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**Sixty-Fifth Annual Session**

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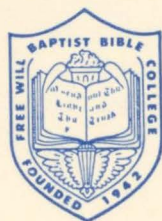
**CENTER ASSOCIATION**

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*Presented By*

Rev. Ernest Harrison

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Clerk .....	Bro. Lonnie Barnes
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer .....	Bro. Virgil Hunt

# Church Letter To A Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To the \_\_\_\_\_ Association of Free Will Baptists  
when convened with the Free Will Baptist Church at \_\_\_\_\_  
Oklahoma. We send as delegates our beloved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you in your  
Godly deliberations.

## Statistics

## Finance

State of Religion _____	Paid Pastor _____ \$ _____
Members received this year _____	Paid Evangelist _____ \$ _____
Condition of Prayer Meeting _____	Bldg. and Repairs _____ \$ _____
Baptised _____ Dismissed _____	Home Mission _____ \$ _____
Condition of Sunday School _____	For Education _____ \$ _____
Average No. of Attendance _____	For Publication _____ \$ _____
No. of Officers _____ Teachers _____	Enclosed for Minutes \$ _____

## Ministers Belonging To Our Church

Names

Addresses

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Done by order of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church assembled in  
conference this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

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

Remarks:

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## Order of Business

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

## Letter of Admission

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

Done in Church Conference this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Oklahoma.

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

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

## Proceedings

Proceedings of the Sixty-Fifth Annual session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened at Camp Ground, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, August 8-9, 1958.

### Friday Morning

The Association was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Scott W. Jones.

Song Service directed by Bro. Jess Berryman, accompanied by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Devotional: Sixteenth Chapter of Matthew, 1-12 by Bro. Gurley Fowler.

Prayer: Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Letters called for, read, received, and delegates seated.

Churches having delegates are as follows:

<b>Church</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Ada .....	2	1
Stratford .....	3	0
Camp Ground .....	3	0
Gaar Corner .....	3	0
Stonewall .....	2	0
Cedar Grove .....	3	0
Oakman .....	3	0
Happyland .....	3	0
Non .....	3	0
East Sulphur .....	2	0
Wilson .....	3	0
Asher .....	0	0

## **Election of Officers**

New Moderator: Rev. Scott W. Jones.

New Assistant Moderator: Rev. Delbert Akin.

Clerk: Bro. Lonnie Barnes.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer: Bro. Virgil Hunt.

New Member of Board of Trustees: Bro. Fred Barker. Old members are: Gurley Fowler, and Virgil Hunt.

New member to Examining Board: Rev. Delbert Akin. Old members are: Rev. Earlin Haskins, and Rev. F. M. Wood.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 1:00 O'clock.

Dismissed by Bro. Joe Kee.

## **Friday Afternoon**

Meeting called to order by moderator.

Song service directed by Sis. Robbie Henry, accompanied by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Devotional: Psalms I by moderator.

Prayer: Rev. Lorene Bratcher.

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Appointment of Committees are as follows:

### **Home Missions**

Dessie Light  
Lennie Sparks  
Lorene Bratcher  
Laverne Scroggins  
Willie Smith

### **Resolutions**

Delbert Akin  
Gilbert Priest  
L. D. Stonecipher  
Jess Berryman  
Muriel Wilson

### **Obituary**

Ed Price  
Tony Walker  
Virgie Chandler  
Carrie Muncy  
Haskell Blackwell

### **League**

Christine Barnes  
Betty Mounger  
Sammie Sawyer  
Della Chaffin  
Carrie Bogart

### **Temperance**

Earlin Haskins  
Carey Davis  
Lydia Eubanks  
Myria Berryman  
Doyle Cox

### **Sunday School**

Gurley Fowler  
Marzelle Briggs  
Gertie Wood  
Josie Northam  
Fred Parks

<b>Youth Camp</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Church</b>
Irene Collings	Ollie Rogers	Ada
Everett Pannell	Dessie Light	Camp Ground
Claude Freeman Jr.	Bernadeen Freeman	Stratford
Fred Barker	Estell Cox	Gaar Corner
None	None	Non
Haskell Blackwell	Jewel Wilson	Stonewall
Lovie Chism	Velma Chandler	Cedar Grove
Robert Wyrick	Martha Wyrick	Happyland
Ruth Standley	Sis. Byrd	East Sulphur
None	None	Asher
Wilford Lee	Mildred Stonecipher	Wilson
Jim Caton	Bettie Mounger	Oakman

## **Pulpit**

Bro. Gurley Fowler, Jess Berryman, Gilbert Priest, Haskell Blackwell, and John Masters.

