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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
CONVENED AT HUGHSON, CALIFORNIA
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The next Annual Session will meet with the Modesto Church, Modesto, California, beginning on Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in May, 1954.

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Eld. Neal Moore 4 Years
Box 236, Castorville, California
Eld. Dean Moore 3 Years
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Eld. J. L. Waltman 2 Years
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Eld. J. P. Pierce 1 Year
Rt. 2, Box 271, Firebaugh, California

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon
2. House called to order by Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates
5. Election of officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council
9. Appointment of Committeess
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Reports of committees
13. Miscellaneous business

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

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

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be devided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

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

9. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority membership voting.

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

12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Night Service

The Golden Gate Association of Free Will Baptist convened for the Sixth Annual Session with the Hughson church. May 21, 1953. Called to order in song service led by Sister Mary Moore of Richmond, California. Sarah Carter at the piano. Invocation by Eld. Neal Moore. Motion carried chair appoint committee to supply speakers in place of absentees. Eld. D. Arthur Yandell selected. Special number in song by Hughson Quartet. Alter prayer by ministers led by Eld. J. L. Waltman and concluded by Eld. Bud Davis. Eld. Glen Smith of Babbitt, Nev. led devotional service after which Eld. D. Arthur Yandell took stand, reading Daniel 9th chapter. Subject "Reconciliation, Atonement, Redemption." After the message host Pastor made announcements and assigned homes to delegates. Adjourned to meet Friday, 9:30 A. M. Closing prayer by Eld. Earl Jensen.

Friday Morning - May 22, 1953, 9:30 A. M.

Called to order by Moderator, song service led by Mary Moore. Prayer by Eld. I. B. Rose. Lesson read from 12th chapter of Romans by Eld. Bennie Brown. Letters called for and read from Richmond, Modesto, Turlock, Stockton, Hughson, Salinas, Chowchilli, Firebaugh, Concord, Martinez, Babbitt, Campbell, Winters, churches. Letters received and delegates seated. Visitors welcomed by moderator.

Election of Officers

Moderator Eld. Ralph Hampton

Asst' Moderator Eld. Estell Sweeten

Clerk-Treasurer Mae Graham

Asst' Clerk Mary Moore

Two vacancies on executive board, Eld. Amos Fagan moved away, Eld. Neal Moore elected in his place. Eld. L. A. Lawson 5 year man was replaced by Eld. T. N. Huddleston.

Rules of order read by Moderator. Motion carried chair appoint all committees.

Pulpit

Leroy Richardson
Delmar Priest
H. G. Harris
Rob Daniels
Mignon Priest
Sister Barrett
Eugene Rial

Finance

Bud Brock
Quincy Moore
Kelly Adkins
Brady Miller
Richard Haggard

Publishing

Johnny Priest
Sister Floyd Smith
Rena Dickerson

Temperance

John Taylor
Evelyn Adkins
Vergie Moore
I. B. Rose
Betty Cox

Resolutions

Pete Connor
Bennie Brown
E. L. Floyd
John Montgomery
John Clifton
Orval Woolery
R. L. Fullilove

Sunday School

Bud Jenkins
T. W. Webb
A. Dickerson

Missions

Goldie Priest
Blanch Montgomery
Bertha Hughs

Obituary

Pearl Huddleston
Neva Parker
Ruth Walker
Coetta Shelton
Minnie Rogers
Jenetta Pembroke
Linda Connor

Pulpit Committee reports for the 11:00 O'Clock hour.
Eld's. Winston Lawless and Earl Jensen. Adjournment. Motion
to 1:30 carried.

11 O'Clock Friday

Song service led by Ruth Walker, prayer by Eld. R. L. Fullilove. Eld. Winston Lawless took stand using Joshua 3:5 followed by Eld. Earl Jensen. Very Inspiring messages. Adjourned for lunch hour. Dismissal prayer by Eld. Truman Huddleston. Host Pastor made the lunch hour arrangements.

