

THE
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

1950

Proceedings Of The
Twelfth Annual Session

Held With

MT. ZION ————— PELL CITY, ALA

Aug. 31—Sept, 1 - 2, 1950

MINUTES

Of The BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION Of FREE WILL BAPTIST

Mt. Zion Church at Pell City, Ala.

August 31, Sept. 1 - 2, 1950

OFFICERS

Moderator — Rev. Ira Lee Hanks, Rt. 14, Box 288, B'ham

Asst. Mod. — Rev. Walter Coleman, Blossburg, Ala.

Clerk-Treas.—Mrs. C. R. Williams, Rt. 8, Box 640, B'ham

The next setting of this Association will be held with Unity Church of Sylacauga, Ala., beginning Thursday night before the first Monday in September at 7:30 p.m. 1951.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT

Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Session of the Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist met with Mt. Zion Church at Pell City, Ala., August 31, 1950.

Services began with singing.

A United Prayer at the Altar. Rev. J. F. Williams leading the prayer.

Moderator reading Eph. 2:1, and declaring body ready for business.

Rev. U. B. Abny, pastor of Mt. Zion Church gave a welcome to all at the opening of the session.

Song: "When We All Get To Heaven."

Rev. Louie Whitman was in charge of the devotional services. With many Christians taking part in the services.

Rev. Lee Hanks brought the introductory message, reading St. Luke 6:47., and using for his text "A Building." This was a well delivered sermon.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Whitlock.

Meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING

The association assembled promptly at 9:00 o'clock to enjoy the singing of many good songs.

A united prayer at the altar with Rev. C. O. Goodwin leading the prayer.

The welcome address was given by Rev. L. V. Pinson reading Proverbs 6:10-19.

Prayer by Brother Luther McAllister.

The body declared ready for business.

Call for letters to which the following churches reported:

1. Shiloh: Bro. W. A. Farley, Sis. Perlie Farley, Sis. Ester Layton.
2. Unity: Bro. Arcie Brown, Bro. Ira Gow, Sis. Curro, Sis. Pinson.
3. Meadows Chapel: Sis. Mildred Burr, Sis. Edith Taylor, Sis. Ruby Gunter.
4. Mt. Zion of Pell City: Bro. Percy Stewart, Bro. Reed Waldrop, Bro. Henry Rowe.
5. Dilworth: Bro. George Lashum, Bro. L. A. Lively, Sis. Pugh.
6. Parrish: Sis. Ward, Bro. John Argent, Bro. Homer Goodwin.
7. Mt. Zion of East Thomas: Sis. C. B. Snelling, Sis. M. Jackson, Sis. Evelyn Camel.

8. Liberty: Bri. Raymon Chapman, Sis. Mary Chapman, Sis. Mae Foster.

9. Fairview: Sis. Ella Pentecost, Bro. John Ellison, Bro. George Hinds.

Moderator appointed reading committee, Sister Claude Deason, Bro. Reed Waldrop.

Letters read and delegates seated.

Letters of First and Second District of Quarterly Meetings read and adopted.

Pleasant Hill Church not represented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Ira Lee Hanks.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Walter Coleman.

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

Prayer by Rev. A. R. Barker.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Committees appointed:

1. Devotional Committee, Bros: Arcie Brown, Homer Howell, G. W. Hollis, Grady Hollis, Luther McAllister, V. V. Farley, Bro. Ellison.
2. Business Committee: Rev. J. F. Williams, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. T. H. Murphy, Bri. Rufe Franklin, Bro. Irke Gunter, Bro. Claude Deason, Bro. Grady Hollis.
3. Standing of Ministers: Bros. H. H. Robertson, Willie Burr, L. Layton, George Hollis, Reed Waldrop, Oscar Upton, Bro. Romine.
4. Deceased Committee: Sisters, Pearlie Farley, Margie Upton, Sis. J. T. Quick.
5. Temperance Committee: Rev. L. N. Barber, Rev. W. C. Howell, Bro. Barber.
6. Auditing Committee: Sis. L. V. Pinson, Sis. C. B. Snellings, Sis. Reed Waldrop.
7. Ordaining Committee: Rev. J. E. Drummond, Rev. C. R. Allen, Rev. J. C. Baxley, Rev. C. O. Goodwin, Rev. R. E. Drummond.

