

Minutes

of the

Hopewell No. 2

Association

of

Free Will Baptists

1970

38 th Annual Session

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Moderator - Reverend Winfred Lowe, Rt. 3 - Box 154A, Ardmore
 Assistant Moderator - Reverend Floyd Wolfenbarger, Box 208, Ratliff City
 Clerk - Vivian Lewis, 703 North 13th, Duncan
 Assistant Clerk - Yvone Wolfenbarger, Box 208, Ratliff City
 Treasurer - Lavern Wilson, 720 B S. E. , Ardmore
 Assistant Treasurer - Charlene Ingram

DISTRICT OFFICES

Executive Board

<i>Floyd Wolfenbarger</i>	5 years
W. L. Lowe	4 years
Noah Smith	3 years
C. C. Higgins	2 years
Z. E. Chaudoin	1 year

Credential Board

Doyle Cox	3 years
Noah Smith	2 years
James Deathridge	1 year

Camp Ground Board

Troy Lewallen	3 years
Zelous Chaudoin	2 years
Winfred Lowe	1 year

Mission Board

Floyd Wolfenbarger	5 years
Verlin Ramsey	4 years
John Woods	3 years
James Deathridge	2 years
Ward Fellobaum	1 year

Christian Education Board

Troy Lewallen	3 years
Verlin Ramsey	2 years
Richard Gallant	1 year

PROCEEDINGS

The 38th annual sessions of Hopewell #2 association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground.

The Introductory Service opened with singing "I Want to be Ready". Brother Z. Chaudoin directing and Sister Dona Woodall at the piano. Prayer by Brother Forest Cox. Special singing by Reverend and Mrs. Richard Gallant and Brother and Sister Chaudoin. Reverend L. T. Woodall brought the evening message. Dismissal prayer by Brother P. Truitt.

Friday Morning

Service opened with Reverend Richard Gallant directing "Jesus Saves" with Sister Juanita Lowe at the piano. Welcome given by Moderator Reverend Floyd Wolfenbarger. Prayer by Rev. Lynn Wood. Sang "Revive Us Again". The body called to order by Moderator.

Motion made and seconded that chair appoint acting officers until election tomorrow. Appointed; Rev. W. Lowe, Assistant Moderator; Doris Deathridge, Assistant clerk. Letters called for and read. Motion carried to accept letters and seat delegates. A fellowship handshake given delegates.

Moderator ask that Rev. Bill Samples go before the Credential board. Rev. James Deathridge appointed to set on Credential Committee in absence of Rev. B. Blair. Moderator welcomed the new ministers into our district - Rev. Verlin Ramsey, Ardmore Church - Rev. Richard Gallant, Healdton, and Rev. Bill Samples, Lawton.

Rules of order read by parliamentarian, Rev. Ward Fellobaum. Letter read from Rev. L. T. Woodall to resign from all elected offices. Motion carried to accept resignation.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Divine Committee

Vada Fletcher

Guy Denney

J. L. McDaniel

Resolution Committee

Vernie Cypert

Earletta Payne

Brother Hector

Education Committee

Henry Higgins

Oleta Thompson

Naomi Mullins

Obituary Committee

C. C. Higgins

P. B. Truitt

Nora Winters

Temperance Committee

Zelous Chaudoin

Frank Hunt

Noah Smith

Motion carried that Rev. Winfred Lowe be Memorial Speaker Saturday morning.

Rev. Lynn Woods spoke on the progress of O.B.C. admonishing all churches to take advantage of night classes. Dismissed for recess by Rev. Verlin Ramsey. 11 A. M. worship service opened with singing "I Love to Tell the Story" with Rev. Richard Gallant directing and Imogene Scott as pianist. Rev. Bill Samples said the prayer. Other songs "Standing On the Promises" and "I Shall Not Be Moved". Rev. and Mrs. Samples sang "I Have But One Goal".

