

Minutes
of the
Golden Gate Association
of
Free Will Baptists
1954

Proceedings of the
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
CONVENED AT MODESTO, CALIFORNIA
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MAY 20-22, 1954

The next annual Session will meet with the Turlock Church, Turlock, California, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May 1955.

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MODESTO CHURCH, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

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OFFICERS

Moderator _____ Rev. Ralph Hampton
2859 Avon, Concord, California

Assistant Moderator _____ Rev. Dean Moore
1718 Lincoln Ave., Richmond

Clerk Treasurer _____ Mae Graham
651 8th Street, Turlock, California

Assistant Clerk _____ Mary Moore
1718 Lincoln Ave., Richmond 5, California

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Roy Pembroke _____ 5 Years
1852 Alvarado Ave., Walnut Creek, California

Rev. T. N. Huddleston _____ 4 Years
Red Top Station Box 2, Merced, California

Rev. Neal Moore _____ 3 Years
Box 236 Castorville, California

Rev. Dean Moore _____ 2 Years
1718 Lincoln Ave., Richmond 5, California

Rev. J. L. Waltman _____ 1 Year
667 8th Street, Turlock, 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 divided 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 Baptists Convened with the Modesto Church May 20, for the seventh annual session. Called to order in song service led by Rev. Clinton Wood, Moderator in charge. Prayer by Rev. Lester Davis. Song and handshake and prayer by Rev. Finney Berry. Specials in song rendered by General Baptist quartet, and quartet by host church.

Rev T. N. Huddleston took stand for introductory message using 1st Timothy 4:12. Inspiring message. Host Pastor assigned homes to delegates. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M. Friday, May 21, 1954.

Friday Morning, 9:30 A. M., May 21, 1954

Called to order by Moderator. Song service led by Rev. L. A. Lawson. Prayer by Eld Neal Moore. Devotional by Rev. Francis Boylt, using scripture Eph. 1st chapter. Letters called for and read from: Richmond, Modesto, Chowchilla, Turlock, Rodeo, Martinez, Concord, Babbitt, Hughson, Campbell, Stockton, Salinas, & Winters. Motion carried same be received and delegates seated. Same given hand of fellowship. Petitionary letters called for. Manteca responded by letter and delegates seated. Motion same be received. Rules of order read by moderator.

Election of Officers

Moderator	Rev. Ralph Hampton
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Dean Moore
Clerk-Treasure	Mae Graham
Assistant Clerk	Mary Moore

Five year man on executive board elected was Rev. Roy Pembrook. Motion carried credential board be elected to examine the Deacons and ministers coming into Association and those to be licensed and ordained.

Credential Board

Rev. Lester Davis	Box 479 Hughson, California
Rev. F. A. McCage	15 Lagunita Road, Salinas, California
Rev. Benny Brown	1918 Main Street, Santa Clara, California
Rev. Earl Jensen	Lander and C Street, Turlock, California
Rev. L. A. Lawson	165 "C" Street, Martinez, California

Adjournment motion to 1:30 P. M. carried. Closing prayer by Rev. Roy Pembroke.

Eleven O'Clock Friday A. M., May 21, 1954

Song service led by Merle Erickson prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage. Rev. Francis Boyle took stand using Exodus 13:7 Numbers 20. Followed by Rev. Jess Step. Theme "Gods Measuring Stick". Very wonderful messages. Dismissed in prayer and benediction on noon meal by Rev. L. A. Lawson.

Friday May 21, 1:30 P. M.

Song service in charge of Rev. Clinton Wood. Prayer by Rev. Guy Hutsel. Motion carried chair appoint all committees.

Pulpit

Wade Jernigan
Pete Conner
R. C. Watts
Alfred Dickerson
Quincy Moore

Finance

Delmar Priest
Bill Adkins
Roy Pembroke

Missions

J. L. Waltman
Kelly Adkins
Walter Bedell
J. C. Castela
Ralph Groves

Publishing

Mildred Bedell
Lucille Hampton
Bucille Boyle

Resolutions

Clinton Wood
Francis Boyle
F. L. Floyd
Benny Brown
John Clifton

Obituary

Dessie Maxwell
Ellen Cox
Mary Lou Swindell
Bertie Rial
Juanita Cantrell
Sunday School
Meona Purser
Goldie Jensen
Tommy Wall

Motion carried places and speakers be elected for next years meetings.

1st QUARTERLY MEETING on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August at Concord. Speaker, Rev. Clinton Wood, Alternate Rev. Guy Hutsel.

2nd QUARTERLY MEETING on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in November at Manteca. Speaker Rev. Roy Pembroke, Alternate Rev. Jack Eden.

3rd QUARTERLY MEETING on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in February at Chowchilla. Speaker Rev. F. A. McCage, Alternate Rev. Earl Jensen.

