

# **BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, INC.**



**TWENTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL SESSION**

**Held With  
HANKS MEMORIAL  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**in Alton, Alabama**

**September 8 & 9, 1967**



MINUTES  
of the  
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT  
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Moderator-----Rev. T.E. Yarbrough  
Assistant Moderator-----Rev. Elvis Drummonds  
Clerk-----Mrs. Betty Gibson  
Assistant Clerk-----Mrs. Helen Yarbrough

The next session of this association will convene with Community Free Will Baptist Church in Harpersville, Alabama on Friday, September 6 & 7, 1968.

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 Hanks Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Alton, Alabama on September 8 & 9, 1967.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The Moderator of the 1966 association, Bro. Elvis Drummonds took charge and asked that we, the body be led by the spirit of God. Bro. Jesse Drummonds led a song "Amazing Grace" with Sis. Lurleen Horn at the piano. An alter prayer was led by Bro. J.U. Keeton. The body was declared in conference by the proceeding Clerk, Mrs. A.H. Barnett. The Proceeding Moderator, Bro. Elvis Drummonds appointed the reading Committee which was Mrs. J.U. Keeton and Mrs. Betty Gibson. The letters from the churches represented were read, accepted and the delegates seated. The following Churches reported with delegates listed:

### COMMUNITY

Mrs. Louise Ford  
Mrs. Pearlle Thomas  
Miss Magalene Pardue

### HANKS MEMORIAL

Mr. W.A. Bailey  
Mr. Cecil Henderson  
Mrs. Beatrice Sewell  
Miss Betty Cox  
Mr. J.A. Cox

### HIGH POINT

Mrs. Betty Hollman  
Mrs. Jean Eason  
Mr. Larry Leathers

### PLEASANT HILL

Mrs. Mildred Martin  
Mrs. Joan Hood  
Mrs. Shelby White  
Bro. Billy Joe Banks

### BONITA PARK

Mrs. Lottie Wells  
Mrs. Neovie Smith  
Mrs. Dean Ingram

### JEFFERSON PARK

Mrs. Vera Brown  
Bro. Ralph Boyles  
Mrs. Ruby Boyles

### LIBERTY

Mrs. J.U. Keeton  
Mrs. Idell Smith  
Mrs. Mary Chapman

### MEADOWS CHAPEL

Mrs. Lizzie Miskelley  
Mrs. Ora Ramey  
Mrs. Madira Graham  
Bro. Lawrence Jones  
Bro. Phillip Jones

### CEDAR GROVE

Mrs. Myrtie Caine  
Mrs. Ruth Vick  
Mrs. Ida Davis  
Mrs. Linda Hodgins

The Moderator elected for this session was Rev. T.E. Yarbrough and the Assistant Moderator was Rev. Elvis Drummonds. The Clerk elected for the coming year was Mrs. Betty Gibson and the Assistant Clerk was Mrs. Helen Yarbrough.

MODERATOR - Rev. T.E. Yarbrough

ASSISTANT MODERATOR - Rev. Elvis Drummonds

CLERK - Mrs. Betty Gibson

ASSISTANT CLERK - Mrs. Helen Yarbrough

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

### DEVOTIONAL

Mrs. M.C. Brown  
Miss Magalene Pardue  
Mrs. Shelby White

### DECEASED

Mrs. Kathleen Davis  
Mrs. Idell Smith  
Mrs. Myrtis Caine

### ORDAINING

Bro. Pardue (Temp)  
Bro. Gene Dawson  
Bro. McDaniel (Temp)  
Bro. J.U. Keeton  
Bro. Drummonds (Temp)  
Bro. Latta

### TEMPERANCE

Mrs. Ora Ramey  
Mrs. Martin  
Mrs. Lurleen Horn  
Mrs. Linda Hodgins  
Mrs. Lottie Wells  
Miss Betty Cox

### BUSINESS

Bro. Ramey  
Bro. Sewill  
Bro. Hanks  
Bro. Brown  
Bro. James Thomas

### DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Joan Hood  
Mrs. A.H. Barnett  
Mrs. Ora Ramey  
Mrs. Brown  
Mrs. Louise Ford  
Mrs. Whitten  
Mrs. Mae Bell Dawson  
Mrs. Kathleen Davis  
Mrs. Pearlle Thomas

