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**Officers**

Moderator, T. F. Lewis, R1, Freeman, Mo.  
Ass't Mod. Deacon Chas Shipley, R1, Ritchie, Mo.  
Clerk-Treas., Alta Deane Wade, R2, Bronaugh, Mo.  
Ass't Clerk, Elder B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.

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**Executive and Home Mission Board**

Deacon L. C. Wade, .....R2, Bronaugh, Mo.  
Deacon T. M. Duncan, .....Moundville, Mo.  
Deacon O. T. Fast, .....R3, Liberal, Mo.  
Elder W. H. York, .....Hannon, Mo.  
Elder T. C. Ferguson, .....Weatherby, Mo.

## PROCEEDINGS

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The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its twenty-fifth Annual Session, with Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, near Chetopa, Kansas, on Thursday night, Aug. 24, 1933.

Service opened by singing hymns No. 108 and 52. Prayer by Bro. Jones. Song No. 53. Prayer by Sister Edith Mayfield.

Deacon W. H. Holly took charge, the moderator and assistant moderator both being absent. Scripture lesson Psalm 8. Prayer by Elder B. F. Brown.

Temporary Committee on Divine Service—Brothers J. E. Johnston, W. J. Mayfield and H. H. Hayward.

Elder John Swaffar was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Text, John 15:11. Closing remarks by Brother B. F. Brown.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

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## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by the clerk, Eld. W. H. York.

There being not enough standing members present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, it was decided to let both standing and elected delegates represent so as to make a quorum. Four churches were represented, and a quorum was declared present.

Bro. B. F. Brown being the eldest minister in years of service was called to the chair in the absence of all other officers and proceeded to organize the conference for the transaction of business.

Letters from the following churches were read and received and their delegates seated: Verdella, Hannon, Fairview, Independence, El Dorado Springs, Hickory Grove, Sylvandale and Wagoner, and the right hand of fellowship was given to all delegates present.

## Officers

Moderator, ..... Bro. Tom Lewis  
Ass't Moderator, ..... Bro. Chas. Shipley  
Clerk-Treasurer, ..... Sister Alta Deane Wade  
Ass't Clerk, ..... Eld. B. F. Brown  
Member of Executive Board, ..... Bro. L. C. Wade  
Temporary Committee on Divine Service announced  
Sister Edith Mayfield to bring the message at 11 o'clock.  
Motion carried to adjourn business until 2:00 p. m.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sister Edith Mayfield brought an inspirational message  
from Psalm 121.

Benediction by Bro. B. F. Brown.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session was called to order by singing. Scripture  
reading, St. Matthew 13:1-10 by the moderator. Prayer  
by Elder Kenneth Turner.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

## Appointment of Committees:

**Divine Service**—H. H. Hayward, J. E. Johnston and  
W. J. Mayfield.

**Business**—Chas. Shipley, Kenneth Turner, G. C. Lewis.

**Ministerial Standing**—W. J. Mayfield, Mrs. Tom Lewis,  
Mrs. Emma Thomas, Allene Wade and Mrs. Nettie Beck.

**Temperance**—R. C. Talbott, C. H. Jones, J. E. Johnston.

**Obituary**—Sisters Edith Mayfield, Marjorie Shipley and  
Gracie Mayfield.

**Sunday School**—Alta Deane Wade, Frank Jones and  
John Swaffar.

**Publication and Education**—Brothers Grover Lewis,  
B. F. Brown and W. H. York.

Letter from Indian Creek Association read and received  
and their messengers seated as delegates.

Motion carried to give all visiting brethren all the  
privileges of the floor except making motions and voting.

Ministerial reports were made and received from Elders  
Roena Thomas, W. H. York and Edith Mayfield.

Report of Executive Board was read and approved.

Report of Clerk-Treasurer was read and approved.

Elder W. H. York gave a report as corresponding messenger to the Indian Creek Association held in Aug., 1932.

Elder B. F. Brown gave a report of the General Conference attended at Nashville, Tennessee.

Elder John Swaffar gave an impressive talk on the benefit and needs of co-operation and fellowship between the associations.

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### Delegates Elected to the State Association

Fairview—Elder W. H. York and J. E. Johnston.

