



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**30th Annual Session**  
of the  
**CENTER ASSOCIATION**  
of  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
of  
**CALIFORNIA**

**MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4141 North Millbrook  
Fresno, California

May 20-21, 1977

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The next session will convene with the  
**HARMONY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
5372 East Belmont  
Fresno, California  
Phone (209) 251-5630  
May 19–20, 1978

## OFFICERS

Moderator – Lonnie L. Rolen	
2913 E. Northdale, Fresno 93726 . . .	229-2203
Assistant Moderator – Winston Lawless	
9170 E. Sierra, Clovis 93612 . . . . .	298-7191
Clerk-Treasurer – Winnie McLain	
1229 N. Garden, Apt. A, Fresno 93727 .	251-7700
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer – Phyllis Fite	
5734 E. Ashlan, Fresno 93727 . . . . .	291-5753

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Nuel Brown	5 years
15401 West “E” Street, Kerman 93630 .	846-8228
Dale Vanderburg	4 years
1000 West Davis, Hanford 93230 . . .	584-6758
Vern Gunnels, Jr.	3 years
2630 “B” Street, Selma 93662 . . . . .	896-3144
Richard Horner	2 years
3423 East Dakota, Fresno 93726 . . .	229-5565
Wade T. Jernigan	1 year
4863 E. Floradora, Fresno 93727 . . .	251-9639

# PROCEEDINGS

## Friday Evening Service

Theme: "Marks of a Living Church" 1 Peter 2:5

The Thirtieth Annual Session of the Center Association convened with the Memorial Church, 4141 North Millbrook, Fresno, California, May 20-21, 1977. After prayer by Ernie Miller, Archie Reynolds directed congregational singing followed with prayer by the Rev. Lyle Huntley. The session was called to order by the assistant moderator, the Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen. The Kerman quartet sang "I Am Bound for the Land of Canaan" and "On and On We Walk Together". Stuart Oller brought the message on the theme.

Benediction by the Rev. Kenneth Eilts.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. Bill Johnson. Herbert Parker directed the singing followed with prayer by the Rev. Nuel Brown. The Rev. Kenneth Eilts brought the devotion using John 3:6, Matthew 3:13-14 and Matthew 11:28-30.

The host pastor, the Rev. Lonnie Rolen, welcomed the association by having the people from each church to stand.

Letters were read from the following churches: American, Calwa, Clovis, Hanford, Harmony, Kerman, Memorial, Orange Cove, Parlier, Sanger and Selma. Delegates were seated with prayer by the Moderator. Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

The following committees were appointed:

### Resolution

Delmer Sharp  
Verla Fletcher  
Mary Morris

### Registration

Lee Matthews  
David Molter  
Kevin Johnson

### Finance

Gary Wright  
Geneva Hatcher  
Alfred Madrigal

### Obituary

Linda Wells  
Elva Scroggins  
Gary Stalter  
William Burgess  
Lois Colvin

The annual treasurer's report was read and accepted.

E. T. Hyatt gave a report of California Christian College.

Lonnie L. Rolen gave a report of the Youth Camp to be held at Hartland, June 20-24.

Gary Wright gave a report of plans of Harmony Church for a Day Care Center and a Day Camp starting June 20.

The Rev. Nuel Brown was elected 5 year member of the executive board and the Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen was elected to serve on the State General Board.

Delegates elected to the State Association were William Burgess, Richard Smith, Gary Wright, Dottie Wright, Don Burns, Kevin Johnson and E. T. Hyatt. The moderator was given power to appoint the remainder of the delegates at the association.

Placement of the meetings and speakers was as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting . . . . .	Speaker—Lyle Huntley
Hanford, August 20, 1977	Alternate—William Burgess
Second Quarterly Meeting . . . . .	Speaker—Dale Vanderburg
Orange Cove, November 19, 1977	Alternate—David Molter
Third Quarterly Meeting . . . . .	Speaker—Nuel Brown
Clovis, February 18, 1978	Alternate—Winston Lawless
Annual Session . . . . .	Speaker (Fri. Night)—Winston Lawless
Harmony, May 19-20, 1978	Alternate—Vernon Gunnels, Jr.
	Speaker (Sat. Morning)—Daniel Parker
	Alternate—Gordon Bradshaw

Adjourned for Committee meetings.