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro. Cox  
Bro. Banks  
Sis. Chapman

### AUDITING

Bro. W.A. Bailey  
Bro. Dalton Ford

Having appointed all committees, the Moderator, asked that each one be much in prayer for God's will be done during this session of the association. The Devotional Committee selected Bro. Russell Lawrence to deliver the 11 o'clock message on Friday and Bro. O. C. Thomas was selected for Saturday. Following a short recess, Mrs. A.H. Barnett led song service and Mrs. Thelma Bright sang a special "I Know Somebody's Listening." Bro. Lawrence delivered a wonderful message reading from the 5th Chap. of St. John, 19th verse. He stressed the thought of how excuses are made and how slack each of us are in the Lord's work. Bro. E.M. McDaniel in absence of the pastor of the church, extended an invitation to each one for lunch. The moderator dismissed in prayer.



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch, service convened with Bro. Jesse Drummonds leading a song. Mrs. Horn at the piano. Bro. McNeice led the body in prayer. Mrs. Shelby White sang a special. The assistant moderator led a testimony service. There was several wonderful testimonies. Bro. Elvis Drummonds suggested a special prayer for Bro. Cecil Henderson who was very ill. Bro. Jesse Drummonds gave partial report of the Ordaining Council. The delegates for ordination being Bro. Houston Meades and Bro. Russell Lawrence. Bro. Drummonds gave charge to the delegates and their wives, reading from the 1st chapter of 1st Timothy. Each member of the ordaining Council laid on hands and had prayer. Mrs. Barnett led a song while the congregation gave hand of fellowship. The body was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Pardue.

## 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 message.
10. Hearing the message.
11. Adjourn

## PROCEEDINGS

Minister's and Deacon's Conference. Hanks Memorial F.W.B. Church September 8-9, 1967.

Body declared in conference, not to transact any business as there were not enough present, but to accept any new members who wished to join. Brother Marlin Hodges joined the conference. Right hand of fellowship was extended to him while the congregation sang "Love Lifted Me". Motion was made for adjournment.

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.



## MINISTERS ROLL

Rev. Ira Lee Hanks - 324 Lullabye Lane, Birmingham, Alabama  
 Rev. Odra Davis - Rt. 11, Box 1097, Birmingham, Alabama  
 Rev. G.H. Latta - 1820 Montevallo Road, Leeds, Alabama  
 Rev. Dalton Ford - P.O. Box 216, Vincent, Alabama  
 Rev. D.C. Thomas - 1006 Louisville Avenue, Sylacauga, Alabama  
 Rev. Gene Dawson - P.O. Box 123, Vincent, Alabama  
 Rev. George Davis - Westover, Alabama  
 Rev. T.E. Yarbrough - 1719 Dement Avenue, Fultondale, Birmingham, Alabama  
 Rev. Jesse Drummonds - Rt. 11, Box 730, Birmingham, Alabama  
 Rev. H.M. Hollis - P.O. Box 693, Leeds, Alabama  
 Rev. Joe Martin - Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama  
 Rev. Elvis Drummonds - Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama  
 Rev. James Thomas - Pell City, Alabama  
 Rev. A.L. Venable - Rt. 2, Box 134, Trussville, Alabama  
 Rev. Houston Meads

## DEACONS ROLL

### COMMUNITY

Bro. Junior Gibson  
 Bro. Leroy Pardue

### HIGH POINT

None listed

### LIBERTY

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

### MEADOWS CHAPEL

None listed

### HANKS MEMORIAL

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

### PLEASANT HILL

Bro. Clyde Hood  
 Bro. J.R. Martin  
 Bro. Elvis Partain  
 Bro. Rushton McNiece

