

Minutes

of the

Gaines Creek Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1961



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

50th ANNUAL SESSION



Held at the Camp Ground

1 ½ Miles West of Tanniehill School

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FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

AUGUST 17, 18, 19-1961

OFFICERS

MODERATORRev. Jimmy Nichols
Eufala, Oklahoma, P. O. Box 381
ASSISTANT MODERATORRev. Jess Henson
Str. Rt., Haywood, Oklahoma
CLERK AND TREASURERLela White
Crowder, Oklahoma
ASSISTANT CLERKSister Addie Lee Jones
1512 S. E. 64th.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Held at the new Camp Ground
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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, deacons, church clerk and association clerk 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.

Thursday Night Session—

Opening song, "Where the Soul Never Dies". The devotional service was led by Bro. Jess Henson. A special number was rendered by Bro. and Sis. Dale Jones, "What a Day That Will Be". Due to the passing away of our evangelist, Bro. Leonard Crowder's father, Bro. Murel Wilson brought the message.

Scripture reading was St. John 14.

Invitation song, "Maybe It's You and Maybe It's Me".

One soul came and rededicated his life for which we are very thankful.

Services dismissed by Bro. Buster Stacy.

Friday Morning Session—

House called to order by Bro. Jess Henson. Opening song, "I'm in the Gloryland Way". Prayer by Bro. W. L. Stanfield.

Congregational singing. Sister Arta Lee Smalley was asked to assist the clerk. Letters were called for with eight churches responding. Letters were read from all churches except Nale and Eufaula.

Motion made and carried that we accept the letters as read, and seat the delegates. Song, "Blessed Assurance", and the right hand of fellowship was given. Motion made and carried that the chair be given the authority to appoint all committees.

Devotional committee, Bro. Thomas Carman, Bro. John Smith and Sis. Lola Stanfield. Rules of Order were read by Bro. Jess Henson. Report of the devotional committee. Bro. Omer Jones is to lead the devotional service and Bro. W. L. Stanfield bring the 11:00 o'clock message.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn the business session until 1 o'clock.

Dismissed by Bro. Cliff Myers.

Five minutes recess. Called together by congregational singing, "When We All Get to Heaven". Scripture reading by Bro. Omer Jones, Proverbs 3:5-6, and a very spiritual testimony service was led by Bro. Omer Jones. Bro. W. L. Stanfield delivered a wonderful message taking his text from Isaiah 59:1,2,11,12,13. Between You and Your God.

Dismissed for the noon hour by Bro. Thomas Carman.

Friday Afternoon Session—

House called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". Bro. Cliff Myers read for the devotional, Romans 2.

Prayer by Bro. Clyde Cain.

Petitionary Letter from Stuart was read.

Motion made and carried that the Stuart church be accepted into the Gaines Creek Association, with the right hand of fellowship being given. Visiting brothers and sisters were invited to sit in council with us.

Appointment of Committees. Resolution committee: Bro. Billy White, Sis. Addie Lee Jones, Sis. Arkie Tipton. Temperance committee; Bro. W. L. Stanfield, Bro. Thomas Carman, Bro. O'Malley. Sunday School committee—Sis. Arta Lee Smalley, Sis. Judy Botts, Sis. Lula Cathey. League committee—Sis. Electa Clifton, Bro. Paul Wayne Lee, Sis. Lola Stanfield. Obituary committee—Sis. Lula Cathey, Sis. Oma Bowen, Sis. Mable Miller, Sis. Mary Zumner, Sis. Fannie McCracken, Bro. Lonnie Davidson, Sis. Rhoda Thunderburg, Sis. Arta Lee Smalley, Sis. Jean Majors.

Unfinished business. Resolution No. 2. We beg leave to report as follows: resolved that after this year we separate the association. Hold the revival after our association, and use one minister to hold the revival.

Motion made and carried that we accept the resolution for discussion.

Request made that the contents of resolution No. 2 be separated. Part No. 1.

Motion made and carried that the association and the associational revival will not be separated.

Part No. 2. Discussion on how many ministers to hold our associational revival. Vote carried to use one evangelist for the revival.

Sis. Imogene Lee offered her resignation of the printing of the bulletin. Motion made and carried that we accept Sis. Lee's resignation.

Sis. Judy Botts nominated to print the bulletin. Motion made and carried that Sis. Judy Botts be elected by acclamation.

Nomination of executive board members for five years.

Rev. W. L. Stanfield, nominee.

Motion made and carried that Rev. W. L. Stanfield be elected by acclamation. Motion made and carried that the executive board visit Bro. Venable.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—

Rev. W. L. Stanfield—5 years

Rev. Jimmy Nichols—4 years

Rev. Clyd Cain—3 years

Bro. Finis Hickman—1 year

Rev. R. A. Venable—2 years

Rev. Jimmy Nichols elected as general board member for 1962.

