

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION
OF

Free Will Baptists

Held with the McAlester First Church

August 13, 14, 15, 1959

With Rev. Omer Jones bringing the
Introductory Sermon.

OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. Harry Lee
Star Rte., Haywood, Okla.

Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Omer Jones
Canadian, Okla.

Clerk ----- Lela White, Crowder, Okla.

Assistant Clerk ----- Pat Huff, Eufaula, Okla.

The next Session of this association will be held on Thursday Night before the 3rd Sunday in August 1960, and will convene at Lone Grove Church unless Associational Camp Grounds have been completed so that services can be held there.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whoever he may request.

2. That all ministers and their wives, Deacons and their wives, church clerk and association clerk and Treasurer be as standing delegates.

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

4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

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 as motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the 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. In the future meetings of the Association, arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent devotional exercises.

13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alteration may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order.

2. Letters called for and adopted.

3. Right hand of fellowship.

4. Election of officers.

5. Reading of Rules of Order.

6. Petitionary letters.

7. Invite visiting brethren to seat in council.

8. Appointment of committees.

9. New business.

10. Report of committees.

11. Miscellaneous business.

PROCEEDINGS

The forty-eighth Annual Session of the Gaines Creek Association met with the McAlester First Church on Thursday Night before the Third Sunday in August 1959.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The meeting called to order by the moderator, Rev. Cliff Myers.

Congregational song, "I am Thine O Lord."

Prayer by Bro. John Smith.

Congregational song, "Living by Faith."

A spiritual testimony service was led by Rev. J. M. Snowden.

A special number was sung by the First Church quartet, "Maybe It's You and Maybe It's Me." Prayer by Bro. Harold Barnhardt. Another special by First Church quartet, "In The Sweet Forever."

Scripture reading, First Chapter of Psalms, by Rev. Stanfield.

Rev. Omer Jones delivered the introductory sermon, using scripture found in John 5:24-25; Proverbs 1:24, and Revelation 6:12. His message was really enjoyed by all. Benediction was given by Bro. Floyd Baker.

FRIDAY MORNING

House was called to order with prayer, with Rev. Cliff Myers as moderator. Opening Song: "O, I Want to See Him." Prayer by Rev. Walter Boyd. Congregational song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Scripture text read by Rev. Harry Lee, 13th Chapter of I Corinthians, "Love."

Rules of Order were read by Rev. Harry Lee.

Letters called for, as follows: First Church McAlester, Bro. Jesse Simmers, Sister Ruth Simmers, Sister Opal Duren. Alternates: Sister Dorothy Crawley, Sister Annie Dials, Bro. H. A. Williams.

Fellowship, McAlester: Sister Louise Springer, Sister Oletta Lott, Sister Martha Bess. Alternates: Bro. Johnny Springer, Sister Arta Smalley.

Eufaula: Sister Patsy Huff, Sister Alta Jones.

Lone Grove: Sister Oma Bowen, Sister Ruth Lee.

Lone Oak: Brother Jimmy Tilford, Sister Imogene Lee, Sister Mary Cox.

Tannehill: Bro. Bud Gray, Bro. and Sister Clarence Baker.

Nale: Sister Lessie Nale, Sister Wynema Nale, Sister Ruth Masters.

Crowder: Sister Mary Vaught, Sister Eddie Mae Eldridge, Sister Lela White. Alternates: Sister Saye Davidson, Sister Willie Chastine, Bro. Pinky McDaniels.

Delegates were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

The Fellowship Church of McAlester presented a letter of dismissal from the Progressive Association, which was read and accepted.

Devotion Committee appointed were: Bro. Billy White, Sister Talbot, and Sister Zumner.

At election of officers for the ensuing year, for Moderator, Rev. Harry Lee and Rev. Omer Jones were nominated. Rev. Lee carried with 13, Rev. Jones, 9.

For Assistant Moderator: Rev. Omer Jones nominated, then motion made and carried that Rev. Jones be elected by acclamation.

For Association Clerk: Nominated were Sister Rebecca Lee and Sister Lela White. Sister White was elected.

For Assistant Clerk: Nominated was Sister Patsy Huff. Motion made and carried that she be elected by acclamation.