Rev. Lynn Wood was the morning speaker using 2 Chro. 7:12. He said:

1. We should be more dependent on God
2. Pray more.
3. Omit self-esteem.
4. Measure up to God's word.

Prayer by Rev. Wood. Announcements and prayer request were taken. Dismissed by Rev. Gallant.

1 P. M.

Singing by the congregation opened the afternoon session. Rev. Verlin Ramsey brought the devotional from 1 John 4:7. Prayer by Rev. Ramsey. Treasurer report given by Brother C. C. Higgins. Motion carried to accept as read. Camp Ground treasurer report given by Brother Z. E. Chaudoin. Motion and seconded to accept. Motion carried. Camp Ground Directors report by Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger. Motion carried to accept same. Recessed for committees to meet.

Met back with singing "Oh How I Love Jesus". Motion carried to accept Credential Board report. Motion and seconded to accept Temperance Committee report. Motion carried. Motion carried to accept the report of resolution committee. Motion carried to add word annual to Resolution #1. Move and seconded to hire cook for annual association. Motion and seconded to table previous motion until tomorrow. Motion and seconded that the Camp Ground Board be in charge of renting Camp Grounds to interested parties. Motion carried. Motion carried that the Camp Ground Board look into the legal aspect in renting the camp grounds. Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday Morning. Dismissal Prayer - P. Truitt.

Evening services opened with song "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Prayer by Marlin Bevins. Two quartettes were arranged with Charlene Ingram, Vivian Lewis, Marlin Bevin and Rev. Richard Gallant. The men and women each sang a number. Rev. Verlin Ramsey brought the evening message from Judges 6:16. Rev. Ramsey said "The Church must get back to God" and believe the simple text "Ask and ye shall receive." He also said "We need a turn of compassion." After singing "There Is Power In the Blood", Nora Winters dismissed the congregation.

9:30 Saturday Morning

Opened with singing "Send the Light". Sister Imogene Scott at the piano and Rev. Clate Brigg directing. Additional delegates were welcomed to the 38th session. Letter from the Lawton church read and accepted and delegates were seated. Motion and seconded that the budget be set at the same as last year and the budget committee be dismissed. Motion carried. Coop 15%, Camp Ground 25%, Missions 10% and General Funds 15%.

Recommendations from the Ministers and Deacons read by Rev. F. Wolfenbarger. Accepted in two parts. (See Reports) Motion carried to accept State delegates to state from local churches.

AS LISTED;

Ardmore - Edna Ramsey; Midway - Yvone Wolfenbarger; Sulphur - Velma Cox; Countyline - Frankie Fellobaum; - Santa Fe - Ora Smith; Lone Grove - Doris Deathridge; Stobtown - Juanita Lowe; Duncan - Karen Gann; Healdton - Mary Ann Gallant; Lawton - Wilma Spires.

Elected as General Board Member to State is Rev. James Deathridge.

Saturday P. M.

Opened with singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "Just Over In the Glory Land" with Imogene Scott at the piano and Brother Clate Briggs directing. Brother Richard Gallant gave the afternoon devotional from Psm. 119. Prayer by Bro. Gallant.

An oral report from the Executive Board was given by Bro. Winfred Lowe. Motion was seconded to accept same. Education Committee Report read (see reports) motion carried to accept this report and adopt the recommendation. Credential Board report accepted. (see reports).

Mission Board report read. Motion and seconded to accept. Motion carried that Camp Ground Board be reimbursed 10¢ a mile for mileage. Temperance Committee report read and accepted. Motion carried to table Resolution # until 1971 associational meeting. Motion carried to pay our associational evangelist one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.) retroactive to 1970. Motion carried to buy a lawn mower for the camp grounds.

Dates for quarterly meeting set as churches requested and introductory speakers elected as follows:

Nov 6-7, 1970 Healdton Bro. Bill Samples

Feb 5-6, 1971 Countyline Bro. Richard Gallant

May 7-8, 1971 Stobtown Bro. Verlin Ramsey

Memorial service speaker - Bro. James Deathridge; Alternate - Bro. Doyle Cox. 39th annual session Introductory Speaker - Bro. Clate Briggs; Alternate - Bro. Ward Fellobaum.

