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John Thomas Free Will Baptist Association

13th ANNUAL SESSION

Held at

STEVENS CHAPEL CHURCH
GLAMORGAN, VIRGINIA

September 5, 6, 7, 8, 1935

REV. E. A. REEDY, Moderator

ARTHUR CASTEEL, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the John Thomas Free Will Baptist Association, 13th Annual Session, held at Steven's Chapel Church, Glamorgan, Va.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—11:00 A. M.

Service opened by song: "My Loved Ones are Waiting for Me".

Prayer: Rev. E. A. Reedy.

Lesson: John 10.

Introductory Sermon: Monroe Hubbard.

Subject: John 3:16.

Service closed by song: "I Will Meet You Up There".

Dismissed by prayer: S. M. McFall.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. E. A. Reedy	Rev. J. F. Welch
Rev. W. R. Stallard	Rev. C. C. Wright
Rev. C. H. Stallard	Rev. T. H. Dixon
Rev. Leonard Fields	Rev. W. R. Bise
Rev. Albert Dingus	Rev. S. M. McFall
Rev. Monroe Hubbard	Rev. W. T. Large
Rev. C. W. Isom	Rev. Vernon Kiser
Rev. Mack Gardner	Rev. H. V. Johnston
Rev. J. F. Elliott	Rev. J. A. Hood
Rev. W. E. Kern	Rev. A. F. Hughes
Rev. Pat Gibson	Rev. C. W. Nails
Rev. J. M. Sheets	Rev. John Robbins
Rev. Ida Carter	Rev. B. R. Powers
Rev. C. H. Johnson	Rev. Wade Powers
Rev. Dock Kilgore	Rev. R. M. Evans
Rev. Della Salyers	Rev. J. T. Davis
Rev. J. W. Dingus	Rev. Mack Fisher
Rev. C. A. Robinette	Rev. Shelby Jackson
Rev. P. L. Anderson	Rev. J. B. Carter

Rev. G. W. Blevins

MINISTERS ABSENT

Rev. J. W. Addington	Rev. J. M. Wright
Rev. W. R. Johnson	Rev. James Wright
Rev. W. T. Bise	Rev. L. D. Mahan
Rev. E. M. Rose	Rev. Luther Strouth
Rev. D. L. Smith	Rev. Casper Lane
Rev. Henry Smith	Rev. Floyd Cantrell
Rev. S. P. Davis	Rev. George Densmore
Rev. Troy Robertson	Rev. R. A. Powers
Rev. Alvie Dingus	Rev. W. B. Galloway
Rev. Emory Vanover	Rev. Sylvan Wilson

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

Ella Whitt
Robert J. Mullins
I. T. Bise
Pearl Bise
Lula Vanover
Gladys Holbrook
Ruth Rose
N. C. Yates
Feba Kiser
Nellie Yates
C. W. Willis
Jack Compton
J. C. Rose
N. A. Jenkins
A. M. Culbertson
Jackie Culbertson
Anderson Wells
R. E. Sexton
W. E. McCoy
Nellie McCoy
Maynard Shoemaker
Jessie Hale
L. D. T. Silcox
J. W. Mullins
Maude Hurd
U. S. G. Meade
Alex Reedy
Orville Puckett
C. H. Meade
Natie Lane

B. M. Lane
Rausie Meade
Flossie Keith
Daniel McFall
N. H. Stanley
E. J. Williams
G. B. Lambert
I. S. Gilliam
W. C. Whitt
W. H. Ramsey
C. A. Bowman
Charlotte Osborne
W. C. Robbins
O. A. Kiser
J. M. Collier
Jett Dotson
J. B. Soars
Dora Collins
Corbett Deel
Hetta Dotson
Bessie Rose
Sallie Rose
Goldie Kiser
Ina Brooks
Lillie Cantrell
Mary Gilliam
Andrew Cantrell
Wanda Hawkins
H. R. Carter
J. E. Silcox

VISITORS PRESENT

LAY MEMBERS:

L. Tramble
Minnie Collins
Lonzo Hayes
Garfield Taylor
Vernon Kiser
Goldie Kiser

Arthur McCann
Rose McCann
Kitty Linkous
Luther Linkous
M. L. Hankins
Laura Hankins

MINISTERS:

Rev. Orville O'Quinn
Rev. J. E. Cox

Rev. G. H. Ryan
Rev. Carson Dotson

Rev. Duncan Powers

All visiting Brethren were invited to a seat in our Conference as advisory and councilor members.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference met at 2:30 P. M.

Organized by Arthur Casteel, Clerk for past year.

Song: "I Am Moving Up Home Some Day".

Prayer: E. A. Reedy.

Lesson: I. Peter 1.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Arthur Casteel, clerk, having charge of same declared Conference open for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

The first item of business was the nomination of a Moderator. Rev. E. A. Reedy and Rev. W. R. Stallard were nominated.

Rev. E. A. Reedy elected Moderator and assumed the duties of his office by taking the chair and proceeding with the election of a clerk and a treasurer.

The former clerk, Arthur Casteel was re-elected by acclamation.

E. J. Kilgore re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Voted by acclamation to give the Moderator power to appoint all committees.