Friday - May 22, 1:30 P. M

Called to order by Moderator, song service led by Eld. Leroy Richardson and prayer by Bud Jenkins. Scripture lesson read by Eld. Roy Pembroke. Executive board report read, accepted. (See Reports). Obituary report read and accepted with moment of silent prayer. Concluded by E. L. Floyd. Report of Temperance committee read, accepted. Motion carried Credential Committee of five members be elected, Eld. Earl Jensen, Eld. A. E. Woolery, Eld. Roy Pembroke, Eld. Bennie Brown. Eld. John Montgomery. Pulpit Committee reports Eld. Dean Moore for evening message.

Finance Committee report read and accepted with an amendment to give Host Church \$75.00 in place of \$65.00 as in the past. Executive board report read and accepted. Resolutions No. 1-2-3-4-5 read and accepted. Mission report read and received. Publication report read and received. Sunday School report read and received. Clerks report read and received. Motion carried chair appoint delegates to State Association. Pat Smith, Ruth Walker, Sylvia Adams, Vergie Moore, Rhoda Moore, Linda Connor, Neva Parker, Wanda Brock, Joy McLain, Betty Wisdom, Hazel Lander, T. W. Webb, Buck Brock. Motion carried place be selected for next Annual session and quarterly meetings.

1st QUARTERLY MEETING on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August at Stockton, California. Speakers- Eld. Earl Jensen, Alternate Eld. Orville Woolery.

2nd QUARTERLY MEETING on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in November at Richmond, Calif. Speakers- Eld. Ralph Hampton, Alternate- Eld. Wade Jernigan.

3rd QUARTERLY MEETING on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in February at Salinas, Calif. Speakers- Eld. Dean Moore, Alternate- Eld. Bennie Brown.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION on Thursday night before

the fourth Sunday in May 1954 at Modesto, Calif. Speakers- Eld. T. N. Huddleston, Alternate- Eld. Earl Jensen.

Motion carried, we use one speaker for each opening meeting. Adjournment motion to 7:30, carried. Dismissal prayer by Eld. Bennie Brown.

Friday - May 22, 7:30 P.M

Song service led by Mignon Priest, prayer by Eld. E. A. Woolery. Specials in song rendered as follows:

Duet-Eld. and Mrs. Bud Davis

Duet-Betty Wisdom and Norma Ferral

Duet-Coetta Shelton and Sybil Sweeten

Duet-Eld. and Mrs. Leroy Richardson

Quartet-Turlock

Trio-Mary Moore, Johnnie Jenkins, Mignon Priest

Solo-Mary Moore

Eld. Dean Moore took stand offered prayer and used as a text John 8:32 "Truth in a World of Confusions." A very soul thrilling and inspiring message. License to preach 1 year presented to Leonard Rial. Motion to adjourn, carried. Closing prayer by Delmar Priest.

Eld. Ralph Hampton, Mod.

Mae Graham, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

NO. 1. Be it resolved that from henceforth we begin Annual meetings on Thursday as at present and begin our quarterly meetings on Friday nights.

No. 2 Be it resolved that we elect each year a Credential Committee to examine preachers and deacons for ordination and license, also incoming preachers and deacons from other states thus relinquishing our Executive board of some of their duties.

No. 3 Be it resolved that the names and addresses of all church clerks of the Golden Gate Assotion be listed in the minute for future reference.

No. 4 Be it resolved that each church send \$10.00 to each session of the Association and quarterly meetings to help cover the expense of the executive board.

No. 5 Be it resolved that we give this church and particularly the ladies of this church a standing votes of thanks for their hospitality shown during this meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

We the finance committee wish to report in the treasure	
at the beginning of year	\$271.36
Paid out	261.15
	10.21
Total received this session	320.73
	330.94

We recommend \$135.00 be sent to the State Association, \$10.00 each to Moderator and Clerk, \$65.00 to Host Church. Leaving a balance of \$110.94 for minutes and miscellaneous expenses. We recommend for the coming year the churches send the following amounts.

Richmond	\$75.00
Modesto	62.75
Turlock	43.32
Hughson	18.81
Stockton	12.87
Salinas	21.45
Firebaugh	20.46
Concord	20.46
Babitt	6.27
Chowchilla	14.52
Martinez	8.25
Campbell	10.56
Winters	8.58
Grand Total	\$324.77

These figures were reached by assesing each member 33c.
Bud Brock, Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerks Report

Carried Forward	\$ 9.72
From Churches	237.50
Collection	24.14
	271.36
Paid Out	
State Association	\$100.00
Host Church	65.00
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	10.00
Association Minutes	61.80
Blanks	1.00
Executive Board Expense	13.35
	\$261.15
Balance	\$10.21

Mission Report

We the mission Committee wish to report \$2,021.77 Home Mission, and \$34.77 Forein Mission.

