

THE
EASTERN OKLAHOMA
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1949

Proceedings Of The
10th Annual Session

Convened With
MAPLE SPRINGS CHURCH
Seven Miles North of Muldrow, Okla.
August 25 - 28, 1949

MINUTES
Of The
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
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OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. P. N. Qualls, Muldrow, Okla., Rt. 4
Ass't. Mod.Rev. Fred C. Jones, Haskell, Okla., Rt. 2
Clerk.....Miss Belle Viles, Muldrow, Okla., Rt. 2
Ass't. Clerk.....Mrs. P. N. Qualls, Muldrow, Okla., Rt. 4

The Eleventh Annual Session will convene with the Christie Church near Westville, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1950 lasting until Sunday. The Introductory Sermon will be preached on Friday morning by Rev. Oma Viles with Rev. Fred C. Jones, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

The Tenth Annual Session of the Eastern Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists when assembled with the Maple Springs Church seven miles north of Muldrow, Okla., August 25-28, 1949.

Thursday Evening Service

Service began with singing led by Bro. Nelson Ross. Prayer by Bro. Noah Edwards. Devotional services conducted by Rev. P. N. Qualls. United prayer. Song, "Amazing Grace," by congregation.

Preaching by Rev. Albert Rozelle using Mark 4:35-39. Several came to the altar; two were saved.

Old time song and Christian handshake. Dismissed by Bro. Linzie Ray.

Friday Morning Session

Opened with singing led by Rev. W. M. Guinn. Scripture reading by Bro. P. N. Qualls reading 9th chapter of Mark. Prayer by Bro. Rozelle.

Bro. Fred Jones, the Assistant Moderator, called the body in conference. Letters from Cotton Wood, Mineral Springs, Maple Springs, and Christie Churches were read, received and delegates seated with right hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers—Rev. P. N. Qualls, Moderator; Rev. Fred C. Jones, Ass't. Mod.; Miss Belle Viles, Clerk; Mrs. P. N. Qualls, Ass't. Clerk.

All visiting brothers and sisters were invited to seat with us in council with Christian fellowship. Rev. W. M. Guinn and Bro. and Sis. J. E. Phillips from Arkansas Association, and Rev. Albert Rozell from Zion Hope No. 2 Association.

Appointment of Committees: Devotional—Charles Dewart, chairman; Frances Walkup and Tommy Riggs. Sunday School—Harrison Pendergrass, chairman; Albert Rozelle and R. F. Murrie. Preachers and Deacons—Walter Riggs, chairman; Elmer Yancey and Minta Murrie. Obituary—Ethel Walkup, chairman; W. M. Thornton and Mae Viles. Temperance—Charley Wann, chairman; R. F. Murrie and Leonie Walkup. Finance—Noah Edwards, chairman; Linzie Ray and Tommy Riggs. Resolutions—Fred Jones, chairman; Noah Edwards and Harrison Pendergrass.

Adjourned for preaching to meet back for business

at 1:30 p. m. Recessed a few minutes.

Eleven O'clock Service

Came together with singing "Just Over In the Glory Land." Prayer by Bro. Noah Edwards.

Introductory sermon—Bro. Jones read 2nd chapter of Hebrews. His subject, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Bro. Qualls followed using Psalms 8:10. Both preached good sermons.

Adjourned for noon hour. Song and handshake. Dismissed by Rev. Carl Hembree.

Friday Afternoon Session

Opened with singing led by Bro. Mack Watts. Scripture reading by Bro. Qualls, Eph. 4th chapter. Prayer by Bro. Jones.

Rules of Order were read by Assistant Clerk.

As Rev. I. B. Dunaway has left the Association we elected Rev. P. N. Qualls in his stead on Examining Board for one year; Rev. W. A. Viles remains on the Board for two years; Rev. Fred Jones was elected for three years.

A corresponding letter from the Grand River Association was read, received, and the delegate, Rev. Carl Hembree was seated with right hand of fellowship extended by Moderator.

Rev. Leroy Littlefield and Rev. Elmo Able were seated as visiting brothers from the Grand River Association.

A letter was read from Rev. and Mrs. I. B. Dunaway in California. Motion made and carried that we accept the letter and answer it and let them know how we miss them and just how much we appreciate what they've meant to this Association. The Clerk was given authority to write the letter.

As Rev. W. M. Guinn from the Arkansas Association is a visiting minister for the first time, we asked him to preach. Everyone seemed to enjoy the good message. We gave Bro. Guinn the right hand of fellowship in appreciation for his being with us.

