

**MINUTES
of the
HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1971**



39th ANNUAL SESSION

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OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Rev. Winfred Lowe
Rt. 3, Box 154A
Ardmore 73401

ASST. MODERATOR

Rev. Ward Fellobaum
Box 63
Ratliff City, Okla.

CLERK

Vivian Lewis
703 North 13
Duncan 73533

ASST. CLERK

Mary Ann Gallant
314 South 4th
Healdton 73438

TREASURER

Charlene Ingram
611 Carter St.
Healdton 73438

ASST. TREAS.

Rev. R. Gallant
314 South 4th
Healdton 73438

DISTRICT OFFICES

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Zealous Chaudoin-----5 yrs.
Mike McCumber-----4 yrs.
W. L. Lowe-----3 yrs.
Noah Smith-----2 yrs.
C. C. Higgins-----2 yr.

CREDENTIAL BOARD:

Marlin Bevins-----3 yrs.
Doyle Cox-----2 yrs.
Noah Smith-----1 yr.

CAMP GROUND BOARD:

Dale Howell-----3 yrs.
Troy Lewellen-----2 yrs.
Zealous Chaudoin-----1 yr.

MISSION BOARD:

Milburn Wilson, Chairman-----5 yrs.
Marlin Bevins-----4 yrs.
Richard Gallant, Sec.-Treas.---3 yrs.
John Woods-----2 yrs.
James Deathridge-----2 yr.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD:

Richard Gallant-----3 yrs.
Troy Lewellen-----2 yrs.
Tommy Pannell-----2 yr.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING BOARD:

Clint Briggs-----3 yrs.
Milburn Wilson, Chairman-----2 yrs.
Hershel Lewis, Sec.-Treas.-----2 yr.

PROCEEDINGS

The 39th annual session of Hopewell #2 Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Grounds on August 12, 13, & 14, 1971.

Introductory service called by Moderator Rev. W. L. Lowe singing led by Richard Gallant, with Bro. Pollard at the piano, songs "Jesus Saves" & "Tell It To Jesus". Bro. & Sis. Chadoin sang "Amazing Grace". Bro. Calte Briggs gave the evening message "If My People", 2nd Chr. 7:14. Dismissed by Bro. Chadoin.

FRIDAY, AUG. 3, 1971 * * * House called to order by Moderator Bro. Lowe. Singing led by Bro. Gallant, Sis. Susie Earley at the piano. We sang "All Hail the Power". Motion made that the chair appoint the Asst. Moderator, Clerk & Asst. Clerk in the absence of the officers. Appointed were Bro. Ward Fellabaum, Asst. Moderator; Sis. Juanita Lowe, Clerk; and Mary Ann Gallant, Asst. Clerk.

Letters called for while the congregation sang "I Love To Tell The Story". Letters were read from Duncan, Countyline Ardmore, Lawton First, Sulphur, Santa Fe, Stobtown, Healdton & Lone Grove. Move to accept letters. An oral report was received from the Midway church. Delegates were seated with a right hand of fellowship. Rules of order were read by Bro. Doyal Cox. Committees appointed by Moderator and Asst. Moderator as follows:

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| DIVINE COMMITTEE: | Sis. Stella Burke, Healdton
Sis. Earletta Payne, Stobtown
Sis. Cornelia Ivey, Countyline |
| RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: | Sis. Stella Burke, Healdton
Bro. Guy Denney, Stobtown
Sis. Ruby Carroll, Healdton |
| EDUCATION COMMITTEE: | Bro. Doyle Cox, Sulphur
Sis. Alvis Christian, Stobtown
Sis. Susie Earley, Duncan |
| OBITUARY COMMITTEE: | Bro. Richard Gallant, Healdton
Bro. J. L. McDaniel, Duncan
Sis. Frankie Fellobaum, Countyline |
| TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: | Bro. Noah Smith, Countyline
Bro. C. C. Higgins, Sulphur
Bro. James Deathridge, Lone Grove |

Motion by Bro. Deathridge to accept Ordination certificate from Bro. L. T. Woodall. Seconded and carried. The Divine Committee selected Bro. Milburn Wilson from Ardmore to bring the 11:00 message and Bro. Richard Gallant to bring the Friday night message.