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May at Turlock. Speaker, Rev. Dean Moore, Alternate Rev. R. C. Hampton.

Visitors were welcomed and given hand of fellowship by moderator. Obituary committee report read and accepted, and a moment of silent prayer concluded by Pete Conner.

Executive board report read and received.

Publication committee report read and received.

Mission committee report read and received.

Sunday School report read and received.

Finance report read and received.

Clerks report read and received.

Examining committee partial report read and received.

Pulpit committee reports for the evening service that Rev. Guy Hutsel and Rev. Wade Jernigan bring the messages. Motion carried that each church send \$5.00 at each setting for needy churches. Motion carried no money go out of the needy church fund until next Annual session. Motion carried that we transfer \$100.00 from executive board fund into general fund. Adjournment motion to 9:00 A. M. Saturday carried. Closing Prayer.

Friday evening, 7:30 P. M., May 21, 1954

Called to order by song service led by Rev. Clinton Wood. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Fassio. Duet in song by Clinton Wood and Migmon Priest. Solo by Mary Moore, Solo by Meryl Erickson, Mixed Quartett number and prayer by Rev. Winston Lawless.

Rev. Guy Hutsel took stand using Heb. 4:12 followed by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Interesting messages. Host pastor assigned homes to delegates. Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Saturday Morning, 9:00 A. M., May 22, 1954

Called to order in song service by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Prayer by John Wood. Devotion reading by Rev. John Clifton, Ps. 20. Prayer by Pete Conner. Constitution read and motion carried to adopt same. Pulpit committee reports for the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. W. T. Castele and Rev. Finney Berry. Resolutions 2, 4, 5, 6, read and carried. Motion carried No. 3 be tabled for one year. Executive board report read and received. Credential board report read and received. Motion carried Rev. Dean Moore send Quincy Moore information on what the executive board reported on, in regard to the Stockton Church pastor. Standing vote of thanks given Host Church for hospitality shown. Delegates for the State Association elected. Tommy Wall, Lucille Boyle, Edith Russell, Kelly Adkins, Bertie Rial, Francis Boyle, Jewell Wall. Adjournment motion carried closing prayer by Rev. Ralph Hampton.

Moderator, Rev. Ralph Hampton
Clerk, Mae Graham

RESOLUTIONS

II. Be it resolved that any church belonging to this Association that it's property be the property of the Association and that no church be allowed to wear the name of Free Will Baptist in the boundary of this Association that is not a member of said Association.

III. Be it resolved that this Association be divided into two groups for the quarterly meetings and then meet together for the Annual Association. (Tabled for one year).

IV. Be it resolved no letter be accepted from a church unless they meet all requirements of the minutes of this Association.

V. Be it resolved that a plan of registration be set up at the front door for each setting of quarterly meeting and Association to eliminate registering throughout the audience.

VI. Be it resolved that this body give the church especially the Ladies of this church a standing vote of thanks for the hospitality shown during this Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

I. The Golden Gate Executive Board wishes to report the following: The past year has been a busy one for your executive board. We have been successful in helping some of our churches over some difficulties. We have assisted in the organization of two churches, Rodeo and Manteca. The board has taken care of much routine business which would be too lengthy to be read at this time however the minutes are up to date and can be read by anyone desiring to.

Dean Moore, Clerk.

II. We recommend the Stockton church call a pastor who is in good standing at the earliest possible date and we further recommend that if it is necessary for them to have a minister fill the pulpit untill a pastor is secured that said minister be in good standing with this association.

III. In regard to the request made by the Babbitt church concerning a loan of \$1,000.00. This association does not have funds to be used in this manner even though it is regrettable that we do not.

Dean Moore, Clerk

Clerks Report

General Fund Paid Out

Host Churches	\$245.00	Carried fwd.	\$10.21
State Association	135.00	Collection	19.00
Association Minutes	101.40	From churches	500.74
Moderator	10.00	Total	\$529.95
Clerk	10.00		
Blanks	3.00	Received	529.95
Stationary	3.00	Paid out	519.95
Graham flowers	3.55	Balance	\$ 10.00
Moore flowers	5.00		
Supplies	4.00		
Total	\$519.95		

Executive Board Fund

Paid Out		Churches	\$348.00
Graham flowers	\$ 7.00	Received	\$348.00
Retaining Fee	48.00	Paid out	116.60
Executive Board	61.60	Balance	\$321.40
Total	\$116.60		

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the finance committee recommend that each church pay the following amount for the coming year based on the \$.33 per member basis.

