

Arthur D. Cook Sr.

MINUTES
OF THE
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MAY 9 - 10, 1968
WHEN CONVENED WITH
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

OFFICERS

Moderator:

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601 E. Skelly
Hobbs, New Mexico

Assistant Moderator:

Bro. Warren Bell
Box 2441
Milan, New Mexico

Clerk:

Sis. Katy Pollock
1809 Runyan
Artesia, New Mexico

Assistant Clerk

Doris Heard
800 N. Burk
Hobbs, New Mexico

Promotional Secretary:

Rev. A. F. Pierce
5024 Blueridge
El Paso, Texas

Treasurer:

Bro. J. H. Pollock
1809 Runyan
Artesia, New Mexico

Sunday School Superintendent:

Bro. W. R. Shime1, Sr.
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El Paso, Texas

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Rev. A. L. McAffery

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First Free Will Baptist of Artesia

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BOARDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

B. G. McClintock - 1
W. R. Shmel - 2
Warren Bell - 3

CREDENTIAL BOARD:

A. L. McAffery - 1
A. F. Pierce - 2
B. G. McClintock - 3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Arthur Cook - 1
W. R. Shmel - 2
J. N. Pollock - 3

MISSION BOARD:

B. G. McClintock - 1
Arthur Cook - 2
R. W. Ellis - 3

RESOLUTION BOARD:

Arnold Heard
Arthur Cook
B. G. McClintock

SUPERANNUATION BOARD:

A. F. Pierce - 1
Orville Rogalsky - 2
Gene Smith - 3

YOUTH CAMP BOARD:

Thelma Shmel
Irene Wood
Mabel Palmer
B. G. McClintock
Gypsy Bell
Beulah Lyles
Jo Helen Sparger
J. N. Pollock

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Beulah Lyles - 1
Stella Cook - 2
Doris Heard - 3

YEARLY MEETING OF THE FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

May 10, 1968

Theme: "God Touched Hearts"

In the absence of the Moderator and the Assistant, Brother Pierce, being the oldest minister present, opened the meeting with congregation singing "All Alone" led by Brother Cook, with Margaret Collier, pianist. Altar prayer was led by Brother Billings and closed by Brother Bell, followed by congregation singing "Come Unto Me".

Devotional by Prother Pierce, Scripture: St. John 13:34-35. Prayer by Brother Pierce.

Church letters were read by the clerk. Motion made to accept letters and seat the delegates.

The delegates were seated with right hand of fellowship.

Song: "Jesus Hold My Hand"

The By-Laws were read by Brother Pierce.

There were no visiting brethern in attendance.

Election was held of Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Moderator: Brother Billings

Assistant Moderator: Brother Bell

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator:

<u>Pulpit</u>	<u>Obituary</u>	<u>Temperance</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Sis. Lyles	Stella Cook	Sis. Price	Wiley Balthrop
Sis. Pierce	Sis. Robertson	Bro. Cook	Bro. Shime1
Sis. Rice	Sis. Wood	Bro. Heard	Sis. Palmer

Song: "Joy Unspeakable"

Dismissed for 15 minute recess by Brother Price.

Session re-opened with the congregation singing "I'm Going That Way".

Prayer by Prother Pierce.

Sister Fannie Gibson was appointed to help Sister Heard audit the Treasurer's books.

Song: "I'll Live in Glory"

SPECIALS:

Special from Carlsbad: "I'm Too Near Home to Turn Now"
 Special from Albuquerque: "Life's Evening Sun"

Morning Message: "Touch of Consecration" II Cor. 8:5, by Brother Bell.

Song: "Almost Persuaded"

Dismissed for lunch and fellowship by Brother Shmel.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing of "Redeemed".
 Prayer by Sister Heard.

SPECIALS:

Special from Hobbs: "Follow Me"
 Special from Carlsbad: "He Cares for Me"
 Special from Albuquerque: "Farther Along"

Afternoon message: "Touch of Power" Acts 1:8 and I Sam. 10:24-27 by
 Brother Price.

