

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, INC.



Eight
Twenty-~~Sixth~~
Annual Session

Held With
Pleasant Hill
~~HANKS MEMORIAL~~
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sipsey
in ~~Alton~~, Alabama

SEPTEMBER 9 and 10, 1966

MINUTES
of the
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
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Moderator - - - - - Rev. Elvis Drummonds
Assistant Moderator - - - - - Rev. Lee Hanks
Clerk - - - - - Mrs. A. H. Barnett
Assistant Clerk - - - - - Mrs. C. E. Henderson

The next session of this association will convene with Hanks Memorial
Free Will Baptist Church in Alton, Alabama on Friday, September 8-9
1967.

ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

Proceedings

The annual session of the Birmingham District Association, Inc. of Free Will Baptists convened with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Sipsey, Alabama, on September 9 and 10, 1966.

FRIDAY MORNING

The session convened with a song conducted by Rev. Ray Ritch, Mrs. Banks at the piano. The congregation assembled at the altar where the prayer was led by Rev. Wayne Nails. The moderator of the last sitting of the association, Rev. T. E. Yarbrough, took charge of the proceedings until the election of officers. Conference being declared and in session by the clerk, the moderator appointed the reading committee; Bro. J. T. White and Mrs. Shelby White. The letters from the churches representing were read, accepted and their delegates seated. The following churches reported.

COMMUNITY

Mrs. Linda Stone
Mrs. Evelyn Davis
Mrs. Dorothy Stone
Miss Magaline Pardue

HANKS MEMORIAL

Bro. C. E. Henderson
Bro. W. A. Bailey
Mrs. Jerry Pylant
Miss Linda Barrett
Miss Betty Cox, alternate

HIGH POINT

Bro. Charles Gables
Mrs. Lexie Venable
Mrs. G. H. Latta
Mrs. Leathers
Mrs. Turney
Mrs. Overton

JEFFERSON PARK

Bro. Boyles
Mrs. Boyles
Mrs. M. C. Brown
Mrs. Mary Nell Bearden, alternate

LIBERTY

Bro. Carmel Foster
Mrs. Lexie Foster
Mrs. Eskridge Langford
Bro. R. J. Langford, alternate

MEADOWS CHAPEL

Bro. L. E. Jones
Bro. Horace Franklin
Mrs. Lizzie Miskelly

PLEASANT HILL

Bro. J. T. White
Bro. Billy Joe Banks
Rev. Russell Lawrence
Mrs. Shelby White

The moderator elected for this session of the association was Rev. Elvis Drummonds and the assistant moderator was Rev. Lee Hanks. The clerk and the assistant clerk were retained.

MODERATOR - Rev. Elvis Drummonds

ASSISTANT MODERATOR - Rev. Ira Lee Hanks

CLERK - Mrs. A. H. Barnett

ASSISTANT CLERK - Mrs. Opal Henderson

The moderator appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL

Mrs. Lizzie Miskelly
Mrs. Eskridge Langford
Bro. W. A. Bailey
Bro. Billey Joe Banks

TEMPERANCE

Rev. Russell Lawrence
Bro. Carvel Foster
Mrs. Jerry Pylant

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro. Boyles
Bro. Eason
Bro. Gables
Mrs. Lester Gann

DECEASED

Bro. L. E. Jones
Bro. J. T. White
Miss Magaline Pardue

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Russell Lawrence
Mrs. H. E. Ramey
Mrs. Clyde Hood
Mrs. McNiece

The moderator, having appointed the committees, requested prayer for God's leadership and guidance during this session of the association. The devotional committee selected Rev. Jesse Drummonds to preach at the eleven o'clock hour on Friday and Rev. Wayne Nails to preach on Saturday at eleven o'clock. After a short recess, the body reconvened with Mrs. Barnett conducting a song with Mrs. Banks at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Ray Ritch. Bro. Drummonds took a portion of St. John, chapter 9 and Luke, chapter 18, for his text, his message theme being clean, and living free from sin. At the conclusion of his sermon, a cordial invitation was extended by the host pastor, Rev. Wayne Nails, to every one present for lunch. He also, being the new pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, requested the prayers of all present for God's leadership in his new work. The dismissal prayer was led by Rev. Lee Hanks, who also asked the blessing on the food.

