

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

## CENTER ASSOCIATION

OF

# FREE WILL BAPTIST

CONVENED AT THE CAMP GROUND  
AUGUST 18-20, 1949

### OFFICERS

Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rev. F. M. Wood
Assistant Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fred Barker
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Virgil Hunt

The next Session of the Center Association will be held at the  
Camp Grounds beginning on Thursday night before the  
Third Sunday in August, 1950

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading rules of order (By-Laws).
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business
11. New business.
12. Reports of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

### LETTER OF DISMISSION

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a  
member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and as such we recommend him  
(or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us  
when united with another church.

Done in Church Conference this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 194\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
County, Oklahoma.

\_\_\_\_\_, Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Fifty Sixth Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Camp Ground, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, August 18, 19, 20, 1949. Introductory message Thursday Night by Reverend F. M. Wood. Text Luke 18. What liketh thou. A rousing message.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Body was called to order by moderator Rev. Earlin Haskins.  
Devotional reading 1st Thessalonians 1st to 12th verses.  
Prayer by Bro. Scott W. Jones.  
Letters called for and the following delegates were seated.  
Gaar Corner Church—Grover Barker, Bessie Bradley, Erma Jean Voyles.  
Cedar Grove Church—Tollie Chism, Velma Chandler, Virgie Chandler.  
Ada Church—Callie Fletcher, Zora McGehee, Oleta Pate.  
Camp Ground Church—Oma Hood, Exie Haskins, Gertrude Hooper.  
Wilson Church—Francis Bellar, Bernice Morrison, Eva Stone.  
Stratford Church—Vesta Henry, Jimmy Ray Nichols, Dorothy Williamson.  
Sulphur Church—Ester Bond, Linnie Sparks, Geneva Williams.  
Happyland Church—Zora Wilson, Gladys Taylor.  
Non Church—Gilbert Priest, Raymond Montgomery.  
Owl Creek Church—Alma Foster, Mrs. Claude Killian, Don Hoover, Oakman Church—Rev. Murrel Wilson, Pastor.  
The right hand of fellowship given.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers resulted as follows.  
Moderator—Rev. F. M. Wood.  
Assistant Moderator—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.  
Clerk—Fred Barker.  
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer—Virgil Hunt.  
Member Camp Ground Board for Three Years—V. Hunt.  
Rules of order read by the Moderator.  
Divine Service committee appointed as follows: Zora Wilson, Manuel Priest, Wallace Hays.  
Motion carried that we adjourn until one o'clock.  
Dismissed by Prayer—Rev. Earlin Haskins.  
Eleven O'Clock service conducted by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.  
Text Jeremiah 17:5-6.  
Concluded by Rev. McAffery.  
A very Good Message.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Body called to order by moderator.

Song—"While The Years Roll On."

Quartet—"Pray The Clouds Away."

Devotional reading—Psalms 1.

Prayer by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Verbal report given by Rev. M. L. Caton from the Canadian Association.

**Appointment of Committees was as follows:**

Divine Service—Zora Wilson, Manuel Priest, Wallace Hays.

Resolutions—Rev. Cecil McKinsey, Walter Henry, Rev. Scott W. Jones.

Obituary—Velma Chandler, Oleta Pate, Ester Bond.

Temperance—Rev. J. F. Hooper, Zora Wilson, Rev. Weldon Wood.

Home Missions—Virgie Chandler, Edna Buckelew, Oma Hood.

League—Grover Barker, G. O. Palmer, Rev. Alvis McAffery.

Sunday School—Vesta Henry, Eva Stone, Zora McGehee.

Examining Committee—Rev. Scott W. Jones, Rev. Cecil McKinsey, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. J. F. Hooper, Rev. L. V. Wood.

Report given by the Treasurer of the Association. A very good report was given.

Motion carried that we receive the report of the Treasurer.

Motion carried that we grant the Non Church a letter of dismissal to join the Canadian Association.

Program Committee for the 1950 Youth Camp appointed as follows:

Chairman—Scott W. Jones.

Members—Effie Wood, Walter Wood, Dessie Light and Geneva Williams.

Examining committee reported Bro. John Morgan sound in doctrine and recommended Bro. Morgan for ordination.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Preaching Friday night by Rev. Scott W. Jones. Text: Proverbs 10-12, "Hatred Stireth Up Strifes, but Love Covereth All Sins."

## SATURDAY MORNING

Body called to order by moderator.

Song—"When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way."

Prayer by Bro. Walter Diton.