Hannon—Mrs. G. E. Wade.

Verdella—Bro. and Sister O. T. Fast.

Hickory Grove—Brothers Ernest Cockrell and Lloyd Warren.

It was voted to hold the next session of the Association with Hickory Grove church, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1934.

Motion carried that Elder Kenneth Turner preach the introductory sermon next year, and that Bro. B. F. Brown be alternate.

Divine Service Committee announced that Elders W. H. York and Kenneth Turner occupy the stand at the evening service.

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday morning.

Benediction by Bro. Shipley.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The stand was filled by Elders W. H. York and Kenneth Turner. Both brought soul-stirring messages, which were enjoyed by every one present. Perhaps the messages were really good because they were taken from the Word of God, and God was with the messengers.

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### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with singing. Scripture reading, Matt. 16:1-28, by the Ass't Moderator, Bro. Chas Shipley. Prayer by Brothers W. H. Holly and Chas. Shipley.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Reports were read and received from the following committees: Ministerial Standing, Obituary, Temperance, Publication and Education, Sunday School, Business.

Things brought out in the committee reports were briefly discussed, with interest.

There being no further business, motion carried to adjourn to meet on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1934, with Hickory Grove church.

Closed with prayer by Elder Kenneth Turner.

Divine services continued until Sunday afternoon and were quite interesting and profitable.

Saturday night Sister Edith Mayfield brought a very interesting message.

Sunday morning the Sunday school assembled, and opened at 10:00 o'clock with Sister Lamb in charge as superintendent. It was an interesting session with about ninety (90) in attendance.

At eleven o'clock Elder B. F. Brown brought a message on the "Signs of the Times." Concluded by Bro. Swaffar.

About the close of the eleven o'clock service a large delegation arrived from Picher, Oklahoma (members of Indian Creek Association).

Well filled baskets were brought and lunch was served on the grounds.

Came together by singing soon after the noon-day lunch and had a spiritual feast until about four o'clock.

There were short sermons by Bro. T. E. L. Curry, Bro. Hart (an M. E. minister), Brothers Paul Pursell, T. O. Hutchison and John Swaffar, with talks and testimonies by others.

T. F. Lewis, Moderator,  
Alta Deane Wade, Clerk.

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### Church Reports, Taken from the Letters

FAIRVIEW—State of religion fair. Lost one member, Sister Linda Mayfield, by death; total membership 56. Pastor for the past year John Swaffar of Purdy, Mo. Paid pastor \$63.20; for evangelist \$27.44; for minutes \$3.00.

Sunday school and Christian Endeavor both good.

Minister: W. H. York.

Deacons: W. H. Holly, Chauncy Meade.

We have had one revival the past year, held by our pastor and Bro. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo.

Mrs. Geneva Lamb, Clerk, Chetopa, Kansas, R2.

VERDELLA—State of religion good. Members added 2; dismissed by letter 2; total resident membership 44. Pastor for the past year W. H. York. Pastor for coming year not chosen. Paid pastor \$56.40; Amount for incidentals \$15.00; Home Missions \$2.50; minutes \$1.05; value of church property \$1,000.00. Condition of prayer meeting poor; condition of Sunday school good, average No. of pupils 40.

Minister: Sister Edith Mayfield.

Deacons: O. T. Fast, Liberal, Mo., R3; E. H. Coles, Hannon, Mo.; Earl Phillips, Iantha, Mo.; W. E. Bowman, Iantha, Mo.

Church requests that Sister Edith Mayfield be examined for ordination.

Mary L. Fast, Clerk, Liberal, Mo., R3.

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WAGONER—State of religion fair. Total membership 90. Pastor Sister Roena Thomas of Hannon, Mo. Amount for minutes \$3.00.

Deacons: W. H. Potts, Stockton, Mo., W. L. Douglas, Stockton, Mo., R6, Joe Stephens, Stockton, Mo., R4.

Mrs. Tessie Cross, Clerk, Stockton Mo., R6.

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HANNON—State of religion medium. Members received 14; baptized 7; total membership 120. Pastor the past year W. H. York, pastor elect Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. Paid pastor \$150.00; evangelistic work \$70.00; incidentals \$51.39; Home Missions \$9.50; Sunday school literature \$85.00; minutes \$3.65; value of church property \$1200.00.

