

MINUTES

of the

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

of

Free Will Baptists

1970

Proceedings

of the

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

convened with

The Macedonia Church

Saltville, Virginia

Saturday, October 3, 1970

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Held With
MACEDONIA CHURCH
Saltville, Virginia

**The next session will convene with the East Bristol Church, Bristol,
Tennessee, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1971.**

OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Arthur Rhymer, Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. M. C. Foran, 321 Boone Street, Bristol, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Shelton Norris Box 3078, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. John Taylor Route 1, Saltville, Virginia
Malcolm C. Foran 321 Boone Street, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Harold Rouse Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Kyle French P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Walter Statzer C. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Sherrill A. Foran Bris-Vue Trailor Court, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. James M. Wright Saltville, Virginia
Mrs. Bill Tibbs Route 1, Blountville, Tennessee

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELIST

Mrs. Claude Cardwell Box 88, Route 2, Saltville, Virginia

TRUSTEES

Rev. Walter Statzer P. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia
Rev. Kyle French P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia
Rev. C. F. Sprinkle Route 5, Bristol, Virginia

PROCEEDINGS

The John Wheeler Ninety-second Annual Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Saltville, Virginia, Saturday, October 3, 1970.

The meeting opened with the singing of *Kneel At The Cross*.

The clerk brought the devotional, reading from the sixth chapter of St. John, verses 44-66. Prayer was offered by Rev. Kyle French.

The moderator, Rev. Arthur Rhymer, presided over this session.

Rev. Cecil Pressley was assistant moderator.

Fellowship was taken. All were in fellowship.

The minutes of the last session were read by the clerk.

COMMITTEES SERVING

Executive Board: Milford Warren, Rev. John Taylor, Malcolm Foran, Rev. Harold Rouse, and Rev. Walter Statzer.

Finance Committee: Rev. Sherrill A. Foran, Rev. James M. Wright, and Mrs. Bill Tibbs.

Sunday School Committee: Mrs. Claude Cardwell.

Home Mission: Rev. Walter Statzer

Rev. Walter Statzer was elected to serve on the executive board in the absence of Rev. Shelton Norris.

The Quarterly meeting reports were read, and received as read.

The treasurer's report was read and received as read.

Sister Lottie Cardwell made an oral report on the Sunday School work.

ELECTIONS

Rev. Walter Statzer was retained on the Home Mission Board.

Sister Lottie Cardwell was retained on the Sunday School Work.

Rev. Kyle French was elected to serve on the executive board for the next five years.

Motion was made to adjourn the business session at this time, for the eleven o'clock preaching service. Closed with prayer by Rev. Ralph Carty.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with the Epperson Trio from East Bristol singing special numbers.

Rev. Herbert Adams brought the message, reading from St. John, Chapter 11, verse 25. Closed with prayer by Rev. Adams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Began by singing the song, *Heaven's Jubilee*. Scripture from the 12th

chapter of Acts, 17th verse was read by the clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Tolliver.

Brother Cecil Clifton requested that he be dismissed from the Association.

By vote of the body, Rev. Cecil Clifton was dismissed from the association by his request.

Rev. James Robert Prater returned his ordination certificate to the association as he had gone to another church out of the association. His resignation and certificate were received by vote of the body.

Rev. Kenneth Smith returned his credentials, and was dismissed by vote.

The food fund was cancelled by vote of the body.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. Winton Blaylock's card be held until an investigation can be made as to why he is not preaching.

The ordaining of the ministers and deacons will be discontinued in the yearly meeting, and will be left to the Quarterly meeting.

The finance committee for the association property was retained by vote of the body. They are as follows: Rev. Sherrill A. Foran, Rev. James M. Wright, and Sister Bill Tibbs.

Motion was made and carried that the next annual association will convene with the East Bristol Church, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1971. Rev. J. W. Chesnutt will bring the message at the eleven o'clock service.

Delegates were elected to represent the association at the Virginia State Association when it convenes Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1971, at the Central Free Will Baptist Church, Norton, Virginia.

The delegates are as follows: Mrs. Claude Cardwell, Mrs. Lena Fauver, Mrs. Joe Tolliver, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foran.

THE REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the executive board, recommend that we retain Rev. Walter Statzer on the Home Mission Board.

We recommend that Rev. Kyle French serve on the executive board for the next five years.

We recommend that Sister Claude Cardwell be retained as Sunday School Evangelist.

We recommend that we receive Kenneth Smith's ordaining papers as received.

