MINUTES

91st ANNUAL SESSION CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

when convened with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church El Dorado Springs, Missouri Friday/Saturday, March 19-20, 1999

92nd Annual Session
will meet with the
Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church
Greenfield, Missouri
Friday/Saturday, March 17-18, 2000



"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"... Psalm 33:12



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1999

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Charlie Hoover
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Bob Dickey
CLERK-TREASURER	Barbara Hopkins
ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER	Marcella Ruble
STATISTICIAN	Virginia Hoover
STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER	Rev. Milan Ruble

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD						
1.	Bethel	Deacon Lurel Mays	2000			
2.	Greenfield	Gilbert York	2000			
3.	Hannon	Deacon Charlie Hoover	2002			
4.	Hickory Grove	Rev. Thayne Fast	2002			
5.	Oskaloosa	Bro. Reed Smith	2002			
6.	Stockton	None	None			
7.	Verdella	Deacon Randy Sprenkle	2002			

CHURCH CLERKS

BETHEL FW BAPTIST CHURCH, El Dorado Springs, MO LOIS SMITH, 1102 South Kirkpatrick El Dorado Springs, MO 64744 GREENFIELD FW BAPTIST CHURCH, South Allison LUCILLE FRANKLIN, 403 Toney Avenue Greenfield. MO 65661 HANNON FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO PEGGY DICKEY, RR1, Box 157 Bronaugh, MO 64728 HICKORY GROVE FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO GLENNA STACKHOUSE, 12305 East 299th Street Archie, MO 64725

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MARGARET WALKER, PO Box 14
Liberal, MO 64762
STOCKTON FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO
BILL RAGSDALE, RR2, Box 2444
Fairplay, MO 65649
VERDELLA FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
RUTH FOGER, 799 West V Hiway
Liberal, MO 64762

MINISTERS OF CHURCHES

BETHEL FW BAPTIST CHURCH, El Dorado Springs, MO
REV. WARREN HALL, RR3, Box 424, El Dorado Springs, MO
GREENFIELD FW BAPTIST CHURCH, South Allison
REV. BOB DICKEY, PO Box 53, Liberal, MO
HANNON FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
REV. GEORGE NAUMANN, PO Box 122, Liberal, MO
HICKORY GROVE FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrisonville, MO
REV. THAYNE FAST, 945 NW 50th Lane, Liberal, MO
OSKALOOSA FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
REV. HOLLIS WALKER, JR., PO Box 14, Liberal, MO
STOCKTON FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Stockton, MO
REV. BILL RAGSDALE, RR2, Box 2444, Fairplay, MO
VERDELLA FW BAPTIST CHURCH, Liberal, MO
REV. MILAN RUBLE, 798 West V. Hiway, Liberal, MO

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, March 19, 1998, 7:30 p.m.

The 91st Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

Bro. Warren Hall opened with prayer. With Nancy Mays on piano, we were led in congregational singing by Bro. Mike Leonard, singing "I am Bound for the Promised Land", and "He Leadeth Me".

The Association Clerk then declared a quorum present to conduct our business. Moderator, Charlie Hoover, thanked Bethel for hosting the Association Meeting. The congregation then sang "Deeper, Deeper". A special, "Master of the Wind" was given by Linda Hall and Mike Leonard. Charlie Hoover then introduced our speaker, Missionary Rev. Stan Bunch of Panama. His message was Psalm 33:12 - "A Blessed Nation". A nation is comprised of individuals - if they are blessed, so is our nation. Likewise, a blessed world can be comprised of blessed nations. We then had a congregation altar prayer for our nation, led by Bro. Milan Ruble.

The evening offering was received, in the amount of \$87.00, which was given to Stan Bunch.

Bro. Jimmy Holder is to be ordained Sunday @ 2:00 at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Ragsdale.

Saturday Morning, March 20, 9:45 a.m.

The morning service was opened in prayer by Bro. Addis Foger, with congregational singing "What a Day That Will Be", and "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be", led by Bro. Bob Dickey. Special music was "Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Bethany Sprenkle from Verdella.

