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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.

A SYNOPTIC HISTORY OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE WESTERN GENERAL ASSOCIATION

The Co-operative General Association of Free Will Baptist met in regular session at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 3, 1936. The Assistant Moderator, Eld. W. E. Dearmore of Wanette, Okla. was in charge. Eld. Hattie Newman of Drumright, Okla. was the Clerk.

The business proceeded in regular order according to Parliamentary Usage, and the following business was transacted.

The **Basis of Agreement** was read and adopted which automatically changed the Co-operative General Association into the Western General Association in accordance with the new Treatise.

Eld. W. E. Dearmore, Moderator, and Eld. Hattie Newman, Clerk, were elected to serve in their respective offices until the organization be completed.

ORGANIZATION AS FOLLOWS

Moderator,	Eld. James F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Ass't. Mod.	Eld. W. E. Dearmore,	Wanette, Okla.
Clerk,	Eld. John B. Rollins,	Purdy, Mo.
Ass't. Clerk,	Eld. Harry Staires,	Drumright, Okla.
Treasurer,	Eld. Melvin Bingham,	833 N. Utica St. Tulsa Oklahoma.
Statistician,	Eld. E. A. O'Donnell,	McLoud, Okla.
Evangelist,	Eld. John Bean,	Oklahoma City, Okla.

Executive Board

Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Eld. I. W. Yandell,	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Eld. Cecil Campbell,	Carterville, Mo.
Eld. Will Bean,	Cushing, Okla.
Eld. B. F. Rogers,	R. 9. B. 374. Tulsa, Okla.

Secretary of Foreign Missions

Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
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Treasurer of Board of Education

Eld. D. Selph Jones,	Mansfield, Mo.
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Definite steps were taken in the Foreign Missionary Department by resolving to pray more earnestly, by the election of a secretary and recommending the election of state and subordinate secretaries, and by the promotion of systematic giving.

Sister Willey brought a message on "Attempting Great Things for God." This message was given in the power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and was a soul stirring revelation of the Missionary outlook. An offering of \$38.43 was given.

The Home Mission Department made a wonderful move forward by resolving to pray for a broader vision of the Lord's work in view of the fact that the success of Foreign Missions is at stake and "home fires" must be kept burning. Systematic giving was recommended.

The Free Will Baptist Gem, published at Purdy Mo. was adopted as the official organ and medium of communication. The Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C. was also endorsed.

The School Program of the National Association was approved and the Loyal Givers' Chart belonging to Mrs. E. Steryl Phiney of Bryan, Texas was presented and adopted for the raising of educational funds.

A motion carried that the preachers be designated by the appellation "Elder" instead of "Reverend."

The Clerk was asked to write postal cards to all the churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, and the Tri-State Association of Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, asking for 25c to print minutes. 1500 minutes were to be printed as soon as the money was received for same.

Eld. James F. Miller, Moderator.

Eld. John B. Rollins, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE WESTERN GENERAL ASSOC'N

The Second Regular Session of the Western General Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Macedonia church of near Purdy, Barry County, Mo., Tuesday night, Nov. 9, 1937.

The Moderator, Eld. James F. Miller of Flat River, Missouri in charge.

A good song service, conducted by the pastor of the host church, Eld. Winford Davis, preceded the meeting.

Scripture reading 1 Peter 2nd chapter by the Mod.

Prayer by Eld. Millard Vanhooose of Paintsville, Ky.

Also by Eld. I. J. Blackwelder of Nashville, Tenn.

Introductory Sermon preached by Eld. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa Okla. Text: "Ye will fill Jerusalem with your doctrine." Acts 5:28. An arousing message!

Temporary Pulpit Committee appointed by the Moderator: Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.; Bro. M. H. White, Plattsburg, Mo.; and Sister Hattie Smith, Drumright, Oklahoma.

Eld. F. S. Vanhooose was appointed to preach at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION, Nov. 10

Opened by singing conducted by Eld. Noel Turner of Greentop, Mo.

Scripture reading, Heb. 6th chapter, by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. B. F. Rogers of Tulsa, Okla.

The Moderator declared a quorum present.

Letters were called for: The Missouri State Association and the Oklahoma State Association reported by letter and delegates, which were received and delegates seated.

Visiting brethren invited to seats in council.

Election of Officers

Moderator,	Eld. James F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Ass't. Mod.	Eld. W. E. Dearmore,	Wanette, Okla.
Clerk,	Eld. John B. Rollins,	Purdy, Mo.
Ass't Clerk,	Eld. Harry Staires,	Drumright, Okla.

Motion carried that the present Executive Board be

retained to serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Report of Secretary of Foreign Missions read, also a report by Eld. I. J. Blackwelder, National Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to accept the reports.

