

The
Central Western Missouri and
Southeastern Kansas Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1943

Proceedings of the
35th Annual Session

Convened at
Independence Church

OFFICERS

Moderator	Eld. Arlie Hoover
Assistant Moderator	Preston Cross
Clerk-Treasurer	Thora Arbogast
Assistant Clerk	Tressie Mae Cross
Statistician	Pauline Warren

Executive and Home Mission Board

Deacon L. C. Wade, Bronough, Missouri	1948
Deacon John Bough, Stockton, Missouri	1947
Elder Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kansas	1946
Deacon Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Missouri	1945
Elder Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Springs, Missouri	1944

Church Clerks

Hannon	Mrs. Zola Truskett, Arcadia, Kan.
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Jewell Maberry, Greenfield, Mo.
Independence	Mr. A. B. Whistance, Stockton, Mo.
Wagoner	Miss Tressie Mae Cross, Stockton, Mo.
Eldorado Springs, Mrs. Linnie A. Horner, Eldorado Springs, Mo.	
Verdella	Mrs. Ben Hizar, Iantha, Mo.
Fairview	Mrs. Geneva Lamb, Chetopa, Mo.
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Gladys Goddard, Archie, Mo.

Church Pastors

Hannon	Eld. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Mt. Olive	Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Independence	Eld. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Wagoner	
Eldorado Springs	Eld. Cecil Horner, Eldorado Springs, Mo.
Verdella	
Fairview	Eld. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
Hickory Grove	Eld. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.

The next annual Session of this Association will be held at the Wagoner Church near Stockton, Mo., beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1914.

Eld. Lowell Martin is to preach the introductory sermon on Wednesday night, Eld. H. S. Ford, alternate.

Minister's Conference on Tuesday night and Wednesday. Everyone is welcome.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The sixth annual session was called to order on Tuesday night August 17, 1943, by the president, Eld. Lowell Martin.

Song, prayer and testimony service.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 1, was read by Bro. Horner.

Eld. Arthur Kicenski brought a message from Matt. 28:18-19, which was very inspiring.

Dismissed by Eld. Marie Hyatt.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Song and devotional lesson from 1st Timothy 4.

Motion carried that delegates at large, ministers, deacons and elected delegates have part in the election of officers.

Officers for 1943-1944: President, Eld. Lowell Martin; Vice President, Eld. Cecil Horner; Secretary, Eld. Marie Hyatt.

Eld. Frank Linton was elected to preach the opening sermon at the minister's conference in 1944, with Eld. Marie Hyatt as alternate.

Motion carried that the president be empowered to appoint a committee to prepare a program for next year's session.

The chosen topic, "What is sin and can a Christian live above or without it?", based on 1st John 3:9, was discussed by Elders Arthur Kicenski, Kenneth Turner, Cecil Horner, Winford Davis, Lowell Martin, and Arlie Hoover.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next annual session just preceding the Association.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song by congregation.

Special prayer for two brother ministers, Harold Hoover and Lloyd Jeffreys, now in the U. S. Army.

Spirit inspired message from Ezekiel 47:1-12, by Eld. Cecil Horner.

Hand shake of fellowship and benediction by Bro. Hartley.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The first annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was called to order by the president, Rev. Alice Dickey, on Wednesday, August 18, 1943.

Theme song, "I Love To Tell The Story."

Devotional from Prov. 31.

Auxiliary reports read; accepted and delegates seated from Independence, Mt. Olive, and Hickory Grove.

Verbal reports of convention officers read and received.

Officers elected for 1943-1944 as follows: President, Alice Dickey; First Vice President, Frankie Wade; Second Vice President, Thora Arbogast; Third Vice President, Laura Cockrell; Fourth Vice President, Mary Wade; Fifth Vice President, Audra Dill; Treasurer, Jewell Maberry; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Lowell Martin; Field Worker, Thora Arbogast.

Report from National Convention by Marie Hyatt.

Motion carried to send \$5.00 through National Convention for help of school.

Motion carried to give \$3.50 for printing of minutes.

Motion carried to give Field Worker \$2.50 as a love offering for service rendered.

Program Committee appointed for next year: Marie Hyatt, Lowell Martin, and Thora Arbogast.

Motion carried to adjourn until next year just preceding the Association.

DISTRICT LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The third annual session was called to order by the president, Sister Marie Hyatt.

Song, "Onward Christian Leaguers."