Condition of prayer meeting medium, condition of Sunday school good, average attendance 90.

Ministers: T. L. York, La Fontaine, Kansas, Roena Thomas, Hannon, Mo., Arlie Hoover (licensed), Hannon, Mo.

Deacons: Ross Thomas, Hannon, Mo., C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo., G. C. Lewis, Liberal, Mo., R3, L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo., R2.

Each year we send a barrel of fruit to the orphanage at St. Louis. We send our used Sunday school literature to Korea.

Mrs. L. C. Wale, Clerk, Bronaugh, Mo., R2.

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INDEPENDENCE—State of religion common. Members dismissed by letter one, deceased two, total membership 83. Pastor Roena Thomas, Hannon, Mo. Paid pastor \$29.00, paid budget. Sunday school evergreen, attendance 38.

Deacons: J. T. Long, C. C. Barton, I. V. Sell, all on route 4, Stockton, Mo.

A. B. Whistance, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R4.



SYLVANDALE—State of religion good. Members dismissed by letter one, deceased one; resident members 11, non-resident 16; total membership 27. Pastor Roena Thomas of Hannon, Mo. Amount paid pastor not known, amount for minutes \$1.00.

Condition of Sunday school evergreen, pupils 27.

Minister: W. W. Ireland, ElDorado Springs, Mo.

Deacons: Lee Senter and T. M. Duncan, Moundville, Mo.

Mrs. Amelia Duncan, Clerk, Moundville, Mo.

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HICKORY GROVE—State of religion good. Members dismissed by letter three; resident members 54, non-resident 60, total membership 114. Pastor the past year W. H. York. Am't paid pastor not stated, for evangelistic work \$21.00, for printing minutes \$3.00.

Sunday school every Sunday.

Deacons: W. S. Mosby, Walter Newman, Frank Evans, all of Archie, Mo., Ausa Cockrell, Lile, Mo. and Cloyd Hensley, Madison, Kansas.

Church requests next session of the Association.

Lee Hammond, Clerk, Archie, Mo.

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NEOLA—Found no report.

EL DORADO SPRINGS—No report.

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## ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

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### Ordained Ministers

W. H. York,

Edith Mayfield.

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### Visiting Ministers

John Swaffar,

Kenneth Turner,

B. F. Brown

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### Deacons

W. H. Holly, Chauncy Meade, G. C. Lewis, Chas Shipley.

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### Delegates

Johnnie Stacy, Ray Mayfield, J. E. Johnston, W. J. Mayfield, Nettie Beck, Alta Deane Wade, Allene Wade, R. C. Talbott, Mrs. Emma Thomas, Wess Mayfield, T. F. Lewis, Dollie Lewis, Geneva Lamb.

### Visitors

Frank Jones, Blue Jacket, Okla., C. H. Jones and Bro. and Sister Ivie, Central'a, Okla., Marjory Shipley, Ritchie, Mo. and Gracie Mayfield, Chetopa, Kansas.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, heartily endorse the Eighteenth Amendment, and stand for its rigid enforcement. We are also opposed to any modification of the Volstead Act, and we pledge our support to officers upholding this act.

We also wish to discourage the use of cigarettes and tobacco in every form among our membership, especially ministers, according to our ordaining constitution.

R. C. TALBOTT,  
J. E. JOHNSTON,  
C. H. JONES.

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MINISTERIAL STANDING—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find the following ministers in good standing and entitled to receive Annual Certificates of Standing:

W. H. York, T. L. York, Roena Thomas, Edith Mayfield, J. T. Williams and Arlie Hoover, a licensed minister.

We also have with us at this time the following visiting ministers: John Swaffar, B. F. Brown and Kenneth Turner.

ALLENE WADE,  
DOLLY LEWIS,  
NETTIE BECK,  
EMMA THOMAS,  
W. J. MAYFIELD.

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OBITUARY—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved families of our Association for the loss of their loved ones within the past year.

Our loss is heaven's gain. God gave, He took, He will restore, He doeth all things well. So let us resolve to lend a helping hand to the bereaved at any and all times.