Business recessed with prayer by Bro. John Woods.

11:00 Worship service begin with congregational singing led by Bro. Gallant, Sis. Susie Earley at the piano Songs, "Standing On the Promises". Prayer by Bro. Fellobaum.

Bro. Hershel Lewis read Matt. 6:6-8 for devotional, Prayer by Bro. Buttrum. Congregation sang "Blessed Assurance" Special singing; Sis. Jenita Hardin sang "One Day" and Susie Earley sang "Fear Not Little One". Bro. Milburn brought a wonderful message "Train Up A Child", Pro. 22:6. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hershel Lewis.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Congregational singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Gallant, Susie Earley at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Guy Denny. Devotional reading by Bro. James Deathridge from Acts 4: 31-37. Prayer by Bro. Deathridge. Report from Committee on revising the Constitution. The proposed amendments were read by Bro. Fellobaum. Tabled until tomorrow. Motion made to have board reports at this time. Campground treasurer Bro. Chaudoin gave his report and was accepted. Executive Board report called for, motion made to wait until tomorrow for written report. MC District Treasurer report read by Bro. Deathridge and accepted [see reports]. Christian Education report given by Bro. Gallant and accepted [see reports] Womens Auxiliary report read by Sis. Lowe, accepted [see reports] Credential Board report accepted; [see reports] Motion to accept report by Bro. Lowe on legal aspect of renting campgrounds and not rent campground to public. MC

Quarterly Meetings Set: 1st Qtrly. Meeting Nov. 12, 13th, 1971 at Lone Grove. Introductory Speaker: Bro. D. Cox; Alternate: Pastor.

2nd Meeting: Feb. 11, 12, 1972 at Lawton. Introductory Speaker: Bro. Smith; Alternate: Pastor.

3rd Qtrly. Meeting: Healdton, May 12, 13, 1972. Introductory Speaker: Bro. Milburn Wilson; Alternate: Pastor.

Annual Meeting Campground: Aug. 17, 18 & 19, 1972. Introductory Speaker: Bro. Fellobaum; Alternate: Pastor Deathridge. Memorial Speaker: Bro. Gallant.

Ministers & Deacons report given by Bro. Hershel Lewis accepted. Motion made to adjourn business until tomorrow, prayer by Bro. Cox.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Bro. Noah Smith called the service together, singing led by Bro. Clate Briggs, Beverly Boestler at the piano. Song "Sunlight", Prayer, Bro. Hershel Lewis. Specials trio: Doris Deathridge & daughter, & Mary Ann Gallant sang "I Want To Be Ready to Meet Him" & Trio, Vivian Lewis, Jenita Hardin & Mary Ann Gallant sang "One Of His Own". Bro. Deathridge led a testimony service. Bro. Richard Gallant brought the evening message using Acts 1:15, title "Our Churches Growing". Song "Have Thine Own Way". Dismissed by Vivian Lewis.

SATURDAY MORNING AUG. 14, 1971: Services opened by singing "All Hail The Power" led by Richard Gallant, Susie Earley at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Clint Briggs. Right hand of fellowship given to delegates not present Friday by Asst. Moderator Bro. Fellobaum. Resolution from previous Annual Association was taken from table concerning Ordination of Ministers. Move that we adopt the National Guidelines of Ordination. . . Moderator declared that this item lay on table until delegates had time to look into same. Move that we take constitution change from table, Item #1 adopted; Item #2 adopted, Item #3 adopted, Items #4, #5, #6 adopted.[see revised constitution].

Bro. Bob Duncan from Oklahoma City spoke on the importance of supporting new churches in order to win souls. Reading of the Obituary Committee after a moment of silent prayer. Bro. Buttrum led in prayer [see reports for list]. Dismissed for recess by Susie Earley.

11:00 SERVICE: Memorial service opened with Bro. Gallant leading the song "Oh How I Love Jesus". Sis. Williamson read from Rom. 12 for devotional and led in prayer. Special singing with a quartette, Floyd Hardin, Clate Briggs, Vola Robinson & Bro. Buttrum. Mike McCumber sang "How Great Thou Art". Bro. James Deathridge brought the message from Joshua 3: 1-6. Song "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone". Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Smith.