Verdella then presented Sword Drill practice by Kelly McKay and Derrek Wilson, led by Joan Wilson. Bro. Hollis Walker then led us in prayer.

Devotion was by Bro. Milan Ruble, from Psalms 1. We were then led in prayer by Bro. Thayne Fast.

Letters from the churches was read by Sis. Barb Hopkins for delegates to be seated. Reading of Executive Board Minutes was read, M/S/C to accept. Sis. Maxine Holder as delegate for Verdella - M/S/C. Executive Board Financial Report, Statistician Report and Clerk's Financial Report were given, M/S/C to accept.

Bro. Charlie Hoover then appointed the committees:

Business Committee - Bob Dickey, George Naumann, Stan Bunch, Randy Sprenkle, and Charles Whitson.

Ministerial Standing Committee - Roger Phillips, Lurel Mays, Gilbert York, Alice Hoover, and Lucille Franklin.

Obituary Committee - Doris Whitson, Iona Phillips, Regina Sprenkle, Nancy Mays and Anna Lee York.

Nominating Committee - Milan Ruble, Hollis Walker, Jr., Addis Foger, Linda Hall, and Floyd Crutcher.

The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jim Holder.

Women's Group, 11:00 a.m. session, March 20

Session was opened in prayer by Iona Phillips.

President, Betty Crutcher, called us to order.

Congregational singing "To the Work", was led by Linda Hall.

Nancy Mays welcomed us to the Bethel Church, with Alice Hoover responding.

The Nominating Committee was appointed: Regina Sprenkle, Linda Hall, Anna Lee York and Alice Hoover. Offertory prayer was given by Lucille Franklin.

We were then blessed with a special by Regina Sprenkle.

Our speaker was Sister "Myrtle Pearl" from Verdella Church (portrayed by Nancy Tahan). Her homespun humor was very much appreciated, as well as the lovely songs she sang.

A letter was read from Brenda Bunch, and the offering of \$90 was given to the Bunches.

We were then dismissed in prayer by Doris Whitson, with blessing asked on the noon meal.

Women's Group, 1:30 p.m. session, March 20

Our meeting was begun with congregation singing "Send the Light", and "Rescue the Perishing", led by Alice Hoover.

We were then led in prayer by Dorothy Dickey.

We were then blessed by the Bethel Church "Heavenly Hiways" Puppet, with selections "The People's Trial", "How God Made the Colors", King of My Heart", "I've Got a Promise", and People Need the Lord".

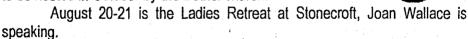
Secretary's Report was given by Iona Phillips, reporting five auxiliary's and 48 members. Treasurer report was handed out by Linda Hall, M/S/C to accept report as read.

The Nominating Committee's report was read and M/S/C. Officers are as follows:

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Virginia Hoover Iona Phillips Betty Crutcher Linda Hall

Installation of the Officers for 1999-2000 was then conducted, with the theme being "A Shepherd for the Flock".

Our fall Banquet and Craft Auction is to be hosted in October by the Bethel church.



1999 State Projects:

\$3000 - Missouri Show Me

\$3000 - Gwartney (church builders)

\$3000 - Steve and Linda Reeves

\$1000 - WNAC office

Betty Crutcher closed our meeting in prayer.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session, 1:45 p.m.

Business session was opened with congregational singing "Count You Blessings", led by Bro Bob Dickey.

We were then led in prayer by Bro. Roger Phillips.

Bro. Milan Ruble (General Board Member) gave a report on the General Board. A big "Thank You" to all the churches for Show-Me Plan. They hope 2001 to have 100% support of all our Missouri missionaries.

Business Committee Report:

Item 1 - Recommend that the churches in this association support the young people in our association who have been called into the ministry or minister. We have two young ministers, three missionaries, and Mexico Mission Team.

Item 2 - A standing vote of thanks to the Bethel church for their hosp
 Item 3 - That each church think seriously about supporting the Missc
 Show-Me Plan for missions.

Ministerial Committee Report was read, M/S/C to receive the report.