The appointments were as follows:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. W. R. Stallard

Rev. C. W. Isom

Rev. Monroe Hubbard

SUPPLY PULPIT COMMITTEE

Rausie Meade

Obelia Williams

L. Tramble

Martha Blankenbeckler

COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION

U. S. G. Meade

L. D. T. Silcox

Rev. Mack Gardner

Appointed for Admonisher on Sunday School: Rev. C. W. Isom.

Appointed for Temperance Address: Rev. Monroe Hubbard.

Conference adjourned until Friday, September 6, 9 A. M.

Preaching Thursday, September 5, 7:30 P. M., by Orville O'Quinn and E. A. Reedy.

Song: "He Never Has Failed".

Prayer: Monroe Hubbard.

Lesson: 1st John, Chapter 3.

Subject: John 10:10.

Song: "Over The River".

Dismissed with prayer: Rev. E. A. Reedy.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song: "Away Beyond Sun and Moon".

Lesson by C. W. Isom: Psalm 23.

Prayer: L. Tramble.

Conference declared open for business. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

To the thirteenth annual session of the John Thomas Free Will Baptist Association, that is to be held with Stevens Chapel Church, Glamorgan, Va., September 5, 6, 7, 8, 1935. We submit the following report:

We have twenty churches, with eleven hundred and fifty-five members; thirty-seven ordained ministers, two licentiates, and seventeen Sunday Schools with a total membership of 1,911.

We have chosen to represent us the following delegates:

Union Church: Arthur Casteel.

Cherry Grove: E. J. Wilson and H. N. Addington.

Mary's Chapel Church: W. A. McCoy, J. F. Elliott, Maynard Culbertson.

Stephen's Chapel: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sturgill, Miss Bessie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams.

Wilson Chapel: Sid Robbins, Anderson Wells, Nora Wilson, Thelma Skeens.

Big Spring: Thelma Fleenor.

Dunganon: W. H. Ramsey.

Ramsey: Mr. and Mrs. Whitt, Mrs. Hurd.

Happy Bottom: Verna Kiser, Garfield Taylor, Lonzo Hayes.

West Norton: Della Salyers, H. V. Johnson, Leonard Fields.

Duncan Gap: J. R. Clark, Leslie Green.

Flat Gap: S. P. Sexton, M. R. Shoemaker, R. E. Sexton, Press Gibson, Myrtle Gibson.

Hoover's Chapel: Judge Collier, Ida Carter, J. T. Davis.

Dorchester: John Estep, S. H. Jackson.

Rock Lick: H. H. Gibson, S. S. Arney, H. M. Smith.

Flat Rock: Y. W. Falin, Mandy Falin, Mary Gilliam, Ina Brooks.

Corder's Chapel: Zella Corder, Pansy Robinette.

Sigma Church: Melvin Duff, Jerry Fisher, Ross Haynes.

Dales Ridge: Clyde Kiser, Goldie Kiser.

Roaring Fork Church: John Mullins.

Our next quarterly meeting will convene with the Sigma Church, Lee County, Va., beginning Friday, 9 A. M., before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1935.

W. R. STALLARD, Moderator.

C. A. ROBINETTE, Clerk.

This report was approved as read.

DICKENSON COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

We have nineteen churches with seven hundred and seventy-five members and twenty-nine ordained ministers. Value of our church property about \$9,000.00. We have nine Sunday Schools with six hundred and ten enrolled,

with an average attendance of four hundred and four.

We have chosen to represent us, the following delegates from each church:

Ferbie Church: Charley Meade, Rausie Meade.

Lebanon Church: Jim Rose.

Marshall Branch Church: Beulah Isom, Nora Wright.

Rachael Chapel Church: I. S. Gilliam, Earl Dotson.

Payne Gap: Russell Bentley, Robert Mullins, Ersil Mispeek.

Honey Camp Church: Josh Rose, Bessie Rose, James W. Rose.

Middle Branch Church: Thurman Sylcox, Noah Lambert, George Lambert.

Allegheny Church: William Cook, Jack Compton.

River View Church: C. W. Willis, Mrs. C. W. Willis.

Clinchco Church: Hobert Dotson, J. C. Rose, Bessie Rose, Gladys Holbrook, Lula Vanover, Ethel Jenkins.

Rugsby Church: Dock Yates, Nettie Yates, Mollie Hill, Orban Kiser, Phoebe Kiser.

Penther Chapel Church: Alex Reedy, Arley Puckett, Robert Cook, Corbett Deel, Ted Bise, Pearl Bise.

Hamilton Chapel: U. S. G. Meade, John Keith.

Valley View Church: B. M. Lane, Harlan Hawkins.

Burdine Church: Jett Dotson, Hattie Dotson, J. W. Dingus.

Lick Fork Church: Nell Hughes, Nell Robinson.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Hamilton Chapel on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1935.

E. A. REEDY, Moderator.

N. H. STANLEY, Clerk.

This report was approved as read.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS FROM THE SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Report of Corresponding Messengers from the Sandy Valley Association read, approved and admitted in our records. The proceedings were as follows:

We, the Sandy Valley Association, now in session at Antioch Church, Raysol, West Virginia, appoint our beloved brothers and sisters as correspondents to carry our message of love and fellowship to your conference: Rev. J. W. Fletcher, Bessie Fletcher, John Sanders and Orville O'Quinn.