Motion carried to empower Moderator to appoint an executive committee.

8. Executive Committee: Bro. W. F. Johnston, Rev. A. R. Barker, Rev. Tommy Murphy, Bro. J. M. Hopkins, Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Song: "When the Redeemed are Gathering In."

Rev. C. D. Burrell was selected to bring the Eleven O'clock message, using for his subject: "The Last Days." This was a grand message and was highly enjoyed.

Prayer by Rev. John Quick.
The noon hour was enjoyed with a great feast at the church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song: "It Won't Be Long."
Moderator reading 133 Psalm.
Prayer by L. V. Pinson.
The Ladies' Auxiliary Hour was held with Sister Claude Deason, president, presiding.
Their topic was, "Advancing With Christ." They gave a grand report on the good work they are doing both spiritually and financially. They gave the total amount collected \$619.33; Total amount spent as \$559.88; and total amount in the treasury as \$271.70.

The Rules of Decorum was read to the body by the clerk.
Free will offering for the Children's Home at Eldridge was reported as \$36.20.

The Home Mission Board was announced as follows: Rev. C. M. Barber, Pell City, Ala.; Rev. H. T. Aswalt, Oxford, Ala., Route 2; Rev. C. B. Snellings, 1616 Oxmoor Road, Homewood, Ala.

District Evangelists were announced as follows: First District, C. B. Snellings, 1616 Oxmoor Road, Homewood Ala.; Second District, H. T. Oswalt, Route 2, Oxford, Ala.

Prayer by Rev. A. R. Barker.

Meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Opening with singing many good songs.

Rev. Tommy Murphy led the devotional service. Many Christians testified with gladness of heart.

Rev. Louie Whitman and wife gave a special number in song.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons Conference was held with the following taking part: Ministers: Rev. C. R. Allen, Rev. J. F. Williams, Rev. L. A. Lively, Rev. C. D. Burrell, Rev. J. H. Whitlock, U. B. Abney, L. N. Barber, John Baxley, L. V. Pinson, J. L. Spradley, George Lashum, Lee Hanks, Lovie Whitman, J. E. Drummond, C. M. Barber, Tommy Murphy, W. C. Howell.

Deacons, Bris: J. L. McAllister, Grady Hollis, V. V. Farley, H. H. Howell, Irkle Gunter, H. H. Robertson.

Rev. J. E. Drummond — Moderator.
Bro. H. H. Robertson — Clerk.
Prayer by Rev. U. B. Abney.
Meeting adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song: "At the Cross."

Prayer by Rev. George La Shum.

Body declared ready for business.

Business Committee report.

We, your business committee submit the following report:

1. Dilworth Church concerning the restoring of credentials to Rev. L. A. Lively and license to Rev. George La Shum be referred back to the First District Quarterly Meeting.
2. That ministers coming from other associations, ordainers or licensed, must join Ministers Conference, before being eligible to vote in association, unless they are elected as delegates by their church.
3. Request that the clerk be given authority to have letters printed to send to the association.
4. That the Moderator appoint a minister to bring the introductory message at the next session of this association.
5. That members being received into our churches be received by the majority vote of members present.
6. The request made by Parrish Church be turned over to the Executive Board for investigation.
7. This association shall be known as "The Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist," instead of the "Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist Church of Christ."

Rev. J. F. Williams, Chairman

Reports read and adopted by items.

Rev. W. C. Howell was appointed to bring the introductory message at next session of the association.

Rev. J. H. Whitlock, alternate.

Rev. John Baxley led a lively devotional service.

Rev. A. R. Barker brought the Eleven O'clock message, reading Matt: 20:8. This was a very inspiring message.

Again the noon hour was enjoyed.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song: "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Williams.

Rev. John Quick gave us a wonderful talk on the good work of the association.

We were honored with many good songs by the "Fellowship Quartet."

