

Minutes
Of The
Hopewell No. 2
Association of Freewill
Baptists

1968—36th Annual Session

Convened at Camp Ground

Pruitt City, Okla.

OFFICERS

Rev. Ricky Duncan - 314 S. 4th, Healdton BA9-0397.....Moderator
 Rev. Lionell Cooksey - Graham, Okla. Pike 18J25.Asst. Moderator
 Rev. Leon Hargrove - Route 3 Box 186A, Duncan 53K2.....Clerk
 Sister Lionell Cooksey - Graham, Okla. Pike 18J25...Asst. Clerk
 Rev. James Deatherage - 503 E. Oak, Marietta CR6-2575.Treasurer
 Bro. G. M. McCumber - 909 10th, NW, Ardmore CA3-1383
Asst. Treasurer
 Rev. Jack Richey - 2609 Beach Rd., Duncan AL5-1789
Parliamentarian
 Rev. L. T. Woodall - 317 N. A. St., Duncan AL5-8583
Asst. Parliamentarian

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Executive Board

Noah Smith	5 Years
C. C. Higgins	4 Years
Zelous Chaduion	3 Years
L. T. Woodall	2 Years
Marlin Bivins	1 Year

Credential Board

Beryl Blair	3 Years
Doyle Cox	2 Years
Lionell Cooksey	1 Year

Camp Ground Board

L. T. Woodall	3 Years
Rickey Duncan	2 Years
Zelous Chaduion	1 Year

Mission Board

John Woods	5 Years
Gene Hawkins	4 Years
Ward Fellabaum	3 Years
Leon Hargrove	2 Years
James Deatherage	1 Year

PROCEEDINGS

The 36th Annual session of the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground, beginning Thursday night, August 15 through August 17, 1968.

Services were called to order by the Moderator Rev. Ward Fellabaum. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Troy Lewellen with sister Sue Mullins at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Jack Muse.

Special music by Rev. Lionell Cooksey, "God Leads Us Along." Also the Mullins family, "I've Been To Calvary."

Message by Rev. L. T. Woodall using Gal. 3:20-29, subject "For Ye Are All the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus." Dismissed in prayer by sister Greeta Cooksey.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 16, 1968

Called to order by Moderator, singing led by Bro. Mike McComber Acc. by Rev. Lionell Cooksey, prayer by Bro. Butrum of Lawton, singing continued. Article One of the Constitution was read by Asst. Moderator, Rev. Ricky Duncan.

Letters called for and were read from 12 churches and the delegates seated with a handshake. Twenty-five delegates, and one alternate were present.

Election of officers were as follows:

Moderator.....	Rev. Ricky Duncan
Asst. Moderator.....	Rev. Lionell Cooksey
Clerk.....	Rev. Leon Hargrove
Asst. Clerk.....	Sister Lionell Cooksey
Treasurer.....	Rev. James Deatherage
Asst. Treasurer.....	Bro. G. M. McComber
Parliamentarian.....	Rev. Jack Richey
Asst. Parliamentarian.....	Rev. L. T. Woodall

Moved that the remaining officers be elected tomorrow, seconded, that we elect all officers on Saturday evening, the last item of business, effective 1969 (Carried).

Moved and seconded that the Chair appoint the Divine Service Committee.

Sister Glenda Mullins
Sister Troy Lewellen
Sister John Woods

Divine services Committee was dismissed. Their report as Rev. Jack Richey would bring the morning message.

Election of officers to fill the vacancies on the different Boards.

Executive Board

Noah Smith	5 Years
L. T. Woodall	3 Years

Credential Board

Beryl Blair	3 Years
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Camp Ground Board

Zelous Chadion
L. T. Woodall

1 Year
3 Years

Mission Board

John Woods
Gene Hawkins
Ward Fellabaum
Leon Hargrove
James Deatherage

5 Years
4 Years
3 Years
2 Years
1 Year

Moved by Bro. Lionell Cooksey that we adjourne until
1:00 o'clock and recess until 11:00 o'clock.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called to order by the moderator, congregational singing led by Rev. G. M. McComber with Sue Mullins at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Gene Hawkins.