Elected to Christian Education Board:

Troy Lewallen	3 years
Verlin Ramsey	2 years
Richard Gallant	1 year

C.T.S. Board 3 years - Bob Hecter.

Elected to Mission Board - Floyd Wolfenbarger.

Verlin Ramsey	5 years
James Deathridge	4 years
	2 years

Camp Ground Board:

Troy Lewallen	2 years
Winfred Lowe	1 Year

Credential Board:

Doyle Cox	3 years
James Deathridge	1 year

Motion carried to replace Brother Burl Blair on Credential Board due to the fact that he is unable to attend, and send him a letter of explanation.

Elected to Executive Board for 5 years was Brother Floyd Wolfenbarger. Motion carried to take from the table - recommendation concerning association revival. This recommendation was accepted. (see reports)

1970 and 1971. Officers Elected:

Moderator	Rev. Winfred Lowe
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger
Clerk	Vivian O. Lewis
Assistant Clerk	Yvone Wolfenbarger
Treasurer	LaVern Wilson
Assistant Treasurer	Charlene Ingram
Parliamentarian	Doyle Cox

Motion Carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Troy Lewallen.

REPORTS

Credential Board:

We the credential board have examined Bro. Edmond Franklin and found him sound in doctrine and recommend him for ordination for deacon. Also, examined ministers Richard Gallant, Verlin Ramsey and Bill Samples, and recommend them to be seated in the Association. We have examined Brother Clate Briggs and recommend that he be ordained to preach the Gospel.

Ministers and Deacon Report:

Whereas, the Sunday School is most important to the growth of our churches and whereas it is increasingly important to find capable teachers and whereas it is tediously burdensome for the pastor to train teachers, be it therefore resolved that Hopewell #2 Association finance two simultaneous teacher training seminars in both Duncan and Ardmore (amendment). That they be paid for by contribution from each church and resolved that a christian education board be established composed of 3 members to serve terms of 3, 2, and 1 years respectively to co-ordinate annually such teachers training programs.

Mission Board

We the mission board recommend to the association that Bro. C. Briggs and Bro. Al Sellers be used by the various churches for weekend revivals or other evangelistic work, financed by Hopewell #2 mission board. We also will fully co-operate with the christian education board.

Temperance Committee:

We the temperance committee endorse the same recommendation of last temperance report.

Education Committee:

We the education committee are in full agreement with the previous report listed in 1969 reports. We recommend that the semi-annual youth revival be carried out under the direction of the C.T.S. board.

STATISTICS

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist of Free Will Baptists meeting at Muskogee, Okla. on Oct. 20, 21 & 22. Delegates: Mary Ann Gallant - Ardmore; Yvone Wolfenbarger - Midway; Frankie Fellobaum - Countyline; Juanita Lowe - Stobtown; Karen Gann - Duncan; Edna Ramsey - Ardmore; Ora Smith - Santa Fe; Doris Deathridge - Lone Grove; Wilma Spires - Lawton; Velma Cox - Sulphur. Period covering this report: July 31, 1969 - July 30, 1970.

Name of organization reporting: Hopewell #2 Association. Moderator's name and address: Rev. Winfred Lowe, Rt. 3, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401. Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Vivian O. Lewis, 703 North 13, Duncan, Oklahoma 73533.

Statistics Continued:

Number of churches	10
Number of parsonages	08
Number of ordained ministers	18
Number of auxiliaries:	
YPAs	10
Woman's Auxs.	05
Prayer Meetings	10
Church membership	986
Resident	966
Non-Resident	20
Members received	75
By profession of faith	32
By letter	32
By statement of faith	11
Members Dismissed	30
By letter	18
Deceased	12
Woman's Auxiliary membership	46