Goldie Priest, Chairman

Sunday School

We the Sunday School Committee accept part of the past report that we incourage more children to attend Sunday School and that each Sunday School elect a Sunday School Board to help promote the Sunday School work. We suggest that all children up to 12 years be taught a verse from the Bible each Sunday.

Bud Jenkins, Chairman

Obituary

We the Obituary Committee find that God has saw fit to call from our midst four during the past year. Margie Spurlock of Modesto, Bro. H. C. Cherry of Richmond, Bro. Charles Cox of Turlock, Sister Tripp of Chowchilla. We the Committee request a moment of silent prayer in memory of these.

Pearl Huddleston, Chairman

Temperance

That the Free Will Baptist Churches in the Golden Gate Association should abstain from all places of worldly amusements, and to not patroniz e places that sell intoxicating drinks.

We should strive to take our children to church and Sunday School more. We believe we should be temperate in all things encroachments of intemperate business in the vicinity of our churches and homes.

John Taylor, Chairman

Publishing

We the publishing committee recommend our association report our meetings and any news of our churches to the F. W. B. papers. We also recommend that more people subscribe for the Small Voice, that our revivals be made more public and that our churches put forth more effort that our revivals be made public.

Rev. Johnny Priest, Chairman

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Golden Gate Executive Board wishes to report the following: This past year has been a very busy one for your executive board. The Lord has prospered us in helping to iron out difficulties in some of our churches and the organization of one new church. The Campbell Free Will Baptist Church. The board has had much routine business the extent of which would be too lengthy to read at this time. However, the minutes are up to date and are in good order; any member of this conference who wishes to see these minutes please feel free to do so.

Rev. Dean Moore, Executive Board Clerk

We the executive board having examined Eld. Earl Jensen recommend him as a standing delegate.

We recommend for ordination as Deacon, Robert Daniel of Stockton.

We recommend as of their request the license to preach of Clifford Richardson and H. G. Jentry of Hughson be extended for the period of one year, May 1954.

We recommend Leonard Rial be licensed to preach for one year or longer, until duty calls for ordination.

Ordinations through quarterly meetings, Bobby Daniels of Stockton as minister, August 1953. Franklin Headley of Salinas as Deacon, February 1953.

CHURCH REPORTS

Richmond

State of religion good. Value of church property \$67,500.00. Members received this year 37. No. dismissed 16, No. baptized 16. Total membership 228. Condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting good. Average No. of pupils 184. Paid Pastor \$3,455.04. Evangelist \$110.00, Home Mission \$1,820.30, Building and repair \$6,123.27, Education \$709.03, Benevolence \$200.00. We send as expense money \$68.97.

Eld. Dean Moore, Pastor
Goldie Priest, Clerk

Modesto

State of religion good. Membership 175. Died 1. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average No. of pupils 127. Value of church property \$25,000.00. Paid Pastor \$3,537.25. Evangelist \$295.00. Home Mission \$11.33, Foreign Mission \$34.70. Building and repair \$2,500.00. Education \$237.45, Publication \$73.14, incidentals \$149.03 and sending as expense money \$57.75.

Eld. Wade Jernigan, Pastor
Evelyn Adkins, Clerk

Stockton

State of religion good. Members received this year 25, baptized 12, dismissed 27, Total membership 39. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good, Average No. of pupils 40. Paid Pastor \$302.94. Evangelist \$50.00, for rent building repair \$2,402.94, Education \$115.72. Value of church property \$12,000.00. Expense Money \$13.20.

Eld. J. E. Sweeten, Pastor
Bonnie Daniel, Clerk

Turlock

State of religion good. Members received this year 9, dismissed 67, deceased 1. Total membership 104, condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average No. of pupils 65, Paid Pastor \$3,135.00. Evangelist \$132.75, Home and Foreign Missions \$49.21, building and repairs \$676.00, publication \$109.47, incidentals \$737.16, benevolent work \$90.25. Value of church property \$37,000.00. Expense money \$53.13.