Benediction by William Burgess.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with singing directed by Donna Van Horn followed with prayer by the Rev. Winston Lawless. Special music was rendered by Debe Taylor and Verla Fletcher. The Rev. Bill Johnson brought the message on the "Marks of a Living Church" using 1 Peter 2:5, 1 Corinthians 13:13 and Ephesians 2:8. Prayer by the Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen.

Motion carried to enter into conference.

Reports of the Resolution, Finance and Registration were read and accepted. (See reports)

Obituary Committee report was read and accepted followed with prayer by the Rev. Dale Vanderburg.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator . . . . .	Lonnie L. Rolen
Assistant Moderator . . . . .	Winston Lawless
Clerk-Treasurer . . . . .	Winnie McLain
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer . . . . .	Phyllis Fite

An offering of one hundred one dollars and sixteen cents (\$101.16) was received.

Motion carried to give the retiring moderator and the other officers a vote of thanks.

The association was adjourned.  
Benediction by the Rev. Richard Horner.

Moderator—Bill Johnson  
Clerk—Winnie McLain

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Resolution

1. Be it resolved that the pastors encourage their churches to support every phase of the Free Will Baptist work including the Cooperative program and California Christian College.
2. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks and appreciation be given the host church for their gracious hospitality.

### Finance

We recommend:

1. That the host church of quarterly meetings be paid \$100.00 and the host church of annual session be paid \$150.00 for feeding.
2. That the Moderator be paid \$40.00, Assistant Moderator \$25.00, Clerk-Treasurer \$50.00 and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer \$20.00.
3. That California Christian College be given \$75.00 per quarter.
4. That an offering be received at the morning worship hour at each session.
5. That the churches send the following to each session:

Members through 40	. . . .	\$30.00
Members 41 through 75	. . . .	\$35.00
Members over 75	. . . .	\$40.00
6. That one minute for every six members be printed.
7. That the C.T.S. pay \$15.00 and the Woman's Auxiliary pay \$25.00 for the printing of their annual minutes.

### Registration

We report that there were 13 ministers and 80 others that registered, a total of 93.

### Obituary

We report that God has called the following from our midst: Eva Gregg, Mrs. George Gowens and Wanda Kelton from the Kerman Church; M. V. Little from Memorial Church; Mark Morris and Vera McGowan from Orange Cove Church; Gracie Wood from Parlier Church; Verna McCullar and Don Edigar from Selma Church.

**CENTER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
May 1, 1976 – May 1, 1977**

CASH ON DEPOSIT – May 1, 1976 . . . . . \$ 621.37

**INCOME:**

Church Dues . . . . . \$1065.00

Offerings . . . . . \$ 491.12

Total Income . . . . . \$1556.12 \$1556.12

TOTAL INCOME AND CASH ON DEPOSIT . . . . . \$2177.49

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Jack Williams, Moderator . . . . . \$ 40.00

