



MINUTES
of the
31st Annual Session
of the
CENTER ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
CALIFORNIA

HARMONY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
5372 East Belmont
Fresno, California

May 19-20, 1978

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The next session will convene with the

CLOVIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
6642 N. Peach Avenue
Clovis, California
MAY 18-19, 1979

OFFICERS

Moderator — Lonnie L. Rolen	229-2203
2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA. 93726	
Assistant Moderator — Nuel Brown	846-8228
15401 West “E” St., Kerman, CA. 93630	
Clerk-Treasurer — Winnie McLain	251-7700
1229 N. Garden, Apt. A., Fresno, CA. 93727	
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer — Phyllis Fite	299-7833
1745 Fordham, Clovis, CA. 93612	

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jack Littlejohn, 5 years	298-5263
6792 N. Peach, Clovis, CA. 93612	
Nuel Brown, 4 years	846-8228
15401 West “E” St., Kerman, CA. 93630	
Dale Vanderburg, 3 years	584-6758
1000 West Davis, Hanford, CA. 93230	
Lyle Huntley, 2 years	626-4250
669 – 4th St., Orange Cove, CA. 93646	
Gordon Bradshaw, 1 year	896-7495
9559 S. McCall, Selma, CA. 93662	

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening Service

Theme: "Moving Forward" Exodus 14:15

The Thirty-First Annual Session of the Center Association convened with the Harmony Church, 5273 E. Belmont, Fresno, California, May 19-20, 1978. Congregational singing was directed by the Rev. Ted Wilbanks accompanied by Bruce Wood, pianist and Deanna Wilbanks, organist. Prayer by the Rev. Dale Vanderburg. The Rev. Wilbanks led testimony service. Then the Harmony Trio sang "Life in Jesus". The Rev. Winston Lawless brought the message on the theme, "Moving Forward".

Benediction by the Rev. Wilbanks.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen. Singing was directed by Stan Barron accompanied by the Rev. Wilbanks, pianist and Deanna Wilbanks, organist. Prayer by the Rev. Kenneth Eilts.

Welcome was given by Gary Wright. The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Ted Wilbanks, the new pastor of Harmony Church.

The Rev. Jack Littlejohn brought the devotion using 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Luke 15 and 16.

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 Rev. Winston Lawless. Rules of Order were read by the Rev. Lawless, Assistant Moderator.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolution

Dale Vanderburg
Ima Gene Wells
Don Maria

Finance

Winnie McLain
Lee Matthews
Pat Wilbanks

Registration

Phyllis Fite
Patricia Stanley
Linda Boyd

Obituary

Barbara Blankenship
Sue Hamrick
Kizzie Winters

The annual report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

The Rev. Gordon Bradshaw gave a report of California Christian College and presented some new proposals for finance for the college.

Motion carried that the churches give one dollar per member for average attendance in Sunday School for May, June and July.

The Rev. Nuel Brown gave a report of the Youth Camp to be held at Hartland, June 19-23.

The Rev. Jack Littlejohn was elected five 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: Ed Hyatt, G. H. Guinn, Don Maria, Pat Wilbanks, David Molter, Gene Fry, Norma Dixon, Deloris Madrigal, Al Madrigal, Jackie Fisher, Joyce Scroggins, Patricia Stanley, Linda Wells, Opal Wilbanks.

Benediction by Rodney Kemp.

ELEVEN O’CLOCK SERVICE

Services opened with singing directed by Herbert Parker accompanied by the Rev. Ted Wilbanks, pianist and Deanna Wilbanks, organist. Prayer by Bill Stiggins.

An offering of sixty dollars (\$60.00) was received with prayer by the Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen.

Dr. Daniel Parker, President of California Christian College, brought the message using Exodus 14:13-16, Revelation 22:17,20 and Psalms 89:13.

Business was resumed and reports of the Resolution, Finance and Registration Committees were read and accepted. (See reports.) The Obituary Committee report was read and accepted with prayer by Herbert Parker. (See reports.) Report of the Executive Committee was read and accepted. (See reports.)

Motion carried that ministerial candidates have the state forms for ministers filled out and in the hands of the Executive Board Friday before the Quarterly Meeting or Association and that the board examine the candidates on Friday before the Quarterly Meeting or Association.