We recommend that Rev. Winton Blaylock's card be tabled until examined by the board, and that a report be made to the Quarterly Meeting as to whether or not he is worthy to receive his ministerial card.

We recommend that the next yearly meeting convene with the East Bristol Church.

We recommend that the finance committee be retained as it is.

We recommend that the ordaining of ministers and deacons be discontinued in the association, and that the ordaining be done in the Quarterly Meeting.

We recommend that the food fund be discontinued.

We recommend that Rev. Robert Prater, Sr.'s ordination papers be received back, as he has left the association and joined another church outside this organization.

We recommend that the discussion on the purchasing of association property be carried over until the next yearly meeting, and that it shall be presented as first order of business when most people are present.

Terms of the board expire as follows: Rev. Shelton Norris — October, 1971. Rev. John Taylor — October, 1972; Brother M. C. Foran — October, 1973; Rev. Harold Rouse — October, 1974; Rev. Kyle French — October, 1975.

Finance is reported in the sum of \$178.00.

LETTERS

September 19, 1970

To the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists. When convened with the Macedonia Church at Saltville, Virginia, October 3, 1970, we send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters, Sister Charlotte Leonard, Sister Temple Tignor, Sister Lena Fauver, and Sister Joann Fleenor; Brother Arville Garland and Brother Sammy Wheeler, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics

State of Religion	Good
Members Received Past 12 Months	40
Baptized	31
Dismissed	26
Total Membership	407
Condition of Prayer Meetings	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	498
Number Officers	33
Number of Teachers	48

Finances

Paid Pastors	\$4,143.54
Paid Evangelist	1,232.32
Home Mission	279.06
Building and Rep.	2,316.04
For Education	932.96
For Publication	73.82
Children's Home	610.80
For Minutes	70.00
Total	\$8,658.54

Done by order of the Southwestern Quarterly assembled in conference this 19th day of September 1970.

Rev. Howard Shaver, Moderator
John C. Calhoun, Clerk

September 5, 1970

To the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Macedonia Church at Saltville, Virginia, October 3, 1970. We send as delegates our beloved brethren Rhea Blevins, Sister Violet Pressly, Sister Ollie Tolbert, Brother J. M. Wright, Sister Lottie Cardwell, and Sister Betty Serber, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics

Members Received Past Year	40
Baptized	27
Dismissed	6
Died	7
Total Membership	471
Average No. of Pupils in Sunday School	403

Finances

Paid Pastor	\$14,184.37
Paid Evangelist	1,668.28
Home Mission	239.87
Foreign Mission	201.04
Building and Repairs	3,387.13
For Orphanage	329.14
Total Expenses	20,009.83
Enclosed for Minutes	80.00

Ministers Belonging To Our Church

Rev. James M. Wright Saltville, Virginia

Done by order of Northeastern Quarterly Conference, assembled in conference this fifth day of September, 1970.

Brother Kyle French, Moderator
Lottie Cardwell, Clerk

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

October 4, 1969, cash on hand	\$59.29
Received from the annual association collection	\$21.39
Received from the Northeastern Quarterly	\$80.00
Received from the Southwestern Quarterly	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$220.68
Total to account for	\$220.68

DISBURSEMENTS

Minutes printed	\$78.00
Virginia State Association	\$60.00
Mailing cards	\$1.65
Treatise — One dozen	\$4.20
Ministers ordination certificates	\$1.20
Clerk-treasurer	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$170.05
Balance in treasury	\$50.63

