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MINUTES
OF THE
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
MAY 12 - 13, 1966
WHEN CONVENED WITH
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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Jim Pollock
1909 Runyan
Artesia

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BOARDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

R. R. Meade - 1
F. D. Nobles - 2
B. G. McClintock - 3

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Howard Gilchrest - 1
B. G. McClintock - 2
Orville Rogalsky - 3

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A. F. Pierce - 1
S. M. Aragon - 2
F. D. Nobles - 3

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. R. Meade - 1
Warren Bell - 2
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Dorothy Shoulders - 1
Polly Aragon - 2
Willis Shimel, Sr. - 3

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Freddie Sparger - 1
R. R. Meade - 2
Jim Pollock - 3

MISSION BOARD

Jim Pollock - 1
F. D. Nobles - 2
B. G. McClintock - 3

RESOLUTION BOARD

W. W. Winters
S. M. Aragon
A. F. Pierce

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Albuquerque, New Mexico
May 13, 1966

Theme: "One Race, One Gospel, One Task"

Meeting opened with congregation singing "I'm Going That Way"
followed with an Altar of Prayer.

Song: "Jesus Hold My Hand" Brother Cook leading and Sis.
Shoulders, pianist.

Meeting Called to order by the Moderator.

Devotion brought by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Meade from
Acts 10:34.

The By- Laws were read by the Moderator.

Brother Pasqual Savedra recognized as a visitor in our meeting.

The Credential Board reported that the letters were in order and a motion was carried to receive the report.

The letters were read by the assist. Clerk, Katy Pollock, & a motion was carried to receive the letters as read.

The Hobbs church requested the next quarterly meeting.

The delegates were seated and a motion carried that Sis. Katy Pollock be added to the Artesia as a delegate.

The Moderator and Assist. Moderator were empowered to appoint the following committees:

<u>PULPIT</u>	<u>OBITUARY</u>	<u>TEMPERANCE</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
Sis. Winters	Sis. Pierson	Sis. Savedra	Sis. Shimel
Sis. Shoulders	Sis. Penson	Sis. Nobles	Sis. Pollock
Sis. Richeson	Sisl. Hakes	Sis. Blankenship	Sis. Bell

The previous minutes were read by the Assist. Clerk.

Dismissed for recess with prayer by Bro. Pollock.

Session re-opened with congregation singing "There Is a Fountain" Bro. McClintock leading.

Bro. Shimel recognized the Grants church as the winner of both Sunday School plaques.

Specials:

Christy Pollock, "Someday There'll Be No Tomorrow"

Kim Shoulders, "Neither Do I Condemn Thee"

Bro. & Sis. McClintock, Bro. Nobles and Sis. Pollock, "Redeemed".

Sis. Winters, Bro. Bell, Bro. Cook, Bro. Aragon, "I Can Tell You the Time."

The morning message brought by Rev. Thomas Willey, Jr. from Matt. 5:13-16.

Invitation song: "I Surrender All".

Dismissed for lunch and fellowship with prayer by Bro. Shimel.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing the chorus "Only Believe".

Prayer by Bro. McClintock

Song: "Blessed Assurance" Ruth Davis, pianist, Bro. Nobles, leading.

Specials:

The Shoulders Sisters, "Led By the Bpirit"

Bro. Willey & Bro. Aragon, "Heavenly Joy Is Ringing"

Dorothy Savedra, "Victory In Jesus"

Prayer by Bro. Winters

Sis. Ruth Davis and Bro. Cook sang "Heavenly Love"

A testimony was given by Sis. Ruth Willey followed with : a message brought by Bro. McClintock with the theme "One Task," Matt. 28:19-20.

An offering of \$13.90 was taken for Home Missions.

Offertory prayer by Bro. Bell.

Dismissed for recess with prayer by Bro. Aragon.

Congragational song: "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me"

REPORTS

The following committee reports were given and accepted: Pulpit, obituary, Temperance, and Sunday School.

The Congregation stood in silent prayer in membry of Bro. & Sis. Bell's baby that passed away.

The following Board reports were given and accepted:

Board of Trustees, Christian Education Board, Mission Board, Resolution Board, Youth Camp Board, and Auditing Committee.

The treasurer's report was given by Bro. Meade (due to the absence of the treasurer) and a motion carried to receive the report.

BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Nobles

Assist. Moderator: Rev. Aragon

Clerk: Polly Aragon

Assist. Clerk: Gaye Nobles

Promotional Secretary: Rev. Aragon, by acclamation

Editor: Rev. Aragon, by acclamation

Executive Board 3 yr. member: Rev. McClintock

Credential Board 3 yr. member; Rev. Nobles

Board of Trustees 3 yr. member: Bro. Cook

Christian Education Board 3 yr. member: Bro. Shimel

Mission Board 3 yr. member : Rev. Mc Clintock

Superannuation 3 yr. member : Orville Rogalsky

A motion was carried to retain the present Youth Camp Board: Sis. Shimel, Rev. Meade, Dean Thompson, Polly Aragon, Irene Wood, Rev. Nobles, Mable Palmer, and Rev. McClintock.

Auditing Board 3 yr. member: Bro. Pollock

Resolution Board: Rev. Winters, Rev. Aragon, and Rev. Pierce

MOTIONS PASSED

To give each elected delegate \$50.00 for expenses to the National Association.

An amendment carried that if for any reason any of the elected delegates can't go to the Nat. Assn. their money will go to the total of the standing delegates.

That the \$w50.00 for the delegates be taken from the superannuation fund, and that \$10.00 a month be taken from the general fund and placed into the superannuation fund until the \$250.00 is paid.

The host church and Out-going moderator, Bro. Aragon, were given a rising vote of thanks.

That we recommend Rev. Nobles as our representative to the National Assn.

That we remove the previous motion (that was tabled in El Paso concerning ordaining ministers) from the table for discussion.

An amendment to the motion that we accept the questionnaire presented by the Executive Board. (refer to report of the Executive Board)

That we accept the abbreviated quarterly report as presented by the Executive Board.

That we contribute \$100 to the account of Rev. Thomas Willey Jr.

That we accept the recommendation of the Mission Board asking to be given bargaining power to proceed in acquiring a home missionary in New Mexico.

That we adopt the report of the Youth Camp Board.

The following delegates be elected collectively:
Jimmy Shoulders, Dorothy Shoulders, Sis. Bell, Sis. Wood, & Sis. Nobles.

To send Bro. Whitten and Bro. Davis a get-well card.

To accotp the minutes as read.

To Adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Winters.

REPORTS

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the auditing Committee submit the following report:
The Treasurer's books have been examined and found to be in order.

Signed:

Rev. Moade
Rev. Bell
Jim Pollock

CREDENTIAL BOARD

The Credential Board has not acted on any business transactions the past quarter.

Signed:

Rev. Aragon
Rev. Pierce

The Credential Board has examined church letters and found them to be in order.

Signed :

Rev. McClintock
Rev. Pierce
Rev. Aragon

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee would like to report: that we find the Sunday Schools all show an improvement and feel the Sunday School Convention is doing a spendid job in handling it. We request that we give them our fullest support and prayers.

Signed:

W. R. Shimel
Rev. Bell
J. M. Pollock

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We are sorry to report the death of the Bell infant.

Signed;

Adda Pierson
Mrs. Penson
Vaneita Hakes

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance submit the following report:
II Corinthians 6:16-17

"...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

TEMPERANCE CONT.

Signed:
Dorothy Savedra
Eva Blankenship
Gaye Nobles

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We the Board of Trustees submit the following report:
No business has been transacted this year for the Association.

Signed:
Rev. Meade
Authur Cook
Rev. Bell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

We the Christian Education Board humbly submit the following report:

We recommend that each church member get behind their pastor and church in teaching a Goundation Class for each new convert and church member. Also that each church adopt and carry out an effective follow-up program for holding and enlisting into Christian service new church members.

Signed:
Rev. Meade
Polly Aragon
Dorothy Shoulders

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We the Superannuation Board humbly submit the following report:

There have been no ministers applying for assistance through this board.

Signed:
R. R. Meade
B. G. McClintock

MISSION BOARD

The mission board recommends that this board be empowered to proceed in acquiring a home missionary in New Mexico with a definite decision to be made on location and the person at the next quarterly meeting. We recommend a salary of \$300.00, reasonable moving expense, a building allowance until mission is able to pay rent on a building and other necessary details to be worked out by board.

We further recommend that the association contribute from the Mission Fund \$100.00 to the account of Bro. Tom Willey, Jr.

Bro. Willis will be here as soon as he has a date open. He will contact Bro. Nobles.