Obituary Committee Report was read, M/S/C to receive the report. 'had a moment of silent meditation for the departed and prayer by Bro. Randy Sprenkle.

Nominating Committee Report was read, M/S/C to accept this repor We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Hopkins. We then had a 1 minute recess.

Session was re-opened with congregational singing "Burdens are Lift Calvary", led by Bro. Bob Hopkins.

We were then led in prayer by Bro. Gilbert York.

Bethany Sprenkle from Verdella gave her Bible memorization.

We were then blessed with a special by Regina Sprenkle, "Boundles Love".

Bob Hopkins then sang "It is No Secret", and Barb joined him to sing "Three Old Rusty Nails".

Our message was by Bro. Randy Sprenkle, using Luke 11:28, "Bless are they that hear the Word of God and Keep it".

An offering of \$72.00 was taken for the association fund, with prayer Bro. Milan Ruble.

The 1998 session was dismissed in prayer by Sis. Linda Hall.

The 91st Session will meet with the Greenfield Chulon March 17-18, 2000

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS: Milan Ruble, Bill Ragsdale, George Naumann, Warren Hall, Jim Holder, Bob Dickey, Stanley Bunch and Hollis Walker, Jr.

DEACONS: Charles Whitson, Charlie Hoover, Lural Mays, and Roger Phillips.

DELEGATES: Marcella Ruble, Lorene Marshall, Beula Chism, Floyd Crutcher. Gilbert York, Linda Hall, Lucille Franklin, Mike Leonard, Margaret Walker,

Nancy Mays, Dorothy Dickey, Doris Whitson, Maxine Holder, and Barb Hopkins.

VISITORS: Bob Hopkins, Betty Crutcher, Nancy Leonard, Rachael Leonard, Annalee York, Dianne Naumann, Marietha Leonard, Angel Cox, Johnathan Leonard, Virginia Hoover, Joan Wilson, and Virginia Walker.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Business Committee, recommend:

Item 1 - That the churches in this association support the young people in our association who have been called into the ministry or mission field. We have two young ministers, three missionaries, and Mexico Mission Team.

Item 2 - A standing vote of thanks to the Bethel church for their hospitality. Item 3 - That each church think seriously about supporting the Missouri Show-

Me Plan for missions.

Sianed:

Bob Dickey, George Naumann, Stanley Bunch,

Charles Whitson, and Randy Sprenkle

MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Ministerial Committee recommend the following to receive a card of standing:

Warren Hall, Bob Dickey, George Naumann, Thayne Fast, Hollis Walker, Jr., Bill Ragsdale, Milan Ruble, Kurt Holland (missionary), Stanley Bunch (missionary), Jim Holder, and Randy Sprenkle.

Signed:

Roger Phillips, Lural Mays, Gilbert York, Alice Hoover,

and Lucille Franklin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following people were suggested by the Nominating Committee:

Moderator

Charlie Hoover

Asst. Moderator

Bob Dickey

Clerk / Treasurer

Barb Hopkins

Asst. Clerk / Treasurer

Marcella Ruble

Statistician

Virginia Hoover

State Gen. Board Member

Milan Ruble

Signed:

Milan Ruble, Hollis Walker, Linda Hall,

Floyd Crutcher, and Addis Foger

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following deceased members of our association:

Bethel

Sharon Keeton

Stockton

Wayne Presley

Oskaloola

Wilma Smith

Hickory Grove Anver Cummings

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Whitson, Regina Sprenkle,

Ionia Phillips, Annalee York, and

Nancy Mays

The sinner in the pew will never be cleansed with softsoap from the pulpit....