Richmond	\$76.89
Turlock	38.94
Firebaugh	20.46
Martinez	11.55
Winters	12.54
Modesto	63.08
Hughson	15.17
Salinas	24.42
Babbitt	4.62
Rodeo	7.26
Stockton	12.54
Concord	21.45
Chowchilla	11.55
Campbell	15.18
Manteca	6.27

We recommend that \$155.00 be sent to the State Association \$10.00 each to moderator and clerk, \$75.00 to Host church. Leaving balance for minutes and miscellaneous.

We recommend each church send \$5.00 to each setting for executive board expense instead of \$10.00. We also recommend that only ½ amount of minutes be printed of this association.

Delmar Priest, Chairman

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend each and every church in the Association send an offering at least once a month to our State Mission board for the advancement of evangelistic work in the state of California and for the foreign mission and national home mission. All funds to be sent to the state mission board, the Rev. Winston Lawless, 681 Highland Ave., Selma, California.

Rev. J. L. Waltman, Chairman

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the obituary committee find that God has seen fit to call from our midst two dear souls, Brother W. A. Graham of Turlock and Brother J. A. Hughes of Richmond. We the committee request a moment of silent prayer in memory of these.

Dessie Maxwell, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School committee urge the use of a Sunday School board in our Sunday School administration and the adoption of the 6 point record system.

Neoma Purser, Chairman

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that each church stress subscriptions of the Contact paper and also boast subscriptions to our own California Free Will Baptist paper.

Mildred Bedell, Chairman

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the credential committee recommend the following license to preach be renewed for another year: Bro. J. S. Cox, of Turlock, Bro. Leonard Rial of Chowchilla, and H. D. Gentry.

We find Rev. Guy Hutsel sound in Faith and Doctrine and recommend him for membership in this Association.

We recommend F. C. Casteal, W. T. Cantrell for license to preach

We recommend Rev. Leroy Richardson ordination papers be returned to him.

We recommend that Charles Fredrick send to the Association he came from in Missouri for his Credentials and that the Association license him to preach until such time as this can be accomplished.

Rev. Lester Davis, Chairman

CHURCH REPORTS

Richmond

State of religion good. Value of church property \$70,000.00. Members received this year 54, number dismissed 48, baptized 28, total membership 233. Condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting good. Average No. of pupils 200. Paid Pastor \$4,581.72. Evangelist \$175.00. Paid Missions \$293.04. Building and repair \$5,763.69. Education \$2,108.36. Expense money \$95.00.

Rev. Dean Moore, Pastor
Goldie Priest, Clerk

Modesto

State of religion good. Membership 176. Condition of Sunday School and prayer meetings good. Average number of pupils 132. Value of church property \$25,000.00. Paid pastor \$3,599.60. Evangelist \$135.99. Missions \$326.54. Orphanage \$169.19. Publication \$18.86. Incidentals \$684.43. Expense money \$72.75.

Rev. O. H. Doss, Pastor
Mrs. Leon Kirk, Clerk

Turlock

State of religion good. Members received this year 54. Baptized 22, dismissed 33, deceased 1, condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 85. Paid pastor \$3,185.00. Evangelist \$75.00. Education \$192.11. Missions \$188.31, Miscellaneous \$1,567.00, Building and Repair \$8,500.00. Value of church property \$50,000.00. Expense money \$53.32.

Rev. Earl Jensen, Pastor
Ella Mae Foster, Clerk

Salinas

State of religion good. Members received this year 43, baptized 16, dismissed 23, total membership 77. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 80. Paid pastor \$2,600.00, Evangelist \$102.95, Education \$69.38, missions \$27.84, miscellaneous \$1,688.76. Value of church property \$10,000.00. Expense money \$31.45.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Pastor
Margaret Wood, Clerk

Concord

State of religion good. Members received this year 18, baptized 9, dismissed 14, total membership 65. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 75. Paid pastor \$2,860.00, education \$101.79, missions \$97.87, miscellaneous \$639.73, building and repair \$874.55. Expense money \$20.46. Value of church property \$30,520.00.

Rev. R. C. Hampton, Pastor

Martinez

Devilla Melton, Clerk

State of religion good. Members received this year 16, baptized 5, dismissed 4 total membership 37. Paid evangelist \$75.00, education \$150.00, missions \$19.77, miscellaneous \$130.40. Value of church property \$6,000.00 Expense money \$23.25. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 35.

Rev. Louis Lawson, Pastor
Rena Dickerson, Clerk

Hughson

State of religion good. Members received 42, baptized 4, dismissed 24, total membership 49. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 40. Paid pastor \$1,650.15, evangelist \$112.73, education \$59.79, missions \$84.00. Expense money \$28.00. Value of church property \$7,500.00.

Rev. Lester Davis, Pastor
Evelyn Smith, Clerk

Campbell

State of religion good. Members received 16, baptized 8, dismissed 1, total membership 46. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 70. Paid pastor \$1,200.00, Rent \$965.00, missions \$5.00, building and repair \$20.00, miscellaneous \$185.00, Expense money \$20.56.

