

MINUTES
of the
John Wheeler Association
of
Free Will Baptist
1978

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
One-hundredth Annual Association

CONVENED WITH THE
CARDWELL TOWN CHURCH
Saltville, Virginia

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 1978

THE 1979 SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH THE
SHILOH CHURCH
SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1979

OFFICERS

MODERATOR REV. JIM COX
1019 Vinton Road, N. E., Roanoke, Va. 24012

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Johnny Hooker Rt. 1, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Bro. Sandy Bentley 223 Delaney St., Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Bro. James White Rt. 3, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Avery Sheets Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Elmer Cardwell, Jr. 2728 Dell Ave. N.E., Roanoke, Va. 24012

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Walter Statzer 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201

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Rev. Walter Statzer 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Kyle French P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Va. 24319

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundredth annual session of the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Cardwell Town Free Will Baptist Church, Saltville, Va. on Sept. 30, 1978.

The meeting began with the singing of "Standing on The Promises.

Singing was led by Rev. Walter Statzer.

Welcome was given by Rev. Bob Surber.

The following scripture was read by the Clerk, 1st Corinthians, Chapter one, Verse seventeen thru thirty one.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Olinger.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jim Cox.

The congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him" while having fellowship.

All were in fellowship.

Reports from the Southwestern and Northeastern Quarterlys were read by the clerk to the congregation.

The Congregation voted to accept the Reports as read by the clerk.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS

SOUTHWESTERN QUARTERLY:

MODERATOR: Rev. Johnny Hooker
CLERK: John C. Calhoun

Number of Churches	9
Church Membership	743
Number of Ordained Ministers	20
Number of Licensed Ministers	0
Number of Ordained Deacons	37
Enrollment of Sunday Schools	675
Average attendance of Sunday Schools	574
Enrollment of Church Training Service	109
Average attendance of Church Training Service	95
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries	64
Average attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries	55
Mid week service average attendance	203

Financial Report:

Spent for local causes

Pastors Salaries	\$18,231.19
Evangelistic Work	5,447.87
Building and Repair	19,285.31
Literature	3,301.72
Other	8,333.34
TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES	\$54,599.43

Spent for outside causes

Foreign Missions	\$ 1,062.37
Home Missions	1,515.91
Education	258.00
Orphanage	641.70
TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES	\$ 3,477.98
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$58,077.41
Value of Church Property	\$780,000.00
Amount enclosed for fees	\$ 435.00

NORTHEASTERN QUARTERLY:

MODERATOR: Rev. Otis Barker
CLERK: Lottie Cardwell

Number of Churches	7
Number of Parsonages	3
Number of Ordained Ministers	20

Number of Ordained Deacons	24
Number of Sunday Schools	7
Number of Church Training Services	2
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	5
Number of Masters Men	2
Number of Prayer Meetings	7
Church Membership	597
Members Received	80
Members Dismissed	17
Sunday School Enrollment	749
Women's Auxiliary Membership	84

Financial Report:

Spent for Local causes:

Pastor's Salary	\$33,220.54
Evangelistic Work	3,907.44
Building and Repair	26,361.13
Literature	3,392.83
Other	20,043.30
TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES	\$86,925.24

Spent for outside causes:

Foreign Missions	\$ 2,191.85
Home Missions	1,140.40
Education	813.20
Orphanage	2,031.58
TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES	\$ 6,177.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$93,102.27
Value of Church Property	\$335,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	\$105,000.00
Amount enclosed for fee's	\$280.00

STANDING DELEGATES ENROLLED

MINISTERS:

C. C. Olinger, Elmer Cardwell, Jr., Johnny Hooker, David Neitch, Ronnie Snider, Kenneth Shaffer, Kyle French, Orville O'Quinn, Bob Surber, Walter Statzer, Jim Cox, George Sizemore.

DEACONS:

John Calhoun, Sandy Bentley, Dennis Frye, Herman Olinger, Jack Freeman.