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Rev. Jennings Wilson	1602A Westover Drive, Danville, Virginia
Rev. Robert Smith	Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Walter L. Statzer	P. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia 24354
Rev. Douglas K. Offield	Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
Rev. Howard Shaver	Route 5, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
Rev. Edd Pendergrass	Box 497, Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
Rev. Herbert Adams	Route 4, Bristol, Virginia 24201
Rev. C. C. Olinger	P. O. Box 247, Saltville, Virginia
Rev. Orville Trivette	Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
Rev. Samuel Johnson	P. O. Box 123, Gary, West Virginia
Rev. Joe E. Tolliver	Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
Rev. Arthur Rhymer	Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
<u>Rev. C. F. Sprinkle</u>	<u>Route 5, Bristol, Virginia 24201</u>
Rev. Kyle French	P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia
Rev. J. W. Chesnutt	520 Page Street, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Shelton Norris	Box 3078, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
Rev. Winton Blaylock	Route 4, Bristol, Virginia 24201
Rev. Lula F. Henly	264 Lowland Street, Abingdon, Virginia
Rev. Virginia Brannan	1813 King Mill Pike, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. H. M. Whittaker	3554 Chainbridge Rd., Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Rev. Elmer Adkins Route 4, Blountville, Tennessee
 Rev. John Taylor Route 1, Saltville, Virginia
 Rev. Homer Goodson Route 5, Bristol, Virginia 24201
 Rev. Cecil Pressley Box 337, Saltville, Virginia
 Rev. Orville O'Quinn 228 Crockett Street, Bristol, Virginia
 Rev. Sherrill A. Foran Bris-Vue Traylor Court, Bristol, Virginia
 Rev. Harold Rouse 5 Birch Street, Bristol, Tennessee
 Rev. Dewey Foran Route 5, Bristol, Virginia 24201
 Rev. Johnny Hooker Route 1, Blountville, Tennessee
 Rev. Rhea Willis Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee 37620
 Rev. Paul Price Route 2, Bristol, Virginia 24201
 Rev. James M. Wright Saltville, Virginia
 Rev. Alford Arnold Route 9, Jonesboro, Tennessee
 Rev. Robert Prater, Jr. Box 197, Saltville, Virginia 24370
 Rev. Robert Teaster 204 Delaney Street, Bristol, Tennessee

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Howard Shaver: sermons preached — 75; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 3; professions witnessed — 43; number baptized — 3; additions to the Church — 3; funerals preached — 3; marriages solemnized — 3; money received — \$1,200.00.

Rev. Herbert Adams: sermons preached — 79; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — assisted in 1; professions witnessed — 16; number baptized — 15; additions to the Church — 8; sick visits — 74; money received — \$467.19.

Rev. Edd Pendergrass: sermons preached — 25; professions witnessed — 6; funerals preached — 3; money received — \$100.00.

Rev. Johnny Hooker: sermons preached — 53; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 3; number baptized — 5; professions witnessed — 113; additions to the Church — 5; funerals conducted — 2; money received — \$225.00.

Rev. Rhea Willis: sermons preached — 50; revivals held — 2.

Rev. Dewey Foran: churches pastored — 1; professions witnessed — 2; additions to the church — 3; funerals conducted — 2; money received — \$142.93.

Rev. Sherrill A. Foran: sermons preached — 63; professions witnessed — 11; money received — \$27.92.

Rev. Cecil Pressley: sermons preached — 107; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 2 and assisted in 2; professions witnessed — 40; funerals conducted — 2; marriages solemnized — 2; money received — \$3,424.89.

Rev. Orville Trivette: sermons preached — 25; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 1; professions witnessed — 2; funerals preached — 2; money received — \$35.00.

Rev. Cecil Clifton: sermons preached — 41; revivals held — 3; professions witnessed — 14; money received — \$161.91.

Rev. Shelton Norris: sermons preached — 112; churches pastored — 1; professions witnessed — 13; number baptized — 4; additions to the Church — 6; funerals preached — 3; marriages solemnized — 1; money received — \$823.00.

Rev. James M. Wright: sermons preached — 28; churches pastored — 1; funerals preached — 8; marriages solemnized — 2; money received — \$400.00.

Rev. Kyle French: sermons preached — 147; revivals held — 7 (and 1 week of Bible Camp); professions witnessed — 109; funerals preached — 8; marriages solemnized — 2; money received — \$830.00.

Rev. Homer Goodson: churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 2; professions witnessed — 25; number baptized — 15; additions to the Church — 8; funerals preached — 3; marriages solemnized — 4; money received — \$350.00.

Rev. Samuel Johnson: sermons preached — 47; churches pastored — 1; professions witnessed — 1; miles traveled — 2,168.

Rev. Robert Prater: sermons preached — 33; revivals held — assisted in 1; professions witnessed — 14; money received — \$160.00.

Rev. Beryl Broyles: sermons preached — 48; churches pastored — 1; professions witnessed — 1; number baptized — assisted in 3; additions to the Church — 1; money received — \$190.82.

Rev. Walter Statzer: sermons preached — 181; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 2 (assisted in 2); professions witnessed — 106; number baptized — 20; additions to the Church — 24; funerals preached — 5; marriages solemnized — 3; money received — \$5,984.31.

Rev. Johnny Taylor: sermons preached — 53; professions witnessed — 7; funerals preached — 1; marriages solemnized — 1; money received — \$85.00.

Rev. C. C. Olinger: sermons preached — 22; revivals held — 1; number baptized — 2; funerals preached — 4; marriages solemnized — 1; money received — \$164.12.