### JEFFERSON PARK

Bro. M.C. Brown  
 Bro. Lester Gann

### BONITA PARK

None listed

### CEDAR GROVE

Bro. A.J. Davis

## SATURDAY MORNING

Conference Convened with Bro. Gene Dawson leading song service, with Bro. Marlin Hodgins at the piano. Bro. A.H. Barnett led in prayer. Bro. Yarbrough gave a wonderful thought on how we should be up and about our Father's business. Bro. James Thomas led in an alter prayer. The late church letters were read and accepted by the body. The committees were all placed and dismissed. After a short recess, meeting convened with Bro. Hood leading a song, and Bro. Marlin Hodgins at the piano. A special song was enjoyed by everyone by Bro. and Sis. Dawson and Bro. A.J. Davis. Bro. O.C. Thomas was appointed by the devotional committee to bring the 11 o'clock message. Reading from the 6th chapter of 2nd Corinthians. Everyone enjoyed the inspiring message. Pastor of the church, Bro. Sewell invited each one for lunch and Bro. Hood dismissed in prayer.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Service convened with Sis. Barnett leading song service. Bro. Jesse Drummonds led the congregation in prayer. Bro. Hood gave a report on the Children's Home. Bro. Hanks gave a report on the Camp Ground.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

DEVOTIONAL- Rev. Russell Lawrence-Friday Noon, Rev. O.C. Thomas-Saturday Noon.  
 TEMPERANCE- We, the temperance committee, believe in clean living, staying unspotted from the world, temperance in all things.  
 AUDITING- We, the auditing committee, have found the clerk's book in order, and request the books be transferred to Sister Gibson.  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL- We, the Sunday School committee, urge more young people to attend Sunday School and bring their Bibles with them and study the Holy Word.  
 DECEASED- We, the deceased committee, wish to extend our sympathy and our prayers to the churches, Meadows Chapel and Liberty, and especially the families and loved ones of Bro. Huff Cash, Sis. Susie Hall and Sis. Maebelle Doss.



NAME	CHURCHES PASTORED	NUMBER BAPTIZED	SERMONS DELIVERED	FUNERALS CONDUCTED	REVIVALS ASSISTED	WEDDINGS PERFORMED	SICK CALLS MADE	OFFERINGS RECEIVED	EXPENSE OF MINISTERIAL WORK	MILES TRAVELED
Rev. O.A. Davis			30			2	40	\$45.00	\$75.00	
Rev. G.H. Latta			50	1	1	3	75	\$150.00	\$100.00	2,000
Rev. O.C. Thomas	1		52	1	1		20			1,000
Rev. Gene Dawson	1	1	52	1	2	2	3	\$572.30	\$300.00	3,000
Rev. A.L. Venable			29				19		\$1,800.00	3,000
Rev. Dalton Ford		2								2,496
Rev. T.E. Yarbrough	1	3	105	2	1				\$1,365.75	
Rev. George Davis			25		1	2	20		\$460.00	
Rev. Jesse Drummonds	1		107		1					
Rev. H.M. Hollis			25		1	1				
Rev. I.L. Hanks	1		62	7					\$648.00	
Rev. Joe Martin	2	4	90	4	3					
Rev. Elvis Drummonds	1	3	90	7	5	3			\$350.00	6,000
Rev. James Thomas			50		1		30		\$25.00	150
Rev. Houston Meads			50							