Delegates to the State Convention selected were: Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rve. A. R. Barker and Rev. C. M. Barber.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The following were examined by the ordaining council:

1. Rev. Jim Drummond of Pell City and Rev. W. A. Farley of Gardendale were both ordained for the ministry.
2. Bro. J. D. Shackelford of East Thomas Church was ordained as a deacon.
3. Rev. Percy Stewart of Pell City was licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Rev. J. E. Drummond, Chairman.

Sister Mildred Burr's license to preach was extended for one year to preach the gospel.

Bro. Willie Burr's ordination papers as a deacon were granted to him.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

Rev. Louis N. Barber, Chairman.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the auditing committee have examined the Treasurer's report of 1949-50 and find it in order and neatly kept with the balance in the treasury \$6.34.

Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Chairman

DECEASED COMMITTEE

We, your committee on deceased members regret to report that since our last association we have lost the following beloved members:

East Thomas — Sis. Sallie Davis, Sis. Elizabeth Ritch.

Shiloh — Sis. Ella Blazzard.

Fairview — Sis. West.

Dilworth — Sis. Ida Brock, Sis. M. Roberson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, 1949 Through August 31, 1950

Amount in treasury	\$24.46
Amount received	\$94.37
Total	\$118.84
Amount Paid Out	\$112.50
Balance in treasury	\$6.34

Mrs. C. R. Williams, Clerk-Treasurer

Rev. A. R. Barker, was elected for clerk and treasurer for money received for National Association, provided it is held in Birmingham. Otherwise the treasury is to be transferred to Birmingham District Association.

Next association to be held with Unity Free Will Baptist Church at Sylacauga, Ala.

A vote of thanks to the Mt. Zion Church of Pell City and the community for their hospitality shown during the association.

Voted to have (600) copies of minutes printed.

Voted to pay clerk of association \$10.00.

All business being disposed of the meeting adjourned until 7:30.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Services began with singing and prayer.

Rev. J. E. Drummond brought the message.

The Lord's Supper followed and Feet Washing which was a wonderful service.

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

Rve. C. B. Snelling, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. A. M. Mitchell, Rt. 3 Box 211, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Route 1 Box 388B, Sylacauga, Ala.

Rev. John C. Baxley, Parrish, Ala.
 Rev. James Elmore, 2309 Avenue C, Ensley, Ala.
 Rev. Jessie Drummond, Oak Ridge, Ala.
 Rev. R. E. Drummond, 717 Clydesdale Ave, Anniston, Ala.
 Rev. J. H. Whitlock, Rt. 1, Quinton, Ala.
 Rev. R. J. Sexton, Parrish, 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.
 Rev. George LaShum, Birmingham 8, Ala.
 Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, Pensacola, Fla.
 Rev. C. D. Burrell, Oakman, Ala.
 Rev. J. A. Barranes, Rt. 1 Box 180, Anniston, Ala.
 Rev. W. C. Howell, 303 Prince St., Anniston, Ala.
 Rev. Tommy Murphy 2004 Cooper Ave., Anniston, Ala.
 Rev. O. T. Oswalt, Route 2, Oxford, Ala.
 Rev. Billy Jones, Route 2, Oxford, Ala.
 Rev. Louie Whitman, 310 Hunter St., Anniston, Ala.
 Rev. J. L. Spradley, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. C. M. Barber, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Tom Mitchell, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Dalton Ford, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Dee Hollis, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Morris Hollis, Route 1, Cropwell, Ala.
 Rev. Jim Drummond, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Willie Perry, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Roy Ritch, 724 12th Ave. W, Birmingham, Ala.
 Sister Mildred Burr, Blossburg, Ala.