Rev. Clyde Cain elected for 5 year term on the credential board.

Bro. Eldred Moore—4 years

Bro. O'Malley—3 years

Bro. Boss Clark—2 years

Rev. Omer Jones—1 year

Quarterly meetings placed.

1st. McAlester Fellowship (October)

2nd. New Hope (January)

3rd. Lone Grove (April)

4th. Wilburton (July)

Motion made and carried that our annual association meet at the campground each year. Motion made and carried that we have a 15 minute recess.

Dismissed by Rev. Walter Boyd. Congregational singing. Motion made and carried that we take \$20 from our treasure to get a spray of flowers for the funeral of Bro. Leonard Crowder's father, Bro. L. C. Crowder, who passed away during our revival, and to take an offering to-night to replace the \$20.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn our business session until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Paul Wayne Lee.

Saturday Morning Session—

House called to order by the Moderator with congregational singing. "When We All Get to Heaven". Bro. Joe Zummer read Proverbs 3:1-6 for the devotional. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Snowden. Letter from Eufaula was read and the delegates seated. The right hand of fellowship was extended. Motion made and carried that an assistant clerk be appointed. Sis. Addie Lee Jones was appointed. Resolution report read that the association buy a typewriter for the bulletin reporter. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

Devotional committee report. Rev. Cliff Myers will lead the testimony service and Rev. Omer Jones will deliver the 11:00 o'clock message report. That each member of any committee give reasons why or resign. Motion made and carried that we dismiss our business session until 1:00 o'clock. Dismissed for 5 minutes recess by Bro. Albert Jarrett.

House called to order by the moderator. Opening song, "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Rev. Jess Henson. A vote was taken for fasting and prayer during noon hour.

Scripture reading, Romans 8:1-15 Prayer by Bro. George Christian. Bro. Omer Jones used for his text, Our Indebtedness to God and Mankind. It was a wonderful message and was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed for noon hour by Bro. Charlie Christian.

Had special united prayer in behalf of our camp revival.

Saturday Afternoon Session—

After a very sociable noon hour, the house was called to order by the Moderator with singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". The devotional reading by Bro. Albert Jarrett, James 5:10. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Stanfield. Motion made and carried that we give Stuart Free Will Baptist Church \$150 for their building

fund taken from the cooperative treasure. Motion made and carried that we revise No. 2 in the Rules of Order in our minutes to read as follows, "That all ministers, deacons, church clerk and association clerk be as standing delegates.

Motion made and carried that all resolutions be channeled through the committee or be signed by the person presenting the resolution. Sunday School committee report, as read "Be it resolved, all churches in the association institute pins for regular attendance; one red or blue button for each quarter, with yearly pins given for perfect attendance. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

League committee report. We your league committee beg leave to report as follows. At present there are four churches in our association which have active leagues. We wish to urge all churches to encourage league participation to all your church members.

Motion made and carried the report be accepted as read.

Temperance committee report. We your committee beg leave to report as follows. We as an association, a church or a member discourage the legal sale of all intoxicating drinks in our great state of Oklahoma. Also temperate in all things that are contrary to Gods will.

Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

Obituary committee report. We the obituary committee beg leave to report as follows. We are sorry to report two deaths. Sis. W. B. Medley, of Lone Grove Church and Sis. Myrtle Smith of the Fellowship Church, McAlester. We miss our loved ones, but our loss is heavens gain. Congregation stood with a moment of silent prayer, concluded by Rev. Clyde Cain.

Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

Credential committee report. We the credential committee beg leave to report as follows. That Bro. J. R. Smith and Bro. Thomas Carman be ordained as Deacons and Bro. Albert Jarrett be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.

Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

Motion made and carried that Bro. J. M. Snowden be elected by acclamation to bring the introductory sermon at the 1st quarterly meeting.

Ministers Names and Addresses:

Rev. Jess Henson, Star Rt., Haywood, Okla.

Rev. Cliff Myers, Scipio, Okla.

Rev. Clyde Cain, 336 W. Grand, McAlester, Okla.

Rev. Omer Jones, 1512 S. E. 64th, Okla. City, Okla.

Rev. R. A. Venable, Eufaula, Okla.

Rev. L. P. King, 226 W. Kiowa, McAlester, Okla.

Rev. J. M. Snowden, 302 W. Polk, McAlester, Okla.

Rev. Walter Boyd, Russell Apt., McAlester, Okla.
 Rev. Jimmy Nichols, Stuart, Okla.
 Rev. S. J. Zummer, Box 1181 No., McAlester, Okla.
 Rev. W. L. Stanfield, Box 7, Wilburton, Okla.
 Rev. Albert Jarrett, 3116 N. W. 40, Okla. City, Okla.