Financial Report

Total giving in the churches	\$94,451.38
General offering	\$74,181.38
Building Fund	20,270.00
Spent for local causes -	
Pastor's salary	27,896.00
Evangelistic work	1,886.50
Bldg. & Repair	31,281.75
Literature	3,139.00
Advertising (radio etc)	158.50
Miscellaneous	14,057.25
Other	1,131.00
Total local expenditures	\$80,549.50
Spent for outside causes -	
Cooperative Plan or	
Unified Program	4,149.00
Foreign missions	1,237.00
Home missions	570.50
State & Natl. Projects	91.00
Other	40.00
DBC & Educ.	362.00
Total outside expenditures	6,449.50
Value of church property	191,000.00
Value of parsonage property	47,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter for	
minutes, fees, etc.	100.00
James Deathridge	

Recommendations Accepted:

The Countyline Free Will Baptist Church recommends to the Association that the annual church letters be read in full.

#2. We recommend that the Womans Auxiliary take care of the feeding of the delegates and members of the annual Association.

#3. We recommend that we have a one week revival service preceeding the annual Association.

Treasurer Report 5-4-70 to 8-1-70

Church	Co-op	F.Miss.	H.Miss.	Hope- Well Miss.	C.Gr.	OBC	Gen.	Fu	Total Qtr.	Ann. Qtr.
Ardmore	none	7.68	none	7.78	none	15.74	none	31.20	31.20	
Co. Line	34.54	none	none	19.34	17.31	30.00	6.92	98.48	283.02	
Duncan	88.26	none	none	25.46	45.16	none	17.66	177.54	390.92	
Healdton	11.50	none	none	3.45	5.75	49.00	2.30	72.00	132.45	
Lawton	68.51	none	none	28.61	47.69	none	19.01	190.73	838.23	
L. Grove	none	6.00	none	none	none	none	none	6.00	259.53	
Midway	65.12	none	none	19.54	32.58	66.03	13.01	196.28	809.90	
Stobtown	none	94.60	none	None	50.	none	25.00	149.60	316.97	
Santa Fe	none	25.00	none	none	none	none	none	25.00	150.00	
Sulphur	none	68.10	10.00	none	145.00	58.50	5.00	266.60	801.20	

Balance brt. forward in General Fund \$145.10

Balance brt. forward in Mission Fund 152.33

Total \$297.43

Present Balance in General Fund 175.60

Present Balance in Mission Fund 322.07

Total in treasurer \$497.87

Camp Ground Treasurer Report

Received from L. T. Woodall \$175.02

Receipts:

9-18-69 Rec. Assn Tres. 110.00

10-69 94.60

11-69 47.10

12-69 120.81

1-70 95.43

3-70 75.36

4-70 47.56

5-70 79.82

6-70 55.74

7-70 173.87

From Churches

Santa Fe 280.00

Sulphur 220.00

Duncan Eastside 140.00

Stobtown 57.25

Healdton (8) 45.00

Countyline 10.00

Received from camp enrollment fee	251.00
Pop Stand	46.65
Sale of copper wire	22.00
Total Received	1972.19

Paid Out

OG&E	44.19
Walker Refer Serv.	12.50
Velma Lumber (wire)	38.00
Joe Brown Concrete	499.22
Boyd Terrell (labor)	220.00
McNeild Lumber (cement)	22.80
Joe Brown ½ yd. chat	2.50
Gibsons (16 gal. paint)	75.12
Surplus City (nails)	3.48
Otasco (Moore Blades)	4.08
Surplus City (Supplies)	9.36
W. L. Lowe (wireing C. G)	180.00
E. E. Wiley (Gro)	107.92
Dona Woodall (camp cook)	100.00
Myrna Woodall (cook asst.)	75.00
Carroll Millner (C. director)	50.00
Otasco (play items)	16.03
Surplus City (cook utensils)	16.99
Whitneys Gro.	11.12
McNeild Lumber	14.22
Tri-City Produce (grocery)	237.23
Duncan Candy Co.	23.35
CTS (literature)	17.48
Duncan Ins. Co.	25.00
Surplus City (29 gal. paint)	120.00
Total Paid Out	1925.59

Total Received	\$1,972.19
Total Paid Out	1,925.59
Balance	46.60

WOMANS AUXILIARY REPORT

The Hopewell #2 district Free Will Baptist Womens Auxiliary met at the Sulphur First Church July 7, 1970 for annual convention. Sis. Ruth Franklin, vice-president, was presiding officer.

