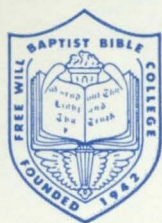


Minutes
of the
Hopewell No. 2
Association
of
Free Will Baptists
1967
35th Annual Session

Convened At Camp Grounds—Pruitt City, Oklahoma
August 17, 18, 19, 1967



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Ernest Harrison

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OFFICERS

Rev. Ward Fellabaum, Box 63, Ratliff City;
856-3614 Moderator

Rev. Ricky Duncan, 314 S. 4, Healdton;
BA9-0397 Asst. Moderator

Rev. Doyle Cox, 1302 W. 13, Sulphur; 622-5526 . . . Clerk

Sister Floretta Rhoades, Rt. 17, Springdale
Loop, Ardmore; CA3-5641 Asst. Clerk

Charlene Ingram, 611 Carter, Healdton; BA9-1465 Treasurer

Rev. James Deatherage, 503 E. Oak, Marietta;
CR6-2575 Asst. Treasurer

Rev. Lionell Cooksey, Graham; Pike 18J25 Parliamentary

Rev. Rex Weatherman, 1713 Tower Dr.,
Ardmore; CA3-6765 Asst. Parliamentary

DISTRICT OFFICERS Executive Board

C. C. Higgins	5 years
Zelous Chaduion	4 years
Jerry Rhoades	3 years
Marlin Bivins	2 years
Beryl Blair	1 year

Credential Board

Doyle Cox	3 years
Lionell Cooksey	2 years
Noah Smith	1 year

Camp Ground Board

Rickey Duncan	3 years
C. C. Higgins	2 years
M. M. Bivins	1 year

Mission Board

Jerry Rhoades	3 years
James Deatherage	2 years
John Wood	1 year

PROCEEDINGS

The 35th Annual session of the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground, beginning Thursday night, August 17 through August 19, 1967.

Services were called to order by Rev. L. T. Woodall. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Winford Lowe, with Myrna Woodall at the piano.

Special music was given by Sister Sue and Glenda Mullins; "My Jesus I Love You"; Tina Dunman and Glenda Mullins: "The Royal Telephone".

Message was brought by Rev. Ward Fellabaum, using 1 Cor. 3:9 subject, "Labours Together with God". Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charlene Ingram.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 18

Called to order by Asst. Clerk Rev. Doyle Cox. Singing was led by Sister Sue Mullins, acc. by Sister Sandra Davenport at the piano; "Jesus Saves".

Moderator and Asst. Pro-Tem were elected: Rev. Beryl Blair, Moderator and Rev. Ward Fellabaum, Asst. Moderator.

Devotion was given by Rev. Noah Smith, using Romans 12:1-12; prayer by Rev. Smith.

Letters were called for. Motioned and seconded that only the necessary information be read. Letters were read from 12 churches and the delegates seated with a handshake. 22 delegates and 6 alternates were present.

Election of officers were as follows:

Moderator	Rev. Ward Fellabaum
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Rickey Duncan
Clerk	Rev. Doyle Cox
Asst. Clerk	Sis. Floretta Rhoades

Moved and seconded that the remaining officers be elected tomorrow with the exception of the Parliamentary and the Asst. Parliamentary.

Moved and seconded that the Chair appoint the Divine Service Committee: Bro. P. B. Truitt; Sis. Cornilia Ivey; Sis. Sue Mullins.

Divine Service Committee was dismissed. Their report was that Rev. Lionell Cooksey would bring the morning message.

Adjourned until 1:00 o'clock and recessed until 11:00; prayer by Rev. James Deatherage.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called to order by the Moderator. Congregational singing led by Rev. Jerry Rhoades, with Sue Mullins at the piano: "There Is A Fountain". Prayer by Sister DeHart.

A special number was brought by all the ministers present singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Special by Rev. Lionell Cooksey, Sue and Glenda Mullins, "I've Got That Old Time Religion In My Heart".

The morning message was brought by Rev. Lionell Cooksey using 2 Cor. 10:1-6, "Storming Strongholds For Christ". Dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Wood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Service called to order by Moderator. Singing led by Bro. M. M. Bivins with Sandra Davenport at the piano: "Standing On The Promises".

Devotion was given by Rev. Meryl Kellett, Matt. 5: 1-12. Prayer by Rev. Kellett. Congregational singing continued.

The Rules of Order were called for and read by Rev. Rickey Duncan. Petitionary letters were called for and read from the East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Chestnut and N Street, Duncan, Okla. Moved to receive the letter.

Motioned and seconded that we postpone action on the letter until after the minutes of the Executive Board meetings were read.

Minutes of the Executive Board meetings were read and received as information.

The protest letter from the Duncan First Church was called for and read. The Moderator then appointed the delegates of the two Duncan churches to meet with the Executive Board to try and work out their differences. The delegates and the Executive Board were dismissed for this meeting. 4

An altar of prayer was called for that God's special blessings might be upon this meeting.

Credential Board was elected (see page 1) and dismissed for their work.

Camp Ground Board member was elected: Rev. Rickey Duncan. Mission Board member was elected: Rev. Jerry Rhoades.

Divine Service Committee report was read and Rev. L. T. Woodall is to bring the evening message. Recessed for 10 minutes.