Placement of the meetings and speakers are as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting	Speaker—Dale Vanderburg
Orange Cove, August 19, 1978	Alternate—Kenneth Eilts
Second Quarterly Meeting	Speaker—Lyle Huntley
Selma, November 18, 1978	Alternate—David Molter
Third Quarterly Meeting	Speaker—David Molter
Kerman, February 17, 1978	Alternate—Winston Lawless
Annual Session	Speaker (Fri. Night)—Nuel Brown
Clovis, May 18-19, 1979	Alternate—Jack Littlejohn
	Speaker (Sat. Morning)—Ted Wilbanks
	Alternate—Daniel Parker

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator	Lonnie L. Rolen
Assistant Moderator	Nuel Brown
Clerk-Treasurer	Winnie McLain
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer	Phyllis Fite

The association was adjourned.
Benediction by the Rev. Ted Wilbanks.

Moderator—Lonnie L. Rolen
Clerk—Winnie McLain

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution

1. We recommend that all pastors and churches support the Cooperative Plan.
2. We recommend that the host church be given a standing vote of thanks.

Finance

We recommend:

1. That the host church of each meeting be paid \$100.00 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 \$100.00 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 minutes.

Registration

We report that there were 10 ministers and 72 others that registered making a total of 82.

Obituary

We report that God has called only one from our midst—Maudie Epperson, Selma Church.

Executive Board

Due to the time element the Executive Board will hold the recommendation that Harry Hernandez be licensed to preach until the next Quarterly Meeting.

CENTER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1, 1977 – May 1, 1978

CASH ON DEPOSIT – May 1, 1977 \$ 495.91

INCOME:

Church Dues \$1395.00

Offerings \$ 305.12

Total Income \$1700.12 \$1700.12

TOTAL INCOME AND CASH ON DEPOSIT \$2196.03

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bill Johnson, Moderator \$ 40.00

Lonnie Rolen, Assistant Moderator \$ 25.00

Winnie McLain, Clerk-Treasurer \$ 50.00

Phyllis Fite, Assistant Clerk \$ 20.00

State Association Dues \$ 239.05

Feeding Fund \$ 400.00

California Christian College \$ 369.89

Clovis Printing Company –
150 Minutes \$ 252.05

Memorial Church –
Stencils, paper, etc. \$ 10.00

Fresno Bible House – Bulletins \$ 16.44

U. S. Postal Service – Stamps \$ 5.98

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$1428.41 \$1428.41

CASH ON DEPOSIT – May 1, 1978 \$ 767.62

Winnie McLain, Treasurer

MINISTER'S ROLL

Barlow, Robert	5372 E. Belmont, Fresno, CA. 93727	
Bradshaw, Gordon	9559 S. McCall, Selma, CA. 93662	896-7495
Brown, Nuel	15401 West "E" St., Kerman, CA. 93630	846-8228
Colvin, Duane	17790 E. Lone Oak Rd., Sanger, CA. 93657	787-2728
Eilts, Kenneth	3061 E. El Monte, Fresno, CA. 93721	485-5187
Fox, Dave	1054 Jefferson, Clovis, CA. 93612	298-7738
Freeman, Joy	15191 West "B" St., Kerman, CA. 93630	846-8378
Gullotto, Stan	5372 E. Belmont, Fresno, CA. 93727	
Huntley, Lyle	669 4th St., Orange Cove, CA. 93646	626-4250
Jernigan, Wade T.	4863 E. Floradora, Fresno, CA. 93727	251-9639
Lawless, Winston	9170 E. Sierra, Clovis, CA. 93612	298-7191
Littlejohn, Jack	6792 N. Peach, Clovis, CA. 93612	298-5263
Mooneyham, Joe	2841-151 Fowler Rd., Ceres, CA. 95307	
Parker, Daniel	4864 E. Normal, Fresno, CA. 93703	252-2544
Porter, Cecil	Reedley, CA. 93654	
Ramsey, Lee	349 S. Shasta, Kerman, CA. 93630	846-7679
Rolen, Lonnie L.	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA. 93726	229-2203
Rolen, Tim	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA. 93726	229-2203
Scroggins, O. D.	765 2nd St., Parlier, CA. 93648	646-2837
Taylor, Bob	3395 E. Garland, Fresno, CA. 93726	229-3464
Vanderburg, Dale	1000 W. Davis, Hanford, CA. 93230	584-6758
Wilbanks, Ted	160 S. Bush, Fresno, CA. 93727	
Winters, Sam	1485 E. Fremont, Fresno, CA. 93710	431-2679
Wood, L. K.	1625 S. "O" St., Tulare, CA. 93274	