VISITING MINISTER — Roy Thomas

VISITORS PRESENT — 10

The body elected Rev. C. C. Olinger and Bro. Dennis Frye to serve on the Executive Board today in the absence of Rev. Avery Sheets and Bro. James White.

EXECUTIVE BOARD SERVING TODAY

Rev. Johnny Hooker Bro. Sandy Bentley Rev. C. C. Olinger
 Bro. Dennis Frye Rev. Elmer Cardwell, Jr.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance on hand, October 1, 1977 \$698.67

Expenditures:

Printing of Minutes \$ 231.92
 Va. State Association 100.00
 Postage 5.59
 Clerk 25.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 362.51

BALANCE \$ 336.16

Friday Night Offering \$ 34.80

Saturday Morning Offering 20.26

Received from Quarterly —

 Northeastern \$280.00

 Southwestern \$435.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$770.06

Balance Sept. 30, 1978 \$1,106.22

A motion was made and passed by the body to accept the Treasurers report as read.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELIST

Sister Lottie Cardwell, Sunday School Evangelist for the Northeastern Quarterly visited the following churches: Adwolfe, Liberty, Valley View, Macedonia, Greenwood, and Cardwell Town.

Money received \$10.00

Workshops conducted 1

Teacher Training Class 1

Vacation Bible School 1

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Jim Cox reported on the Home Mission. The Mission Board is trying at this time to find Ministers who are willing to go to Wytheville, and Charlottesville, Va. to establish new churches.

Rev. Kyle French reported on the need for a Bible Institute to be established in this area of Virginia. Reasons for a Bible Institute are as follows: We all need a greater education. Prepare our Ministers to handle different situations, study greater depths. We also need Literature and Bible Aids to be available to our people.

Rev. David Neitch reported on plans for a Northeastern Quarterly Revival. Rev. Neitch is in charge of this revival. All churches will be asked to take part in this revival. Rev. Walter Statzer reported that the Southwestern Quarterly would also be interested in this Revival.

The Moderator reported that the Childrens Home at Greenville, Tenn. could not be represented today. They sent their thanks for our help and support of the home.

Rev. Roy Thomas, of the National Home Missions Office spoke concerning Home Missions. There is a great need for Missionaries and Free Will Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and passed by the body that the John Wheeler Association establish and conduct a Sunday School Retreat before the 1979 yearly meeting. Sister Lottie Cardwell will be in charge.

A committee to assist Sister Cardwell was appointed, they are as follows: Walter and Madge Statzer, Johnny and Lois Calhoun, Jack and Maxine Freeman, Bob and Juanita Surber.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We the Executive Board recommend that the John Wheeler Association accept the Ordination Certificates of Rev. Arthur Rhymer and Rev. Orville Trivette and if in the future they wish to return to the John Wheeler Association they will have to go through the proper procedures required of all new Ministers.

A motion was made and passed by the body to accept the Recommendation of the Executive Board.

Morning offering received — \$20.26.

The morning session recessed for ten minutes.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened by singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder".

Sister Lottie Cardwell sang "Consider the Lillies".

Rev. Roy Thomas brought the eleven o'clock message using scripture from Leviticus, chapter twenty-five, verse eight, nine, and ten.

Dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

The evening service began with the singing of "Victory in Jesus."

The Clerk read the following scripture: St. John, chapter fourteen, verses one thru seven.

Prayer by Rev. Ronnie Snider.

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

1. To raise the fee sent to the Va. State Association from \$100.00 to \$150.00.
2. Bro. Dennis Frye to replace Rev. Johnny Hooker on the Executive Board. Rev. Hookers term expires today. Bro. Frye's term will expire in Oct. 1983.
3. Rev. David Neitch is to be Moderator for the 1979 Saturday Session of the John Wheeler Association. He has authority to appoint a speaker for the eleven o'clock service.
4. Rev. Walter Statzer to represent us to the Home Mission Board.
5. The Clerk has the authority to pay all telephone expenses pertaining to associational business from the Treasury.
6. Pay Rev. Roy Thomas \$50.00 for expenses in coming to speak to the Association.