1:00 P. M.: Song "Bringing In the Sheaves". Prayer, Bro. Mike McCumber. Bro. Murl Wilson, Midway Church, had the afternoon devotional, reading from 1 John: 3:16. Prayer by Bro. Wilson. Move & seconded to accept the Education Committee [see reports]. Bro. Noah Smith read the report from the Executive Committee. Move to accept as read. [see reports]. Mission Board report read by Bro. Deathridge. Move & seconded to accept. [see reports]. Recommendation from Mission Board read and adopted in two parts. [see reports] Temperance Committee report accepted. [see reports] Credential Board report read and accepted. [see reports] Motion & seconded that Associational Reveal date & evangelist be decided at the first quarterly meeting. MC. Motion & seconded that every one bring lunch and serve together for Annual Associational Meet. Motion & seconded that the matter of National Guideline for Ordination be tabled until first quarterly meeting. State Board Member elected, Bro. Winfred Lowe. Board members elected as follows: Executive Brd.: Zelous Chaudoin 5 yrs., Mike McCumber 4 yrs., Credential Brd.: Marlin Bevins 3 yrs.; Campground Brd.: Dale Howell 3 yrs.; Mission Brd.: Milburn Wilson 5 yrs.; Marlin Bevins 4 yrs.; Richard Gallant 3 yrs. Christian Education Brd. Richard Gallant 3 yrs., Troy Le-wellen 2 yrs., Tommy Pannell 1 yr. CTS Brd. Clint Briggs, 3 yrs., Milburn Wilson 2 yrs., Hershel Lewis 2 yr. Officers Moderator: Winfred Lowe; Asst. Moderator: Ward Fellobaum; Clerk: Vivian Lewis; Asst. Clerk: Mary Ann Gallant; Treasurer: Charlene Ingram; Asst. Treas.: Richard Gallant. Move by Bro. Fellobaum that a vote of thanks be given all Boards, Committees & people for work on Campground, a standing vote at close of meeting. MC. Move to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. John Woods.

BOARD REPORTS

CREDENTIAL BOARD: We the Credential Board have examined Rev. Milburn Wilson and recommend that he be received into full fellowship of the Hopewell #2 Association and that a letter of recommendation be sent for from his former Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board met with Bro. Willard Sample and Bro. Clate Briggs from the First Free Will Baptist Church at Lawton at Bro. Wolfenbarger's home, chairman of the board, and at the request of Bro. Sample and Bro. Briffs and the Lawton church, the chairman appointed two board members to sit in conference with the Lawton church on Feb. 3, 1971 to help if needed. Bro. Zelous Chaudoin and Bro. Noah Smith were appointed. The Lord blessed and they had a wonderful meeting. On July 31, 1971, the board met at the Duncan church in regard to a recommendation of the Association to have a one-week revival service preceeding the Annual Association. The Board elected Bro. W. L. Lowe to preach Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. We recommend to pay the evangelist \$75.00 out of the General Fund.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: The Christian Education Board has been active this past year with activities to help the local church in their educational programs. During the month of March a Vacation Bible School Workshop was sponsored by the board at the Mid Way Free Will Baptist church with Rev. Curtis Houge, manager of our Book Store. During the month of May the board sponsored a simultaneous Sunday School Convention in the Ardmore & Duncan churches, among the speakers were Rev. Roger Reeds, General Director of the National Sunday School Department and members of our State Sunday School board. We feel that the convention was a great success with a 164 adults registered and a total attendance for the four nights of 345. We want to thank the Mission Board for their help in the planning of this convention.

MISSION BOARD: TREASURER REPORT

Received from Co-op Program	\$179.89
Paid Out	
Mileage for Christian Ed. Brd.	40.30
Mileage for Mission Board	12.40
Balance in Bank	<u>\$126.69</u>

We recommend that the Association adopt Brother Lonnie Palmer as our Associational Missionary and that we send \$100.00 to his account.

