

**THE
CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1947

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
39th ANNUAL SESSION**

**CONVENED AT
HICKORY GROVE CHURCH
ARCHIE, MISSOURI**

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Proceedings of the 39th Annual Session
Convened with Hickory Grove Church

OFFICERS

Moderator	John Bough
Assistant Moderator	Harold Hoover
Clerk-Treasurer	Thora Arbogast
Assistant Clerk	Mildred Hoover
Statistician	Lloyd Jeffreys

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Deacon John Bough, Lockwood, Missouri	1952
Elder Lloyd Jeffreys, Lockwood, Missouri	1951
Deacon Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Missouri	1950
Elder Arlie Hoover, Liberal, Missouri	1949
Deacon L. C. Wade, Bronough, Missouri	1948

CHURCH CLERKS

Hannon	Zola Truskett, Liberal, Missouri
Mt. Olive	Jewell Mayberry, Greenfield, Missouri
Independence	Albert Whistance, Stockton, Missouri
Wagoner	Tressie Mae Cross, Stockton, Missouri
Verdella	Anna Mae Davis, Iantha, Missouri
Hickory Grove	Pauline Warren, Archie, Missouri

CHURCH PASTORS

Hannon	Rev. Cecil Campbell, Wheaton, Missouri
Mt. Olive	Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri
Independence	Rev. Callie Achord, Jericho Springs, Missouri
Wagoner	Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Lockwood, Missouri
Verdella	Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri
Hickory Grove	

The next annual session of this association will be held at the Mt. Olive Church, near Greenfield, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1948.

Rev. Opal Jeffreys will deliver the introductory message on Wednesday night, Rev. Harold Hoover as alternate.

Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The tenth annual session was called to order on Tuesday night, August 19, 1947, by the President, Rev. Alice Dickey.

Congregational singing, led by Bro. Junior Shipley.

Prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Solo by Rev. Harold Hoover.

Message, "The Depravity of Human Nature", based on Rom. 3:9-18 was delivered by Rev. Harold Hoover.

Benediction by Rev. Opal Jeffreys.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing, led by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Devotional, led by Sis. C. I. Joy.

Reading of the Constitution and By-Laws, Rev. Lowell Martin.

Officers elected for 1947-48: President, Rev. Harold Hoover; Vice President, Rev. Alice Dickey; Secretary, Thora Arbogast.

Rev. Marie Hyatt was elected to bring the introductory message at the 1948 session of the Conference, with Rev. Lowell Martin, alternate.

An offering of \$7.50 was taken to defray expenses.

Motion carried to pay \$3.00 on the printing of Minutes.

Motion carried to give \$2.50 on the printing of Programs.

Motion carried to give \$5.00 to Foreign Missions.

The topic: "The Pastor as a Shepherd", was discussed by Sis. Lowell Martin.

Benediction by Thora Arbogast.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Hymns led by Sis. Lowell Martin.

Devotional by Thora Arbogast.

Message: "Unity," by Rev. R. L. Nutting, from Psalms

133:1.

Benediction by Bro. J. K. Stephens.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing led by Sis. Marie Hyatt.

The topic: "The Pastor as Leader," was discussed by Sis. Opal Jeffreys.

Bro. Harold Hoover talked on the topic, "The Pastor as Supervisor."

Sis. Marie Hyatt discussed the topic, "The Pastor as Builder."

Others commented on these subjects.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn until the annual session in 1948.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

ARTICLE 1.

This organization shall be known as the Minister's Conference of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 2.

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the Ministry and their work in the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association.

ARTICLE 3.

The Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained and licensed ministers in good standing.

ARTICLE 4.

Representation to the Ministers' Conference is to be standing delegates of this Association.

ARTICLE 5.

A free will offering is to be taken during each session of this Minister's Conference which is to be used to defray the expense of this organization.

ARTICLE 6.

The officers of the Ministers' Conference shall consist of a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, each which shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session.* Sec. 2. The program committee shall be composed of the above officers, whose duty it shall be to prepare the program of the Minister's Conference for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7.

The Ministers' Conference shall hold its regular session annually during the time of the setting of the Central-Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association.

ARTICLE 8.

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two-thirds vote of members present.

DISTRICT LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The seventh annual session was called to order by the Vice President, Bro. Preston Cross.

"Onward Christian Leaguers," the League's theme song, was sung.

Devotional was led by Sis. Wanda Lynn, from Mark 1:1-8.

Hickory Grove League presented a program which was a great inspiration to all who heard.

