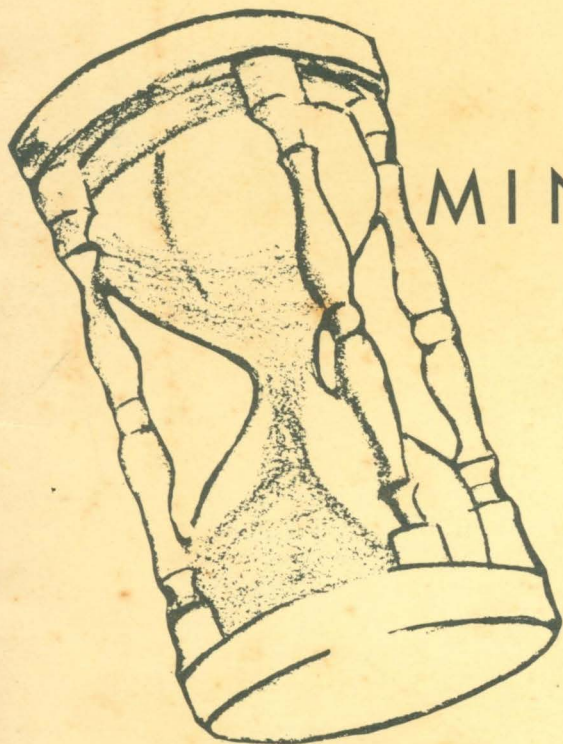


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MINUTES

GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

**Fifty Fourth Annual Session of Gaines Creek Ass'n
Held at Tannehill Camp Ground Aug. 12-14, 1965**

Moderator -----Rev. Ernest Harrison

Ass't Moderator -----Rev. Cliff Myers

Clerk and Treasurer -----Lela White

Ass't Clerk -----Judy Botts

The next Annual Association will be held August
4, 5, 6, 1966 at the Camp Ground.

S. E. Youth Camp will be held August 15-19, at
Robbers Cave Youth Camp No. 2.

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

Lone Grove

Bro. Melvin Bowens
Sis. Oma Bowens
Sis. Thelma Key

New Hope

Sis. Jessie Cathey
Sis. Wyoma Eldridge
Sis. Aline Eldridge

McAlester First

Sis. Treva Christian
Bro. Cecil Lawson
Sis. Stella Harrison

Tanniehill

Bro. Jack Hance
Bro. Clarence Baker
Bro. Jess Henson

Fellowship

Sis. Della Mae Smith
Sis. Clara Kirkpatrick
Sis. Haley Cowell

Crowder

Sis. Margie Higgins
Bro. Loyd Higgins
Sis. Lula Dassler

Stuart

Sis. Glenda Blevins
Sis. Blassengame
Sis. Wilma Lawrence

Eufaula

Sis. Walter Taylor
Sis. Rufus Hart
Bro. Rufus Hart

Lone Oak

Bro. Harrison Botts
Sis. Sophia Lewis
Sis. Wanda Lewis

Wilburton

Sis. Rhoda Funderberg
Sis. Debbie Cathey
Bro. Vernice Bates

STATE DELEGATES

Lela White	Crowder
Judy Botts	Lone Oak
J. R. Smith	Fellowship
Rhoda Funderburg	Wilburton
Stella Harrison	McAlester First
Gilbert Lawrence	Stuart

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.

Thursday Night Services

Association called to session by moderator Bro. Charlie Christian.

Song: "There's a Great Day Coming". Led by Bro. Snowder.

Prayer by Bro. Cliff Myers.

Special song by Bro. and Sis. Harrison, "Hand in Hand With Jesus."

Bro. Leonard Bean was the first speaker, taking his text from Acts 3:1-11.

Bro. Carl Chambers concluded the service reading from 2nd Samuel 12:7-8.

Alter prayer led by Bro. Harrison.

There were seven ministers present tonight.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jack Hance.

Friday Morning Service

Gaines Creek Association of Freewill Baptist meeting at the Tannehill Camp Grounds.

House called to order by moderator.

Opening song "There is Power in the Blood."

Prayer by Bro. Loyd Higgins.

Song "Stand Up, Stand UUp for Jesus".

Devotion by Bro. N.R. Smith, 5th Chapter James.

Letters called for.