Invitational Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting.

Offering was taken for the Foreign Mission, received \$12.12. Prayer by
 Brother Bell.

Dismissed for 10 minute recess by Brother Cook.

Song: "I Want to Know More About My Lord"
 Led by Brother Cook and accompanied by Margaret Collier at the piano.
 Prayer by Brother Bell.

The following reports were given: Sunday School report read and accepted,
 Pulpit report read and accepted, Obituary report read and accepted,
 Temperance report read and accepted, Auditing report read and accepted,
 Executive report read and Theme for our next Quarterly meeting, Credential
 Board no report, Board of Trustees, no report, Mission Board no report,
 Superannuation Board no report, Youth Camp Board report read and accepted,
 Resolution Board no report, Treasurer's report read and accepted. Motion
 was made to accept the slate of officers recommended by Youth Camp Board.
 Amendment was made to give the Director power to replace anyone that cannot
 go to Youth Camp.

During the business meeting election of officers was held with the following
 elected:

Clerk: Katy Pollock
 Asst. Clerk: Doris Heard
 Treasurer: J. N. Pollock
 Promotional Secretary: Brother Pierce

The following were elected to the various boards:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Brother Warren Bell	3 Year
Brother W. R. Shime1	2 Year
Brother B. G. McClintock	1 Year

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Brother B. G. McClintock	3 Year
Brother A. F. Pierce	2 Year
Brother A. L. McAffery	1 Year

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brother J. H. Pollock	3 Year
Brother W. R. Shime1	2 Year
Brother Arthur Cook	1 Year

MISSION BOARD

Brother Arthur Cook	2 Year
Brother B. G. McClintock	1 Year
Brother Robert W. Ellis	3 Year

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Brother Gene Smith	3 Year
Brother Orville Rogalsky	2 Year
Brother A. F. Pierce	1 Year

YOUTH CAMP

Motion made and seconded to retain our Youth Camp Board.

Sister Wood	Sister Sparger
Sister Bell	Sister Lyles
Brother McClintock	Sister Shime1
Brother Pollock	Sister Palmer

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Sister Doris Heard
Sister Stella Cook
Sister Beulah Lyles

RESOLUTION BOARD

Brother Arnold Heard
Brother Arthur Cook
Brother B. G. McClintock

Motion was made and seconded that our Youth Camp Director be empowered to get someone to take care of the concession.

Nominations were made to elect delegates to go to the National meeting in Oklahoma. Those elected were Sister Cook, Brother Bell and Sister Bell. A motion was made and seconded to give each delegate who attends the National Meeting \$50.00.

Motion was made for the Clerk to read the minutes. The minutes were read and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read.

The Carlsbad Church was given a rising vote of thanks.

The Hobbs Church was presented the Sunday School plaques.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Brother Price.

REPORTS

We, the Sunday School Committee, would like to recommend that all churches place more enthusiasm upon Sunday School work throughout the coming year. Being much in prayer as a body of association that God might bless our Sunday Schools in the future.

Wiley Balthrop
Habel Palmer

We, the Executive Committee, have nothing to report. We offer as a theme for the next Quarterly Meeting: "The Subject of Giving". Morning Devotion: "Giving Our Help" Josh. 24:15. Morning Message: "Giving Our Time" Eph. 5:16. Evening Message: "Giving Our Substance" Mal. 3:8.

W. R. Shime1
Rev. Ray Price

We, the Obituary Committee, report to this Association that there were no deaths reported.

Jessie Robertson
Irene Wood
Stella Cook

We, the Temperance Committee, suggest that each Free Will Baptist in the State of New Mexico be temperant in all things and abstain from all uses of alcoholic beverages and be separated from the world, and live a full consecrated life to God.