Devotional reading—Romans, 12th chapter.

Placing of 5th Sunday Meetings are as follows:

1st—October 30, 1949 at Cedar Grove Church.

2nd—January 29, 1950 at Ada Church.

3rd—April 30, 1950 at Gaar Corner Church.

4th—July 30, 1950 at Sulphur Church.

Rev. Scott Jones selected to bring Introductory message at the 1st 5th Sunday Meeting.

Committee appointed to have signs painted at the camp ground were Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Jimmie Ray Nichols, and Bro Ed Price.

The Pixley Twins, Rev. Rupert and Gilbert of Fort Smith, Ark., were selected to conduct the camp meeting at the camp ground in 1950.

Motion carried to fill the vacancies of the association orphanage committee. Now on the committee are A. L. Worstell, F. M. Wood and J. F. Hooper.

Rev. Wade Jernegan was selected to bring the introductory message at the association next year, 1950.

Motion carried to send \$25.00 to the State Association for minutes entry fee etc.

Motion carried that each church send \$10.00 to our treasurer to help defray added expenses.

Offering of \$28.42 was taken to finish paying for new pump at the camp ground.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock p. m.

Memorial service at 11:00 o'clock was conducted by Rev. Scott Jones. A wonderful message was given.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Body called to order by moderator.

Song—"Love Lifted Me"—Conducted by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Devotional reading—6th Chapter of 1st Timothy. 1-8 verses.

Prayer by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Motion carried to have 300 minutes printed and that the treasurer have authority to have minutes printed.

R. D. Norwood, John Wood and Herman Hood were appointed to furnish dimensions for camp ground tables.

Delegates appointed to State Association were Sister West, Dessie Light, Irene Collins, Sister Williams and Zora Wilson.

Alternate delegates were Ruby Jones, Sister Norwood, Alice Wood, Sister Hooser and Virgie Chandler.

Fred Barker was chosen as delegate to the National Association. Walter Wood chosen as alternate.

Rev. Earlin Haskins was chosen to conduct the memorial service at the association in 1950.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. Scott Jones and Rev. J. F. Hooper were appointed to arrange programs for the 5th Sunday Meetings.

Motion carried that we build a girls dormitory before our youth camp time in 1950. Pledges for the dormitory to start \$306.00.

Motion carried that we urge all our churches to arrange their revivals so as not to conflict with our youth camp and camp meeting.

Bro. Bond was elected on the credentials board for 3 years.

Bro. John Wood was elected for 2 years to fill unexpired term of Bro. Tom Priest. J. T. Masters is the other member of the Credentials board.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at the Camp Ground on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1950.

Preaching Saturday night was conducted by Sister Beatrice Phillips, concluded by Rev. Earlin Haskins. Text: Jonah 1st Chapt. Verse 16. A wonderful message was given.

Preaching Sunday morning by Rev. J. F. Hooper, Text: Rev. 6th Chapter, Verse 17.

## REPORT ON COMMITTEES

### Camp Ground Committee:

We, the Youth Camp Committee wish to announce for our Youth Camp in 1950 the following selections:

General Superintendent—Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Girl's Sponsors—Sister Anna Hunt, and Sister Norwood.

Boy's Sponsors—Rev. Weldon Wood, and Rev. Scott Jones.

Signed by committee.

### Temperance Committee:

We, your temperance committee, submit the following report:

We recommend that all pastors of this association secure pledge cards for each church member to sign pledging themselves to go and vote September 27, 1949 against legalized liquor. We recommend that 2nd chapter of Titus be read to this body as a lesson on temperance.

We further recommend that each pastor preach a message on temperance at least every three months.

Signed by committee.

### Obituary:

We find that since our last meeting, God has seen fit to call from us the following members: Sister Elsie Worstell from Sulphur church; Rev. Jess Caton from McCall's Chapel Church; Bro. L. D. Haskins from Summers Chapel Church; Bro. Marsh Ragland and Bro. Will Burris from Happyland Church; Bro. Jim Williams from Cedar Grove Church.

We count our loss Heaven's gain.

Signed by committee.

### Sunday School:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: It is our honest opinion that each church should have a Sunday School and all officers and teachers should be Christians. Our Lord said, "Let them alone, they be blind leaders of the blind and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch," Matthew, 15:14.

