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District Association
of
Free Will Baptists

Proceedings of the Ninety-Sixth Annual Session

1992-93

Convened at the Moore Free Will Baptist Church Moore, Oklahoma

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

May 8—Oklahoma City First August 14—Capitol Hill November 13—Southwest February 12—Harrah

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING May 9, 1992

9:00 a.m. Business Session—

The business of the first quarterly meeting began with John Martin leading the congregation in singing "Sweetest Name I Know" followed with Rev. Frank Wiley leading in prayer and Tim Dodson bringing the morning devotion from Psalms 16:8-11.

Rev. Colin Fitzsimmons, host pastor, welcomed the delegates to the meeting.

MSC to accept the church letters as read and refer the requests to the proper boards. Delegates were seated with Rev. Mike Wade leading in prayer.

Churches present were Moore First, Shawnee NE, Trinity, Norman First, Oklahoma City First, Capitol Hill, Tecumseh, Spring Hill, Southern Oaks, Southwest, Northwest, Kingsview, Newcastle, Pleasant Hill, Sunnylane, Calvary, Choctaw, Harrah and Westgate.

MSC to accept the CE Board report as given by John Martin.

Garry Richey gave the treasurer's report. MSC to accept as given.

Rev. Frank Wiley and Rev. Kevin Daniels gave the Mission Board report. MSC to accept as given.

Business committee appointed: Rev. Mike Wade, Rev. Ron Brown and Rev. Bob Thompson.

Rev. Tim Eaton gave the report from Hillsdale College. Report received as information.

MSC to receive the Credential Board report and vote item by item. All items approved. (See Reports)

Dismissed for recess with Rev. Dan Farmer leading in prayer.

The business session resumed after recess with the congregation singing "To God Be The Glory." Rev. Shelby Greeson led in prayer.

MSC to receive the Business Committee report and vote item by item. All

items were approved. (See Reports)

Business committee for the August session to be the same individuals as were on the committee today.

Morning Worship-11:00 a.m.

Special music was provided by the Westgate church singing "One Day at a Time."

Rev. Brad Utley brought the morning message using I Peter 5:8-11 as his text.

MSC to express our appreciation to the Westgate church for their hospitality. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bob Thompson.

REPORTS

CREDENTIAL BOARD

The Credential Board recommends the following:

- 1. Toby Youngblood for relicensing as a minister.
- 2. Scott Real for relicensing as a minster.
- 3. Rev. Larry Brake as an ordained minister coming into the association pending a letter of recommendation from his previous association.
- 4. Rev. Wesley Bigelow as an ordained minister coming into the association pending a letter of recommendation from his previous association.
- 5. Rev. Brad Utley as an ordained minister coming into the association pending a letter of recommendation from his previous association.
- 6. Rev. David Anderson as an ordained minister coming into the association pending a letter of recommendation from his previous association.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- 1. Give \$500.00 to Hillsdale for their "Have A Heart" fund.
- 2. Give \$300.00 to Sherry Keener to help in expenses as a summer missionary to Ivory Coast.
- 3. Give \$500.00 to Reford Wilson to help in his expenses as he travels to Cuba as they observe the fiftieth anniversary of Free Will Baptists in Cuba.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING August 8, 1992

9:00 a.m. Business Session

The business session began with John Martin leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing," Janie Anderson, pianist; Carol Kennedy, organ.

Randy Puckett brought the morning devotion from Proverbs 27:7 and led in prayer.

John Martin extended a welcome to those present at the quarterly meeting. Rev. Puckett, pastor, was in revival and out of town.

John Martin, assistant clerk, read the letters. MSC to accept the letters, seat the delegates and refer the requests to the proper boards. Prayer by Rev. Bob Thompson to seat the delegates.

MSC to receive the Credential Board report and vote item by item. All items carried. (See Reports)

CE Board report given by John Martin. Concert August 15; Youth Camp; Youth Rally; Fourteen national winners in youth competition from our association. MSC to receive as information.

MSC to accept the letter from Choctaw and seat the delegates.

MSC to receive petitionary letter from the Wolf Free Will Baptist Church. MSC to accept the church into our association and that the Credential Board will examine the ordained.

MSC to accept the Treasurer's report as given by Garry Richey.