We have held three Quarterly Meetings, have eighteen local churches with six hundred and ninety-three members and twenty-eight ordained ministers. Value of our church property about \$8,400.00.

Our next Association Conference will be at the Fuller Chapel Church, Drill, Virginia, Russell County, to begin Thursday, before the 4th Sunday in August, 1936.

S. E. BROOKS, Moderator.

G. W. PRESLEY, Clerk.

Conference adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

Preaching at 11:00 A. M. by Rev. W. R. Stallard and Della Salyer.

Song: "Let Me Live On".

Lesson: Timothy 4.

Prayer: Obelia Williams.

Song: "O' Morning Glad".

Subject: Timothy 4:16.

Song: "The Heart That Was Broken For Me".

Dismissed by C. W. Isom.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6—AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 P. M.

Song: "I Need Thy Love".

Lesson: Omitted.

Prayer: W. R. Bise.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Appointment of Fraternal Messengers to Sandy Valley Association which is to convene on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1936, Drill, Va. Monroe Hubbard, B. R. Powers, W. R. Bise.

Messengers to Clinch Valley Association which is to convene on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1936, Dante, Va.: S. M. McFall, C. A. Robinette, W. R. Stallard.

Messengers to the Union Association on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1936.

Messengers to the Rural Missionary Baptist Association, the 5th Sunday in September, 1935, Coeburn, Va.: Monroe Hubbard, C. W. Isom, W. R. Bise, E. A. Reedy.

The election of an Evangelist: Rev. B. R. Powers was elected by acclamation.

Rev. W. T. Large was elected as assistant Evangelist.

Brother W. R. Stallard made motion that the Conference adjourn until 9:00 A. M., Saturday, September 7, 1935.

Preaching Friday 7:30 P. M., by C. A. Robinette and B. R. Powers.

Song: "I Shall Wear A Golden Crown".

Prayer: Leonard Fields.

Lesson: John 1.

Subject: St. John 1-11.

Song: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer".

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7— MORNING SESSION

9:00 A. M.

Conference met at 9:00 A. M.

Opened by song: "Let Me Live On".

Lesson: Hebrews, 1st chapter.

Prayer: E. J. Kilgore.

ITEM OF BUSINESS

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Received of Wise County Quarterly Meeting ----- \$60.00

Received of Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting ----- 39.48

Total ----- 99.48

Paid out for Minutes ----- 99.48

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION

We, the committee on the next session, have agreed to convene with Puther's Chapel Church, Fremont, Va.

Admonition on Sunday School was omitted on account of appointee, C. W. Isom being called away.

Admonition on Temperance by Rev. Monroe Hubbard and W. R. Stallard.

Their instructions on the subject were very uplifting to the cause of a Christian life.

The Conference's work being completed and adjournment in order, Moderator Rev. E. A. Reedy, called for a song, "I Am Moving Up Home Some Day".

It was moved and seconded by the conference to adjourn until Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1936. Motion carried and meeting adjourned until next convention to be held at Puther's Chapel, Fremont, Va.

Preaching at 11:00 A. M.

Sermon: J. W. Dingus and Albert Dingus.

Song: "Precious Memory".

Lesson: Romans 12.

Prayer: C. A. Robinette.

Song: "If You See My Savior".

Subject: "God is Love".

Song: "The Last Move For Me".

Dismissed in prayer by Monroe Hubbard.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 P. M.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Arthur Casteel, clerk of Minister's Conference for the past year called the Conference to order.

Prayer: W. R. Stallard.

Rev. E. A. Reedy was nominated and elected by acclamation as Moderator.

The Moderator taking charge proceeded with the election of clerk and treasurer.

Arthur Casteel was elected clerk by acclamation.

E. J. Kilgore was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Report on character of ministers of the Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting being favorable as to doctrine and Christian character.

The same passed as good.

Ministers of the Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting met with the Honey Camp Church, on Sunday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1935 at 3:00 P. M.

Organized by electing Rev. B. R. Bise, Moderator, N. H. Stanley, Clerk.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS PRESENT:

Rev. E. A. Reedy	Rev. C. W. Nails
Rev. Dock Kilgore	Rev. E. M. Rose
Rev. C. W. Isom	Rev. W. M. Cook
Rev. Albert Dingus	Rev. Thurston Meade
Rev. Dan Smith	Rev. Emory Vanover
Rev. Luther Strouth	Rev. A. F. Hughes
Rev. L. D. Mahan	Rev. James Wright

Rev. Ersel Mispeck

MINISTERS ABSENT:

Rev. Ben Powers	Rev. George Mooney
Rev. Wade Powers	Rev. Mack Gardner
Rev. S. P. Davis	Rev. Floyd Cantrell
Rev. Troy Robinson	Rev. Alvin Dingus
Rev. J. M. Wright	Rev. W. M. Long
Rev. Casper Lane	Rev. W. R. Johnson

Rev. H. M. Smith

Ministers both present and absent submitted a satisfactory report as to character and doctrine. The same passed as good. This finished the work of our Dickenson County Quarterly Conference. Our conference closed with usual order until Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in July, 1936.

W. R. BISE, Moderator.

N. H. STANLEY, Clerk.

Minister's report of Wise County Quarterly Meeting.

Report read being favorable with the exception of one minister. The remaining character passed as good.