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Auxiliary Treasurer's Report

c. 31, 1998

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STATISTICAL TABLE 1998-1999

91st annual session western association of free will baptists

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BUILDING (Costs/Repairs)	8,639.17	0.00	11,695.88	1,657.84	1,215.05	50.00	13,980.53	37,238.47
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Central Western District Jan. 1 - D

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Members	11	4 (Dist.)	24
Receipts:	: 1		
Association Offering			
Fall Auction			
Designated Receipts	\$ 946.00	\$ 116.00	\$
TOTAL RECEIPTS:			
Balance:			
Disbursements:			
Membership Dues	\$ 118.25	\$	\$
WNAC	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$
Show-Me-Plan	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$
John McClure	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$
Provision Closet	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$
Home Missions	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$
Hillsdale College	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Hannibal Mission	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$
20/20	\$ 40.00	\$	\$
Laura Bell Barnard Offering	\$	\$	\$
New Hope (Retreat Project)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$
Russell Johnson	\$ -	\$	\$
Panama Soup Kitchen	\$ -	\$	\$
New Life Children's Home	\$ -	\$ -	\$
TN Children's Home	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Lizzie McAdams Offering	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$
Mexican Ministries	\$ -	\$ -	\$
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Brenda Bunch (Fall Auction)			1

ENDING BALANCE:

Study the Bible to be wise...



believe it to be safe...
practice it to be HOLY....

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

Rev. Milan Ruble		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings performed	1
Sermons preached	98	Funerals preached	2
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	15,097
Professions witnessed	5	Money Received	\$23,000.00
Rev. Thayne Fast		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings performed	0
Sermons preached	44	Funerals preached	0
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	4,400
Professions witnessed	0	Money Received	\$0.00
Rev. Hollis Walker		Number baptized	1
Churches pastored	1	Weddings performed	1
Sermons preached	86	Funerals preached	4
Additions to Church	1	Miles traveled	2,000
Professions witnessed	2	Money Received	\$6,618.75

The prayer prayer

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. George Naun	nann	Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings performed	2
Sermons preached	80	Funerals preached	1
Additions to Church	3	Miles traveled	2,446
Professions witnessed	8	Money Received	\$25,050.00
Rev. Warren Hall		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings performed	2
Sermons preached	104	Funerals preached	3
Additions to Church	7	Miles traveled	3,000
Professions witnessed	5	Money Received	\$19,000.00
Rev. Bob Dickey		Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings performed	0
Sermons preached	99	Funerals preached	5
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	8,500
Professions witnessed	0	Money Received	\$6,500.00
Rev. Bill Ragsdale	,	Number baptized	0
Churches pastored	1	Weddings performed	0
Sermons preached	94	Funerals preached	2
Additions to Church	0	Miles traveled	10,104
Professions witnessed	0	Money Received	\$12,000,00



CENTRAL WESTERN EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT 1997

Beginning Balance - - - \$2224.24

Income:

Bethel \$300.00
Oskaloosa 83.47
Verdella 617.22
WNAC 25.00
Offerings 129.48
Interest 34.87
TOTAL INCOME \$1,190.04

Expenses:

Mattresses for Youth Camp \$1124.24 Insurance - Stockton 1094.71 **TOTAL EXPENSES** \$2218.95

Ending Balance --- \$1195.33







Clerk's Financial Report January 1, 1998 - January 1, 1999

BALANCE brought forward January 1, 1998

\$ 773.27

Rece	ipts.	
Budget money	480.00	
Saturday offering	55.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 535.00
	Sub-Total	\$1,308.27
Disburs	ements:	
State/National dues	210.00	
Printing of minutes	100.00	
Honorarium	30.00	
 Briefcase for clerk	16.32	

BALANCE in bank, \$ 951.95 1-1-1999



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ARTICLE 6. <u>Board.</u> This Association shall maintain a Board, to be known as the Home Mission and Executive Board of the Central Western Missouri Association. This Board shall be made up of the pastors (who are members of the Association) of each Church and one ordained person from each Church. If an ordained representative is not available, a church may recommend a non-ordained person, who otherwise meets the qualifications for ordination stated in these by-laws. Such members shall be elected by the Association, with consideration given to the nominees submitted by their churches.

One-third of the members of this board shall be elected each year, for a three year term of office. The churches shall be listed alphabetically with the first third and fraction, (if any), elected for a one year term; the second third and fraction, (if any), elected for a two year term; and the third elected for a three year term.

The duties of this board shall be: to serve as trustees of any and all property belonging to the Association; to promote and oversee Home Mission work within the Association; to act upon any expedient business of the Association that may arise between meetings of the Association.