Remaining committees were appointed by the Chair:

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Nora Winters
Bro. C. C. Higgins
Sis. Rosmary Christian

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sis. LoRay Spurgeon
Sis. Bertha Worstel
Sis. Combest

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Tommy Blair
Sis. Weatherman
Bro. A. Sellers

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sis. Sue Mullins
Bro. Dennis Deatherage
Bro. Lewis Howell

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Bro. John Wood
Bro. James Deatherage
Sis. Paula Johnston

FRIDAY NIGHT

Services opened with Bro. Z. E. Chaduion leading singing: "Praise Him, Praise Him". Prayer by Bro. Forest Cox.

Special singing by Sis. Barrett: "It's Different Now". The Mullins family sang "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You". Myrna Woodall sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells". Message by Rev. L. T. Woodall, using 1 Cor. 4:5, "Judge Not Until The Time". Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charlene Ingram.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called order by the Moderator. Singing led by Bro. Ingram with Sis. Sue Mullins at the piano: "When I See The Blood". Prayer by Rev. N. R. Smith, Executive Secretary of the State of Oklahoma F. W. B.

Late letters were called for and read from the Tower Heights church, delegates were seated, handshake was given by Asst. Moderator, Rev. Rickey Duncan.

Devotion given by Rev. Lowe using John 15:5-12. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Odonell, President of O. B. C.

Election of Executive Board member for 5 years was C. C. Higgins, elected by acclamation.

Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer were elected. (p.1)

Camp Ground directors report was given and moved to accept the partial report.

Budget Committee elected: Bill Ritter, Charlene Ingram, C. C. Higgins.

General Board member was elected: Rev. Doyle Cox.

Moderator turned the service to Rev. N. R. Smith for a report on the state work.

Moderator turned the service to Rev. J.D. Odonell for a report on the work of O. B. C.

Dates and places for the Quarterly meetings were set and speakers selected:

Nov. 10, 11 County Line, Speaker, Rickey Duncan,
Alternate, Bro. Sellers

Feb. 9, 10 Ardmore First, Speaker Bro. Cooksey,
Alternate, Bro. Deatherage

May 10, 11 Santa Fe, Speaker, Bro. Lowe,
Alternate, Bro. Cox

11:00 o'clock service was opened with congregational singing. Special song by the County Line Trio, Sue, Glenda Mullins and Sandra Davenport.

Rev. Jerry Rhoades brought the memorial message. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Doyle Cox.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Jim Watson. Devotional given by Bro. Henry Christian using Psalms 1:1-6. Prayer by Bro. Winford Lowe.

Camp Ground Treasurers report was given by Bro. Higgins and accepted. (See reports)

Womens Auxiliary report was given by Sis. Gerty Long. (See reports)

Education committee report given and accepted. Moved to have the C. T. S. corresponding secretary to report the recommendations of the Education Committee report. (See reports)

Sunday School Committee report read and accepted. (See reports)

Temperance Committee report read and accepted. (See reports)

Resolutions Committee report read and moved to adopt item by item. All resolutions of this session failed to carry.

Motion made and seconded that a complete statistic report of the letters be printed in the minutes.

Youth Camp Committee report was read and moved that we receive the report and turn it to the Camp Ground Board for their consideration.

Credentials Committee report read and adopted by item. (See reports)

Obituary Committee report read and a moment of silent prayer was made in memory of our deceased. (See reports)

Motioned and seconded that the Association send \$100 to the church at Lubbock, Tex. Motioned and seconded that the offering taken be in addition to the \$100. The offering was \$51.22; the total to be sent to the Lubbock church to be \$151.22.

Motioned and seconded that a plaque be purchased and given to Rev. T. Maynard for his faithful and active service in the Association. He is 101 and still ministering at the Nursing home in Comanche. Bro. Deatherage, Bro. Rhoades and Bro. Henry Higgins were appointed to get the plaque.

Motioned and seconded that we accept the report from the Camp Ground Board and adopt the recommendations from the Youth Camp Committee as follows:

Youth Camp Directors: Rev. Beryl Blair and wife
Evangelist: Rev. Johnie Williams
Alternate Evangelist: Rev. Gilbert Pixley
Cook: Sis. Woodall

Youth Camp to be 10 days and precede the Association meeting.

Executive Board report was read.

We recommend that the East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Duncan be accepted into full fellowship of the Association, upon completion of satisfaction being given to Duncan First Free Will Baptist Church by present membership of East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Duncan who are in question.

We recommend that a meeting of reconciliation between the official board of the two Duncan churches be set with Executive Board of the Association August 31, 1967, at 7:30 p. m. Adopted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted with the Executive Board to audit the Treasurer's books.

Human Rights Committee report read and adopted.
(See reports)

Motioned and seconded that the Association receive and store the old records of the Treasurer.

Motioned and seconded that we adjourn. Upon adjournment a handshake was given to all the personnel who worked and made the Youth Camp possible. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Noah Smith.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Executive Board meeting of December 19, 1966 meeting with the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church.

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Marlin Bivins, prayer by Rev. Noah Smith.

Motioned by Sis. Ledbetter and seconded by Sis. Wilson that the Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson be dissolved.