Devotion Committee reported that Rev. Ernest Harrison had been chosen to bring the eleven o'clock message.

Motion was made and carried that the business session adjourn until 1:15 p.m. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Clarence Baker.

After a 15 minute recess the house was called to order by moderator. Opening song: "Heavenly Sunlight." Prayer by Rev. Omer Jones. Congregational songs were "The Gloryland Way" and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Rev. Earnest Harrison, a member of the State Sunday School Board, was introduced by the moderator, Rev. Harry Lee. Rev. Harrison used the Scripture II Timothy 1:1-12, his text being "Paul's Committal." Prayer by Rev. Clyde Cain. Invitation was given with the singing of "Where Could I Go," No. 59.

The meeting was dismissed for the noon hour by Bro. Billy White.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. Lee. Congregational song, No. 54, "O, I Want To See Him."

Scripture reading by Rev. Stanfield, I Peter 4:12-19. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Cain.

Motion made and carried that we have afternoon preaching service.

Committees were appointed by the moderator and assistant moderator, as follows: Resolution - Bro. John Smith, Rev. Clyde Cain, Rev. Stanfield.

Sunday School - Sister Opal Hickman, Rev. Cliff Myers, Sister Alta Jones.

League - Sister Imogene Lee, Sister Patsy Huff, Sister Ruth Lee.

Obituary - Bro. Bud Gray, Bro. Finis Hickman, Sister Ruth Simmers.

Temperance - Rev. L. P. King, Rev. J. M. Snowden, and Sister Oletta Lott.

Examining - Rev. Clyde Cain, Rev. Cliff Myers, Rev. Walter Boyd, Bro. Bud Gray, Bro. Buster Stacy.

Query and Request - Bro. Clarence Baker, Sister Mary Billins, Sister Louise Springer.

Finance - Rev. Cliff Myers, Bro. Billy White, Sister King.

Devotions Committee reported that Rev. Stanfield had been selected to bring the afternoon service, with Rev. J. M. Snowder to bring the evening sermon and Rev. Walter Boyd to conduct the devotional service.

Rev. Clyde Cain made a motion, which met with a second, that we decide about a Youth Camp Ground, and it be discussed before a vote would be taken. Some very interesting talks were given. The motion carried. A motion was made and carried that the ministers be left out and that one deacon from each church in the association be elected to form a committee to locate and buy a suitable tract of land for the Camp Ground. The Committee elected by acclamation to handle this matter was as follows: Bro. Eldred Moore, from First Church, McAlester; Bro. Buster Stacy, from Lone Grove; Bro. Clarence Baker, from Tannehill; Bro. James Billins, from Crowder; Bro. Dave Masters, from Nale; Bro. Owen Huff, from Eufaula; Bro. John Smith from Fellowship Church, McAlester, Bro. Wilson Clifton, from Lone Oak.

Finance Committee Report:

First Church, McAlester -----	\$15.00
Fellowship Church, McAlester -----	15.00
Lone Oak -----	15.00
Lone Grove -----	15.00
Eufaula -----	10.00
Tannehill -----	15.00
Crowder -----	15.00
	\$100.00

Nale Church was not represented at this time.

Appointment to the Executive Committee was made at this time. Rev. Clyde Cain was elected to a 5 year term, replacing Rev. Cliff Myers, whose term on the committee expired this year.

Motion was made and seconded that we elect one member from each church to the Executive Committee. A motion was made and carried that the motion before the house be tabled and that churches have more time to consider the matter. Motion tabled.

Motion made and carried that Sister Lela White be retained as Treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Ernest Harrison speak for a few minutes on Sunday Schools.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn for a 15 minute recess.

Dismissed by Rev. Clyde Cain.

House called to order by moderator, with congregational singing. A vocal duet was given by Sisters Imogene and Rebecca Lee, "He Knows," which was enjoyed by all.

Scripture reading: Hebrews 1:1-2. Prayer by Rev. Stanfield, who took his scripture text from Genesis 9 "Sin." Everyone enjoyed the wonderful message delivered by Rev. Stanfield.

