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**The next session will convene with the Pugh Mountain Church,
Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1974.**

OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Walter Statzer, 238 Meadow Crest Dr., Bristol, Virginia

Clerk and Treasurer: Mr. Raymond J. Freeman — Route 3, Marion, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. John M. Taylor Route 1, Saltville, Virginia

Rev. Kenneth Shaffer 1208 Virginia Avenue, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Kyle French Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia

Rev. Howard Campbell Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Darrell Pickle Route 3, Marion, Virginia 24354

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Walter Statzer 238 Meadow Crest Drive, Bristol, Virginia

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELIST

Mrs. Claude Cardwell Box 88, Saltville, Virginia

TRUSTEES

Rev. Walter Statzer 238 Meadow Crest Drive, Bristol, Virginia

Rev. Kyle French P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle Route 5, Bristol, Virginia

PROCEEDINGS

The John Wheeler Ninety-Fifth Annual Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church on October 6, 1973.

The meeting began with the singing of the song "I Shall Not Be Moved", led by Rev. John Tilson.

Temporary Clerk, Rev. Walter Statzer, brought the devotion, reading the twelfth chapter of Romans.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Ralph Graham.

The Association was called to order by Moderator Rev. Walter Statzer.

Fellowship was taken, All were in Fellowship.

The Program was adopted by the body.

Raymond J. Freeman was elected Clerk by the Body.

OLD BUSINESS — None

Moderator Rev. Walter Statzer reported that all records kept by the deceased Clerk will be returned to the Association.

Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted by the body.

The Executive Board consisting of Rev. Kenneth Shaffer, Rev. Howard Campbell, Rev. Kyle French, Rev. Darrell Pickle, Rev. Johnny Hooker serving in the absence of Rev. John Taylor were excused to take care of their business.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance brought forward	\$ 281.77
Expenditures:	
Printing of Minutes	129.15
Virginia State Association	50.00
Postage	10.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 189.15
Balance in Treasury, Oct. 6, 1973	92.62
Received from Quarterly	160.00
Morning Offering	20.57
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$ 273.19

DELEGATES ENROLLED

Southwest Quarterly

Edith Hooker, Jessie Shaffer, Mary Blaylock, Bertha Helbert, Fannie Canter, Peggy Adams, Janet Adams, Mrs. Ida Adams, William Buchanan, Clifton Vanover, Garnett McReynolds, J. W. Merman, Rev. Herbert Adams, Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Rev. Kenneth Shaffer, Rev. Howard Campbell, Rev. Johnny Hooker, Rev. Walter Statzer, Rev. Garry Rowlett, Julia Campbell, Dorothy McReynolds, Bro. and Sister Warren White.

Northeastern Quarterly

Lottie Cardwell, Judy Pickle, Kate Dennison, Ollie Tolbert, Maxine Freeman, Kathleen Harris, Ruth McCready, Rev. Ralph Graham, Rev. John Tilson, Rev. Kyle French, Rev. Darrell Pickle.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS

NORTHEASTERN QUARTERLY

Number of Churches	8
Number of Parsonages	1
Number of Ordained Ministers	16
Number of Licensed Ministers	3
Number of Ordained Deacons	30
Sunday Schools	8
G T A's	2
Prayer Meetings	8
Church Membership	630
Members Received	72
Members Dismissed	12
Sunday School Enrollment	549

Financial Report

Pastor's Salary	\$ 16,588.59
Evangelistic Work	2,256.54
Building and Repair	25,700.64
Miscellaneous	1,385.01
Foreign Missions	246.25
Home Missions	630.88
Orphanage	902.61
Enclosed for Minutes, Fees	80.00

SOUTHWESTERN QUARTERLY

State of Religion	Good
Members Received	25
Members Dismissed	26
Baptized	12
Died	7
Church Membership	461
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	413
Number of Officers	37
Number of Teachers	44

Financial Report

Pastor's Salary	\$ 8,095.78
Evangelistic Work	1,976.29
Home Mission	193.02
Foreign Mission	278.38
Building and Repair	6,517.50
For Education	1,271.60
For Publication	43.05
Enclosed for Minutes	80.00

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made and passed by the body to give Gaylord Spriggs permission to vote in the Association today pending a letter from his home church.