Report of our Sunday Schools as follows:

Church	Supt.	Sec'y.	Aver. Att.	Liter- ature
Sulphur	D. E. Clark	Emlie Palmer	75	F.W.B.
Happyland	A. Pevehouse	Eloise Britt	68	F.W.B.
Non	Elize Priest	Deloris Chism	70	F.W.B.
Stratford	Bill Bratcher	Patsy Cosby	70	F.W.B.
Wilson	T. A. Hooser	Joy Roundtree	50	Union
Ada	John Wood	Rosalee Estes	140	F.W.B.
Cedar Grove	Dual Chism	Barbara Chism	60	F.W.B.
Camp Ground	J. L. Parish	Dessie Light	72	F.W.B.
Oakman	Jess Duvall	Mrs. Jim Roundtree	75	Union
Gaar Corner	Ted Cox	Edith Marie Wood	45	Union
Owl Creek	W. M. Byrd	Charles Foister	48	Union

Sunday School Committee.

Signed,

EVA STONE

VESTA HENRY

ZORA McGEHEE.

### League Report

We, Your League Committee, find that all Leagues in the association are prospering and some are growing rapidly.

We hereby recommend that due to unfair competition in our quarterly league rallies, we should have Juniors compete against Juniors and Seniors against Seniors. Because of the long period of programs we suggest the Juniors and Seniors have their programs at alternate sessions of the League Rally.

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Annual convention of Center Association Women's Auxiliary, which met Aug. 18, 1949, at Camp Ground.

Meeting opened by singing.

Scripture Col. 1:9-18—by June Crumb, president.

Prayer by Oleeta Pate.

Letters were received and delegates seated from four Auxiliaries—Ada, Gaar Corner, Sulphur and Happyland.



Election of officers as follows:

President—Mrs. June Crumb, 716 W. 2nd St., Ada.  
 Secretary—Mrs. Emma Palmer, 1408 W. Vinita, Sulphur, Okla.  
 Treasurer—Lois Lamb, 424 W. 14th St. Ada.  
 1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. Linnie Sparks, 14 and Vinita, Sulphur, Ok.  
 2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Irene Collings, 520 W. 19th St., Ada, Okla.  
 3rd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Anna Hunt, Rt. 5, Ada.  
 4th Vice Pres.—Mrs. Bertha Barker, Rt. 5, Ada.  
 5th Vice Pres.—Mrs. Eloise Britt, Rt. 4, Ada.  
 Field Worker—Mrs. Laverda Mooneyham, 13 and Okla. Sulphur.

Delegates to State Auxiliary Convention: Oleeta Pate, Irene Collings, and Lois Lamb.

Alternates—Alice Wood, Mrs. Sparks and Emma Palmer.

The time and places of the Auxiliary rallies for next year are as follows:

Time—The Second Tuesday in each quarter.

October—Ada.

January—Gaar Corner.

April—Happyland.

July—Sulphur.

Paid out Convention Dues	\$ 7.20
Rally Speakers	9.19
Flowers	39.40
Camp Ground	146.63
No. of Daily Vacation Bible Schools	1
No. Subscribing to Church Papers	13
No. of Tithers in Auxiliary	8
No. of Sick Calls	403
No. of Trays Served to Sick	113
No. of Baskets to Needy	89
No. of Cottage Prayer Meetings	15
No. of Special Prayer Meetings	93
<b>To Orphanage by Churches and Auxiliaries:</b>	

Cash Donations—

Ada	\$ 241.00
Sulphur	407.43
Owl Creek	8.25
Cedar Grove	60.00
Gaar Corner	117.00
Stratford	58.43
Wilson	5.00
Camp Ground	5.00
Happyland	46.75
Non	60.00

**\$1,008.86**

Commodities	55.00
Clothing for Children	68.00

## ANNUAL LEAGUE REPORT

We now have seven leagues. We received Wilson into our Leagues and Oakman was re-organized this year. Our annual election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Eral Collings.  
Vice-president—L. C. Eubank.  
Secretary—Alice Wood.  
Ass't. Secretary—John Uzzel.  
Sponsor—Albert Pevehouse.

We received in tithes and offerings	-----\$163.41
Paid out	-----\$105.71
Balance in Treasury	-----\$ 57.70

Our total attendance for the year was 924. Averaging 231 per rally.

Signed,  
ALICE WOOD, Ass't. Sec.

## MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Rev. J. W. Ragland, 631 W. 4th, Ada, Oklahoma.  
Rev. F. M. Wood, 816 N. Cherry, Ada, Oklahoma.  
Rev. J. G. Stone, Stratford, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Scott W. Jones, Route 3, Ada, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Murl Wilson, Route 3, Ada, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Cecil McKinsey, ca. Cedar Grove Church.  
Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, Oklahoma.  
Rev. W. L. Dunlap, Sulphur, Oklahoma.  
Rev. J. P. Lewis, Sulphur, Oklahoma.  
Rev. J. N. Caton, 511 W. 8th, Ada, Okla.  
Rev. H. H. Parsons, Hitchita, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Edna Buckley, ca. Tiptons Laundry, Ada, Oklahoma.  
Rev. J. F. Hooper, Stratford, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Earlin Haskins, Route 2, Ada, Oklahoma.  
Rev. L. V. Wood, Stratford, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Alvis McCaffey, Stratford, Oklahoma.  
Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada.  
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur.

## **RULES GOVERNING THE CAMP GROUND PROPERTY**

No. 1. No camping will be allowed on west side of Brook that runs across property.

No. 2. No person or persons will be allowed to take up residence, permanent or temporary, on the property, unless by special permission of the Board of Trustees.

No. 3. Lots shall be located and numbered beginning with Lot 1, on east side of Brook where it comes into property on north side and numbered eastward consecutively to the NE corner of property thence southward still consecutively along east side of property to the SE corner of said property, said lots shall be 40 ft. square. A plat of same shall be kept by Board of Trustees also a record of the disposal of lots.

No. 4. Any Freewill Baptist belonging to any Church in our association may build a cabin on this property subject to the following regulations.

- a. No cabin or permanent camp shall be built on any part of the property except on lots mentioned in Rule No. 3.
- b. No person may build a cabin or permanent camp without getting written permission from the Board of Trustees.
- c. No person shall have the right to move any cabin or permanent camp off the property at any time or for any purpose.
- d. If and when the owner of a cabin or permanent camp shall move out of the State of Oklahoma he shall offer for sale said cabin or permanent camp and if not sold within one year from the date of his departure to some person who is a member of some church in the Center Association it shall become the property of the Association or he may give it to the association or to some person, if such person is a member of some church in the Center Association.

No. 5. All other matter shall be regulated by the Board of Trustees.

Church	Pastor	Church Clerk	No. on Roll	Received	Dismissed	Died	Meeting Date	Value of Church Property
Ada	Weldon Wood	Valeta Hileman	292	41	10	0	Full Time	\$8,000.00
Sulphur	W. S. Mooneyham	Linnie Sparks	225	15	6	1	Full Time	\$4,000.00
Gaar Corner	F. M. Wood	Bertha Barker	54	2	0	0	Full Time	None
Stratford	Alvis McCaffey	Vesta Henry	77	22	3	0	Full Time	\$2,000.00
Cedar Grove	Not Called	Kenneth Jones	154	7	5	1	Full Time	\$3,000.00
Non	Ben Pixley	Mable Priest						\$2,500.00
Wilson	Muriel Wilson	Bernice Morrison	67	0	0	0	1/4 Time	None
Oakman	Muriel Wilson	Floyd Carter	58	6	2	0	4th Sun.	None
Happyland	Scott W. Jones	Estelle Madden	86	20	1	2	Full Time	\$2,500.00
Camp Ground	J. F. Hooper	Oma Hood	25	0	0	0	Full Time	\$2,500.00
Owl Creek	Wade Jernigan	Christine Barnes	23	0	0	0	Full Time	\$2,000.00
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## FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

----- County, Oklahoma

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at -----  
to the Center Association, composed of Free Will Baptists, assembled

with ----- at -----

We send as delegates from our Church -----  
whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid in your  
Godly deliberations.

Follow with complete church statement.

Done in church conference -----, 194-----

-----, Moderator

-----, Clerk.

### RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer by the moderator, or whomever he may request.

2. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

3. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.

4. When a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator shall ask, "Any discussion or remarks?" If none, the question shall be disposed of as usual.

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

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.

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

8. All questions shall be decided by the majority of members present.

9. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the moderator, and if so his name shall be left off the minutes.

10. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the association.

11. Arrangements shall be made at each session of the association for two or more sermons or equivalent devotional exercises during each day.

12. Alteration may be made in these rules at any regular session.

## CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we the members of the Center Association, being regularly baptized upon the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, we do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

ARTICLE I. Membership. This association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons with delegates chosen by the different churches in our union not exceeding three delegates from each church, who, upon presenting their letters shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE II. Letters from each church to express their number of fellowship, the number of ordained and licentiate preachers and their post office address: the number of members received upon confession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration, or denominational choice, and the number dismissed by letter, excluded or died since last association.