Special singing was brought by Sue and Glenda Mullins singing "It Will Be Worth It All."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Jack Richey using Matthew 16:13-18, subject, "Building the Church of Christ."

Dismissed and the blessing on the meal in prayer by Rev. Doyle Cox.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Service called to order, singing led by Bro. G. M. McComber with sister Sue Mullins at the piano; "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men."

Petitionary letters were called for and there were none. The rules of order were called for and read by Rev. Jack Richey.

Moved that we give the Chair power to appoint all Committees.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Bro. C. C. Higgins (Ch.)
Sis. Nora Winters
Sis. Sue Mullins

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Cypert
Bro.
Sis. Janey Day

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Bro. John Woods
Bro. Zelous Chadion
Bro. G. M. McComber

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sis. Flecher
Sis. Alice Spurgeon
Sis. Long

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sis. Glenda Mullins
Bro. James Deatherage
Bro. Butterm

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Bro. James Deatherage
Bro. Zelous Chadion
Bro. Gene Hawkins

Temperance Committee report read and moved that we accept the Temperance Committee report. (see reports)

Moderator dismissed for a 15 minute recess.

Meeting called back to order by the moderator. Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Hopewell No. 2 Association read \$10.00 for the minutes and \$10.00 for the State Delegate. Moved that we table it until tomorrow. (Carried)

Moved that the Resolutions Committee study the adoption of Article 3 into Article 1.

Sunday School Committee's report read and it was moved that we adopt the Sunday School Committee's report.

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

Nov. 8-9, Stobtown, Speaker, L. T. Woodall, Alternate,
Pastor

Feb. 10-11, Sulphur 1st, Speaker Rickey Duncan, Alternate,
Pastor

May 9-10, Healtown, Speaker, Bro. Lewe, Alternate, Pastor

Moved that the pastor be the Alternate at all the quarterly meetings.

The speaker for the Annual Introduction Message is Rev. Leon Hargrove, Alternate is Rev. Gene Hawkins.

Motion made that we elect the speaker for the morning memorial service a year ahead of time. (Carried)

Moved that Bro. Jack Richey be the speaker for the memorial service, Bro. Fellabaum, alternate.

Moved that we adjourne until 9:30 Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT, August 16, 1968

Services opened by Rev. L. T. Woodall; prayer by Forrest Cox. Congregational singing led by Marlin Bivins with Sue Mullins at the piano.

Special music, "He Touched Me," by the Mullins family; "I Was Born to Serve the Lord," by Tommy Blair; prayer by Troy Lewellen. The message was brought by Rev. Lionell Cooksey, John 13:1, "The Master Servant." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Winford Lowe.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 17, 1968

Meeting called to order by moderator and singing was led by Bro. G. M. McCumber with Sue Mullins at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Ricky Duncan, scripture read by Rev. Lionell Cooksey; Ps. 95:1-7, then prayer by Rev. Cooksey.

Late letters were called for and read from the Lawton church. Delegates were seated by a handshake from the Asst.

Moderator Rev. Lionell Cooksey.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and Rev. Hawkins moved that we accept the report item by item. (see reports)

Moved that we table Resolution #1 until treasurer's report was read. (see reports)

Moved that we turn Resolution #2 back to the Resolution Committee for revision. (see reports)

Moved that Resolution #3 be tabled until next year because of insufficient time. (see reports)

Reading of the Youth Camp Committee report. Moved that we receive and adopt this report. (see reports)

Moderator recessed for 10 minutes, dismissed in prayer by Mike McCumber.

Meeting called to order by moderator then he turned the service over to N. R. Smith for a report on the state work.