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, Ala.	Rev. O.C. Thomas 1006 Louisville Ave. Sylacauga, Ala.	\$12.00	\$103.00	\$181.45		3		40	4	81	\$145.75	\$2,500.00
CEDAR GROVE	Mrs. Kathleen Davis Route 2 Wilsonville, Ala.	Rev. Marlin Hodgens Route 1 Chelsea, Ala.		\$84.00	\$201.50		2		21	1	57	\$60.94	\$3,500.00
HANKS MEMORIAL	Mrs. Opal Henderson P.O. Box 344 Alton, Ala.	Rev. Curtiss Sewell 112 No. 52nd St. Birmingham, Ala.	\$373.65	\$200.00	\$1,353.53		5	6	43	4	37	\$178.87	\$20,000.00
BONITA PARK	Mrs. Deltha Jackson Route 2, Box 687 Trussville, Ala.	Rev. G.H. Latta 1820 Montevalla Rd. Leeds, Ala.	00	\$15.00	\$322.45		9			2	33	\$61.23	\$4,000.00
PLEASANT HILL	Mrs. Aillene Partain Route 1 Jasper, Ala.	Rev. Elvis Drummonds Route 1 Jasper, Ala.	\$165.00	\$170.00	\$230.51		6	2	60	3	117	\$472.41	\$9,118.60
HIGH POINT	Mrs. Othell Turney P.O. Box 184 Leeds, Ala.	Rev. C.A. Davis Rt. 11, Box 1090 Birmingham, Ala.	\$20.00	\$132.90					35	5	48	\$475.00	\$2,000.00
JEFFERSON PARK	Mrs. Lurleen Horn Rt. 11, Box 714 Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. C.C. Fuller 3917 4th Ave. So. Birmingham, Ala.	\$20.00				2		24	1	34	\$83.00	\$3,500.00
MEADOWS CHAPEL	Mrs. Janette Franklin Box 33 Blossburg, Ala.	Rev. Jesse Drummonds Rt. 11, Box 730 Birmingham, Ala.	\$312.25			1	3	3	49	1	35	\$873.62	
LIBERTY	Mrs. Dorothy Foster Route 2 Centreville, Ala.	Rev. Gene Dawson P.O. Box 123 Vincent, Ala.	\$70.00	\$74.00	\$261.29	2	4	4	35	1	91	\$19.25	\$6,000.00



## BUSINESS-

1. We, the business committee, recommend that we be allowed to act as replacement committee for the quarterly meetings and Associations permanently.
2. We, the business committee, recommend that all preachers coming to be licensed or ordained, preach before the body first.
3. We, the business committee, recommend that Brother Houston Meads be turned over to the Ordaining Council and examined, and if found worthy to be ordained to preach the gospel.
4. We, the business committee, recommend that Brother Russell Lawrence be turned over to the Ordaining Council and examined, and if found worthy to preach the gospel.
5. We, the business committee, recommend that Sister Barnett and Sister Henderson remain as co-chairmen of the Camp Ground Fund.
6. We, the business committee, recommend that Brother O.C. Thomas be turned over to the Ordaining Council and examined, and if found worthy to preach the gospel.
7. We, the business committee, recommend that one man from each church be appointed by the pastor to visit the Camp Ground and see what can be done.

During the absence of the ordaining and Business Committees, an offering was taken for the Children's Home. A standing ovation was given for the ladies of the church for the wonderful dinners served during the association. The remaining report from the ordaining council was given and accepted. Bro. Latta giving the charge to Bro. O.C. Thomas and his wife. The council placed hands upon the head of the candidate while each one prayed. As a song was sung each one in the congregation gave a right hand of fellowship. Motion to adjourn was made by Bro. Keeton. Bro. Hanks dismissed in prayer.

## 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 the 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 1966-1967

Brought forward.....	\$314.60
Association fees.....	105.00
Quarterly meeting fees.....	244.56
Sale of treatise.....	3.85
Total received.....	\$668.01

##### PAID OUT 1966-1967

Clerk for association.....	\$ 50.00
Assistant clerk for association.....	15.00
Children's home.....	90.76
State association fees.....	45.00
Davis printers for minutes.....	192.00
Supplies.....	5.57
Clerk for quarterly meetings.....	15.00
Assistant clerk for quarterly meetings.....	15.00
Total paid out.....	\$418.33
TOTAL RECEIVED.....	\$668.01
TOTAL PAID OUT.....	418.33
BALANCE.....	\$249.68

#### LOCATION OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- Pleasant Hill Church - Sipsy, Alabama - December 2, 1967
- Meadows Chapel Church - Blossburg, Alabama - March 2, 1968
- Liberty Church - Lawley, Alabama - June 1, 1968
- Community Church - Harpersville, Alabama - September, 6&7, 1968



## 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 provide 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 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; 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 men become His elect. II Tim. 2:4.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL-The human will is free and selfcontrolled, 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 or universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers. St. John 15:6; 1 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" 1 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.