BUSINESS

Bro. McNiece
Rev. T. E. Yarbrough
Rev. Jessee Drummonds
Rev. Gene Dawson
Rev. Lee Hanks
Bro. Virgil Foster
Bro. Clyde Hood

AUDITING

Mrs. Hogan
Mrs. Boyles

CAMP GROUND TRUSTEE

Rev. Lee Hanks
Rev. G. H. Latta
Bro. L. E. Jones

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. O. A. Davis
(one year)
Bro. J. D. Shackelford
(two years)
Rev. G. H. Latta
(three years)
Bro. J. U. Keeton
(four years)
Rev. Lester Gann
(five years)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a delightful lunch, the body reconvened with song service conducted by Bro. Clyde Hood with Mrs. Banks at the piano; prayer was led by Rev. Yarbrough. Rev. Ray Ritch, the clerk for the state association, visited with us on Friday, and we were very happy to have him with us. He gave a brief report on what to expect at the state association this year, and how we should support every phase of the work it carries on. A motion was made and accepted, that Rev. Wayne Nails, who doesn't belong to the Birmingham district association, be seated in an advisory capacity. The various committees were dismissed for their respective duties. During their absence, there was special singing by a quartet composed of members of the congregation, a solo by Rev. Ritch and a duet by Bro. Nails and his wife. A standing vote of appreciation was given the ladies of the host church for their nice lunch and hospitality. The Body was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Russell Lawrence.

FRIDAY NIGHT MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. That this be known as the Minister's Conference of the Birmingham District Association, Inc.
2. That all ministers coming from other associations bring a letter of recommendation from his association, along with his certificate of standing.
3. That all ministers coming from other denominations be investigated before being accepted into our conference. That they also preach for one year under the watch care of the church.
4. That all ministers and deacons coming to be licensed or ordained, fill out a questionnaire before being accepted.

OUTLINE FOR MODERATOR

1. Singing of four or five songs.
2. Prayer.
3. The moderator takes charge.
4. Reading of minutes of last conference.
5. Invitation for new members.
6. Election of officers.
7. Old business.
8. New business.
9. Appointing of minister to bring the message.
10. Hearing the message.
11. Adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS

The Birmingham District Association minister's and deacon's conference was called to order by Bro. Joe Martin. Opportunity was given for new members. Bro. Curtis Sewell and Bro. J. R. Martin came for membership and were accepted by the body. Bro. Jesse Drummonds was elected as moderator; Bro. Clyde Hood was elected as clerk. Motion was made to elect two members to the board of peers, Bro. Curtis Sewell to serve until 1971 to replace Bro. O. A. Davis and Bro. Elvis Drummonds to serve until 1967 to replace Bro. S. R. Henderson. Motion was made to adopt new rules of decorum and dispose of them item by item.

1. This conference shall be known as the Minister's and Deacon's Conference of the Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. It shall be composed of ordained ministers and deacons of said association.
3. When in session, it shall be composed of duly elected moderator and assistant moderator and a clerk.
4. The moderator shall be elected at each session and remain in office until the election and installation of his successor. The clerk shall be elected for one year and shall be elected by the majority present.
5. To be eligible to be a standing delegate to the annual and quarterly conferences, a minister or deacon must belong to the minister's and deacon's conference.
6. Ordained ministers coming from another denomination shall be eligible to belong to this order but must serve for one year under the watch care of this body before being granted ordination papers from this body.
7. Ministers coming from another association must bring letter from his association and must be in good standing.
8. Ministers or deacons making application for membership must be the husband of one living wife, or none.

Motion was made to accept rules of decorum and release the committee. Motion was made to adjourn and give way to the evening message which was delivered by Bro. Elvis Drummonds.