Dismissed by Rev. Harrison.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Opening song: "Revive Us Again."

United prayer led by Rev. Jess Henson.

A spiritual testimony service was led by Rev. Walter Boyd.

Special singing by the First Church McAlester, quartet, "The Son Hath Made Me Free" and "I Need No Mansion Here Below", with little Mary Cathey joining them on the chorus.

Scripture reading by Rev. J. M. Snowden, John 1: entire chapter, with prayer by Rev. Snowden. The text was from the 4th verse "Light." A wonderful message was delivered and enjoyed by all. Dismissed by Bro. Charlie Christian. Song No. 42, "Take My Hand Precious Lord" was sung, with hand shaking.

SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator. Opening Song "Are You Washed in the Blood," with prayer by Sister Aline Talbot. Scripture reading by Bro. Finis Hickman, II Timothy 2:1-16. Song: "Standing on the Promises."

Devotions Committee reported that Rev. Clyde Cain was selected to bring the message at the eleven o'clock service. Song: "I am Bound for the Promised Land."

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION—Part 1: Be it resolved that we have an Associational revival each year. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

Part 2: Motion made and carried that we select the ministers and set the date for the revival. Motion made and carried that we wait until later in the day to select the ministers and set the date for the Revival.

Part 3: Be it resolved that we place each quarterly meeting at each setting. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

TEMPERANCE—We your temperance committee beg leave that we accept last year's report. Last year's report: That we as an association, a church, or a member, discourage legal sale of all intoxicating drinks in our great state of Oklahoma. Also temperate in all things that are contrary to God's Word. Rev. J. M. Snowden, chairman. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

OBITUARY—We, your Obituary Committee sorrow to report as follows: We find that God, in His infinite mercy, has seen fit to call from our midst Sister French and Sister Nancy White, our beloved sisters in Christ. We miss them so much, but Jesus said, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Bro. Bud Gray, Bro. Finis Hickman, Sister Ruth Simmers. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read. A moment of silent prayer was observed, concluded by Rev. Omer Jones.

QUERY AND REQUEST—We, your Query and Request committee, beg leave to report as follows: It is reported by the editor of the Bulletin that there is money on hand for the next two issues of the Bulletin. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read, and that we keep money in the treasury to print the Bulletin each time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your Sunday School Committee, beg leave to report as follows: We find that each church is maintaining a Sunday School, but find that we need a program that will encourage outsiders to become interested. Sister Opal Hickman, chairman. (Some interesting talks were given concerning Sunday School.) Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

LEAGUE—We, your League Committee, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that each League buy their literature through the State Literature Department, and that each League establish a fund for the building of the Youth Camp. Sister Ruth Lee, Sister Imogene Lee, Sister Patsy Huff. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn business session until 1:00 p.m. Dismissed for a 5-minute recess by Bro. John Smith.

House called to order by Moderator. Congregational singing "Heavenly Sunlight," and " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," followed by United prayer. Singing "There's Power in the Blood" was followed by the scripture reading, Matthew 16, with prayer by Rev. Cliff Myers. Rev. Clyde Cain's text was taken from the 18th verse "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Rev. Cain delivered a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all. Dismissed for noon hour by Sister Molly Myers.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by moderator. Song No. 22, "I Will Sing The Wonderous Story," prayer by Bro. James Billins. Scripture reading: Matthew 5:1-16. Resolution—Part 4: Be it resolved that we dismiss the first quarterly meeting (due to convene last weekend in August). Motion made and carried that the report be accepted as read.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Walter Boyd be given authority to rewrite Resolution Part 5. Resolution Part 5 lost.

Motion made and carried that the Second Quarterly meeting, which will be in November, be held at Lone Oak Church, with Rev. Cliff Myers bringing the introductory message, with Rev. Harry Lee conducting the testimony service.

GENERAL BOARD—Rev. Clyde Cain was nominated. Motion made and carried that he be elected by acclamation, as member of the General Board.

Resolution Part 3: Ministers for the revival to be elected and time set for the revival:

First nomination—Rev. Wade Jernigan, Rev. Waldo Young and Rev. Homer Young.