The name of the one in question is not given to the public, because we do not know positively that he is guilty of what he is charged with.

APPOINTMENT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

Wise County Quarterly Meeting:

S. M. McFall

W. R. Stallard

Leonard Fields

Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting:

E. A. Reedy

Asa Hughes

Albert Dingus

Arthur Casteel, Monroe Hubbard and Albert Dingus were appointed by the Moderator to examine the following licentiates as to their qualification for ordination.

Upon examination the committee reported favorably.

W. E. Kern and Shelby Jackson were ordained by S. M. McFall, Leonard Fields and Albert Dingus.

Charge given by W. R. Stallard, making a total of thirty-nine ministers that he has set apart for this great work.

The work having been completed the conference adjourned until Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1936.

(Signed): E. A. REEDY, Moderator.

ARTHUR CASTEEL, Clerk.

Preaching at 4:00 P. M. by E. A. Reedy.

Lesson omitted.

Subject: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God, unto Salvation."

Song: "I Am Moving Up Home Some Day".

Dismissed in prayer by A. C. Nails.

PREACHING AT 7:30 P. M.

Sermon: S. M. McFall and Leonard Fields.

Song: "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be".

Subject: John 1-3 and 133rd Psalm.

Song: "Grand Excursion".

SEPTEMBER 8, MORNING SERVICE

Song: "My Old Home".

Lesson: II. Timothy 2.

Prayer: C. C. Wright.

Sermon: W. E. Kern, Dock Kilgore.

Song: "My Dying Neighbor".

Dismissed in prayer by W. E. Kern.

With many thanks to the people of Glamorgan, we promised to ever hold them precious in our memory.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

B. R. Powers, evangelist of Wise County, Wise, Va.: To the John Thomas Association, in session with Steven's Chapel church. I submit the following report for the past year:

Preached four hundred and five sermons, held twenty revivals, witnessed seven hundred conversions, held twenty memorial services, prayer services in homes nine hundred, baptized six hundred and fifty, conducted seventy funerals, received into the church two hundred and forty, organized two churches and two Sunday schools, pastored two churches, married forty-three couples, and traveled about 4,000 miles.

Donations received:

Cherry Grove	\$39.00
Valley View	27.00
Mary's Chapel	32.00
Dale Ridge	33.00
Pound M. E.	42.00
Willing Workers	9.00
Other donations	293.99

Total \$475.99

W. R. Stallard, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. No. 1, Box 40—From September 9, 1934 to September 5, 1935, I preached 94 sermons, held 11 revivals, received into the church 30 members, attended 54 prayer meetings, dedicated one church, witnessed 87 conversions, held 2 memorial services, conducted 5 burial services, organized one church, married 2 couples, received by donation \$127.00. Read Gal. 6:9.

Mrs. L. M. Salyer, Dorchester, Va.—Preached 38 sermons, conducted 15 funerals, worked in 2 revivals, witnessed 60 conversions, had prayer services in 13 homes, taught Sunday school every Sunday, attended prayer meeting every week, and traveled about 200 miles.

T. H. Dixon, Norton, Va.—Pastored one church, preached 75 sermons, held 2 revivals, conducted one funeral, traveled 95 miles.

S. M. McFall, Coeburn, Va.—Present with no report.

Wade Powers, Wise, Va.—Preached 175 sermons, conducted 7 revivals, witnessed 60 conversions, received 40 into the church, baptized 60, conducted 7 funeral services, 2 memorial services, organized 2 churches, pastored 5 churches, married 2 couples. Brethren pray for me that I may do more in the future.

James Wright, Clintwood, Va.—Preached 49 sermons, witnessed 9 conversions, baptized 5, conducted one funeral, organized one Sunday school, Superintendent of one Sunday school and assistant pastor of one church.

Monroe Hubbard, Jenkins, Ky.—Preached 80 sermons, 5 memorials, conducted 3 burial services, visited 2 sister associations, received one dollar, married 12 couples, donated to our association and the Glory of God \$150.00. "Brethren pray for me".

Mack Fisher, Calvin, Va.—Preached 30 sermons, assisted in 2 revivals, witnessed, 15 conversions, conducted 10 prayer services, baptized 11, assisted in 3 memorials, attended 2 funerals, traveled about 500 miles.

Luther Strouth, Hellier, Ky.—Preached 102 sermons, 3 memorials, 4 burial services, held 1 revival, witnessed 27 conversions, helped baptize 32, pastored one church, assistant pastor one church.

J. T. Davis, St. Charles, Va.—Preached 50 sermons, assisted in one revival, witnessed 20 conversions, made several Sunday school addresses.

C. H. Johnson, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. No. 2, Box 95.—Preached 75 sermons, married 3 couples, traveled 300 miles.

E. A. Reedy, Fremont, Va.—Preached 159 sermons, received 59 into the church, conducted 10 burial services, 10 memorial services, baptized 53, visited many homes, and prayer meetings. Received \$145.00. Yours brethren in Christ.

W. T. Bise, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. No. 2, Box 63.—Preached 3 sermons, visited Sunday schools and night prayer meetings. I feel at a loss to submit such a report as this, but I have not had the opportunity to get away from home. But I hope by the Grace of God to do more next year.