Treasury Report—

Receipts:

Balance brought forward	\$556.61
Minute money	100.00
National Home Missions (earmarked Colorado)	33.24
National Home Missions (earmarked General	
Funds)	22.23
State Headquarters Building	544.00
	<u>\$1,346.08</u>
Calender and ministers cards	13.00
	<u>\$1,359.08</u>

Cooperative Plan:

McAlester First Church	\$ 798.04
New Hope	51.00
Fellowship	210.77
Eufaula	122.54
Tanniehill	68.70
Lone Grove	98.61
Lone Oak	10.75
Wilburton	69.16
Crowder	29.97
Nale	
	<u>\$1,459.54</u>

Sis. Fannie McCracken	15.00
	<u>\$1,474.54</u>
(Earmarked Funds)	1,259.08
	<u>\$2,733.62</u>
State Minute Money	50.00
	<u>\$2,783.62</u>

Disbursements:

Oklahoma State Coop.	\$ 729.77
Oklahoma State (earmarked National Home	
Missions for Denver, Colo.	
Fund) ...	33.24
Oklahoma State (earmarked National Home	
Missions General Fund).....	22.23
Oklahoma State Association (earmarked State	
Headquarters Building)	544.00

First National Bank, McAlester, for payments on campground loan	\$ 280.00
Associational Revival Evangelist, Rev. Waldo Young	50.00
Rev. Wade Jernigan	90.00
Rev. Leonard Crowder	80.00
Insurance	66.52
Lumber for campground	405.47
Advertising	21.05
Miscellaneous expense	100.31
	\$2,422.59
State Minute Money	50.00
	\$2,472.59

Receipts	\$2,783.62
Disbursements	<u>2,472.59</u>
Balance in treasure	310.03

Motion made and carried that all committees be dismissed.
Rev. Rupert Pixley was elected to hold our associational
revival and Rev. Ernest M. Kennedy as alternate.

Motion made and carried that the clerk be given authority to
have 300 minutes printed. Motion made and carried for the
executive board to contact the evangelist. Motion made and
carried that the Moderator be given the authority to appoint one
from the Stuart church to serve on the campground committee.
Bro. Bill Lee was appointed.

Election of officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. Omer Jones	Moderator
Rev. J. M. Snowden	Assistant Moderator
Sis. Lela White	Clerk and Treasurer
Sis. Addie Lee Jones	Assistant Clerk

State Delegates—

Bro. Buster Stacy—Lone Grove
Bro. J. R. Smith—New Hope
Sis. Judy Botts—Lone Oak
Sis. Ruth Kirby—Eufaula
Sis. Rhoda Thunderburg—Wilburton
Bro. Paul Wayne Lee—Stuart
Sis. Lela White—Crowder
Sis. Nell Christian—McAlester First
Sis. Mary Zumner—Fellowship
Sis. Gertrude Baker—Tannahill

Preparations were made for the ordination of Bro. Thomas Carman and Bro. J. R. Smith as Deacons of the New Hope church. The ordaining council, Rev. J. M. Snowden, Bro. John Smith and Rev. Omer Jones.

The charge being read by Rev. Omer Jones Timothy 1:3-8. Bro. John Smith began a chain of prayer followed by Rev. Omer Jones and concluded by Rev. J. M. Snowden. Song, "I am Thine, Oh Lord", was sung, and the right hand of fellowship was given.

Minute Money Received

	Minute	State
McAlester First	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
Fellowship	10.00	5.00
Stuart	10.00	5.00
New Hope	10.00	5.00
Eufaula	10.00	5.00
Tannahill	10.00	5.00
Crowder	10.00	5.00
Lone Oak	10.00	5.00
Wilburton	10.00	5.00
Lone Grove	10.00	5.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until the next sitting of the association in 1962.

Dismissed by Rev. Leonard Bean

Rev. Jimmy Nichols, Moderator
Lela White, Clerk

Rules of Order, and Order of Business, Constitution, Church Covenant, The Law of the Lords Supper and Baptism. Articles of Faith.

CONSTITUTION

From the long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of God, being regularly baptized 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 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 of 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 Baptist, 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 that 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 religion 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 right 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 by 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 sup, 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 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 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 this 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, 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 think 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 infallable 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 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. 1 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 24:22-23, John 13:4-14, Matt. 28:19-20, 1 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 11 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 setting forth the Lord's Supper and washing the Saint's feet to let a man "examine himself and so let him eat." 1 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 it 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 1 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, 1 Cor. 15:42-45, Thess. 1:10, Rev. 20:12-13.