Motion made by Sis. Ledbetter and seconded by Sis. Wilson that the building be moved to the Camp Ground and sell the lots.

Motion was made and seconded that we pay Sis. Ledbetter her money back she had paid out for insurance on building of \$188.80 when lots are sold. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Higgins.

July 27, 1967, Duncan, Okla.

The Executive Board of Hopewell #2 Association met with the group from the East Side of Duncan, Okla. who wished to be organized into a Free Will Baptist church. Bro. Beryl Blair acted as moderator.

Herschel Lewis answered the question put by the Executive Board as to the reason for calling the Executive Board together with this group. The answer given was that this group wished to be organized into a Free Will Baptist Church.

The answer of the Board to this request was as follows:

Since conflict seemed to be present, the desire of the Board was to postpone this organization until the questions of conflict were resolved in the minds of the members of the Board.

Herschel Lewis asked concerning the legality of having Free Will Baptist preachers conduct the services of this group. The Board answered that this would be permissible.

Kenneth Ray stated there was a conflict between himself and Rev. Harry Staires and asked if this would affect the organization of the Church.

This question was answered in the negative.

Vivian Lewis asked what the Board expected of this group before they were to be organized.

The Board answered that at the present the work was to be investigative and was to be done by the Board and not by the group seeking organization.

Rev. Noah Smith gave a devotional from Romans 12: 1-13. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jerry Rhoades.

July 27, 1967

ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF HOPEWELL #2 ASSOCIATION MEETING WITH THE OFFICIAL BOARD FROM THE DUNCAN FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Upon interrogation and investigation of members of Duncan First Free Will Baptist Church Official Board concerning prospective members for new organizational group meeting on East Side of Duncan the following action was taken:

Motion made and seconded that each prospective member of the prospective new church organization of Duncan, Okla. be in Christian fellowship with the Duncan First Free Will Baptist Church before this group can be legally organized as a Free Will Baptist Church. Carried unanimously. Executive Board of Hopewell #2, Z. E. Chaduoin, Chairman.

August 10, 1967, East Side Church, Duncan, Okla.

Services were called to order by the chairman of the Executive Board acting as Moderator, Bro. Chaduoin. Opening song was the "Glad Reunion Day". Prayer by Rev. Woodall. The service was turned to Rev. Beryl Blair who preached the organizational message, taking his scripture from Matt. 7; Ephesians 2:24 and 1 Cor. 12: Test "Build Your House On Rock". Then the service was turned back to Moderator. Charter members were called for and there were 18 to come forward. The Bible was presented as the rule and guide book of life. The Church Covenant from the Free Will Baptist treaties was read and accepted by all. They were examined by Bro. Higgins. Bro. Bivins, Bro. Chaduoin, Bro. Blair and Bro. Noah Smith were present. They proved to be of sound doctrine of Free Will Baptist and prayer of concentration was led by Bro. Lewis.

Election of officers was called for: Clerk, Treasurer and Pastor. Motion was made to elect a Clerk; Sis. Lewis was nominated and elected by acclamation. Treasurer was called for; Bro. Adrian Scott was nominated and elected by acclamation. Nomination for a Pastor was in order. Bro. L. T. Woodall was nominated and elected by acclamation.

The charter members were all given the right hand of fellowship by the chairman of the Board and was declared the body as a church of the Denominated Free Will Baptist. The service was then turned over to the

pastor, Bro. Woodall. Election of Deacons was in order: Bro. Adrian Scott and Herschel Lewis were nominated and elected by acclamation. Bro. Woodall read chapter 3 of 1 Timothy, what the desire of a Deacon has to be.

Motion was made and seconded that they elect a Board of Trustees: Bro. Franklin, Bro. Kenneth Ray, Bro. Troy Scott, Bro. Lewis and Bro. Adrian Scott were nominated and elected by acclamation.

Motion was made and seconded that they elect delegates and alternates to the association. Sis. Franklin, Sis. Tommy Lewis and Bro. Franklin were nominated and elected by acclamation. Election of alternates was in order: Bro. and Sis. Shortees were nominated and elected by acclamation.

Motioned and seconded that the church body send a petitionary letter to join the Hopewell Association #2 from the East Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Motioned and seconded that the Trustees be authorized to borrow \$1,000 over the cost of the building to remodel the building. Motion carried. Motioned and seconded that the church order 75 song books. Motion made and seconded that the church elect a chairman to oversee the building fund committee. Bro. Franklin was nominated and elected by acclamation. Motion carried Bro. Scott overseer. Motioned and seconded that the meeting adjourn until Sunday evening, motion carried. Prayer by Bro. Lewis.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Womans Auxiliary of Hopewell #2 Association met with the Ardmore First Free Will Baptist Church June 30, 1967, for their annual meeting.

Sis. Sue Perry presided in the absence of the President and the Vice-President. Auxiliaries reporting were Ardmore, Duncan, County Line and Sulphur. The morning message was brought by Rev. Noah Smith.

