and Sister Mlidred Burr.

Deacons: Bro's. Irkle Gunter, Charlie Franklin, W. A. Murphy, R. M. McNeese, C. M. Barber, H. Z. Weaver, Willie Burr, J. H. Williams, Russell Williams, Oscar Upton and Troy Manning.

Was voted and carried: that all ministers and deacons of this as ociation meet twice yearly.

Moderator Rev. A. R. Barker Clerk, James V. Commer

Dismissed until Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Services opened with song, "This World Is No: My Home." All met at the altar for a united prayer..

The Moderator reading Acts 25 and giving a hearty welcome to all present.

Declared body ready for business.

Sister Deason of Sylacauga gave a wonderful talk on the work of the Women's Auxiliary.

## REPORT OF QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

for the year 1948-49:
Number of meetings held 4
Number of churches added to the association 2
Number of ministers ordained 1
Number of ministers licensed 2
mmber of exchange of papers
Number of deacons ordained
Offerings received
Offerings received \$59.85
Paid to Elder J. F. Williams \$30.00
Balance transferred to association \$29.85
Clara Waits, Clerk of Conference

The 11 o'clock message was brought by Rev. J. H. Whi elock, reading 1st Peter 2:1.5, followed by Sister Mildred Burr, reading Ezekial 37. These were very inspiring messages and greatly enjoyed by all.

Again a nice lunch was served at the church which was enjoyed very much.

Song: "Look For Me In Glory."

Prayer, Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Declared body ready for business.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DECEASED MEMBERS

DECEMBER 1
Sylacauga Bro. Will Keller
Mt. Zion of Pell City Sis. Thenia Harris
Shiloh Sis Martha Farley
Pleasant Hill Sis Maudie Alred
Pleasant Hill Rev. J. M. Halley
Pleasant Hill Sie Wilson
Meadows Chapel Sis. Wilson
Liberty Bro. Jack Wallace
We regret very much on rloss but we feel that loss is

We regret very much ou rloss but we feel that loss is Heaven's gain. \_\_Sister Flambough, Chairman.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Be tempeate in all things. Use God's word for our rule, and be guided by the spiirt of God, for it will cleanse us if we will obey it. Do all things decently and in order.

Bro. Walter Murphy, chairman.

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined the books and find them neatly kept and in order, with \$24.47 in the treasury Sept. 1, 1949.

Rev. Louie Bates, Chairman.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

by the Moderator to consist of three (3) men.

Bro. H. Z. Weaver, Chairman

Bro. C. M. Barber

Bro. Claude Deason

- 2. That each church send in funds each quarterly meet-
- 3. Sister Mildred Burr's license to perach the Gospel was extended for one year.
- 4. We recommend that No. 7 Rule of Decorum be changed to read, "by a two-thirds (%) majoirty vote" instead of "by unanimous vote."
- 5. That the body give the Ladies Auxiliary one (1) hour of time in each association.
  - 6. That Henceforth all Ordaining Council members and

members of the Business Committee be chosen fom members of said association.

7. That No. 16 and 17 in the Rules of Decorum be left out.

Rev. J. E. Drummond, Chairman.

Rev. C. B. Snelling

Rev. V. B. Abny

Rev. John Doss

Bro. C. M. Deason

Bro. H. C. Cash

Bro. W. F. Johnston

Bro. R. M. McNeese

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

- 1. The following were examined by the Ordaining Council: Rev. James H. Whitelock, Rev. C. B. Snelling and Rev. James Elmore and were ordained to preach the Gospel.
- 2. Bro. Virgil Foster and Bro. Luther Chism were ordained for deacons of Liberty Church of Lawley, Ala.
- 3. Ordination papers weer exchanged with Bro. J. H. Williams.
- 4. Rev. R. J. Sex:on and Rev. A. M. Mitchell's ordination papers were restored.
- 5. Bro. Irkle Gunter's ordination papers for deacon were granted to him.

Rev. A. R. Barker, Chairman.

Rev. J. F. Williams

Rev. John C. Baxley

Rev. H. E. Hewitt

Bro, H. Z. Weaver

- The Moderator appointed Rev. R. E. Drummond and Rev J. H. Whitelock as Evangelis's.
- 2. Rev. A. R. Barker, Rev. Lee Hanks and Bro.Charlie Franklin were appointed delegates to the State Association.
  - 1. Voted to have (600) Minutes printed.
  - 2. Voted to pay Clerk of Association \$10.00.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Balance carried from 1948 treasury \$46.	20
Amount received\$57	72
Total \$103.	92
Paid out for Minutes \$65.	00
Paid Clerk of Association \$10.	00
Paid for Ordination Certificates \$4.	45
Balance in treasury \$24.	47