MINISTER'S ROLL

HONOR ROLL

Rev. Ira Lee Hanks - 324 Lullaby Lane, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. J. F. Williams - Birmingham, Alabama

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Rev. J. E. Drummonds - Rt. 11, Box 730, Birmingham, Alabama 35210
Rev. Dalton Ford - P. O. Box 216, Vincent, Alabama
Rev. Elvis Drummonds - Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama
Rev. A. L. Venable - Rt. 2, Box 134, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. O. A. Davis - Rt. 11, Box 173, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. T. E. Yarbrough - Rt. 7, Box 345, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. G. H. Latta - 2825 1st Ave., So., Leeds, Alabama
Rev. Arline Dawson - Rt. 1, Thorsby, Alabama
Rev. Joe Martin - Route 1, Jasper, Alabama
Rev. Gene Dawson - P. O. Box 123, Vincent, Alabama
Rev. Geo. Davis - P. O. Box 64, Gantts Quarry, Alabama
Rev. M. A. Keeton - Rt. 2, Centreville, Alabama
Rev. Lester Gann - Rt. 2, Box 151, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. H. M. Hollis - P. O. Box 693, Leeds, Alabama
Rev. O. C. Thomas - 1006 No. Louisville Ave., Sylacauga, Alabama
Rev. Geo. Cline - Rt. 2, Box 418, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. Curtis Williams - Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama
Rev. William Russell Lawrence -
Rev. Houston Meads -

DEACON'S ROLL

COMMUNITY

Bro. Leroy Pardue
Bro. Junior Gibson

HIGH POINT

None listed

LIBERTY

Bro. J. U. Keeton
Bro. J. D. Shackelford
Bro. Virgil Foster

MEADOWS CHAPEL

Bro. H. E. Ramey
Bro. Gene Graham

HANKS MEMORIAL

Bro. E. M. McDaniel
Bro. A. H. Barnett

PLEASANT HILL

Bro. Clyde Hood
Bro. J. R. Martin
Bro. Rushton McNiece
Bro. E. W. Partain

JEFFERSON PARK

Bro. M. C. Brown
Bro. Ellis Dodson, Jr.

SATURDAY MORNING

Conference convened with song service being conducted by Rev. Jesse Drummonds, Mrs. Banks at the piano. Rev. Wayne Nails led the body in the opening prayer. The moderator, Bro. Elvis Drummonds, requested prayer for God's leadership in the proceedings of the association for the day. The late church letters were read and their delegates seated, after which a short recess was declared. The body reconvened with a song conducted by Bro. Lee M. Brown, preceding the noon message, Rev. Nails being the speaker. He chose as his topic, "Being Led by the Holy Spirit, and Repentance". His scripture lesson was taken from portions of Mark, chapter 8, Mat., chapter 3 and the first Psalm. At the conclusion of his sermon, Bro. A. H. Barnett dismissed the congregation for lunch. Bro. Hanks asked God's blessing on the food.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After the lunch hour, the body reconvened with song service conducted by Mrs. Opal Henderson, Mrs. Banks at the piano. The opening prayer was led by Rev. O. A. Davis. The ladies' auxiliary letter from Pleasant Hill Church was read and accepted. Bro. C. E. LeCroy offered his resignation as the children's home trustee from the Birmingham District Association, which was accepted. Bro. Clyde Hood, one of the deacons of Pleasant Hill church was appointed to replace him as trustee on the camp ground board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All committee reports were accepted by proper move, second and vote of body.

DEVOTIONAL - Rev. Jesse Drummonds - Friday noon, Rev. Wayne Nails - Saturday noon.

TEMPERANCE - We, the temperance committee, believe that we should live a clean life, unspotted from the world, being temperate in all things.

AUDITING - We, the auditing committee, have audited the books and find them correct.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - We, the Sunday School committee, believe that every church should have a Sunday School and only Christian teachers should teach, also that Free Will Baptist literature be used.

DECEASED - We, the deceased committee, wish to extend our sympathy and our prayers to the churches, Community and Hanks Memorial, and especially the families and loved ones of Bro. C. R. Allen and Mrs. Waldrop.

