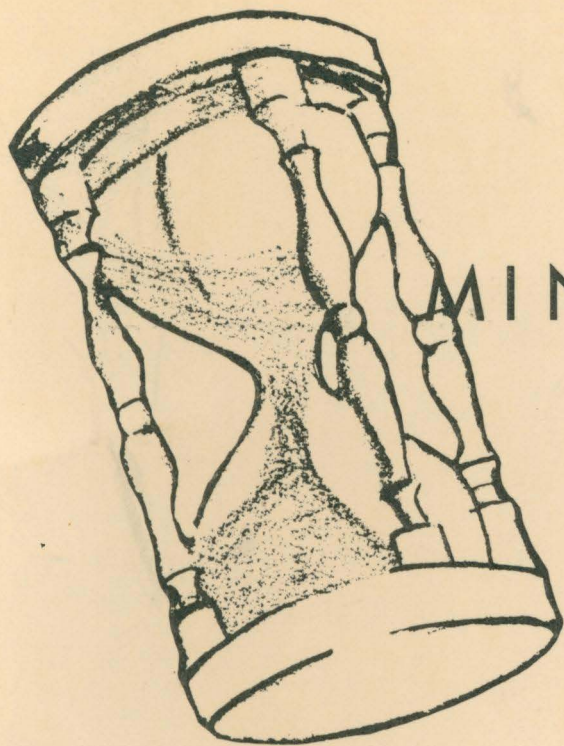




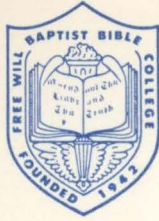
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MINUTES

GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION

of

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Presented By

Rev. Ernest Harrison

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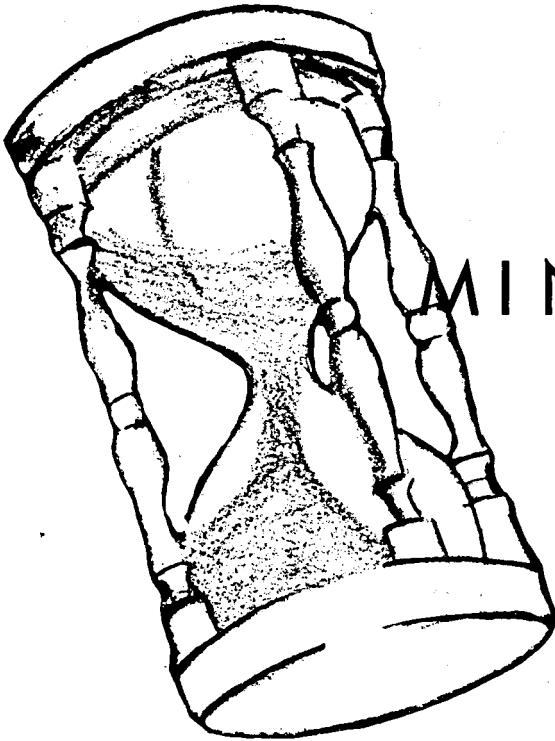
August 14, 15, 1964

Held at the Camp Ground one and one half miles West of Tanniehill School.

OFFICERS

ASSISTANT MODERATOR	-----	Bro. George Christian 424 W. Tyler, McAlester
MODERATOR	-----	Bro. Leonard Bean 617 E. Porter, Wetumpka
CLERK AND TREASURER	-----	Lela White Crowder, Oklahoma
ASSISTANT CLERK	-----	Sis. Arta Lee Smalley Haywood, Oklahoma

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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 clerks 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. Reading of Rules of Order.
5. Petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seat in council.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. New business.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Election of officers.

ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

STUART—

Sis. Arkie Tipton
Sis. Ollie Blasengame
Sis. Blenda Blevins
Alternates
Sis. Arta Opal Lee
Sis. Hazel Lee
Bro. Sam Blasengame

TANNIEHILL—

Sis. Sharon Hance
Bro. Wayne Clagg
Bro. Bill Chambers
Alternates
Sis. Diane Bell
Bro. Don Conn

McALESTER FIRST—

Sis. Sylvia Folsom
Sis. Ernest Harrison
Bro. Sam Allen
Alternates
Bro. Lawson
Sis. Helen Kirk
Sis. Clarice Christian

FELLOWSHIP—

Sis. Ralph Bingham
Sis. Avis Newton
Sis. Ellen Sparks
Alternates
Sis. Clara Kirkpatrick
Sis. Shirley Smith
Sis. Mary Smith

EUFAULA—

Sis. Walter Taylor
Sis. Ruth Nelson

WILBURTON—

Sis. Rhoda Funderburg
Sis. Ida Chambers
Sis. Vernice Bates
Alternates
Bro. Terry Shepard
Sis. Carol Harbor
Sis. Rinda Petrel

LONE OAK—

Sis. Fannie McCracken
Bro. W. C. Ratlidge
Bro. Harrison Botts

LONE GROVE—

Bro. Casey Barlow
Sis. Oma Bowen
Sis. Opal Hickman
Alternates
Sis. Bessie Crandell
Sis. Mary Zummer
Bro. Melvin Bowen

CROWDER—

Sis. Willie Chestine
Sis. Irene Jarrett
Sis. Myrtle Clark
Alternates
Sis. Freda Partridge
Sis. Shirley Chestine

NEW HOPE—

Bro. Gene Browning
Sis. Gene Browning
Sis. Jessie Cathey
Alternates
Sis. Eldridge
Sis. M. L. Boggan
Sis. Martha Carman

BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present is present the moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enrol the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enroled by the clerk shall compose the Association. In the case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak

more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Friday Morning Session—

House called to order by the assistant moderator Bro. Clifford Myers, acting.

Opening song, "Where Could I Go?" Prayer by Bro. Harry Lee. Congregational singing. Bro. Harry Lee read 1st Cor. the 13th Chapter for the devotional.

Visitors welcomed by the moderator.

Rules of order were read by the assistant moderator.

Motion made, and seconded, that the chair be given the authority to elect the Devine Committee. It carried.

Devine Committee Appointed—Bro. Melvin Bowen, Sis. Clara McCracken, Sis. Clarice Christian were elected.

Letters called for and read.

All ten churches were represented, and we are very thankful for that.

Report of the Divne Committee—

Bro. Harry Lee in charge of the devotional and Bro. Jeck Hance to bring the 11:00 o'clock message.

Motion made and carried we accept the letters as read, and seat the delegates. A song and the right hand of fellowship was given the delegates.

Motion made and carried the business session be adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

Five Minute recess—11:00 O'clock Service—

Opening song, "Oh, I Want to see Him" followed in prayer by DeAuthor Yandell. Bro. Harry Lee read Eph. 6:10-14 for the devotion, followed by a very spiritual testimony service. Prayer by Bro. Jack Hance and a wonderful message was delivered taking his text from Galatians 6:2-10. Followed by Bro. Yandell.

Dismissed for the noon hour by Bro. John Smith.

Friday Afternoon Session—

Opening song, "That's When I Need the Lord." Prayer by Bro. Don Conn. Congregational singing. Bro. Sam Allen read for the devotional 1st Cor. 10:13, and followed by leading us in prayer. Partitionary Letters called for, received none.

Motion made and seconded, that the election of officers be

the last part of the business. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that the chair be given the authority to elect all Committees.

Committees Appointed—

Resolution Committee—Sis. Judy Botts, Bro. Harry Lee and
Sis. Opal Hickman.

Sunday School Committee—Bro. J. M. Snowder, Sis. Lott, and
Sis. Tipton.

League Committee—Sis. Irene Jarrett, Bro. Harrison Botts, and
Bro. Jack Hance.

Mission Committee—Bro. W. T. White, Bro. Sam Allen, and Sis.
Ollie Blasengame.

Obituary Committee—Sis. Myrtle Clark, Sis. Edith Young, and
Bro. Thomas Carman.

Temperance Committee—Bro. John Smith, Sis. Martha Carman,
and Sis. Eldridge.

Examining Committee—Bro. Harry Lee, Bro. J. M. Snowder,
and Bro. Leonard Bean.

To Visit Sis. O'Malley—Bro. Harry Lee, Sis. Judy Botts, and
Sis. Lela White.

See About Land for Campground—Bro. Harrison Botts, Bro.
Buster Stacey, and Bro. Thomas Carman.