SCHEDULE OF YOUTH RALLYS

Second Saturday Night in November, 1973 Corner Stone Church

Second Saturday Night in February, 1974 Adwolfe Church

Second Saturday Night in May, 1974 Pine Hill Church

Second Saturday Night in August, 1974 Macadonia Church

Brothers Avery Sheets and John Calhoun are to notify Pastors the date of Youth Rallys in their Quarterly.

The following recommendations were made by the Executive Board, all were voted on and passed by the body.

Brother Harold Rouse was elected Moderator for the 1974 yearly session of the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptist.

Brother Kenneth Shaffer will bring the Eleven o'clock message at the 1974 yearly meeting.

Brother Walter Statzer be retained on the Home Mission Board.

Sister Claude Cardwell be retained as Sunday School Evangelist.

The Macadonia Free Will Baptist change their property deed from the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptist to the Macadonia Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion was made and passed by the body to adjourn for the eleven o'clock Preaching Service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened by singing verses one and two of "Standing on the Promises". The morning offering was taken while singing verses three and four of "Standing on the Promises".

Special singing by the family of Rev. Herbert Adams.

Rev. Herbert Adams brought the eleven o'clock message using scripture from Revelations, Chapter 22, Verses 1, 2, and 3.

Prayer by Rev. Herbert Adams.

Text: "You must be born twice to reach Heaven".

Services dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

A motion was made and passed by the body that the John Wheeler Association sponsor a Teacher Training Program for Sunday School Teachers. This program will be held five nights each summer for five years. Sister Lottie Cardwell will be responsible for the school.

Delegates chosen to attend the State Association are as follows: Sister Lottie Cardwell, Sister Madge Statzer, Sister Edith Hooker, Sister Judy Pickle, Sister Mary Blaylock, Sister Jessie Shaffer.

A motion was made and passed by the body to print 500 copies of the Minutes.

Terms of the Executive Board expire as follows:

Rev. Howard Campebell	Oct. 1974
Rev. Kyle French	Oct. 1975
Rev. John Taylor	Oct. 1976
Rev. Darrell Pickle	Oct. 1977
Rev. Johnny Hooker	Oct. 1978

The following recommendations were made by the Executive Board. All were voted on and passed by the body.

Rev. Johnny Hooker was elected to the Executive Board for a five year term.

The 1974 yearly meeting of the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptist will be held at the Pugh Mountain Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, Virginia.

The Clerk, Brother Raymond J. Freeman, was elected to serve as Treasurer.

Sisiter Maxine Freeman was elected to serve as assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

The Clerk of the Association is to hold the Ministerial Certificate of Brother Robert Smith until the Executive Board investigates him.

The John Wheeler Association requests that Robert Prater, Jr. return his Credentials to the John Wheeler Association.

MINISTERS WHO BELONG TO THE JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION AND THEIR REPORTS

X Rev. Joe Tolliver Route 2, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sick, no report.