Motion made we receive letters as read and seat the delegates.

Motion made and carried that Assistant Moderator be given the authority to appoint the Divine committee. Sis. Funderburg, Sis. Botts, and Bro. Baker. Divine Committee report.

Bro. Cliff Myers, Devotion and Bro. O'Donnell, the 11:00 message.

Motion made and carried we adjourn the business session.

Eleven o'Clock Services

Song "When Life is Over"

Prayer by Bro. Leonard Bean.

A very spiritual testimony service was conducted by Bro. Cliff Myers.

Greetings were brought to us from Bro. N. R. Smith, about O.B.C. by Bro. O'Donnell.

Taking his theme "Christian Growth", from 2nd Pet. 1st Chapter, Bro. O'Donnell brought a very inspiring message.

Dismissed for noon hour by Bro. Snowder.

Friday Afternoon Session

Moderator declares body back in conference to continue business transactions.

Opening song "I Want to Know More About my Lord"

Devotion by Bro. Hance, Eph. 4:13-23.

The rules of order were read by Assistant moderator.

Petitionary letters called for. None received.

Visiting brethren invited to sit with us.

All committees appointed.

Motion made we appoint a Placement Committee.

Motion carried.

Motion made we appoint a Finance Committee.

Bro. O'Donnell spoke on financing O.B.C.

Bro. Wood spoke on State Missions.

New Business.

Motion made the Association pay Bro. Earl Jenson \$10 for speaking on the cleanup day at the camp grounds.

Motion made and carried that we put in the minutes as a rule that each church send \$10.00 extra for our Association revival each year.

Enacted a motion that the Association borrow a roll of light wire for the Youth Camp which will convene at Camp Hudgens. Motion Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we sell unused lumber on Camp Ground tomorrow Saturday 14, 1965. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Association revival begin on August 1st, 1966. Carried.

Nominations for the speaker for Introductory Message at next Association. Bro. Cliff Myers elected by Acclamation.

Motion made the Executive board visit and check on the matters at the Tanniehill church. Carried.

Nominations open for evangelist for our Association revival. Nominees: L. A. Yandell, and U. C. Purdom. Nominations ceased. Bro. U. C. Purdom elected.

Motion made and seconded that Bro. Yandell be alternate. Carried.

Motion made and carried we appoint a committee to build the rest rooms at the camp grounds. Committee members: Bro. C. Christian, Bro. Harry Lee, Bro. Cliff Myers, Bro. Ernest Harrison, and Bro. Baker.

Bro. Ernest Harrison spoke on Sunday Schools.

Motion made we retain the same committee to take care of the Evangelist of our Association and to see about advertising. Carried.

Committee members: Sis. Smalley, Bro. Harrison, and Bro. Chas. Christian.

Amendment: To give the evangelist \$5.00 per night extra for times he drives home. or \$50.00. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Dismissed by Bro. White.

Saturday Morning

House called into session by Assistant Moderator.

Opening song "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Prayer by Sis. Noah Smith.

Congregational songs "Revive Us Again" and "Heavenly Sunlight"

Devotion read by Bro. Loyd Higgins from Psalms 100.

Prayer by Bro. Thomas Carmen.

Motion made and carried that Bro. Buster Stacey be reimbursed on the electric bill for the camp grounds.

Motion made and carried that the clerk have the authority to pay the electric bill.

Motion made and carried we pay the allocation of \$250.00 to O.B.C.

Sis. Botts gave a real good report on the Bulletin.

Motion made that Sis. Botts send the Bulletin to outsiders as long as it isn't a burden.

Divine committee report: Devotion by Bro. Venable and 11:00 message by Bro. Henson.

Amendment offered to earlier motion: that we will not sell the lumber on the camp grounds. Carried.

Temporary committee appointed to help Sis. Jessie Cathey. Sis. Clarice Christian appointed.

Nomination for Gen. Board member. motion made Bro. Lee be elected by acclamation.

Motion made and seconded that the following boards be made into standing boards. Resolutions, Sunday School, C.T.S., Missions, Examining or Credentials. Carried.

Exec. board member elected for 5 years. Bro. Myers

eleceed by acclamation.

Adjourned until 1:00.

Dismissed by Bro. Harrison.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Song "Where Could I Go?"