Sis. Chandoin was song leader and Sister Imogene Scott was pianoist. Opening songs were "We Will Work 'Til Jesus Comes" and "His Way With Me". Theme: A Goal In View. Golden Text: Where There Is No Vision, the People (Auxiliary) Perish. Pro. 29:18.

Our goal: To reach every nation, tongue, race and individual that we can with the good news that Jesus saves. Prayer led by Bro. Doyle Cox. Auxiliaries reporting were Stobtown, Sulphur, Eastside Duncan and Santa Fe. Total membership 34.

The morning speaker was our president, Sister Vivian Lewis. Scripture text Proverbs 29:18 and Psm. 105:15.

Officers elected for 1970-71:

President	Vivian Lewis	703 N.13, Duncan	73533
V. Pres.	Juanita Lowe	Rt. 3.Box 154A Ardmore	73401
Rec. Sec.	Velma Cox	1302 W. 13 Sulphur	73086
Cor. Sec.	Earletta Payne	Box 253, Lone Grove	73443
Treasurer	Ruth Franklin	313 N. A Duncan	73533
Missions Cl	Ora Smith	Rt. 4 Elmore City	73035
Study Course	Nora Winters	Rt. 1 Alma	73003
Program Prayer	Imogene Scott	Rt. 2 Marlow	73055
Pers. Serv. Cl	Oleta Thompson	1400 W. McAlester Sulphur	
Historian	Osie Higgins	1400 W. 18 Sulphur	73086
Field Worker	Vivian Lewis	703 N. 13 Duncan	73533

Sister Osie Higgins prayed the benediction.

CHURCH PASTORS AND CLERKS

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Sulphur F. W. B. 13th & S. 24th Sulphur	Rev. Doyal Cox 1302 W. 13th Sulphur, Okla.	Ella Mae Stout Route 2 Sulphur
Lone Grove F. W. B. Lone Grove, Okla.	Rev. James Deatherage Lone Grove, Okla.	Vestle Stubblefield Lone Grove, Okla.
Ardmore 1st FWB Grand Ave. Ardmore	Rev. Verlin Ramsey 706 D Ave. N.W. Ardmore	Leon Price Route 1 Ardmore
First F. W. B. 10 S. 24 Lawton, Okla.	Rev. Willard C. Sample 2328 Cornell Lawton	Quida Chism 508 S. 13 Lawton 73501
Stobtown FWB Rt. 3 Ardmore	Rev. W. L. Lowe Rt. 3, Box 154A Ardmore, Okla. 73401	Shirley Joy Box 285 Lone Grove
Healdton FWB 6th & Carter Haaldton	Richard Gallant 314 S. 4 Healdton	Charlie Truitt 311 Kewanee Healdton, Okla.
Countyline FWB Countyline, Okla.	Ward Fellabaum Box 63 Ratliff City	Naomi Mullins Rt. 1 Box 210 B Alma, Okla.
Santa Fe FWB Rt. 3, Duncan	Rev. Noah Smith Rt. 4, Elmore City	Mrs. Emma Combest Rt. 3, Box 129B, Duncan
Midway FWB Fox, Okla.	Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger Box 208, Ratliff City	Jeanette Watkins Box 235, Fox, Okla.
Eastside FWB 13th at N St. Duncan	Rev. Charles W. Gann 1300 N. 5 Duncan, Okla. 73533	Vivian O. Lewis 703 N. 13 Duncan