- + Rev. Edd Pendergrass Route 3, Box 479, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
 Sermons Preached, 25; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 1;
 Professions Witnessed, 10; Number Baptized, 4; Funerals Preached,
 2; Miles Traveled, 500.
- X Rev. J. W. Chesnutt 520 Page Street, Bristol, Va. 24201
 Sermons Preached, 12; Professions Witnessed, 2; Funerals Preached,
 2.
- X Rev. Orville Trivett Route 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
 Sermons Preached, 28; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 1; Pro-
 fessions Witnessed, 6; Number Baptized, 4; Marriages Solemnized,
 1; Miles Traveled, Unknown; Money Received, \$175.00.
- X Rev. Herbert Adams Route 5, Bristol, Va. 24201
 Sermons Preached, 104; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held,
 Assisted in 2; Professions Witnessed, 75; Funerals Preached, 1; Mar-
 riages Solemnized, 5; Miles Traveled, 2331; Money Received,
 \$466.13; Visited 141 Sick Persons. May God Bless you all. Pray
 for us.
- Rev. Arthur Rhymer Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
 Sermons Preached, 77; Revivals Held, 3; Professions Witnessed, 13;
 Number Baptized, 6; Funerals Preached, 2; Money Received, \$434.52.
- Rev. C. F. Sprinkle Route 1, Bristol, Va. 24201
 Sermons Preached, 168; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 1;
 Professions Witnessed, 22; Number Baptized, 24; Additions to
 Church 16; Funerals Preached, 8; Marriages Solemnized, 2; Miles
 Traveled, 24,000; Money Received, Approximately \$4,100.00.
- X Rev. Elmer Adkins Route 4, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
 Sermons Preached, 45; Professions Witnessed, 15; Funerals Preached,
 2; Money Received, \$150.00. Pray for me and may God bless you.
- X Rev. Orville O'Quinn 228 Crockett Street, Bristol, Va. 24201
 Sermons Preached, 29; Miles Traveled, 1700; Money Received,
 \$380.00.
- X Rev. Johnny Hooker Route 1, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
 Sermons Preached, 51; Churches Pastored, 1; Professions Witnessed,
 14; Number Baptized, 1; Funerals Preached, 2; Marriages Solem-
 nized, 1; Money Received for Expenses, \$520.00.
- Rev. ~~Robert Smith~~ C Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
 No Report.
- X Rev. Ray Willis Route 2, Box 144C, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
 No Report.
- Rev. Douglas Offield Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
 No Report.
- X Rev. Harold Rouse Route 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
 Sermons Preached, 41; Revivals Held, 1; Professions Witnessed, 12;
 Number Baptized, 5; Funerals Preached, 3; Marriages Solemnized,
 3; Money Received, \$240.00.

- X Rev. Howard Campbelle Route 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sermons Preached, 97; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 1;
Professions Witnessed, 26; Number Baptized, 8; Additions to Church,
19; Funerals Preached, 7; Marriages Solemnized, 7; Miles Traveled,
Many; Money Received, \$1,850.00.
- X Rev. Paul Rouse 2161 Bradley Street, Bristol, Va. 24201
Sermons Preached, 51; Professions Witnessed, 19; Money Received,
\$87.49; Churches Pastored, 2; Baptized, 23.
- X Rev. Kenneth Shaffer 1208 Va. Avenue, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sermons Preached, 60; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held Assisted,
in 1; Professions Witnessed, 20; Number Baptized, 12; Funerals
Preached, assisted in 1; Marriages Solemnized, 2; Money Received,
\$40.00.
- X Rev. Walter Statzer 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201
Sermons Preached, 133; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 1;
Assisted in 2; Professions Witnessed, 71; Number Baptized, 15; Ad-
dition to Church, 6; Funerals Preached, 9; Marriages Solemnized, 3;
Money Received, \$5,674.76. Held four Bible Schools; Held one
Singing School.
- Rev. Darrell Pickle Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
Sermons Preached, 120; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 1;
Professions Witnessed, 79; Number Baptized, 11; Additions to
Church, 25; Funerals Preached, 5; Marriages Solemnized, None;
Money Received, \$4,375.00.
- Rev. Avery Sheets Route 2, Marion, Va. 24354
Sermons Preached, 90; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 2;
Professions Witnessed, 27; Number Baptized, 11; Additions to
Church, 3; Funerals Preached, 1; Miles Traveled, 12,000; Money
Received, \$1,000.00.
- Rev. Kyle French Va. Avenue, Chilhowie, Va.
Sermons Preached, 125; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 3;
Assisted in 1; Professions Witnessed, 19; Additions to Church, 2;
Funerals Preached, 6; Marriages Solemnized, 7; Money Received,
\$3,000.00.
- Rev. John E. Floyd Route 2, Marion, Va. 24354
Sermons Preached, 37; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 1;
Professions Witnessed, 23; Number Baptized, 7; Additions to
Church, 11; Money Received, \$150.00.
- Rev. C. C. Olinger Box 274, Saltville, Va.
Sermons Preached, 17; Professions Witnessed, 9; Funerals Preached,
1; Miles Traveled, Many; Money Received, \$194.97; Visited Homes
and Hospitals.
- Rev. Shelton Norris Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sermons Preached, 88; Churches Pastored, 1 for 10 months; Revivals
Held, 1; Professions Witnessed, 18; Number Baptized, 3; Funerals