Second nomination—Rev. Leonard Crowder, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, and Rev. Rupert Pixley. Nominations ceased, proceed to elect.

First nomination got 10 votes; Second nomination got 9 votes.

Motion made and carried that the Associational Revival be set to begin one week before and continue to the meeting of the Association in August, 1960.

Lone Grove and Tannehill both asked for the next association, orally. Motion made and carried that the next association be held with the Lone Grove church providing the Camp Ground is not ready for use by that time. Rev. Clyde Cain was selected to bring the introductory message, with Rev. Omer Jones as alternate. Rev. Walter Boyd was chosen to conduct the testimony service.

MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Rev. Cliff Myers	-----	Scipio
Rev. Jess Henson	-----	Star Rt., Haywood
Rev. Omer Jones	-----	Canadian
Rev. Clyde Cain,	-----	W. Grand, McAlester
Rev. Harry Lee	-----	Star Rt., Haywood
Rev. George Davidson	-----	Checotah
Rev. R. A. Venable	-----	Canadian
Rev. L. P. King	-----	226 W. Kiowa, McAlester
Rev. J. M. Snowden	-----	302 W. Polk, McAlester
Rev. Walter S. Boyd	-----	304 W. Monroe, McAlester
Rev. Stanfield	-----	Indianola

Visiting Ministers: Rev. Ernest Harrison, Holdenville

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until the next Association which will be held beginning on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1960.

Rev. Harry Lee, Moderator
Sister Lela White, Clerk

REMARKS:

The Executive Board met and accepted Nale Church letter and minute money. We were very sorry they could not be with us at the Association. Corrected Finance report shows: \$100.00 plus \$15.00 from Nale and \$5.00 from Eufala, Total \$120.00.

CONSTITUTION

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

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our union not exceeding one delegate out of ten from each church and on producing letters shall be entitled to seats.

2. Letters from different churches are to express the number in fellowship, the manner received by experience, letters of recommendation, the number dismissed, excluded, restored and those who have died since the Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened to be denominated the Gaines Creek Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed for sundry churches in the Gaines Creek Association -- the ass'n having no power to lord it over God's heritage nor to have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

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

5. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association who 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.

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

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

8. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association on a book to be kept by the Association for this purpose.

10. 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.

11. Amendments to the Constitution may be made when necessary by a majority of the members present.

Resolved, that we earnestly request all of our ministers and deacons and churches composing this Association to co-operate with each other and to assist

in every way they can to help further the gospel and that each church should help their pastor and if an evangelist should visit any destitute place and organize churches that we urge upon the people to assist the Evangelist so he can go and preach the word.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and having thus obtained justification by Faith in His names, we, as members of the several churches that constitute Gaines Creek Association of Free Will Baptists, adopt the following as our Church Covenant:

1. To watch over each other in love, to pray for each other as members of a common faith ever striving to keep the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of each other nor will we persecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church; but will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy, "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort" each other as members of a common brotherhood. 2 Timothy 4:12.

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. But we should remember that our relations to each other are closer and the obligations more binding than that of a common bond of Christian Charity. In adopting this Covenant, we became as a family and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that the members of a family should feel for each other.

4. We will attend the stated meetings of our church unless we are providentially hindered, or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church. And we will prefer the service of our own church to that of any other and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the word of God to us.

5. We will not injure our influence in the house of the Lord by occupying seats among the ungodly and sinners; but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural powers which the Lord has given us to praise His holy name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those who pray.

6. We will not be guilty of the sin of Sabbath breaking by making visits to our neighbors, which is a double sin against the law of God for in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder those who might wish to do so. Let us remember the law of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking, and the words of the inspired apostle which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourself together as in the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian re-

ligion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

THE LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND BAPTISM

The Lord's supper was instituted for God's People.

All Children have the equal rights to the supper that have been born of the spirit. For by one spirit we are all baptized into one body, 1 Cor. 12:13, (This is not water baptism) "Again" Christ says I am the door, John 10:9, Jesus is not water baptism but THE door, there is not but one door. Now every one that has come in at this door, has the right to the Lord's Supper and is a child of God. So let any one examine himself and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthy eateth and drinketh damnation to himself" (not the church).