C. A. Robinette, Nickelsville, Va., R. F. D. No. 1.—Preached 126 sermons, labored in 4 revivals, witnessed 25 conversions, baptized 10, conducted 8 funerals, 1 memorial service, pastored 2 churches, served as Quarterly Meeting clerk, traveled 1,764 miles, received \$122.96.

W. T. Large, Toms Creek, Va.—Pastored 2 churches, preached 150 sermons, witnessed 406 conversions, held 500 prayer services in homes, conducted 17 funerals, baptized 154, added 150 to the church, conducted 2 memorial services. Donations received:

Mary's Chapel church	\$36.00
Cherry Grove church	37.00
Willing Workers at Cherry Grove	5.00
Other donations	25.00

Total \$103.00

George T. Mooney, Clintwood, Va.—Preached 39 sermons, conducted 1 burial service, 2 memorial services, organized 1 Sunday School, assistant pastor of 1 church. Brethren pray for me.

W. E. Kern, Norton, Va.—Preached 25 sermons, conducted 15 prayer meetings, labored in 2 revivals, baptized 8, conducted 3 burial services, traveled 200 miles. Pray for me brethren, that I may grow stronger in the Lord.

Leonard Fields, Norton, Va.—Pastored 2 churches, preached 99 sermons, witnessed 78 conversions, baptized 12, received 7 into the church, received \$75.56 on pastoral work.

J. M. Sheets, Norton, Va.—Preached 35 sermons, conducted 2 burial services, 2 memorial services, married 3 couples, traveled 125 miles.

P. L. Anderson, Appalachia, Va.—Preached 100 sermons, held 3 revivals, baptized 20, received 20 into the church, conducted 7 burial services, 4 memorial services, married 2 couples, traveled 500 miles, received \$50.00:

Clarence Turner, Norton, Va.—Preached 21 sermons, held 1 revival, witnessed 5 conversions, conducted 3 prayer meetings, 2 burial services, 1 memorial service, baptized 18, traveled about 200 miles.

W. M. Cook, Manco, Ky.—Preached 97 sermons, witnessed 9 conversions, conducted 5 burial services, and several prayer meetings.

Emery Vanover, George's Fork, Va.—Preached 150 sermons, conducted 4 prayer meetings, 1 revival, 7 burial services, 7 memorial services, baptized 7, helped baptize 39, witnessed 48 conversions, had charge of 3 churches, organized 1 Sunday School, traveled about 600 miles. Read Romans 11-18.

L. D. Mahan, Payne Gap, Ky.—Preached 62 sermons, 4 revivals, witnessed 22 conversions, assistant pastor 1 church, conducted 2 burials, donated \$10.00 to the cause of Christ. Traveled 1,000 miles.

Albert Dingus, Jenkins, Ky.—Preached 84 sermons, worked in several revivals, witnessed 43 conversions, baptized and helped to baptize 23, received 25 into the church, had charge of 2 churches, assistant pastor of 2 others, held 6 burial services, 6 memorial services, served as Moderator of our Quarterly Meeting, as ordaining councilor, ordained 3 ministers.

J. B. Carter, Glamorgan, Va.—Preached 100 sermons, pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, witnessed 30 conversions, conducted 10 burial services, added several to church, received \$50.00.

C. R. Jackson, Keokie, Va.—Preached 35 sermons, worked in 2 revivals, witnessed 25 conversions, baptized 15, conducted 1 funeral service, 2 memorials, several prayer meetings. Traveled 750 miles.

J. M. Wright, Payne Gap, Ky.—Preached 200 sermons, baptized 5, received 10 into the church, pastored 2 churches, conducted 5 burial services, 10 memorials, organized 1 Sunday School, donated \$25.00, traveled about 300 miles.

Dock Kilgore, Hellier, Ky.—Preached 115 sermons, pastored 1 church, witnessed 17 conversions, received 17 into the church, conducted 11 burial services, 4 memorials, baptized 7, helped baptize 2, attended 4 prayer meetings, married 3 couples, traveled about 1,000 miles.

D. L. Smith, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. No. 2, Box 69.—Pastored 2 churches, preached 50 sermons, held 1 revival, witnessed 15 conversions, married 4 couples, received 3 into the church, conducted several prayer meetings.

R. M. Evans, Coeburn, Va.—Preached 52 sermons, conducted 45 prayer meetings, witnessed 65 conversions, received 13 into the church, traveled about 100 miles.

C. C. Wright, Dorchester, Va.—Preached 29 sermons, conducted 3 burial services, traveled 60 miles.

Charles W. Isom, Burdine, Ky.—Pastored 2 churches, assistant pastor of 2, preached 81 sermons, 2 revivals, witnessed 18 conversions, received 4 into the church, 11 funeral services, 4 memorials, married 4 couples, baptized 4, traveled 693 miles.

J. A. Hood, Big Stone Gap, Va.. R.F.D. 1, Box 173. — Pastored 2 churches, preached 60 sermons, worked in 1 revival, traveled 114 miles.

B. C. Lane, Glamorgan, Va.—Preached 160 sermons, conducted 4 revivals, witnessed 25 conversions, baptized 20, conducted 8 funeral services, 4 memorials, 25 prayer meetings, received 20 into the church, received \$20.00, spent \$30.00, traveled about 400 miles.

Ida Carter, Calvin, Va.—Preached 28 sermons, delivered 6 addresses, organized one Willing Workers Club, was president of same. I have taught 48 Sunday School lessons.