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	American	Calwa	Clovis	Hanford	Harmony	Kerman	Memorial	Orange Cove	Parlier	Sanger	Selma	TOTAL
Membership	22	22	95	28	85	91	171	40	22	35	90	701
Members Resident	20	19	82	27	85	75	160	36	5	35	68	612
Members Non Resident	2	3	13	1	0	16	11	4	17	0	22	89
Members Added	2	3	13	10	13	7	16	1	0	3	0	68
Members Lost	2	4	4	0	4	4	37	0	0	0	3	58
Members Deceased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ordained Ministers	1	1	3	1	2	3	6	1	2	1	5	26
Licensed Ministers	1	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Deacons	0	0	5	0	4	6	6	3	2	2	5	33
Sunday School Enrollment	56	23	104	65	80	99	123	46	24	48	100	768
Average Attendance	58	20	70	69	85	75	100	45	18	20	87	647
C.T.S. Enrollment	0	20	0	33	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	133
Average Attendance	0	15	0	33	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	95
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	0	0	12	12	11	26	27	0	0	5	10	103
Average Attendance	0	0	7	10	11	18	17	0	0	5	10	78
Master's Men Enrollment	0	0	0	5	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	25
Average Attendance	0	0	0	5	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	22
Prayer Meetings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Parsonages	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
Value of Churches and Parsonages	25,000	95,000	150,000	81,000	140,000	120,000	200,000	70,000	20,000	25,000	200,000	1126,000

FINANCIAL REPORT												
Churches	American	Calwa	Clovis	Hanford	Harmony	Kerman	Memorial	Orange Cove	Parlier	Sanger	Selma	TOTAL
Total Income	\$9,807	\$10,500	\$28,509	\$24,664	\$33,000	\$48,342	\$55,576	\$15,925	\$2,467	\$2,290	\$82,155	\$313,235
Expenditures for Local Causes												
Pastor's Salaries	\$4,545	\$ 1,330	\$10,130	\$ 7,375	\$ 6,200	\$ 7,850	\$14,335	\$ 2,600	\$1,520	\$1,200	\$ 8,150	\$ 65,235
Building and Repair	\$ 0	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,970	\$ 3,349	\$ 750	\$18,922	\$ 1,428	\$ 7,000	\$ 51	\$ 0	\$32,837	\$ 69,507
Miscellaneous	\$ 347	\$ 5,400	\$ 1,450	\$ 9,803	\$25,880	\$19,075	\$25,872	\$ 0	\$ 496	\$1,404	\$14,999	\$104,726
Total Local Expenditures	\$4,892	\$ 7,930	\$15,550	\$20,527	\$32,830	\$45,847	\$41,635	\$ 9,600	\$2,067	\$2,604	\$55,986	\$239,468
Expenditures for World Missions												
Cooperative Plan	\$ 0	\$ 207	\$ 2,376	\$ 1,810	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,123	\$ 881	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,397
Foreign Missions	\$ 0	\$ 212	\$ 0	\$ 54	\$ 303	\$ 230	\$ 1,635	\$ 415	\$ 60	\$ 0	\$ 3,429	\$ 6,338
Home Missions and Church Extension	\$ 0	\$ 154	\$ 257	\$ 1,249	\$ 0	\$ 198	\$ 614	\$ 0	\$ 68	\$ 0	\$ 915	\$ 3,455
Other National Ministries	\$ 0	\$ 328	\$ 0	\$ 192	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 520
District or State Ministries	\$ 519	\$ 238	\$ 1,661	\$ 646	\$ 725	\$ 1,852	\$ 5,612	\$ 415	\$ 40	\$ 300	\$ 2,160	\$ 14,168
Other Causes	\$ 77	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,787	\$ 257	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,121
Total Outside Expenditures	\$ 596	\$ 1,139	\$ 4,294	\$ 3,951	\$ 1,028	\$ 2,280	\$13,771	\$ 1,968	\$ 168	\$ 300	\$ 6,504	\$ 35,999

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

MINUTES

The Annual Session of Center Association District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Kerman Free Will Baptist Church March 4, 1978 with Cheryl Rogers, President, presiding. The theme was "How Green Is Your Garden?"