Eloise Price
Arthur D. Cook
Arnold Heard

We, the Pulpit Committee, wish to submit the following names for our program of May, 1969:

Devotional: Brother Pierce
 Alternate: Brother Pollock

11:00 A.M.: Brother Billings
 Alternate: Brother McAffery

1:30 P.M.: Brother Bell
 Alternate: Brother McClintock

Sister Lyles
 Sister Pierce
 Sister Rice

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books for Jan., Feb., and March, 1968 and found them to be in order.

Doris Heard
 Fannie Gipson

We, the Youth Camp Board, recommend this slate of officers for Youth Camp:

Stella Cook, Hobbs & Irine Ellis, Artesia, Junior Girls
 Sister Bell, Grants, Intermediate Girls
 Bro. Jim Pollock, Artesia, Intermediate Boys
 Sis. Katy Pollock, Artesia, Primaries
 Sister Billings, El Paso, Primaries
 Bro. Robert Ellis, Artesia, Jr. Boys
 Bro. Billings, El Paso, Jr. Boys
 Mabel Palmer, Carlsbad, Kitchen
 Beulah Lyles, Albuquerque, Cook
 Mary Crabtree, Kitchen
 Mary Hernandez, Artesia, Kitchen

Brother Jim Pollock, Artesia, Camp Director
 Brother Billings, El Paso, Counselor

Irene Wood
 Beulah Lyles
 Mabel Palmer

STATISTICAL REPORT BY CHURCHES

Albuquerque, New Mexico

No. of Ordained Ministers	3	Total giving in the	
No. of Ordained Deacons	2	church	\$1,640.11
No. of Following Auxiliaries:		General Offerings	1,640.11
Sunday Schools	1	Building Funds	
C. T. S.	-	Local Expenses:	
Woman's Auxiliary	-	Pastor's Salary	53.78
Master's Men	-	Evangelist	---
Prayer Meetings	1	Building & Repairs	1,798.75
Church Membership	57	Literature	121.29
Resident	-	Advertising	---
Non-Resident	-	Miscellaneous	---
S. S. Enrollment	30	Total	\$1,973.82
C. T. S. Enrollment	-	Outside Expenses	---
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	-	Cooperative Plan	170.88
Value of Church	\$9,500.	Foreign Missions	---
		Home Missions	---
		Education	---
		Assn. State & Nat'l.	---
		Total	170.88

Artesia, New Mexico

No. of Ordained Ministers	1	Total giving in the	
No. of Ordained Deacons	2	church	\$4,752.73
No. of Following Auxiliaries:		General Offerings	4,752.73
Sunday Schools	1	Building Funds	---
C. T. S.	1	Local Expenses:	
Woman's Auxiliary	1	Pastor's Salary	1,343.13
Master's Men	0	Evangelist	125.00
Prayer Meetings	1	Bldg. & Repairs	2,288.88
Church Membership	24	Literature	538.23
Resident	22	Advertizing	---
Non-Resident	2	Misc.	365.44
S. S. Enrollment	42	Total	\$4,660.68
C. T. S. Enrollment	23	Outside Expenses:	
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	5	Cooperative Plan	113.29
Value of Church	\$10,000.	Foreign Missions	0
Value of Parsonage	5,000.	Home Missions	0
		Education	0
		Orphanage	0
		Superannuation	0
		Assn. State & Nat'l.	0
		Total	113.29

El Paso, Texas

NO YEARLY CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Carlsbad, New Mexico

No. of Ordained Ministers	1	Total giving in the	
No. of Ordained Deacons	3	church	\$3,723.02
<u>No. of Following Auxiliaries:</u>		General Offerings	3,723.02
Sunday Schools	1	Building Funds	---
C. T. S.	-	<u>Local Expenses:</u>	
Woman's Auxiliary	-	Pastor's Salary	1,325.00
Master's Men	-	Evangelist	140.00
Prayer Meetings	1	Bldg. & Repair	1,523.71
Church Membership	25	Literature	197.91
Resident	-	Advertising	---
Non-Resident	-	Misc.	---
S. S. Enrollment	35	Total	\$3,186.62
C. T. S. Enrollment	-	<u>Outside Expenses:</u>	
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	-	Cooperative Plan	---
Value of Church	-	Foreign Missions	---
Value of Parsonage	-	Total	---