MINISTERS REPORTS

No. Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons Preached	130
No. Funerals Conducted	None
No. Baptized	1
No. Revivals Assisted in	None
No. Marriages Performed	1
No. Miles Traveled	700
Amount of Offering Received	\$301.00
Expense of Ministerial Work	\$35.00

Elder John C. Baxley

No. Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons Preached	143
No. Funerals Conducted	3
No. Baptized	10

No. Revivals Assisted In	4
No. Marriages Performed	0
No. Miles Traveled	4,800
Amount of Offering Received	\$280.59
Expense of Ministerial Work	\$312.80

Elder Jesse E. Drummond

No. Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons Preached	35
No. Funerals Conducted	None
No. Baptized	None
No. Revivals Assisted in	None
No. Marriages Performed	None
No. Marriages Performed	None
No. Marriages Performed	None
No. Marriages Performed	None
No. Miles Traveled	560
Amount of Offering Received	\$2.75
Expense of Ministerial Work	\$15.00

Elder H. E. Hewitt

No. Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons Preached	50
No. Funerals Conducted	2
No. Baptized	None
No. Revivals Assisted in	None
No. Marriages Performed	None
No. Miles Traveled	1,000
Amount of Offering Received	\$6.00
Expense of Ministerial Work	\$20.00

Elder C. D. Burrell

No. Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons Preached	9
No. Funerals Conducted	None
No. Revivals Assisted in	1
No. Marriages Performed	None
No. Miles Traveled	Unknown
Amount of Offering Received	Unknown
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Elder J. F. Williams

No. Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons Preached	165
No. Funerals Conducted	4
No. Baptized	10
No. Revivals Assisted in	2
No. Marriages Performed	3

No. Miles Traveled Unknown
 Amount of Offering Received \$122.87
 Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder C. O. Goodwin

No. Churches Pastored None
 No. Sermons Preached 3
 No. Funerals Conducted None
 No. Baptized None
 No. Revivals Assisted in None
 No. Marriages Performed None
 No. Miles Traveled None
 Amount of Offering Received None
 Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder C. M. Barber

No. Churches Pastored 1
 No. Sermons Preached 17
 No. Funerals Conducted 5
 No. Baptized 33
 No. Revivals Assisted in 6
 No. Marriages Performed 4
 No. Miles Traveled None
 Amount of Offering Received \$606.00
 Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder U. B. Abney

No. Churches Pastored 2
 No. Sermons Preached 27
 No. Funerals Conducted None
 No. Baptized None
 No. Revivals Assisted in 2
 No. Miles Traveled 9
 Amount of Offering Received \$1.25
 Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder Leonard Lively

No. Churches Pastored None
 No. Sermons Preached 67
 No. Funerals Conducted None
 No. Baptized None
 No. Revivals Assisted in 4
 No. Miles Traveled Unknown
 Amount of Offering Received \$64.15
 Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder James Elmore

No. Churches Pastored 1
 No. Sermons Preached 49

No. Funerals Conducted 1
 No. Baptized 4
 No. Revivals Assisted in 2
 No. Marriages Performed
 No. Miles Traveled Unknown
 Amount of Offering Received \$141.03

Elder Lee Hanks

Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown
 No. Churches Pastored None
 No. Sermons Preached 150
 No. Funerals Conducted 4
 No. Baptized None
 No. Revivals Assisted in 4
 No. Marriages Performed None
 No. Miles Traveled Unknown
 Amount of Offering Received Unknown
 Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder C. R. Allen

No. Churches Pastored 1
 No. Sermons Preached 75
 No. Funerals Conducted 1
 No. Baptized 6
 No. Revivals Assisted in 1
 No. Marriages Performed None
 No. Miles Traveled 600
 Amount of Offering Received \$39.16
 Expense of Ministerial Work \$66.30

Elder Arthur M. Mitchell

No. Churches Pastored 1
 No. Sermons Preached 58
 No. Funerals Conducted None
 No. Baptized None
 No. Revivals Assisted in 2
 No. Marriages Performed None
 No. Miles Traveled 580
 Amount of Offering Received \$98.24
 Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder J. H. Whitlock

No. Churches Pastored 1
 No. Sermons Preached 193
 No. Funerals Conducted 3
 No. Baptized 16
 No. Revivals Assisted in 6
 No. Marriages Performed 5
 No. Miles Traveled Unknown

Amount of Offering Received \$1,075.91
Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder L. V. Pinson

No. Churches Pastored None
No. Sermons Preached 30
No. Funerals Conducted None
No. Baptized None
No. Revivals Assisted in 1
No. Marriages Performed None
No. Miles Traveled Unknown
Amount of Offering Received \$10.00
Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder Joseph L. Spradley