Visiting Brethren invited to sit in council.

Old Business called for. There was none. New Business:

Rev. Curtis Hogue was elected as General Board Member.

The Fifth Sunday Meetings are as follows: August—Stonewall, November—Non, March—Camp Ground, May—Gaar Corner.

Speaker for first Fifth Sunday Meeting will be Rev. Delbert Akin, Alternate—Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

Recess proclaimed by moderator for committee work.

Meeting called to order by moderator.

Home Mission Board member: Rev. Bill Bratcher.

Old Members are: Rev. Delbert Akin, Rev. Claude Freeman Jr.

The Pulpit committee reports Rev. Vard Wood as speaker Friday Morning, Alternate—Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

Introductory speaker for the 1959 session will be: Rev. Muriel Wilson. Alternate—Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

Memorial Service speaker: Rev. Earlin Haskins. Alternate Rev. F. M. Wood.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 9:00 Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Gurley Fowler.

## **Saturday Morning**

Meeting called to order by moderator.

Song service directed by Rev. Delbert Akin, accompanied by Rev. Earlin Haskins.

Devotional: Church Covenant by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Hill.

Financial Report given and accepted. (See Report)

Home Missions Report given and received. (See Report)

Temperance Report given and received. (See Report)

League Report given and received. (See Report)

Sunday School Report Given and received. (See Report)

Obituary Report given and received. (See Report)  
 Motion made and carried to adjourn for the memorial service  
 and until 1:00 O'clock.  
 Dismissed by Bro. Virgil Hunt.

### Saturday Afternoon

Meeting called to order by moderator.  
 Devotional: Romans fifth chapter by moderator.  
 Prayer by Rev. Muriel Wilson.  
 The Evangelist for the 1959 Camp Meeting will be Rev. Robert  
 Duncan. Alternate—Rev. Gilbert & Rupert Pixley.  
 State delegates chosen with help of church recommendation.

Church	Delegate
Ada	Oleta Pate
Stratford	C. T. Lunsford
Stonewall	Etta Mae Blackwell
Camp Ground	Lavelle Wallis
Non	Jeff Reeves
Gaar Corner	Christine Barnes
Oakman	Flora Carter
Happyland	E. H. Simpson
Cedar Grove	Mae Lee
East Sulphur	Jewel Hill
Wilson	Marzelle Briggs
Asher	Mildred Stonecipher

Resolutions Report given and received: (See Report)

- Resolution No. 1 was adopted.
- Resolution No. 2 was defeated.
- Resolution No. 3 referred and later defeated
- Resolution No. 4 was adopted.
- Resolution No. 5 was adopted.
- Resolution No. 6 was adopted.

Motion made and carried to correct scripture references to  
 Articles of Faith.

Motion made and carried to appoint a committee to correct  
 these scriptures.

The members of the committee are: Rev. Earlin Haskins, Rev.  
 F. M. Wood, and Rev. L. D. Stonecipher.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until first Fifth Sunday  
 Meeting.

Dismissed by Rev. F. M. Wood.

### Resolutions

1. Inasmuch as the growth of our Youth Encampment has  
 presented a great need for additional space for girls' dormitories. Be  
 it resolved that we build or buy a building to be used as a girls'  
 dormitory. Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of the  
 Center Association be empowered to complete all arrangements to  
 complete such project.



4. Be it resolved that we extend an invitation to the State League Convention for the 1959 session in June 1959 be held at the Center Association Camp Ground.

5. Be it resolved that any children attending the Youth Camp from churches out of the Association be charged a registration fee of \$7.50.

6. Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to our officers for their splendid work here and through the year.

## **Reports of Committees**

### **Home Missions:**

We, the Home Missions committee commend this Association for the support of the State and National Missions Programs. We recommend that each church organize a Women's Auxiliary, and that our Associational Auxiliary continue to meet on Friday before each Annual Association. We now have \$81.63 ready for use in our Home Mission Fund. We recommend that our Association continue to retain 5% of the Cooperative Plan Receipts for support of our Center Association Home Mission Work.

### **Temperance:**

We know that God's Word teaches that strong drink is contrary to his will. Prov. 20-1; 23, 29, 30, and 31. First Tim. 3-3; Romans 14-21; Titus 1-7.

Therefore; We ask our people to take an active stand against liquor. Furthermore; We ask our people to oppose any officer, or candidate for office that is not against liquor in any form. Therefore; We urge you to study the scriptures and beware of those who tell you that drinking will be lessened. Isa. 5-20; They that call good evil and evil good.

### **League:**

It is our opinion that each church should have a League to influence all of the youth in the communities, in the way of Christ, and work toward the building of the League Rally, Youth Fellowship, and the Youth Camp, at every meeting.

We recommend that all sponsors and leaders be dedicated to Christian service, as the children of today is the church leaders of the future. Our Rally Day is on the first Sunday of each quarter. League Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Barnes. President: Wilford Lee. Vice-President: Clyde Wayne Bennett. Secretary: Norma Bratcher. Assistant-Secretary and Treasurer: Linda Simpson.

### **Sunday School**

We the Sunday School Committee wish to submit the following report on the Sunday School work of our Association, for which we are deeply thankful. We believe that all teachers and officers should be Christians. We recommend to keep the good work going and strive to gain in attendance.

<b>Church</b>	<b>Supt.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Ave. Att.</b>
Ada	J. W. Dighton	Irene Collings	203
Camp Ground	J. O. Kirby	Marie Welch	59
Cedar Grove	M. E. Harris	Lillie Bryant	35
Gaar Corner	Lonnie Barnes	Floetta Bratcher	45
Happyland	Jim Roundtree	Juanita Sawyer	45
Non	J. W. Linton	Iva Wellington	85
Oakman	L. A. VanHorn	Mary VanHorn	40
Stonewall	Gerald Brown	Christine Henry	70
Stratford	Troy Henry	Bernadeen Freeman	70
Sulphur	Leo Bird	Mary Caffin	35
Wilson	Wilford Lee	Barbara Cassidy	40
Asher			18

### **Obituary:**

We find that since our last Association, God has called from our midst the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Church</b>
Homer Strickland	Stratford
Sis. E. L. Biles	Stratford
George Files	Stratford
Eva Wall	Wilson
Nellie Blackwell	Stonewall
Calvin West	Cedar Grove
Jessie Webb	East Sulphur
Pearl Rockwell	Camp Ground
Mary Underwood	Ada
Mart Massey	Oakman

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. We recommend that this body stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased.

## **Report of Youth Camp Committee Meeting**

The Youth Camp Committee of the Center Association met at Ada Church on Sunday, October 12, 1958 and held a business meeting to elect officers for the 1959 Youth Camp. Rev. Claude Freeman, Jr., of Stratford, was re-elected as the Chairman of the Committee. The following officers were elected by the Committee for the 1959 Camp to be held July 29-August 5, 1959:

Superintendent of Camp	Delbert Akin, Ada
Ass't Supt. of Camp	Wilford Lee, Wilson
Junior Girls Sponsor	Christine Barnes
Junior Girls Sponsor	Lavelle Wallis
Senior Girls Sponsor	Irene Collings
Senior Girls Sponsor	Lois Gray
Boys Sponsor	Lonnie Barnes
Boys Sponsor	Gerald Brown
Boys Sponsor	Wilford Lee
Boys Sponsor	Robert Duncan

Teachers as follows:

Music Teacher: Delbert Akin.