Tim Lisenbee gave the Hillsdale report. MSC to receive as information.

Rev. Delbert Akin gave the Mission Board report. Kingsview averaged 70 during the summer. A prospective worker has been interviewed to begin a new work in the Mustang area. MSC to accept the report.

MSC to give from the general fund \$750.00 to the account of Terry VanWinkle for the Home Mission work beginning in Overland Park, Kansas. Rev. VanWinkle gave a report on the work the Home Mission is beginning in that city.

MSC to approve the state delegates as requested by the local churches and that our moderator would have the authority to appoint other delegates at the state meeting from those of our association who attend the meeting.

MSC that our thanks and appreciation be given to Harrah Church for their fine hospitality during the meeting.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Kevin Daniels.

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

The morning worship began with John Martin leading the congregation in singing "O How I Love Jesus."

Special music was provided by Hazel Copelin, "The Morning Wind."
The morning message was brought by Rev. Richard Terry from Rev. 19:4.
Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Colin Fitzsimmons.

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT

- 1. We recommend that Randy Puckett from the Harrah church be licensed to preach the Gospel.
- 2. We recommend that Kent Ido from the Northwest church be licensed to preach the Gospel.
- 3. We recommend that Tim Dodson from the Westgate church be licensed to preach the Gospel.

- 4. We recommend that Mike Jensen from the Calvary church be ordained as a deacon at the pleasure of the church.
- 5. We recommend that Derrell Smith from the Harrah church be licensed to preach the Gospel.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING November 14, 1992

9:30 a.m. Business-

The third quarterly meeting was opened with Sister Marie Davis leading the congregation in singing "I Will Praise Him."

After prayer by Rev. Waldo Young the ladies quintet from Tecumseh sang,

"Jesus, Rock of Ages."

MSC to accept the letters as read and refer the requests to the proper boards and seat the delegates. Rev. Mike Wade led in prayer to seat the delegates.

Churches present were: Pleasant Hill, Norman First, Capitol Hill, Moore First, Sunnylane, Skyridge, Southern Oaks, Calvary, Harrah, Oklahoma City First, Spring Hill, Wolf, Choctaw, Southwest, Shawnee Northeast, Tecumseh, Westgate, Trinity and Straight Street.

Rev. Tim Eaton gave the report from Hillsdale and shared the needs of the college. One of the major needs of the college at the present time is for finances and prayer for the school as the State Board of Regents are in the process of removing accreditation from the school.

MSC to accept the Treasurer's report as given by Garry Richey.

Rev. Frank Wiley gave the Mission Board report. The Mustang church has voted to give their property to the First Oklahoma Association. Mission Board recommends that \$5,000.00 of the money from the Mustang church be given to Hillsdale. MSC to receive the report. MSC to give the money to Hillsdale.

Rev. Lynn Wood, member of the National Home Mission Board gave a report from our national office. Home Mission Sunday scheduled for November

22, 1992.

The CE Board report was given by John Martin. MSC to accept the report. Rev. Homer Young gave a report of the new mission work beginning in El Reno.

The Credential Board recommends that Wilburn "Buck" Bewley be accepted into the association as an ordained deacon. Bro. Bewley is a member of the Westgate church. MSC to accept the report.

MSC to appoint a Business Committee: Rev. Frank Wiley, Garry Richey,

Rev. Shelby Greeson.

MSC to grant a letter of recommendation for Rev. Bob Thomas.

The clerk had received a letter requesting a recommendation for Jimmy Howell. Since he was not ordained MSC to give letter to the Skyridge church where he was a member so they might grant a church letter.

Motion and second to accept Rev. Homer Young into the association since he is beginning a work at El Reno. Motion and second to amend that at the time of the church organization the association will follow normal proceedings.

MSC to recess 20 minutes for break. Prayer by Rev. Delbert Akin.

10:45 a.m. Worship

The Business committee gave their report before the morning worship. Recommendation that the association give \$500.00 to the Eamie Deeds account, \$500.00 to the Lynn Midgett account and \$500.00 to the El Reno land fund. MSC.

The moderator appointed the same committee to act as Auditing,

Budget and Business committee for our annual association.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sister Marie Davis led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory." After prayer by Roy Copeland, the Tecumseh young girls ensemble presented the special music for the worship service.