Eld. Earl Jensen, Pastor
Ella Mae Foster, Clerk

Hughson

State of religion good. Members received this year 20, baptized 2, Dismissed 21, Total membership 57. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good, Average No. of pupils 50, Paid Pastor \$1,505.00, Evangelist \$147.87, Home Missions \$78.77, building and repair \$993.20, Education \$108.06, miscellaneous \$172.34. Expense money \$23.10.

Eld. Leroy Richardson, Pastor
Sylvia Adams, Clerk

Concord

State of religion good. Members received this year 11, dismissed 1, Total membership 62, condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good, Average No. of pupils 50. Paid Pastor \$2,364.73. For building \$25,520.00, Miscellaneous \$219.99, Rent of building \$259.00, Value of church property \$30,520.00. Expense fund \$16.80.

Firebaugh

State of religion good. Members received last year 14, dismissed 18, total membership 62. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average No. of pupils 55, Paid Pastor \$1,219.88, Evangelist \$186.68, Home missions \$33.16. Building and repair \$450.21, Education \$59.34, Publication \$6.15. Value of church property \$7,000.00. Expense money \$21.12.

Eld. George McLain, Pastor
Euphia Muse, Clerk

Salinas

State of religion good. mebers received this year 13, baptized 13, dismissed 4, total membership 65, condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good, Average No. of pupils 65. Paid Pastor \$2,205.11, Evangelist \$329.15, incidentals \$500.00. Value church property \$10,000.00, Home Mission \$19.00, publication \$64.00. Expense money \$18.15.

Eld. F. A. McCage, Pastor
Earnest Wood, Clerk

Chowchilla

State of religion good. Memebtrs received 11, dismissed 7, died 1, total membership 44, condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average No. of pupils 40, paid Pastor

\$330.00, Evangelist \$80.00, Home Mission \$10.00, building and repair \$1,455.70, publication \$14.65, miscellaneous \$175.00. Expense money \$10.23.

Eld. I. B. Rose, Pastor
Myrtle Rose, Clerk

Martinez

State of religion fair. Members received this year 13, baptized 2, Total membership 25, condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good, Average No. of pupils 30, Paid Pastor \$250.00, Evangelist \$25.00, building and repairs \$1,681.76. Expense money \$5.00.

Eld. Roy Pembroke, Pastor
Mignon Priest, Clerk

Babbitt

State of religion good. Members received this year 5, Baptized 2, condition of prayer meeting league and Sunday School good. Average No. of pupils 38, Paid Pastor \$520.00. Evangelist \$100.00. Rent of building \$200.00. Education \$75.00. Expense money \$8.25.

, Eld. L. A. Lawson, Pastor
Alaine Smith, Clerk

Campbell

State of religion good. Members received 6, baptized 2, dismissed 1, Total membership 32. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average No. of pupils 60. Paid Pastor \$70.00. Expense money \$15.00.

Eld. Bennie Brown, Pastor
Floyd Smith, Clerk

Winters

State of religion good. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Expense money \$9.00.

Eld. W. H. Huddleston, Pastor
Della Constant, Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

	No. Of	No. Of	No. Of	Sunday	Paid	Paid	Paid	Value Of
Firebaugh	Members	Ministers	Deacons	School	Pastor	Evangelist	Missions	Church
				Average				Property
Babbitt	19	4		38	\$520.00	\$100.00		
Campbell	32	2	3	60	70.00			
Chowchilla	44	3	2	40	330.00	80.00	\$10.00	5000.00
Concord	62	4	4	50	2,364.73			30,520.00
Firebaugh	62	4	2	55	1,219.88		33.16	7000.00
Hughson	57	3	2	50	1,505.00	147.87	78.77	5000.00
Martinez	25	3	4	30	250.00	25.00		
Modesto	175	2	6	127	3,537.25	295.00	46.03	25,000.00
Richmond	228	3	7	184	3,455.04	110.00	1,820.30	67,500.00
Salinas	65	3	5	65	2,205.11	329.15	19.00	10,000.00
Stockton	39	3	3	40	302.94	50.00		12,000.00
Turlock	104	7	6	65	3,135.00	132.75	49.21	37,000.00
Winters	26		2					4,000.00
Total	938	37	46	804	18,894.95	1,269.77	2,156.47	203,020.00