Bible History: Juniors, Wanda Murphy; Intermediates, Flora Carter; Seniors, Mrs. Mary VanHorn.  
 Doctrine: Juniors, Fern Duncan; Intermediates, Troy Henry; Seniors, Robert Duncan.  
 Evangelism: Juniors, Mrs. Fred Barker; Intermediates, Dorothy Akin; Seniors, Lorene Bratcher.  
 Stewardship: Juniors, Lennie Sparks; Intermediates, Buelah Frye; Seniors, Curtis Hogue.

## Treasurer's Financial Report

AUGUST 9, 1958

### RECEIPTS:

Ada .....	\$862.34	
Stratford .....	135.78	
Non .....	333.71	
Camp Ground .....	99.96	
Stonewall .....	254.24	
Gaar Corner .....	37.50	
Cedar Grove .....	15.00	
Happyland .....	112.27	
Oakman .....	209.81	
Wilson .....	16.30	
East Sulphur .....	53.00	
Asher .....		
Miscellaneous Col. ....	82.99	
Surp. from Youth		
Camp (1958) .....	565.42	
Total Receipts .....		\$2,778.32
Cash forwarded from last yr.	\$448.03	
Bal. in bank-brought fwd. ....	233.33	
From Youth Fellowship (1957)	170.00	\$851.36

**\$3,629.68**

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Building Material .....	\$ 399.47
State Association .....	
Represent fees 1957 .....	55.00
Song Books & forms .....	51.95
Co-op Plan .....	1,352.18
Minutes (1957) .....	60.00
Insurance (1958) .....	58.88
R.E.A. ....	32.47
Spec. Foreign Mission	
Col. ....	209.30
Labor .....	191.00
Miscellaneous .....	1.55
Cots (10) .....	150.00
Evangelist .....	175.00

Total Disbursements .....	\$2,736.80
Balance in Bank .....	892.88

**\$3,629.68**

Virgil Hunt, Treasurer

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Clerk's Address	Value of Church Prop.	Membership	Members Rec'd.	Members Dism'd.	Members Died
Ada	Delbert Akin	Ina Nelson	Gen. Del., Ada, Okla.	\$45,000	490	27	18	1
Stratford	F. M. Wood	Vesta Henry	Rt. 1, Stratford, Okla.	15,000	147	8	9	3
Non	Ben Pixley	Lessie Hendrix	Star Rt., Calvin, Okla.	11,000	200	7	5	0
Camp Ground	Curtiss Hogue	J. O. Kirby	520 W. 18th, Ada, Okla.	15,000	78	8	7	1
Stonewall	Muriel Wilson	Marjorie Martin	Rt. 1, Tupelo, Okla.	10,000	65	33	8	1
Gaar Comer	Bill Bratcher	Annie Hamblin	Rt. 2, Stratford, Okla.		52	12	3	0
Cedar Grove	Earlin Haskins	M. E. Harris	Rt. 3, Ada, Okla.	4,000	109	0	2	1
Happyland	Doyle Cox	Willie Smith	Rt. 4, Ada, Okla.	8,000	66	3	1	0
Oakman	Scott W. Jones	Flora Carter	Rt. 4, Ada, Okla.		39	5	8	0
Wilson	L. D. Stonecipher	Wilford Lee	Rt. 1, Ada, Okla.		80	13	2	1
East Sulphur	J. H. Hill	V. D. Finley	503 E. Tah, Sulphur, Okla.	5,000	18	6	0	1
Asher	Rev. Ira Smitley	Unknown		5,000	18	6	0	1