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

Officers elected for 1947-1948: President, Bro. Preston Cross; Vice President, Bro. Junior Shipley; Secretary, Sis. Iva Jones.

Sis. Betty Jo Shipley was elected to represent at the State League Convention in September.

Rev. Opal Jeffreys was appointed as League Field Worker for 1947-48.

Motion carried to send \$1.75 to the State League Treasury.

Motion carried to give the remaining \$1.70 for the

printing of Minutes.

Motion carried to charge the League officers with the responsibility of preparing a program for the 1948 session.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1948 League session.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met in its thirty-ninth annual session at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Archie, Missouri, Aug. 20, 1947 at 8:00 p.m.

Congregational singing was led by Sis. Marie Hyatt.

Prayer by Bro. C. I. Joy.

Solo by Bro. Harold Hoover.

Prayer by Bro. John Bough.

Solo by Sister Marie Hyatt.

Rev. Lowell Martin brought the introductory message,

Benediction by Thora Arbogast.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing and devotional by Mildred Hoover.

Prayer by Rev. Winford Davis.

House was called to order for business.

By-Laws were read.

Letters from the churches were read, received and delegates seated.

Officers elected for 1947-48: Moderator, Deacon John Bough; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Harold Hoover; Clerk-Treasurer, Thora Arbogast; Assistant Clerk, Mildred Hoover; Statistician, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys; Executive Board Member, John Bough.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Board.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Statistician

Motion carried to extend a welcome to visiting brethren, and invite them to seats in council.

Motion carried to meet with the Mt. Olive Church, near Greenfield, Mo., for the 1948 session of the Ass'n.

Rev. Opal Jeffreys elected to deliver the introductory message, with Rev. Harold Hoover as alternate.

Motion carried to adjourn until called together by the Moderator.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Hymns led by Sis. Lowell Martin.

Prayer by Bro. Tom Lewis.

Message, "The Four Anchors of a Child of God," was delivered by Rev. Marie Hyatt. Scripture taken from Acts 27:29.

Brief announcements by Moderator, and benediction by Betty Jo Shipley.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing led by Rev. Winford Davis.

Devotional by Sis. Jewell Mayberry.

Solo by Bro. Harold Hoover.

Prayer by Sis. Opal Jeffreys.

Motion carried to receive the reports of the Ministers to be submitted to the Committee on Ministerial standing.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Association: Dollie Lewis, Ora Mayberry, Waldo Kicenski, Hazel Bowman, Tony Davis, Theo Bough; these to have the power to appoint alternates.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Treasurer and extend appreciation for work done.

Motion carried to receive report of the Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of the Obituary Committee.

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

Motion carried to receive report of the Committee on

Sunday Schools.

Motion carried to receive report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of the Home Mission Committee to be adopted item by item.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of Home Mission report.

Motion carried to give \$150.00 to building fund for the Girls' Dormitory in Cuba.

Motion carried to turn the remaining money of the Home Mission treasury to the Executive Board; to use at their discretion as the need arises during the coming year.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of the Home Mission report.

Motion carried to receive report of the Business Committee to be adopted item by item.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of report.

Motion carried that clerk have programs printed for the 1948 session and notify each church of its proportionate part of the expense.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4 of the Business Committee's report, and extend the Hickory Grove Church and community a standing vote of thanks at a convenient time in the evening service.

Motion carried to receive report of the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

- Motion carried to adjourn until the call of the Moderator.

THURSDAY NIGHT CALL SESSION

Moderator called meeting to order to transact the unfinished business at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Christian Education for adoption item by item.

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

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of the report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of the report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4 of the report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of the report.

Motion carried to give the Moderator power to appoint a Committee on Committees at his pleasure next year.

Motion carried to recommend Thora Arbogast as delegate to represent our district at the National Association in 1948.

Minutes of the Associational proceedings were read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next session which is to meet on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1948.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Rev. Winford Dayis, Promotional Sec.-Treas. of the Foreign Mission Board, was in charge of the service.

Sis. Lowell Martin led the congregation in the singing of a number of hymns.

Solo by Bro. Harold Hoover.

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Warren.

Solo by Sis. Marie Hyatt.

The missionary message of the hour was brought by Bro. Davis, and a stirring appeal and challenge was offered Free Will Baptists to rise up and possess the land which the Lord has offered, by constant and consistent giving, that all the young people whom the Lord has called to definite fields of service may go.

A prayer of dedication of life and material blessings was offered by Sis. Opal Jeffreys.

An offering amounting to \$63.22 was taken for the Foreign Mission cause.