Grants, New Mexico

No. of Ordained Ministers	1	Total giving in the	
No. of Ordained Deacons	-	church	\$1,806.91
<u>No. of Following Auxiliaries:</u>		General Offerings	1,806.91
Sunday Schools	1	Buildings Funds	-0-
C. T. S.	0	<u>Local Expenses:</u>	
Woman's Auxiliary	0	Pastor's Salary	55.00
Master's Men	0	Evangelist	-000-
Prayer Meetings	0	Building & Repair	924.06
Church Membership	13	Literature	165.52
Resident	13	Advertising	28.22
Non-Resident	20	Misc.	282.50
S. S. Enrollment	16	Other	82.80
C. T. S. Enrollment	0	Total	\$1,538.10
Woman's Aux. Membership	0	<u>Outside Expenses:</u>	
Value of Church	\$8,000.	Cooperative Plan	174.09
		Foreign Missions	50.00
		Asm. State & Nat'l.	---
		Home Missions	25.00
		Total	\$ 249.09

Hobbs, New Mexico

No. of Ordained Ministers	1	Total giving in the	
No. of Licensed Ministers	1	church	\$7,906.33
No. of Ordained Deacons	2	General Offerings	7,906.33
<u>No. of Following Auxiliaries:</u>		Building Funds	---
Sunday Schools	1	<u>Local Expenses:</u>	
C. T. S.	1	Pastor's Salary	2,805.82
Woman's Auxiliary	1	Evangelist	182.48
Master's Men	0	Building & Repair	1,393.82
Prayer Meetings	1	Literature	456.34
Church Membership	87	Misc.	-0-
Resident	87	Other	1,000.00
Non-Resident	0	Total	\$5,838.46
S. S. Enrollment	76	<u>Outside Expenses:</u>	
C. T. S. Enrollment	43	Cooperative Plan	\$ 751.68
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	10	Foreign Missions	---
Value of Church	\$15,000.	Home Missions	426.48
Value of Parsonage	\$ 8,000.	Total	\$1,178.16

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, whom 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 could 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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CONSTITUTION OF THE FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

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 Baptist 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. Each church of this Association shall send church letters with their delegates. Also the church clerk send the names of their delegates and alternates to the church entertaining the Association.

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 the association.

SECTION 2: The Executive Board shall act for the association when the association is not in session, and render a report to each sitting on the association for approval or rebuke.

SECTION 3: The Credential Board shall examine candidates for licensing or ordination, and shall pass on all ministers coming into this association. This board shall also review every minister belonging to this association for action.

This association shall adopt a set of rules for this board, and a set of questions for examining candidates, and the clerk shall keep a file of all persons examined.

SECTION 4: The Board of Trustees shall receive and assign all associational property as directed by the association.

SECTION 5: The Superannuation Board shall plan programs for the aged ministers of this association and in cooperation with the state and national programs.

SECTION 6: The Christian Education Board shall oversee the Sunday School, C. T. S., and other Christian education programs of the association, and shall cooperate with the state and national programs.

SECTION 7: The Mission Board shall be responsible for the extension of the Free Will Baptist work in the state, and in cooperation with the state and national programs, "to the uttermost parts of the earth."

SECTION 8: Other boards and committees may be chosen as needed.

ARTICLE VII

DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1: This association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches; to act upon any appeal that may be made at any of the meetings.

SECTION 2: All appeals coming before this association may be settled in any of the following ways:

- a. By this association when sitting as a committee as a whole;
- b. By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

SECTION 3: No question shall be received by this association from any church unless it has been acted upon in said church, and cannot be settled, in which the association shall take up same and act upon it.

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 pro tem 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 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.

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.