Rev. Benny Brown, Pastor
Georgia Hall, Clerk

Rodeo

State of religion good. otal membership 22, baptized 10. Paid missions \$16.00, rent for building \$250.00. Expense money \$20.00.

Rev. Johnnie Priest, Pastor
Lola Pitts, Clerk

Stockton

State of religion good. Members received this year 20, baptized 5, dismissed 13, total membership 38. Paid pastor \$1,000.00, evangelist \$185.00. Value of church property \$15,000.00. Expense money \$10.00. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 71. Total expense \$3,750.00.

Quincy Moore, Moderator
Lila Brown, Clerk

Chowchilla

State of religion good. Members received 1, dismissed 1, total membership 35. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 30. Paid pastor \$300.00, Evangelist \$78.00, missions \$25.00, building and repair \$1,087.28, publication \$13.10. Value church property \$10,000.00. Expense money \$21.55.

Rev. Truman Huddleston, Pastor
Ila Huddleston, Clerk

Babbitt

State of religion good. Members received 9, baptized 2, dismissed 4, total membership 28. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 24. Paid pastor \$410.00, evangelist \$65.00, education \$101.65, miscellaneous \$268.50. Expense money \$16.27.

Rev. Billy Jo Adkins, Pastor
Hazel Adkins, Clerk

Manteca

Organized March 26, 1954 with 17 members. State of religion good. Members received 2, baptized 2, total membership 19. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 34. Paid pastor \$90.00, education \$8.54, building and repair \$155.00, publication \$12.00, expense money \$20.28.

Rev. Guy Hutsel, Pastor
Velma Mead, Clerk

Winters

State of religion good. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. 73 on roll. Expense money \$18.58. Paid pastor \$700.00, education \$29.37, miscellaneous \$176.97.

Rev. Jack Eden, Pastor
Betty Bickham, Clerk

Firebaugh

State of religion good. Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good. Total membership 59. Paid pastor \$1,280.00, evangelist \$151.00, missions \$131.41. Ministers 3, deacons 1. Value of church property \$7,000.00.

Rev. Neal Moore, Pastor
Euphia Muse, Clerk

	Members	Ministers	Deacons	S. School Average	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Paid Missions	Building & Repairs	Value Church Property
Richmond	233	4	7	200	\$4,581.72	\$175.00	\$293.00	\$5,763.69	\$70,000.00
Modesto	176	3	6	132	3,599.60	135.99	326.54	2,659.18	25,000.00
Turlock	118	7	5	85	3,185.00	75.00	188.31	8,500.00	50,000.00
Salinas	74	4	5	80	2,600.00	102.95	27.84		10,000.00
Concord	65	2	2	75	2,860.00		97.87	874.55	30,520.00
Martinez	37	4	2	35		75.00	19.77		6,000.00
Hughson	49	5		40	1,650.15	112.73	84.00		7,500.00
Chowchilla	35	4	2	30	300.00	78.00	25.00	1,087.29	10,000.00
Stockton	38	1	1	71	1,000.00	185.00			15,000.00
Firebaugh	39	3	1		1,280.00	151.00	131.41		7,000.00
Winters	26	3	3		700.00				4,000.00
Campbell	46	2	3	70	1,200.00		5.00	20.00	
Manteca	19	1	4	34	90.00			155.00	
Rodeo	22	2	1	34			16.00		
Babbitt	14	1	1	24	410.00	65.00			
	1011	46	43	910	23,456.47	1,155.67	1,214.74	19,049.71	235,020.00

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Ralph Groves, Modesto, Calif.
M. D. Percifield, Hughson, Calif.

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Stockton: Lila Brown

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Golden Gate Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined churches conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE II. The conference of this Association shall consist of ordained ministers, their wives, ordained deacons, their wives, who are regular members of churches in this conference and church clerks and three elected delegates from the several churches of which it is composed.

ARTICLE III. The officers of this yearly Association shall be a standing Clerk and Treasurer and Moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Association with Assistants as may be found necessary. An executive board of not less than five members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. A Credential Committee of five members elected.

ARTICLE IV. Any regular organized Free Will Baptist church maintaining Gospel order agreeing with the denomination in Doctrine and Practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprises as Sunday School, Missions, Temperance and Educations may be received into this Association on application by a vote of the conference.

ARTICLE V. This yearly association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful but, in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE VI. The sessions of this Association shall be held on Thursday night, Friday, Friday night and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May. At which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standing and statistics at which time the Association shall act upon questions and topics as may be referred to by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution nor to the practices of the denomination.

ARTICLE VII. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by laws not inconsistent with this constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

ARTICLE VIII. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular session notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

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 bond of peace, and to be careful of one another's souls, and to strengthen one another in the Lord.