The Obituary Committee report was called for and read and accepted then a moment of silent prayer. The Bro. Jack Richey led in prayer. (see reports)

We then were adjourned for a 15 minute recess, dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Deatherage.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 o'clock service was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Lewellen. Special song by Sister Sue and Glenda and Ricky Duncan. Rev. Gene Hawkins brought the memorial message. Dismissed in prayer by Ward Fellabaum.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with congregational singing led by Bro. G. M. McCumber with Sue Mullins at the piano. Ps. 1:1 read by Lionell Cooksey, prayer by Bro. Cooksey.

Credential Board report was read and adopted item by item. (see reports)

Education Committee report read and accepted. (see reports)

Asst. Moderator turned the service to Bro. Woods for a report on O.B.C.

Women's Auxiliary report was given and accepted. (see reports)

Camp Ground Director's report was given and accepted. (see reports)

Association Treasurer's report was given. Moved and seconded that we accept it. (see reports)

Motion made that the Association pay the General Board member \$20.00 for the State Association.

Motion made that we send Bro. Cox as the man to serve on the General Board at the State.

Motion made and seconded that we accept Resolution #2.

Moved and seconded that we approve the State delegates.

Motion made that we give the Chair power to appoint the delegate for Commache. (Sister Bivins)

Motion made and seconded that the Budget Committee bring us a budget in the first Quarterly meeting.

Motioned and seconded that we adjourn. Upon adjournment, a handshake was given to all the personell who worked and made the youth camp possible. Dismissed with prayer.

REPORTS

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The annual meeting of the Hopewell #2 district Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary convened at the Stobtown Church June 28, 1968.

Presiding officer, Sis. Floy Reid.

Opening song, "What a Saviour," prayer by Sis. Alvis Christian.

Theme, "Of Great Price."

Devotion given by Bro. Eugene Hawkins.

District project adopted for the year is to help the Lonnie Sparks family, missionaries to Africa, with the theme being, "Help the Sparks Sparkle."

1968-69 Officers:

President-----	Floy Reid-----	411 N. 9th, Marlow 73055
Vice President-----	Gertie Long-----	506 Pine, Duncan 73533
Recording Secretary-----	Velma Cox-----	1302 W. 13th, Sulphur 73086
Corresponding Sec.-----	Osie Higging-----	1400 W. 18th, Sulphur 73086
Study Course Chairman-----	Alvis Christian-----	Rt. 3, Bx 143 Ardmore 73401
Treasurer-----	Mona Richey-----	2609 Beach, Duncan 73533
Stewardship-Prayer Ch.-----	Joyce Mullins-----	Rt. 1, Alma 73033
Program Chairman-----	Cathy Reid-----	407 N. Pine, Marlow 73055
Personal Service-----	Bonnie Hawkins-----	906 "C" NW, Ardmore 73401
Evangelism Ch.		
Missions Chairman-----	Juanita Lowe-----	Box 177, Ratliff City 73081

Sis. Jo Ann Wood, State Corresponding Secretary conducted a very inspiring installation service entitled, "The Cross."

Didicatory prayer led by Rev. Jack Richey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Since Sunday School is one of the greatest advantages of teaching all age groups the Word of God, especially the young people, may we all put forth a greater effort in our visitation programs and various phases of work. That we might see more souls won to Christ. We also suggest that all our teachers sound in Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that we use the youth Camp Literature from the National Association of Free Will Baptist from Nashville, Tenn.

Recognizing the influence that college has upon all students, we recommend that all our people attend either O.B.C. and or support of it and its causes.

We also recommend that each church urge the support to O.B.C. Library that it might become accredited sooner.

We recommend that the C.T.S. competitors of the games (Tic-Tac-Toe, Bible Boul, Sword Drill) would be recognized by the C.T.S. Rally for the hard work and dedication given to the district (Hopewell #2 Association).