Motion carried to elect a Foreign Mission Board of three members to co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board of three members in the Eastern General Association and with the National Secretary of Foreign Missions for a greater Mission work.

Election of Foreign Mission Board

Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.

Eld. Millard F. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Ky.

The Treasurer's report was read and received.

Motion carried to retain Eld. Melvin Bingham as Treasurer of the Western General Association.

Motion carried that the Moderator be granted the privilege of appointing a Committee on Committees to assist him and the Assistant Moderator in appointing the Committees. Appointment: Elders Melvin Bingham, Selph Jones, Millard Vanhooose, Winford Davis, and Harry Staires.

Dismissed in prayer by the Moderator.

Intermission until preaching.

WEDNESDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing conducted by Eld. Noel Turner.

Prayer by Eld. Selph Jones of Mansfield, Mo.

Report of Committee on Committees read, motion carried to accept the report.

Eld. F. S. Vanhooose of Paintsville, Ky. was presented and brought an arousing spiritual message. Text: Jud. 7:21 "And they stood every man in his place."

There was shouting all over the house and one soul surrendered his life to the Lord at an altar of prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION Nov 10.

Opened by singing conducted by Eld. Noel Turner.

Prayer by Eld. J. L. Tatum of Durant, Okla.

Special quartet song by Eld. Winford Davis, Eld. D. Selph Jones, Ralph Davis and Chelmer Medlin.

Scripture reading, Psalm 27, by the Moderator.

Letter from Tri-State Association read and received and delegates seated.

Motion carried to receive Item No. 1. of the Business Committee for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1. of Business Com.

Motion carried to vote on the two requests for the next session of the Western General Association.

Paintsville, Ky. was chosen as the place for the next session.

Eld. B. F. Rogers of Tulsa, Okla. was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon. Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo., alternate.

Eld. Selph Jones, Treasurer of Board of Education, gave an oral report of his office, which was received.

Motion carried that Bro. Jones be retained in his office.

Eld. I. J. Blackwelder of Nashville, Tenn. gave us some wonderful information concerning our Foreign Mission work and on the Educational Program.

Elders Melvin Bingham, Selph Jones, W. E. Dearmore, Millard Vanhooose, Selph Jones, and I. J. Blackwelder spoke well on the Educational Program.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. M. F. Vanhooose.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing conducted by Eld. Winford Davis.

Prayer by Eld. Hattie Newman of Drumright, Okla.

Two special violin numbers were rendered by Prof. G. Peyton Gulick of Monett, Mo.

Special quartet of Missouri preachers sang "I'm not Ashamed."

Deut by Eld. and Mrs. Noel Turner.

Solo by Eld. B. F. Rogers.

Two song numbers by the Melody Four Quartet of Macedonia.

Eld. I. J. Blackwelder of Nashville, Tenn. was presented and preached a deep soul-feeding sermon

Scripture Text, Zech. 4:1-10.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, Nov 11.

Opened by singing conducted by Eld Winford Davis.

Prayer by Eld. John B. Rollins of Purdy, Mo.

Scripture reading, Psalm 1, by the Assistant Moderator, Eld. W. E. Dearmore.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Eld. I. J. Blackwelder spoke in the interest of the Free Will Baptist Press.

Eld. B. F. Brown spoke in the interest of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Eld. W. E. Dearmore spoke in the interest of the Gospel Truth.

An approval of the Western General Association was placed on the interpretation of the Treatise made by Eld. E. T. House of Goodson, Mo.

Motion carried that the minutes be printed—money was raised.

Motion carried to pay the clerk \$10.00.

A unanimous expression of desire for the Texas State Association to join this Western General Association was given.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by the Moderator.

THURSDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Eld. F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo.

Prayer by Eld. Harry Staires of Drumright, Okla.

Eld. Hattie Newman was presented and brought a good message. Text: 2 Kings 4:7 "Pay thy debt and live."

This service was climaxed with a fellowship meeting and a violin number rendered by Prof. G. Peyton Gulick.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. B. F. Rogers.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION Nov. 11

Opened by singing conducted by Eld. Selph Jones.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13, by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2. of Business Com.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3. of Business Com.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4. of Business Com.

Eld. W. E. Dearmore was elected Field Superinten-

dent pursuant to Item No. 4.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5. of Business Com.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1. of the Committee on Missions.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2. of the Committee on Missions.

A very convincing lecture on "Auxiliaries of the Church" was given by Mrs. Fannie Polston of Nashville, Tenn., National Secretary of Womens' Work of the Free Will Baptist Church, pursuant to Item No. 2.

Elders I. J. Blackwelder and W. E. Dearmore spoke concerning the Auxiliaries and Eld. Melvin Bingham prayed a special prayer.