Rev. Henry Braisher brought the morning message from I John 2:15. At the conclusion of the message the ministers of the association had an

altar of prayer to dismiss the service.

ANNUAL MEETING February 13, 1993

The annual meeting began with Rev. Jack Richey leading the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves."

Rev. Cecil Sanders brought the morning devotion from Luke 9:57-62

and Rev. Roger Ballard led in prayer.

MSC to receive letters from the churches and seat the delegates.

Prayer by Rev. Mike Wade to seat the delegates.

Churches reporting were: Calvary, Capitol Hill, Choctaw, Grace, Harrah, Kingsview, Lakeside, Midwest City, Moore First, Norman First, Northwest, Oklahoma City First, Pleasant Hill, Shawnee NE, Skyridge, Southern Oaks, Southwest, Spencer Road, Spring Hill, Straight Street, Sunnylane, Tecumseh, Trinity, Westgate and Wolf.

Election of officers: Clerk-Ivan VanWinkle

Assistant Clerk—John Martin Treasurer—Garry Richey Assistant Treasurer—Tim Eaton Moderator—Mike Wade

Assistant Moderator—Edwin Wade

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Rev. Jack Richey gave the Hillsdale report emphasizing the accreditation status of the school and the public hearing which would be at a later date.

Rev. Connie Cariker, State Executive Secretary, gave his report and emphasized that March 28 would be Roll Call Sunday.

Garry Richey gave the Treasurer's report. (See Reports)

Roy Copeland reported about the Master's Men. There are 25 chapters in Oklahoma. Tecumseh joined the Master's Men last year. The national conference of Master's Men will be in April in Arkansas. Fee \$50.00.

Rev. Frank Wiley gave the Mission Board report. Kingsview is going to become self supporting, Rev. Buddy Drake will begin a newwork in the Mustang area the first of March. MSC to accept the treasurer's report of the Mission board.

Board member elected for 1993-98—Rev. Colin Fitzsimmons.

Bro. Bates from El Reno expressed appreciation for the support of the association for the work there. They had 38 in attendance the first Sunday.

John Martin gave the CE Board report.

Board members elected: 1990-95—Harlan Phipps; 1993-98—John Martin. MSC to receive the Credential Board report and vote item by item. All items carried. (See reports)

Board member elected for 1993-98: Rev. Ron Brown.

MSC to inform the Center Association that Wolf is active and is now a member of the First Oklahoma Association.

The Budget/Finance committee reported that the books of the District Treasurer, Mission Board and CE Board were all in order. MSC to accept the report. (See Reports)

MSC to accept the obituary report. Rev. Delbert Akin led in prayer.

The business session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dan Farmer for a 15 minute break.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

The conclusion of the business was conducted prior to the worship service. MSC to give Hillsdale \$500.00 for "Have A Heart" fund.

MSC to give the association scholarships to Todd Wiley, Toby Youngblood and Teri L. Hays.

Rev. Mike Wade was elected to the General Board for 1993-94.

Executive Board member elected for 1993-98—Rev. Dan Harper.

MSC to send recommendation for Rev. John Haves.

MSC to give a standing vote of thanks to the Moore church for their hospitality during the annual meeting.

The morning worship began with Rev. Waldo Young leading the congregation in singing "Send A Great Revival."

After prayer by Rev. Shelby Greeson, Sister Geraldine Sanders sang " 'Til the Storm Passes By."

Rev. Chris Clay brought the morning message from I Peter 5:1 using as text "Crown of Glory That Fadeth Not Away."

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Delbert Akin.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1992	\$	1,901.15
RECEIPTS:		
Calvary \$15,445.63		
Capitol Hill13,598.00		
Choctaw		
Edmond		
El Reno 87.00		
Grace45.00		
Harrah21,019.09		
Kingsview9,727.50		
Lakeside2,361.00		
Midwest City711.47		
Moore First		
Newcastle 6,143.68		
Norman First56,446.57		
Northeast Shawnee 6,004.00		
Northwest Oklahoma City 6,646.20		
Oklahoma City First3,826.00		
Pleasant Hill4,260.00		
Skyridge Noble11,157.29		
Southern Oaks43,543.31		
Southwest 16,722.29		
Spencer Road15,622.82		
Spring Hill8,105.16		
Straight Street75.00		
Sunnylane 11,450.46		
Tecumseh		
Trinity 1,170.00		
Victory 25.00		
Westgate 8,753.02		
Wolf 603.38		
Reimbursement368.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3	10,224.43
Total Funds to be Accounted	\$3	12,125.58