ARTICLE III. Name. The members thus chosen and convened to be denominated the Center Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the sundry churches in Oklahoma.

ARTICLE IV. Officers. The association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE V. New Churches. New constituted churches may be admitted into the association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if, upon examination they may be received into the association, and given the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VI. Questions. No question from any church shall come under consideration of the association except it has first been discussed in its own church.

ARTICLE VII. Motions. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless it be withdrawn by the person making it.

ARTICLE VIII. Minutes. The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution being at discretion of the association.

ARTICLE IX. Clerk. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the association in a book to be kept by the association for that purpose.

ARTICLE X. Signation. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the association.

ARTICLE XI. Amendments. Amendments to the Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Amendment No. 1. Each ordained minister shall be a member of a church in the bounds of the association, and he shall hold his letter for a period of three months when opportunities afford him, he shall surrender his credentials to the quarterly or yearly meetings.

Amendment No. 2. The meeting date of this association shall be Thursday night before the third Sunday in August in each year.

## ARTICLE I—ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the true living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and these are equal in divine essence, power and glory. Roman 1:20; John 1:1.

## ARTICLE II—THE BIBLE

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

## ARTICLE III—THE FALL

Section 1. We believe God created man and gave him holy commandments, whereby we should live holy, but the man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice.

Section 3. And that man is unable to save himself with his fall.

Section 2. And that man is unable to save himself with his own power; but we see Jesus by the suffering death, crowned with glory, that He by the Grace of God, tasteth death for every man. Genesis 1:31; Hebrews 2:9.

#### ARTICLE IV—PARDON

Section 1. We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection, purchased our pardon.

Section 2. And offers it freely to all mankind upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 3. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore He sayeth, "Look unto me and be saved all the ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else." Matthew 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:21-, 17:30.

#### ARTICLE V—REGENERATION

We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3; Romans 5:1-13.

#### ARTICLE VI—INFANTS

We believe that infants and idiots are saved upon the mercies of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16.

#### ARTICLE VII—APOSTASY

We believe all Christians should preserve in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life. "For blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of that city." Revelation 22:14; Gallatians 5:4; Hebrews 12:14-28; James 5:19-20.

#### ARTICLE VIII—BAPTISM MODE

We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life showed His humble example to His children, and bids us to walk therein. Matthew 3:16, 28-19; John 3:22; Romans 6:4-5; Latin to plunge, to submerge, baptizo; Greek to dip, baptisma; Greek, a dipping baptiton; Greek, to wash, to dip.

#### ARTICLE IX—MINISTRY CALL

We believe that God, in His goodness, displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servant by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Ephesians 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

#### ARTICLE X—COMMANDMENTS

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet, and keeping the Lord's Day Holy, and to abstain from all worldly lust and carnal cares, and to assemble ourselves together, in an ornament which prepares and beautifies the soldiers of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matthew 26:26-29; John 13:2-17; Timothy 1:9-10; Luke 22:7-20.



## ARTICLE XI—BAPTISMAL RIGHT

Section 1. We believe that none have the right to baptism, only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 2. And none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under hands of the presbytery of elders.

Section 3. And we shall receive none other. Matthew 3:13-17; Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23.

## ARTICLE XII—LORD'S SUPPER—DUTY

We believe it the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church, when sitting the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet to invite all Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:27-28.

## ARTICLE XII—WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE

We believe the Bible teaches woman's privilege to preach the gospel. Judges 4:4; Romans 16:12; Acts 21:9; II Kings 22:14; Acts 2:17-18.

## ARTICLE XIV—FORNICATION

We believe that nothing but death and fornication gives a lawful right to a second marriage, and a second marriage under divorce for any other cause than fornication is a sin if continued in. Matthew 19:3-11; 5:22; Luke 16:18; Mark 10:11-12; Romans 7:1-3; Proverbs 4:19-20; I Corinthinians 7:10-11; Malachi 2:14-17.

## ARTICLE XV—RESURRECTION

Section 1. We believe in the resurrection of all dead, both just and unjust.

Section 2. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God.

Section 3. And the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matthew 25:31-32; I Corinthians 15:42-45; II Thessalonians 1:4-11; Revelation 20:10; Job 19:26.

## 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 appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance 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 bond 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 enterprise 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 Sabbath schools, and evangelists efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