The 1979 State Meeting will be at Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Jonesville, Va. on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1979.

A motion was made and passed by the body giving Sister Lottie Cardwell authority to appoint delegates to the State Association.

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

A motion was made and passed by the body to hold the 1979 association meeting at the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol, Va.

A motion was made and passed by the body giving the clerk the authority to correct any and all mistakes in the minutes.

Minutes of the 1978 session were read by the clerk. Minutes were approved by the body as read.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the Ladies of Cardwell Town Free Will Baptist Church for the fine lunch served.

A motion was made and passed by the body to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Walter Statzer.

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

Rev. Jim Cox, Moderator
Bro. Raymond J. Freeman, Clerk

TERMS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD EXPIRES AS FOLLOWS:

Bro. Sandy Bentley	October, 1979
Bro. James White	October, 1980
Rev. Avery Sheets	October, 1981
Rev. Elmer Cardwell, Jr.	October, 1982
Bro. Dennis Frye	October, 1983

MINISTERS WHO BELONG TO THE JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION AND THEIR REPORTS

Rev. Joe Powers Route 5, Marion, Va. 24354
Churches pastored, 2; Revivals held, 7; Number baptized, 10; Additions to Church, 22; Funerals preached, 6; Miles traveled, 12,000.
Money received, \$2,080.00. One radio broadcast.

Rev. Homer Goodson Route 5, Box 654, Bristol, Va. 24201
Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 1; Professions witnessed, 19;
Funerals preached, 2; Marriages solemnized, 2; Money received,
\$400.00.

Rev. Howard Campbell Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620.
Sermons preached, 104; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 2;
Number baptized, 5; Additions to Church, 4; Funerals preached, 12;
Marriages solemnized, 5; Money received, \$2,760.00. Pray for us
and our church.

Rev. Bobby Collins Route 2, Saltville, Va. 24370
Professions witnessed, 2; Money received, \$7.00.

Rev. John Taylor Route 1, Cleveland, Va.
Sermons preached, 23; Professions witnessed, 6; Number baptized,
7; Funerals preached, 2; Money received, \$120.00.

Rev. Levi Arnold Route 9, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Sermons preached, 141; Professions witnessed, 30; Number baptized,
2; Additions to church, 15; Miles traveled, 7,000; Money received,
\$1,200.00.

- Rev. Johnny Hooker Route 1, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Sermons preached, 137; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 37; Number baptized, 4; Additions to Church, 12; Funerals preached, 2; Marriages solemnized, 1; Money received, \$1,200.00.
- Rev. Clifton Rush Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sermons preached, 53; Number baptized, 5.
- Rev. Herbert Adams Route 6, Bristol, Va. 24201
Sermons preached, 94; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 4; Professions witnessed, 28; Number baptized, 3; Money received, \$418.44; Visited many sick. May the Good Lord bless you all. Pray for us.
- Rev. Orville O'Quinn 228 Crockett St., Bristol, Va. 24201
Sermons preached, 18; Miles traveled, 480; Money received, \$365.78.
- Rev. Shelton Norris Box 3078, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sermons preached, 114; Churches pastored, 1; Additions to Church, 6; Funerals preached, 5; Marriages solemnized, 3; Money received, approx. \$1,800.00.
- Rev. Harold Rouse Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sermons preached, 8; Funerals preached, 2; Marriages solemnized, 6; Professions witnessed, 5.
- Rev. Bob Surber Route 2, Meadowview, Va. 24361.
Sermons preached, 107; Churches pastored, 2; Revivals held, 3; Professions witnessed, 32; Number baptized, 11; Additions to Church, 12; Funerals preached, 4; Marriages solemnized, 7; Miles traveled, approx. 6,100; Money received, \$1,839.00. Held approx. 40 Rest Home Services. Visited homes and hospitals. Thank God for his blessings.
- Rev. Walter Statzer 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201
Sermons preached, 127; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 1; Number baptized, 12; Additions to church, 19; Funerals preached, 14; Marriages solemnized, 11; Money received, \$10,048.44. Held 3 Bible Schools and 1 Singing School.
- Rev. Kyle French Box 87, Chilhowie, Va. 24319
Sermons preached, 62; Churches pastored, none; Professions witnessed, 11; Number baptized, 8; Funerals preached, 5; Marriages solemnized, 10. Money received, \$2,780.87.
- Rev. Elmer G. Cardwell, Jr. 2728 Dell Ave. N.E., Roanoke, Va. 24012
Sermons preached, 17; Professions witnessed, 12; Funerals preached, 1. This report from Jan. 1, 1978 to Oct. 1, 1978.