Chairman: James Deatherage

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY REPORT: Our loss is Heavens gain in the passing of ten of our beloved Brothers and Sisters. These are: Sister Lottie Mitchel, Stobtown; Sister Myrtle Ponder, Countyline; Sister Georgia Wright, Sulphur; Bro. Miles Wright, Sister Bertha Lowther, Bro. G. O. Palmer, Sister Mable Palmer, Sister Emma Crowhorn, all of Sulphur. Brother Tom Walker and Sister Cord Talifero of Ardmore. May we pause for a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

Obituary Committee
Bro. Richard Gallent
Bro. James McDaniel &
Sister Frankie Fellobaum

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, the Temperence Committee, recommend that as Christians we live according to the true word of God as the scriptures teach, in conversation and deeds, also in actions and to refrain from all sinful amusements, and abstain from all appearances of even.

Temperence Committee,
Noah Smith
James Deatherage
C. C. Higgins

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: We recommend that all our churches support and back the Christian Education Board in all their endeavors.

Education Committee,
Bro. Doyle Cox
Susie Earley
Alvis Christian

STATE DELEGATES:

Healdton:	Sis. Mary Ann Gallant
Stobtown:	Sis. Juanita Lowe
Countyline:	Frankie Fellabaum
Lone Grove:	Doris Deatherage
Sulphur:	Emlie Palmer
Duncan:	Bro. James McDaniels
Ardmore:	Leota Wilson
Midway:	
Santa Fe:	Sis. Noah Smith
Lawton:	Cleo Chism

WOMANS AUXILIARY REPORT

The Hopewell #2 District Womens Auxiliary met at the Lawton Church on July 6, 1971 for the annual convention.

Opening songs were "I'm Going That Way" and Glory To His Name". Prayer by Sister Sample.

In the absence of Sister Lewis, Sister Ruth Franklin presided and brought welcome greetings.

Bro. Gann brought the devotional from 2 Thes. 3: 1-5. Theme: Matthew 18:14 "Not One of These Little Ones Should Perish". Thought for the day: Mark 10:14, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God".

Auxiliaries reporting were Sulphur, Duncan, Stobtown, Santa Fe & Lawton.

Membership: 32

Bro. Noah Smith was morning speaker. Text: Mark 10:13.

Finance report accepted, given by Sis. Franklin.

Rec. #1 - We recommend sending the Lonnie Palmer account \$20.00. MC. #2 - Be it resolved that we change the District Meetings to evenings, in the respective church. Accepted. [Next meeting to be at Duncan, Oct. 5th, 7:30] #3 - Be it resolved the District help support Brother Tom Willey Jr. at least \$5.00 per month. Motion carried to accept resolution.

OFFICERS ELECTED 1971-72

President: Vivian Lewis - 703 N. 13, Duncan, Okla. 73533
Vice-Pres.: Sister Sample - 2328 Cornell, Lawton 73502
Secretary: Velma Cox - 1302 W. 13, Sulphur, Okla.
Treasurer: Ruth Franklin - 313 N. A, Duncan, Okla. 73533
Field Worker: Vivian Lewis - 703 N. 13, Duncan
Mission Study Chrm: Ora Smith - Rt. 4, Elmore City
Mission Prayer Chrm: Juanita Lowe - Rt. 3, Box 154A, Ardmore
Mission Action Chrm: Karon Gann - Duncan
Reporter for Newsletter: K. Gann, 1300 N. 5, Duncan

Sister Ruth Franklin prayed the benediction.

TREASURER REPORT

GIVING BY CHURCHES [Nov. 1970-July 1971]

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Co-op</u>	<u>Fr</u> <u>Miss</u>	<u>Ilm</u> <u>Miss</u>	<u>Local</u> <u>Miss</u>	<u>Camp</u> <u>Ground</u>	<u>OBC</u>	<u>Gen</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ardmore	146.38	189.40				157.93	15.00	508.71
County L.	139.84			28.40	69.90		56.59	294.73
Duncan	248.73			49.74	124.35	17.00	74.67	514.49
Healdton	100.22	30.00		20.04	50.10	232.82	45.09	478.27
Lawton	230.06			46.02	115.02		84.04	475.14
Lone Gr.	41.52	18.00		8.30	20.74	164.14	27.51	280.21
Midway	30.50			6.10	15.25	87.32	24.15	163.32
Santa Fe	30.00	35.00		6.00	45.00		9.00	125.00
Stobtown		84.34			50.00		40.00	174.34
Sulphur		125.12	90.00		90.00	185.00	45.00	535.12
TOTAL	967.25	481.86	\$90.16	4.60	580.36	844.21	421.05	3549.33