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

We recommend that we have a Semi-Annual Youth Revival with Youth Leadership urging the support of each church.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that every pastor, teacher, and 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 17 of our brothers and sisters have gone on to be with Jesus. They are: Bro. Phillip Williamson, Sis. Nabors, Sis. Charlie Moore, Sis. George Gilliam, Bro. Lee Pannell, Dr. C. R. Hulon, Sis. Opal Williams, Sis. Dela Hart, Bro. N. C. Bal-
lew, Bro. George Carter, Sis. Frazer, Sis. B. A. Smith, Bro. Roberts, Bro. Ben Brewer, Bro. John McGee, Bro. Phillip Gaines, and Bro. Noah Mitchell. May we meet them in Heaven that we may rejoice together.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

After careful examination of Bro. Hershall Lewis, Bro. Adrias Scalt, and Bro. Kenneth Rae, we find them sound in Free Will Baptist Doctrin and recommend them for Ordination.

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

We, the Youth Camp Committee, recommend that the Hopewell #2 Association elect a General C. T. S. Board and two representative C.T.S. Members from the district C.T.S. to decide all matters concerning youth camp and Church Training Activities.

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 it's 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.

Resolution #1

null To the Resolution Committee of the Annual association

of Hopewell #2. The Ministers' and Deacons' Conference recommends that only 25% of cooperative plan offerings be kept in ass'n. and 75% be sent on to state and National.

Ministers' and Deacons' Conf.
Ralph Mullins, Clerk

Resolution #2

Be it resolved that all officers take their office immediately after the closing of the business of the annual association.

Resolution #3

Resolution to revise the constitution, Article 1: Membership to read. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, who will bring Church Letters on the authorized letter form furnished by the association, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained Ministers, their wives and Church Clerks of said union shall be regular members present, by virtue of their office.

Resolution #4

Mull Be it resolved that the Moderator, Ass't Moderator, Clerk and Ass't Clerk shall not serve on any of the standing boards of the district.

CAMP GROUND TREASURES REPORT

Money Received

8-12-67	Rec'd from former treasurer	\$ 340.66
9-12-67	Rec'd from Associational Treasurer	201.69
10-13-67	Rec'd from Associational Treasurer	144.40
10-15-67	Rec'd from Insurance company	61.64
12-21-67	Rec'd from Associational Treasurer	118.46
3-7-68	Rec'd from Associational Treasurer	179.51
7-9-68	Rec'd from Associational Treasurer	260.78
8-2-68	Rec'd from Lawton Church	50.00
8-14-68	Rec'd from camp enrollment fee	309.00
8-19-68	Rec'd from Feeding	179.79
9-9-68	Rec'd from Coca-Cola, Dr. Pepper	25.89
9-23-68	Rec'd from Associational Treasurer	363.05

TOTAL MONEY REC'D

\$2,231.47

MONEY PAID OUT

10-25-67	McNeal Lumber Co.	17.64
8-1-68	C. C. Higgins	8.00
8-1-68	Recreation Equipment	26.77
8-1-68	Recreation Equipment	14.95
8-5-68	McNeal Lumber Co.	11.75
8-16-68	Pritchard Elec.	25.24
8-16-68	Duncan Candy	17.00
8-16-68	Coca Cola Co.	41.10
8-16-68	Dr. Pepper Co.	20.80
8-16-68	Dr. Pepper Co.	21.01
8-16-68	Dr. Pepper Co.	26.76

8-16-68	Meads Bread Co.	26.76
8-16-68	L. T. Woodall	175.00
8-22-68	Camp Director	45.00
8-29-68	Youth Camp Literature	36.30
9-4-68	Youth Evangelist	160.00
9-4-68	Whitney Grocery	91.12
9-4-68	Gas Bill For Campground Treasure	18.33
9-4-68	L. T. Woodall	6.00
9-5-68	Post Office	2.00
9-17-68	Tri City Produce	412.99
9-17-68	Duncan Candy	16.35
9-17-68	Holman and Bartcis	27.62
9-18-68	1st National Insurance	30.00
10-13-68	Bell Telephone	1.81