* Mack Gardner, McRoberts, Ky.—Preached 150 sermons, witnessed several conversions, married 10 couples, conducted 6 burial services, 3 memorials, traveled 150 miles.

W. B. Galloway, Norton, Va.. R.F.D. 1, Box 50.—Preached about 25 sermons, witnessed several conversions; helped baptize 32, labored in 1 revival, took part in 10 funeral services, and traveled about 200 miles.

OBITUARIES

J. R. BELCHER

Born August 14, 1869, departed this life September 29, 1934. Making his stay on-earth 65 years, 1 month and 15 days.

He joined the Primitive Baptist at the age of 35, later annexed the Free Will Baptist and remained a faithful soldier until death. He leaves a wife and eight children, two brothers and four sisters. Two children have preceded him to the home beyond. His seat is vacant, his tongue silent, his council no more to be heard in this world, although it still remains a precious jewel in the casket of our memory.

—Dock Kilgore.

JESSEE (CANEY) GILLY

Born May 6th, 1858. Died November 20th, 1934. Death was the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was converted at the early age of 15 years and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, but a few years ago he joined the Big

Spring Free Will Baptist Church and was a very active member until he was called up to Heaven. He spent his last days on earth in the home of one of his daughters, Mrs. R. B. Tate. He is greatly missed not only in the church but in and around the community in which he lived. Funeral services were held at East Stone Gap Methodist Church in charge of the pastor, assisted by Rev. H. S. Wilson and Rev. W. B. Galloway, and his body laid to rest in East Stone Gap Cemetery.

—W. B. Galloway.

ELVA VIOLA RUTHERFORD

Daughter of J. T. and Ollie Rutherford.

Born November 23, 1911, departed from this life February 14, 1935, making her stay here on earth 24 years, 2 months and 21 days.

She leaves her father, mother, and three sisters to mourn her departure.

Death was caused by influenza. She lived only two weeks after she was taken sick. All that doctors and loving hands could do did not save her life. The Lord called her to be with Him. She talked freely of her going, once she said, "Mother I see Jesus standing by my bed. Can you not see Him? He is the prettiest person I ever saw". She called for her sisters and brother-in-law, and said, "Good-bye, be good, and meet me up in Heaven". She professed faith in Christ about four years before her death. She lived a Christian life and was always kind to everyone. I shall never forget the day she was baptized by Elder W. M. Robinette. When she came up out of the water, she said, "Oh, Glorious Hope, Oh, Blessed Thought"!

Her friends were so nice to use while she was sick. I must pause to thank them for their kindness. What sadness comes when we realize never again in this life can we hear her sweet voice, singing her favorite song, "In The Land Where We Never Grow Old".

She is gone but not forgotten. Many times she put her arms around my neck and said, "Oh mother, how I love you".

We mourn not them that have no hope. Her spirit is gone to the God that gave it, her body to the tomb to await the coming of the Savior.

Her funeral service was conducted by Henry Boggs and her uncle, Monroe Hubbard, at the home of her parents. She was laid to rest in Duff Cemetery, to await the 'Morning of Joy'. Then she can say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory".

—Ollie Rutherford.

HOLLIE KEITH

Son of W. A. and Orpha Keith. He died January 27, 1934, making his stay here on earth 20 years, 1 month, and 23 days.

He was ill several months with heart trouble. He bore his sickness with courage, and said, "I am willing to endure what the Lord puts on me, as everybody has to go through with it himself, prepared or unprepared. I am trying to make for that home where there is no sickness".

When he and I were alone, most of his talk was of living right and of Heaven. Just a short while before he died, he told me that he had nothing to pray about. "I am so happy," he said, "that I can see Heaven. Everytime I have prayed for a week, I just want to shout to the top of my voice". He said he wanted his father and I to live close to the cause, so we wouldn't be divided in Heaven. Heaven means much to me as I have brothers there and it will be a resting place for me.

He prayed to die, and said, "Jesus is waiting to go through all the dreads with me". I told him when he was past speaking, if Jesus was still with him to throw up his hands. He was sitting in his chair while he was leaving this world and I was on my knees at his feet. He looked at me, smiled, and raised both his hands, and breathed his last.

A precious one is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

—Orpha Keith (Mother)

WHAT THE CHURCH IS TO ME

The Church is the place where the Word of God is preached; the power of God is felt; the Spirit of God is manifested; the Love of God is revealed; and the Unity of God is perceived.

There, I am to meet my Saviour; to meditate on His redemption; to listen to His commandments; to bow in reverence before Him; to pray for His guidance; to sing His praise and to ask for His help.

It is the home of my soul; the altar of my devotion; the hearth of my faith; the center of my affections, and a foretaste of heaven.

I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members; to give to its support; to obey its laws; to protect its name; to reverence its building; to honor its officers, and to maintain its permanence.

It claims the first place in my heart; the highest place in my mind; the principal place in my activities, and its unity, peace, and progress concerning my life in this world and that which is to come.

I owe it my zeal, my endeavor, my sympathy, my devotion, my benevolence, my sacrifice, and my prayers. When I neglect its services I injure its good name; I lessen its power; I discourage its members, and I chill my own soul.