Election of officers for 1966-67 as follows:

Sue Perry, Ardmore	President
Osie Higgins, Sulphur.	Vice-President
Velma Cox, Sulphur	Recording Secretary

Velda McCumber, Ardmore . . .	Asst. Recording Secretary
Eveline Evers, Ardmore . . .	Treasurer
Naomi Mullins, County Line. . .	Study Course Chairman
Floretta Rhoades, Ardmore . . .	Program Prayer Chairman
Sister Lowe, County Line . . .	Personal Service Evangelism Chairman
Sister Noah Smith, County Line. . .	Missions Chairman
Gertie Long, Duncan . . .	Field Worker

Enrollment at beginning of year . . .	52
Present enrollment . . .	42
Number members lost . . .	10
Average attendance . . .	30
Study courses conducted . . .	22
Number daily Bible readers . . .	26
Number family altars . . .	6
Making soul winning efforts . . .	25
Number of souls won . . .	5

Gertie, Long, Acting Recording Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We believe that the Sunday School is the best means of starting our children off right. We should use the Bible as our guide and teachers of our denomination who are firm in the Free Will Baptist belief.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the Mission Study in our Youth Camp literature give more detailed information as to the personal and spiritual lives of our missionaries. We request more geographical, agricultural, governmental and religious information of our foreign fields. We also request personal testimonies of daily life on the field.

We recommend a lower level of Camp literature for the Junior class because the Juniors cannot understand the meaning of the lessons.

We recommend that each church urge their youth to attend Oklahoma Bible College and that each pastor urge his church to support O. B. C. and its cause. We also recommend that each church support the library at O. B. C. so that it can become accredited sooner.

We recommend that the C. T. S. rally be set up

like the Quarterly meetings which are once every three months and to be on a Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We recommend that the rally last until all business is taken care of.

We recommend that a teachers training course be offered in each church in order that each church can offer the youth adequate information on the lessons.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that every pastor, teacher, layman be urged to proclaim the teachings of God's word concerning the evils of intemperance, the use of alcoholic beverages, sinful entertainment and immodest dress. We recommend the total abstinence from anything that would grieve the Holy Spirit in our lives. Eph. 4:30.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee report that 14 of our brothers and sisters have gone on to meet Jesus. Bro. Archie Dryer, Bro. Rochell, Bro. H. B. Barber, Sister Josie Roberson, Sister Bobbie Wilson, Sister Ruby Reese, Sister Sarah Christian, Bro. Henry Hale, Bro. John Morgan, Bro. Bob Winters, Sister Martha Armstrong, Sister Minna Hodge and Sister Sarah Knoght Carmany. May we meet them in Heaven that we may rejoice together

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Quarterly meeting at County Line in February.

The Credentials Board has examined Bro. Clate Briggs and Bro. Alton Sellers for Ordination. We find that they do not have the responsibility at this time that requires their ordination. We therefore recommend that their license be extended until the Annual Association.

Association meeting in August.

We the Credentials Board have examined Rev. Lionell Cooksey and Rev. Rickey Duncan and find them sound in Doctrine and recommend that they be received into full fellowship of the Association.

We the Credentials Board have examined Bro. Alton Sellers and find him sound in faith and Doctrine and recommend him for ordination.

After receiving the Certificates of License and Ordination of Jackie D. Barnham, we the Credentials Committee recommend that these Certificates be voided and sent to the Clerk of the Dibble Association where his ordination was set in order.

In view of the fact that after the credentials board of the Hopewell #2 Association had, at the request of the Comanche church examined Hershel Jones and found him in opposition to our teachings; afterward was ordained by the Free Will Baptist church of Comanche as a deacon. We recommend that the body instruct the Comanche Free Will Baptist church to ask for his Ordination papers and present them to the next Quarterly meeting in November.

We further recommend that if this is not done that the Executive Board take necessary action against the Comanche church and if it cannot be done, that necessary action be taken against Hershel Jones.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the light of publicity given so called clergymen and churches in the recent civil rights and pacifists movements, we recognize the need for a stated policy from this body on the rights of every human creature.

GOVERNMENTALLY

We believe in the equal rights and responsibilities of all Americans to the governing bodies of these United States. Because of the benefits derived from living under this form of democratic republic, there is a responsibility placed upon each individual living under this form of government to uphold both principle and precept of this government. We deplore the use of violence to force the will of any group on the public.

SOCIALLY

Recognizing that there are different levels of social thinking both sought for and desired by different people, we stand for the firm conviction that every man has a right to seek to attain the social level he desires. We recognize that social standing is not a state that can be legislated by a governing body, but is a standing attained by the individual through effort, determination and sacrifice. We urge the upgrading of the social standing of all persons by and

through education, governmental assistance and cooperation of all peoples.

EDUCATIONALLY

Concerning the public school systems we stand firmly behind the 1954 Supreme Court ruling that forbids the lack of equal education. We feel this broadened educational opportunity for our nation is to include all people living within its confines. We are in opposition to the principle of making anyone suffer through lack of opportunity for education due to their color or creed.

RELIGIOUSLY

As God has given commission to His people to disciple and extend religious education to every human creature, so also are God's people under obligation and responsibility to love, worship with and offer educational opportunities to every person. We urge an open door policy for attendance in worship and membership (according to local church policy) in all of our churches and religious educational institutions.

/s/ Committee on Human Rights of the Hopewell #2
Association of Oklahoma Free Will Baptist.