Vern Gunnels, Jr., Assistant Moderator 25.00

Winnie McLain, Clerk-Treasurer . . 50.00

Gayla Vanderburg, Assistant Clerk . 20.00

State Association Dues . . . . . 163.00

Feeding Fund . . . . . 325.00

California Christian College . . . 768.05

Clovis Printing Company—150 Minutes 242.71

Clerk's Supplies . . . . . 21.25

National Association—Letter Forms. 2.48

Fresno Bible House—Bulletins . . 15.12

U. S. Postal Service—Stamps . . . 8.97

Total Disbursements . . . . . 1681.58 1681.58

CASH ON DEPOSIT – May 1, 1977 . . . . . \$ 495.91

Winnie McLain, Treasurer

*(Expenses to be paid before next meeting approximately \$824.00)*



## MINISTER'S ROLL

Barlow, Robert	5372 E. Belmont, Fresno 93727	
Bradshaw, Gordon	3185 S. Highland, Selma 93662	896-3394
Brown, Nuel	15401 W. "E" St., Kerman 93630	846-8228
Colvin, Duane	17790 E. Lone Oak Rd., Sanger 93657	787-2728
Eilts, Kenneth	2018 S. Maple, Fresno 93702	485-5187
Fox, Dave	1054 Jefferson, Clovis 93612	298-7738
Freeman, Joy	15191 West "B" St., Kerman 93630	846-8378
Gunnels, Vern, Jr.	2630 "B" St., Selma 93662	896-3144
Hale, Johnie	2202 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno 93704	226-0239
Horner, Richard	3423 E. Dakota, Fresno 93726	229-5565
Huntley, Lyle	669 Fourth St., Orange Cove 93646	626-4250
Jernigan, Wade T.	4863 E. Floradora, Fresno 93727	251-9639
Johnson, Bill	546 West Swift, Clovis 93612	292-4587
Lawless, Winston	9170 E. Sierra, Clovis 93612	298-7191
Mooneyham, Joe	2841 — 151 Fowler Rd., Ceres 95307	
Parker, Daniel	4864 E. Normal, Fresno 93703	252-2544
Ramsey, Lee	349 S. Shasta, Kerman 93630	846-7679
Rolen, Lonnie L.	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno 93726	229-2203
Rolen, Tim	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno 93726	229-2203
Scroggins, O. D.	765 — 2nd St., Parlier 93648	646-2837
Taylor, Bob	3395 East Garland, Fresno 93726	229-3464
Thomas, Bob	6920 Navajo, Unit A, Denver, CO. 80221	
Vanderburg, Dale	1000 West Davis, Hanford 93230	584-6758
Williams, Jack L.	P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN. 37202	
Winters, Sam	1485 East Fremont, Fresno 93710	431-2679
Wood, L. K.	1625 South "O" St., Tulare 93274	



**STATISTICAL REPORT**

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Churches	American	Calwa	Clovis	Hanford	Harmony	Kerman	Memorial	Orange Cove	Parlier	Sanger	Selma	TOTAL
Membership	17	25	86	38	40	93	187	51	24	32	90	683
Members—Resident	17	23	73	32	40	74	167	49	18	18	85	596
Members—Non Resident		2	13	6		19	20	2	6	14	5	87
Members Added		17	17	7	12	10	15	17			9	104
Members Lost		8	3	4	4	12	13	2	1		12	59
Members Deceased												
Ordained Ministers												
Licensed Ministers												
Deacons												
Sunday School Enrollment	79	20	110	80	120	94	150		28	35	150	866
Average Attendance	53	28	78	65	130	70	106		18	29	125	702
C.T.S. Enrollment		25	40	45			88				8	206
Average Attendance		25	36	35			56				8	160
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment			8	18	12	20	30			4		92
Master's Men Enrollment			8	13		16	20			4		61
Prayer Meetings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Parsonages		1				1		1			1	4

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Churches	American	Calwa	Clovis	Hanford	Harmony	Kerman	Memorial	Orange Cove	Parlier	Sanger	Selma	TOTAL
Total Income	\$10,958	\$ 7,371	\$28,134	\$24,825	\$32,000	\$22,876	\$51,651	\$ 8,380	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,290	\$57,703	\$ 248,594
Expenditures for Local Causes												
Pastor's Salaries	\$ 3,850	\$ 565	\$ 9,100	\$ 6,425	\$ 6,600	\$ 5,020	\$12,634	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,585	\$ 1,200	\$ 5,422	\$ 55,001
Building & Repair	\$	\$ 603	\$ 5,110	\$ 3,276	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,812	\$10,385	\$ 3,001	\$ 49	\$	\$12,850	\$ 38,086
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,623	\$ 4,500	\$13,542	\$ 9,220	\$23,400	\$17,848	\$15,474	\$ 1,321	\$ 681	\$ 1,092	\$ 8,100	\$ 99,801
Total Local Expenditures	\$ 8,473	\$ 5,668	\$27,752	\$18,921	\$31,000	\$24,680	\$38,493	\$ 6,921	\$ 2,315	\$ 2,292	\$26,372	\$ 192,887
Expenditures for World Missions												
Cooperative Plan	\$	\$	\$ 2,109	\$ 1,823	\$	\$	\$ 3,787	\$ 160	\$	\$	\$	\$ 7,879
Foreign Missions	\$	\$ 208	\$	\$ 106	\$ 1,000	\$ 456	\$ 3,302	\$ 563	\$	\$	\$ 900	\$ 6,535
Home Missions and Church Extension	\$ 406	\$ 199	\$ 483	\$ 1,530	\$ 400	\$ 457	\$ 1,226	\$	\$	\$ 180	\$ 3,800	\$ 8,681
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 72	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 72
Other National Ministries	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12	\$ 89	\$	\$	\$	\$ 206	\$ 307
District or State Ministries	\$ 378	\$ 353	\$ 531	\$ 751	\$ 750	\$ 457	\$ 5,738	\$ 550	\$ 90	\$ 300	\$ 1,576	\$ 11,474
Other Causes	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 585	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 585
Total Outside Expenditures	\$ 784	\$ 760	\$ 3,123	\$ 4,210	\$ 2,150	\$ 1,382	\$14,799	\$ 1,273	\$ 90	\$ 480	\$ 6,482	\$ 35,533
Value of Church Property	\$ 800	\$75,000	\$160,000	\$65,000	\$140,000	\$110,000	\$200,000	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$75,000	\$1,279,300