RECEIPTS

PAID OUTS

Rec. from Lavern Wilson	\$ 920.76	Oklahoma State Association	
" " C. C. Higgins	327.46	Co-op	\$1,253.14
" 2nd quarter	1,029.65	Frn. Missions	573.86
" 3rd quarter	767.93	Home Missions	90.00
" 4th quarter	<u>1,751.76</u>	State Missions	
Total Receipts	\$4,797.56	(Okla. City Work)	100.00
		O. B. C.	1,083.82

Less Paid Outs 4,490.17

LOCAL EXPENSES

Balance in Bank	\$ 307.39	Camp Ground	804.55
Designated Money		Local Missions	179.89
OBC	153.31	Roger Reeds	150.00
Local Missions	<u>1.27</u>	Sunday School Inst.	
Balance in Gen. Fund	\$ 152.81	Wayne Woods	10.00
		(treasurer Bond)	
		Wards	59.88
		(adding Mch.)	
		Phone Calls	9.83
		Morgan Co.	162.00
		(Minutes)	
		Wackers	3.61
		(ledgers)	
		Post Office	6.00
		O G & E	<u>3.59</u>

Total Paid Out \$4,490.17

Charlene Ingram
Treasurer

MONEY TAKEN IN FROM AUGUST 1970 TO AUGUST 1971

ASSOCIATION TREASURE

December 7, 1970	\$224.44
December 23, 1970	113.05
January 28, 1971	74.98
February 20, 1971	50.77
April 6, 1971	60.12
May 30, 1971	33.14
July 6, 1971	94.80
July 30, 1971	<u>113.19</u>
Total From Association	\$804.55
Santa Fe F.W.B. Church	160.00
Oma Gillespy	20.00
C. C. Higgins	20.00
Farm Bureau Insurance	348.53
Camp Ground - Received	<u>347.00</u>
Total Received	\$1,700.08
Total Left From Last Year	<u>194.16</u>
	\$1,894.24
Leaves In Treasure	\$113.43
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MONEY PAID OUT FROM AUGUST 1970 TO AUGUST 1971

Otasco [Lawn Mower]	\$335.00
O.G.&E. [Electric Bill]	2.15
" " " " "	1.00
" " " " "	1.00
Kirkpatrick [Hose & Clamps]	1.42
Carroll Milliner Director	50.00
Bro. Tom Willie, Evangelist	150.00
McNeild Lumber Co.	48.97
Tri City Produce [Groceries]	97.95
Duncan Candy Co. [Candy]	65.50
Carroll Milliner [gift for Bro. Willie]	9.22
Otasco [supplies for children]	21.70
Texoma Office & Supply Co. [Ardmore Supp.]	23.04
Wayne Wood Insurance	28.50
Wylie Groc. Pruitt City	370.74
O.G.&E Electric Bill	3.50
O.G.&E Electric Bill	17.99
Joe Brown Co. [Chat for Camp]	15.00
Frances Milner [Cook]	100.00
Oleta Thompson [Cook Helper]	75.00
Velma Lumber Co. [Shingles & Lumber]	270.24
Okla. Free Will Baptist Book Store	29.15
Inspiration Action Film, Grange, Illinois	40.55
Gibsons at Ardmore [paper for beds]	18.85
Otasco [2 mower blades]	4.64

TOTAL	\$1,780.81
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August 1, 1970 - August 1, 1971

The Delegates to the State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Lawton, Okla.: Cleo Chism, Lawton; J. L. McDaniel, Duncan Eastside; Mary Ann Gallant, Healdton; Doris Deatherage, Lone Grove; Juanita Lowe, Stobtown; Frankie Fellobaum, Countyline; Emlie Palmer, Sulphur; Leota Wilson, Ardmore; Sister Noah Smith, Santa Fe.

Organization reporting: Hopewell #2 Assn. Moderator: Rev. W. L. Lowe, Rt. 3, Ardmore, Okla.; Clerk: Vivian O. Lewis, 703 North 13th, Duncan, Oklahoma 73533.