Names of deceased are as follows:

Fairview—Mrs. Linda Mayfield, Chetopa, Kansas.

Independence—G. E. Pruitt, Stockton, Mo., Sister Mabel Lewis, Clorus, California.

Sylvandale—One member.

EDITH MAYFIELD,  
MARGIE SHIPLEY,  
GRACIE MAYFIELD.

PUBLICATION and EDUCATION—We, your Committee on Publication and Education, recommend that all Free Will Baptist take the Free Will Baptist Gem, which is our home paper, being printed at Purdy, Missouri, and the Free Will Baptist published at Ayden, North Carolina.

Inasmuch as it has been manifested by many of our Sunday schools that literature with spiritual comments is a crying need; we therefore recommend that steps be taken to provide for printing our own Sunday school literature.

Therefore we recommend the use of our denominational literature published at Ayden, N. C. until the above can be obtained.

We further endorse an educated, clean, and spiritual ministry, and urge that all our preachers avail themselves of every opportunity for study, that they may be better qualified for more efficient ministry, thereby being a greater power to win souls for the Master.

W. H. YORK,  
B. F. BROWN,  
G. C. LEWIS.

BUSINESS—We, your Committee on Business, wish to submit the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, in conference assembled at Fairview church, hereby express our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for the unity and brotherly love at this meeting of our Association. The gratitude of our hearts goes out to the people of Fairview church and surrounding neighborhood for the kindness shown us while gathered here for the Association. We ask God to bless each and every one who took part and made it possible for this Association.

KENNETH TURNER,  
G. C. LEWIS,  
CHARLES SHIPLEY.

### Executive Board Report

The Executive Board met in a call session to reorganize the Bluff church. Board members present, O. T. Fast, T. M. Duncan, W. H. York and L. C. Wade, proxy for J. W. Moul, who could not attend. We enjoyed a very spiritual meeting and ordained two deacons by prayer and laying on of hands.

All other items of business that were attended to will be printed in this year's minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. York, Clerk of Ex. Board.

## Report of Clerk-Treasurer

I have filled the office of Clerk-Treasurer the best I could under the circumstances. I had Bro. Brown, our worthy editor, to print our minutes, which cost \$20.00. On account of the National Bank Moratorium I could not secure the funds to pay Bro. Brown, so took \$12.00 of my own money and still owe him \$8.00. Also the budget money paid in over and above the minute money, I will raise as fast as I can and replace the amount, and will also make out a full report of our financial standing and send it to Bro. Brown to complete my report in the minutes. But as things stand at present I cannot make a full and complete report.

Humbly submitted,

Elder W. H. York, Clerk-Treasurer.

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## Ministers' Reports

W. H. YORK—To the Central Western Missouri and South-eastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, Greetings in Jesus' name:

For the past year I have labored among the churches the best I could, and pastored Virdella, Hannon and Hickory Grove. While many handicaps rendered it impossible for me to do my best for them, I preached several funerals, traveled about 15,000 miles, received \$275.00 salary, held two revivals, baptized 22.

As the time has come for me to step aside a little and give place for other young and worthy ministers, I intend to be silent for the coming year, or as long as the Lord leads.

My prayer is for the best Association we have ever had, and may there be a great ingathering in all the churches.

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ROENA C. THOMAS—To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, Greetings in Jesus' name:

For the past year I have had the care of four churches, three of them in our Association: Independence, Wagoner and Sylvandale, and one, McKill chapel a community church near home.

I have done some revival work, having held meetings at McKill chapel and at Bluff church. The Lord blessed and, during the past year, I have witnessed 23 conversions, preached 128 sermons, baptized four, conducted three funerals, performed one marriage ceremony, received \$85.00 in money. After the revival at Bluff church, we were able to see the old church reorganized, and we thank God for that.

I was ordained to the ministry October 3, 1932. Ordaining brethren were Elders Winford Davis, W. H. York, and deacons L. C. Wade, G. C. Lewis and R. R. Thomas.

Sister Edith Mayfield and Sister Lottie Chandler have been with me in the meetings of the past year, and we are in a revival effort now at the Wagoner church. We are having large crowds and interest is growing, but so far no one has been saved. But thirteen gave their hands for prayer last night.