The body was called back in business.

Devotional Committee reported that Bro. Elmo Abel followed by Bro. Carl Hembree would preach tonight.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet back at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Noah Edwards.

Friday Evening Service

Singing led by Bro. Riley Wilson. Prayer by Bro. Leroy Littlefield. Song by congregation. United prayer.

Preaching by Bro. Abel followed by Bro. Hembree. An altar invitation was given. Six came to the altar, four were converted. There was a wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit with shouting and rejoicing. Old time singing and Christian handshake.

Dismissed to meet back Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Saturday Morning Session

Began with singing led by Bro. Mack Watts. Scripture reading by the Moderator, reading Psalms 51. Prayer by Bro. Watts.

The business session was declared in order by the Moderator.

Minutes of this session up till now were read and approved.

The Evangelist's report was read and accepted.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read, received and committee discharged.

The body elected Bro. Qualls and Bro. Jones to preach the Memorial Sermon today at 11:00 o'clock.

Motion carried that we send delegates to our sister Associations. Volunteers to—

Grand River, on Thursday night, before the third Sunday in August, 1950: Bro. P. N. Qualls and Bro. W. M. Thornton.

To the Arkansas Association on Friday morning before the first Sunday in September, 1949: Bro. Noah Edwards, Bro. Mack Watts and Bro. Fred Jones

To the Eureka Association on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949: Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Qualls, Sis. Belle Viles and Bro. Elmer Yancey.

To the Zion Hope No. 2 Association on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1949: Bro. Oma Viles, Bro. W. M. Thornton and Bro. Isum Edwards.

To the Cherokee Home Association of General Baptists on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949: Bro. and Sis. R. F. Murrie and Bro. Charles Dewart.

Motion carried that we send an Evangelist into the field for the coming year. Remarks were made that we,

the churches, get behind him with our prayers and financial support. Bro. P. N. Qualls was re-elected for our Evangelist.

The business session adjourned for the 11:00 o'clock service to meet back afternoon. A brief intermission.

Eleven O'clock Memorial Service

Opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Noah Edwards.

Bro. Qualls read in 11th chapter of St. John and preached a very comforting and reassuring message on the "Resurrection." Bro. Jones followed, preaching another wonderful message on the great hope we have of meeting again those who have passed on.

Dismissed by Bro. Carl Hembree.

(An enjoyable lunch was spread at the church, prepared by the good people of the church and community.)

Saturday Afternoon Session

Began with singing "I'll Live On," led by Bro. Watts. Prayer by Bro. Pendergrass. 12th chapter of Hebrews was read by Bro. Jones.

Report of the Temperance, Sunday School, Finance, and Preachers and Deacons Committees were read, received and committees discharged.

The report of the Examining Board, concerning Bro. Oma Viles' ordination for minister, was read. They find him thoroughly qualified. He is to be ordained immediately after the 3:30 preaching service.

An offering of \$7.00 was taken for the Clerks. (We don't feel that we deserve this, and we're not expecting pay in dollars and cents, but in love and humble thanks we accept this from you.—the Clerks)

Report of Devotion Committee: Bro. Leroy Littlefield and Bro. Tom Perkins to preach at 3:30, and Bro. Jones and Bro. Qualls to preach tonight.

We unanimously voted that our next session meet with the Christie Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1950. Bro. Oma Viles and Bro. Fred C Jones were elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association.

Places set for our 5th Sunday Meetings as follows:
Mineral Springs.....October, 1949
Christie.....January, 1950
Maple Springs.....
Cotton Wood.....

Bro. Qualls and Bro. Perkins were elected to preach the

introductory sermon at the first 5th Sunday Meeting.

Bro. Perkins was selected to express the bill of "thanks" at tonight's services.

We agreed to have 100 minutes printed.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

Motion carried that we accept the reports of all the other committees and discharge them.

Motion carried that we adjourn till we meet with the Christie Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1950.

Dismissed by Bro. Abel to meet back for preaching.

3:30 Services

Opened by singing, "I'll Meet You In the Morning" and "The Old Country Church." A special song by Sis. Martha Bunyard, "I'm Not Afraid to Go." Preaching by Bro. Leroy Littlefield reading II Timothy 3rd chapter, followed by Bro. Tom Perkins.

Song and handshake.

Dismissed by Bro. Qualls.