Mrs. C. R. Williams, Clerk & Treasurer

# MINISTER'S REPORTS

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No. Churches Pastored
No. Sermons Preached
No. Funerals Conducted
No. Baptized
No. Revivals Assisted In
No. Marriages Performed
No. Miles Traveled
Amount of Offering Received \$2.00
Expense of Ministerial Work \$20.00
ELDER C, O, GOODWIN
No. Churches Pastored 0
No Sermons Preached 40
No. FuneralsConducted 0
No. Baptized 0
No. Revivals Assisted In 0
No. Marriages Performed 0
No. Miles Traveled 0
Amount of Offering Received \$90.00
Expense of Ministerial Work 0
ELDER G. P. FULTON
No. Churches Pastored 0
No. Sermons Preached
No. Funerals Conducted 4
No. Baptized 0
No. Revivals Assisted In 0
No. Marriages Performed 0
No. Miles Traveled
Amount of Offering Received 0
Expense of Ministerial Work \$11.00
ELDER JOHN H. DOSS
No. Churches Pastored 2
No. Sermons Preached 52
No. Funerals Conducted 0
No. Baptized
No. Revivals Assisted In
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ELDER L. A. LIVELY
No. Churches Pastored 0
No. Sermons Preached 40
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No. Revivals Assis ed In
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No. Miles Traveled 0
Amount of Offering Received 0
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No. Churches Pastored
No. Sermons Preached 110
No. Funerals Conducted 3
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No. Revivals Assisted In 5
No. Marriages Performed 0
No. Miles Traveled Unknown
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ELDER LEE HANKS
No. Churches Pas ored 1
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ELDER C. R. ALLEN
No. Churches Pastored0
No. Sermons Preached 53
No. Funerals Conducted 1
No. Baptized 0
No. Revivals Assisted In
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ELDER A. M. MITCHELL
No. Churches Pastored
No. Sermons Preached 64
No. Funerals Conducted
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Rev. V. B. Abny brought a brief message but a very inspiring one.

Motion to adjourn until 7:30.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

Services began with singing.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Williams.

Devotional Services were conducted by Bro. H. Z. Weaver.

Rev. R. E. Drummond of Anniston brought the message, reading John 13.1, followed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

#### MINISTERS ROLL

Rev. J. F. Williams, Rt. 8, Box 640, Birmingham 8, Ala.

Rev. Ira Lee Hanks, Rt. 14, Box 288, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. Walter Colman, Blossburg, Ala.

Rev. John H. Doss, Blossburg, Ala.

Rev. A. R. Barker, 800 24th Ave., W., Birmingham 4, Ala.

Rev. W. R. Parker, 3816 No. 28th St., Birminbham, Ala.

Rev. C. R. Allen, 6404 1st Court N, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. H. E. Hewitt, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. L. A. Lively, Route 1, Empire, Ala.

Rev. W. O. Mitchell, Rt. 2., Box 123, Cardova, Ala.

Rev. Euel Johnston, Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.

Rev. George P. Fulton, Rt. 9, Box 104, Birmingham, Ala-

Rev. C. B. Snelling, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. B. W. Alexander, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. A. M. Mitchell, Rt. 2., Box 211, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rt. 1, Box 383B, Sylacauga, Ala.

Rev. John C. Baxley, Parrish, Ala.

Rev. James Elmoe, 2309 Avenue C., Ensley, Ala.

Rev. Jessie Drummond, Oak Ridge, Ala.

Rev. R. E. Drummond, 717 Clydesdale Ave., Anniston, Ala.

Rev. J. H. Whitelock, Rt. 1, Quinton, Ala.

Rev. R. J. Sexton, 210 Village Court, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. V. B. Abney, Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. L. N. Barber, Rt. 1, Box 266, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. C. O. Goodwin, 712 Ledbetter St., Anniston, Ala.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

- 1. After an introductory sermon is preached the association shall be called together by the Moderator who presided at the last session. In case of his absence, the assistant Moderator shall call the body together, the former clerk also officiating until ogranized.
- 2. The association when assembled shall be composed of all the Ministers and Ordained Deacons, and Delegates chosen by the different chuches composing the body.
- 3. The officers of the association shall consist of a Modeator, Assistant Moderator, and a Clerk to be chosen from the members present.
- 4. It shall the duty of the Modeator to preside over the body during the session at which he is elected, to call the next session to order and preside until reorganization and the election and installation of his successor. It shall be his duy to keep order, enforce the Rules of Decorum, decide all questions, discipline, and in case of a tie vote to cast the deciding ballot. He may speak on any subject but must call on the Assistant Moderator to preside while he is speaking.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep the minutes of the proceedings and to read the same when called upon by the body, and shall prepare the minutes for publication.
  - 6. Each church is entitled to three delegates.
- 7. A two-hirds (%) majority of the members shall rule in all cases.
- 8. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the Moderator.
- 9. All business shall be brought before the body by a motion and second and shall be disposed of by the same.
- 10. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes eact time, wi hout permission of the Moderator.
- 11. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion or uses words of personal reflection.
- 12. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time, and he must arise and address the Moderator.
- 12 That no business be voted on withoutt the whole delegation be present.
- 14 This decorum may be altered, amended or abridged at any session of the association by a majority of the number present.
- 15 The minister that receives the most votes shall be elected Moderator, and tht next highest, Assistant Moderator.