Devotional Prov. 22:1-12, and prayer by Loretta Shipley.

Reports were read, received and delegates seated, from Independence and Hickory Grove.

Motion carried to accept report of Field Worker.

Officers elected for 1943-1944 as follows: President, Irene Farris; Vice President, John Bough; Secretary and Treasurer, Lucille Miller.

Motion carried to empower president to elect a nominating committee to select a Field Worker.

Nominating committee: Sisters Lowell Martin, Alice Dickey and Janalee Sells.

Delegates were elected to state league as follows: Junior Shipley, Thelma Whistance, with power to appoint alternates.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the next setting of the local association in 1944.

Dismissed by league benediction.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met in its thirty-fifth annual session at the Independence Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton, Mo., August 18, 1943, at 8:45 P.M.

The moderator, Bro. Arlie Hoover, called the meeting to order.

Song, prayer and testimony service.

Introductory sermon, "On to Victory," full of admonition and inspiration by Rev. Alice Dickey.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, prayer and devotional service.

House called to order by clerk, quorum declared present and moderator called to chair.

By-Laws read.

Letters read, received and delegates seated, from all churches of the association.

Officers elected for 1943-1944 as follows: Moderator, Eld. Arlie Hoover; Assistant Moderator, Preston Cross; Clerk-Treasurer, Thora Arbogast; Assistant Clerk, Tressie Mae Cross; Statistician, Pauline Warren; Executive Board Member, L. C. Wade.

Motion carried to receive statistician's report.

Motion carried to extend visiting brethren seats in council.

Motion carried to meet with Wagoner Church in 1944.

Motion carried to adjourn until afternoon.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song and prayer service.

Sermon by Rev. Frank Linton from Rom. 1:14. This

was a soul-stirring message and one soul came to the altar for deeper consecration, during the old time hand shake of fellowship.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song and prayer service.

Motion carried to receive minister's reports to be referred to committee on ministerial standing.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Publications.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Christian Education for discussion.

Motion carried to receive as a whole.

Motion carried to receive report of the Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of Committee on Resolutions for discussion by item.

Motion carried to refer item No. 1 back to the Resolutions Committee to work out.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday morning.

THURSDAY THREE O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregational singing.

Sermons, "Occupy 'Till I Come" by Bro. Kenneth Turner and "Repent" by Bro. W. K. Weston were soul-thrilling with their timely admonition and hope for Christians.

An old fashioned hand shake was enjoyed.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song and prayer service.

Mission message, "Where there is no vision the people perish," by Bro. Winford Davis. The Holy Spirit manifested himself in a marvelous way throughout this service. Quite a number of young people bowed at the altar and submitted themselves for service any where God might see fit to use them.

An offering amounting to \$107.50 was taken for foreign mission work.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, prayer and devotional service.

House called to order for business by moderator.

Motion carried to receive report of the Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Temperance Committee for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Temperance Committee as a whole.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

Eld. Lowell Martin was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the 1944 session, with Eld. H. S. Ford as alternate.

Motion carried to elect delegates to the State Association and empower them to elect alternates.

The delegates were elected as follows: Junior Shipley, Aileen Worsley, Kenneth Smith, Ina Bell O'Conner, Theo Bough, Margie Shipley, Dora Mead, and Thora Arbogast.

Motion carried to elect a delegate to represent our district in the National Association in 1944.

Delegate elected, Thora Arbogast.

Motion carried to table item No. 2 of the Resolutions Committee report until next year.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of the Resolutions Committee report.

Motion carried to adjourn until afternoon.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Songs and prayer.

Sermons, "Victory through Jesus" by Sister Marie Hyatt and "On to perfection" by Bro. Cecil Campbell were Spirit-filled and inspired to more zealous living for God.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song and prayer service.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Home Mission Committee for discussion.

Motion carried to put the Home Mission work into the hands of the Executive Board.

Motion carried to adopt the plan presented by the Executive Board to promote Home Missions.

Motion carried to turn the Home Mission fund of the Association to the clerk of the Executive Board.

Motion carried to accept the report of the treasurer.

Motion carried to extend vote of thanks to the moderator and clerk for their services.

Motion carried to receive minutes with necessary corrections.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Wagoner Church on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August 1944.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FOREIGN MISSIONS — We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

Since the Lord has in a very special way blessed in the Foreign Mission work and graciously opened new fields for we, the Free Will Baptist denomination, we feel a deep sense of responsibility to the Lord as we stand at the threshold of these open doors.