DISBURSEMENTS: State Office	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$311,085.04
Balance in Treasury January 1, 1993	\$ 1,040.54
MISSION BOARD January - December 1992	
DEPOSITS: Co-op/District Missions \$31,615.38 Jubilee 3,904.95 Kingsview 683.23 Designated 244.69 Kingsview Building 590.61 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 9,064.83 Kingsview \$ 9,064.83 Hall's Ranch 16,200.00 Board Expenses 193.00 Deluxe Checks 36.34 Bookkeeping 250.00 Kingsview Designated 561.33	\$37,038.86
Hillsdale	\$31,305.50
BEGINNING BALANCE	
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 8,728.23

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Members of the CE board would like to thank the district association for the excellent support given to all board activities during the past year. Your financial help is especially appreciated

At our January meeting, the board voted unanimously to adopt a new format in providing Christian Education activities to First Oklahoma Association church members of all ages. This emphasis will be demonstrated in four major activities during the year.

- 1. Christian Education workshop, beginning in February 1994. This will include a series of workshops, seminars, some hands-on experiences and some motivational tools to help Christian workers from all our churches. We'll give you details in November.
- 2. District CE Youth Competition, held annually in April. The state competition is always the second Saturday in May. First Oklahoma has the model competition that others around the state copy. Thanks for your help and cooperation in making this possible.
- 3. Summer Family Camp time. It will be held this year on July 6-10 at the First Mission Campground near Drumright. Cost is again \$40 which includes a camp tee-shirt. Last year, just over 100 attended and we will have room for more. Urge your church families to make this a time for family worship. Roy Copeland and Randy Lack are coordinators. You will be receiving information soon.
- 4. District wide lock-in and retreat during fall break or state teachers meeting in October. This will serve as one gigantic youth rally that will bond our young people together.

In addition, the board will supervise the activities, practices and appearances of the District YET team, which will be selected during competition in April.

CE Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand (January 1, 1992)	\$	352.55
Receipts: District Coop	\$1 356 4 1	
District Youth Rallies District Camp	71.13	
District Competition		
Total	\$6,552.04\$6	3,552.04
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6	3,904.59

Expenditures:

Youth Rallies	\$ 948.00
Camp	\$3,670.00
Competition	\$ 950.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 62.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,630.50
BALANCE	\$1.274.09

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Shelby Greeson, Frank Wiley and Mike Wade met with district treasurer, Garry Richey, on February 11, 1993 at the Sunnylane Free Will Baptist Church.

We have examined the Financial Reports and records of the First Oklahoma District Treasurer, Mission Board and CE Board and have found them to be accurate and in order.

We recommend that the percentages for the Coop giving remain the same.

Coop—State	52%
District Missions	30%
Hillsdale	
District General Fund	
CTS-CE	

CREDENTIAL BOARD REPORT

- 1. We recommend that Bro. Henry Braisher be received into our Association upon receipt of a letter from First Mission Association.
- 2. We recommend that Bro. Chris Clay be received into this Association upon receipt of a letter from the Union Association.
- 3. We recommend that Rev. Mike Lewis, minister of Music, Norman First Free Will Baptist Church, be received into this Association upon receipt of a letter from the previous association.
- 4. We recommend to the Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church for ordination at their pleasure Allen Moss and Anthony Gossman as deacons.
- 5. We recommend the licensing of Daniel Deeds, Moore First, to preach the Gospel.
- 6. As Toby Youngblood has served under license and has worked part-time and will soon be working full-time, either at the church or in a pastorate, we recommend his ordination proceed by the Sunnylane Free Will Baptist Church to the Gospel Ministry.