I have solemnly promised, in the sight of God and men, to advance its interests by my faithful attendance; by reading the Holy Bible; by never neglecting its ordinances; by contributing to its support, by meeting with my fellow-members; by watching with them in prayer, praise and service, and that promise, I this day renew, before God my Father, Christ my Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit my Sanctifier.

—Arthur Casteel.

THE ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH

1. When any number of believers desire to be organized into a Free Will Baptist church, they are examined by one or more regular Free Will Baptist ministers in reference to their Christian character, doctrine, and ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory the applicants are organized into the church as follows: The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. The Church Covenant shall be adopted. A prayer of consecration offered. The hand of fellowship is given. Then officers are elected.

2. There shall be male members enough to fill the public offices in the church, in order that a regular discipline may be kept up.

3. After being thus constituted, they shall be at liberty out of the number of regularly ordained ministers, to choose a pastor who shall preside over them.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the Great Head of the Church.

MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Each church meets as often as practicable for the public worship of God.

The times of celebrating the Lord's Supper, washing feet, and of business meetings are arranged by each local church to suit its own convenience.

Each church is required to observe the ordinances. Foot washing follows the Lord's Supper.

Conference or business meetings are opened and closed with suitable de-

votional exercise. The pastor acts as moderator of the business meetings of the church. In the absence of the pastor the church may meet when necessary and attend to ordinary business; but no member is excluded in the absence of the pastor.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of a church are a Board of Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons and Deaconesses, Finance Committee and Pastor.

Board of Trustees.—The duty of the trustees shall be to hold title to all property, either in fee or gift, and to maintain all rights to same to convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifths majority of those present at a regular quarterly meeting, being announced at said church three months prior to said meeting.

Clerk.—It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the Church Covenant, the names of the members, and all the proceedings of the church, in the exercise of its discipline and management of its temporal affairs. He also signs all the letters and other communications made by authority of the church.

Treasurer.—The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be his duty to keep a regular account of all the money received, and from whom, and make a report of the same annually to the church, or oftener if necessary, which funds shall be drawn on the treasurer only by the order of the church.

Deacons.—The deacons are elected for life or during good behavior. They should be men distinguished among their brethren for piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office they are ordained by the pastor or other regular minister. Ordination consisting of charge, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's table, to distribute of the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting order in attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

Deaconesses.—They assist the deacons and the finance committee, in visiting the sick, in collecting funds and distributing among the needy members, and enforcing proper discipline among the female members.

Finance Committee.—These have the general management of the finances of the church, subject to the church's control.

Pastor.—Each church elects its own pastor out of the regularly ordained ministers, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties themselves. It is the pastor's duty faithfully to preach the Word, to have the general superintendence of the church, to be himself an example to the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick as he has the opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves, and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Any person who gives evidence of a change of heart, professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has been immersed by a proper administrator, church covenant read, explained and accepted is received to membership by a vote of the church.

From other churches immersed persons are received by letter. No one, against whom any valid objection is made is received to membership. When any member objects to the reception of an applicant, the matter is deferred until the church can ascertain the nature of the objection. If, in the opinion of the church, the objection is not a valid one, the applicant may be received. Excluded members are received again only when they confess their errors and give evidence of repentance. Persons excluded from other churches are not received, unless it be made evident that they were excluded upon unjustifiable grounds. The hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church, and these for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members receive letters of honorable dismission and commendation, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other. A withdrawal without such letter of commendation is equivalent to excommunication, and treated as such by the church.

ORGANIZATION OF A QUARTERLY MEETING

Two or more churches wishing to organize a Quarterly Meeting, shall appoint three delegates for that purpose and request of an adjoining Quarterly Meeting, a council of not less than five members and one ordained minister, which will meet with the delegates and proceed:

1. To examine the delegates respecting the Christian character and doctrines of their respective churches, and the reasons for such an organization as desired.
 2. The right hand of fellowship and consecrating prayer.
 3. The election of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, and then proceed with such business as may come before it.
 4. Delegates are elected to some Yearly Meeting or Association of the Free Will Baptist, and instructed for membership in such body.
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YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION

We, the members of the Free Will Baptist church, in order to form a more perfect union and promote Christ's Kingdom, do ordain and establish this

Constitution, for the John Thomas Yearly Meeting.

Article 1. This Yearly Meeting shall be called the John Thomas Yearly Meeting, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

Art. 2. The Conference of this Yearly Meeting shall be composed of the ministers and delegates, who are members of the Quarterly Meetings; each Quarterly Meeting being entitled to three delegates from each church.

Art. 3. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a Clerk, Treasurer, and Moderator, and shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting, with such assistants as may be found necessary.

Art. 4. Any well-organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the usages, and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denominations, as published in the minutes of the John Thomas Yearly Meeting, and are in favor of the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time on application, by vote of this Yearly Meeting, become a member thereof.

Art. 5. This Yearly Meeting shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly work if their labor proves unsuccessful.

Art. 6. The session of this Yearly Meeting shall convene on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings, of which the Yearly Meeting is composed, to represent themselves by delegates, and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter; at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act on such questions and topics, as may be referred to them by their respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor the usages of the denomination, as their judgment may promote the cause of Christ, and the interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings, within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

Art. 7. This Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its session.