Number of churches.....10 Number of parsonages.....9
" of ordained Ministers.14 " of Ordained Deacons.36

Number of the following auxiliaries:

Sunday Schools.....10 C. T. S.....8
Woman's Auxs.....6 Prayer Meetings.....10

Church Membership.....53
 Resident.....775
 non-resident.....78

Members received.....74
 By Profession of Faith.....31
 By Letter.....24
 By Statement of Faith.....19

Members Dismissed.....32
 By Letter.....14
 Excluded.....7
 Deceased.....11

Sunday School Enrolment.....369
League Enrolment.....77
Woman's Auxiliary membership.....302

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total giving in the churches.....\$26,467.00
[spent for local causes-]

Pastor's salary.....\$26,467.00
Evangelistic work.....1,664.00
Bldg. & Repair.....16,438.00
Literature.....2,072.00
Adv.(radio programs etc.).....128.00
Miscellaneous.....5,347.00

Total local expenditures.....\$42,097.00
[spent for outside causes-]

Coop. Plan or Unified Program.\$ 2,410.00
Foreign Missions.....367.00
Home Missions.....720.00
Education.....1,076.00
Assoc. Projects.....344.00

Total Outside Expenditures.....\$ 3,917.00

Value of Associational Property
Value of Church Property.....\$193,500.00
Value of Parsonage Property.....\$ 50,500.00

General Board Member for 1972.....W. L. Lowe

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR NAME & ADD.</u>	<u>CLERK: NAME,ADD.</u>
Lone Grove FWB Lone Grove, OK.	James Deatherage Box 349 Lone Grove, OK.	Vestle Stubblefield Lone Grove, OK.
Countyline FWB Countyline, OK	✓ Ward Fellabaum Box 63 Ratliff City, OK.	Naomi Mullins Rt.1, Box 210B Alma, OK.
First FWB Church 219 South 6th Healdton, OK	Richard Gallant 314 South 4th Healdton, OK	Mrs. P. B. Truitt 311 Kewanee Healdton, OK
Stobtown FWB Rt.3, Ardmore, OK	W. L. Lowe Rt.3, Box 154A Ardmore, OK 73401	Shirley McClain Rt.3, Box 114A Ardmore, OK 73401
First FWB Church 10 South 24th Lawton, OK	Willard C. Sample 2328 Cornell Lawton, OK 73501	Bernice Sample 2324 Cornell Lawton, OK 73501
Eastside FWB N at Chestnut Duncan, OK	Earl Scroggins 505 South 11th Duncan, OK 73533	Vivian O. Lewis 703 North 13th Duncan, OK 73533
Santa Fe FWB Route 3 Duncan, OK	✓ Noah Smith Route 4 Elmore City, OK	Emma Combest Route 3 Duncan, OK 73533
First FWB Church Grand Avenue Ardmore, OK	Milburn Wilson 706 D Northwest Ardmore, OK 73401	Leon Price Rt. 1, Box 87E Ardmore, OK 73401
Midway FWB Church Rt. 3 Healdton, OK	Murl Wilson Route 3 Healdton, OK 73437	Frances Lewellen Box 201 Graham, OK

MINISTERS ROLL

Beryl Blair	704 Oak Main, Comanche OK 73529	439-2388
Clate Briggs	1112 E St., Lawton, OK 73501	357-8463
James Deatherage	Box 349, Lone Grove, OK	
Ward Fellabaum	Box 63, Ratliff City, OK	856-3614
O. H. Foust	704 H Ave., Ardmore, OK 73401	
Richard Gallant	314 South 4, Healdton, OK	229-0397
Louis Howell	Anchorage, Alaska	
J. H. Hill	Davis, OK	
W. L. Lowe	Rt. 3, Box 154A, Ardmore, OK	657-6295
Willard Sample	2328 Cornell, Lawton, OK 73501	
Earl Scroggins	505 S. 11, Duncan, OK 73533	255-6696
Noah Smith	Rt. 3, Elmore City, OK	788-2766
Milburn Wilson	706 D N.W., Ardmore, OK 73401	
Murl Wilson	Rt. 3, Healdton, OK	