Prof. G. Peyton Gulick played "My Old Kentucky Home" on his violin, dedicating the number to the Vanhoose Brothers of Paintsville, Kentucky.

Motion carried to give a standing vote of appreciation to the Moderator and Clerk for their untiring efforts in the capacities of their offices.

Motion carried to give a standing vote of appreciation to Eld. J. L. Tatum of Durant, Okla., and he was granted the privilege to be the Field Superintendent's Colporteur.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion carried that the Clerk transcribe the minutes for printing.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at Paintsville, Ky., on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in July 1938.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. I. J. Blackwelder.

Eld. James F. Miller, Moderator.

Eld. John B. Rollins, Clerk.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After a devotional of singing praises and prayers and several special songs, Eld. M. L. Sutton of Fort Worth, Texas preacher a very fundamental message on Tithing. Text: Mal. 3:10. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES—

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Elders O. T. Allred, B. F. Rogers, M. F. Vanhooose, S. H. Marcum, and W. E. Dearmore.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS—Eld. Hattie Newman, Mrs. Eunice Miller, Mrs. Glenara Staires, Eld. Tommie Franklin, Mrs. Pansy Jones, with Mrs. Fannie Polsten and Mrs. I. J. Blackwelder as advisory members.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE—Eld. Winford Davis, Bro. M. H. White, and Sister Hattie Smith.

ELD. MELVIN BINGHAM
ELD. SELPH JONES
ELD. MILLARD VANHOOSE
ELD. WINFORD DAVIS
ELD. HARRY STAIRES
ELD. JAMES F. MILLER
ELD. W. E. DEARMORE

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE—

Item No. 1. We, your Business Committee, recommend that the Western General Association meet on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in July.

Item No. 2. We recommend that each unit of the Western General Association accompany their letter with \$20.00 or more to defray the expenses of the Association.

Item No. 3. We recommend that this body recommend to the State Associations that they, in turn, recommend to the subordinate associations, That the subordinate associations recommend to the local churches that each church pay \$1.00 or more each year into the Educational Fund.

Item No. 4. We recommend that this body elect a Field Superintendent whose duty shall be to encourage denominational enterprises.

Item No. 5. Be it Resolved, That we give a standing vote of thanks to the Macedonia church and community for the hospitality shown during this Association.

ELD. O. T. ALLRED
ELD. W. E. DEARMORE
ELD. B. F. ROGERS
ELD. MILLARD VANHOOSE
ELD. S. H. MARCUM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS—

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following:

At this time, it seems impossible to organize a Womens' Work of the Western General Association. Therefore, we recommend that each state report its activities, annually, to our National Secretary of Womens' Work.

We recommend that the Western General Association grant to our National Secretary of Womens' Work (Mrs. Fannie Polsten) a place on the program to speak to us about the Womens' Work.

HATTIE NEWMAN
TOMMIE FRANKLIN
PANSY JONES
GLENARA STAIRES
EUNICE MILLER

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY

Following is my financial report as Secretary of Foreign Missions for the year beginning Nov. 5th, 1936 and ending Nov. 1937:

Total amount received \$891.43

Total amount paid out \$891.43

We wish to express our thanks to every one for his co-operation with us during the past year in this worthy work. Our people gave Bro. Willey a splendid reception and a nice response for which we are grateful.

The Willey Missionary Family are now on the field in Panama looking to us for support. May we not fail them, and God, in standing behind them; but give unceasingly in finance and prayer for this great work. God has opened the door and given to us the Missionary, now may we go forward and possess the land.

Prayerfully submitted,
Eld. Winford Davis, Sec'y. Foreign Missions

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Clerk's Postal Card Campaign

Missouri,	\$16.00
Oklahoma	4.00
W. Virginia	2.75
Kentucky	1.75
Ohio75

Total \$25.25

Oklahoma State Ass'n (with letter).....	8.01
Tri-State Assoc'n. (with letter)	10.00
B. F. Brown	1.00
Winford Davis	1.00
F. S. Vanhooose	4.75
First Mission Assoc'n. in Oklahoma	5.00
James F. Miller	1.00
W. K. Weston	1.00
Cecil Campbell	1.00
F. C. Zinn	1.00
Olive Minns	2.00
Melba White	1.00
John H. West	1.00
Melvin Bingham25
Brother Russell (Methodist)	1.00

Total Receipts \$64.26

EXPENSES

Clerk's Postal Card Campaign	\$ 6.70
Clerk hire	10.00
Printing and distributing 1,500 minutes.....	47.56
Total Expense	\$64.26

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Treasurer
833 N. Utica St., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

STATISTICS

Compiled from the letters

Tri-State Association of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia is composed of four Yearly Meetings and about 100 churches with about 4000 members. There are about 300 ordained ministers.

Eld. Millard F. Vanhooose, Moderator.