Preached, 3; Marriages Solemnized, 1; Miles Traveled, Many;
Money Received, Approximately \$710.00.

- Rev. Samuel Johnson Gary, W. Va.
Sermons Preached, 38; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 2;
Professions Witnessed, 17; Number Baptized, 15; Additions to
Church, 17; Funerals Preached, 3; Miles Traveled, 3,150.
- Rev. John Tilson Bristol, Tenn.
Sermons Preached, 10; Professions Witnessed, 2; Number Baptized, 2.
- Rev. Cecil Pressley 1st Ave., Saltville, Va.
Sermons Preached, 87; Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 2;
Revivals Assisted in, 2; Professions Witnessed, 23; Number Bap-
tized, 3; Additions to Church, 4; Funerals Preached, 1; Miles Trav-
eled, Approximately 9,700; Money Received, \$3,096.20.
- Rev. Jennings Wilson Chilhowie, Va. 24319
Churches Pastored, 1; Revivals Held, 2; Professions Witnessed, 68;
Number Baptized, 13; Additions to Church, 8; Funerals Preached,
14; Marriages Solemnized, 14; Money Received, \$5,576.00.
- Rev. Ralph Graham Route 4, Marion, Va. 24354
Report for one month; Sermons Preached, 2; Money Received, \$5.00.
- Rev. John Taylor Bristol, Va. 24201
Sermons Preached, 75; Professions Witnessed, 8; Funerals Preached,
4; Miles Traveled, Unknown; Money Received, \$250.00. Please pray
for me that I can do more for Christ and the up building of Gods
Kingdom.
- Rev. Glen Powers Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
Sermons Preached, 47; Churches Pastored, 1; Professions Witnessed,
4; Funerals Preached, 3; Money Received, \$588.41.
- Rev. Robert Spears Abingdon, Va.
Sermons Preached, 55; Churches Pastored, 1; Professions witnessed,
6; Number Baptized, 11; Miles Traveled, 754; Money Received,
\$102.00.
- Rev. Herman W. Cress Route 1, Box 218, Marion, Va. 24354
Report beginning June 2, 1973: Sermons Preached, 7; Professions
Witnessed, 3; Number Baptized, Assisted 1; Miles Traveled, 450;
Money Received, \$28.50.
- Rev. Calvin Baumgarner Abingdon, Va.
No Report
- Rev. Ralph Carty Abingdon, Va.
No Report
- Rev. Lula Henley Abingdon, Va.
No Report

A motion was made and passed by the body to accept the Minutes as read by the Clerk. The Clerk has the authority to correct all mistakes.

The Association was closed with prayer by Rev. John Tilson.

We the delegates of the represented classes and visiting Brothers and Sisters, offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Rooty Branch Church and Community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay in their locality.

Rev. Walter Statzer, Moderator
Mr. Raymond J. Freeman, Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK SHOP

The Annual Sunday School Workshop was held with the Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church October 4, 1973.

Services began with the devotions conducted by Rev. Jack Sprinkle. Scripture used, 23 Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. Otis Smith.

The Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me", led by Rev. John Tilson.