Rev. Jennings Wilson: churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 3; professions witnessed — 24; number baptized — 14; additions to the church — 17; funerals preached — 8; marriages solemnized — 6; money received — \$1,564.

Rev. Arthur Rhymer: sermons preached — 65; revivals held — 1; professions witnessed — 42; number baptized — 4; funerals preached — 1; marriages solemnized — 1; money received — \$532.24.

Rev. Lula F. Henley: sermons preached — 11; revivals held — 1; professions witnessed — 20; funerals preached — assisted in 1.

Rev. J. W. Chesnutt: sermons preached — 95; churches pastored — 1; professions witnessed — 8; number baptized — 12; funerals preached — 6; marriages solemnized — 2; money received — \$1,200.00.

Rev. Orville O'Quinn: sermons preached — 23; miles traveled — 1,730; money received — \$297.71.

Rev. Harold Rouse: sermons preached — 80; revivals held — 1; funerals preached — 1; marriages solemnized — 2; money received — \$243.60.

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle: sermons preached — 129; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 1; professions witnessed — 35; number baptized — 23; additions to Church — 28; funerals preached — 18; marriages solemnized — 5; money received — \$1,200.00.

Rev. Robert F. Smith: sermons preached — 129; churches pastored — 1; revivals held — 2; professions witnessed — 75; number baptized — 25; additions to the Church — 10; funerals preached — 2; marriages solemnized — 2; miles traveled — 2,000; money received — \$25.00.

OBITUARY REPORT

Rev. Amos L. Pope, 84, died February 15, 1970.

Mrs. Pearl Moorelock, 66, died Friday, January 30, 1970.

B. W. Moorelock, 71, died April 3, 1970.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn for one year. The session was closed with prayer by Rev. Orville O'Quinn.

We, the delegates of the represented classes and visiting brothers and sisters, offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Macedonia Church and community, and for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay in their locality.

Rev. Arthur Rhymer, Moderator
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk-treasurer

THE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons Conference convened with the Macedonia Church, October 2, 1970, 7:30 p. m. The meeting began by singing *I'll Not Be A Stranger*. Prayer was made by Rev. C. F. Sprinkle.

The scripture read was third chapter St. John, verses 13 through 21. Rev. John Taylor was in charge of the song service. Rev. Harold Rouse gave the devotional.

The moderator, Rev. James M. Wright then took charge of the business session. Rev. Cecil Pressley, the pastor, assisted the moderator.

Fellowship was taken. All were in fellowship.

The ministers were passed on, and their reports were received as read. They received their annual ministerial cards.

Motion was carried that any minister who fails to attend the conference or report by letter (unless providentially hindered) must send a letter to the clerk within ten days after the yearly meeting to be eligible to obtain their annual cards.

Those that are sick or providentially hindered from reporting to the conference will be excused until they are able to attend.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. Orville Trivette be moderator for the next annual ministers and deacons meeting.

Sister L. F. Henley was chosen to give the devotional at the next annual ministers conference.

A moment of silent prayer was made in memorial to Rev.

A. L. Pope, an old veteran brother of the cross who passed away February 15, 1970.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn for one year. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Olinger.

YEARLY MEETING OR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This yearly meeting or association shall be called the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists, 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.

Article 2. The conference of this yearly meeting or association shall consist of delegates from the several quarterly meetings of which it is composed; every quarterly meeting being entitled to one delegate, every quarterly meeting containing five hundred members to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional five hundred members.

Article 3. The officers of this yearly meeting or association shall be a standing clerk, treasurer and a moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the yearly meeting or association, with assistants, as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist quarterly meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the practices and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination as published in the Treatise of their faith and in the minutes of the National Association and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application and by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This yearly meeting or association shall have power to discipline the quarterly meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walks if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this yearly meeting or association shall be held on _____, at which time it shall be the duty of the quarterly meetings of which this yearly meeting or association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegate, and report their standings, prospects and statistics; at which time the association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective quarterly meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution nor to the practices of the denomination, or in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ

and the interests of the church and quarterly meetings within the limits of this yearly meeting or association.

Article 7. This yearly meeting or association shall have power to adopt any regulations or bylaws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the yearly meeting or association at any regular session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. The Word of Christ. The Son of God, by His incarnation, life sufferings death and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1.

Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel. Feet washing, or ordinance teaching humility or universal obligation, is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament, Jesus Christ endorsed it in the gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, . . ." (1 Corinthians 16:2).

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements; for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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, to promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