Name	Churches Pastored	Number Baptized	Sermons Delivered	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Assisted	Weddings Performed	Members Received	Sick Calls Made	Offering Received	Expense of Ministerial Work	Miles Traveled
Rev. Dalton Ford			192	2					\$1212.19		3579
Rev. Lester Gann	1	3				3			\$ 443.00		3123
Rev. Elvis Drummonds	1	5	50	3	4				\$ 235.00		
Rev. A. L. Venable			15					40		\$200.00	1100
Rev. G. H. Latta	1	6	45				7	100	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	1000
Rev. O. A. Davis	1		36		1	4	8	50	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	1000
Rev. Jesse Drummonds	1	6	104				10		\$ 450.00		
Rev. Gene Dawson	1		68	3	3			12	\$ 200.00	\$800.00	8000
Rev. Lee Hanks	1		91	5	2				\$1240.00		
Rev. H. M. Hollis			35						\$ 30.00		
Rev. Joe Martin			20	1	1	1					

CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	CHILDREN'S HOME	PAID EVANGELIST	BUILDING AND REPAIRS	DECEASED	MEMBERS REC'D.	MEMBERS DISMISSED	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINISTERS	MEMBERS	MISCELLANEOUS	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
COMMUNITY	Mrs. Betty Gibson P. O. Box 182 Vincent, Alabama	Rev. O. C. Thomas 1006 No. Louisville Ave. Sylacauga, Alabama	\$ 20.00	\$ 56.22		1	12	3	32	3		\$ 54.11	\$ 4,000.00
HANKS MEMORIAL	Mrs. Opal Henderson P. O. Box 344 Alton, Alabama	Rev. C. W. Sewell 112 North 52nd Street Birmingham, Alabama	\$309.56	\$100.00	\$ 807.67	1	1	1	48	2	37	\$206.75	\$20,000.00
HIGH POINT	Mrs. Jean Eason Route 2 Trussville, Ala.	Rev. Jesse Drummonds Route 11, Box 730 Birmingham, Alabama	\$0				10		40	5	48	\$671.32	\$ 2,000.00
JEFFERSON PARK	Mrs. Virginia Gann Route 2, Box 418 Trussville, Alabama	Rev. Lester Gann Route 2, Box 418 Trussville, Alabama	\$ 15.00	\$0 \$ 25.00	\$ 24.00		5	2	24	2	32	\$ 24.00	
LIBERTY	Mrs. Dorothy Foster Centreville, Alabama	Rev. Dalton Ford Vincent, Alabama	\$ 53.00	\$9 \$101.28	\$843.75		2		53	2	99	\$ 9.50	\$ 5,000.00
MEADOWS CHAPEL	Mrs. Jeanette Franklin P. O. Box 33 Blossburg, Alabama	Rev. T. E. Yarbrough Route 7, Box 345 Birmingham, Alabama	\$125.81	\$2 \$ 75.00			1		47	1	40	\$259.15	
PLEASANT HILL	Mrs. Evelyn Banks Sipsey, Alabama	Rev. Wayne Nails Vinemont, Alabama	\$135.98	\$00 \$100.00	\$4930.00		6	1	75	3	113	\$129.94	\$ 9,118.60

BUSINESS —

1. We, the business committee, recommend to accept Bro. LeCroy's resignation as trustee to the children's home and of the camp ground and that another man be elected.
2. We, the business committee, recommend that the business committee serve as placement committee for the quarterly meetings and association, permanently, as has been requested.
3. We, the business committee, recommend that Bro. Partain and Bro. Gene Graham be sent to the ordaining council, and if found worthy, be ordained as deacons.
4. We, the business committee, recommend that Bro. O. C. Thomas and Bro. Houston Meads be sent to the ordaining council, and if found worthy, be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

During the absence of the ordaining council, Bro. C. E. LeCroy gave a verbal report on the progress being made at the children's home, after which there was special singing by Bro. and Mrs. Clyde Hood of Pleasant Hill Church and a ladies trio from Hanks Memorial Church.