Ordination Services

Bro. Oma Viles chose as his ordaining council Bro. P. N. Qualls, Bro. Carl Hembree and Bro. Fred Jones. Bro. Qualls read 3rd chapter of I Timothy. A very touching prayer was offered in behalf of this young minister by Bro. Hembree. We sang a song, giving Bro. Viles the right hand of Christian fellowship, bidding him God's speed. The love of God was greatly manifested in our midst.

Saturday Evening Service

Services began with singing led by Bro. Richard Lane. Prayer by Bro. Perkins.

The bill of "Thanks" was heartily expressed to this community for their kindness shown us during this session by Bro. Perkins.

Song led by Bro. Andy Morgan.

Bro. Jones preached using as his subject, "Enter ye in at the straight gate." Another outpouring of the Holy Spirit was manifested in the alter service. There were four conversions.

Dismissed by Bro. Qualls.

Sunday Morning Service

Opened by singing, "Let Me Rest by the Fountain."

Preaching by Bro. Rozelle, scripture reading, Matt. 23:9.

We took the parting hand while singing "I'll Live On." Our hearts were sad because of parting, yet we were happy and thankful for the great time we enjoyed throughout the entire session.

Rev. P. N. Qualls, Moderator

Rev. Fred C. Jones, Ass't. Mod.

Miss Belle Viles, Clerk

Mrs. P. N. Qualls, Ass't. Clerk

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Devotional:

Thursday night—Rev. Albert Rozelle

Friday, 11:00 O'clock—Introductory sermon; Rev. Fred Jones followed by Rev. P. N. Qualls.

Friday, 3:30—Rev. W. M. Guinn

Friday night—Rev. Elmo Abel followed by Rev. Carl Hembree

Saturday, 11:00 O'clock—Memorial sermon; Rev. P. N. Qualls followed by Rev. Fred Jones

Saturday, 3:30—Rev. Leroy Littlefield followed by Rev. Tom Perkins

Saturday night—Rev. Fred Jones.

Charles Dewart, Chairman

Sunday School:

We adopt previous report. We recommend that everyone attend Sunday School. We also believe that all officers should be Christians, and believe every pupil should quote a Bible verse.

Harrison Pendergrass, Chairman

Preachers and Deacons:

We wish to report that as far as we know, all preachers and deacons are in good standing.

Walter Riggs, Chairman

Obituary:

It makes us very sad to report there has been two deaths in our churches since our last Association. Sister Dinna Pendergrass of the Maple Springs Church departed this life October 16, 1948. She was the mother of Bro. Harrison Pendergrass and she leaves many other rela-

tives and friends.

Sister Edna Leek of the Christie Church departed this life November, 1948, also leaves relatives and many friends. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Ethel Walkup, Chairman

Temperance:

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that we be temperate in all things and urge that our people go to the poles and vote dry on this repeal law.

Charlie Wann, Chairman

Finance:

We beg leave to report as follows:

For Minute fund:

Mineral Springs.....	\$12.00
Christie	12.00
Maple Springs.....	12.00
Cotton Wood.....	12.00
In treasury.....	4.00

Total	\$52.00
For Evangelist from Christie.....	\$10.00

Noah Edwards, Chairman

CHURCH REPORTS

Mineral Springs:

Delegates: Bro. Zip Shamblin, Sis. Tomy Riggs and Bro. Riley Wilson. Sunday School and Church condition, good. No. of members, 33. No. received since last Association, 3. We called Rev. Othel Dixon for pastor for coming year.

Rev. Othel Dixon, Moderator
Sis. Norma Wilson, Clerk

Christie:

Delegates: Bro. R. F. Murrie, Sis. Perkins and Sis. Bunyard. No. of members, 25; dismissed, 2; died, 1. Received 10 since last Association. We send \$10.00 for the Evangelist. We elected Rev. T. J. Perkins for pastor for coming year.

Rev. T. J. Perkins, Moderator
Charles Deward, Clerk

Maple Springs:

Delegates: Sis. Frances Walkup, Bro. Melvin Duty and Bro. Elmer Yancey. No. of members, 36. No. received since last Association, 10; died, 1. Have elected Rev. P. N. Qualls for pastor for coming year.

Rev. P. N. Qualls, Moderator
Sis. Ethel Walkup, Clerk

Cotton Wood:

Delegates: Sis. Edna Jennings, Sis. Janey Wann and Sis. Mae Viles. No. of members, 26. No. dismissed, 6. Have elected Rev. Rev. Aubrey Rozelle for pastor for coming year.