CAMP GROUND TREASURER'S REPORT (From 8-19-66 to 8-17-67)

8-19-66	Rec'd. from former Treasurer	\$256.73
8-19-66	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	68.90
9-1-66	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	42.91
10-1-66	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	82.40
11-3-66	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	107.90
12-1-66	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	80.57
1-3-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	67.66
1-30-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	70.36
2-2-67	June Harrison	10.00
3-2-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	151.01
4-1-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	75.35
4-7-67	L. C. Alexander, Lots at Wilson	500.00
4-18-67	LeValley&LeValley, Attys., Ck. Ret'd.	25.00
2-28-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	77.36
6-1-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	98.73
6-30-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	83.79
8-1-67	Rec'd. from Associational Treasurer	112.29
8-9-67	Collection at Youth Camp	41.01
8-16-67	Collection at Youth Camp	25.18

TOTAL MONEY REC'D. FROM 8-19-66 to 8-17-67 \$1,977.17

TOTAL EXPENSE ITEMS		
8-22-66	Farm Bureau, Insurance/Camp Ground	\$ 119.79
9-3-66	OG&E, Electric bill	20.58
12-10-66	A.L.McAffrey, Anti-Freeze for stools at Camp Ground	2.45
2-13-67	Farm Bureau Dues	7.50
2-25-67	W.M.Butrom, 23 mattresses for Camp	118.45
3-24-67	Thurmon Trucking, Moving building to Camp Ground	250.00
4-7-67	LeValley&LeValley, Attys., Abstract (Wilson)	25.00
4-18-67	Vershie Ledbetter, Refund on insurance on Wilson church	200.00
4-28-67	A. L. McAffrey, Telephone	2.95
5-13-67	H. T. Hargous, Moving lumber to Camp	18.00
5-16-67	Floyd Surbice, 100 blocks for Camp	19.38
7-11-67	Midway Service, Pipe for tabernacle	19.00
7-12-67	Mack A.Murphy, Labor on kitchen	300.00
7-18-67	State C.T.S.Board, Drinks at Camp	8.00
7-22-67	Joe Brown Co.	42.64
7-29-67	L&R Food Mkt., Spray	2.57
8-5-67	McNeil Lumber Co.	261.53
8-10-67	Longhorn Supply Co.	16.73
8-16-67	L.T.Woodall, Camp Director	50.00
8-16-67	Dora Woodall and cooks at Camp	175.00
8-16-67	Kennedy Lumber Co.	48.32

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,707.89

TOTAL IN TREASURY AUGUST 17, 1967 \$ 269.28

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT (Recommendations of the Budget Committee)

Insurance for Camp Ground	\$ 150.00
Evangelist	150.00
Utilities	60.00
Postage expense	30.00
Camp expense for children	700.00
Camp cook and helper	175.00
Phone and travel expense	50.00
General sponsor	50.00
Miscellaneous	123.00
Camp Ground improvements	750.00
Minutes	150.00

TOTAL \$2,365.00

Less for Enrollment 500.00
Sale of Concessions 100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,788.00

In keeping with ARTICLE 10: Section 1: dealing with FINANCE: the Board makes the following recommendations of proposed income:

MONTHLY INCOME FROM EACH CHURCH:

Ardmore First	\$15.00	Tower Hts.	\$ 5.00
Healdton	20.00	Lawton	10.00
Sulphur	25.00	Lone Grove	5.00
County Line	8.50	Stob Town	7.50
Clemscott	15.00	Marietta	3.00
Santa Fe	12.50	Duncan East Side	5.00
Duncan First	15.00	Comanche	2.50

Total Monthly Income	\$ 149.00
Total Yearly Income	1,788.00

This is only \$305.00 more than the budget for last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT, August 1 (From May 1, 1967)

BALANCE ON HAND	\$487.66
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,132.03
MONEY AVAILABLE	\$2,619.69
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$2,088.58

BALANCE ON HAND	\$531.11
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CHURCH	CO-OP	CAMP	GEN. FUND	MISSIONS	DEL	TOTAL
Ard.1st	40.60	25.39	15.21	985.90	5.00	1,072.10
Clemscott	54.25	35.27	18.98	none		108.50
Cty.Line	27.55	17.90	9.65	10.00	5.00	70.10
Comanche	none	none	none	none	5.00	5.00
Duncan	none	none	none	none	5.00	5.00
Twr.Hts.	none	none	none	86.40	5.00	91.40
Hldtn.	58.59	38.19	20.40	10.00	5.00	132.18
Mrt.a.	none	none	none	12.00	5.00	17.00
Ln.Gve.	17.50	11.38	6.12	67.03	5.00	107.03
Stbtn.	none	none	none	none	5.00	5.00
S. F.	37.50	24.38	13.12	5.00	5.00	85.00
Sulphur	60.58	39.38	21.21	81.80	5.00	207.97
Lawton	68.12	94.28	23.85	31.00	5.00	225.75
Lawton (Harvester)					3.50	
364.69 297.17 128.54 60.00 3.50						
1,289.13						
						2,132.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Camp Ground	\$ 294.81
State Co-op and	
Earmarked	1,726.22
OG&E	7.55
Delegates - Clemscot	60.00
Total	2,088.58