Signed:
F. D. Nobles
S. M. Aragon
J. M. Pollock

EXECUTIVE BOARD

We the Executive Board submit the following report:

1. The abbreviated Quarterly Report from churches for adoption.
2. The ammendment in question concerning ordination of ministers be stricken of the condition that the new questionnaire be adopted.

We recommend that these items of business be taken care of at this meeting in order that there might be more effective and lasting results of this association.

Theme for next meeting: "Standing Fast In One Spirit, One Mind, One Faith"

Standing Fast in One Spirit II Cor. 12:13

Standing Fast With One Mind Phil. 2:5

Stand Fast With One Faith II Tim. 4:1-8

Signed:

R. R. Meade
A. F. Pierce
F. D. Nobles

PULPIT COMMITTEE

We your pulpit committee have selected for our next Quarterly meeting the following speakers:

Morning alternate - B. G. McClintock

Afternoon - R. R. Meade, Alternate - S. M. Aragon

Signed:

Ola Mae Winters
Dorothy Shoulders
Joyce Richeson

RESOLUTION BOARD

We the Resolution Board resolve that:

We the New Mexico Association of Free Will Baptists strive to do more for the work of our Lord.

We further strive to work in unity as one body and one mind with much prayer.

Signed:

Rev. Aragon
A. F. Pierce
W. R. Shimel

MINISTERS' REPORTSS. M. Aragon

Churches pastored	1
Sermons Preached	100
Exhortations	20
S. S. Lectrues	56
Members Received	4
Baptized	3
Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Miles Traveled	8,000
Money Received	\$805.00

R. R. Meade

Churches Pastored	1
Sormons Preached	160
Exhortations	10
Sunday School Lectures	122
Members Received	43
Conversions	35
Special Classes	10
Revivals Held	0
Marriages	3
Funerals	0
Baptized	19
Money Received	\$1350
Miles Traveled	15000
Served as camp Director and Evangelist for First New Mexico Association.	

A. F. Pierce

Churches Pastored	0
Exortations	2
Sermons Preached	
S. S. Lectures	0
Members Recd.	0
Conversions Witnessed	2
Revivals Held	0
Marriages	0
Funerals	0
B aptized	0
Miles Traveled	1500
Money Recd., for labor	\$75

W. W. Winters

Churches Pastored	0
Sermons Preached	4
Marriages	2
Funerals	2
Money Recd., for labor	\$50

B. G. McClintock

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	125
Exhortations	2
Members Recd.	14
Conversions Witnessed	21
Funerals	3
Revivals Held	0
Marriages	0
Baptized	8
Money Recd., for labor	\$1543.75

Dean Thompson

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	110
Exhortations	58
S. S. Lectures	52
Members Recd.,	8
Conversions Witnessed	14
Revivals Held	0
Marriages	7
Funerals	1
Baptized	8
Money Recd., for labor	\$1,200.00

F. D. Nobles

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	175
S. S. Lectures	10
Revivals Held	1
Marriages	1
Funerals	2
Conversions Witnessed	35
Baptized	15

STATISTICAL REPORT BY CHURCHES

Artesia

No. of Ordained ministers	1	Total giving in the	
No. of Ordained deacons	1	church	\$4,765.63
No. of following auxiliaries		General offerings	4,765.63
Sunday Schools	1	Building Funds	2,126.75
C. T. S.	1	Local Expenses	
Woman's Aux.	1	Pastor's Salary	1,543.75
Master's Men	1	Evangelist	100.00
Prayer Meetings	1	Bldg. & Repairs	2,126.75
Church Membership	37	Literature	318.30
Resident	37	Advertizing	0
Non-resident	2	Misc.	202.44
S. S. Enrollment	59	Total	4,191.24
C. T. S. Enrollment	40	Out-side Expenses	
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	9	Cooperative Plan	304.23
		Foreign Missions	108.96
Value church	\$11,000	Total	513.19
		Value Parsonage	6,000.00

Hobbs

No. of ordained ministers	2	Total giving in	
No. of licensed ministers	0	church	\$6,872.97
No. of ordained deacons	3	General offerings	-----
No. of following auxiliaries		Building funds	-----
Sunday Schools	1	Local expenses	
C. T. S.	1	Pastor's salary	3,920.00
H. F. C.	1	Fill-in preacher	75.00
Master's Men	1	Evangelist	152.86
Prayer Meetings	1	Building & repair	1,473.53
Good News Club	1	Literature	781.29
Church Membership	81	Advertising	35.00
Resident	74	Misc.	-----
Non-resident	7	Total	6,437.68
Sunday School Enrollment	88	Out-side Expenses	
C. T. S. Enrollment	70	Cooperative Plan	635.71
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	10	Foreign Missions	119.05
Value of church	\$15,000.00	Total	754.76
		Value of Parsonage	\$8,000.00