## Ministers' Directory

Delbert Akin	420 S. Ash, Ada,	Oklahoma
F. M. Wood	Box 725, Stratford,	Oklahoma
Scott W. Jones	Route 3, Ada,	Oklahoma
Bill Bratcher	Route 1, Stratford,	Oklahoma
L. D. Stonecipher	Route 1, Stratford,	Oklahoma
Ben Pixley	Gen. Del., Calvin,	Oklahoma
Muriel Wilson	Box 91, Francis,	Oklahoma
Lorene Bratcher	Route 1, Stratford,	Oklahoma
Curtis Hogue	Route 1, Stratford,	Oklahoma
Earlin Haskins	Route 2, Ada,	Oklahoma
Claude Freeman Jr.	Box 264, Stratford,	Oklahoma
E. L. Biles	Stratford,	Oklahoma
Lewis Wood	Stratford,	Oklahoma
Roy Wood	Stratford,	Oklahoma
Doyle Cox	1006 N. Francis, Ada,	Oklahoma
Bill Miller	Sulphur,	Oklahoma
Vaudey Finley	Sulphur,	Oklahoma
Leo Bird	Sulphur,	Oklahoma
J. H. Hill	Sulphur,	Oklahoma
Andy Dame	Stonewall,	Oklahoma
Don Simpson (Licensed)	700 W. 16th, Ada,	Oklahoma
Clyde W. Bennett (Licensed)	529 W. 15th, Ada,	Oklahoma
Wayne Sikes (Licensed)	Ada,	Oklahoma

## 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 separately, 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 and equivalent devotional exercise 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 baptised upon the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of 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 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, 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 by 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 of 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, given the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VI.—Motion. Every motion made and seconded 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 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 if he shall hold his letter for a period of three months when opportunities afford him, he shall surrender his credentials to the quarterly of yearly meeting.

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

## Articles of Faith

### ARTICLE I

We believe in the living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and these are equal in the Divine Essence, power and glory.

—Romans 1:20; John 1:1

### ARTICLE II

#### The Bible

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

—II Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 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 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.

—Gen. 3:1-13

Section 2. Being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall.

—Rom. 5:14-19

Section 3. 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.

—Heb. 2:9

### ARTICLE IV

#### Pardon

Section 1. We believe that Christ by his death suffering and resurrection, purchased our pardon. I Cor. 15:3.

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

—Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:28

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."

—Matt. 4:17, Isa. 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; Rom. 5: 1-13, John 1:12-13

### ARTICLE VI

#### Infants

We believe that infants and idiots are saved upon the mercies of Son of God.

—Jonah 4:11, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16 I John 2:12

### ARTICLE VII

#### Baptism Mode

We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of believers in water, and that Christ who is our life

showed his humble example to His children and bids us to walk therein. —Matt. 3:16, 28:19, Rom. 6: 4-5. (Latin to plunge, to submerge, baptizo; Greek to dip, baptisma; Greek, a dipper, bapton; Greek to wash, to dip. Matt. 3:13-17, 28:19, Rom. 6: 4-5, I Pet. 3:21.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Ministry Call

We believe that God, in His goodness, displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation.

—Eph. 3:7, I Tim. 1:8-9, Rom. 15: 15-16.

## ARTICLE IX

### Commandments

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet, and keeping the Lord's day holy, and to abstain from all worldly lust and carnal cares, and to assemble ourselves together, is an ornament which prepares and beautifies the soldiers of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord.

—Matt. 26:26-29, John 13:2-17, I Tim. 5:9-10 Luke 22: 7-20

## ARTICLE X

### 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.

—Acts 10:47

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.

—Acts 13:1-4, Matt. 28:19-20

Section 3. And we shall receive none other.

—Matt. 3:13-17, Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23.

## ARTICLE XI

### 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 setting the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet to invite all Christians.

—Cor. 11:27-28

## ARTICLE XII

### Woman's Privilege

We believe the Bible teaches woman's privilege to preach the Gospel.

—Judg. 4:4, Rom. 16:12, Acts 21:19, II Kings 22:14, Acts 2:17-18.

## ARTICLE XIII

### 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.

—Matt. 19:3-11, 5:32, Luke 16:18, Mark 10:11-12, Rom. 7:1-3, Prov. 5:19-20, I Cor. 7:10-11, Mal. 2:14-17.



## ARTICLE XIV

### Resurrection

Section 1. We believe in the resurrection of all dead, both just and unjust. —John 5:28-29

Section 2. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God. Matt. 25:34, Job 19:26

Section 3. And the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God.

—Matt. 25:31-32, Matt. 25:41, I Cor. 15:52, II Thes. 1:4-11, Rev. 20:14-15.

## 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 sanctions 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 Savior, Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, 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 enterprise, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