Quarterly meetings Placed—

First ----- Lone Oak, Nov. 1964

Second ----- Fellowship, Feb., 1965

Third ----- New Hope, May, 1965

Bro. Harry Lee and Bro. Jeck Hance were elected and given the authority to work out the inductory sermon for the First Quarterly Meeting. Motion made and carried that we adjourn our business session until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. J. M. Snowder.

Saturday Morning Session—

Opened by singing, "I'll Be Satisfied," followed in prayer by Bro. Finis Hickman. Songs, "Oh, I Want to See Him", and "I Will Not Be a Stranger." Devotion by Sis. Arta Smalley.

Five Minute Recess—

House called to order by the assistant Moderator.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn the business session until 1:00 o'clock.

11:00 O'clock Services—

Congregational singing, prayer by Bro. Stanfield. A special song was sung by Sis. Glenda Blevins and Sis. Irene Jarrett. "I Am One of His Own." A special was sung by Bro. and Sis. Jim-

my Combs, "Teach Me Lord To Wait." A wonderful and uplifting message was delivered by one of our missionaries, Bro Jimmy Combs, using for his theme, "Famine of the Word of God." The scripture was taken from 1st Samuel, 3rd chapter. Dismissed for the noon hour by Bro. Ernest Harrison.

Saturday Afternoon Session—

House called to order by the moderator. Opening song, "Love Lifted Me." Congregational singing.

A talk was given on missionary work.

Suggested that an offering be taken for Bro. Jimmy Combs, to help them to prepare for their mission to Brazil. (Offering—\$38.81).

Motion made and carried that the Divine Committee be dismissed.

Resolution Committee Reports—

Motion made and seconded that Resolution No. 1 be accepted for discussion. Carried.

Resolution No. 1 (1964)—That the yearly Association and the yearly revival be separated, so we may give our best to each event. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Resolution No. 2 be accepted for discussion. Carried.

Resolution No. 2 (1964)—Be it resolved that a committee be appointed to take care of advertising of the Association-Revival, also room and board for the Evangelist, and appoint someone to assist Evangelist in the devotional service and preliminaries. Committee appointed for Resolution No. 2, Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sis. Arta Lee Smalley, and Bro. Charlie Christian. Carried.

Motion made and carried that we change No. 4 in order of business and place No. 4 last. Adopted 1964.

Motion made and seconded that the by-laws be printed in the minutes this year. 1964-1965. Carried.

Motion made and carried that Resolution No. 4 be accepted for discussion.

Resolution No. 4 (1964)—Be it resolved that we set a definite time for new ministers to take over pastoral work in the new church. Carried.

Motion made and carried that the pastoral changes be made the first Sunday after the Association.

Motion made and seconded that we accept No. 5 for discussion. Carried.

Resolution No. 5 (1964)—That all Free Will Baptists study our treatise and be better informed on running our churches. Carried.

Motion made and carried the Resolution Committee be dismissed.

Executive Board Reports—

Of the Gaines Creek Association, which met August 10th, 1964, to make arrangements for the Evangelist, Brother DeArthor Yandell a place to stay and a place to eat. Arrangements were made for him to stay at the Aldridge Hotel, and eat at the City Cafe. Motion was made and carried that we accept the report as read and dismiss the committee.

Sunday School Committee—

We the Sunday School Committee suggest that we give attendance pins, as has been tried and proven successful in some of our churches, also a weekly teachers study will be helpful to a lot of us.

Those of us who have not carried out the suggestion from last year might try to do so. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read.

Temperance Committee—

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 God's will. Motion made and carried we accept the report as read, and dismiss the Committee.

Church Training Service Committee—

Motion made and seconded that we adopt the Church Training Service as the National name for the League (C.T.S.)

Motion carried.

We the Church Training Service Committee report as follows: We are happy to report we now have six active Church Training Services in our Association, which is two more than during our last annual meeting. We recommend that our Church Training Rally be changed to the second Saturday night of the first Sunday of each quarter. We urge all churches to bring their youth and a program to these rallies. Our Youth Fellowship is really growing in the work of the Lord, and our Youth are showing lots of interest, and God is blessing. The C.T.S. is still giving financially to the Bible College and Missions. Let's all get in and help the youth support this good work for the Lord. Carried, and the committee dismissed.