Carlsbad

No. of ordained ministers	1	Total giving in	
No. of licensed ministers	0	church	\$4,032.62
No. of ordained deacons	3	Gen. offerings	-----
No. of following auxiliaries		Building funds	-----
Sunday Schools	1	Local Expenses	
C. T. S.	1	Pastor's salary	1,300.00
Woman's Auxiliary	0	Evangelist	250.00
Master's Men	0	Bldg. & repair	1,694.88
Prayer Meetings	1	Literature	164.78
Church Membership	34	Advertising	-----
Resident		Misc.	-----
Non-resident		Total	3,409.66
S. S. Enrollment		Out-side expenses	
C. T. S. Enrollment		Cooperative Plan	-----
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	0	Foreign Missions	80.50

Carlsbad Cont.

Home Missions	36.75
Total	117.25

Albuquerque

No. of ordained ministers	4	Total giving in the	
No. of licensed ministers	0	church	\$2,103.62
No. of ordained deacons	1	General offerings	-----
No. of following auxiliaries		Building funds	-----
Sunday Schools	1	Local expenses	
C. T. S.	1	Pastor's salary	955.00
Woman's Auxiliary	0	Evangelist	10.00
Master's Men	0	Building & repair	73.29
Prayer Meetings	1	Literature	111.05
Church membership	46	Advertising	-----
Resident	41	Misc.	715.33
Non-resident	5	Total	1,038.67
Sunday School enrollment	54	Outside expenses	
C. T. S. enrollment	7	Cooperative Plan	206.02
Woman's Aux. enrollment	0	Foreign Missions	-----
		Home Missions	30.00
		Education	116.98
		Assn. State & Nat.	8.50
Value of church	\$9,500.00	Other	361.50
Value of parsonage	-----	Total	722.00

Grants

No. of ordained ministers	1	Total giving in the	
No. of licensed ministers	0	church	\$-----
No. of ordained deacons	0	Local expenses	
No. of following auxiliaries		Pastor's salary	805.00
Sunday Schools	1	Evangelist	-----
C. T. S.	0	Building & repair	635.15
Woman's Aux.	0	Literature	100.00
Master's Men	0	Advertising	9.30
Prayer Meetings	1	Misc.	33.00
Church membership	23	Total	1,582.78
Resident	7	Outside expenses	
Non-resident	16	Cooperative Plan	195.84
Sunday School enrollment	23	Foreign Missions	15.00
C. T. S. enrollment	0	Assn. State & Nat.	60.00
Woman's Aux. membership	0	Home Missions	10.85
Value of church	\$6,000.00	Other(20 / 8)	7.28
Value of parsonage	-----	Total	288.97

El Paso

No. of ordained ministers	4	Total giving in the	
No. of licensed ministers	0	church	\$7,064.29
No. of ordained deacons	4	General offerings	-----
No. of following auxiliaries		Building funds	-----
Sunday Schools	1	Local expenses	
C. T. S.	1	Pastor's salary	1,130.00
Woman's Aux.	1	Evangelist	220.00
Master's Men	0	Bldg. and repairs	2,558.66
Prayer Meetings	1	Literature	699.75

El Paso Cont.

Church membership	163	Advertising	\$-----
Resident		Misc.	817.42
Non-resident		Total	5,425.83
S. S. enrollment		Outside expenses	
C. T. S. enrollment		Cooperative Plan	193.74
Woman's Aux. Membership		Missions	83.86
		Total	287.60

HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR

A motion carried that we elect a promotional man to promote the whole F. W. B. program in New Mexico, and that we take the expenses from the mission fund. Bro. Aragon was elected.

That we use \$10,00 quarterly to further the education of some student in the Bible college at Nashville. (possibly someone from New Mexico) Applicants may apply to the New Mexico state association Sundry School Dept. At each quarterly meeting if there has been a build up of funds exceeding \$50, that balance be sent to the National for the most needed project or cause at that time.

That we invite Bro. Willis at the expense of our state to visit our churches and towns in behalf of missions in our state.

That we do away with the amendment which reads "no minister be ordained in the future who has no church or a work developing into a church" and accept the questionnaire for ministers that was presented by the Executive Board.