We will have to move hurriedly if we keep up with the work which the Lord has laid at our finger tips in Cuba. The greatest need pertaining to our Cuban work at this time is the establishment of a Bible school and Mission Center there. The National Board of Foreign Missions, under the authority of the National Association, has launched a five thousand dollar campaign for funds with which to establish this school. In view of this worthy effort,

We recommend that we of the Central Western Missouri and South East Kansas Association, increase our giving to the Foreign Mission cause.

We recommend that our people may do much praying that some one may go and become a teacher for the Willey children.

Our staff of workers in the Cuban field is Superintendent Willey and wife; Miss Bessie Yeley; seven native ministers and Josua, who has been selected to head the Cuban School of Missions.

As concerning our work in India, prospects are brightening there. Miss Barnard is expecting to receive passage to India any day. Rev. Clay is carrying on at Katagiri, South India, in the absence of Miss Barnard. Rev. Alexander Banks has consented to act as a go-between for us and by this means we are endeavoring to open up a work in Purnea district by the use of native workers, until such time as our missionaries can be present.

We recommend that much prayer be offered in behalf of Miss

Barnard in view of her return to the India field.

In view of the monthly demands upon our national treasury for the support of the cause of the Lord in the Free Will Baptist in these two great fields, namely, Cuba and India, and in view of the pressing need for our Cuban School of Missions and the imminence of Miss Barnard's return to India, therefore,

We recommend that we rise to meet this challenge in a financial way. Let us be faithful stewards to that which God has committed to our trust. Let us not frustrate the plan of God, nor retard the progress of this great work by our lack of liberality and prayerful devotions.

In closing we want to remind you that the Missouri quota is for \$3,500.00. This is a goal to work to.

Marie Hyatt,
Committee Winford Davis,
Lowell Martin.

HOME MISSION—We, your committee wish to submit the following:

Realizing the great need of reaching those within the bounds of our association with the gospel, where there are no preachers and the fields are white,

We recommend that plans be considered to place an evangelist on the field at this time. We further more suggest the following plan for discussion.

That the evangelist go into such needy places as he or she is led by the Spirit of God, and that he or she be paid a specified amount each week for their services and the offerings they receive in such places to revert back into the Home Mission treasury.

Lottie Marshall,
Committee Linnie A. Horner,
Theo Bough.

RESOLUTIONS—We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following:

No. 1—Be it Resolved, That we start our business sessions each morning at 9:00 o'clock giving more time for discussions.

No. 2.—Be it Resolved, That the present moderator be given the power to appoint a committee on committees any time he sees fit.

No. 3.—Be it Resolved, That every Christian set aside a portion of each day in prayer for the armed forces of our coun-

try, and that we may have peace. In this way we may form an army for our Lord.

No. 4.—Be it Resolved, That the members of this association, while convened with the Independence church, do express our sincere appreciation of the friendship and hospitality shown us during this association.

Myron Hyatt,
Committee Jewell Maberry,
Pauline Warren.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee, wish to submit the following:

We recommend that all officers and teachers be fully consecrated Christians and have for their aim the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

We urge that the teachers open class with prayer. We urge that the teachers bear in mind that their duty is not only to teach Bible facts but to present them in a manner in which they can be applied to daily living.

We recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday schools wherever practical.

We recommend that as far as possible we line up with the National Sunday School Convention.

Mildred Hoover,
Committee Ottis Martin,
W. H. Potts.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

Realizing the demoralizing effect of intoxicating beverages upon the people of our nation we request our ministry to devote one or more messages each year to the subject of intoxicating drinks and their effects.

We recommend that we as a denomination unite our efforts with other Christian organizations in prohibiting the sale of liquors in and around our army camps.

We recommend that our people be temperate in all things, striving against the use of tobacco in any form.

Lena Stacy
Committee Arthur Kicenski
Alice Dickey

OBITUARY—We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

We extend to our bereaved members of this association our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of their loved ones.

We ask them to look to God who is our refuge in time of trouble.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

	Margie Shipley
Committee	Ross Thomas
	Tressie Mae Cross

EXECUTIVE BOARD—We agree that we will pay out of the Home Mission fund to Spirit inspired ministers of the gospel, a reasonable expense for services rendered in home mission work located in our association.

We reserve the right to approve or disapprove all applications.

We recommend that each church take some definite steps in regard to helping finance this work.