- Rev. Curtis Havens Route 1, Saltville, Va. 24370
Sermons preached, 13; Professions witnessed, 1; Miles traveled, approx. 3,000; Money received, \$125.00. Pray that God will help us in our little way. God bless you.
- Rev. Jennings Wilson 1869 Pittstown Road, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 20; Additions to church, 4; Funerals preached, 9; Marriages solemnized, 6; Money received, \$4,320.00.
- Rev. Jim Cox 1019 Vinton Road N.E., Roanoke, Va. 24012
Sermons preached, 200; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 2; Marriages solemnized, 2; Miles traveled, 16,000; Money received, \$6,500.00.
- Rev. Kenneth Shaffer 1208 Va. Ave., Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Sermons preached, 73; Churches pastored, 1; Number baptized, 3; Additions to church, 8; Funerals preached, 1; Marriages solemnized, 1; Miles traveled, 10,000; Money received, \$2,042.41.
- Rev. David Neitch Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
Sermons preached, 163; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 3; Professions witnessed, 25; Number baptized, 7; Additions to church, 13; Funerals preached, 5; Miles traveled, 15,000. Money received, \$6,500.00.
- Rev. Avery Sheets Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
Sermons preached, 85; Churches pastored, 1; Professions witnessed, 12; Additions to church, 8; Funerals preached, 1; Marriages solemnized, 1; Miles traveled, 3,000; Money received, \$1,000.00.
- Rev. Ronnie Snider Chilhowie, Va. 24319
Sermons preached, 41; Professions witnessed, 4; Funerals preached, 1; Marriages solemnized, 1; Money received, \$25.00; Organized 2 Cottage Prayer Meetings.
- Rev. John Floyd Route 5, Marion, Va. 24354
Sermons preached, 430; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 2; Professions witnessed, 86; Number baptized, 26; Additions to church, 22; Funerals preached, 7; Marriages solemnized, 8; Miles traveled, 37,000; Money received, \$7,800.00. I have enjoyed all of my work for God, and the fellowship with all of my friends.
- Rev. Clyde Gamble 540 Willow Branch Road, Bristol, Va. 24201
Sermons preached, 56; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 1; Number baptized, 10; Marriages solemnized, 2.
- Rev. C. C. Olinger Box 274, Saltville, Va. 24370
Sermons preached, 18; Professions witnessed, 7; Funerals preached, 2; Money received, \$70.30. Visited many homes and the hospital.