OBITUARY

Wayne Rice—Calvary Larry Hutson, Minnie Miller—Capitol Hill Barbara Hensen—Moore Opal VanWinkle—Norman First
Nellie Longworth—Northeast Shawnee
J. C. Nelson, Homer Woodall—Oklahoma City First
Elmer Burroughs, Alma Lewis—Southern Oaks
George Pettyjohn—Southwest
Andrew Clagg—Straight Street
Rosa Collins, Alice Holliday, Charlie Ferguson, Dovie Yandell—Trinity
Orville Brazeal—Westgate

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group of churches, do hereby ordain this constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better association government.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This Association shall be known as the First Oklahoma District Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT: The purpose of this Association shall be to coordinate and unify the works of the member churches, to devise and execute measures for the extension of the kingdom of God, and examine for license and ordination prospective ministers and deacons.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP: Section 1—This Association shall be composed of area Free Will Baptist Churches that adopt the constitution and are accepted by the body.

Section 2—The voting body shall consist of: a) standing delegates composed of officers of the Association, ordained ministers, deacons actively serving on the deacon board of the local church, and ordained ministers and deacons actively serving in district mission works, members of all standing boards, church clerks, full-time associates of churches serving as pastoral assistants and b) no more than three lay delegates selected by each local church who shall be seated upon presentation of proper credentials.

Section 3—any area church wishing to unite with this Association upon presentation of a petitionary letter and examination by the Executive and Credential Board shall be accepted by a majority vote of this body. Churches coming from other Associations are expected to present a letter of recommendation.

Section 4—Each church of the Assocation is to send \$75.00 to the annual session of this association. This will be divided in this manner: \$20.00 for the District Association, \$25.00 for the State Association, \$10.00 for the National Association, and \$20.00 for the Wilford Lee Scholarship Fund.

ARTICLE IV

NEW CHURCHES: Any group of believers desiring to be organized, may present a petitionary letter and upon majority vote of the association, the Executive Board shall be instructed to examine for organization. Upon examination by the Executive Board, and a two-thirds majority vote of said board, a group may be organized into a local Free Will Baptist church. This church may then become affiliated with the First Oklahoma District Association by petitionary letter and majority vote of the body.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, and an assistant treasurer, all of whom shall be elected at the annual session.

Duties:

Moderator, shall preside at all sessions of the Association and shall have power to appoint special committees.

Assistant Moderator, shall preside in the moderator's absence or at his request.

Clerk, shall keep careful records of all business sessions and handle other correspondence as directed.

Assistant Clerk, functions at the discretion of the clerk or in his absence shall do the work of the clerk.

Treasurer, shall receive, and record all monies and distribute and make regular financial report of such. The Associational books are to be closed on the 15th of each month.

The terms of the officers shall begin at the close of the annual session.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS: This Association shall meet four times yearly, the second Saturday of February, May, August, and November. The February meeting will be the Annual Session.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Section 1—Composition: The Executive Board of this Association shall be five members, elected to terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 years with one term expiring each year, plus the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association.

Section 2—Duties: The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between sessions. The Board shall be subject to the recommendations of the Association and none of its acts shall conflict with the action taken by this Association.

Section 3—Meetings: Meetings of the Board can be called by the Moderator who serves as its chairman. The Board shall have power to collect funds as the means on hand may warrant. It shall as directed by this association have power to convey or mortgage any real estate or Associational property. This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, monies raised, meetings held, and make a full report to the next regular meeting of this Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said Association for the purpose in accordance with the purpose of the donors, and in no case divert from its original object.

Section 4—Powers: The Chairman and Clerk of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc.; and any other papers by which the First Oklahoma District Association is to become legally responsible. It shall be the duty of this Board to meet as often as may be necessary. No member of the Executive Board shall delegate authority to any other member of said Board to cast his vote for him in

anything. The Executive Board shall have power to call the Association into conference by notifying each church ten (10) days prior to the conference; and, they shall have the authority to change quarterly meetings or association if the place where said quarterly meeting or association is to meet is not able to care for the meetings; and, their decisions shall be final. This must be done in time to notify each church. No meeting of the Executive Board shall be legal unless at least five members are present.

ARTICLE VIII

BOARDS: The following standing boards shall be elected at the annual session. Each board shall consist of five (5) members, elected as to have one member retiring each year. Vacancies may be filled at any

regular meeting.

Credentials Board: It shall be the duty of the Credentials Board to examine the church letters and recommend the seating of such delegates as are properly certified; to examine for license and ordination prospective deacons and ministers at the request of their respective churches and make recommendations to the Association; to examine deacons and ministers coming into this body from other associations and make appropriate recommendations to this body.