BALANCE ON HAND

\$ 531.11

ANNUAL REPORT

MONEY DEPOSITED

\$7,223.93

Expense

OG&E	\$ 28.82
Supplies & Bond	28.41
Camp Ground	1,050.33
Minutes	120.00
Missions	5,423.74

Total Expenses

6,651.30

BALANCE ON HAND

572.63

5.00

\$ 567.63

CAMP GROUND DIRECTORS REPORT

Tuitions	\$405.00	
Donations	90.00	
Profit on pop & candy	135.05	
Less Refund to Lawton	<u>(70.00)</u>	\$560.05
Expenditures:		
Tri-City Produce	312.92	
Duncan Candy	29.25	
RC Bottling Co.	37.80	
Whitney Grocery	21.91	
Coca Cola	32.40	
Meads Bread	23.40	
Fairmont Dairy	28.96	
Literature	30.72	
Building Material	22.48	
Duncan Insurance	50.00	
Concession Stand Help	<u>10.00</u>	599.84
Proceeds from Assoc. Lunches		157.57
Expenditures:		
Milam Produce	10.23	
Whitney Grocery	11.51	
Tri-City Produce	38.67	
Duncan Candy Co.	<u>2.15</u>	62.56
Total of Camp Assoc. and Lunches		\$717.62
Expenses of Assoc.		<u>663.30</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 54.32</u>

Check was given to C. C. Higgins for this balance.

L. T. Woodall, Director

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Jerry Rhoades	Ardmore 1st	Springdale Loop, Rt. 17	CA3-5641
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Ward Fellabaum	LoneGrove	Ratliff City	856-3614
Jas. Detherage	Marietta	503 E. Oak	CR6-2575
	Santa Fe	Rt.3, Duncan	-
Doyle Cox	Sulphur 1st	1302 W.13th	622-5526
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Alton Sellers	Lawton 1st	3810 Arlington	-
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J. H. Hill	Sulphur	Davis	-

All in Hopewell #2 Association.

ORDAINED DEACONS

R. L. Howell	Box 1073, Ardmore	CA3-9726
G. M. McComber	909 10th,NW, Ardmore	CA3-1383
Hermon Green	1527 First,NW, "	CA3-2838
Elmer Buck	816 Carter, SE, "	CA3-5199
Frank Chandler	1614 Mt.Wash.Rd."	CA3-0696
John Wood	"	-
Herb Welch	500 12th, SE, "	-
Troy Lewellen	Box 201, Graham	Pike 63J155
PhillipsWilliamson	Rt. 3, Healdton	-
Ell Griffin	Ardmore	-
Zelous Chaudoin	Box 4, Alma	121
Ralph Mullins	Rt. 1, Alma	856-3038
John McIlvain	Box 74, County Line	Alma 73K54
Elmer Hickman	Sunray Village, Duncan	AL5-1699
Archie Smith	1308 Cypress, Duncan	AL5-2910
Jim Watson	1410 N. 20th, "	AL5-3233
E.J. Reed	Rt. 1, Marlow	OL8-3574
Dorris Beers	413 N.21st, Duncan	AL5-2942
Dave Spain	SW of City "	AL5-5023
Floyd Carroll	1113 Sycamore, "	AL5-7100
W. A. DeHart	1004 W.Texas,Healdton	BA9-0256
M. M. Bivins	Wirt, Okla.	BA9-1638
Jay Crisp	Wirt, Okla.	-
Ira Snow	18 Village Dr.,Healdton	-
N. C. Bellew	Elmore City	-
Dale Howell	Lone Grove	-
Forest Cox	Alma, Okla.	856-3723
LoRay Spurgeon	Rt. 3, Duncan	Alma 56K71
Roy Spurgeon	Loco, Okla.	-
Less Dunn	Ringling, Okla.	-
Henry Christian	Rt.3,Box 153,Ardmore	OL7-4409
Troy Morris	Rt.3,Box 155, "	OL7-4513
Othel Kyle	Rt.3,Box 41, "	OL7-4224
Orbie Butler	Rt.2,Box 261, "	OL7-4572
Guy Denney	StarRt.,Bx.38,LoneGrove	OL7-4277
James Adams	Rt. 3, Lone Grove	OL7-4513
Joe Balthrop	Rt.3,Bx.154,Lone Grove	OL7-4451
Leonard Robinson	Star Rt.,Bx.20,LoneGrove	OL7-4742
G. O. Palmer	1324 W.18th, Sulphur	622-2962
C. C. Higgins	1400 W.18th, "	622-2396
C. L. Leming	Rt. 2, Sulphur	622-3854
C. G. Leming	Rt. 2, Sulphur	622-3954
W. M. Buttrum	2501 A Ave., Lawton	-
Jessie Justice	512 Maxwell, Ardmore	CA3-3731
Fred Hodges	904 Q, NW, Ardmore	-