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,297.74

TOTAL IN TREASURY NOV. 6, 1968 544.79

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, October 31, 1968

Balance Received		\$ 802.93
Money available	\$ 2,071.02	
Total Paid Out	1,886.86	
Balance on hand		184.16

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CAMP GROUND

Paid to Camp Ground	180.06
Insurance	125.94
O G & E (Camp Ground)	38.41
Bond (Treasurer)	5.00
State Board Member	<u>20.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 369.41

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CHURCH	CO-OP	C.GND	G. FUND
Ardmore 1st.	none	none	none
Clemscott	59.90	39.96	19.94
County Line	21.25	14.17	7.08
Comanche	none	none	none
Duncan 1st.	none	none	none
Duncan E. Side	15.00	10.01	4.99
Tower Heights	none	none	none
Healdton	none	none	none
Marietta	31.67	none	9.00
Lone Grove	none	none	none
Stobtown	none	none	none
Santa Fe	none	37.50	none
Sulphur	53.10	86.80	44.20
Lawton	41.00	27.34	13.66
Total	\$221.92	\$215.78	\$98.87

CHURCH	MSNS.	OBC	DEL. M-E	TOTAL REC.
Ardmore 1st.	331.01	128.47	30.00	489.47
Clemson	27.00	3.00	10.00	159.80
County Line	13.00	none	30.00	none
Comanche	none	none	none	none
Duncan 1st.	none	none	20.00	20.00
Duncan E. Side	none	none	30.00	60.00
Tower Heights	none	none	none	none
Healdton	20.00	none	30.00	50.00
Marietta	10.00	none	30.00	80.67
Lone Grove	46.21	none	none	46.21
Stobtown	none	none	30.00	30.00
Santa Fe	none	none	none	37.50
Sulphur	56.87	105.32	10.00	356.29
Lawton	none	none	20.00	102.00
Total	\$504.09	\$236.79	\$240.00	\$1,517.45

James Detherage
503 E. Oak
Marietta, Okla. 73448

MINISTERS' DIRECTORY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Gene Hawkins	Ardmore 1st	906 C N.W.	223-1242
O. H. Foust	Ardmore 1st	108 S. Mill	CA3-8092
Lionell Cooksey	Clemson	Graham, Okla.	Pike18J25
Beryl Blair	Comanche	704 Oak Main	439-2388
J. T. Maynard	Comanche	Rt. 2	-----
Noah Smith	Co. Line	Elmore City	788-4348
Winford Lowe	Co. Line	Ratliff City	856-3210
Jack Richey	Duncan 1st	2609 Beach Rd.	AL5-1789
Ricky Duncan	Healdton	314 S. 4th	BA9-0397
Bill Ritter	Healdton	Box 146, Ringling	NO2-2432
Ward Fellabaum	Lone Grove	Ratliff City	856-3614
Jas. Deatherage	Marietta	503 E. Oak	CR6-2575
Leon Hargrove	Santa Fe	Rt. 3, Duncan	53k2
Doyle Cox	Sulphur 1st	1302 W. 13th	622-5526
Myrl Kollett	Lawton 1st	2603 A. Ave	EL3-4827
Alton Sellers	Lawton 1st	3810 Arlington	-----
Burton Berry	Tower Hts., Ardmore	1222 W. Bdwy	CA3-4094
L. T. Woodall	E. Side Duncan	317 N. A St.	AL5-8583
J. H. Hill	Sulphur	Davis	

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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, NW, "	CA3-5199
Frank Chandler	1614 Mt. Wash. Rd., "	CA3-0696
John Woods	1107 Baily SE, "	223-5955
Herb Welch	500 12th, SE, "	-----
Troy Lewellen	Box 201, Graham	Pike63J155
Ell Griffin	Ardmore	-----

ORDAINED DEACONS (CONT.)