The report from the ordaining council was accepted and the ministers and deacons to be ordained and licensed were seated at the front of the church with their wives, to receive the charge, which was given them by Rev. G. H. Latta. Rev. Lester Gann offered prayer after which Rev. Latta took his scripture, a portion of the first chapter of First Timothy. Bro. A. H. Barnett led the prayer as hands of the council were placed upon the head of each candidate. While the congregation sang "Amazing Grace", the right hand of fellowship was extended to each.

Motion was made for adjournment and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Wayne Nails.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. After an introductory sermon is preached, the association shall be called to order by the moderator who presided over the last session. In case of his absence, the assistant moderator shall call the body to order, the former clerk also officiating until organized.
2. This body shall be composed of all ministers, deacons, church clerks and delegates present from each church.
3. The officers of the association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant 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 to preside until reorganized and the election and installation of his successor. It shall be his duty to keep order, enforce the rules of decorum and 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 them when called upon by the body. The clerk shall prepare the minutes for publication.
6. Each church is entitled to three delegates.
7. A majority of the members shall rule in all cases.
8. No member shall absent himself from the house without the consent of the moderator.
9. All business shall be brought before the body by the business committee and shall be disposed of by vote of the body.
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. No business shall be voted on without the whole delegation is present.
14. This decorum may be altered, amended or abridged at any session of the association by a majority vote of members present.
15. The minister who receives the most votes shall be moderator and the next highest, assistant moderator.
16. We recommend that all preachers and churches coming from other associations or denominations, be examined by a committee before being received into the body.
17. We recommend that we correspond and ask correspondence with other associations.

18. We recommend that all ministers and deacons attend or represent by letter before receiving a certificate of standing, and that this be strictly enforced.
19. We recommend that all ministers who reach the age of sixty be given a lifetime certificate of standing.

AMENDMENTS:

1. We recommend that if any ordained member of this body is absent for four successive meetings without provential reasons, or refuses to support this body, it be a violation of the covenant and is sufficient reason for dismissal from body.
2. Any minister not having been licensed by the Birmingham Association or quarterly meeting must carry a license from this association for one year.
3. We recommend that this body, henceforth, refuse a request from any church in this organization to ordain or license any minister or deacon who has two living wives.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK

RECEIVED 1965-1966

Brought forward	\$322.13
Association fees	135.00
Quarterly meeting fees	161.00
Cost of treatise	8.40
Children's home	22.65
Total received	\$649.18

PAID OUT 1965-1966

Clerk for association	\$ 50.00
Assistant clerk for association	15.00
Children's home	50.65
State association fees	45.00
With printers for minutes	135.45
Handall book store for treatise	7.95
Clerk for quarterly meetings	15.00
Assistant clerk for quarterly meetings	15.00
Bank charges53
Total paid out	\$334.58

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$649.18
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$334.58
BALANCE	\$314.60

LOCATION OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

High Point Church - Trussville, Alabama - December 3, 1966

Community Church - Harpersville, Alabama - March, 1967 - 4

Pleasant Hill Church - Sipsey, Alabama - June, 1967 - 3

Winks Memorial Church - Alton, Alabama - September, 1967 - 8-9

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. *2 Tim. 3:16.*
2. GOD—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preservor, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. *II Cor. 8:6; Matt. 18:19.*
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 Saviour 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. 4:14.*
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, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit 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 effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith. *I John 2:2.*
8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION—The conditions of salvation are:
(1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
(2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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; Prov. 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 in Christ men become His elect. *II Tim. 2:4.*
10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self-
10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self-controlled, having the power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish. *Joshua 24:15.*
11. SALVATION FREE—God desires the salvation of all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
12. PERSEVERENCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. *Rev. 22:17; St. John 15:6; 2 Pet. 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 ministered to all true believers. *St. John 15:6; I Pet. 2:20-22; St. John 13:14.*
14. TITHING—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (*Matt. 23:23*) and the apostle Paul said, "*Upon the first day of the week, let every one lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him*". *I Cor. 16:2a.*
15. 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.*
16. 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 will "*go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.*" *John 5:9; Matt. 25:46.*

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted 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 promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "*grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*"

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "*Keep the unity of the Spirit*" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.