STATISTICS

Churches Reporting	13
Petitionary Letters	1
Total Membership	1,352
Ordained Ministers	18
Deacons	46
Members Received	92
Profession of Faith	43
Letter	30
Statement	19
Members Dismissed	39
Letter	21
Excluded	9
Deceased	9
Sunday School Enrollment	960
C. T. S. Enrollment	303
Womans Auxiliary Enrollment	52
Paid Pastors	\$32,110.50
Paid Evangelists	1,925.00
Building & Repair	24,751.23
Literature	3,190.55
Advertising	724.70
Miscellaneous	5,456.29
Local Expenditures	68,159.37
Co-op.	2,382.08
Foreign Missions	2,972.16
Home Missions	1,383.85
Education	349.49
Assoc. Projects	353.08
State and National Projects	26.00
Outside Expenditures	7,466.66
Value of Assoc. Property	5,000.00
Value of Church Property	268,500.00
Value of Church Parsonages	77,500.00

CHURCH PASTORS AND CLERKS

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
Ardmore First	Rev. Jerry Rhoades Rt.17, Springdale Loop	Leon Price Route 1
ClemScott Graham, Okla.	Rev. Lionell Cooksey Graham, Okla.	Patsy Jackson Rt.1, Alma, Ok.
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Lone Grove Lone Grove, Okla.	Rev. Ward Fellabaum Ratliff City, Okla.	Vestal Stubble- field, L. G.
Marietta	Rev. J. Deatherage 503 E. Oak	Doris Deatherage 503 E. Oak
Santa Fe Rt. 3, Duncan		John Gilmore Box 141, Velma
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Tower Heights Ardmore, Okla.	Rev. Burton Perry	Bill Butler NE Ardmore
East Side Chestnut & N Duncan, Okla.	Rev. L.T. Woodall 317 N. A	Vivian Lewis 703 N. 13th

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or whosoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

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

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

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 or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

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. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all 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. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to assure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce, just before adjournment, who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCHES

The local church is an independent body so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its own business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members.

Persons who give evidence of piety are received to membership by a vote of the church; and if not baptized, on condition of being baptized. If objections are made, they should be stated to the church, and if objections are judged valid, the candidate should not be received into fellowship. The right hand of fellowship is given all persons by the church.

Persons expelled from sister churches for any cause or for immorality, should not be received until first giving satisfaction .

Letters of dismissal and commendation are granted to members in good standing, by a vote of the church, on their removal from its limits. Ministers are received and dismissed by letter, as other members are, except when they come or go to other denominations, in which case a council of ministers should be called respecting the action.

It is the duty of the church to unite with some Association and represent itself regularly by delegates and letter.

No person shall be a delegate from a church, unless he or she is a member and appointed by the church he or she claims to represent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating 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 committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Called to order by the Moderator.
2. Called into conference, or vote to go into conference.
3. Call for peace of the church (All who are at peace with God and each other, hold up your right hand).
4. Visiting brethren invited to seat in council (visiting members from other Free Will Baptist churches allowed).
5. Reading of minutes of last church conference.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Reports of delegates to Association or Quarterly meeting.
9. Are there any sick or in distress?
10. Support of ministry and other expenses.
11. Call for confession.
12. Invitation for members.
13. Adjournment.

REVISED CONSTITUTION

From long experience, the members of the Church of God denominated Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptizied upon a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of Chruches to perpetuate a Union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better Ghurch government.

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each Church, and upon producing letters they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained Ministers, their wives, Deacons, and their wives and Church Clerks of said union shall be regular members present, by virtue of their office.

ARTICLE 2: NAME—The members thus chosen and assembled with the Ministers and Deacons of the Quarterly or Annual Association of Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist being composed of the several Churches of our Union, the association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the Churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

ARTICLE 3: LETTERS—Each church may represent by sending three delegates who will bring Church Letters on the authorized letter form furnished by the association.

ARTICLE 4 Section 1: OFFICERS—The association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, youth camp director, association treasurer, assistant association treasurer and Camp Ground treasurer.

ARTICLE 4, Section 2: BOARD AND COMMITTEES—The standing board of Hopewell No. 2 Association shall the the Executive Board, League Board, Credential Board, and Board of Trustees. Committees as needed will be appointed by the Moderator and they will serve until their work is completed or their successor is appointed.

ARTICLE 5: NEW CHURCHES—Newly Constituted Churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to be petitioned by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are to be found orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 6: QUESTIONS—No questions from any Church shall come under the consideration of the association, unless it has first been considered in its own Churches.

ARTICLE 7: DISCIPLINE—Each ordained Minister shall be a member of a Church in the bounds of said association, and if the Church should hold his letter in question for a period of three months, he must surrender his Credentials to the quarterly meeting, or make restitution. In the event a Church does not abide by this article the association can deal with the Church.

ARTICLE 8: BUSINESS—The annual Association shall supercede the quarterly meetings, in its business. No printed matter can be changed by the quarterly meetings that appear in the yearly associational minutes (Exception: Should the need arise to change the printed matters in the minutes, it can be done by a called meeting of the association, by the Executive Board. Resolutions passed in quarterly meeting shall be in force as long as it does not conflict with the printed matter in the minutes).

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENT—Amendments to this constitution may be made when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session, providing the amendment be presented in writing one day in advance.

ARTICLE 10 Section 1: FINANCE—The work of this association shall be financed by the cooperative program, and such special appeals for funds as may be necessary.

ARTICLE 10 Section 2—Each Church shall send \$5.00 annually for minutes, which will be distributed by the Clerk to the Churches, unless the Church supports cooperatively.