Greetings and welcome were presented by Yvonne Brown, President of the Kerman Auxiliary. Donna Van Horn led the congregation in singing "What A Friend" accompanied by Deanna Wilbanks.

June Rolen gave a report on the State Convention to be held March 31 and April 1 at the El Sobrante Church.

Alice Royster, Harmony President, gave a review of the State Prayer Retreat.

The different auxiliaries present were recognized and the minutes from the previous meeting on October 1, 1977 were read by Dottie Wright, District Secretary, and were approved as read.

The letters from the various auxiliaries were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Registration

Debe Taylor
Chairman

Ima Gene Wells

Dottie Wright

Sue Hoppie

Carol Graves

Zella Ramsey

Finance

Minnie Lacefield
Chairman

Gay Scroggins

Geta Dunn

Ronnie Grijalva

Georgia Reynolds

Nettie Lou Jernigan

Resolution

Shirley Vanderburg
Chairman

Juanita Parker

Barbara Blankenship

Debbie Fox

Winnie McLain

Verna Kennedy

Placement of Conventions

The next convention will be held Saturday, October 7, 1978 at the Selma Free Will Baptist Church. The annual convention will be held March 3, 1979 at Memorial Free Will Baptist Church.

An offering was received followed by the hymn "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" led by Donna Van Horn.

The Kerman Woman's Auxiliary presented a skit which was enjoyed by all. The group was then dismissed for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Committee Reports were read and accepted (See Committee Reports).

The worship service was opened with prayer followed by the hymn "No Not One". Special music was provided by Connie Bomar. Rowena

Kelton, Kerman and Gay Scroggins, Selma shared thoughts on “What’s Special About Friendship?” Debe Taylor, the featured speaker, concluded the program with thoughts on the convention theme, “How Green Is Your Garden?”

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Rogers, President
Dottie Wright, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Kerman	. . . . .	19
Memorial	. . . . .	16
Hanford	. . . . .	3
Selma	. . . . .	3
Harmony	. . . . .	5
Clovis	. . . . .	6
Ministers	. . . . .	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	. . . . .	53

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend that each Auxiliary represent with \$2.00 per member to be paid \$1.00 per member at each convention.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that all Auxiliaries regularly support W.N.A.C. with Co-Laborer offerings.
2. We recommend that \$75 be given to Co-Laborer plan of support.
3. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to those who participated and planned the program and to the Kerman Auxiliary for their generous hospitality.
4. We recommend that the Auxiliaries support and promote the C.T.S. programs in each local church.

CENTER DISTRICT C.T.S. RALLY MINUTES

The Center District C.T.S. Rally convened with the Selma Church, March 18, 1978. Don Lacefield, Vice-President, called the meeting to order with prayer by Phil Taylor. Singing was directed by Dave Fox accompanied by Donna Van Horn.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Letters from Hanford and Memorial were read and accepted. Clovis no longer had a C.T.S.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Vice-President appointed the following committees:

Nominating

Tim Rolen, Patrito Arrellano, Becky Vanderburg.

Finance

Randy Vanderburg, Brenda York, Kelly Ottermatt.

Resolution

Phil Taylor, Debe Taylor, Becky Moore.

The competitive activities were directed by Shirley Vanderburg. The winners were Sword Drill—David Fite; Tic Tac Toe—Becky Vanderburg and Kelly Ottermatt; Music and Art—Russ Hamerick.

Officers were elected as follows:

President	Randy Vanderburg
Vice-President	Mike Skinner
Secretary-Treasurer	Brenda York
Corresponding Secretary	Cindy Moore
Competitive Activities Director	Debe Taylor
Sponsors	Rick and Donna Scroggins

The following resolutions were read and accepted:

1. That the district president visit each Church and encourage the organization of a C.T.S.
2. That the Host Church be given a standing vote of thanks.
3. That the attendance banner be given to the Church with the most in attendance (except for the host church) and it be given only when three C.T.S. are in attendance.

Motion carried that the New Life Singers be given fifty dollars (\$50.00) and California Christian College be given twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

The New Life Singers, Modesto, California, had charge of the evening service with songs and testimonies by their group.

The next rally will convene with the Memorial Church, Sept. 23, 1978.

Don Lacefield, Vice-President
Donett Olsen, Secretary

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 years
- (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.