WORKSHOP

1. Promotions discussed by Sister Lottie Cardwell.
2. Sunday School Courses discussed by Sister Lottie Cardwell.
3. Visual Aids and Teaching Material discussed by Sister Madge Statzer.

Number of persons present, 38.

Closed with prayer by Brother John Calhoun.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons Conference convened with the Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church October 5, 1973.

The meeting began by singing "Keep On The Firing Line". Led by Rev. John Tilson.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Orville O'Quinn.

Temporary Clerk, Rev. Walter Statzer, read the scripture, 2nd. Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 1 thru 7.

Welcome was given by Rev. Howard Campbelle, Pastor of Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Jack Sprinkle was elected to serve as Moderator in the absence of Rev. J. W. Chesnutt who is sick.

Associaton was called to order by the Moderator.

Fellowship was taken, all were in fellowship.

The Devotional message was brought by Rev. C. C. Olinger, using scripture, 2nd Timothy, Chapter 4, Verses 1 thru 8.

A letter from Jennings Wilson was read to the body.

Ministers reports were read and received as read by the body.

EXECUTIVE BOARD SERVING

Rev. Darrell Pickle, Rev. Johnny Hooker, Rev. Kyle French, Rev. Howard Campbelle, Rev. Kenneth Shaffer.

The following recommendations were made by the Executive Board. All were voted on and passed by the body.

Rev. John Taylor will be the Moderator for the 1974 Ministers and Deacons conference.

Rev. Cecil Pressley will bring the Devotional Message.

Ministers Questioned:

Rev. Garnett McReynolds, Rev. Robert Smith, Rev. Kyle French, Rev. Robert Prater.

New Ministerial Cards were presented to the following Ministers: Paul Rouse, Edd Pendergrass, C. C. Olinger, Avery Sheets, Shelton Norris, Robert Spears, Herbert Adams, Samuel Johnson, Jennings Wilson, Orville O'Quinn, C. F. Sprinkle, Orville Trivette, Walter Staizer, Howard Campbelle, Darrell Pickle, J. W. Chesnutt, Ralph Graham, Arthur Rhymer, Kyle French, Johnny Hooker, John Taylor, John E. Floyd, Harold Rouse, John Tilson, Glen Powers, Cecil Pressley, Kenneth Shaffer.

The following ministers were approved pending their report: Joe Tolliver, Calvin Baumgarner, Douglas Offield, Ray Willis, Herman Cress, Lulu Henley, Ralph Carty, Elmer Adkins.

Number of Ministers present	24
Number of Deacons present	13
Number of Visiting Ministers present	2
Number of Visiting Deacons present	0
Number of Visitors present	7

Motion was made and passed by the body to adjourn for one year.

Closed with Alter Prayer, led by Rev. Kyle French.

OBITUARY REPORT

Sister Laura Cantor	August, 1973
Sister Zula Mae Statzer	June, 1973
Sister Sara Foran	April, 1973
Sister Lizzie Snyder	September, 1973
Sister Molly Rush	October, 1973
Sister Daisy Gilbert	November, 1972
Brother Albert Gilbert	May, 1973
Sister Ethel Poston	January, 1973

Mrs. M. C. Foran

BORN APRIL 12, 1900

DIED APRIL 18, 1973

The Ninety-fifth Annual Session of the John Wheeler Association was over shadowed by a sense of loss due to the death of Mrs. M. C. Foran. Sister Foran had occupied the seat of Clerk at every session of the Association for twenty-eight years without fail. She had also served as clerk of the State Association for twenty-five years.

Sister Foran, the daughter of a Free Will Baptist Minister, served God and the Free Will Baptist with a love and dedication that will be remembered for many years.

YEARLY MEETING OR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This yearly meeting or association shall be called the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptist, 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 judgement 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 regularly 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.
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 determines 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. **Perserverance.** 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, . . ." (I Corinthians 16:2).
15. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law required that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements; for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communication with God.
16. **Resurrection, Judgement, 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.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
RE: [Illegible]