ARTICLE 10 Section 3—Each Church shall send \$5.00 annually for the State Delegate.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

(1) We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these are equal in Divine essence, power and Glory Romans 1:20, "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God head; so that they are without excuse."

1 John 1:1, "That which was from the beginning which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the work of life."

2: "(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us)"

3: "That which we have seen and heard declare we until you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His son Jesus Christ."

1 John 5:6: "This is he that came by water and blood even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the spirit that beareth witness, because the spirit is true."

7: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and he Holy Ghost: And these three are one."

John 17:21: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: That the world may believe that thou has sent me."

22: "And the glory which thou givest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one;"

23: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

(2) We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice-

2 Tim. 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

17: "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

2 Pet. 1:18: "And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the mount."

19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts;"

20: "Knowing his first, that no prophecy, of the scripture is of any private interpretation."

21: "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

(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 the 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. 3:7: "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

8: "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden."

9: "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"

10: "And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

11: "And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"

12: "And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."

13: "And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."

14: "And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life."

15: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

16: "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

17: "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and has eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it, cursed is the ground for thy sake: in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life."

Ecc. 7:29: "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."

Rom. 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Rom. 7:7: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."

Heb. 2:9: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than

the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

Gal. 3:22: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."

(4) We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principals of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else."

Isa. 45:22. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: For I am God, and there is none else."

2 Cor. 5:14: "For the love of Christ constraineth us because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead."

15 "And that He died for all, that they which lived should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto them which died for them, and rose again."

Isa. 53:5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

6. "All we like sheep have gone astray ;we have turned every-one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

7: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth, he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

1 Tim. 4:9: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance."

10: "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe."

Acts 17:28: "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring."

29: "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."

30: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

31: "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead?"

Acts 20:20. "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house."

21: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Cor. 15:12: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

13: "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen."

14: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

15: "Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not."

16: "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised."

17: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

18: "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

19: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

20: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

21: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead."

(5) We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life—

John 3:1: "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews"

2: "The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him,"

3: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4: "Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

5: 'Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

6: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit it spirit."

7: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

8: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."

9: "Nicodemus answered and said unto him: How can these things be?"

10: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?"

(6) We believe that infants are saved by the merits of the Son of God—

Mark 10:13: "And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them."

14: "But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

15: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

16: "And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

Matt. 18:1: "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2: "And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them."

3: "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter in to the kingdom of heaven."

4: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

(7) We believe that all Christians should 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 may enter in through the gates of the city—

Matt. 10:21: "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death and the father the child; and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death."

22: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

2 Pet. 1:4: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

5: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;"

6: "And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;"

7: "And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

8: "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

9: "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

10: "Wherefore the rather, brethern, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

Hebrews 6:4: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,"

5: "And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come."

6: "If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

II Pet. 2:20: "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."

21: "For it had been better for them not to known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy washed to the wallowing in the mire."

22: "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again, and the sow that was washed to be wallowing in the mire."

I Tim. 1:19: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith made shipwreck."

Matt. 10:22: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

(8) We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein—

Mart. 3:13: "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

14: "But John forbad him saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?"

15: "And Jesus, answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for this it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

16: "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straight-way out of the water, and, lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him;"

Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghos."

20: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo. I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Acts 8:36: "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

37: "And Phillip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

38: "And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water both Phillip and the eunuch. and he baptized him."

39: "And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Phillip, that the eunuch saw him nor more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

(9) We believe that God in His goodness calls and to a great degree qualifies His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructors of His blessed word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come.

John 14:26: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Heb. 5:4: "And no man taketh this honour unto himself; but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."

1 Tim. 1:9: "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murders of mothers, for manslayers."

10: "For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;"

11: "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

(10) Amended to read. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. We interpret the Treaties to teach Christian Baptism by immersion only, and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and in observance of the Lord's Supper at night only in connection with the washing of the Saint's feet.

21: "For in eating everyone taketh before other his own supper, and one is hungry, and another is drunken."

22: "What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not."

23: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread;"

24: "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me."

25: "Then in the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, the cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

26: "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death til He come."

27: "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."

28: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

29: "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

Rom. 6:4: "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

5: "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."

1 Pet. 3:21: "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

22: "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

20: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

John 13:13: "Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am."

14: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

15: "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

16: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him."

17: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

(11) We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerk, chosen by the church and continuing in office during the good pleasure of the same; and 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 shall be unanimous.

Tit. 1:5: "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee."

Acts 14:23: "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed."

II Thess. 3:6: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

7: "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you."

(12) We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together in conference once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat." I Cor. 11:28: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

John 13:14: "If I then, your Lord and Master have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

Heb. 10:23: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. (for his is faithful that promised);"

24: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

(13) We believe that 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 be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God."

Gal. 6:10. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

I John 2:9: "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now."

John 17:19: "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

John 15:3: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

1 Pet. 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Heb. 12:10: "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."

11: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

12: "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;"

13: "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."

14: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

15: "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

Gal. 6:10: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

(14) We believe in the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of the damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:28: "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice;"

29: "And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

Dan. 12:1: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

2: "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some of shame and everlasting contempt."

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

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 every where hold Christian principal 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 School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless up to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