Committee on Missions—

Reports on Missions—Offerings for the past year for missions came to \$794.17. This was given by the First church of McAlester. Bro. Jones reports from Africa that they are trying to build a Bible School in order to teach the Africans and hoping to receive some Ministers for the school.

The Sanders from Hawaii report as follows: The people from whom we bought this property have graciously given us an extension until the end of this year. We feel that, to a great extent, we have failed to convince our Free Will Baptist people how fortunate we are to be able to buy this land that God has made available to us. We have been advised by the Home Mission Board to sell some of the property to meet our obligation and, although this is against our better judgment, we have put up a section for sale. I think we have a buyer for it at \$1.50 per sq. foot which is almost twice as much as we paid for it. We will probably realize about \$12,000 to 15,00 from this sale, but that will still leave us about \$18,000 to \$20,00 still to be raised by the end of the year.

The Lord continues to bless our work here with souls. We had two baptismal services this past month when I baptised six new converts. We just concluded our Vacation Bible School. We enrolled 66 students and 12 teachers and helpers making a total of 78. There were nine saved during the two weeks of school.

Please continue to remember us before the throne of Grace, and don't forget our urgent need in the Hawaiian Land Fund when you pray. We are counting on your help. God bless you again for what you have done.

A Navy family who was saved at our mission in Hawaii is now conducting a Free Will Baptist Sunday School and Church in their home at Taiwan, Formosa, an island off the coast of China.

I pray that the churches in Gaines Creek Association will support these missionaries. Motion made and carried that we accept the report as read, and committee dismissed.

Obituary Committee—

We, the Obituary Committee, are sorry to report the departing of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Sis. S.J. Key of Lone Grove, Bro. S.J. Tipton and Sis. Ella Hall of Stuart, Bro. T.B. O'Malley of Tanniehill, Sis. Bertha McNatt of Eufaula, Sis. Lula Rutledge of Lone Oak, Bro. Clarence Hayes and Sis. A.D. Edwards of the McAlester First Church, and Bro. Madding of Wilburton.

Motion made and seconded that we accept the report as read and dismiss the committee. Amendment added to motion that we stand in a moment of silent prayer; concluded by Bro. Ernest Harrison.

Examining Board—

We the examining board of the Association recommend the church license Bro. J. C. Hance for one year.

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

Finance Committee Report—

We report as follows: Minutes and revival and state association.

Tanniehill—\$50.00	McAlester First—65.00
Lone Oak—\$40.00	Fellowship—40.00
New Hope—40.00	Wilburton—40.00
Crowder—75.00	Stuart—40.00
Lone Grove—90.00	Eufaula—10.00

COOP

McAlester First	\$950.55
Tanniehill	174.50
Lone Grove	122.99
Stuart	68.26
Lone Oak	89.70
Eufaula	2.05
Crowder	91.69

McAlester First Church Missions

Deeds	\$150.55
India	66.86
Sparks	138.20
Lewis Perry	151.55
Sanders Account, Hawaii	101.91
Hawaii Land	97.10
National Home Mission	38.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Disbursements

Coop	\$722.19
Bro. Fletcher	100.00
McAlester News Capital	22.40
Rogers Lumber Company	17.28
Insurance on Campground	72.00
Missions:	
Deeds Acct	150.55
India	66.86
Sparks	138.20
Perry	151.55
Sanders	101.91
Hawaii Land	97.10
Oklahoma Bible College	885.86
National Home Missions	38.00
Minutes	82.00
State Delegates	35.00
Executive Board	10.00
Bulletins	30.00

Piano Tuned	20.00
Paint	22.50
Clarks Exter.	15.00
First National Bank	164.52
Flowers for Brother O'Malley	3.57
General Board Member	25.00
	2,971.49
Balance brought forward	174.02
Total	3,606.45
Balance on hand	634.96

Motion made and carried that the treasurer be given the authority to pay bill's at the City Cafe and Aldridge Hotel.

Bro. Harry Lee gave a favorable report on the visit to Sis. O'Malley.

Motion made and carried that we pay \$250.00 to O.B.C.

Bro. Ernest Harrison elected by acclamation as General Bd. member.

Bro. Lynn Wood elected to hold our Association Revival.