Church Training Service: The Church Training Service Board shall plan Church Training Rallies and youth activities of the Association. This Board shall also plan the annual Youth Encampment with the authority to appoint and employ necessary personnel. This Board shall provide the churches of the district updated information regarding trends and materials in Christian education, to sponsor training sessions for the district, to assist individual churches in their training programs, and to seek ways to evaluate and enhance the educational ministries of the various churches of the district.

Mission Board: The Mission Board shall be empowered to assist any worthy mission work within the bounds of the Association and

supervise missionary activities of the Association.

COMMITTEES: Section 1—Finance Committee: A finance committee composed of the treasurer and two other members shall be appointed by the moderator. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the calendar year and submit it to the Association at its regular annual meeting. The Finance Committee can from time to time submit supplements to the budget for the current calendar year.

Section 2—Audit Committee: An audit committee of three members shall be selected by the Association at the regular annual meeting whose duty it shall be to audit the treasurers account at the close of the calendar year and to report to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association

in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and any special rules or order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS: This Constitution can be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the body, provided the amendment is presented in writing and laid on the table from the morning session until the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION: Should this Association cease to function, all properties and holdings shall go to the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists after all creditors are satisfied and indebtedness cleared.

BY-LAWS

- 1. The moderator or assistant, 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. A majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum.
- 4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members without voting privileges.
- 5. Those who speak, shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections 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 a vote taken separately.
- 7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator, or more than ten minutes at a time.
- 8. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
- No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.
- 10. These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the body.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Introductory Service
- 2. Letters given to Credential Board and petitionary letters called for.
- 3. House called to order by Moderator
- 4. Seating of Delegates
- 5. Recognition of visitors

- 6. Appt. of committees
- 7. Unfinished business
- 8. New business
- 9. Report of committees
- 10. Miscellaneous business
- 11. Election of officers

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. The Scriptures are the Old and the New Testaments, inspired by the Holy Spirit and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- 2. There is only one true and living Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three in personality, one in essence.
- 3. Man is a fallen creature and cannot save himself.
- 4. Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man and all who repent and trust Christ as Saviour will be saved.
- 5. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.
- 6. It is the duty of every Christian to unite with a visible church where through association with others he may share in the observances of the ordinances and the perpetuation of the gospel. The Lord's day is the first day of the week, commemorating the resurrection of Christ and should be spent in public and private worship and rest from secular activities. Upon this day Christians should bring their tithes and offerings into the Lord's house.
- 7. The Gospel Ordinances: Baptism is the immersion of believers in water by an ordained minister, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the Lord's Supper is a commemoration of the death of Christ and is open to all believers and should be observed at night; feet washing, which teaches humility, follows the Lord's Supper and is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer.
- 8. There will be the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, every one in his own order, "they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." The Lord Jesus, who ascended on high, sits at the right hand of God and will come again to close the gospel dispensation, glorify His saints and judge the world. Then the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal.
- 9. The definition and condition of the backslider:
 A backslider is a regenerated person who has degenerated to a state of living in unconfessed and unforgiven sin. Such a person is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and cannot enter into sinless Heaven in such a backslidden condition. The following scriptures explain: Jere. 2:21; Jere. 2:32; II Peter 1:9; James 1:13-16; James 5:19-20; Romans 6:12; Matt. 6:24; Heb. 10:38-39; Heb. 3:12-14; Ezek. 18:24; I John 1:9; Rev. 21:27.

- (a) We believe that salvation is a present possession by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he has this possession. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that salvation depends on human works or merit.
- (b) We believe that a saved individual may, in freedom of will, cease to trust Christ for salvation and once again be lost. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that a believer may not again be lost.
- (c) We believe that any individual living in the practice of sin (whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner"), must be judged by that evidence to be lost should he so die in his sins. This we hold in distinction from those who suggest the pernicious doctrine that man may live in sin as he pleases and still claim heaven as his eternal home.
- (d) We believe that any regenerated person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner"), and in whose heart a desire arises to repent, may do so and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that when a Christian sins he cannot repent and be restored to favor and fellowship with God.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." II Peter 1:4-10.

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