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

## MINUTES

The Annual Session of the Center Association Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Hanford Free Will Baptist Church March 3, 1977, using "Growing .... Up or Out?" as the theme. Mrs. June Rolen presided as President.

Greetings to the Convention were given by Mrs. Donna Arellano. The congregation sang "More About Jesus" under the direction of Miss Donna Van Horn, accompanied by Mrs. Debe Taylor. Miss Sandi Jones led the Convention in Responsive Reading from Ephesians 3. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Geneva Hatcher. Miss Connie Bomar sang "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." A skit "Reflections in My Mirror" was given by Debe Taylor, Cheryl Rogers, Verla Fletcher and Donna Van Horn.

Motion carried that a Petitionary Letter from the Harmony Woman's Auxiliary be accepted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Resolution</u>
Shirley Vanderburg	Marge Winters	Bentrina Johnson
Juanita Parker	Gete Dunn	Donna Arellano
Sue Hoppie	Minnie Lacefield	Donna Wright
Winnie McLain	Joyce Parreira	Cheryl Rogers
Barbara Blankenship	Phyllis Fite	Yvonne Brown
	Jackie Fisher	

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee: Nettie Lou Jernigan, Debbie Fox, Alyce Royster, Gail Ives and Odessa Nickell.

Mrs. Bentrina Johnson was elected to serve as delegate to the State Convention.

Committee reports were read and accepted. (SEE REPORTS)

Prayer of Dedication for the new officers was offered by Mrs. Gladys Bradshaw.

Mrs. Janis Williams sang "The Highest Hill."

Rev. Jack Williams, Academic Dean, California Christian College, brought the message using "Growing" as his topic.

Benediction and blessing on the luncheon was offered by Mrs. Joyce Horner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution Committee

- 1. We recommend that all local auxiliaries support WNAC with Co-Laborer offerings.
- 2. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to those who participated and planned the program for today and to the Hanford Auxiliary for their hospitality.

Finance Committee

- 1. We recommend that each Auxiliary represent with \$2.00 per member to be paid \$1.00 per member at each convention.
- 2. We recommend that a gift of \$15.00 be given to Rev. Jack Williams.

Registration Committee

There were 46 members present, with 7 visitors--total present 53.

Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following women to serve as District Officers for the next two years:

- President . . . . . Cheryl Rogers  
1745 Fordham Ave., Clovis - 299-2826
- Vice-President . . . . . Debe Taylor  
1229 N. Garden Ave., Apt. B, Fresno-251-3060
- Secretary . . . . . Dottie Wright  
4847 E. Heaton Ave., Fresno - 251-3558
- Treasurer . . . . . Minnie Lacefield  
6636 E. Tollhouse Rd., Clovis - 299-7315
- Field Worker . . . . . Jackie Fisher  
15420 W. "C" Street, Kerman
- Missions Study Chairman . . . . . Barbara Blankenship  
756 So. 2nd Street, Kerman - 846-9295
- Mission Prayer Chairman . . . . . Joyce Parreira  
1225 N. Redington Street, Hanford
- Mission Action Chairman . . . . . Shirley Vanderburg  
1000 W. Davis Street, Hanford - 584-6758

Placement of the Conventions for the coming year is as follows:

FIRST CONVENTION:

Place: Kerman Free Will Baptist Church, 2nd & "C" Streets  
Date: October 1, 1977

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place: Clovis Free Will Baptist Church, 6642 N. Peach Ave.  
Date: March 4, 1978

Monthly Meetings of Local Auxiliaries:

Clovis	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Harmony	First Monday	7:00 p.m.
Hanford	First Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Kerman	Second Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Memorial	Second Monday	7:30 p.m.