- Rev. George Sizemore Box 521, Abingdon, Va. 24210
 Sermons preached, 46; Revivals held, 1; Professions witnessed, 2;
 Funerals preached, 1; Marriages solemnized, 26; Miles traveled,
 approx. 2,242; Money received, \$1,422.04.
- Rev. Otis Barker Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
 Sermons preached, 63; Professions witnessed, 7; Funerals preached,
 1; Miles traveled, 4,200; Money received, \$30.00.
- Rev. J. W. Chesnutt 520 Page St., Bristol, Va. 24201
- Rev. Ralph Carty Route 5, Abingdon, Va. 24210
- Rev. Johnny Sloan Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
- Rev. Edd Pendergrass Route 1, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
- Rev. Elmer Atkins Route 4, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
- Rev. Douglas Offield Route 5, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
- Rev. Clifton Vanover 103 Nita St., Bristol, Tenn. 37620
- Rev. Lula Henley 264 Lowland St., Abingdon, Va. 24210
- Rev. Robert Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The annual Sunday School Workshop was held at the Cardwell Town Free Will Baptist Church, Saltville, Va. on Sept. 28, 1978.

Services began with singing of "Are You Washed in The Blood".

Singing led by Rev. Walter Statzer.

Welcome given by Rev. Bob Surber.

The following scripture was read by Rev. Bob Surber, Psalms, 134.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Walter Statzer.

WORKSHOP

Sister Lottie Cardwell, Sunday School Evangelist, for the North-eastern Quarterly, spoke on the need for each church to be represented at the annual workshop.

Sister Francis Powers taught a lesson using Flannel Graph. Title of this lesson, "Christ on Trial and Hanging on the Cross".

Bro. Richard Square demonstrated articles that you can use in teaching children age 13 and up.

Sister Francis Cregger spoke on teaching older women's classes. Points that should be considered in teaching this class., know your

class, keep Christ the central theme, teach the plan of Salvation, don't let personal problems take over the class.

Sister Lottie taught a lesson on preparation to teach a class.
Four steps — Pray, Plan, Prepare, Practice.

A question and answer session followed.

The possibility of a Bible Institute was discussed.

Number present, 22.

Closed in prayer by Rev. David Neitch.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons Conference convened at the Cardwell Town Free Will Baptist Church, Saltville, Va. on Sept. 29, 1978.

The meeting began by singing "Jesus Saves".

Singing led by Rev. Walter Statzer.

Welcome given by Rev. Bob Surber.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Shelton Norris.

The Devotional message was brought by Rev. Orville O'Quinn using scripture from Ephesians, chapter six, verses ten and eleven.

Text: Putting on Gods Armor.

Offering received, \$34.80.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Arthur Rhymen.

The congregation sang, "At Calvary", while having fellowship.

All were in fellowship.

Ministers reports were read to the congregation by the clerk.

All reports were accepted as read.

Letters were read and reports made on the following Ministers:
Joe Powers, Otis Barker, John Taylor, Homer Goodson.

A motion was made and passed by the body to receive the letters and reports as read.

EXECUTIVE BOARD SERVING

The Executive Board was not called into session.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Ministers present to receive their new Ministerial Cards were: Kyle French, Elmer Cardwell, Jr., Ronnie Snider, Avery Sheets, David Neitch, Jim Cox, Jennings Wilson, Bobby Collins, Curtis Haven, Bob Surber, Clifton Rush, Levi Arnold, Clifton Vanover, Orville O'Quinn, Johnny Hooker, Shelton Norris, Kenneth Shaffer, Walter Statzer, Howard Campbell, Herbert Adams, John Floyd.

All Ministers not present at this meeting will receive their new cards from the Clerk upon receipt of their old card.

The body elected Rev. Walter Statzer to be moderator for the 1979 Ministers and Deacons Conference.

The body elected Rev. Kyle French to bring the Devotional Message at the 1979 Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Rev. Roy Thomas of the Home Mission Board spoke on Home Missions. He spoke concerning the need for more Free Will Baptist Churches and Missionaries in the USA and the World.

Number of Ministers present	21
Number of Visiting Ministers	1
Number of Deacons present	9
Number of Visitors present	1

The Minutes of the meeting were read by the Clerk, Minutes were approved by the body as read.

A motion was made and passed by the body to adjourn.

The Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Roy Thomas.

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 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 WORK 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 of 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 communion 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.