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	AL5-1599
Archie Smith	1308 Cypress, Duncan	AL5-2910
Jim Watson	1410 N. 20th, Duncan	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, Duncan	AL5-7100
W. A. DeHart	1004 W. Texas, Healdton	BA9-0256
M. M. Bivins	Wirt, Okla.	BA9-1638
Jay Crips	Wirt, Okla.	-----
Ira Snow	18 Village Dr., Healdton	-----
N. C. Bellow	Elmore City	-----
Dale Howell	Lone Grove	-----
Forst Cox	Alma, Okla.	856-3723
LeRay Spurgeon	Rt. 3, Duncan	Alma
Roy Spurgeon	Loco, Okla.	-----
Less Dunn	Ringling, Okla.	-----
Henery 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 Denny	Star Rt., Bx. 38, Lone Grove	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, Lone Grove	OL7-4742
G. O. Palmer	1324 W. 18th, Sulphur	622-2962
C. C. Higgins	1400 W. 18th, Sulphur	622-2369
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	-----

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Church

Pastors

Clerks

Ardmore First
Ardmore, Okla.

Rev. Gene Hawkins
906 "C" N. W.

Leon Price
Route 1

Clemscott
Graham, Okla.

Rev. Lionell Cooksey
Graham, Okla.

Patsy Jackson
Rt. 1, Alma, Okla.

Comanche
6th & Wilson

County Line
Box 4, Alma

Rev. Noah Smith
Elmore City, Okla.

Jewell Chadoin
Box 4, Alma, Okla.

Duncan First
2609 Beach Rd.

Rev. Jack Richey
2609 Beach Rd.

Sue Watson
1410 N. 20th

Healdton
219 S. 6th

Rev. Rickey Duncan
314 S. 4th

Charlie Truitt
311 Kewanee St.

Lone Grove
Lone Grove, Okla.

Rev. Rex Weatherman
1713 Tower Dr.

Vestal Stubblefield
Lone Grove, Okla.

Marietta

Rev. J. Deatherage

Doris Deatherage

Marietta, Okla.	503 E. Oak St.	503 E. Oak St.
Santa Fe Rt. 3, Duncan	Rev. Leon Hargrove Rt. 3, Duncan	John Gilmore Box 141, Velma
Stobtown Rt. 3, Ardmore	Rev. W. L. Lowe Box 177, Ratliff	Sue Miller Rt. 2, Box 155
Sulphur First 13th & S. 24th	Rev. Doyle Cox 2603 "A" Ave.	Ella Mae Stout 2603 "A" Ave.
Tower Heights Ardmore, Okla.	Rev. Ronald Parker 152 7th N.W.	Sue Hamilton 705 Daves N.W.
East Side Chestnut	Rev. L. T. Woodall 317 N. "A", Duncan	Mrs. Hershel Lewis 703 N. 13th
Lawton First 13th & S. 24th	Rev. Myrl F. Kellett 1302 "A" Ave.	Wanda Kellett Rt. 2, Sulphur

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 adjourn-

ment, 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. Alternations 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 baptized upon a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches to perpetuate a Union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better Church 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 Bap-

tist 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 director.

ARTICLE 4, Section 2: BOARD AND COMMITTEES--The standing board of Hopewell No. 2 Association shall be 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 \$10.00 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 she unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us)"

3: "That which we have seen and heard declare 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 the 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, and 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 everyone 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 opened not his mouth."

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

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 publicly, 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 is 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 Isreal, 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 know 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 the 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 bide us walk therein--

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

14: "But John forbade 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 for him."

16: "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway 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 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."

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 no 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."

I 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 murderers of mothers, for man-slayers."

10: "For whoremongers, from 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 resur-

rection."

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, brethern, 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."

1 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 grave, 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 ob-

servance 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 principles 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.