MINISTERS REGISTAR

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Chowchilla: Myrtle Rose, Box 1391, Chowchilla, Calif.
Campbell: Floyd Smith, 874 Lenzen Ave., San Jose, Calif.
Winters: Ella Constant, Box 533, Winters, Calif.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. *The Bible.* We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. Matt. 22:29, Mark 15:28; John 5:39; John 2:22; John 7:38; Acts 1:16; Acts 8:35; Acts 18:28; Rom. 15:4; Gal. 1:8; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:12; 20-21.

2. *God.* We believe there are three persons in the God head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them. I John 5:7; Gen. ch. 1 and 2; Ex. 20:9-11; Psalm 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:14-17; I Cor. 8:5-6; Eph. 3:8-10; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.

3. *Man.* We believe that God created man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity. therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 5:12-15; I Cor. 15:21,22; Gal. 3:22; I John 1:10.

4. *Children Saved.* We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 18:2,3; Luke 18:16,17.

5. *General Atonement.* We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved. Matt. 28:19,20; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; I Tim. 2:1-6; Titus 2:11; Heb.2:9; II Peter 3:9; I John 2:1,2; Rev. 22:17.

6. *Terms of Salvation.* We believe the terms of Salvation are: 1st. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it. 2nd. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with a purpose to love and obey Him in all things. Luke 13:3-5; Luke 14:25-27; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Acts 15:8,9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 5:1,2; Rom. 10:8-13; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8,9; Heb. 11:6.

7. *Divine Call to the Ministry.* We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc. John 5:39; John 1:16,17; Acts 18:27,28; Acts 20:28; Acts 22:14,15; Rom. 10:14,15; Gal. 1:11-23; II Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:7-9.

8. *The Church.* We believe that the church of God, or Christ is the whole body of Christians throughout the world. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:46,47; I Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22,23; Col. 1:18-24; I Tim. 3:14,15; Heb. 3:6; Eph. 4:4-6.

9. *A Church of God.* We believe that a church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the scriptures. Matt. 18:15-17; Matt. 28:18,20; Acts 8:1; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:23; Rom. 16:1-5; I Cor. 11:12; I Cor. 11:23-28; I Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15,16; Titus 1:5; I Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.

10. *Ordinances.* We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances and should be observed by the people of God. Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18,20; John 13:4-13; Matt. 28:19,20; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12; Acts 8:35-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:47,48; Acts 16:33; I Cor. 11:23-26; I Tim. 5:9,19.

11. *Baptism.* We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism. Matt. 3:5,6; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22,23; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3,4.

12. *Open Communion.* We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table. John 15:5; John 17:11-21; I Cor. 11:23-29; I Cor. 12:13-21; Gal. 3:26-29.

13. *The Christian Sabbath.* We believe that the Divine Law requires that one day in seven be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day. Work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted. Mark 16:1,2; John 20:1,19,26; Acts 13:27; Acts 16:13; I Cor. 16:1,2; Rev. 1:10,11.

14. *Apostasy.* We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation. Ezek. 18:24-26; Matt. 10:22; Matt. 24:12,13; Matt. 24:48-51; Matt. 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45,46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; I Cor. 10:11,12; I Cor. 15:12; I Thes. 3:4,5; Heb. 6:4-6; Heb. 10:24-30; II Heb. 3:1-6; Peter 1:9-11; II Peter 2:12-16; II Peter 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:5.

15. *Resurrection.* We believe in the resurrection of all men. They that have done good unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28,29; Acts 4:1,2; Acts 17:18; Acts 23:6; Acts 24:14,15; Acts 26:6-8; I Cor. 15:12,22; I Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

16. *General Judgement.* We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all nations will be gathered before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Eccl. 11:9; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36,37; Matt. 13:37-43; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28,29; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:30,31; Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27,28; Rev. 20:2-15; Rev. 21:7,8.

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 selfdenial, 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 churches conferences; public worship, and 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 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.