Benediction by Bro. John Bough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. That we approve the Extension Plan for Foreign Missions, as set forth by the National Foreign Mission Board, and that we do all we can to help raise the quota suggested for the State of Missouri.

2. That we devote one evening service to Foreign Missions at each annual session of this Association.

3. That we heartily endorse the continued publication of the F. W. B. Missionary Review as a means of inspiration and blessing.

Committee:

Winford Davis
Lowell Martin
Theo Bough

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

1. We recommend that the money in the Home Mission Treasury be disbursed into various departments of our denomination. The placement and amount to be decided at this session of our Ass'n.

2. We recommend that our churches continue to send in Home Mission offerings.

Committee

Marie Hyatt
C. H. Zellmer
R. L. Nutting

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

1. We recommend that our officers and teachers be consecrated Christians.

2. We recommend that special prayer be made as classes open for study.

3. We recommend that where practical our literature be used, and as far as possible we line up to the standard of our National Sunday School work.

4. We recommend that all our church people and pastors attend Sunday School as much as possible.

Committee:

Opal Jeffreys
Bill Barton
Mary Cross

BUSINESS— We, your committee, recommend the following:

1. That the name of Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association be changed to Central Western Missouri Association, and that a written notice be presented to the Executive Board immediately so that action may be taken next year.

2. Feeling that this body cannot properly act as an examining or ordaining council, we recommend that the Verdella Church send a request to the Executive Board asking them to meet on the 5th Sunday in August, 1947, or as soon as is practical for the purpose of examining R. L. Nutting for ordination.

3. That programs be printed for next year, and that they be paid for by the Association. They shall be mailed out by the clerk.

4. We wish to thank the Hickory Grove Church and community for the hospitality shown in entertaining this Association.

Committee: Preston Cross
J. K. Stephens Tom Lewis
Ottis Martin Harold Hoover

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

1. We recommend that we as a denomination discourage the advertising of alcoholic drinks in our local papers.

2. We recommend that our Sunday School teachers be instructed to make more of Temperance Sunday by stressing the evils of strong drink.

3. We recommend that as far as possible we refuse to patronize places of business that sell liquor.

4. We request our ministry to devote more messages each year to the subject of intoxicating drinks, and their effects.

Committee Pauline Warren
Rosalie Nutting
C. I. Joy

OBITUARY— We, your committee, wish to submit

the following report:

Since our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His divine providence to call home some of our beloved members, we bow in humble submission, and extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of these who have gone from us and point them to the Great Comforter.

Committee:

Zona Lee Shipley
Mildred Hoover
Thora Arbogast

MINISTERIAL STANDING— We, your committee, having heard the Ministers' reports, and determined them to be in good standing do recommend that annual certificates be granted the following ministers:

Lloyd Jeffreys, Marie Hyatt, Harold Hoover, C. I. Joy, Lowell Martin, Arthur Kicenski, H. S. Ford, R. L. Nutting, Alice Dickey, Roena Thomas and three superannuated ministers, J. T. Williams, Edith Mayfield and C. R. Dick.

We recommend that Rev. C. R. Dick be placed on the list of superannuated ministers.

We recommend that any minister who is not ascertained by this committee to be in good standing report in person at the next Association to be reinstated to good standing.

We further recommend that all the ministers of this Association keep an accurate record of every phase of their work.

Committee:

Preston Cross
J. K. Stephens Tom Lewis
Ottis Martin Harold Hoover

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

We recommend that the F. W. B. Sunday School and League Literature be tried in all Sunday Schools and Leagues.

We recommend that each home support the Gem that it may be improved and made a better paper.

We recommend the F. W. B. Missionary Review. Your subscription will help support the Foreign Mission Program.

We recommend that the Bible be read daily in all F.

W. B. homes.

We recommend our denominational paper published at Ayden, N. C.

Committee:

Lloyd Warren
Junior Shipley
Theo Bough

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION— Realizing the importance of Christian Education in the lives of young people and Christian workers we recommend:

1. Our churches co-operate in reaching the quota for the State of Missouri as set forth in the Expansion Program of the F. W. B. Bible College.

2. That every church within Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School during the associational year.

3. That each church reporting to the Association send \$15.00 per month to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board to support a student in the Cuban School of Missions.

4. That books and booklets prepared by Free Will Baptist authors be adopted for use in Christian education.

5. That we request our State Association to protest any trend toward our Bible College being made a liberal arts, or fully accredited institution.