- 16 We recommend that preachers coming from other associations have a certificate of standing, or a recommendation from their association.
- 17 We recommend that we corresond and ask correspondence with other association.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. THE BIBLE.\_\_The Scriptures of the Old Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are infallible rule of faith and practice.
  - 2 Timothy 3:16.
- 2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.
  - 1 Cor. 8:6; 28:19.
- 3 CHRIST.\_\_Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.
  - St. John 1:1-12.
- 4 THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptuers assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.
  - St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:46.
- 5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD, God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by main aining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

Psalm 22:28; 97:2.

6. THE SINFULLNESS OF MAN, Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

- 7. THE WORK OF CHRIST.\_\_The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.
  - 1 John 2:2.
- 8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committed of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with

urpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

2 Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

9. ELECTION. God de ermined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

1 Tim. 2:4.

10. FREEDOM OF WILL. The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

Joshua 24:15.

,Rev. 22:17.

- 11. SALVATION FREE. Ged desires the salvation of all, the Gosel invites all, the Holy Spiit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.
- 12. PERSEVERANCE.\_\_All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the pomise of eternal salvation,
  - St. John 15:6; Pter 2:20-22.
- 13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, an ordinance leaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

St. John 15:6; Peter 2:20-22.

Mark 16:15; Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set abart from secular employment and amusement, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

Gen. 2:3. Exodus 20:8-11.

15. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRI-BUTION.\_\_The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurreition of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into e ernal life."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

Churches	Clerks	Pastors	ORPHANAGE	PAID	PUBLICATIONS	PAID EVANGELIST	BUILDING	HOME	MEMBERS	NUMBER DISMISSED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	SUNDAY	NUMBER MINISTERS	NUMBER
Meadows Chapel	Bertha Kelley Blossburg, Ala	Rev. Louie Bates Alden, Ala.	\$50.62			\$101.CO	\$12.00		2	1	9	6	53	4	7
Mt. Zion East Thomas	Mae Barker 800 24 Ave. W B'ham 4, Ala.	Rev. A. R. Barker 800 24 Ave., W. B'ham 4, Ala.	\$255.54	\$521.5		\$25.00	\$1966.62				13	33	73	6	11
Shiloh	Bessie Fulton	Rev. J. E. Drummond Oak Ridge, Ala.	\$39.67	\$161.6		\$4.10	<b>\$53.01</b>	\$45.51	1	1		9	45	2	3
Dilworth	Route 1 Empire, A!a. Frances Linely	Rev. W. O. Mitchell Route 2 Box 123 Cardova, Ala.								1	1	2	50	4	5
Mt. Zion Pell City	Opal Hewitt Route 1 Pell City, Ala.	Rev. V. B. Abny Route 1 Pell City, Ala.		\$1070	21,48	\$76.00	\$174.97	\$10.00	1		4	4	40	5	2
Pleasant Hill	Lee M. Brown Route Jasper, Ala.	Rev. Lee Hanks Route 14 Box 288 B'ham, Ala.	\$42.40	\$200.0		\$29.00	\$20.00		2				50		6
Parrish	Audie Romine Parrish, Ala.	Rev. John C. Boxley Parrish, Ala.	\$49.00	\$136.9	\$70.91	\$81.65				2	3	4	45	1	5
Unity	Llanelle Login 300 Md. St. Sylacauga, Ala.	Rev. L. V. Pinson Rt. 1 Box 383-B Sylacauga, Ala.	\$17.26	\$440.0		\$73.51			1		8	17	70	1	4
Fairview	Pauline Bogley Annisto, Ala.	Rev. C. D. Goodwin 712 Ledbetter St. Anniston, Ala.											84	3	
Liberty	Delphia Lankfodr Lawley, Ala.	Rev. J. T. Quick Guinn, Ala.		\$178.8							1				3

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Havnig given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adjoining the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now givt ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference.

We agree to accept Chris:ian admonition and reproof with meekness and watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to strengthen the weak and admonish the erring. We, everyone, hold Christian principles sacred.