Art. 8. This Conference shall not recognize any minister or delegate, unless they comply with the Constitution and By-Laws thereof.

Art. 9. Each Quarterly Meeting shall send into the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, their pro rata part of funds, that is necessary to take care of the expenses of the Yearly Meeting.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of four-fifths of the ministers and delegates present at any session, notice of such intended alteration having been given, and recorded at the next previous session.

BY-LAWS, MOTIONS, ETC, OF JOHN THOMAS YEARLY MEETING

1. No conference shall be held with less than three ordained ministers, and four delegates belonging to this Yearly Meeting.

2. At the opening of each conference, the clerk's books shall be presented, and the proceedings of last conference read.

3. This conference may at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each quarterly meeting of the conference.

4. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

5. If any member of the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.

6. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.

7. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

8. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.

9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.

10. A motion must be made by one member, seconded by another, and afterwards stated by the moderator, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover at the demand of any one member.

11. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

12. A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment by the conference.

13. Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a division be sustained by the majority.

14. When a member speaks or offers a motion he should rise and respectfully address the moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration, avoid all personalities or unkind or disrespectful language.

15. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time the moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

16. While a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call him to order, ask leave to explain or make explanation. The one allowed to explain, shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding of language which may need explanation.

17. No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than five minutes at each time, on any question without leave of the moderator, which leave shall be granted without debate.

18. All committees may be named by the moderator, by request of the conference.

19. The member first named on a committee shall be its chairman to call the committee together, but after it is convened the committee may elect its

own chairman and secretary.

20. Voting shall be done by standing up when a vote is close, or when it becomes necessary to count the affirmative and negative, and in special cases by ballot.

21. The moderator, in case of a tie, may cast the deciding vote.

22. All members should vote on one side or the other, unless excused by the moderator.

23. No motion, discussion, or other business, shall be admitted while the vote is being taken.

24. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.

25. Each Quarterly Meeting shall ask of their respective churches, to deal with their members when necessary, according to Matthew 18:15, 16, 17.

26. After a member accepts the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, then the right hand of fellowship shall be given, which is the door into the church.

27. If the minority of a Quarterly Meeting be grieved over the ruling of the majority, they have the right to appeal to the Yearly Meeting, and it's decision shall be final.

28. No minister shall have a vote in the conference unless he is a member in good standing with his church and conference.

BY-LAWS OF MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

1. There shall be a Ministers' Conference held annually in connection with the Yearly Meeting.

2. The object of the Ministerial Conference is to discuss points of doctrine, and examine the Christian character of the ministers.

3. Every minister in the John Thomas Yearly Meeting is required to attach themselves to the Ministers' Conference and must be governed by the rules and regulations of the Ministers' Conference.

4. Every minister belonging to the Conference is required to report themselves to the Conference annually, either in person or by letter or both.

5. Any minister failing to report for two years in succession without a reasonable excuse shall be reprimanded and if they still disregard this requirement they may be dismissed from the Conference.

6. Any minister moving to another Yearly Meeting shall take a letter of dismission and commendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Yearly Meeting where they move.

THE MINISTRY

1. No member of our connection shall be at liberty to take upon himself the public ministry of the Word, unless he feels divinely called, and make report of the same to the church, to which he belongs, and if the church shall

be satisfied with his qualifications, and call of such person, then she may grant said person the liberty to exercise his or her gifts by exhortation, for twelve months.

2. If they prove satisfactory to the church, they shall be recommended to the Quarterly Meeting, upon examination by the Quarterly Meeting, if satisfactory to same, may license said applicant or recommend them to the Ordaining Council, and shall be ordained if proven satisfactory to the Council.

3. The Ordaining Council must be appointed by the Yearly Meeting. Three ordained ministers from each Quarterly Meeting shall serve for a period of twelve months. Any three may transact the business of examining the applicants for ordination.

4. When a minister of another denomination, wishes to unite with the Free Will Baptist, he or she must first join the church. Then the proceedings are the same as with licentiates.

5. Any ministers leaving the Free Will Baptist Church and desiring to be reinstated, shall be dealt with as though they had never belonged to the church.

6. If a minister becomes disorderly, or preaches a doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist faith, the minister may at once be called to question by the church offended. They must be given a fair and impartial trial, by evidence mainly by the Free Will Baptist members, if the charges shall be sustained, they shall be dealt with as follows:

The church having the exclusive right to deal with the ministers under their care.

If the charges are against a licentiate, it must be reported to the Quarterly Meeting, and their decision shall be final.

If the charges are against an ordained minister, then the Quarterly Meeting shall report to, or call the ordaining council together, and they shall try the case, and their decision shall be final.

7. Any ordained minister of the Free Will Baptist may serve the church in the absence of the pastor, in every Gospel order required of him by the church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every

man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and dead.—I. Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; I. John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; I. Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I. John 5:1, 10.

7. We believe that all people, reaching the years of accountability must be born again. Then by trusting His promises and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved.—II. Timothy 4:7.

8. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II. Tim. 3:16, 17.

9. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the

grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4; 11. Peter 2:1; II. Thess. 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9-11.

12. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "*of such is the kingdom of God.*"—1. Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19-14.

13. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

14. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

15. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice farther than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

16. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-7; Jas. 5:14.

17. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

18. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; II. Cor. 5:10.

19. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

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