The board must have at least a simple majority present to officially conduct business.

- **ARTICLE 7.** <u>Meeting.</u> This Association shall meet annually on Friday, following the second Sunday in March, and continue through Saturday. It shall be the duty of the churches composing it to represent themselves by letter and delegate.
- **ARTICLE 8. Program.** It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to plan and carry out the program of the Association.
- ARTICLE 9. <u>Amendments.</u> This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided notice of proposed alteration of amendments has been given to the church clerks of the member churches by the Executive Board thirty days prior to Association meeting.

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ARTICLE 1. Each annual session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, or, in his/her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service. After the Clerk or one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum, he/she shall call the Moderator to the chair, or, in his/her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service.

- **ARTICLE 2.** Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- ARTICLE 3. Delegates equal in number to the number of active churches and representing at least a simple majority of active churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number shall adjourn.
- ARTICLE 4. Regular parliamentary procedure as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be followed. The method of voting shall be determined by the Moderator, unless one-third of the voters present dissent. No one shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes, nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Conference.
- ARTICLE 5. Section I. The first item of business of the Association shall be to receive the church letters and seat the delegates. However, business shall not be suspended to wait for late or delayed letters. Such letters shall be received upon their arrival and their delegates seated.
- Section II. Item 1: The election of the officers of this Association shall be held at the closing business session of the regular session of the Association. They shall hold office until their successors are elected.
- Item 2: The Clerk-Treasurer shall supervise the printing of the minutes for the year of which they were Clerk-Treasurer.
- Section III. The second item of business of the Association shall be the report of the Executive Board.

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- **ARTICLE 6.** All committees or a Committee on committees shall be appointed by the Moderator. All business, if possible, to be presented to the business committee prior to business session of the Association.
- **ARTICLE 7.** It shall be right of each church in the Association to determine its own fiscal year. We suggest January 1st to December 31st.
- ARTICLE 8. A committee of five lay members, qualified delegates to the Association, shall be chosen to look into the standing of the ministry of the Association and shall report to the Association for approval before adjournment.
- ARTICLE 9. Section I. It shall be the duty of the churches of the Association to accompany their church letter with thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per church, plus one dollar (\$1.00) per resident member for the Central Western Missouri Association fund to be allocated thusly: five dollars (\$5.00) to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to the National Association of Free Will Baptists; with the remaining amount, fifteen percent (15%) for an honorarium for the Associational Clerk, and eighty-five percent (85%) for the Central Western Missouri Associational expenses.
- Section II. The Associational Clerk is to reimburse our general board member form this Association to the State Association for gas, lodging and food, per receipts.
- ARTICLE 10. Section I. No one shall be ordained to the ministry in the Association until they have carried a license two years, or should they be called to pastor a church, they may be ordained in one year.
- Section II. Examination for ordination to the ministry may be carried out at the regular session of the Association, or as otherwise directed by the Association. Examination for license or for ordination (both ministers and deacons) to be done at a time and place agreeable to both candidates and examining council. Ordination may be carried out in the local church (if desired) subsequent to examination and favorable action of the examining council.

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ARTICLE 11. No one shall be licensed or ordained in this Association who is a user of tobacco, alcohol, or who cannot qualify according to 1 Timothy 3:1-12 and Titus 1:6-9.

ARTICLE 12. Section I. It shall be required of the ministry of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both preaching and practice as embraced in our Treatise of Faith and practice. It shall be the suggested duty of all active ministers to report each year by letter and strongly suggest all active ministers and all active deacons attend all quarterly and annual meetings of the Association. Ministers in the Armed Forces, Bible College students, and Missionaries shall not be required to report in person to receive a card of standing. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a Certificate of Ministerial Standing when, and if, approved by the appointed Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Section II. All aged or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on the superannuated list, not being required to report to the Association in order to have a Certificate.

ARTICLE 13. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, providing that a notice of proposed change has been given to the church clerks of the member churches by the Executive Board thirty (30) days prior to the Association meeting.



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CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to live and obey Him in all things, to avoid all 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, and 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 forsake 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 influences 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 education and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.





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