It is a personal matter of judging and eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions given by the church of Corinth.

Any Church, that does exclude one of God's Children of taking the Lord's Supper, is offense to the Christian, (NOTE) Matt: 18:6. But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that Christ is the true faith, and His church true order, and that faith is the means by which men belong to the true order. Now if this is what is meant by the same faith, we shall not object, we are agreed. But, if sect is referred to, we object as to order. If nothing but Gospel order is meant, we still agree; but we do not, believe that one child of God should dictate just what another believes or what church he should belong to in order that he may be in the right church, for the visible church is but an organic body of Christians, and placing your name on the church book of the best church on earth does not give you the new birth.

The eunuch believed and was baptized, what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask if the eunuch were allowed to commune with some other organic body or Church?

No, he is not of the same faith and order, yet he is admitted to heaven but could not be admitted to a sectarian table. So when the table is set, all of God's Children should have the right to partake of the Lord's Supper. If not it is not the Lord's table. It is a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all of the Children have the right to partake of the Supper, which has been born of the Spirit of God.

(NOTE) Rom. 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

(NOTE) John 6:35. And Jesus said unto them I am the bread of life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.

(NOTE) 1 Cor. 10:17, for we being many are one bread, and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread.

So it is by a Spiritual baptism that we come into the body and not be water at all. Then we are as one body, and should have the right at the same table.

If it had ever been intended by the Saviour that the Supper should be guarded as some attempt to guard it God would have endowed the judges with power to discern the water baptism, and a legal administration, this settles the matter, and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some make a woeful mistake for after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least of the privileges of any church.

To admit immersion to the only scriptural baptism and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right? Some would say, "If by a legal administrator this is all right? Some would say, "If by a legal administrator this all that is wanting." It is not purely a personal matter? So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize, and of the applicant to be baptized?

When this is done, each has performed a personal duty. If I have ever been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptized as I cannot know man's heart. Two acting in consort, one acting in good faith and the other not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his own act, and not for another.

Simon, the sorcerer, "believed and was baptized," and that by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claim to Christian rights, as this proves to be a personal matter; for we clearly see that the apostle inspired as he was, did not discover the evil of Simon's heart. Neither can we know the heart of man. When we do our duty that God says we must do, then the applicant's duty is to be a Christian before he is baptized, we find that repentance, faith, baptism, and Christian duties all are personally accountable to God and not to man.

There are various opinions of men; and if we use the capacity God has given, we do not think we should be entirely condemned for what we cannot help. The Church of Christ is divided into many members, but is one spiritual body and Christ is the head; and they should have the same care for each other that the fleshly body has for its members.

Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder;" Christians do not feel alike if they do not alike. Should they not commune together? Then a

union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until He should drink it anew in His kingdom.

So if they assemble at God's table, in heaven, why not on earth?

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory. Romans 1:20, John 1:17, 17-21.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testament is the word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Second Timothy 3:16, Matt. 5:18.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him Holy Commandments whereby he should live holy but man voluntarily disobeyed the Commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 3:17, Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore, He sayeth, "Look unto me and be saved, all ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17, Isa. 45:22, Acts 20:20-21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God. Jonah 4:11, Mark 10:14, Deut. 1:39.

7. We believe that all Christians must persevere in Grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His Commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14, Matt. 24:13.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode; even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed his humble example to His children and bids us walk therein. John 3:22, Romans 6:34-45, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 3:16.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. I Cor. 12:13, Eph. 3:7, Rev. 22:17.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and washing the Saint's feet are divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. Mark 14:22-23, John 13:4-14, Matt. 28:19-20, I Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism,

only those who have a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who have come under the hands of the presbytery of elders, and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerks chosen by the church, ought to have office during the good pleasure of same in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23, II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when sitting forth the Lord's Supper and washing the Saint's feet to let a man "examine himself and so let him eat." I Cor. 11:28, John 13:14.

13. We believe that the sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light, so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written. "Death swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6:10, I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust; the resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God; the unjust to the everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:31, I Cor. 15:42-45, Thess. 1:10, Rev. 20:12-13.