DEACON ROLL

Dale Howell	Lone Grove, OK	
Forest Cox	Route 1, Alma, OK	856-3723
Loray Spurgin	Rt. 3, Duncan, Ok 73533	
Roy Spurgin	Loco, Oklahoma	
Jay Crisp	1105 Wolverton, Ardmore 73401	
John Woods	1007 Bailey, Ardmore, OK 73401	223-5955
Herb Welch	500 12th S.E., Ardmore, OK 73401	
Fred Hodges	904 Ave., Ardmore, OK 73401	
Mike McCumber	909 10th. N.W., Ardmore, OK	223-1383
John Jeter	811 Kemp, Tishamingo, OK	
J. L. McDaniel	Rt. 3, Duncan, OK 73533	255-1455
Hershel Lewis	703 N. 13, Duncan, OK 73533	255-5051
Tommy Pannell	100 Lakewood, Duncan, OK 73533	255-3500
Adrain Scott	2212 Cedar, Duncan, OK 73533	255-1211
Edmond Franklin	313 North A, Duncan, OK 73533	255-0777
Guy Denney	Star Route, Lone Grove, OK	657-4277
Troy Morris	Rt. 3, Ardmore, OK 73401	657-4513
Othyl Kyle	Rt. 3, Ardmore, OK 73401	657-6420
Joe Balthrop	Rt. 3, Ardmore, OK 73401	657-4451
Leonard Robinson	Star Route, Lone Grove, OK	657-4742
James Adams	Rt. 3, Ardmore, OK 73401	657-4280
Johnny McIlvain	Countyline, Oklahoma	444-2296
Zealous Chaudoin	Box 4, Alma, Oklahoma	444-2583
Ralph Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 210B, Alma, OK	856-3038
Troy Lewellen	Box 201, Graham, Okla.	673-2315
John Gilmore	Velma, Oklahoma	
Joel Harman	Box 144, Graham, Okla.	
Carol Milner	Box 172, Ratliff City, OK	
Richard Watkins	Box 235, Fox, OK	
M. M. Bevins	Wirt, Oklahoma	
C. C. Higgins	1400 W. 18, Sulphur, OK	622-2369
C. L. Lening	Rt. 2, Sulphur, Okla.	622-3954
Glen Lenning	Rt. 2, Sulphur, Okla.	622-3954
W. M. Buttrum	2501 A Ave., Lawton, OK 73501	353-4278
Ed Robinson	1112 Maple, Lawton, OK 73501	357-4058
Cleo Chism	508 S. 13, Lawton, OK 73501	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. [visitors 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 baptised by immersion upon a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convened 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: The 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 the 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 #2 Association of Free Will Baptist being composed of 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, preserves 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 officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, associational treasurer, assistant treasurer - all of who will be elected at the annual session.

Article 4 - Section 2 - Board and Committees: The standing board of Hopewell #2 Association shall be the Executive Board, Campground Board, Christian Education Board, Credential Board, Board of Trustees and the Mission Board. 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: If a newly constituted church wishes to be admitted to the Association, it may petition by letter and delegates. Upon petition the church will be examined, and if it is found to be Orthodox and orderly, it may be received into the Association. The Moderator will seat the delegates of the new church by giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Article 6 - Questions - No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been considered in it's own church.

Article 7 - Discipline: Each ordained Minister shall be a member of a church in the bounds of said Association, and if the Church shall 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 it's business. No printed matter can be changed in the quarterly meetings that appear in the yearly Associational minutes [Exception: should the need arise to change the printed matter in the minutes, it can be done by a called meeting of the association by the Executive Board. Resolutions passed in the quarterly meetings shall be in force as long as it does not conflict with the matter in the minutes]

Article 9 - Amendment: Amendments to the constitution may be made when necessary by two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual 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 \$10.00 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, are 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 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 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 has 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 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 acceptance.

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

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

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

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

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

Acts 20:20: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you 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;

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 ture 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 Jordan unto John, to be baptized by him.

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

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

16: And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up 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 murderers of mothers, for manslayers.

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

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

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

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

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

23: For I have received of the Lord that which 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 back.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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 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 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 orforth 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 5:28-29: Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice; 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.

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 the 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.