Rev. Aubrey Rozelle, Moderator
Sis. Belle Viles, Clerk

Mountain View:

Not represented.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT

I beg leave to report my evangelistic work from August, 1948 to August, 1949 as follows:

I have preached 120 sermons, witnessed 42 conversions, baptized 1, received 11 into the church, collected \$618.89, expenses \$170.23, traveled 7,335 miles, and have preached 5 funerals.

Rev. P. N. Qualls, Evangelist

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Fred Jones.....	Haskell, Okla.
P. N. Qualls.....	Muldrow, Okla.
W. A. Viles.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Mack Watts.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Harrison Pendergrass.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Oma Viles.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Tom Perkins.....	Westville, Okla.

DEACONS

Noah Edwards.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Fred Martin.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Linzie Ray.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Charles Dewart.....	Westville, Okla.
Bill Thornton.....	Stillwell, Okla.
Leonie Walkup.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Charlie Wann.....	Muldrow, Okla.

Johnnie Oyens.....Muldrow, Okla.
P. A. Chapman.....Muldrow, Okla.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATE

Rev. Carl Hembree from Grand River Association.

VISITORS

Rev. W. M. Guinn.....Booneville, Ark.
Bro. and Sis. J. E. Phillips.....Booneville, Ark.
Rev. Albert Rozelle.....Van Buren, Ark.
Rev. Leroy Littlefield
Rev. Elmo Abel

DEACON'S LETTER

This is to certify that Bro.
is a worthy deacon of our church and we recommend him
as being worthy of his calling.

Done by order of church in conference this
day of, 19.....

....., Moderator
....., Clerk

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

..... Church of the Eastern
Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, when as-
sembled with the Church. We send
as delegates from our church:

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whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid you
in your deliberations. Statistical report is as follows:
State of religion,; number of prayer meetings,
.....; number of Sunday Schools,; number of
members,; number excluded,; number dis-
missed,; number died,; number received
since last Ass'n.,; days of meeting,; minute
fund, \$.....; we have elected Rev.
..... for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Done in church conference this day of
....., 19.....

....., Moderator
P. O.
....., Clerk
P. O.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This certifies that
is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist
church at and as such,
we recommend him to the fellowship of God's people.

Done by order of church in conference this
day of, 19.....

....., Moderator

....., Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Read letters from the churches
2. Election of officers
3. Reception of new members
4. Invitation of visiting brethren to take seats
5. Call for correspondence
6. Appointment of committees
7. Call for reports of committees
8. Miscellaneous business
9. Appointment of correspondents
10. Time and place of holding next session
11. Election of minister to preach Introductory sermon
12. Adjournment of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.
10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.
12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to ensure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session and the chair shall announce, just before adjournment, who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.
14. Alterations may be made in these rules at a regular session of the Association.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptists), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons to be denominated the Hopewell Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. **LETTERS.** Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. **OFFICERS.** The Association to have a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. **NEW CHURCHES.** Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. **QUESTIONS.** No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 7. **MOTIONS.** Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. **MINUTES.** The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in the proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. **CLERK.** It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. **SIGNATURES.** The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. **ORDINANCES.** The pastor of the church shall preach on the ordinances of the church once a year, and one discourse on the support of the ministry.

Art. 12. **MINISTERS.** Our Association voted on and carried that we adopt these resolutions in our Constitution, following Art. 11. That all ministers of the Eastern Oklahoma Association be forbidden of speaking disrespectfully of one another and anyone found guilty of such

conduct shall be liable to charges and dealt with as may be deemed necessary.

Art. 13. MEMBERS. That we forbid the members of our churches from, giving, going to, or participating in play parties or dances and any found guilty of such offences, shall be liable and charged and dealt with as may be deemed necessary as it is the cause of our young people to forsake the right way to go off in sin.

Art. 14. FALSE DOCTRINE. That if any of our preachers or churches should be found tolerating the doctrine of unknown tongues, they shall be considered guilty of heresy and shall be required to make acknowledgment to this body or stand suspended.

Resolved, That we earnestly request all of our ministers and deacons and churches which compose this Association to co-operate with each other and to assist in every way possible help further the Gospel, and that each church shall help their pastor and if an evangelist should visit any destitute place and organize churches, that we urge the people to assist the evangelist so he can go and preach the Word.

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 living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to 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 Saviour 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. 4:4-6.

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, inherit 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 effected 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 hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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; Pro. 28:13.

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. I Tim. 2:4.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL**—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them 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. Rev. 22:17.

12. **PERSEVERANCE**—All believers in Christ, who

through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have 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**, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **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.
Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

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 will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.