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Name	Address	Phone
Beryl Blair	708 Oak Main, Comanche	439-2388
Clate Briggs	Lawton, Oklahoma	
Doyal Cox	1302 W. 13, Sulphur	622-5526
James Deathridge	Lone Grove, Okla.	
Ward Fellabaum	Box 63, Ratliff City	856-3614
O. H. Foust	704 H N.W. Ardmore	
Richard Gallant	314 S. 4, Healdton	
Charles W. Gann	1300 N. 5, Duncan	255-1479
Leroy Halmon	511 Mayall S.W., Ardmore	
J. H. Hill	Davis, Okla.	
Mryl Kellett	2603 A Ave. Lawton	353-8427
W. L. Lowe	Rt. 3, Box 154A, Ardmore	657-6295
Verlin Ramsey	706 D N.W. Ardmore	
Willard C. Sample	2328 Cornell, Lawton	
Alton J. Sellers	1315 Lincoln, Lawton	248-1251
Noah Smith	Rt. 3, Elmore City	788-2766
Floyd Wolfenbarger	Box 208, Ratliff City	
L. T. Woodall	317 N. A, Duncan	255-8583

ORDAINED DEACONS

Dale Howell	Lone Grove, Oklahoma	
Forrest Cox	Alma, Okla. Rt. 1	856-3723
LoRay Spurgin	Rt. 3, Duncan	
Roy Spurgin	Loco, Oklahoma	
Jay Crisp	1105 Wolverton, Ardmore	
John Woods	1007 Bailey, Ardmore	223-5955
Herb Welsh	500 12th S.E. Ardmore	
Fred Hodges	904 Q Ave., Ardmore	
G. M. McCumber	909 10th N. W. Ardmore	223-1383
John Jeter	811 Kemp, Tishamingo	
J. L. McDaniel	Rt. 4, Box 48, Duncan	255-1455
Hershel J. Lewis	703 N. 13, Duncan	255-5051
Adrain Scott	2212 Cedar, Duncan	255-1211
Edmond Franklin	313 N. A, Duncan	255-0777
Guy Denney	St. Rt., Lone Grove	657-4277
Troy Morris	Rt. 3, Ardmore	657-4513
Othel Kyle	Rt. 3, Ardmore	657-6420
Joe Balthrop	Rt. 3, Ardmore	657-4451
Leonard Robinson	Star Rt. Lone Grove	657-4742
James Adams	Rt. 3, Ardmore	657-4280
Johnny McIlvain	Countyline	444-2296

ORDAINED DEACONS Cont -

Zealous Chaudoin	Box 4, Alma	444-2583
Ralph Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 210B, Alma	856-3038
Troy Lewellan	Box 201, Graham	673-2315
John Gilmore	Velma, Okla.	
Joel Harman	Box 144, Graham	
Carol Milner	Box 172, Ratliff City	
Richard Watkins	Box 235, Fox	
M. M. Bevins	Wirt, Okla.	229-1638
W. A. DeHart	1004 W. Texas, Healdton	229-0256
G. O. Palmer	1324 W. 18, Sulphur	622-2962
C. C. Higgins	1400 W. 18, Sulphur	622-2369
C. R. Leming	Rt. 2, Sulphur	622-3954
Charles G. Leming	Rt. 2 Sulphur	622-3954
W. M. Buttrum	2501 A Ave., Lawton	353-4278
Ed Roberson	1112 Maple, Lawton	357-4058
Cleo Chism	508 S. 13, Lawton	353-8482

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. Petitionary letters called for.
6. Reading Rules of Order.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Election of officers.

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 de-nominated Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptized upon a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced at 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 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, preserving 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 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 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: BUISNESS—The annual Association shall supercede the quarterly meetings, in its business. No printed matter can be changed the 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.'

1 '(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)'

2 'That which we have seen and heard declare we unto 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, 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 has sent me, and has 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 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 the 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 principles 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 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 openeth 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 Parisees, 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;

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 into 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 in 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 work 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.'

11 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 have known the way of righteousness then, after they have known it, to turn from the holy washed to be wallowing in the mire.'

22 For it 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.'

1 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.

Matt. 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordon 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 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.

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 man-kind, 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 everone 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 till He come back.

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.

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.

11 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, 1 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 swalled 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.

1John 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 work which I have spoken to 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 sight of all men.'

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

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

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

We will 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.