Prayer by Sis. Lorene Stacey.

Devotion by Bro. Venable, reading from 2nd Tim.,

4th Chapter.

Bro. Henson took his message from Eph. 4.

Theme "Wells of Living Water"

Dismissed for noon hour by Bro. Jack Hance.

Saturday Afternoon

House called to order by Assistant Moderator.

Opening song "Showers of Blessings"

Prayer by Bro. Buster Stacey.

Devotional reading by Sis. Opal Hickman, from 124

Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Snowden.

Committee reports: Resolution commiteee, Motion made and seconded we accept report as read for discussion. Carried. See Comm. Report.

The Pres. of the Auxiliary save been appointed as a committee.

Sunday School Comm. Motion we accept the report as read for discussion. Second lost. See committee report.

Examining Committee: Motion made and seconded we accept report as read. Carried. See Report.

C.T.S. report. Motion made and seconded we accept report as read for discussion. Carried. See report.

Temperance Committee. Motion made and seconded we accept the report as read and dismiss the committee. See committee report.

Mission Committee. Motion made and seconded we accept the report for discussion as read. 1st part carried.

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

Stand for a moment of silent prayer.

Executive committee. Moved to adopt the report.

Placement Committee. Motion made and seconded we accept the report and dismiss the committee. Carried.

Financial report read and accepted.

Association voted for clerk to get 300 minutes.

Examining Committee report on Bro. Jack Hance.

Moved to accept report. See committee report.

Motion made that the clerk have authority to make any corrections.

Dismissed by Bro. Jack Hance.

Charlie Christian, Moderator; Lela White, Clerk.

MINISTER'S DIRECTORY

Rev. Jess Henson	Route 6, McAlester, Okla.
Rev. R. A. Venable	Canadian, Oklahoma
Rev. Clifford Myers	Star Rt., Haywood
Rev. Ernest Harrison	336 W. Grand, McAlester
Rev. J. M. Snowden	220 W. Polk, McAlester
Rev. S. J. Zummer	Box 1181, N. McAlester
Rev. Jimmy Nichols	Stuart
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	511 E. St., N. McAlester
Bro. Jack Hance (Licensed)	210 W. Stonewall, McAlester
Bro. Lem Hodges (Licensed)	45 W. Townsend, McAlester
Bro. Gilbert Lawrence (Licensed)	Stuart

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Lynn Woods	Ada
Rev. J. D. O'Donnell	Oklahoma City
Bro. Purdom will hold our Association Revival Aug. 1-10, 1966.	

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS—

November 13, 1964

Meeting convened with the Lone Oak Church. Moderator in charge. Song: "Joy Unspeakable"

Devotion by Bro. George Christian taken from 16th Psalm.

Prayer by Bro. N. R. Smith. Letters called for. Nine churches represented.

The 11:00 speaker was Bro. Ernest Harrison, taking his text from 2nd Timothy, 2nd verse.

Bro. Carl Chambers recommended to be ordained to preach.

C.T.S. report: We change meetings from Sunday afternoon to Sat. night before the first Sunday.

A pledge was made to pay Patsy Tyson and Ella Ray Jones \$25.00 per month, indefinitely.

February 20, 1965

Meeting at the Fellowship Church, Moderator in charge. Song: "When we all get to Heaven".

Prayer by Bro. Cliff Myers.

Letters called for. Ten churches represented.

The 11:00 message was by Bro. Harold Harrison of Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Danny Farmer gave a repore on the Bible College.

Bro. Lem Hodges recommended to be licensed to preach for one year.

May 15, 1965

Meeting at New Hope. Moderator in charge. Opening song: "I'm Glad That Jesus Came." Prayer by Bro. Bob Evans.

Devotion by Bro. Noah Smith.

Nine Churches represented.

Resolution passed making deceased ministers and deacons wives standing delegates.

Bro. Gilbert Lawrence was the 11:00 speaker.

Suggested the C.T.S. send a report to the bulletin.

Bro. Gilbert Lawrence recommended to be licensed to preach for one year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Board met at Stuart on June 4th.

Motion carried that the Executive board hire someone to mow the camp grounds. To pay \$4.00 more or less per hr. Not to exceed \$15.00.