	John Bough
	Arlie Hoover
Executive Board	Ottis Martin
	Arthur Kicenski
	L. C. Wade

MINISTERIAL STANDING—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, having heard the following ministers letters read and accepted by the association, and believing them to be ministers of God fully aware of their responsibility,

We recommend that they be granted annual certificates of ministerial standing. Also, we urge every minister to attend the association some if possible.

Following are the ministers: Marie Hyatt, Alice Dickey, Callie Achord, Cecil Horner, Floy Hartley, Lowell Martin, C. R. Dick, H. S. Ford, Arlie Hoover, Lloyd Jeffreys, Harold Hoover, Arthur Kicenski, Superannuated J. T. Williams and Edith Mayfield.

	Preston Cross
	J. K. Stephens
Committee	A. W. Hartley
	Lloyd Warren
	L. C. Wade

EDUCATION—We recommend that individuals of our Association support our Free Will Baptist Bible School by the annual endowment plan.

We recommend that as our people give to Foreign Missions

in the future that they do so with the thought in mind that a special effort is being put forth to establish a Bible School and Mission Center in Cuba. Therefore, let us increase our giving in order to make possible this school.

We recommend that the people of this association bear in mind that our National Association is depending upon our Free Will Baptist people to pay for the property that we were compelled to purchase because of the rapid growth of the school.

We recommend that the people of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association remember in a special way, by prayer and finances, the students who represent our Association in the Free Will Baptist Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee.

Kenneth Turner
Committee Louella Thomas
Irene Farris

PUBLICATION — We, your Committee on Publication, wish to submit the following report:

We recommend the Bible to be read prayerfully.

We recommend the Free Will Baptist literature published at Ayden, N. C. for all our Sunday schools and Leagues.

We recommend "The Free Will Baptist" and "The Gem" to be read by all Free Will Baptists.

We recommend that more of our ministers send sermons to "The Gem."

We recommend some of our books that are endorsed by the National Board of Education and the National Executive Secretary, which may be purchased at The Gem office at Monett, Mo.

We wish to recommend the Free Will Baptist School at Nashville, Tennessee.

A. B. Whistance
Committee Audra Dill
W. K. Weston

FINANCIAL REPORTS

BUDGET RECEIVED:

Wagoner	\$3.00
Verdella	2.20
Independence	5.90
Fairview	3.70
Mt. Olive	5.60

Hickory Grove	5.00
Eldorado Springs	3.00
Hannon	8.00
Total	\$37.40

RECEIVED FOR CLERK HIRE:

Wagoner	\$1.00
Independence	1.30
Fairview	1.00
Hickory Grove	1.00
Hannon	1.25
Total	\$ 5.55
For Minutes from Verdella	1.60
For Minutes from Dist. Aux.	3.50
Amount brought forward	11.08

Grand total \$59.13

DISBURSEMENTS:

½ Budget to State Treasury	\$18.70
Printing of Minutes	26.00
Total disbursements	\$44.70
Balance on hand	\$14.43

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, 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 acting church being entitled to one delegate, and each church having twenty-five (25) resident members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained and licensed ministers, and church clerks of the several churches composing this Association.

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

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 their office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. IV. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of them 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 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. 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.

BY-LAWS

1. Each annual session of this Association shall be called to order by the clerk, or in his absence, the assistant clerk, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years in 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 when requested by 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 at least one year and must receive a call to pastor some church or be active in evangelistic efforts. The call for ordination must come from the church that called him or her to pastor it or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees or a Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the moderator or assistant moderator, unless 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 shall decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to collect, during the month of July each year, a sum of money not less than ten cents (10c) per member, to comply with the Budget System enacted by the Missouri State Association, and all of the money collected to be turned over to the Treasurer of this Association. who shall send half to the Treasurer of the State Association. It shall be the pastor's duty to see that this "budget" of ten cents per member is collected and turned in so it will be on hand for associational expenses.

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 the church that a brother or a 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 of this Association to have its pastoral year 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 in the minutes.

17. All old 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. No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the gospel, or deacon ordained, who is a user of tobacco.

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE.— The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD.— There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST.— Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT.— The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.— God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by main-

taining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.**—The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.**—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.**—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL.**—The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.**—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.**—All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.**—*Baptism*, or the immersion of believers in water, and the *Lord's Supper*, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: *Feet Washing*, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. **WAR.**—War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.**—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment" but the righteous into eternal life.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 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 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.

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.

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.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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