Eld. F. S. Vanhooose, Clerk. Paintsville, Ky.

Oklahoma State Association:

Number of Associations	14
Number of Churches	101
Total membership	5,710
Number of ordained ministers	154
Value of church property	\$58,036.00
Paid Pastors	15,112.88
Paid Evangelists	1,129.31

Eld. I. W. Yandell, Moderator.

Winnie McLain, Clerk, Wewoka, Okla.

Missouri State Association:

Number of Associations	8
Members received this year	452
Total membership	6,500
Number of churches	90
Number of Prayer Meetings	25
Number of Sunday Schools	75
Number of Leagues	20
Number of Home Missions	25
Paid Pastors	\$ 8,100.78
Paid Evangelists	1,691.28
For building and repairs	2,225.37
For incidentals	1,019.35
Value of church property	91,390.50
For Foreign Missions	796.44
Number of ordained ministers	109
Number of licensed ministers	30
Number of ordained deacons	200

Eld. James F. Miller, Moderator.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo. R.1.

REGISTRATION

Eld. J. L. Tatum, 406 E. Main St., Durant, Okla.
 Eld. Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica St., Tulsa, Okla.
 Eld. B. F. Rogers, R. 9. B. 374, Tulsa, Okla.
 Eld. W. E. Dearmore, B. 283, Wanette, Okla.
 Eld. Hattie Newman, B. 721, Drumright, Okla.
 Eld. and Mrs. Harry Staires, Drumright, Okla.
 Miss Hattie Smith, Drumright, Okla.
 Eld. Drew Marchant, B. 926, Oilton, Okla.
 Deacon and Mrs. M. H. White, R. 2. Plattsburg, Mo.
 Eld. Miss Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
 Mrs. Sara House, Gower, Mo.
 Miss Evelyn Jefferson, R. 2. Cassville, Mo.
 Eld. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, R. 2. Granby, Mo.
 Eld. and Mrs. Frank Linton, Stella, Mo.
 Eld. F. S. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Kentucky.
 Eld. Millard F. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Kentucky
 Miss Sylvia Wood, Huntsville, Texas
 Eld. and Mrs. Jas. F. Miller, B. 44. Flat River, Mo.
 Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.
 Eld. Alvin Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.
 Mrs. Isabelle Henderson, Flat River, Mo.
 Eld. and Mrs. S. H. Marcum, R. 7. Cameron, Mo.
 Miss Margaret Apple, 427 E. St. Louis St., Aurora, Mo.
 Eld. Hiram Biggs, R11, B 125, Tulsa, Okla.
 Cleo Eary and Tom Eary, Tulsa, Okla.
 Boyd Hill, Tulsa, Okla.
 Eld. and Mrs. Noel Turner, R2, Greentop, Mo.
 Miss Louise Buchanan, R4, Greentop, Mo.
 Eld. and Mrs. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
 Miss Ernestine Turner, R2, Granby, Mo.
 Mrs. Alice Dickey, Arcadia, Kans.
 Madelle Mammen, Liberal, Mo.
 Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.
 Eld. Cecil Campbell, 123 Poplar St., Carterville, Mo.
 Mrs. Cecil Campbell, 123 Poplar St., Carterville, Mo.
 Miss Maurine Campbell, R1, Stella, Mo.
 Eld. I. J. Blackwelder, 1115 E. Douglas, Nashville, Tenn.
 Mrs. I. J. Blackwelder, 1115 E. Douglas, Nashville, Tenn.
 Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland, St., Nashville, Tenn.
 Miss Mary Lee Keene, 1115 E. Douglas, Nashville, Tenn.

Eld. John H. West, R5, B117, Bristow, Okla.
 Mrs. John H. West, R5, B117, Bristow, Okla.
 John West, R5, B117, Bristow, Okla.
 Eld. Sadie Fincher, Drumright, Okla.
 Eld. M. L. Sutton, 2704 Hanna St., Fort Worth, Texas.
 Mrs. M. L. Sutton, 2704 Hanna St., Fort Worth, Texas.
 Willis Sutton, 2704 Hanna St., Fort Worth, Texas.
 Eld. E. T. House, Goodson, Mo.
 Miss Wayva Jewell House, Goodson, Mo.
 Miss Otha Campbell, Cassville, Mo.
 Eld. Winford Davis, R1, Monett, Mo.
 Eld. and Mrs. Arthur Kicenski, Sheldon, Mo.
 Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Eaton, Stella, Mo.
 Mrs. Lanis Lewis, Stella, Mo.
 Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
 Eld. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
 Eld. C. L. Marbut, Monett, Mo.
 Eld. John C. Swaffar, Purdy, Mo.
 Eld. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.
 Eld. John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.

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 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.

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 effected 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, 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."