That the afternoon format be changed to have the : afternoon speaker immediately after lunch.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

- I. **THE BIBLE:** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are infallible rules of faith and practices.
- II. **GOD:** There is one living and true 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, when all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.
- III. **CHRIST:** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our present Saviour and Lord.
- IV. **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit ALL attributes of God.
- V. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD:** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all things by manifesting the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the welfare of men requires.
- VI. **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.
- VII. **THE WORK OF CHRIST:** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings death, and resurrection offered for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.
- VIII. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION:** The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it, (b) Faith of 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. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- IX. **ELECTION:** God determined from the beginning to save who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.
- X. **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.
- XI. **SALVATION FREE:** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

- XII. **PERSEVERANCE:** All believers in Christ who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.
- XIII. **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.
- XIV. **TITHING:** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed 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).
- XV. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH:** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.
- XVI. **RESURRECTION JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION:** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence the oldest minister present, shall call the association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. Less number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to sit as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and vote taken on separate parts.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded, unless it is on a question previously tabled.
8. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special permission of the moderator.
9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.
11. At each meeting of the association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises, each day.

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C O N S T I T U T I O N
OF THE
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
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FREE WILL BAPTISTS

P R E A M B L E

From experience, we, the members of the churches of God and Christ, commonly known as Free Will Baptist, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group which desires to support and promote every phase of our State and National Enterprises, do hereby ordain this Constitution for our progress and to perpetrate better Association Government.

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the First New Mexico Association of Free Will Baptists of New Mexico.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1: The purpose of this association shall be to bring into union such churches of New Mexico as desire the enterprises of the State of New Mexico and National Association.

SECTION 2: It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches, but to recommend such measures as would promote the unity of action among the churches, to harmonize the efforts of individual churches among each other in their efforts to accomplish good, and make each other more proficient in their undertakings to advance the cause of Christ.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: This association shall be composed of churches commonly known as Free will Baptist who maintain gospel order, and shall subscribe to the constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Faith as adopted by this said Association.

SECTION 2: Any church desiring membership in this association shall be examined and be found sound in it's doctrine, complying with the National Association in all its branches of labor, for the promotion of God's work and also will be expected to be found sound in the associational work.

Showing a desire to promote our denominational work, for the cause of Christ in all different branches of our Association Meeting, Vacation Bible School, F. W. B. Bible College, Woman's Auxiliaries and Young Folks Meeting.

SECTION 3: All duly constituted churches may be received into this Association by their messengers presenting a petitionary letter from their respective churches, if they shall be found orderly and orthodox.

Such reception shall be manifested by the moderator, or his assistant, giving the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATION

SECTION 1: Standing delegates of this association shall be ordained ministers, minister's wives, ordained deacons, church clerk, and church treasurers who are members of churches in good standing in this Association.

SECTION 2: In addition each church shall represent by sending five (5) delegates to each meeting of the Association.

SECTION 3: Each church shall send a letter to the associational clerk at least ten (10) days before the time set for the regular meeting of the association. These letters shall set forth the names of ministers and deacons belonging to the church. These letters shall be written on forms provided by the Association.

SECTION 4: The church may elect one alternate for each delegate, who will be seated in the absence of the regular delegate.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

The officers of this association shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a promotional secretary.

They shall be elected annually at the close of the yearly meeting, and shall act as a program committee to plan the programs of all meetings of the association.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1: The standing boards of the association shall consist of three members each, having staggered terms, so that one member is elected each year at the close of the annual association.

These boards shall be as follows

- a. Executive: b. Credential: c. Board of Trustees:
d. Superannuation: e. Christian Education: f. Mission:

The association shall pay travel expenses of members of these boards when engaged on associational business; the amount of reimbursement shall be set by association.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS

SECTION 1: This body shall meet quarterly, dates and places to be set by association or its designated representatives.

SECTION 2: At each meeting of the association the body shall conduct all necessary business, receive reports, pass on credentials or persons who shall come before it, buy or sell property, and in general, conduct any business which may be before it.

SECTION 3: The offices of this association shall be elected annually, but protem officers may be elected at any sitting of the association in the absence of the regular officers. In the event any officers or board members move out of the jurisdiction of the association he may be replaced at any sitting of the association.

SECTION 4: Questions of deliberations shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order", and a parliamentarian shall be appointed for each meeting of the association.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by two-thirds majority of members voting.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, and 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, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour 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; not 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 afflic-

ted, 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.

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 the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.