Motion that we have Sat., July 31st work day to clean up camp grounds; and that we have lunch and preaching at 11:00. Bro. Earl Jenson will be contacted to see if he will preach at this time. Adjournment.

Bro. Leonard Bean, Chairman

Obituary Committee

We are sorry to report the passing of our brothers and sisters in Christ, Sis. Lawson, Bro. Jack Olds, of the First Church; Bro. Boss Clark, and Sis. Mary Vaught, of Crowder.

Examining Committee

We the examining committee recommend Bro. Loyd Higgins be permitted to fill the office of Deacon for a period of one year.

We recommend extention for one year Bro. J. C. Hance's license to preach.

J. M. Snowder, Chairman

C. T. S. Committee

We would like to see all the churches who don't have a C.T.S. program in their church start one. We wish also they would attend all our young peoples meetings.

Sunday School Committee

We recommend all Sunday School teachers express the Bible in all their teaching.

J. M. Snowder, Chairman

Temperance Committee

We, your temperance committee recommend as follows: We as an Association, church, or member discourage the sale of intoxicating drinks in our great state of Okla. Also to be temperate in all things that are contrary to God's will.

Buster Stacey, Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT CO-OP

McAlester First	\$1,025.93
Tannehill	64.90
Lone Oak	117.97
Lone Grove	199.93
Fellowship	35.00
Stuart	226.08
Crowder	93.81

MISSIONS

Stuart Jones-Tyson	\$ 24.00
Crowder Jones-Tyson	64.50
McAlester Jones-Tyson	133.00
McAlester Deeds	126.00
McAlester Sparks	81.00
McAlester Perry	129.00
McAlester Hawaiian Land	187.07
McAlester Calvary	46.86

PAID TO O. B. C.

Tannehill	\$ 68.00
McAlester First	181.00
Freewill Offering from Gaines Creek Ass'n	45.37

MINUTES AND REVIVAL

Crowder	\$ 25.00
Tannehill	15.00
Fellowship	15.00

Lone Grove	25.00
Lone Oak	25.00
Eufaula	10.00
McAlester First	25.00
New Hope	15.00
Stuart	25.00
Wilburton	25.00
Bro. Al Williams (Revival)	5.00

DISBURSEMENTS

State Association	\$ 309.28
O. B. C.	812.37
Coop	881.81
Missions	1,169.90
Miscellaneous	372.18
Minutes	86.10
Balance in Bank	\$ 634.96
Received	3,430.00
Total	4,064.96
Total Disbursements	3,653.89
Balance	411.07
Freewill offering for the Billows Vehicle to Mexico	\$22.05
Pledge paid Jones-Tyson	\$225.00

STANDING BOARDS

Resolutions

Bro. Jack Hance, Bro. Ernest Harrison, Sis. Treva Christian
Sunday School

Bro. J.M. Snowder, Bro. Loyd Higgins, Sis. Noah Smith
Christian Training Service

Bro. Harrison Botts, Bro. W. T. White, Sis. Stella Harrison
Missions

Sis. Judy Botts, Sis. Margie Odle, Bro. Cliff Myers
Credential

Bro. Ernest Harrison, Bro. W. T. White, Bro. J. M. Snowder,
Bro. Cliff Myers, Bro. Buster Stacey

Executive

Bro. Cliff Myers	5 years
Bro. Harry Lee	4 years
Bro. Leonard Bean	3 years
Bro. Ernest Harrison	2 years
Bro. J. R. Smith	1 year

Quarterly Meetings Placed

First—Nov. 19-20, 1965	Lone Grove
Second—Feb. 18-19, 1966	Crowder
Third—May 13-14, 1966	McAlester No. Town

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--Rev. N. R. Smith, Sr.
 Eufaula--Rev. Lem Hodges
 Lone Grove—Bro. Joe Zumner

CLERKS

Clarence Baker—Rt. 6, McAlester
 Judy Botts, Rt. 1, Indianola
 Oleta Lott—213 West Monroe, McAlester
 Nell Christian—424 West Tyler, McAlester
 Edith Young—Rt. 1, Crowder
 Arta Lee Smalley—Haywood
 Lela White, Crowder
 Sylvia Fassio—803 West Caddo, Wilburton
 Ada Gawf, Eufaula
 Lillian Lott—Scipio

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 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 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 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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