We expect to go from here to the Independence church for a meeting, and desire your prayers for victory here.

I am yours for the cause of Christ.

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EDITH MAYFIELD—To the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist:

Being licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ one year ago at the Association, I will give my report of the Lord's work for the past year. I have had a regular appointment at my home church and at Bluff church.

Sister Thomas and I held a revival at McKill chapel, with one conversion. I filled Sister Thomas' appointment at Sylvandale in September. Have preached 27 sermons, received a few dollars, have visited several sick folks; and have certainly enjoyed doing the will of the Lord, trying by His help to win souls and strengthen God's people in faith in Him. May the coming year be a more profitable one for God's work, and I am praying that God will send us a servant to hold a revival soon.

I beg to remain your humble servant of the Lord.

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## CONSTITUTION

Art. I. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of such consistent, well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall, from time to time, unite with the body and agree to this Constitution.

Art. II. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which it is composed. Each active church being entitled to one delegates, and each church having twenty-five (25) resident members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five residents members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained and licensed ministers, and church clerks of the several churches composing this Association.

Art. III. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an assistant Clerk and a Treasurer; all of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who resides near enough to attend church services, or who resides at a distance, but discharges his or her obligations to the church; unless feeble minded or invalids. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

Art. IV. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of whom shall be ministers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association. One member of this board shall be elected to hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year and hold office for five years, or until his successor is elected. This board shall have charge of the work of the Association when it is not in session.

Sec. 2. The Home Mission Board of this Association shall be Trustees of the Association, and shall have charge of its property

Art. V. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall meet with the approval of the Association, and it shall be the duty of all the churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all ministers of this Association to attend each session or report by letter. And all ministers reporting by letter or in person shall be entitled to Annual Certificates of Ministerial Standing by the Association.

Art. VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by vote at any regular session of the Association, notice of such intended change having been given in writing not less than three months before such change shall be voted on to the Executive Board.

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## BY-LAWS

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1. Each Annual Session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk, and in his or her absence, the assistant Clerk, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service. After the Clerk, or the one calling the assembly to order, shall declare a quorum present, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, and in his or her absence, the assistant Moderator, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service.

2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five (5) delegates from three (3) or more churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number may adjourn from time to time.

4. A member wishing to speak in conference, shall arise and address the Moderator, and shall be recognized by him, and shall not be allowed to speak longer than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the conference.

5. New churches may be admitted to this Association by a majority vote of the Association.

6. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question by the request of one-third of the members present.

7. A committee of five lay members, delegates present at the Association, shall be elected to look into the standing of the ministry of the Association, and shall report to the Association before it adjourns, for approval.

8. No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried preacher's license for at least one year and must have received a call to pastor some church. The call for ordination must come from the church that has called him or her to pastor it, or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator or the assistant Moderator, when not otherwise provided for by the Association.

10. Whenever practicable, all business of importance coming before the local churches shall be decided by secret ballot, a majority vote to decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association, that have a total membership of less than fifty, to send to the Clerk of this Association the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) each year, and each church with a total membership of fifty or more, shall send the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) each year to defray the general expenses of this Association.

12. It shall be the duty of the preachers and the churches of this Association to try to work in harmony with the Home Mission Board of this Association.

13. A request from a church that a brother or sister be examined for license or ordination to preach the Gospel shall not mean that he or she shall be licensed or ordained, but that a council be appointed to examine him or her, and if, after examination, the council thinks best, he or she may be licensed or ordained.

14. Any preacher belonging to this Association who does not make a report of his or her work, either in person, by letter or by proxy, for three successive years, shall have his or her name dropped from the minutes.

15. It shall be the duty of each church to have its pastoral year to end with the annual session of the Association, and to hold its annual business meeting before the Association meets each year.

16. When a church fails to report to the Association, its last report shall be carried over in the minutes.

17. All old or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on a superannuated list, and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

18. It shall be the duty of the preachers belonging to this Association to present their ordination papers to the Clerk, that a correct copy can be secured and become a part of our permanent record for future reference and use.

19. These by-laws may be amended at any session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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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.



## CHURCH COVENANT

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of 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.