Committee:

Marie Wyatt
Lowell Martin
Harold Hoover

MINISTERS' REPORTS

H. S. Ford— I wish to submit this report of my work this year: I have preached 112 sermons, seen 21 at the altar, baptized 11, conducted 8 funerals, performed 3 marriages and have made many sick calls. I desire the prayers of all of God's people that I may be faithful to Him who has called me to the ministry.

R. L. Nutting— I have preached only about 10 sermons during the past year, but have been active in Sun-

day School and other religious work. I acted as superintendent a short time and have taught a class continually. I have traveled about 100 miles and received about \$10.00.

Callie Achord— I have preached 80 sermons, pastored 3 churches, held 1 revival, witnessed 7 professions, baptized 7, had 4 additions to the church and preached 3 funerals.

Arthur Kicenski— I have preached 62 sermons, pastored 2 churches, held 2 revivals, witnessed 1 profession and preached 2 funerals. I received \$193.42.

Lloyd Jeffreys— I have pastored 2 churches, preached 47 sermons, traveled 2541 miles, and received \$172.34.

Lowell Martin— I have preached 18 sermons and 2 funerals. I traveled 920 miles and received \$109.29.

C. L. Joy— I preached 25 sermons, witnessed 5 professions, traveled 1500 miles and received \$10.00

Harold Hoover— I have preached 25 sermons, seen 5 professions, baptized 3 and received \$63.44.

Marie Hyatt— I preached 25 sermons and received \$15.00. This has been a year of inactivity for me in the ministry. I have accepted care of 2 churches (half time each) for the coming year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET RECEIVED:

Hannon	\$ 6.00
Mt. Olive	5.00
Independence	5.55
Hickory Grove	5.00
Verdella	3.40
Wagoner	3.00
Total	\$27.95

Hannon	\$1.25
Mt. Olive	1.50
Independence	1.25
Hickory Grove	1.50
Wagoner	1.00
Total	\$6.50

For Minutes from District	
League Convention	1.70
For Minutes from Ministers'	
Conference	3.00
Amount brought forward	1.08
Grand Total	\$40.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

1-2 Budget to State Treas.	\$13.98
Amount for Clerk Hire	6.50
Total disbursements	\$20.48
Minutes	19.75

CONSTITUTION

Art. I. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such consistant, well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall from time to time unite with the body and agree to its 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 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 their companions who are in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church and church clerks of the several churches composing this Association.

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. III. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assis-

tant Clerk and 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.

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. 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 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 the 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 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 of service. After the clerk or the one calling the assembly to order, shall declare a quorum, he or she shall call the moderator to the chair, or in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in years of service.

2. Each session of this Association shall be open-

ed 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 laymembers, 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 minister'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 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 ministers 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 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. Each minister belonging to this Association shall be required to make a report in person at least once in every three years. Otherwise his or her name shall be 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 ministers 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 a future reference.

19. No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the gospel, 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.

II Timothy 3:16.

2. GOD— There is one true and living God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Govenor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God infin-

itely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore and obey.

I Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.

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.

St. John 1:1-12.

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.

St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:46.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD— God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

Psalms 22:28; 97:2.

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.

Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

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.

I John 2:2.

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.

II Cor. 7:10; Prov. 28:13.

9. ELECTION— God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condi-

tions 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 resist and perish.

Joshua 24:15.

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.

St. John 15:6; II Peter 2:20-22.

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 is an ordinance teaching humility and is of universal obligation to be administered to all true believers.

Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. **THE CHRISTIAN**— 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.

Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

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

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT 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".

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Wagoner	Independence	Mt. Olive	Verdella	Hickory Grove	Hannon
Value of church property	\$1000.00	\$.....	\$1200.00	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$2500.00
Amount paid pastor	73.25	250.00	623.50	248.89	149.14	360.00
Amount for Evangelistic work	.....	83.16	.....	82.00	.....	140.00
Amount for Publications	.....	48.00	50.00	41.08	33.00	57.45
Incidentals and Repairs	27.99	.....	35.00	20.00	33.82	226.66
Amount for Foreign Missions	.....	196.57	313.66	79.00	46.63	50.00
Amount for Home Missions	.....	10.00	50.00	11.22	33.69	50.00
Amount for Christian Ed.	.....	5.00	.....	38.00	10.00	45.00
Amount for Orphanage	.....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	25.00
Church membership	31	107	111	75	120	158
Licensed Ministers	1	...	1	1	...	...
Ordained Ministers	...	...	4	...	1	6
S. S. membership	...	37	50	50	30	60
League membership	...	31	...	...	25	...
Number Prayer Meetings	...	1	...	...	1	...