No. Churches Pastored Assistant 1
No. Sermons Preached 76
No. Funerals Conducted None
No. Baptized Helped 7
No. Revivals Assisted in 1
No. Marriages Performed None
No. Miles Traveled 456
Amount of Offering Received Unknown
Expense of Ministerial Work Unknown

Elder George LaShum

No. Churches Pastored 1
No. Sermons Preached 119
No. Funerals Conducted 2
No. Baptized 10
No. Revivals Assisted in 6
No. Marriages Performed None
No. Miles Traveled 2,777
Amount of Offering Received \$452.91
Expense of Ministerial Work \$90.91

Elder Ray Sexton

No. Churches Pastored 1
No. Sermons Preached 100
No. Funerals Conducted 2
No. Baptized 10
No. Revivals Assisted in 2
No. Marriages Performed 3
No. Miles Traveled Unknown
Amount of Offering Received \$855.2
Expense of Ministerial Work \$375.10

Elder A. R. Barker

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 organized.

2. The association when assembled shall be composed of all the Ministers and Ordained Deacons, and Delegates chosen by the different churches composing the body.

3. The officers of the association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and a Clerk to be chosen from the members present.

4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator 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 duty 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-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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 each time, without 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.

13. That no business be voted on without the whole delegation be present.

14. This decorum may be altered, amended or abridged if 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 the next highest, Assistant Moderator.

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Churches	Clerks	Pastors	ORPHANAGE	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	BUILDING REPAIRS	HOME MISSION	MEMBERS DIED	NUMBER DISMISSED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NUMBER MINISTERS	NUMBER MEMBERS
Meadows Chapel	Lillie Mae Bates Box 45 Alden, Ala.	Rev. Louie Bates Alden, Ala.	\$278.96	\$157.08	.36 \$104.89	\$6.24			6	6	7	45	6	78
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.	\$497.03	\$780.00	\$72.00	\$2,615.78		2	9	6	6	70	7	19
Shiloh	Rufus Franklin Rt. 7, Box 337-B B'ham 7, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Drummond Oak Ridge, Ala.	\$37.00	\$218.84	\$27.79			1	9	2	7	40	3	18
Dilworth	Frances Lively Route 1 Empire, Ala.	Rev. J. H. Whitlock Route 1 Quinton, Ala.	\$59.23	\$28.76	\$5.07	\$45.00		2	9	4	1	40	2	42
Mt. Zion Pell City	Opal Hewitt Route 1 Pell City, Ala.	Rev. U. B. Abney Route 1 Pell City, Ala.	\$273.18	\$660.00	\$345.92	\$311.27			2	20	24	70	12	67
Parrish	Audie Romine Parrish, Ala.	Rev. Roy Sexton Parrish, Ala.	\$66.00	\$361.16	.30 \$111.98	\$371.99	\$5.00		1	8	4	60		59
Unity	Llanelle Login 30 Md. St. Sylacauga, Ala.	Rev. L. V. Pinson Rt. 1 Box 383-B Sylacauga, Ala.	\$89.17	\$744.65	\$129.00	\$169.59	\$10.00		2	13	19	83	5	72
Fairview	Virginia Goodwin Anniston, Ala.	Rev. C. D. Goodwin 712 Ledbetter St. Anniston, Ala.	\$108.15	\$124.47	\$89.00	\$1,347.50		1	7	9	7	51	7	71
Liberty	Delphia Langford Lawley, Ala.	Rev. J. T. Quick Eden, Ala.		\$208.25	.00 \$32.75	\$60.00				11		33		19

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 correspond and ask correspondence with other associations.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE.—The Scriptures of the Old Testament were given by inspiration of God, and our 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 Scriptures 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 maintaining 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 SINFULNESS 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 committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with

purpose 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 determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

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.

11. SALVATION FREE.—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit 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 end of life, have the

Rev. 22:17.

promise of eternal salvation.

St. John 15:6; Peter 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 teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

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

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

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart 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 RETRIBUTION.—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection 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 eternal life."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adjoining the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give 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 Christian 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.