## CENTER DISTRICT C.T.S. RALLY

The Center District C.T.S. Rally convened with the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, March 19, 1977. Greg Story called the meeting to order and then prayer by the Rev. Jack Williams. The congregation entered into the song service led by the Rev. Jack Williams accompanied on the piano by Debe Taylor.

The letters and treasurer's report were read and accepted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. A letter of resignation as corresponding secretary from Debbie Allen was read. A letter of resignation from Pam Johnson as treasurer was read. These resignations were accepted. Cindy Moore was elected corresponding secretary and Donett Olsen was elected treasurer. Motion carried to have Phil Taylor, Kevin Johnson, Patrita Arellano and Gary Cole (chairman) write a Constitution and present it at the next meeting.

Competitive activities were conducted by Shirley Vanderburg. The winners were Bible Memorization—Deah Scott; Sword Drill—David Fite; Tic-Tac-Toe—Memorial; Bible Bowl—Hanford; Music and Arts—Becky Vanderburg.

Reports from C.C.C. were given by Brenda York, Tim Rolen and the Rev. Richard Horner. Donnie Lacefield then asked some challenging questions on "How much do you know about C.C.C.?" Special music was rendered by the "Gentle Expression." Devotion was given by Dr. Wade Jernigan. Benediction by Greg Story followed with a time of fellowship with refreshments served by host church.

The next rally will meet at Hanford, September 17, 1977 and the Spring rally at Selma, March 18, 1978.

Respectfully,

Donett Olsen, Secretary  
Greg Story, President



# CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE:

From long experience, we, members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination among us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

## ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the Center Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of California.

## ARTICLE II

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of our churches and to devise and execute measures for expanding our work in the cause of Christ into broader fields.

## ARTICLE III

The Center Association shall consist of three delegates duly appointed or elected by the church they represent. Standing delegates shall be Church Clerks and all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers, their wives, and ordained Free Will Baptist deacons, their wives and all unmarried widows of deceased ordained members. Standing delegates must be members of good standing in a local church of Center Association.

## ARTICLE IV

Each church shall represent with a letter all of its statistical information called for by this Association and listing all of the delegates representing them by name. Letters are requested to be sent if delegation cannot be present and representation fee cannot be met.

## ARTICLE V

The Center Association shall have the right to settle any and all questions of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches composing this organization, or act upon an appeal that may be made by any member of a member church who feels he has been unjustly charged. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the person or body making such appeal.

## ARTICLE VI

The Center Association shall hold one meeting annually and three meetings quarterly. Dates and places to be selected at annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VII

**OFFICERS** – The officers of the Center Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the conclusion of each setting of the annual association.

## ARTICLE VIII

**THE EXECUTIVE BOARD** shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the Center Association and their terms of tenure shall be as follows:

- (1) One for one year
- (1) One for two years
- (1) One for three years
- (1) One for four eyars
- (1) One for five years

Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order required.

#### ARTICLE IX

Should necessity arise which calls for and requires immediate action, the Executive Board of this Association shall convene upon call of its chairman and shall take whatever action it deems necessary in the best interest of the cause of Christ. The action, however, shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding Articles.

#### ARTICLE X

The Executive Board will not recommend to license or ordain any minister who does not believe or practice all of our doctrine.

#### ARTICLE XI

COMMITTEES – Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until their work is completed or their successors are appointed.

#### ARTICLE XII

There shall be a representative of Sunday School, C.T.S. Convention, Woman's Auxiliary Convention and Masters Men to report quarterly to the Association of the progress of the work.

#### ARTICLE XIII

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Center Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. All proposed alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the body one day or more in advance.



## **RULES OF ORDER**

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present shall call the Association to conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such time as a quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to sit as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.

6. If any propositions or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a two-thirds majority membership voting.

11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been discussed at its own church.

12. At each Association arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent — devotional services — each day.

## 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 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 scripture, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "Grow in 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 to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 School 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.