Motion made and seconded that if we can't get Bro. Lynn Wood to hold our Association Revival that we get Bro. Bill Ketchum; Motion carried.

Resolution Committee—Be it resolved that we begin our Association Revival 10 days before our yearly association. carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Brother Harry Lee	5 years
Brother Leonard Bean	4 years
Brother Ernest Harrison	3 years
Brother J. R. Smith	2 years
Brother Albert Jarrett	1 year

STATE DELEGATES

Brother Sam Allen	McAlester First
Sister Imogene Lee	Stuart
Brother Harrison Botts	Lone Oak
Brother Ray Hale	Fellowship
Sister Funderbug	Wilburton
Sister Lula Cathey	New Hope
Brother Buster Stacey	Lone Grove
Sister Lela White	Crowder
Brother Jack Hance	Tanniehill

NOTE: Notified Bro. Lynn Wood and received reply that he will be able to hold our Associational Revival.

MINISTER'S DIRECTORY

Rev. Jess Henson	Route 6, McAlester, Oklahoma
Rev. R. A. Venable	Eufaula, Oklahoma
Rev. Clifford Myers	Star Route, Haywood
Rev. Ernest Harrison	336 W. Grand, McAlester
Rev. J. M. Snowden	220 W. Polk, McAlester
Rev. Jimmy Nichols	Stuart
Rev. S. J. Zummer	Box 1181, N. McAlester
Rev. Leonard Bean	617 E. Porter, Wetumka
Rev. Walter Boyd	606 E. Tyler, McAlester
Rev. Albert Jarrett	603 W. Taylor, McAlester
Bro. Don Conn (Licensed)	McAlester
Bro. Carl Chambers (Licensed)	511 E. St., N. McAlester
Bro. Jack Hance (Licensed)	201 W. Stonewall, McAlester

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Jimmy Combs	
Rev. Don Payne	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rev. DeArthur Yandell	Duncan, Okla.

Electing of Officers for the ensuing year. 1964 and 1965. Bro. Charlie Christian and Bro. Harry Lee were elected to these offices. Bro. Charlie Christian "Moderator" and Bro. Harry Lee as Assistant Moderator.

Sis. Lela White was elected Treasurer and Clerk, and Sis. Arta Lee Smalley was elected Assistant Clerk.

Bro. Carl Carl Chambers was elected to bring the Introductory message at the next Quarterly meeting.

Executive board member elected for 5 years, Bro. Harry Lee.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn the business session. The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

RESOLUTION

1963

Be it resolved that at each setting of Association or Quarterly meeting that there be a head count and record kept of attendance that we might know we are progressing.

CHURCH & PASTOR

Tanniehill—Bro. Jess Henson
 Lone Oak—Bro. Clifford Myers
 Fellowship—Bro. J. M. Snowder
 McAlester First—Bro. Ernest Harrison
 New Hope—Bro. Walter Boyd
 Stuart—Bro. Harry Lee
 Crowder—Bro. Albert Jarrett
 Wilburton—Bro. Carl Chambers
 Eufaula—Bro. George McLain
 Lone Grove—Bro. Joe Zumner

CLERKS

Clarence Baker—Rt. 6, McAlester
 Jury Botts—606 West Taylor, McAlester
 Oleta Lott—213 West Monroe, McAlester
 Nell Christian—424 West Tyler, McAlester
 Edith Young—Rt. 1, Crowder
 Artia Lee Smalley—Haywood
 Willie Chestaine—Crowder
 Sylvia Fassio—803 West Caddo, Wilburton
 Ruth Nelson—Eufaula
 Lillian Lott—Scipio

CHURCH COVENANT

Having being brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our savior, 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 comon 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 wil reprove, rebuke and exhort" each other as members of a common brotherhood. 2 Timothy 4:12.

3. We are comanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are the household of faith. But we should remember that our relations to each 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 wil pray for our pastor while he is preaching the word of God to us.

5. We will not injure the 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 doing so 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, *the*he 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 uartake 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 wedo 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 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 be-

lieveth 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 savior 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 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. Roman 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.

6. 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.

7. 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, Rom. 6:34-45, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 3:16

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. We believe that none have a right to baptism, only those who have a living home 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.

11. 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." I Cor. 11:28, John 13:14.

12. 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 is 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.

13. 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.

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